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Learning from each Other – Integration through Cooperation

International Conference & Training Seminar Berlin

Day 1:

On Thursday 09 December 2010 the Euro-TC conference „Learning from each other – Integration through Cooperation“ was opened by Euro-TC president Dr. Thomas Legl and Horst Brömer, the director of local co-organizer Tannenhof Berlin Brandenburg e.V. Welcoming the 80 participants, the programme of the two conference days was outlined, with a special feature on the history of the workshops on Parents and Children treatment, where Euro Tc is the first stakeholder in the field.



Euro-TC president Dr. Thomas Legl & Tannenhof Berlin director Horst Brömer opening the conference.

The key-note presentation was held by DDr. Michael Lehofer. Medical director at Landesnervenheilkllinik Sigmund Freud, Graz, Austria, who gave a very lively input on anthropological aspects of addiction and addiction dynamics, asking the interesting question: „Are we all addicted?“.

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Then the session on addiction policies was opened by Dr. Thomas Legl giving an overview on the current political situation in Europe and on guidelines and strategies concerning treatment of addiction.

Local aspects were highlighted by Jelena Damjanac (from Euro-TC member Kruh Svetog Ante from Sarajevo) who presented the current situation in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Dr. Juri Sloboda, Euro-TC's expert for Eastern European countries, closed the session on addiction policy by giving the audience an insight into the situation of addiction policy in Russia and Ukraine.

The session on addiction policies in Europe was closed by an interesting round table discussion, chaired by Christian Heise.

The next section on addiction treatment in Europe was opened by a presentation from Sabrina Tripodi, Villa Renata Venice, who laid her focus on the work with parents and children, and the individual situation in Italy by providing insight in the specialties of working with women, and actual figures on pregnant addicts, alcohol consumption, and gender violence.

Josze Deliága and Sandor Bajzath from the Hungarian Euro-TC member LeoAmici Foundation shortly introduced their facility by providing insightful pictures and then gave a presentation on Spiritual tools and recovery language, which they have experienced to be extremely important for their clients. They also summarized the current situation in Hungary as well as the history of their treatment facility highlighting their opinion, that spirituality and consequent structure are among the most important factors when it comes to the treatment of drug addicts.

Gail Jones followed with a very interesting and informative speech about treatment in prison and the experience their organisation RAPt (Rehabilitation for addicted prisoners Trust) has in the United Kingdom, where they are actively working in this field for many successful years.



Gail Jones from RAPt talking about treatment in prison

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Mag. Regina Agostini, director of treatment at the Schweizerhaus Hadersdorf, Austria, was the last presenter in that session, speaking about substitution in residential therapy. As an expert in substitution treatment she highlighted a mixed residential structure combining abstinent and substituted patients drawing very comprehensive picture on the situation concerning substitution in Austria, and on the particular role of Schweizerhaus Hadersdorf.

A lively round table discussion closed the session.

The afternoon session, which was called „Approaches in Mother-Child Treatment“, was opened by Elena Carrizo, director of the mother-child programme of Euro-TC member Proyecto Hombre, Castilla La Mancha, who gave insight into the work of their mother-children facility and the specific ways in which treating families differs from treating individuals.

Heike Tzschoppe, from the Kinderhaus of Tannenhof Berlin Brandenburg e.V. presented the very particular work at Tannenhof, providing both treatment for parents as children for whom special educative foster care is provided on an extremely engaged level.

Helmut Schwehm from Therapieverbund Ludwigmühle presented the Fachklinik Kinderhaus Villa Maria, which is one part of the Therapieverbund. He closed the session by giving insight into developmental stadiums of children during pregnancy and the crucial consequences drug consumption can have on the unborn child. He also pointed out many different problems our modern society is constantly facing in child education, of which many problems can have their roots in the drug consumption of the mother during pregnancy and thus could be eradicated or at least immensely reduced by treating these mothers appropriately.



Helmut Schwehm from Therapieverbund Ludwigmühle about different approached in Parent-child Treatment

Also this session was closed by an open round-table discussion which marked the ending of a very intense first day of the conference.

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Day 2:

On Friday 10 December 2010 the second day of the conference started with a session on „Substitution, Pregnancy & Treatment“, which was opened by Christine Köhler-Azara, official drug coordinator of Berlin, who presented some numbers and figures about the specific situation and conditions in Berlin. She pointed out what options addicted mothers have and about the different kinds of facilities that offer special women's treatment or parent-child programmes.

Prof. Dr. Ruthard Stachowske, director of the TC Wilschenbruch, part of Euro-TC member Jugendhilfe Lüneburg continued by providing a great deal of clinical information on the different effects of substances on newborn children as well as on problems on a legal official basis (in Germany in particular) when it comes to protecting the unborn child. He pictured in detail the significant effects of substances in each singular stadium of development of the foetus.

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Heckmann from the University Magdeburg followed that presentation by summing up the previously heard most important issues when it comes to the treatment of parents and children. He also provided insight into diverse studies about this problematic.



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Heckmann from the University of Magdeburg about European aspects on addiction and treatment

The next session particularly focused on „Treatment of addicted mothers“ and was opened by Manuela Dewitz from Tannenhof Berlin Brandenburg e.V., who focused on the psychodynamics within the structure and procedures of the parent-child facilities of Tannenhof in and around Berlin.

Dr. Nicoletta Capra, who directs the mother-child facility Casa Aurora, which is part of Euro-TC member Villa Renata in Venice, continued by presenting observational tools and strategies of intervention, as well as research previously done on this topic and current pilot research projects in Italy.

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Wolfgang Heckmann then chaired a very interactive round-table discussion where one main concern was the exchange of knowledge and experience between staff in the parent-child facilities from different countries.

In the afternoon there were two training workshops:

One about the methods of family constellation led by Horst Brömer, director of Tannenhof Berlin Brandenburg e.V., and one about sociometric analysis through analysing video material in detail, which was done by Holger Christmann and Helmut Schwehm from Therapieverbund Ludwigsmühle.

Both workshops were highly appreciated by participants and added important practical value to the conference. Scientific exchange was followed by capacity building , both basic aims in the work of Euro TC.



One of the round-table discussions from left to right: Elena Carrizo, Thomas Legl, Heike Tzschoppe, Helmut Schwehm, Regina Agostini



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