



**EFPA**

**NETWORK OF SECRETARIES GENERAL  
OF EFPA**

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**REPORT to the  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2007 in PRAGUE**

# **Report from the Network of Secretaries General of EFPA May 2007**

Reporter : Tove Beate Pedersen NPA, Norway, Convener of the Network 2004-2007

## **1. Introduction.**

The present network started in September 2000. The first convener was Rein Baneke, NIP, who was then succeeded by Tove Beate Pedersen (NPA). In April 2007 Armin Traute, BDP, took over the post.

The Network is not a statutory body of EFPA. The members of the Network are all in paid positions in their respective organizations. The Network initially included some honorary secretaries general, but the protocol of the Network now states:

“The Network consists of salaried Secretaries General or Chief Executive Officers of EFPA member associations ( members) who operate as senior employees in managing their respective associations”.

The Secretary General of EFPA; Richard Freeman, has taken part in the meetings of the Network and ensures a close relationship to the EFPA EC and information on EFPA matters.

The aim of the Network is:

“The Network aims at bringing together amongst its members the experience, expertise and other relevant resources of the participants for the support and benefit of all EFPA-members, for EFPA and for the psychologists of Europe. The Network strives for the exchange of information for mutual benefit by appropriate communication, meetings included. The network actively supports the development of good managerial practice and the establishment of appropriate structures in those EFPA member associations that do not currently have a salaried Secretary General or Chief Executive Officer.”

## **2. Activities**

The Network normally meets twice a year. The meetings in this period were held in London ( Nov. 2005), Malta (March 2006), Vienna ( Nov. 2006) and Amsterdam ( April 2007).The Network will also meet during the European Congress in Prague. The invitation to this meeting will include those who serve in honorary positions as secretaries general in national EFPA organisations, as well as the president of EFPA, Tuomo Tikkanen.

Exchanging news about activities of the different associations is an important part of every meeting of the Network. This gives the members of the network access to

the experience and creativity of the others ; an advantage that makes it easier to implement changes in our own associations .

Running information about the preparation of the ECP-congresses in Prague and Oslo has also been on the agenda of every meeting.

The Network has in this period had the following items on the agenda:

- Evaluation of The European Congress of Psychology in Granada
- Membership criteria and academic level
- What information do associations provide and to whom?
- Sponsorship of congresses
- Use of the EFPA website
- Terms and conditions of employment of staff
- Prizes and honoring activities
- Contacts in psychologists` associations outside Europe
- Membership and marketing for sponsoring members.
- Legal advice and support given by the associations
- Exclusion of members
- How do the associations relate to BAs in psychology?
- How to recruit to senior roles in the associations?
- European Network for intercultural psychology
- National systems for recognition of qualifications of psychologists from other European countries
- Information about EFPES; European Federation of Psychologists in the Educational Sector

### 3. Participants

In this period the following have attended the meetings of the network:

Tim Cornford (BPS), Armin Traute (BDP), Jindriska Kotrlova (UPACR ), Marie Zelande (DP), Noel Derdaele (BFP-FBP ) Ørjan Salling (SPA), Monika Glantschnig (BoeP), Tove Beate Pedersen (NPA), Riitta Saikkonen-Heinonen (SuoP), Rein Baneke (NIP), Adrienne Harrington ( IPA), Silvia Schaller (FSP ), Victor Martinelli (MUPP )Richard Freeman ( EC- EFPA).

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