

## **Short Report on the Research training Programme 2014**

The 20th annual Research Training Program (RCT) sponsored by the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA) was held February 24-28, 2014, at the Sigmund Freud Institute, Frankfurt, Germany, in conjunction with the 2014 Sandler Conference. Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber was the local host, and John Clarkin served as head of the faculty.

An international faculty of five—Anna Buchheim (Innsbruck), John Clarkin (New York), Robert Emde (Denver), Tamara Fischmann (Frankfurt), and Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber (Frankfurt)—consulted with 21 fellows who completed the program. Each of the fellows presented their individual research project for discussion and consultation with the group. Participant discussion, involving constructive criticism, was vigorous throughout and subsequent fellows' feedback was strongly positive.

The fellows came from many different countries: Germany, Brasil, Belgium, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Turkey, Poland. They presented PhD projects with a broad range of topics (conceptual research, psychotherapy research, research on adolescents, developmental research, Neurosciences, prevention studies etc). Nine of the fellows were candidates of IPA societies, 4 full members of the IPA, and the others young academics who are considering to start psychoanalytical training.

Mark Solms, head of the IPA Research Committee, was a guest lecturer for a day during the conference. Each of the faculty made a presentation of their own research experience, and highlighted aspects of research process.

The staff of the Sigmund Freud Institute provided a welcome reception on the first evening. A final get-together at the end of the program was the setting in which each of the fellows received their diploma and were welcomed into the College of Fellows.

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