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Dear colleagues and friends,

The **5th EFPP Conference of the Child and Adolescent Section, "Actual Parents – Inner Parents"**, will take place the **10-12 November 2006** in Berlin/Germany.

We are very pleased about the fact that our working group can count on four contributions, which we think will be very interesting:

Sheila Melzak from the Medical Foundation, London will treat the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapeutic work with Child and Adolescent Soldiers: Nausea in the Counter transference: "I plan to share our holistic approach towards thinking about the needs and rights of children and adolescents who have been forced to become soldiers, and who later have to move into exile. I will explore some of the themes that emerge in psychotherapeutic work with these young people in relation to trauma and loss and key aspects of the ego and the self, the worthless self; the survivor self, and the criminal self.

Rosemary Duffy, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, City and East London Mental Health NHS Trust, thinks about three young people (from Kosovo, Somalia and Ethiopia), two of whom were asylum seekers when I met them and one whose family had gained refugee status some years previously: "These three patients in very different ways have challenged my capacity to remain rooted in psychoanalytic thinking whilst equally working with their survival in the external world, and remaining sensitive to their different cultures."

Miguel Massa, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist in a Young People's Consultation Service in London, describes the experience of weekly psychoanalytic psychotherapy of three unaccompanied refugee adolescents. The three patients are female, they come from three different war zones (Kosovo, Rwanda and Somalia) and they entered UK as refugees when they were under 18 years old: "This paper is an attempt at exploring some common aspects of the current work with young female refugees particularly in relation to their relationship to internal and actual parents. It is not a detailed clinical account of individual psychoanalytic psychotherapy."

Joachim Walter, psychoanalytical family therapist, Medical Chief at the section for child- and youth psychiatry, -psychosomatic und -psychotherapy at the Catholic Child Hospital Wilhemstift in Hamburg is treating the thematic of Child soldiers at Home

and in the Exile, - the possibilities of reintegration as well in Traditional as West Orientated Therapy Plans: "Besides the trauma, the opposite should be treated, the feelings of power."

We hereby attach the abstracts and for further information you might open the Web page of the EFPP: www.efpp.org

We also profit to inform you about the **6th Three Section Conference "Play and Power", the 4th - 6th May 2007 in Copenhagen, Denmark**. If you would like to present a workshop, you are welcome. Further information under www.efpp.dk.

Hoping to meet many of you in Berlin, we want to express our most sincere feelings to you, dear colleagues and friends.

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