

The Europe+ Narrative Therapy and Community Work Network



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- the Facebook page *Euronarr Communitas*
- the Facebookgroup “Europe+ NTCW Conference Organizing Community of representatives”

Also, it is suggested to E+NTCW-Network members to promote, upload, or refer to this Newsletter on their organizational or personal webpages; in this case, the NEWSLETTER will mention them upon notification as promoters/disseminators.

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France

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"1. we are teaching a new level 3 with 2 workshops. One is about supervision and deals with Jonella Bird's work, Michael White's supervision as « co-research » and David Epston's « insider witness » practices that he taught here in Bordeaux last spring. The other one is about « developing new territories in Narrative Practices » and bringing them in various contexts.

2. The main French centers of narrative teaching (or almost all of them) joined together in an informal network called « the stories' ironers » (does it have any meaning in English?).

One of our projects is to co-organize the second francophone narrative conference, the first one was held in Geneva last April.

3. The fall in Bordeaux is beautiful with a warm Indian summer and nice rich colors that don't compete but remain our dear Peggy Sax's Vermont."



Greece

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GREEK PROJECTS OCTOBER 2014

- **Psychology Courses for citizens** are provided by the Institute for Narrative Therapy & Community Work (INT- Greece) in **Thessaloniki, Greece** with the collaboration of Psiterra Association of Iasi, Romania. The project is called **Popular School of Psychology** and the first course that will be provided will be "**Psychology of Identity and Relationships**". The Popular School of Psychology is open for common citizens who are interested in psychology themes. Aim of the project is the education of citizens in topics of psychology and the critical and experiential elaboration of psychological knowledge from the participants.

Each lesson in the course includes small lectures, experiential elaboration of themes, critical elaboration of themes and the designation of the insiders' knowledge and expertise that the participants have on psychology themes.

In this way this School of Psychology is Popular also because it gives the last word to the people (and not to the experts) regarding what psychological Knowledge is relevant to their preferred directions in life and to the elevation of their skills and abilities.

Psiterra will be helping (among other things) with the qualitative evaluation of the whole project.

The first course starts on **October 15th** and it will be every Wednesday until 3 December in Thessaloniki.

In case of more people interested the course will be offered also on a second day every week.

Information in:

www.narrativetherapy.gr, e-mail: narrativetherapygr@gmail.com, tel.+30-6941405424.

- Institute for Narrative Therapy & Community Work (INT- Greece) also collaborates for an experiential group project with the Aftopragmatosi Centre in **Athens**.

The project's name is "**Life is a Journey**" and is consisted of 12 sessions for people who are interested to discuss the life's journey in rich and empowering ways. The project is facilitated by the Aftopragmatosi counselors and is supervised by INT-Greece. It starts in the **middle of October**.

Information in:

<http://aftopragmatosi.gr>,
tel.+30- 6945 468 476,
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- In Greece, the e-learning part of the two year narrative therapy training program that INT-Greece is offering in collaboration with Dulwich Centre starts on **October**.

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- In Thessaloniki, Greece, the first three-day narrative therapy training event of autumn (open-free of charge Friday lecture + two days seminar) will take place on **October 31- November 2**. The seminar's title is "**Provocative situations in therapy**" and it will be held by Dr Adam Charvatis and Kassandra Pedersen, psychologists. Information in: www.narrativetherapy.gr, e-mail:narrativetherapygr@gmail.com, tel.+30-6941405424.



Greece

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"This semester, I am teaching a course in "Narrative Counseling" at the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy-Pedagogy and Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. This the fourth year that I teach this introductory course and my students find narrative ideas and techniques very interesting.



Israel

Tali Gogol and Andrea Lazar

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"Hello narrative-community friends, we have a new website, including an English page:
<http://www.narrativetherapy.co.il/#!english/cfcl>

We are looking forward to open the upcoming academic year with courses in Narrative Therapy, Couples Therapy, Systemic Therapy Live Supervision as well as various narrative supervision groups. We will also be holding a new course in Narrative Mediation this year.

On October 6th we are hosting a workshop by Elisabet Wollsen, our colleague from Sweden who is visiting Israel. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to keep in touch with us, share ideas and collaborate in arranging workshops." Tali and Andrea



The Netherlands

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Jeugdpsychiatrie - www.claudiablankenstijn.nl

used to make these children talk, and communicate more intelligible, understandable and acceptable.

"I work very hard on a book about Narrative Language Therapy in the Netherlands, which can be used by Parents, Language Therapists, Language Pathologists and other Professionals to learn to communicate better with children with language disorders (and a psychiatric impairment) within their own (professional) environment, and that can be

Thanks to the 3rd Europe + NTCW Conference I will give a one-day workshop in Denmark in November 2014 on Narrative Language Therapy! And, hopefully (!) in February 2015 I will also come to Romania at the Areopagus Institute of Family and Systemic Therapy in Timisoara to give a lecture/workshop!"

Romania

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During the month of August, a month after the 3rd E+NTCW Conference in Iasi, 3 Psiterra colleagues we visited five Greek colleagues we know from before: Giorgios Vleioras, Viki Steka, Philia Issari, Adam Harvatis and Kassandra Pedersen, and we met a new colleague, Daniil Danilopoulos.

We had the chance to review some of the learnings and joys from the conference and share the experiences of working using narrative approaches – in therapy, teaching, training, research and community work.. We foresee a future summer workshop or workshops in narrative therapy in Greece, with international participation (at least 4 members of Asociatia Psiterra will be there), most probably during July 8-15; further details will be disseminated once we finalize the planning.

The first module of the professional training in Narrative Therapy (accredited by the Romanian College of Psychologists) is now open for registration for Romanian participants. Due to requests from colleagues from other countries, we are now preparing a training program in English for Module One in Narrative Therapy.



Sweden

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From **Elisabet Wollsn** (psychologist, family therapist, educator and supervisor - who is writing on a book suggesting different creative formats in doing supervision. Formats that challenges the taken-for-granted ideas and dominant language and traditions in doing supervision)

"I am very happy to announce a meeting with Andrea Lazar at "Narrative Therapy Israel" on Monday the 6th of October, exchanging ideas on narrative practices. And I will also give a workshop there between 06.00-08.00 PM on the title "Lifestaging - narrative and artistic formats in doing supervision and group work".

Narrative Therapy Israel serves families, couples and individuals interested in quality counseling that respects their values, meaningful relationships and preferred ways of living. Located in Tel Aviv, the Center also offers practitioners at various levels of their development training and supervision in family and couples therapy, with emphasis on narrative ideas and practices.

Moreover I will also meet and exchange ideas, with Gid'on Mordecai Friedman in Jerusalem during my stay. Soon coming up reports on this on my home page www.lifestaging.se and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/578969555447664/>"



United Kingdom

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Institute of Narrative Therapy (INT)

“Upcoming Institute of Narrative Therapy (INT) courses: In INT we have a London 5-day Level 1 starting 13th October and then a Level 3 module in London “Linking Lives and working with groups and communities”.

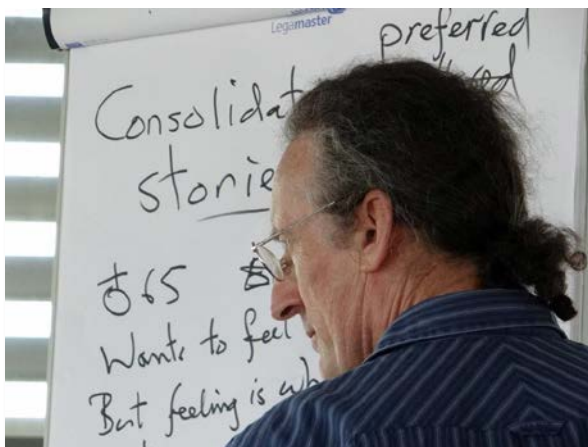
Next year we have 5-day Level's one's in London on 20 - 24 April and 19 - 23 October as well as a London level 2 on 28 Sept - 2 Oct. Other courses to be decided.

The INT website is

www.instituteofnarrativetherapy.com

Three books from Dulwich Centre Publications have just been republished - Narrative therapy and exotic lives and Narratives of Therapists lives by Michael White as well as Couples therapy... and a whole lot more by Jill Freedman and Gene Combs. These are available now from www.narrativebooks.co.uk

The Dulwich Centre are now organising the second cohort of The Masters degree in Narrative Therapy in conjunction with Melbourne University. www.dulwichcentre.com.au is their website for anyone interested.”



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Institute of Narrative Therapy (INT)

“Institute of Narrative Therapy route to Masters in Narrative Therapy and Community Work. The University of Melbourne/Dulwich Centre have acknowledged the Institute's Diploma in Narrative Therapy as being equivalent to the first two modules of their Masters in Narrative Therapy.

Holders of the Diploma will only need to complete the third module of the Masters. This means that students wishing to undertake the Masters will only need to visit Australia once in order to complete the programme and they will save considerably on both course fees and travel etc.

We think that this will be an appealing route to many people wishing to study for the Masters. Further details from either info@theinstituteofnarrativetherapy.com or dulwich@dulwichcentre.com.au”

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