

Italian section by Graziella Fava Vizziello

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted that we can all take advantage of this new AEPEA site format and, furthermore, that we shall have more opportunities to talk, not only together, but also with all our foreign colleagues.

I would like to begin with some information concerning the way that AEPEA'S Italian section came together. In 1996, I was called by Pier Ferrari, who had launched the adventure that occurred at the Monaco congress, to help with locating this type of congress in Italy and, in particular, in Venice, where we arranged a rather successful one, which resulted in some very significant repercussions.

The main reasons were, essentially, two:

1. In Italy, they were already working well and enthusiastically in organising the services, which the new National Health Law had obliged us to create, but because of the language barrier, there were too few exchanges abroad, and the ability to discuss is a fundamental requirement.

2. The scientific contribution and organisation that we have set up, together with Michel Soulé's genius, envisaging AEPEA'S goals, which can be read in Ferrari's introduction, the first President, and myself, when I was elected to the same office, many years ago.

We, however, need to have an Italian movement and it is for this reason that we, with some well-known Italian colleagues, have had an Italian section since 1998, whose activities we shall underline and describe below, inviting our Italian colleagues to provide us with all the activities that we have not inserted, in particular, would you please let us have an indication of the books and articles that you have had published?

I shall continue, at this point, to write in Italian (using Google translator), so that everyone can participate. All the translations required, in any case, are available on the site.

Deed of Incorporation

The AEPEA-SI (The European Child and Adolescent Psychopathology Association – Italian Section, AEPEAsi) was incorporated care off the offices of Dr. Paolo Speranza, Notary Public, in Padova, on 23rd March 1998.

The founding members were:

- Lenio Rizzo
- Alessandra Simonelli
- Grazia Maria Vizziello
- Grazia Attili
- Pietro Pfanner
- Paolo Valerio
- Luigi Ranzato
- Gabriel Levi
- Giuseppe Disnan

The Founding Members were also members of the Board of Directors.

On 15th April 1998, a Tax Code was granted and the following offices were, subsequently, attributed:

- Grazia Maria Fava Vizziello, Chairwoman
- Lenio Rizzo, Secretary
- Alessandra Simonelli, Treasurer
- As can be seen, the Board is made up of university and NPI personnel, as well as psychology health care workers, who, in those years, started to consolidate.

From 1998 to 23rd November 2015, there were some two hundred and eighty-nine registered members (there were twenty-five members regularly registered in 2015).

From 2000, Pier Luigi Righetti, undertook the office of Treasurer for the Italian Association.

In 2008, Prof.ssa Grazia Maria Fava Vizziello was appointed as AEPEA'S chairwoman.

One of AEPEA's main activities was aimed at organising a large number of meetings between foreign and Italian universities and territorial services, aimed at creating a dialogue among operators, who, previously, had been dealing with their own organisation, in their own facilities, but in extremely detrimental isolation, and with next to no exchanges in their relations.

An average of fifteen conferences a year, and whilst the Association was in force, a number of Study Days, National and International Conferences, II Level Masters on «Parenting and Child Development, Preventive and Therapeutic Intervention » were organised at Padova University under AEPEA'S sponsorship

We wish to quote the name of only a few of the activities promoted or supported, many of which have already been published on the AEPEA site:

- Az. ULSS 9 Treviso, Social Services Directorate and Child Neuropsychiatry, Conference – Discussion with Bernard Golse: “Pre-adolescence between Turmoil and Turbulence”, 11th September 2008.

- Congress: “Parenting: Accompanying, Caring and Supporting. Comparing practices and experiences ”, Forlì 13-14th March 2009.

- Az. ULSS 9 Treviso, Social Services Directorate and Child Neuropsychiatry, “Community Mental Health Care for Adolescent”, a Seminar conducted by Jacques Hochmann, 26/11/2009;

- “Integrated Medical-Psychological Protocols in Obstetrics and Gynaecology: the Dario Casadei model, Mestre, 23rd April 2010;

- From 2010 to date, the Azienda ULSS 17 Este Annual International Congress has been sponsored every year; as well as the International Conference, “Intervention in Development Psychopathology: “Evolutions in the third millennium”, Matera, 22nd-23rd October 2010;

- 5th, 6th and 7th May 2011, the sixth **AEPEA European Congress in Bologna on: «New Normalities, new Pathologies, new Practices» the papers had already been prepared for the**

- **First AEPEA Congress from 17th to 19th October 1996 in Venice on «The Change Processes in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology»**

Furthermore, AEPEA's has worked on strengthening the ties between services present in the north, centre and south, where the operators' enthusiasm and intelligence often collides with unexplainable alien forces, but, perhaps because of this hindrance, the latter often have intervention views and strategies, which are especially interesting and original.

- International Conference: “Parenting, today and tomorrow: among clinics, research and intervention models”, 6th - 7th December 2013, Bari.

- Az. ULSS 12 Veneto, Maternal and Child Department: “Paediatric Psycho-Oncology” Training Course, 31st October 2014, at the Ospedale dell'Angelo, Mestre;

- The University of Padova, International Conference: “Seeing beyond in facing death. Spirituality from sick body to salvation. Contents, care and relationships in different cultures”, Padova 25th – 28th September 2014;

- Az. ULSS 12 Veneto, the Maternal and Child Department, “PSYCHOLOGY AND PAEDIATRICS Congress, 13th November 2014, Ospedale dell'Angelo, Mestre;

- In 1997, the Conference, “When the Family is in Trouble”, Padova, 23rd May;

- In 1997, the International Conference, "Creating and Disposing of Mental Disorders", Padova, 24-25 October 1997;
- In 1998, the International Conference, "Mental Disorder Medication Errors and Remedies", Padova, 17th - 18th April;
- In 1998, the International Seminar: "Early Intervention in High Risk Children", Treviso;
- In 2001, the International Conference "Twists and Turns prior to and after a Child's Evaluation". Padova, 18th May 2001;
- In 2001, the International Conference: "Puberty and Adolescence: "Dated Models, New Requirements". Padova, 16th and 17th November;
- In 2004, it organised a series of meetings on the theme of "Parenting and Children in Childhood", Padova;
- Fava Vizziello G.M.: Member of the Board of Directors and Discussion at the fourth Conference: « *Association Européenne de Psychopathologie de l'Enfant et de L'adolescent* » (AEPEA) on the theme: "Narrativity. A Psychopathological Approach". Paris, 28th – 30th October 2004;
- During 2006 : a series of meetings on the theme of: "Intervention when Parenting is Problematic". Padova;
- During 2007, a series of meeting on the theme: "The Change in Society and Therapy". Padova;
- In October 2009 and 2010, collaboration sustained during the training days on the theme of Adoption, together with the Istituto degli Innocenti in Florence;
- In 2011, an open lesson: "The Therapeutic Model applied to Therapy Evaluation", at the University of Padova on 4th April;
- In 2011, the International Seminar: "Therapeutic Consultation". The University of Padova, 28th May 2011;
- In 2011, the Conference: "Remembering Franco Fasolo: Intersubjectivity, Groups and Institutions". The University of Padova, 12th September;
- In 2011, the International Conference: "Becoming Parents, human birth". The University of Padova, 11th and 12th November;
- In 2012, the Conference: "The Mysterious Ways of Paternity Today and the Resilience of Children". The University of Padova, 10th and 11th February;
- In 2012, the International Conference: "Clashes and Encounters between Neuroscience and Psychoanalysis. The Pleasure Enigma". The University of Padova, 24th March;
- In 2012, the International Conference: "On the birth of an object. Symbolisation in Babies". The University of Padova, 1st June;
- In 2014, the "Daniel Stern Congress: life forms, in themselves, in therapy and in art". The University of Padova, 8th November;
- Conference: "A Discussion with Bernard Golse", 8th May 2015, IUSVE, Mestre.

We are going to create a section with all the publications that our members inform us belong to them. If, they are particularly interested in other works, it would be very important for us that they send them or write to us, letting us know why they are significantly interesting.

The members' meeting will be held to elect the AEPEAsi's new Board of Directors, on Saturday at 17:00 hrs, during the Conference that we are planning to hold on the 7th – 8th of May, in the presence of Braconnier. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all our members, who have the time and availability, to take part and share in the work undertaken by the Board of Directors, to inform Dr. Righetti. Just as we invite everybody concerned to write down any suggestions they may have for dealing with this space.

The registration fee has been established at Euro 60 for 2016, and shall entitle the member to discounts on conferences and the right to take part in the activities that we organise.

Please find the Registration Form attached to the present.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year.
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From 7.30 to 8.30 a.m.