

MAY NEWSLETTER AND NOTICE OF MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **THURSDAY 19 MAY at 7:30pm** at the Out-patient Unit of the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, 46 Sawkins Road, Rondebosch.

What Children Play when Parent's are Talking: Elzan Frank has agreed to share her hugely popular presentation from the GAIMH conference.



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Elzan did Jungian studies in Switzerland and remains an open and curious observer of all things. Sand Play is approached and understood innovatively and within a strong ethical frame. Prepare to be surprised by those quiet little beings with ears.

Previous Meeting: The Early Fatherhood Panel proved to be a lively and hugely encouraging evening, with our panel from a diverse range of cultures and beliefs united in their commitment to being the best fathers they can be. Our profound thanks to Crick for reminding us that there is always something new to learn in parenting, to Shuaib for the need to love your partner to grow your baby and the charismatic Thulani, who, along with his male counterparts, insisted on father's being actively present. Gender equality in parenting can give our babies the start they need and deserve. We plan to continue to highlight the invaluable but often under-represented experience of Men in the lives of their infants.

WAIMH- Our biannual international conference takes place in Prague from 28 May-4 June. Many of our members are attending and we will be absorbing new knowledge and experience to share on our return. It is good to be part of an international forum of this stature and much is achieved for Babies within this powerful forum. The 5 community projects that WCAIMH have supported financially will also be show-cased. With all its challenges, the work that has been done by members here in South Africa is impressive!

Contributors to our WCAIMH resource base will be acknowledged and your contact details will be added to your selected article (or summary or excerpt thereof) so that there can be interaction around areas of interest. The information will be added to our webpage, <u>www.infantmentalhealth.co.za</u> Please send an e-mail to jeaninebeukes@telkomsa.net to give your input.

A Few Admin Matters: The yearly subscription is R350. All fees due now. Non-member guest contribution is R50 (in a named envelope, please). Ad hoc guests are not eligible for CPD points. Account details: WCAIMH; Standard Bank, Rondebosch, Account no. 274916401. Branch code: 051001

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