



Dear all

Warm winter greetings to all our members and friends. We hope you are enjoying the lovely rain Cape Town has been having recently. To those of you who were lucky enough to travel to Rome at the end of last month for the world infant mental health conference, we hope you had a wonderful, enriching trip, and look forward to hearing all about the conference.

It was brought to our attention last month, that some members received our newsletter late or not at all. We apologise for the technical difficulties, and are trying our best to sort out the issues with our mailing list so that this month's information is received timeously.

We managed to have a fascinating meeting with Dr Brian Watermeyer, despite several technical and practical problems that arose unexpectedly, and we appreciate the understanding of our members who attended. It was a very meaningful and enlightening discussion on the issues faced by families of children with disabilities and the children themselves, and it was a privilege to have Dr Brian Watermeyer's valuable insight on this difficult topic. Dr Watermeyer has written several books, one being 'Towards a contextual psychology of disablism'. His contribution to the thinking around psychoanalysis and disability is worthwhile for those who are interested. An article is attached for interest.

We have another interesting presentation lined up for this month. **Jean Luyt** is a Clinical Psychologist who has been working for some years in supporting adults through the process of adopting and parenting adopted children. She will be outlining for us a **theoretical overview of adoption and in particular, transracial adoption**. This is a subject that is of personal and professional significance to many people in our community in Cape Town, and we look forward to hearing what Jean has to say. Please do forward this newsletter on to any friends or colleagues you think may be interested in attending our June meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all again at **7:30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** at the Out-Patient Unit of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (46 Sawkins Rd, Rondebosch, entrance in Liesbeek Rd). Visitors are, as always, very welcome to attend and are asked to bring R60 (in an envelope marked with your name please).

Warm wishes,  
Caroline , Barbara and Jacqui