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Protokół ze spotkania EACLPP- ECPR w Norymberdze w dniach 25 i 26 listopada 2010, dotyczącego możliwości utworzenia szerszego stowarzyszenia badaczy i klinicystów w dziedzinie psychiatrii konsultacyjnej i medycyny psychosomatycznej

Minutes of the EACLPP- ECPR meeting in Nuremberg, Nov. 25 & 26, 2010 concerning the possible founding of a broader association for researchers as well as clinicians in the field of C-L Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine

Present: Wolfgang Söllner, Albert Leentjens, Hans-Christian Deter (Nov. 25, only), Gerhard Schuessler, Lisa Albrecht

Discussed topics

- 1) Membership
 - a. Individual Membership
 - b. Societies as Members
- 2) Legal form of association
- 3) Objectives
- 4) Journal
- 5) Name
- 6) Further steps

1. Membership

- a) Individual membership should be open to all medical professions with special interest in psychosomatics including medical specialists (psychiatrists, psychosomaticists, internist etc.) as well as other disciplines such as nurses, psychologists, social workers, epidemiologists and others working in the field of C-L psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine. The term

“associate member” should not be used for individual membership anymore.

- b) It is a great interest to win national societies as “affiliated societies” to increase adherence and strengthen points of interest. Members of those societies would benefit from lower conference fees and invitations to events for paying a little extra amount to their society but would not be counted as regular members (no journal, no vote etc.). If a society becomes an “affiliated society” can be a board decision and therefore will be a matter between the national society and the European association.

2. Legal form of association

A new (joined) European Association would need a new constitution. A European legal founding in Brussels would be worthwhile since it seems to be a neutral solution. Formal and

necessary steps should be discussed with a lawyer. In the constitution the society should be characterized as a scientific society for the interface of somatic and psychosocial care.

- Hans-Christian Deter will contact Mr. Menzel to discuss possibilities
- Wolfgang Söllner will contact his brother who is a lawyer to discuss possibilities

3. Objectives

Objectives will be formulated concerning the following topics (based on the objectives of the constitution of the EACLPP):

- 1) Patient treatment and care
- 2) Information exchange, networking
 - a. Encourage and stimulate the formation of local, regional and national organizations which further the goals of the association
- 3) Interaction and interdisciplinary collaboration
- 4) Research
- 5) Education and teaching

Objectives should always be referred to "in the field of CL-Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and integrated care".

4. Journal

The benefits of the existing contract of EACLPP with Journal of Psychosomatic Research (24 pages/year, free subscription of journal, publication of abstracts) should not be given up since it is of great importance to any association to have such an outlet.

5. Name

Two suggestions were made:

- 1) EAPM European Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine

- 2) EAPM European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine

A subtitle should be included:

- The European Society for CL-Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Integrated Care.

6. Further steps

- 1) Wolfgang Söllner will prepare a common document which will be discussed between Wolfgang Söllner, Albert Leentjens, Gerhard Schuessler and Hans-Christian Deter in January.
- 2) This document will be discussed at the ECPR board meeting in January. The ECPR will give feedback to the EACLPP board afterwards.
- 3) This document will be discussed by the EACLPP board at the face to face meeting in March 2011.
- 4) Wolfgang Söllner and Albert Leentjens will send an email to the EACLPP founders to ask for backup, a more detailed approach will follow in the end of January.
- 5) If ECPR group as well as the EACLPP board agree on the common document, a proposal to every member (EACLPP and ECPR) should be sent out by email. Members should be asked for an informal email vote.
- 6) During the Budapest conference the General Assembly of the EACLPP will vote on the proposed changes. If the majority vote is positive, then further practical steps can be discussed. ECPR members should be invited to the General Assembly of the EACLPP. There should be enough space for discussion. A common board meeting should be organized.
- 7) Discussion about the organization

of a transitional board, a constitution, vote etc. should be held between Söllner, Albert Leentjens, Gerhard Schuessler and Hans-Christian Deter before any legal steps are made.

- 8) The 2012 joint conference can be used to launch the new association.

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Appendix:

- Already existing groups in different European countries for which an “umbrella association” could be interesting (list makes no claim to be complete):**

<i>Psychosomatic Societies</i>	<i>CL-Psychiatry Societies</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Austria - Denmark - Germany - Hungary - Italy - Latvia - Lithuania - Poland - Portugal (group) - Rumania - Spain - Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Austria (Section) - Finland - Germany - Italy - Netherlands - Portugal - Spain - Switzerland - Turkey - UK