



*International Society of the Rorschach  
& Projective Methods*

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow ISR members around the world,

Welcome to our first electronic newsletter! As previous editor of the Bulletin, I may have corresponded with you in the past. Now we have made the move away from a paper Bulletin to this more up-to-date format and I have the benefit of working with my colleagues, Irem Atak and Benoit Verdon. We hope that this will develop in time as a resource for all the international societies and individual members to keep in touch and inform each other of their activities.

Our plan is to post this newsletter twice a year and we want to encourage all member societies to send us their news. We will also have a message from the President and other articles of interest. We welcome your suggestions for what you would find helpful. In these days of on-line training, we have the possibility of collaborating across national boundaries and of participating in each other's events remotely so it is important that we have a means to advertise to all of our members

what we are doing in our national societies. Please keep in touch with us!

We have a dedicated email address for this purpose. It is [editors.newsletter@internationalrorschachsociety.com](mailto:editors.newsletter@internationalrorschachsociety.com) so please make a note.

Now for an important announcement from Stephen Finn. He is coordinating the video project for the International Congress in Geneva in 2022. The aim is to collect diverse accounts from around the world in response to the questions, "*Why I Use the Rorschach.*" He has asked me please to remind all of you that he needs more participants! Please sign up for this!

All the details are on the Congress website: <http://rorschachgeneva2022.org> under the video project tab.

Best wishes and keep well in these difficult times,

Kari Carstairs.

April 2021

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## **President's message**

Greetings from Tokyo!

This will be my last message for the Bulletin as ISR President and my first one for the website Bulletin. I am glad that this could take place under the strong leadership of Kari Carstairs, our Bulletin editor, and well-timed to appear on our newly designed webpage created by Sadegh Nashat, our Vice-President. I would like to celebrate the birth of this new "e-Bulletin"!

First, I want to express my deepest appreciation to you all for your support during my seven years of being the President of the ISR. Special thanks to the 26 Presidents of the national Societies, all the members of the ISR and to my dear Board Members and ex-officio members. I was lucky to work with you all, who are so devoted to Rorschach and other projective methods. We were able to share the same aim and similar values as we were all in the same 'Rorschach camp.'

There was sadness during these seven years, too. As you all know, our Past President, Bruce Smith, passed away last year (2020). Other long-time colleagues of the ISR, Vera Campo from Spain and Carl-Erik Mattler from Finland, also left us before the Centenary Congress of 2022.

The current Board is special because we have worked together for four years (instead of the usual three), as we decided to hold the Centenary Congress in 2021 (although it was later post postponed to 2022). We had a good goal to work toward actively and enthusiastically. The interdisciplinary communication that I longed for will be reflected in the next ISR Centenary Congress program. This Centenary Congress, July 11 to 15, 2022 will be a very important opportunity

to think about the next 100 years of the Rorschach and assessment. Please don't forget to schedule it on your calendar. The Centenary Congress Organizing Committee and the Board will make it come true somehow! If we end up having a remote or hybrid Congress, it will give us a good opportunity to connect and communicate with every corner of the world. We will decide within this year what type of Congress we will have. Meanwhile, you can join the pre-congress webinars, to learn and discuss about interesting worldwide Rorschach cases, that will be held this summer. (Please see the links below).

We have now established a system whereby the Societies provide us with a list which is renewed annually of the names and email addresses of ISR members. I am very proud that all the members of the ISR are at last connected and united with each other, and that ISR can now finally function as a true 'society'.

I will be staying on the Board as the Past President and look forward to concentrating on the double Centenary Congress to commemorate 100 years since Hermann Rorschach passed away and celebrate the completion of 100 years since the 10 cards were published.

Noriko Nakamura

ISR President

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(Centenary Congress:

[www.rorschachgeneva2022.org](http://www.rorschachgeneva2022.org))

## **ABOUT SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE**

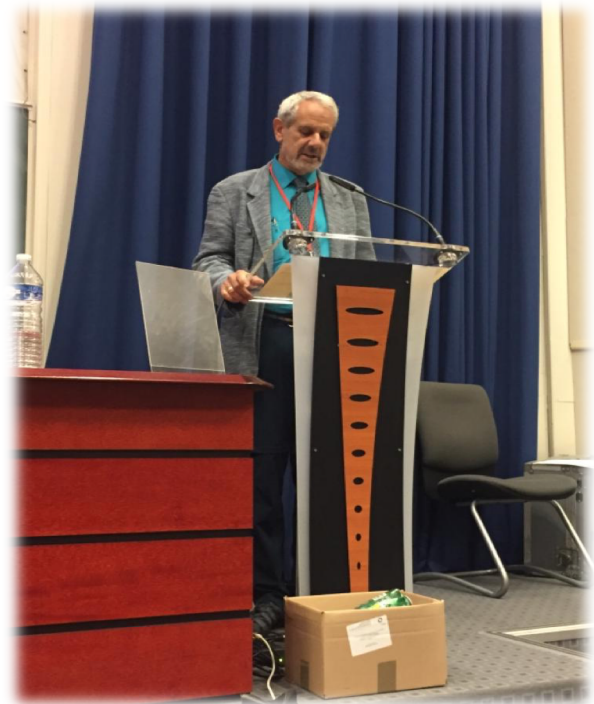
### **In Memoriam**

#### **Bruce Lazar Smith, Ph.D.**

By now, most of the psychological assessment and Rorschach community has learned of the untimely death of one of our very finest, Dr. Bruce Smith, at the age of 74 years old. Until he was struck with a terrible, relentless illness shortly after the Society of Personality Assessment meeting in New Orleans, Bruce was a picture of physical health, vast energy, and intellectual vibrancy, who always cut a handsome figure and exuded a passionate sense of purpose and commitment to his profession, family, friends, students, and clients. He retained all of his vitality and purpose, with exception of physical health, literally until a week before he succumbed to his illness. Even for those close to him who knew about the dire circumstances of his illness, I think I can correctly say that International Rorschach Society and Society for Personality Assessment communities are all shocked by Bruce's passing, which has left an immense hole in many of our lives.

While Bruce aspired for, and achieved, real excellence throughout the nearly 44 years that I knew him, I also know that his accomplishments were hard won. He was born in San Francisco into a family of modest means and with a level of psychological difficulty sufficient to overwhelm a person with less capacity and resilience. Bruce actively turned his experience of these difficulties into a lifelong quest to seek understanding and compassion for the troubled ones. Like many of modest means, he found his first

step beyond his family by attending a state university, in this case his treasured University of California, Berkeley, where he met friends who remained close to him for the rest of his life and where he would



later in his life serve as a much loved clinical faculty member for many years until his death.

As his UC-Berkeley undergraduate education came to completion, Bruce was accepted to the clinical psychology doctoral program in the renowned Department of Social Relations at Harvard University, parenthetically in the last group of clinical psychology students accepted before the program was disbanded. In typical fashion, Bruce completed all of his course work, including his master's degree, at Harvard in three years and went on internship during his fourth year in Washington, DC at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, which was celebrated at that time for its innovative psychoanalytic treatment of psychosis. He returned to Harvard to complete his dissertation on subjective drug experience

and personality, achieving his Ph.D. in a speedy five years. This is unsurprising to anyone who collaborated with Bruce and knew how rapidly he completed his part of a project, always with precision and brilliance.

As a newly minted Ph.D. interested in psychosis and severe mental disorder, Bruce pursued postdoctoral training as a psychology fellow in the singular 4-year program at the Austen Riggs Center, internationally recognized as the center of American ego psychoanalysis and of psychoanalytically informed personality assessment. By the time Bruce arrived, Otto Will, a leading figure in Harry Stack Sullivan's interpersonal approach to the treatment of psychosis, was the Director of Austen Riggs and successor to Robert Knight, creating a theoretical turmoil at Riggs that Bruce found especially rich. The blend of intensive psychoanalytic psychotherapy, sociotherapy, and psychoanalytically-informed depth personality assessment in an environment, where ego psychology, object relations and interpersonal theory all shouldered together, provided a redolent stew of intellectual ideas that especially well suited Bruce's extraordinary mind, which thrived on complexity, nuance, and excellence. As an interesting aside, years later, Bruce and his wife Nadine Tang would take part in a six person study group in the East Bay with former Austen Riggs staff Otto Will, his wife Beulah Parker, Erik Erikson, and his wife Joan Erikson.

Upon completion of his postdoctoral training at Austen Riggs, Bruce returned home to San Francisco as Director of Adult Inpatient Socioterapy at Mt. Zion Hospital. Shortly thereafter, he took a

position as Professor of Psychology in the Wright Institute's doctoral clinical training program, one of the earliest freestanding professional schools of psychology. While continuing to treat clients at Mt. Zion and in his newly opened private practice, Bruce also served as a clinical faculty member in Psychiatry at University of California, San Francisco Medical School as well as Adjunct Faculty at the Berkeley campus of the California School of Professional Psychology. In 1985, Bruce left Wright Institute to become Chief Psychologist, Alta Bates-Herrick Hospital, in Berkeley until 1993 and in 1990 he joined the adjunct faculty in the Department of Psychology at UC-Berkeley. During his busy whirlwind of private practice and teaching, Bruce managed to publish over a dozen articles on psychoanalysis and personality assessment, including two in French and another in Spanish, as well as co-author the momentous volume, *The Facilitating Environment: Clinical Applications of Winnicott's Theories*, with Austen Riggs colleague Gerard Fromm.

Around this time three events were to significantly enhance Bruce's professional and personal direction in ways that he could not have fully anticipated- his marriage to Nadine Tang and his synergistic involvement in the Society for Personality Assessment and International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods.

Bruce and Nadine married in 1979 and it was Nadine that provided Bruce a face into a much broader world beyond his Euro-centric upbringing. A native of Hong Kong and academically trained at Boston University and UC-Berkeley, Nadine was a confident world citizen and traveler. She

collaborated with Bruce in a variety of mental health professional endeavors, including two co-authored articles respectively, on the cross-cultural relevance of the Oedipus complex from three disparate cultures: Chinese, Indian, and European and on the taxonomy of social identities in psychotherapy. As Bruce matured intellectually, his willingness to embrace complex issues of cross-cultural aspects of personality and assessment arose in a large part from his relationship with Nadine. As Bruce bloomed from the relationship, so did Nadine. She also became a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at UC Berkeley, though perhaps more notably in 1992 Nadine was elected member of the Board of Trustees of the UC-Berkeley Foundation and later served as its chair. Together Nadine and Bruce became powerful champions of UC-Berkeley. Additionally, Nadine and Bruce's two sons, Spenser 36 and Eliot 30, provided Bruce the opportunity to be a loving father, further repairing his past.

The next defining influence on Bruce's later career and life was his larger-than-life involvement in the Society for Personality Assessment (SPA). Introduced to SPA by another heart of personality assessment, Paul Lerner, Bruce became a member in 1987 and quickly rose to active involvement in the Society's professional activities through presentations and publications. In turn, this gave rise even more consequentially to his many years of continuous involvement on its Board of Trustees beginning in 1992. Among his many contributions to the SPA Board, Bruce served as the SPA President from 1997-1999, SPA Public Affairs Director, and member of the instrumental

Professional Practice Guidelines and Rorschach White Paper committees. He was the inaugural SPA Foundation President since its inception in 2004, ending his service in that role this past August shortly before his death. As Board members across the decades can attest, if there was roll-up-your sleeves work to be done for SPA, Bruce always volunteered and invariably provided cogent ideas and approaches. As many younger SPA members will confirm, Bruce was unstintingly helpful to serious students and early career psychologists with supervision and opportunities for collaboration. SPA was indeed Bruce's intellectual and spiritual home and he was generous in encouraging friends, colleagues, and students to be part of its remarkable collegial and generative activities. At one of those characteristic dinners that Bruce loved to put together during the past New Orleans SPA meeting, I recall him saying with great feeling how SPA meetings were the highlight of his year.

The third defining influence on Bruce was his involvement with the International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods (ISR). Bruce was an active champion of the Rorschach well before his involvement on the ISR Board. As far back as his classic 1990 article, "Potential space and the Rorschach," integrating Winnicott's object relations theory with the Rorschach, and three articles in *Rorschachiana* that closely followed, Bruce was involved with furthering scholarship about the Rorschach. He was initially elected to the ISR Board in 1999, became Vice-President, and then rose to President for two terms from 2008 to 2014. At the time of his passing, Bruce

was Past President of IRS, having served on the Board continuously for over 20 years. In the case of both ISR and SPA, Bruce participated in Board activities until literally weeks before his death in spite of being in frail physical health and unable to walk.

An extension of his love of traveling and influence of his wife Nadine, Bruce's activities with the ISR were a springboard for teaching internationally and across different cultures. Bruce was readily available to fly to underserved countries, often at his own expense, to promote and teach the Rorschach and projective methods. For example, Bruce actively taught the Rorschach in Serbia, where psychologists were hungry to learn the Rorschach but had meager resources. In addition to teaching, he arranged for books to be sent to the country and worked with the Serbian group to publish Rorschach research. Perhaps one of the most ambitious international endeavors Bruce undertook was his teaching Rorschach at two Chinese Universities including arguably the most prestigious research institution in China, Tsinghua University in Beijing. It is difficult to imagine a person better suited to meet such cross-cultural challenges. Bruce was full of great ideas and hard work even until his last days, including collaborating on two, now unfinished, articles on the future of the Rorschach.

Bruce Smith was indeed a rare and charismatic leader, who brought great intellect to his work. Equally, he was a real and genuine person capable of deep personal connection and kindness. Words will never fully express how much we will miss him.

F. Barton Evans, Ph.D.

Retired Professor of Psychiatry &  
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### Carl-Erik Mattlar

Founder and long-standing former President of The Finnish Rorschach Association, Life Fellow of the Society for Personality Assessment, **Doctor Carl-Erik Mattlar** died in Vaasa, Finland on March 17, 2020.



Carl-Erik was born in Helsinki on October 14, 1932. He studied psychology, history and pedagogy at the University of Helsinki, from where he also received his licentiate degree in psychology. In 1986 he presented his doctoral dissertation on the cross-cultural applications of the Rorschach and obtained his doctorate from the University of Jyväskylä. In 1989 he obtained the title of Docent from the same University. Carl-Erik continued learning throughout his life and was the author of numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, particularly in the field



of personality and cognitive assessment in both clinical and non-clinical populations.

He began his career as a clinical psychologist at the Ekåsen Psychiatric Hospital in 1957 and later moved on to work as a vocational guidance psychologist in Turku. In 1972 he started working for the Rehabilitation Research Centre of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela), first as a clinical psychologist, and, from 1974 to 1995, as a researcher. He retired in 1995 after having been in charge of the psychological assessment section of numerous national research projects.

Throughout his career, Carl-Erik carried-out suitability assessment for thousands of candidates applying for medical-educational and other institutions, and offered consultation and training in the fields of organizational psychology and vocational guidance. He served on the Test Board of the Finnish Psychological Association for two decades and taught assessment at the Åbo Academy, where he also supervised numerous doctoral dissertations.

Carl-Erik regularly attended Rorschach Workshops Alumni Comprehensive System (CS: Exner, 2003) training and, in 1993, became a certified CS trainer. This allowed him to start teaching the CS in Finland, at first in collaboration with the University of Jyväskylä, and later with Tuula Ilonen, Outi Kalla and Olli-Pekka Santala. A first group of Finnish psychologists graduated from Carl-Erik's CS training in 1995. That same year, with a group of colleagues, he founded The Finnish Rorschach Association for the Comprehensive System - now The Finnish Rorschach Association (FRA). He served as President of the association for the first

10 years, after which he was nominated President honoris causa.

Carl-Erik regularly attended and made presentations at international conferences and conventions on personality assessment, particularly the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality Assessment (SPA) and congresses of the International Society of the Rorschach and Projective Methods (ISR), but also the now past European Rorschach Association for the Comprehensive System, for which he served as Vice President. This allowed him to build a broad international network of professional contacts and friends with other outstanding experts in the field, which he regularly invited to Finland to teach at FRA seminars, to the great benefit of psychologists working in Finland. In addition to the Rorschach, Carl-Erik was also known for his work with the Zulliger Test, as well as the Wartegg Drawing Completion Test, which he also taught. In 2009, the Society for Personality Assessment and SPA Board of Trustees officially recognized Carl-Erik for his outstanding contribution to personality assessment.

After retiring, Carl-Erik continued to work as a teacher, a consultant and a supervisor of scientific research for many years. He lived for 14 years in Stockholm with his wife Anne Marie, but always stayed in touch with Finland. The couple moved back to Finland to Mustasaari, near Vaasa, in 2006.

In 2002, Carl-Erik was diagnosed with an eye disease, which, over time, forced him to reduce his work-related activities and the frequency of his travels abroad. Even the Rorschach inkblots, which he had dedicated so much time to, ended up remaining in the background.

Nonetheless, he never let go of his active

lifestyle, and became a member and board member of the Confederation of Finland's Swedish Visually Impaired until the end of last year. He actively studied braille.

In addition to his sharp intellect, his inspiring quest for professional excellence, and his willingness to constantly learn more and share his knowledge with others, Carl-Erik had many other wonderful qualities. He led an active life, competing in several marathons, and the high standards he set for himself as a professional and taught to others could also be seen in his love and extensive knowledge of good food and wine. To not go by Carl-Erik's wine recommendation at a restaurant would always be a mistake. He was not only known as a "Renaissance man", but also as highly social. He loved to be around people, to have a good laugh, and he built and maintained many close and long-lasting friendships. As the late Leonard Handler wrote in wishing Carl-Erik a wonderful 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, and using the language of the Rorschach, Carl-Erik was a W+ Ma+ H COP,GHR.

He will be greatly missed.

Emiliano Muzio  
President of The Finnish Rorschach  
Association

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## **ARGENTINA**

ADEIP (Society of Study and Research in Psychodiagnosis), an organization that gathers psychologists engaged in Psychodiagnosis In Argentina. In September 2019, in the city of Santiago del Estero, located in the northern region of the country, we organized the XXIII Congress in Psychodiagnosis and XXX National Meeting of ADEIP. The subject was "Psychodiagnosis and Culture". During 2020 due to the Pandemic, the XXIV National Congress in Psychodiagnosis and XXXI National Meeting of ADEIP, that was expected to be held in the city of Cordoba, to debate about "Psychodiagnosis and the Digital Era", was cancelled. Also, for the same reasons, the annual meeting of the society that is held regularly once a year in Buenos Aires about Rorschach Comprehensive System was cancelled.

Annual courses on Exner's Rorschach Comprehensive System are given on a regular basis in different locations, such as Buenos Aires, Santa Fe, Rosario and Moron, since our institution is one of the most important in teaching this System in Argentina. Due to the situation this year virtual courses were taught with the same demands on the same regular basis as the face to face ones, with additional new regions (Northeast: province Formosa and neighbour provinces and Southwest region: provinces Neuquen, Rio Negro, Chubut and Santa Cruz )

In this way ADEIP provides a model of continuous education and permanent updating in Projective, Psychometric and Neurocognitive for the different areas of



Psychological Assessment such as Clinical, Labour and Forensic.

During June and July 2020 Lic. Ernesto Pais taught a virtual seminar about MMPI-2. Other seminars were organized along the year on different topics. In June, the subject was "The integration of Luria's and Vigotsky's concepts to Psychological and Collaborative Assessment" by Dr. Stephen Finn. In July, a debate was organized about "The teaching of Psychological Assessment and Psychodiagnosis in Pandemic". In September, two events took place: "Psychodiagnosis in Pandemic: a Challenge and the Impact of the Present Context in the Assessment Settings" by PhD Isabel Perez Jauregui and "Ciberviolence and Virtual Relationships through different technologies. An understanding of the effects through different results in Psychological Assessment" with Lic. Maria Paula Vega, Mariela Perez Lalli and Ana Haydee Di Lorio. During November, the main topic was centered in "Strategies and limits of the virtual forensic evaluations" with Lic. Estela Lizondo, Fabiana Boerr, Fernando Castro y Lorena Garcia.

Our Journal "Psychodiagnosticar" continues to be indexed. Annually a printed copy is delivered to each of our members containing articles selected by leading evaluators of Argentina and abroad who belong to the Journal's Scientific Committee. In 2020, also due to the present circumstances, Volumes 2018 and 2019 were not presented in a printed edition but were included as part of the web page of the society. Also, twice during that year, we sent our members the Virtual Bulletin or Newsletter, containing interesting information about Psychodiagnosis in our country and other

Latin-American and European countries as well.

ADEIP maintains an active relationship with IRS (International Rorschach Society), ITC (International Test Commission) ALAR, (Latin American Association on Rorschach and other Projective Techniques) as well as national institutions: AAPRO (Argentina Society of Rorschach and other Projective Techniques), Rosario Rorschach Society and FEPR (Federation of Psychologists in Argentina).

During 2020 along with FEPR, our society produced documents and guidelines for the Clinic, Forensic and Labour assessment to be applied in Argentina.

Monica Guinzbourg

### **BRITISH RORSCHACH SOCIETY**



We are pleased to have Kevin Lambe as Secretary, Justine McCarthy Woods as Treasurer, Marc Desautels as Vice President and myself as President so we now have a fully functioning Executive Board. Our membership stands at 17, with members in the USA, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland and Geneva. We would wish to increase our numbers and include more British colleagues but this has proved to be difficult, particularly in a pandemic.

We had the annual case presentation in February 2020 which was just prior to the lockdown, so this took place in person and it was followed by a friendly dinner at a local restaurant in the West end in London. This seems like a very long time ago now! Our case presentation in February 2021 took place on-line and it

was well “attended” with six non-members and eight members participating. The really gripping case came from Amory Clarke’s forensic practice and it generated a lot of discussion.

I ran a scoring workshop last year, using a case from our normative database. This was well received and I plan to repeat this. We have finally been able to set up Pay Pal on our website, which makes organising the payment for such events much easier and our finances are in good shape as a result.

We were very pleased to get an article published by the British Psychological Society about the history of the test in this country as part of the celebration of the centenary of Hermann Rorschach’s book, “Psychodiagnostics.” You can read this here:

<https://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/rorschach-test-100>

Looking ahead to the centennial Congress in Geneva in 2022, Marc Desautels is involved in planning for this big event, Justine McCarthy Woods will be presenting one of the Pre-Congress Webinars about the Wolf Man (one of Freud’s historical cases where we also have a Rorschach protocol), and Patrick Halcrow will be talking about his experiences in learning to use the Rorschach.

Dr Kari Carstairs, President

### **DANISH RORSCHACH SOCIETY**



In 2020 and spring 2021 the Danish Rorschach Society activities have been

affected by the restrictions due to the Coronavirus. The workshop we have planned in April with Filippo Aschieri on *The Rorschach Comprehensive System and Therapeutic Assessment*, was postponed to 2021, but we have had to postpone it once more to April, 2022.

Furthermore, we have had to postpone a workshop with Barton Evans on *The Rorschach Comprehensive System used as an assessment tool in forensic cases and parental assessment cases* to October 2021. We hope the world is so normalised in October, that it will be possible to implement it as planned.

Barton Evans held as a compensation for the lost workshop two virtual seminars on *Rorschach and Trauma*, with many of our members as participants.

We would like to invite members from other National Rorschach Societies to participate in the Danish Society’s International Workshops. Send us an e-mail, if you would like to receive our newsletter concerning our International Workshops, then you will receive a flyer with the relevant information about the workshop and accommodation possibilities some month before the workshop is going to take place.

The Danish Rorschach Society was formed in January 2016, and we are still growing. At present are about 130 members (not all of them active), all trained in the Comprehensive System.

Our Society arrange 4 meetings for our members every year in different sites in Denmark. About 13-18 members participate in these meetings, including

the President and some members from the board. The topic of these meetings is scoring and interpretation of a concrete protocol from one of our members. These meetings are especially useful for our members, because they are closely linked to their own clinical practise, and because of the opportunity also to discuss scoring and interpretation issues in general. In the autumn 2020 it has been possible to complete a meeting in Copenhagen and a meeting in Aarhus.

Our training workshops was also influenced by the Corona restrictions, but we were able to hold two basic workshops and two workshops for people with some training in the system.

Our website is:

[www.rorschachdanmark.dk](http://www.rorschachdanmark.dk).

Kim Gabriel Hansen, president



### **DUTCH FLEMISH SOCIETY OF THE RORSCHACH AND PROJECTIVE METHODS**

Due to the worldwide pandemic of Covid-19 and the lockdown during most of 2020 our Society sadly had to cancel all planned courses, e.g. our regular annual 4-day "basic" R-PAS course, the one-day Workshop on the TAT and its use and implications in the assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorders, *and* the special summer 2-day Workshop: "Psychological testing that matters: Creating a road map for effective treatment" by international key-speaker and master clinician Dr. Anthony Bram.

Despite the appearance of a vaccine at the end of 2020, we don't expect the pandemic to subside enough any time soon to safely restart the organization of our regular courses and workshops in 2021, and - following the lead of the ISR and the International Congress - have decided to postpone all to 2022.

However, not all has been quiet during 2020. By continuing to provide our Rorschach work-groups digitally during lockdown, we lowered the threshold for new members to join, and also saw a substantial increase in the call for digital supervision by our experienced teachers. Even during lockdown our Society will continue the spread of knowledge to its members and try to interest new colleagues in the Rorschach.

Visit our website at [www.rorschach.nl](http://www.rorschach.nl)!

Abraham N. J. Pieters,

President



### **FRENCH-SPEAKING SOCIETY OF THE RORSCHACH AND PROJECTIVE METHODS**

Some news of the French-speaking society of the Rorschach and projective methods' activities in last months.

*Symposium on January 30, 2021*

The traditional annual congress in Paris was held online on Saturday, January 30. The theme that brought us together this year "practice of projective tests at the limits: epistemological and clinical aspects" allowed us to question the topicality of our practices and the necessary evolution (and

the limits of these evolutions) in clinical context and situations which question the models and references to which we are familiar (for example the practice of projective tests with deaf children or in intercultural situations).

#### *Election of a new Executive Board during our General Assembly on January 30, 2021*

On the occasion of the congress in Paris, the Executive Board of the French-speaking society of the Rorschach and projective methods was re-elected. The current Board is made up of:

- Pascal Roman (Lausanne), President
- Hélène Suarez-Labat (Paris) and Magali Ravit (Lyon), Vice-Presidents
- Céline Racin (Strasbourg), General Secretary
- Clara Halley (Paris) and Benjamin Bravermann (Paris), Deputy Secretaries General
- Pierre-Justin Chantepie (Paris), Treasurer, and Sandra Misdrahi (Paris), Assistant Treasurer

#### *Launch of the thesis prize*

The competition for the Nina Rausch de Trautenberg thesis prize is relaunched for 2022. It aims to promote and enhance the work of a young researcher in projective psychology, for a thesis defended in 2019 or in 2020. This thesis prize is sponsored by Dunod editions. Submission deadline: September 1, 2021. Regulations on the site of the Society of Rorschach and French-language projective methods (<https://www.societerorschach.org/>)

#### *Clinical and projective psychology*

The next issue of *Clinical and Projective Psychology* (2021/1) is devoted to the centenary of H. Rorschach's Psychodiagnostics under the title: *One hundred years of projective psychology with H. Rorschach*.

#### *A publication in 2020*

We would like to inform the ISR community of the recent publication of the following book: Verdon, B. & Azoulay, C. Eds (2020). *Psychoanalysis and Projective Methods in Personality Assessment*. Göttingen: Hogrefe. This book presents, in English, the perspectives developed within the Paris School for a psychoanalytic approach to projective methods through two major themes: method theory and clinical applications.

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Pascal Roman

#### **SOCIÉTÉ DU RORSCHACH ET DES MÉTHODES PROJECTIVES DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE**



Quelques nouvelles des activités de la Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française ces derniers mois.

#### *Colloque le 30 janvier 2021*

Le traditionnel colloque annuel à Paris s'est tenu le samedi 30 janvier, en ligne. La thématique qui nous a réunis cette année « Pratique des épreuves projectives aux limites : aspects épistémologiques et cliniques » a permis de s'interroger sur

l'actualité de nos pratiques et sur les évolutions nécessaires (et sur la limite de ces évolutions) dans des contextes et situations cliniques qui interrogent les modèles et références avec lesquelles nous sommes familiers (par exemple la pratique des épreuves projectives avec des enfants sourds ou en situation interculturelle).

#### *Élection d'un nouveau Bureau lors de notre Assemblée Générale du 30 janvier 2021*

À l'occasion du colloque à Paris, le Bureau de la Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française a été renouvelé. Le Bureau actuel est composé de :

- Pascal Roman (Lausanne), Président
- Hélène Suarez-Labat (Paris) et Magali Ravit (Lyon), Vice-Présidentes
- Céline Racin (Strasbourg), Secrétaire générale
- Clara Halley (Paris) et Benjamin Bravermann (Paris), Secrétaires généraux adjoints
- Pierre-Justin Chantepie (Paris), Trésorier, et Sandra Misdrahi (Paris), Trésorière adjointe

#### *Lancement du Prix de thèse*

Le concours pour le prix de thèse Nina Rausch de Trautenberg est relancé pour 2022. Il vise à promouvoir et à valoriser les travaux d'un.e jeune chercheur.e en psychologie projective, pour une thèse soutenue en 2019 ou en 2020. Ce prix de thèse est sponsorisé par les éditions Dunod. Délai de soumission : 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2021. Règlement sur le site de la Société du Rorschach et des méthodes projectives de langue française (<https://www.societerorschach.org/>)

#### *Psychologie clinique et projective*

Le prochain numéro de *Psychologie clinique et projective* (2021/1) est consacré au centenaire du Psychodiagnostic de H. Rorschach sous le titre : *Cent ans de psychologie projective avec H. Rorschach*.

#### *Une publication en 2020*

Nous souhaitons informer largement la communauté de l'ISR de la parution récente de l'ouvrage suivant : Verdon, B. & Azoulay, C. Eds (2020). *Psychoanalysis and Projective Methods in Personality Assessment*. Göttingen : Hogrefe. Cet ouvrage présente, en langue anglaise, les perspectives développées au sein de l'Ecole de Paris, pour une approche psychanalytique des méthodes projectives au travers de deux grandes thématiques : théorie de la méthode et applications cliniques.

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58cc01406b8f5b8cd4473010/t/5e65fb37f244c97e61a6fe1a/1583741752016/Pre%C4%97sentation\\_Ouvrage\\_Hogrefe.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58cc01406b8f5b8cd4473010/t/5e65fb37f244c97e61a6fe1a/1583741752016/Pre%C4%97sentation_Ouvrage_Hogrefe.pdf)

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#### **SWEDISH SOCIETY**

During the year 2020, the Swedish Rorschach Society has had the following activities to meet the purposes of the association:

- to promote interest in personality assessment and diagnostics with performance-based test methods

We participated in the General Meeting of the Swedish Psychologist Association, on site and with three motions, aiming towards strengthening the position for

testing and psychological assessment in the psychologist and the specialist educations. We argued for reintroducing the specialty and developing Swedish quality guidelines for training in testing, diagnostics and psychological assessment, in line with [APA-](#)

*- organizing trainings in personality testing and diagnostics, and performance-based measures*

During the year, Cilla Kallenberg has started a new specialist accredited training in the R-PAS, and six people have graduated in Cilla's and Ulrika Nygren's specialist accredited training Evidence-Based Personality Assessment.

*- to stimulate the maintenance and development of our members' competences, for example through the organization of lectures, seminars and supervision;*

Cilla Kallenberg has continued to run two Rorschach supervision groups. Malin Holm has had regular supervision in Wartegg in selection.

In February, Harald Janson, associate professor, active researcher and private practice psychologist, held a well-attended and much appreciated seminar in Gothenburg, on complex traumatization and structural dissociation of the personality, and how the Rorschach method can assist treatment planning for psychotherapy.

Many courses and conferences were cancelled due to the pandemics, or moved online. This summer's Summer Seminars moved from Prague in July to Zoom in September. This year's theme was Rorschach and depression, and Cilla Kallenberg and Malin Holm held one of the three seminars on "The need to feel alive - different faces of depression in young offenders"

*- to follow and promote method development and research in the field of knowledge*

In the field of research, the association's members stand out through ongoing doctoral programmes:

Emma Bolund Lauenstein is a PhD student at the Centre for Ethics, Law and Mental Health at the University of Gothenburg. Emma will examine the personality aspects and reality of forensic psychiatrists who have committed violent crimes; use and compare different data sources, including the Rorschach.

Erik Hammarström is a PhD student at the Department of Medical Sciences at Örebro University. Erik's thesis work is about the validity and usability of the Zulliger test (Z test), especially compared to the Rorschach test (according to R-PAS).

To celebrate the Centenary in 2021, we are looking forward to giving a series of online seminars in Swedish that we have previously held elsewhere for example in the International Congress or the Rorschach Summer Seminars. Erik Hammarström is giving a seminar on his article *Psychodynamic psychotherapy and the Rorschach: a centenary love affair* <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14753634.2021.1882786>

Malin Holm, chairperson

#### **TURKISH SOCIETY OF RORSCHACH AND PROJECTIVE TESTS**



During the pandemic, as Turkish Society of Rorschach and Projective Tests, we continued to organize our trainings, seminars, and scientific activities online.



*"From Theory to Practice - Projective Test Studies"* was held online nearly each month of the year. We studied many different subjects such as *"What's elderliness? Evaluation of Mild Cognitive Disorder and Psychic Traumas by Projective Tests"*, *"Constipation: Aggressive Drive and Beyond"*, *"From Reverie to Project: Ending Adolescence, Being an Adult: Psychodynamic and Projective Approach"*, *"Sexual Identity with Projective Test: Evaluation of Psychic World of a Transsexual Adolescent"*, *"Psychoanalytical View of Addictions: Evaluation of a Dipsomania Case by Projective Tests"*.

We organized *"Psychoanalytical Psychopathology Seminars"* as a preparation to the projective tests. Our theoretical psychopathology training for projective methods includes studying development from infancy to childhood, adolescence and then adulthood within a psychoanalytical model of psychopathology.

However, due to very unusual circumstances of Covid-19, we managed to organize our annual meeting on *"Bullying: Psychoanalytical Approach and Contribution of Projective Tests"* online. We invited Ms. Marjorie Roques from Caen Normandie University to study this broad topic with theoretical background and clinical practice.

Every two year, we collaborate with A2IP to organize a conference with a specific subject. This year our title was *"Beyond Time and Space: Deterritorialization"*; very fruitful presentations and discussions were held by speakers and participants.

We continued to publish our Journal of Psychopathology and Projective Tests – YANSITMA (Projection) with the title of *"Perinatalty"* for the year 2020. Because of the limitations of pandemic, we

integrated issues 33 and 34 together. We are happy to be able to continue organizing our activities, seminars, and trainings despite the difficult and extraordinary days we have been through all the past year.

We are immensely proud that even in the worst circumstances, we have welcomed our new members during 2020. We are always excited to work and study on new subjects and projects with the contributions of projective methods. Various projects on violence, obesity, perinatalty and historical archives are sustained with our colleagues abroad.

It is possible to follow us on [rorschachturk.org](http://rorschachturk.org) for all the updates and announcements.

İrem Erdem Atak, President



**The British Rorschach Society has the following spare volumes of Rorschachiana:**

One copy of volume 32,	2011
One copy of volume 35,	2014
One copy of volume 36,	2015
One copy of volume 37,	2016
Six copies of volume 40,	2019

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