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MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GROUP ANALYSIS SECTION OF THE I.A.G.P.
HELD ON TUESDAY 31st-AUGUST AT 1.30 pm. IN HEIDELBERG. 1993

Present: J. CAMPOS (Chairperson Group Analysis Section IAGP), H. AMUSER, S. ANDERSSON, R. BALMER, B. BOSWOOD, O. FRIEDMAN, P. GONGGRIJP, E. HOPPER, E. KLAIN, R. KRITIKOU, J. LE ROY, V. MENOUTIS, G. NAGLER, L. RAFAELSEN, S. RUSTOMJEE (Writer of the Minutes of the Meeting), C. SANDAHL, I. TSEGOS and D. NITZGEN.

Apologies: P. Bott, O. Dahlin and M. Pines.

Correspondence: Alfreda Galt, Lifwynn Foundation, U.S.A. (enclosed).

Dr. J. Campos welcomed all present. He outlined that during the last meeting of the Study Group in Group Analysis of the I.A.G.P., held at Montreal in Aug. '92, two main decisions had been taken reported in Forum Vol.2 No.2, page 12, 1993

- a) To compile and circulate to the membership of the I.A.G.P., who identify themselves in its roster with Group Analysis in its broader sense, a questionnaire on the "Identity of the International Group Analyst", based among other things on exploring models, practices of training and practice in group analysis. This has already been sent out and the answers to it are now being compiled by Francesco Di Maria and Girolamo Lo Verso from the Laboratorio di Gruppo Analisi di Palermo and is being circulated. It is also hoped that a comparison can be made with answers received from the population attending the Heidelberg Symposium with those of the I.A.G.P.
- b) To start a network of Study Groups in Group Analysis interested in the study of the relevance of the work of Trigant Burrow in group analysis today and to hold a symposium on this subject during the next International Congress in Buenos Aires.

Dr. Campos then informed the meeting that during the last Board Meeting of the I.A.G.P. in Heidelberg it had been approved that two Sections would start within the I.A.G.P. - one on Psychodrama and the other on Group Analysis. This would hopefully facilitate greater growth and productivity in these two areas of interest and further cooperation between them. Dr. Campos also emphasized the coincidence of this event taking place precisely in the moment that the Group Analytic Society (London) is trying to become more international. An outline of the development of the Group Analytic movement started by S. Foulkes was given by Dr. Campos (see the enclosed Lisbon Report). Dr. Earl Hopper (President-Elect I.A.G.P.) expressed his wish for a more integrated international involvement in Group Analysis and especially between northern and southern Europe. He hoped that with changes about to occur within G.A.S. (London) there would be a closer relationship with the I.A.G.P., especially now that the aims of this Section are similar and overlapping those of GAS (London). He advanced as well some of the provisions taken by the Governance Committee regards the conceptualization, role and integration of Sections within the IAGP. He also hoped that E.G.A.T.I.N. would develop closer links with the I.A.G.P. He envisaged the IAGP offering bridges to all interested organisations in Group Analysis in order to facilitate expansion and integration of common interests.

There was further discussion regarding the wish for greater involvement of French and Portuguese connections with the I.A.G.P. Dr. J. Le Roy pointed out that French Group Analysts do not consider themselves to be primarily Foulkesian in their approach and hence this factor may have been contributory in their non-involvement with G.A.S. (London). Other members in the meeting endorsed this view as relevant to their orientations as well. Dr. Boswood stated that a considerable number of members of G.A.S. (London) do not consider themselves to be Foulkesians.

There was encouragement expressed to associations not already a part of the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates to join this Assembly and obtain an equal voting right for

their associations.

The meeting ended on an optimistic note that something new and productive should arise from this Section of the I.A.G.P. There will be a Symposium on the Social Relevance of Group-Analytic work to world problems at the forthcoming Buenos Aires Congress of IAGP in 1995. All are urged to contribute to the symposium.

The exact date of the next meeting was not decided.
Dr. S. Rustomjee (Minute-taker)

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (Draft manuscript facilitated by Isaiah)

1. Ballot. edited and approved for mailing; and thanks to all who took the time!
2. Advance governance conceptualization of role and integration of sections within IAGP structure.

Present:

Zimmerman (Chair)
Serrano
Cramer-Azima
Hopper
Whiteley

We covered:

- Principles/Definition/Scope
- Disclaimer
- Relation to Board.
- Relation to membership.

(I) PRINCIPLES

- a) Actions are subject to I.A.G.P. Constitution By-Laws.
- b) Final language must avoid over-definition and conform to our Swiss-based document encouraging flexibility and adherence to your guidance principles.
- c) Sections must be intrinsically linked to majority I.A.G.P. interests and aims.
- d) Regional representation integral to the Coordinating Committee of each Section.
- e) Rotation of leadership integral to the Coordinating Committee and each Section; to be carried out by limitation of terms of office of chair-members of Coordinating Committees of each Section.
- f) Institutionalizing of Sections will be avoided.
- g) Allocating I.A.G.P. resources will be fair and proportionate (i.e. program time, Forum space, money allocation, etc.).

(II) DISCLAIMERS and CLARIFICATIONS

- a) Sections will not be certifying of qualifying bodies.
- b) Sections will not be training standard bodies.
- c) Sections will not seek to advance their own special interests alone in contradistinction to the aims and values of the I.A.G.P.
- d) Involvement of members in Section activity will not be based upon special qualifications. Interest a desire to participate are to be sole motives for involvement in Section activity.

(III) RELATIONSHIP OF SECTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP

- a) Section members must be paid up individual members of I.A.G.P.
- b) Membership in Sections and Section Coordinating Committees must be open to all I.A.G.P. members.
- c) There must always be an open channel for the views and interests of members re Section activity -directly to the membership, and the Board- (and not be confined to the Section Coordinating Committees).
- d) It is assumed that in all probability the Section expenses will be based on special assessments.

(IV)RELATIONSHIP OF SECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) Board membership assumes devotion/allegiance to a larger vision. Special interest loyalty and parochialism are to be abandoned when a person joins the Board.
- b) The Board will seek to assist the Sections in their work.
- c) The Section Coordinating Committees will now submit a regular report on their activities to the Board and for publication in the FORUM.