

## **FEPTO report 2014**

The FEPTO Annual Meeting was held this year in the Medieval village of Obidos Northern Portugal. We were hosted by Luisa Vincente Branco and her excellent team. Every possible detail had been attended to apart from the weather over which, I am told, she had no control. Until then my experience of Portugal had been wall to wall sunshine, even the previous year when I had attended a meeting in Porto at the very beginning of March. So much for that fantasy, we had wall to wall rain! This had followed a period of unseasonably warm weather so heating had been turned off and was not to be turned back on. Well it was a new experience taking the minutes at the general assembly wearing hat coat and when possible gloves.

That being said we had an extremely productive meeting. It had been discussed in Council that our meetings seemed to have lost their focus and while creative and informative they did not address our primary function as a federation of psychodrama trainers. The Theme of the Annual Meeting was; The Core Competences of a Psychodramatist: Differences and Similarities in Europe.

The Open plenary was led by Chair of Training, Reijo Koupla and Hannes Krall, Chair of Research. Reijo and Hannes led us in a warm up to the theme and aided us to identify our primary area of interest. We then worked in small groups and various times throughout the four days. I had a strong sense of focussed work being achieved in these groups and that this work will continue throughout the year. The Training Committee and the Development Committee have arranged two joint meetings later this year.

Next year we meet in Bonn where we will continue with this theme.

The FEPTO Pre Meeting Conference has continued to grow with over 100 registrants this time. The Conference gives the opportunity for practitioners and trainees from the country or near by to experience many trainers from across Europe.

EAP has not had a July meeting this year as we have made a commitment to not clash with the World Conference for Psychotherapy which takes place every third summer. Sadly Durban was a bridge too far for me. I look forward to feedback when I meet with my EAP colleagues October in Vilnius where we will hold a three day Congress, "Where Art and Science Meet", ahead of our two days of Board meetings. I believe Vilnius is a beautiful city and our Host, Eugenijus Laurinatis, has negotiated a large reduction in the cost of many hotels. So do consider visiting the EAP website for more information. [www.europsyche.org](http://www.europsyche.org)

Looking forward to a catch up with many of you at Royal Holloway.

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