IFP News

The IFP board is pleased to present a brief summary of our latest Newsletter which can be read in full at <http://www.ifp.name/newsletter.htm>.

IFP President Franz Caspar has been elected to the research council of the Swiss National Science Foundation, which made it impossible for him to continue as the IFP President. For this reason, during the 2014 IFP congress in Shanghai, a new President was elected who will serve for the next 4 years. The Board Members are pleased and honored to welcome Prof. Paul Emmelkamp who has accepted the challenging task of being the new President of the IFP. We offer him our best wishes for success in this work and we hope he will help the IFP to maintain its high level of activities.

During the 2014 IFP congress in Shanghai, I was also appointed as Board Member, and I sincerely thank the IFP Board for entrusting this important responsibility to me.

The present issue first presents a letter from President Paul Emmelkamp. After this you will find a brief report of the 2014 IFP congress in Shanghai written by the local organizer, Prof. Xudong Zhao. More than 200 academic papers had been submitted and, in the 3 days of the congress, the organizers offered 3 keynote presentations, 11 plenary lectures, 9 special forums, 53 symposia, 28 workshops, and 27 posters. We thank all the IFP congress participants for having attended the conference!

Then you can find an interesting overview by Franz Caspar on a still debated topic: do findings in psychotherapy research have any use for practitioners?

Next we present a brief report by Dr. Helene A. Nissen-Lie who won the first Young Researcher Award from the IFP which was given in Shanghai last May. Her topic was the contribution of the psychotherapist to psychotherapy. This is just the first in a series of awards that the IFP plans to offer. The next award will be for Mid-Career.

Finally, we present abstracts of some recently published papers that are interesting from both a scientific and a clinical point of view. We hope they will help you keep updated on new developments.

The IFP board wishes all of you a pleasant reading,

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