

RoundtableNOTES, December 2nd, 2007

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Introductory Comments:

Before we begin, I would first like to deeply thank Jane Hall for her psychoanalytic education dream and Arnie Richards for making it a reality. And the Organizing Committee and Tamar Schwartz for taking care of the manifest content — and our panel's participants for graciously jumping and hopping in cyberspace for the latent content at times beyond the call of duty, and traveling from California, St. Louis, Cleveland, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and even NY and NJ on this snowy morning at considerable expense.

Much gratitude and love go to Nancy McWilliams, Prudy Gourguechon, and Lynne Moritz. Without them, my idea for a Roundtable would not have gotten on the airport taxiway, let alone off the ground. When I wondered if it would be crazy to get together leaders of some of the major psychoanalytic organizations in the U.S., they said "go for it"! When I got discouraged with details, they would not let me give up.

We'll follow the usual format. The panel will each talk for 5 minutes, and then we would appreciate 1-2 minutes of comments and questions. If you would please say your name and where you are from, and raise your hand and stand up for a few seconds so the rest of the audience can see you that would be very helpful. Thank you.

The purpose our Roundtable today is to create a lively exchange of ideas between and among the presenters with

the audience about contemporary challenges and proposed changes in psychoanalytic education.

Our goal is a respectful dialogue and the creation of an ecumenical platform with representatives from some of today's most important psychoanalytic organizations.

These include The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA); The American Psychological Association (APA), Division 39-Psychoanalysis; The American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work (AAPCSW), formerly NMCOP; The National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis (NAAP); The International Federation for Psychoanalytic Education (IFPE); The Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies (CIPS); The International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies (IFPS); The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry (AAPDP), and The Association of Autonomous Psychoanalytic Institutes (AAPI).

We hoped to find analysts of all stripes to focus on our multiple experiences and points of view. We have done our best to suggest breadth and depth from more conservative to more radical points of view.

We believe that we can cover the psychoanalytic waterfront quite well. We plan to highlight for discussion the entire continuum of psychoanalytic perspectives because of the combined knowledge, backgrounds, and ongoing experience of our presenters.

Three major challenges for us are:

- 1. How do we inspire and influence — attract more candidates and support our members — when we value inclusivity?**
- 2. How do we retain our independence while we emphasize collaboration?**
- 3. How do we maintain our standards and remain all-inclusive?**