

Dear Readers

The **articles section** brings the conclusion to Francine Shapiro's lecture from the Denver 2003 international conference. Furthermore in this section we have the main points from the presentation of Frances Yoeli and Tessa Pratos, given at the Stockholm conference a year ago. In their lecture they suggest a new definition for clients suffering from trauma-related OCD. Instead of a co-morbid diagnosis of OCD and DID, they see obsessive-compulsive behavior as an expression of an ego- state that has taken control of the core personality in order to protect it (and hence the sufferer) from the traumatic memories.

This ego-state is ineffective in reducing the anxiety because it reenacts parts of the trauma. The authors explain their therapeutic approach touching the roots of the problem which they consider to be in the processing of the original trauma.

In the **Children's Section** you can read how to introduce the idea of treatment to children about to begin EMDR therapy. This was written by Carlijn de Roos and Renee Beer and appeared in the European EMDR site and was translated by Esti Bar Sade. We hope that it will be of help to you and we would be happy to hear your reactions and comments both before and after trying it out.

In our **Case Presentations** we bring a description of Karin Pardo's work with a child who was scared to go to the dentist. Karin raises some interesting questions and you are invited to express your opinions and thoughts.

The **Tips Section** has a short and fascinating account from Dr. Judi Guedalia of an EMDR treatment in the Shaare Tseddek Emergency Room after a terrorist incident. She describes treating a man brought in, in severe shock and left only six hours later smiling and healthy.

In the **update section** we present the new criteria for EMDR Accredited Consultant as required by the EMDR Europe Board. The Israeli EMDR-IS Association has set up a standards committee to deal with the application of these criteria and how they are to work here. We present also the draft EMDR Europe consultant training course . We present again the EMDR Accredited Practitioner criteria because there is a new additional requirement of providing a written or videotaped treatment case session for review.

Pleasant reading

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