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At long last, I have a moment to set my thoughts down. It has been a very busy winter for me, as I'm sure it has been for all of us. We are living in "interesting times", which take their toll in anxiety and other stressors to equanimity, if not to our mental health. I hope this finds all of you well, and gearing up to join us in San Francisco, at the elegant and swanky Nikko Hotel.

This newsletter represents a smaller, but certainly high-quality group of colleagues from within the Academy. Thank you for sending your news. I am hoping to induce a greater participation for our next issue. Please send us your news! Shyness and modesty are certainly virtues, and have their place, but they are anathema to the newsletter editor! In this issue you will also find an "update" from Doug Ingram on his first year as Editor of the Journal. He is very excited about the new directions, and solicits help from the membership to keep these new initiatives going.

The only thing that stays the same is that things change. By now many of you know that Elizabeth Baddeley has left the Academy office. We wish her well, and I wish to thank her personally for all her efforts on behalf of the Newsletter and the Academy. Jackie Coleman's new Executive Assistant is Shalon Davis, and the new Editorial Coordinator for the Journal is Lorraine Browne. We welcome them both. We will all have the chance to meet them in person at the meeting in San Francisco. As always, I thank Jackie and Shalon for their efforts in getting these pages published. See you in San Francisco!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: DANCING CHEEK TO CHEEK

This past year has taught me that geographical diversity is a positive asset for the Academy. It enhances public relations, allows diversity of viewpoints and encourages recruitment. I encourage the Academy to select Presidents from throughout the United States.

Most importantly however, I have witnessed first hand the collegiality and camaraderie of Academy members, especially those who are working hard to ensure its success. I must point out that Council members, past council members, past presidents and editors of our three publications have given unselfishly without regard for reward or the limelight. I have witnessed no examples of backbiting or attempts to undermine work that someone else has attempted. To be sure, we have had our share of disagreements, but this has been within the context of the Academy being a true family. I am comfortable with the transition in leadership because we are building on a solid base of past leaders who are at the ready to help.

These behaviors are unusual for a large organization or even a committee!

We are looking forward to the next meetings including our joint meeting with OPIFER in Italy (See article in this Newsletter). Special planning has gone into the San Francisco, Chapel Hill and New York meeting and I have no doubt that members will be in for an academic and social treat in each place. We may not be in heaven but we certainly are dancing cheek to cheek. As the popular song goes: "Things are looking up!"

Ronald Turco, MD

COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS:

By the time you read this, we will be almost at the point of experiencing the excellent Annual

Meeting Program put together by Emmanuel Cassimatis and Joe Silvio. With the theme of "The Psyche in the 21st Century," there will be papers, panels, an interactive play, and a video workshop. The Keynote speaker will be David Spiegel, on the topic "Dissociation and Trauma." Ron Turco promises "Words From My Heart" as his presidential address. There will be a lunch to honor three of the Academy's nonagenarians. The very popular dining groups, where attendees go to dinner in a small informal group and get to know one another, are also being held again.

Mariam Cohen and Clay Whitehead are hard at work on the December 2003 meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The meeting will include some field trips. Submissions are due June 1. The Call For Papers is available on the website: www.aapsa.org.

At the Program Committee Meeting in June we will be finalizing the Call For Papers for next May's Meeting, which will be held in New York City. Scott Schwartz and Abby Altman are the Co-chairs for that meeting.

Ann-Louise S. Silver, Chair

Committee on Programs

ACADEMY MEETING IN ITALY

The Academy is holding a joint meeting in Milan, June 13 to June 15, 2003 with Organizzazione di Psicoanalisti Italiani-Federazione e Registro (OPIFER). The topic of the meeting is "Explorations in Psychoanalysis: In the Footsteps of Silvano Arieti." The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Clarice Kestenbaum, a Past President of the Academy and a Past President of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. In addition to her Keynote Address, Dr. Kestenbaum will discuss cases presented to her by an American and an Italian trainee. There will be interesting presentations as well by other Academy members on a variety of topics including "Freud's Family Romance," and evolutionary psychiatry.

The meeting will be held in central Milan near the Duomo. Milan is a very beautiful and exciting city, rich in art and history. June is a splendid month to visit there. Space is limited, so we urge you to register as soon as possible. Because of the uncertainty of world events, cancellations will be relatively flexible.

JOURNAL UPDATE

I want to express my thanks to the many of you who have given your time and expertise to referee manuscripts submitted to the Journal. My thanks, too, to the staff, both in our office and Kris Binder at Guilford. My deep thanks to Joe Merlino for his outstanding efforts as Book Review Editor. Matt Tolchin has been editing "News from the Field"—so my thanks to him, as well. We have increased the number of reviewers per manuscript from two to three. Reviewers now receive an email copy of the letter to the author (blinded as to author and each other).

I hope that by now you have received your Winter, 2002, issue and perhaps had a chance to look it over. This issue, more than others to date, contains articles that 'speak' to each other. Sometimes their dialogue is implicit as in Katz/Cassimatis pairing, the series on Walter Bonime, and the Ver Eecke/Villemoes duo. At other times the articles are more explicitly in dialogue, namely the Hirsch/Bromberg and Sugar/Kaplan interchanges. To the extent that it is practical to arrange articles or solicit commentary or complimentary articles, we are aiming to do so.

In this connection, if you or someone you know has something to say about an article that is published, don't be shy about submitting correspondence: corrections of fact, significant references that were omitted by an author, opinions about points of emphasis, letters of praise for a notable article, letters underscoring a different viewpoint—whatever. Letters to the Editor are often regarded as the liveliest and most informative sections of any Journal. I am very pleased that Mariam Cohen is standing by to referee and serve as

Correspondence Editor if we begin to have more than a trickle of submissions to this section.

We are also trying to shape the future. The next issue you will receive, Spring, 2003, kicks off with our new name and vigorously takes on a special topic, "The Schizophrenic Person and the Benefits of the Psychotherapies—seeking a PORT in the Storm," guest edited by Ann-Louise S. Silver and T. K. Larsen. By its importance and size (about 250 pp), we regard this as a 'blockbuster' issue. The kind of concern this issue takes up speaks most centrally to the mission of the Academy. We understand that about 1,000 additional copies of this issue have been separately ordered by the International Society for Psychotherapy of the Psychoses (ISPS) for distribution to their members and others.

The Fall, 2003, issue will contain a special section, "the Impact on Psychiatric Residents of Patients Who Suicide," guest edited by Jane G. Tillman. This highly focused set of articles addresses a concern that normally is discussed only in whispers of shame and doubt. We drag it out of the closet and give it some of the scrutiny it deserves. This issue will go into production shortly.

The Spring, 2004, issue, which is a special issue guest-edited by Ann Ruth Turkel, concerns "Women and Society." This issue is rapidly coming together and is certain to be a blockbuster.

Unafraid to face the deeper future (and recognizing that special issues gestate for about two years from conception to birth), we are planning special issues for further down the road. We are beginning work on a special issue on creativity for Spring, 2005, to be guest-edited by Ronald Turco. And for our Spring, 2006, issue, which will be the Golden Anniversary issue—50 years since the founding of the Academy—Silvia Olarte will address the training of dynamic psychiatry.

As many of you are aware, we arranged with Richard Chessick a series of 6 consecutive articles (excluding special issues) entitled, "Psychoanalytic Peregrinations." You will find the fourth of the series a remarkably lucid discussion on phenomenology, in the Winter, 2002, issue. The success of this series has led us to continue the idea of selecting an outstanding contributor with lots to say and giving that person a larger opportunity to investigate areas of special interest in the Journal. I am delighted that upon the conclusion of Dr. Chessick's series, David Forrest has agreed to continue. He will submit 6 essays, either his own or written by another author for which he will provide prefatory comments. These essays will appear in consecutive issues (other than special issues). We expect that Dr. Forrest's series will begin a year from now, with the Winter, 2003, issue.

I welcome your comments at the meeting in San Francisco. I hope to see you all there.

Douglas Ingram, M.D.

Editor

STUDY GROUP ON PSYCHOANALYSIS AND WOMEN

Silvia Olarte, M.D., has chaired this group with her wonderful organizational abilities and personal charm. Dr. Turkel has asked me to begin as chair in December. We will have an e-mail exchange prior to the December meetings, in order to schedule, focus topics, and to plan sessions for presentations. The group is open to all members of the AAPDP.

The impact of gender on our patients exists on a continuum from subtle nuance to flagrant discrimination. With your wide range of individual experience and discernment, you may wish to join us. Please let Jackie Coleman know if you would like to be a part of this study group. I look forward to your participation!

Sharon West, M.D.

Chair

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Professional Achievements:

Eric Plakun was named by the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society as 2003 Outstanding Psychiatrist in Clinical Psychiatry. He has also been appointed to the Committee on Psychotherapy by Psychiatrists of the APA.

Eugene DellaBadia received two awards in 2002. Temple University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry awarded him the O. Spurgeon English, MD, Faculty Award for outstanding teaching on the clinical faculty. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Neuropsychiatry at their 2002 meeting in Las Vegas. He has served two separate terms as President of the organization (1978-1979, 1984-1985).

Paul Adams is editor of a new electronic journal: Psychodynamic Perspectives.

Gopal Upadhya has been appointed Medical Director of the Areba Casriel Institute in New York, the nation's oldest private alcohol and drug treatment facility. He has received the Paul Harris Felson Award of Rotary Club International, and was named a Distinguished Fellow of the APA.

Richard Chessick and **Peter A. Olsson** were elevated to Distinguished Fellow, American Psychiatric Association.

Leah Davidson has become a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Ann Turkel has been appointed to the APA Committee on Women.

John Rosenberger is Associate Clinical Director, Manhattan Psychiatric Center, and

Supervising Psychiatrist in charge of five wards. He is also Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine.

Scientific Presentations:

Eugene DellaBadia presented a paper entitled "Psychodynamic Psychotherapy in Modern Psychiatry" at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Neuropsychiatrists.

Jack Drescher presented "From Bisexuality and Homosexuality to Intersexuality: Rethinking Gender Categories" at Grand Rounds at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY in January 2003. He also presented at Grand Rounds at St. Luke's Roosevelt Medical Center, New York, in November 2002. He chaired a Workshop entitled "Who is a Mother? Gay & Lesbian Perspectives on Parenting" at the William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society's Second Gloria Freedman Conference in October 2002, and was a discussant at a conference sponsored by the International Association of Relational Psychoanalysis in New York in November 2002.

Paul Adams presented at the Eugene Pumpian-Mindlin Seminars on Psychotherapy at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Richard Chessick presented "Emotional Illness and Creativity" at the Center for Psychoanalytic Study, In Chicago. He also presented "Contemporary Failure of Nerve and the Crisis in Psychoanalysis" at the University of Wurzburg, the University of Heidelberg, and Deutsche Psychoanalytische Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany. Chapters of his unfinished didactic novel have been published in Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (Polish Psychiatric Association). He will be presenting "Psychotherapy of a Terrified Communist" at our Joint Meeting with OPIFER in June.

Bertram Shaffner has been invited to present his research on "Androgyny in Indian Culture and Art" at the International Academy for Sex

Research, at the Kinsey Institute in June 2003. This research was first published in the Journal of the Academy.

Ann Turkel was an invited discussant to the W.A. White Institute Clinical Services Meeting in April 2003.

Ron Turco will be the keynote speaker at the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians Meeting in May, 2003 on the topic of "Child Murder."

Sharon West presented "Psychodynamics of Psychotherapeutic Medications During Pregnancy" at the Winter 2002 Meeting of the Academy. She also presented "Depression and Medical Illnesses" at Grand Rounds, Forrest General Hospital.

Harvey Roy Greenberg presented "Heimlich Maneuvres: On a certain tendency in science fiction and speculative cinema" at Grand Rounds at the Department of Psychiatry, Cornell University Medical College, and "Cinematic Depiction of Psychiatry and Psychiatrists" at a meeting of the Washington State Psychiatric Association.

Scientific Publications:

Michael Blumenfield published Practical Guidelines in Psychiatry - Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry with Maria Tiamson, published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

Paul L. Adams published "Father's Real Role in Today's Family" in Psychodynamic Perspectives. He is the editor of a new electronic journal Psychodynamic Perspectives <KPI2639@bellsouth.com>

John Rosenberger wrote "Discerning the Suicide Bomber: The Role of Vengeance" for the Journal of Religion and Health, Spring, 2003

Jack Drescher published two edited books: Psychotherapy with Gay Men and Lesbians: Contemporary Psychodynamic Approaches,

co-edited with Ann D'Ercole, Ph.D., and Erica Shoenberg, Ph.D. and The Mental Health Professions and Homosexuality: International Perspectives, co-edited with Vittorio Lingiardi, M.D. He also published "Ethical Issues in Treating Gay and Lesbian Patients" in Psychiatric Clinics of North American in 2002.

Louis Fierman wrote Freeing the Human Spirit - A Psychiatrist's Journal, published by Blue Dolphin Publishing

Graeme Taylor co-authored a chapter titled "La Mesure de L'alexithymie" which appeared in Psychopathologie de L'alexithymie edited by M. Corcos and M. Speranza, published by Dunod, Paris, 2003.

Popular media :

Jack Drescher spoke at the "Love Welcomes All" conference organized by religious groups in Austin, Texas in February 2003. He was also cited in The Advocate magazine article "Sick Again" as a psychiatric expert commenting on sexual conversion therapies, published in December 2002

Ron Turco was featured on Northwest Television, KGW, on Sadaam Hussein: Profiles and Politics. He made daily television appearances throughout the recent war on special "news breaks" and discussions.

Paul Adams has had the low-cost psychoanalysis program at the Kentucky Psychoanalytic Institute named after him: The Paul L. Adams Consulting Center.

Gopal Upadhya was featured on BBC Radio's World Report: Health Matters in September 2002, and in the Scarsdale Inquirer and Crain's Weekly in March, 2003.

Harvey Roy Greenberg was Guest Editor for a Special Issue of the Journal of Film and Television: Fantastic Voyages: On Science Fiction and Speculative Cinema, Fall 2002. He is a film critic for Psychiatric Times and regularly consults on issues related to film, media, and popular culture for a number of

newspapers, including the New York Daily News. He was appointed Editor in Chief of Projections, a quarterly journal of the Forum for the Psychoanalytic Study of Film.

Peter A. Olsson published two E-books: Poems From the Couch and The Mind Expander, a collection of essays and short stories, at Publish@onemain.com.

Personal Items:

Paul Adams is a development consultant at the University of Maryland Medical School.

Leah Davidson continues championship ballroom dancing and recently won awards at the Open Gold (Senior) Level. She reported that grandson Ben Davidson, age 16, is seeded second in the High School Middleweight Wrestling Championships in Bergen County, NJ.

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Peter Olsson will retire from clinical work in September and is moving to New Hampshire (see address changes). He says he will write and teach literature, personality theory, and applied psychoanalysis at local colleges.

Harvey Roy Greenberg reports that wife Sharon Messitte is a Manhattan psychoanalyst specializing in work with adolescents; son Matthew is a screenwriter; son Paul is a journalist and novelist; and son Nicholas is a jazz guitarist who will begin BFA study in music at Peabody Conservatory, Johns Hopkins in September 2003.

Sharon West is moving to an 85-acre farm outside Hattiesburg, Mississippi, raising cattle and goats.

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