

From the Kauppi Campus -News from WAIMH Central Office

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Dear WAIMH members,

In the last Perspectives we asked for your contribution for the election of new WAIMH Board members. We want to thank all the active members, who cast their vote and the candidates for running for the WAIMH Board and for their willingness to work on behalf of WAIMH.

We are happy to announce that the two new WAIMH Board members for the years 2013-2017 are Astrid Berg and Campbell Paul. Congratulations!

Altogether 996 WAIMH members (2012 or 2013) were eligible to vote in the election taking place 7th May- 9th June 2013 (GMT). One member could vote for two candidates. A total of 341 members cast their vote – a higher number than ever before. The voter turnout was at 34,24 %. All the 46 new members who paid their membership fee during the month of election were given the possibility to cast their vote.

All candidates were popular and there was quite an even distribution of vote.

Astrid Berg	154
Vibeke Moe	98
Campbell Paul	141
Joshua Sparrow	111
Hisako Watanabe	137

It is now roughly a year to the next WAIMH World Congress will take place 14-18 June 2014 in Edinburgh. The theme for the Congress is "Babies: Their Contributions, Our Responsibilities". The Call for Papers is available at the official congress site and also on the WAIMH website; the deadline for abstract submission is 15th September, 2013. We warmly welcome clinicians and researchers from all over the world to submit their work in form of posters, poster workshops, symposia, workshops, videos and clinical teach-ins. Information and details on how to submit is given in the Call for Papers. Presenting in WAIMH Congress is a wonderful way of sharing your own knowledge and skills and to learn from others' experience through fruitful discussion in and between congress sessions.

In the Edinburgh congress high class plenaries will be given by James Swain, Pasco Fearon, Karlen Lyons-Ruth, Christine Anzieu-Premmereur and Jane Barlow. As has been our tradition, the Congress programme includes also two plenary interfaces with Karl-Heinz Brisch and Franziska Schlenzog-Schuster

as presenters. In addition to Congress programme there will be several master classes given by the leading professionals and researchers on the field of infant mental health. And finally, as a part of the pre-congress programme we will have a novelty: live supervision sessions organised in co-operation with the Affiliates. In addition to attending the Congress, Edinburgh is a beautiful city with a rich history and well worth spending a few days relaxing and sightseeing before or after the Congress. You can also go exploring Scotland by bike or on horse back, or go fishing.

Last but not least, please renew your WAIMH membership online at the WAIMH website www.waimh.org. There are two separate categories: the student (45 USD) and professional (75 USD) memberships. As a WAIMH member, you have the privilege of ordering the Infant Mental Health Journal at a special rate. The rates in 2013 are: USA 50 USD, Canada 52.50 USD and International orders 62.50 USD. All journal subscriptions are now also including access to the online IMHJ at the Wiley website. Please, contact the WAIMH Central Office, if you need guidelines or support for the membership renewal (office@waimh.org).

We hope you all would be active in promoting WAIMH and our next World Congress. From our website you can print a WAIMH Flyer and the Call for Papers to your colleagues and ask them to join our multidisciplinary and global association for the benefit of infants all over the world.