



Project Updates

Reichenauer Herbstgespräche, 10 year Therapiesalon im Wald follow up

Euro TC member Therapiesalon im Wald changed name and location in 2013 and celebrated a „10 years Therapiesalon im Wald event“ end of September. The celebration was followed by an International symposium – the first „Reichenauer Herbstgespräche „ – autumn dialogue.

During the festivities examples of the holistic therapeutic inventions were demonstrated, specially from the creative and art therapies, participants enjoyed a contemplative sound massage, former clients presented their success stories. The festivities were well attended and found strong resonance. The success of therapeutic community work, as well as the principles leading to this success were well conveyed.

In addition the international symposium covered the topic of traumatic experiences and violence as background of addiction. The results of the Euro TC Interleave project were presented as well as primary results of a research carried out by Therapiesalon im Wald demonstrating a significant relation to experiences of structural and physical violence and substance abuse. The study also demonstrated significant change in psychosomatic stress and burden as depression, anxiety or compulsiveness.

Key interventions were given by Xavier Ferrer from Barcelona, Michael Lehofer, Udo Zifko, Thomas Legl, Iris Neuretter and Georg Psota.

A lively interactive discussion highlighted the relevance of the topic offering controversy and valuable exchange of experiences, but also a critical view on the limits of a health system still having no appropriate answer to gender oriented necessities concerning substance abuse.

The great success of the symposium already initiated a repetition autumn 2024

New Euro TC member Fondazione Nuovo Villaggio del Fanciullo

Fondazione Nuovo Villaggio del Fanciullo was established in 1990 from the intention of Don Ulisse, an important priest of Ravenna, city where the Foundation is based. From its establishment, Fondazione Nuovo Villaggio del Fanciullo takes care of people suffering from pathological addictions with mental health diseases, foreign minors at high risk of deviance and immigrants through prevention programmes and treatment plans. The main aim is to facilitate the intellectual and cultural growth and the reintegration of its patients into the society and workplace.

The Foundation manages six therapeutic and educational residential centres in Italy that have the common goal of offering concrete opportunities for cure, training, education and work, promoting processes of individual assumption of responsibility, giving back to the society good people ready to start working and making an impact personally and professionally. The Centres are:

- Villa Nina, Centre for Crisis Management, Diagnostic reassessment and detoxification for 17 patients open to males and females
- Residential rehabilitation Centre for pathological addictions for 50 patients open to males
- Apartment group for 6 patients open to males ready to start their reintegration process
- 3 Unaccompanied foreign minors centres for 30 minors
- 1 First Reception Centre for foreign minors for 30 minors
- Project Management: national, European and international projects as a support to the Centre Management and the therapeutic projects

Euro TC International Seminar

Violence/Women/Drug Addiction – from prevention to treatment

The international Euro TC seminar 2023 connected to the board meeting and assembly took part in Coimbra from 22.-24.11., locally perfectly organised by board member Fernando Mendes. The event was supported by the national drug coordination, the national health organisation, dependências and existências.

The topic was a follow up to the successful INTERLEAVE project on gender based violence and drugs, where a toolkit for different stakeholders was developed. This toolkit was presented during the seminar and practically delivered through a post seminar workshop. During the opening a strong encouragement to the efforts was given by the portuguese drug coordinator and chairman of the Pompidou Group João Goulão. He pointed out the newest structural changes on European level, highlighting the importance of demand reduction and follow up of the best practice through decriminalisation and strenghtenig European cooperation. His deliberations and the necessity of close cooperation of NGO's from all different fields were strongly supported by Euro TC president Thomas Legl and local organiser Fernando Mendes.

The near cooperation to EMCDDA, future European drug agency, especially on this important topic was demonstrated through the participation of Linda Montanari giving her expertise on the challenges and opportunities of Gender and Drugs in Europe. She perfectly pointed out the necessity of a gender inclusive approach through all institutions.

One highlight concening EURO TC was the international round table with participation of Jelena Pozaic – Zajednica Susret Croatia, Stefania Mariano – Fondazione Nuova Villagio del Fanciullo Italy, Maria Fernanda Pereira – Ana Jovem Portugal and Sebastian Frohmann – Therapiesalon im Wald Austria.

Best practice and adapted strategies on gender inclusion in treatment were proactively exchanged through the dynamic moderation of Iris Neuretter. „i am Beatiful“ a demonstration of women self esteem in cooperation of staff and clients at Villagio del Fanciullo, Ravenna could become the anthem of gender oriented approaches within the Euro Tc partner organisations.

Inclusive itself was the whole event, equally involving prevention, treatment, harm reduction and research. The location – Seminário Maior de Coimbra was simply wonderful, as was the hospitality of Fernando Mendes and his team: looking forward to a fruitful follow up in 2024!



! SAVE THE DATE !

The postponed "International Theatre Therapy Seminar" will take place on Friday morning 19th – Saturday evening 20th 2024 in Reichenau/Rax near Vienna (Austria). The Seminar is for clients as well for staff and will follow up the rich tradition resulting in a public performance. Invitation coming soon.

(!) No language skills necessary



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