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"Being a genius does not consist only of having ideas. This is essential, but a far later phase of genius. Being a genius starts with a feeling of being in contact with the whole universe, a feeling of totality, being fed by it free of charge and feeding it gratefully in return.

(JL Moreno, 2019, Autobiography of a Genius)

Dear ASGPP Members,
Welcome to the March 2019 Tele'gram!

The Tele'gram is issued through e-blast at the beginning of each month. Its purpose is to connect with everyone in the ASGPP on a regular basis - the council, the committees, and all members. As always, this issue will give you a lot of information about the many activities in the organization and will invite everyone to participate in committees and projects, to make suggestions, and, in general, to keep in touch with each other as a community.

News from the Executive Council:

- **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS** March 22, 2019!
We invite you to register for the upcoming 77th ASGPP Annual Conference, to be held May 2-5, 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire. Offering excellent speakers, 92 workshops and exciting social events, this conference will be truly memorable! For information and to register, please go to:
<http://www.asgpp.org/conference2019.php>
- **Congratulations to the 2019 Award Winners** who will be honored at the Awards Luncheon at our 77th ASGPP Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire. Friday, May 3, 1:00 - 3:00: J.L. Moreno Award: Cathy Nugent; President's Award: Saphira Linden; David A. Kipper Scholar's Award: René Marineau; Collaborators Award: Linda Ciotola and Nancy Alexander; Innovator's Award: Mario Cossa; The Diversity Award: Heidi Landis; Hannah B. Weiner Award: Colleen Baratka; The William I. Moreno Award: New 2019 Award; William L. Moreno / Accepted by Joseph Moreno; Fellow Awards: Regina Sewell and Deborah Shaddy
- Here are the **2019 ASGPP election results**: Executive Council: Janell Adair and Carol Feldman Bass; Professional Standards Committee: Dave Moran; Nominations Committee: Darlene Vanchura. We want to thank all of the wonderful candidates who volunteered to run for these positions. We are fortunate to have so many qualified individuals who generously offered to serve.
- Effective immediately two colleagues were appointed as council members for a partial term to complete vacated positions – Aida Hernandez and John Skandalis.
- Annalissa Vicencio was appointed as the new ASGPP Representative to NCCATA – the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations, Inc.

News from the ASGPP Committees

From the Membership Committee:

There is a lot of news from this very active committee:

- We want to remind you that membership payment option is no longer included on your conference Registration form; but it is separate, due to the many new categories of membership ASGPP is offering now to individuals and organizations.
- Membership committee is alerting members about renewing ahead of their renewal month.
- A new membership renewing option now is paying for two or three years ahead – a slightly reduced fee, and a great help to the ASGPP financial needs at this time. Thank you to all of you who have already chosen this option!
- We want to invite all ABE certified members to upgrade their membership to a Diplomate Membership, supporting the organization, and becoming an ambassador by adding this prestigious title to their credentials.

- The Membership Committee's 'Newcomers Task Force', chaired by Aida Hernandez, has been amazing in meeting and greeting people who are new to our organization.
- All of you have received a Google form from Aida to update your contact information. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please do it soon, as this will assure you of receiving the hard copy of the upcoming journal.
- New, updated, printable flyers are now on the Members Only web page for all of you to print and to hand out to potential new members. <https://asgpp.org/pdf/Membership%20Flyer%202019.pdf>
- If you want to be a part of the Membership Committee, please contact membership@asgpp.org and the committee's chair, Marianne Shapiro.

From the Finance Committee:

The financial operations have been carefully managed, based on conservative budget, lowering spending and various projects for increasing the revenue. Various contractual obligations were reviewed and that led to significant reduction of the payments made. Some examples are the change in the main ASGPP Liability Insurance; the significantly reduced spending on council meetings and administrative and accounting expenses; travel, hotels, phone services, and storage space. The new membership categories (organizational, diplomate, 2/3 years payment, international based on country bands), the income from the Hollander's Box and the fundraising events have boosted new options for financial revenue for ASGPP.

From the Fundraising Committee:

The ASGPP Executive Council and the Fundraising Committee have announced a fundraising event, "DONATE FOR A NEW ASGPP WEBSITE!" Please consider donating for this highly important cause!

https://www.gofundme.com/donate-for-a-new-asgpp-website?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_co_campmgmt_w&fbclid=IwAR2xzD2o0tiYUQkkClFhryo2WZxjFy3jfwW81kDgwnjUgMgWDrEsuDNOAss

Any donation amount is deeply appreciated! As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered deductible contributions for your taxes. If you prefer to make a donation with a personal check, please make it out to American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama (ASGPP), 301 N. Harrison Street, #508, Princeton, NJ 08540. Make sure to include the words "NEW WEBSITE" on the MEMO line of the check.

To join the Fundraising Committee, please contact fundrasing@asgpp.org

From the Publicity and Social Media Committee:

Check out the following links:

- To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9ac28a5fa7-volunteers1>
- For Hotel Information, Reservations and Room Sharing: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Hotel-Info.pdf>
- For information on Silent Auction / Live Auction/ Baskets: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/Auctions%202019%20for%20web.pdf>
- For Exhibitors' opportunities: <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>
- For information on how to advertise in the Conference Guide: <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20ad%20solicitation%20for%20Guide.pdf>
- To donate to the Scholarship Fund, please go to: <http://www.asgpp.org/2019conf/Scholarship%20Donations%202019%20for%20web.pdf>

If you are on Facebook, please visit the ASGPP page, <https://www.facebook.com/ASGPP.National/> and stay tuned to the news being posted there. Also, please share to your page and to the social networks that you belong to, in order to spread the word about the ASGPP and the upcoming conference. Also, if you are on Instagram, please follow the ASGPP!

From the 2019 ASGPP Conference Committee and the Chairs:



Join us at the exciting upcoming conference in Manchester, NH May 2-5, 2019, "Discovering New Worlds: Transformational Advances in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy". Maria Mellano & Scott Giacomucci, your conference co-chairs, would love and appreciate your help - there are different opportunities and we'd like you to choose the one that fits your schedule and style. Any and all help is very much appreciated. To sign up as a volunteer, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9ac28a5fa7-volunteers1> and indicate the role you would prefer.

We invite you to contribute to one of the most important fundraising events of the year, our annual **Silent Auction**. If you're interested in helping with this event, or anything with the conference as a volunteer, please visit <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/Auctions%202019%20for%20web.pdf> and email MariaMellanoLICSW@gmail.com. And, for the silent auction donations, please send them to 112 Water Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA 02109 c/o Maria Mellano. Auctions. Your contributions are being posted. Contribute and view our auctions offering prior to the conference on our conference web page:

<http://play.smilebox.com/SpreadMoreHappy/4e4459334d7a59784d7a64384e6a67344e7a55774e44593d0d0a?title=ASGPP+2019+Silent+Auction&image=4e4459334d7a59784d7a64384e6a67344e7a55774e44593d0d0a.jpg>

All trainers, academic programs, business owners and mental health professionals in private practice are cordially invited to EXHIBIT at this year's annual conference. You can rent a full table (\$300), a ½ table (\$150) or benefit of one of the two full packages, that also includes conference registrations and more. Also, if you have published a book(s), you will have the opportunity to offer it for sale by yourself at the conference, and for that purpose you are invited to become an exhibitor. To book your spot, please contact us at asgpp@asgpp.org You can find full information on our website, at <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20Exhibitor%20Flyer.pdf>

Each conference attendee receives a Conference Guide. It lists all workshops and events for the 4-day conference and their locations, plus other valuable information. The deadline for space reservation is March 25. The full information is here: <http://asgpp.org/2019conf/2019%20ad%20solicitation%20for%20Guide.pdf>

We look forward to being together in New Hampshire!

Regarding the Conference Venue:

- Free Wi-Fi to all hotel guests;
- 2 parking options: 1/ Hotel guests (park in Garage behind hotel); \$12.00 charge added to bill each night; unlimited free in/out access; 2/ Day trippers (park in garage) \$6.00 each time in and out; best to stay put and walk/ride with someone. You can also use street meters which run for a limit of 2 hours;
- Health club (Fitness) open 5:30 AM to 10 PM;
- Full spa services available; make reservations early

The link to the information is the following:

<http://www.aepsicodrama.es/novedades/noticias/premio-yl-moreno-de-investigacion-en-psicodrama?fbclid=IwAR3lwB4mVORHjK6Wmz3eDNxKmMdgWQQivR1dEz6YliBg7VGIU-ORySkGk>

ASGPP offers a special group rate for the Full 3 day Conference to COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FACULTY! Four (4) or more students must register together at the Group Rate of \$255/per person.

*Students must be matriculating in an accredited college/university and carrying a minimum load of 9 credits and/or pursuing a full-time residency or internship. All student registrations must be sent in the same envelope and include photo-copies of college/university picture identification.

PSYCHODRAMA TRAINEE RATES: ASGPP is offering a reduced rate to psychodrama training institute trainees - \$400 per person. All registrants taking advantage of the trainee rate must be members of the ASGPP. Participation in a training group will be verified in order for the discounted rate to apply.

The American Board of Examiners has a policy regarding training credits for ASGPP conference attendees. The policy states: "A maximum of 100 hours of the required 780 training hours may be obtained from individuals other than TEPs and PATs provided that the training occurred at local, regional, and national conferences sponsored by the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama." If you are working toward certification, be sure to fill out the Psychodrama Training Credits Form and have it signed by the presenter before leaving the workshop.

- The Pre-Conference (Thursday, May 2, 2019) offers up to 9 hours.
- The regular conference (Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2019) offers up to 25.25 hours.
- The entire conference (Thursday - Sunday) offers up to 34.25 hours

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- The EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE ENDS on March 22, 2019. Register today: <https://asgpp.org/2019conf/Mail%20in%20Registration%20forms.pdf>
- The deadline for the Room Sharing Service is March 10, 2019!
If you wish to share a room and do not already have a roommate, please submit your request to the ASGPP using the link on our website: www.asgpp.org.
- The special room rate for the conference will be available until April 4, 2019 or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.
- Advertise in the Conference Guide:
 - By March 25, 2019: Space Reservation;
 - By April 5, 2019: Payment;
 - By April 15: Ad Material.

From the International Committee:



The International Committee has launched a project, called, ASGPP International Tele Café - meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing or face-to-face. The meetings are open to colleagues from around the world, who would like to connect and are interested in the ASGPP's activities. Meetings will be held every other month - the March, July, September and November meetings will be held via Zoom; and the May meeting will be face-to-face and held at the ASGPP conference in New Hampshire. NEXT meeting will be held via ZOOM on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 12 PM - 1 PM Eastern Time. ASGPP International Committee member, **Caner Bingol from Turkey**, will be the host of the second ASGPP International Tele Café. To RSVP, please email us at international@asgpp.org by March 14, 2019. You will receive the zoom invitation via email.

From the Research Committee:

The research committee will meet on March 13, 2019 to discuss various matters on recent research publications and research instruments. If you wish to join the ASGPP Research Listserve, and to participate in ongoing discussions, collaborations, sharing of resources and ideas on research, please visit the ASGPP 'About Us' page,

<http://asgpp.org/about-asgpp.php> , and look at the bottom for the options on how to join. For research-related questions and to join us, please contact the committee's chair, Chi-Sing Li at DCL001@shsu.edu or Scott Giacomucci at Scott@sgiacomucci.com.

From the Psychodrama Communities Around the Country:

- **The Delaware Valley Psychodrama Collective** is a group of psychodramatists and clinicians interested in action methods from the PA, DE, and NJ area. We meet the fourth Saturday of each month at the Center for Families; 1225 Montrose Ave. Rosemont PA. We have a business meeting from 2-2:45, followed by a 2 hour training session from 3-5pm, for both psychodrama training hours and CEUs. On February 23, 2019, Scott Giacomucci and Karen Levin co-presented a workshop on Relational Trauma Repair, psycho-social metrics, and psychodramatic letter writing using drama therapy techniques! For more information and to be put on our email list for notifications, email us at dvpsychodrama@gmail.com .
- **The Mid-Atlantic community** held their Winter workshop on February 2, 2019 with a guest, Kathy Amsden, presenting on "Music and Psychodrama: A Means to Heal the Divide". For information on future events, contact Steve Kopp at steve4lifecoach@earthlink.net
- **The Denver Psychodrama Collective** meets monthly in downtown Denver to do dramas and share directing ideas. Interested parties can find out when and where by emailing ericahollander@comcast.net or call 303 978 9091.
- **The New England psychodrama community** has been busy preparing as the host of the upcoming ASGPP conference in Manchester, NH. On January 15, 2019, conference chair Maria Mellano presented on psychodrama to a group of 20 students from the Southern New Hampshire University with professor, Stacey Reicherzer, also a member of the ASGPP. The event was held at the same hotel that will welcome the conference; and was held during the University Week of Intensive Courses for Mental Health Counseling Program.
- After six decades since the beginning of work on this project, the "**Autobiography of a Genius**" by Jacob L. Moreno is finally available in its entirety! J.L. Moreno began work on this project in the 1950s; countless people contributed to manifest this three book volume - including Zerka Moreno, Jonathan Moreno, Edward Schreiber, Sarah E Kelley, Scott Giacomucci, Zoli Figusch, Adam Marshall Barcroft, Sergio Guimarães, Harvard Medical School Countway Library, North West Psychodrama Association, and many others! This 466 page volume contains three books/sections: 1/ Preludes to my Autobiography; 2/ Autobiography of a Genius; 3/ King of the Hippies (Cosmic Man).

From the Psychodrama Communities Around the World:

- **AEP (Spanish Psychodrama Association)** has a new initiative to encourage New Research in the field of Psychodrama, the "J.L Award in Research in Psychodrama". Research works can be presented in Spanish and English. The research project will have to follow scientific methodology and will have to be a new unpublished work. The date line to present the work is October 1, 2019. If anyone is interested, contact info@aepsicodrama.es;
- **FEPTO Calendar of Events:** <http://www.fepto.com/annual-meetings/psychodrama-calendar>;
- **IAGP Calendar of Events:** <https://www.iagp.com/events/index.htm>
- **First Balkan Conference** in Psychodrama, Sociodrama and Action Methods in Education, July 3-6, 2019: <https://www.balkanpsychodramaedu.com/>

We look forward to hearing from you!

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P.S. The name Tele'Gram (with apostrophe between Tele & Gram) was created to provide an original meaning and the J.L. Moreno term of 'tele' - "An inter-personal experience, growing out from person to person ... and gradually developing the sense for inter-personal relations". The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid-1800s and comes from the Greek tēle, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363)