

The committee was very satisfied with the arrangement of the last study day in Copenhagen. For interested colleagues who were not there, you can read Kevin Powers fine personal comments in the booklet 'Context'.

There has recently been an EFPP delegates meeting in Stockholm, where Thor Kristian Island participated. I have been informed that there has been an agreement to change the demands for the composite line of the group psychotherapy certificates, so it is almost identical with the essential training standards of EGATIN.

The chairman has accepted the kindly invitation from the local organizers to have an EGATIN subplenary at the next GAS symposium in Dublin. We have also decided to arrange a forum 'EGATIN AGORA', a social gathering or forum for EGATIN delegates and other interested outside the programme, but at the venue, in order to meet friends and exchange news.

We are still having more societies and training organizations wanting to connect to EGATIN. For instance there has been a letter from New Zealand expressing an interest in becoming member of EGATIN.

EGATIN's new website ([www.egatin.net](http://www.egatin.net)) has now for some time been in the air. We hope that you find it well designed and that EGATIN is well presented there. The intention is that material from the study day should be available and we would also like to make a list of delegates, although we know it will be a work to keep it updated.

Some of the information and material are located on a restricted site. For EGATIN members the user name is 'egatinmedlem' and the password is '3g471n'. The site is still under construction and will be build out for further facilities. Any comments or corrections as to name, addresses and information are welcomed. Please send to web master Kristian Valbak.

Durable offers for hosting the study days have been few, but we will continue to try to get study days settled concerning dates and place a comfortable time ahead.

Prague and Vienna have been in the front last year when venues were discussed for future study days, and I would again like to invite representatives for the two organizations (it has been Ludek Vrba and Bettina Fink) to refresh their interest or better give a concrete offer by sending me a mail preferably even before the meetings in Budapest. But all other parties who have the desire to host a study day and the necessary resources will be very welcomed to send me a message. A little help to what it takes can be found in the guidelines for arranging study days to be found at the website.

Next years will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EGATIN's inception so we intend to celebrate that in a special way. We hope that some of the founder members will take an invitation to come and tell some of EGAT-

IN's history. We should indeed be able to have the next study day, place and date stated at the AGM in Budapest. The suggested dates are 25-27<sup>th</sup> April 2008, with an anniversary theme.

In Budapest we have to elect two new committee members. The members need to be delegates also. So if institutes intend to put members for election please ensure that they are delegates of EGATIN. We will try to compose a representative committee. A personal e-mail address is also necessary.

According to the constitution election of chairman is in the hands of the committee. The chairmanship is three years, so according to the constitution I will be due to step down at this year.

Tor Kristian Island will leave the committee at this AGM and Jane Campbell has announced that she wants and plans to retire from the committee within a period of two years. Herbert Knott has recently and successfully taken over the post as treasurer and feels deeply involved in that, and Piroska Komlosi and Zoe Voyatzaki are not prepared to take the post at the moment. It was therefore suggested at the last committee meeting that the committee should ask the AGM to approve its wish that the chair remains. Your present chairman has accepted to stay in post for another two years if it is supported by the AGM.

At the same time the chair will see to that a plan for assignments and transference of chairmanship will be made, for example by appointing a wise chair one year in advance.

Let me use the opportunity thank Thor Kristian Island after more than a decade's membership and commitment to EGATIN. He has been the conscientious treasurer for years and - which is so important in this kind of committees - the devoted carrier of the EGATIN spirit both in vision and in practical knowledge. We are happy that you will still be among us as an individual member of EGATIN.

We are looking forward to discuss all these matters with you  
Come to Budapest and make it springtime inside EGATIN, too.

Cordially, on behalf of the committee.

Kristian Valbak  
President of EGATIN

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