

2nd EFPP Workshop on Infant Observation

HOW CAN PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOTHERAPY

MAKE USE OF THE METHOD OF INFANT OBSERVATION

Pisa 15 - 17 February 2008

Conference venue: Pisa , S.Croce in Fossabanda

Address: Santa Croce in Fossabanda, 11 S.Croce Square, Pisa

Psychoanalytic infant observation is a vital component in the training of psychotherapists, psychoanalysts and clinicians of allied professions. Its usefulness to clinical work is well established worldwide, as it enables clinicians to conceptualise the nonverbal and implicit interactive processes and can prepare psychotherapy trainees and enhance clinicians' capacity for perceptual and emotional receptivity. Through the training, the observers can develop 'empathic receptivity', as they unconsciously engage with primitive states of mind, when following the infant's emotional development within his/her family.

Infant Observation has been a special interest group within the EFPP. A working party was formed in 2004 which extended this interest, organising the first Infant Obs. Workshop (Athens 9-10 Dec. 05), and having a constant presence in all recent EFPP conferences.

The aim of such workshops is to promote space for reflection on the method of Infant Observation and its relevance to our clinical practice, but also to keep in touch with the different training applications and the new developments. Another task of the working party is to facilitate countries or sections that have not yet started trainings in Infant Observation and are planning to do so.

This time we invite you to a workshop in **Pisa, 15th–17th February 2008**.

The guest speaker will be: **Jeanne Magagna**, presenting a paper on:

**"Thinking about crying; crying and not thinking:
The link between infant observation and psychotherapy".**

There will be plenty of time for reflection, exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences, difficulties and hopes in small group discussions, following the key-note presentation and training issues.

PROGRAMME

Friday 15 February 2008

- 10:30– 11:30** *Registration and coffee*
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Welcome and introduction to the Workshop**
- 12:00 – 12:45** **Jeanne Magagna (London)**
- "Thinking about crying; crying and not thinking:
The link between infant observation and
psychotherapy"**
- 12:45 – 13:15** **Discussion with the main speaker**
- 13:15 – 14:15** *Lunch at the venue*
- 14:15–16:15** **Workshop 1: Infant Observation Seminar at work:
small group presentation supervised by Jeanne Magagna**
- Discussion**
- 16:15– 16:45** *Coffee/Tea*
- 16:45 – 18:15** **Workshop 2: Infant Observation and Adult Psychotherapy**
- Discussion**
- 18:15 – 18:45** **Reflections on the presentations of the day**
- 20.30 –** *Dinner in the town*

Saturday 16 February

- 8:00-9:00** **Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 11:00** **Workshop 3: Infant Observation and Group Psychotherapy Discussion**
- 11:00-11:30** ***Coffee/Tea***
- 11:30-13:30** **Workshop 4: Infant Observation and Child & Adolescent Psychotherapy**
- Discussion**
- 13:30 – 14:30** ***Lunch at the venue***
- 14:30 – 16:00** **Workshop 5: How can psychoanalytic psychotherapy make use of the method of infant observation? Discussion**
- 16:00 – 16:30** ***Coffee/Tea***
- 16:30 17:30** **Reflections on the day**
- 20:00 –** ***Dinner and music downtown***

Sunday 17 February

- 8:00** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:30** **Summing up and Closure**

Facilitators: Britta Blomberg, Effie Layiou-Lignos, Simona Nissim, Miriam Rosenthal

- 9:30** **Drinks farewell**

We look forward to welcoming you to Pisa
The working party, (EFPP, child section delegates)
Britta Blomberg (Sweden), *Anne Holländer* (Denmark),
Effie Layiou-Lignos (Greece), *Simona Nissim* (Italy), *Miriam Rosenthal* (Israel)