

# EAGT Newsletter for GPO

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## Introduction

Before you lies the second issue of the GPO Newsletter. We hope you've enjoyed the first edition. The Newsletter will be spread twice a year; in April and in November of each year. If you, as a GPO, have something interesting you would like to share, you can send an article to Marga ([eagtooffice@planet.nl](mailto:eagtooffice@planet.nl)) and with the committee we will read your article whether it is suitable to publish in the GPO Newsletter.

Currently EAGT has 32 individual GPO members. Our aim is to welcome - at the conference in Poland - the hundredth GPO member. To achieve that we really need your help. For example: it is possible to organize a peer group in your country (for information you can contact our office at [eagtooffice@planet.nl](mailto:eagtooffice@planet.nl)). You can also forward this newsletter to your colleague(s) and make them enthusiastic to go for GPO membership.

Enjoy reading our second Newsletter!

Bas Lokerse  
Chair GPO

## Handbook for authorisation and accreditation

In September Vaclav and Frans picked up the initiative again to continue their work on the handbook for authorisation of institutes and accreditation of individual GPO's.

They have made a schedule for the handbook and written the first chapters. The idea is, that the first draft of this handbook will be finished before the next meeting of the GPO committee in March, 2012.

Related to this work, they invited two more institutes to participate as pilot organizations for the authorisation procedure. The Metanoia Institute in London has already informed us they are willing to participate. The Gestalt institute of Denmark is considering. We expect their answer soon.

In October Vaclav and Frans wanted to go to Greece to do the second step in the process of authorisation of the Gestalt Edge institute, but due to the strikes, only Vaclav was able to get there. It was a very fruitful meeting and Vaclav will make his report to present it to the committee very soon.



## 11<sup>th</sup> EAGT Conference (September 20-23, 2013)



[www.11eagtkrakow.com](http://www.11eagtkrakow.com)  
20,21 &22 September  
2013

The next EAGT conference will be held in Krakow. The Polish organisers organise the conference in cooperation with a professional Congress office called, Jordan. The conference dates are: 20, 21 and 22 September 2013. Note these dates already in your diary! From the Executive Committee of EAGT, Marga, our office manager, and I, Bas, vice president and chair of the GPO committee are closely involved with the organization of the conference. In the second half of November, we will have a Skype meeting with the organizers from Poland. There are a few items on the agenda which have our special attention:

The first item is the website of the conference. We strive that by the end of the year the website ([www.11eagtkrakow.com](http://www.11eagtkrakow.com)) will be 'in the air' to have necessary information available for everyone.

The second item is the content of the conference. As for us, it will become a special conference in the sense that both programs as well for Gestalt Practitioners in Organizations as for Gestalt therapists are represented. In terms of model, it will become very similar to the 2001 Stockholm Conference. There, as well was a parallel program for GPO's. Participants, who wish to give a lecture or workshop can soon register themselves and we hope to meet many GPO's at this conference!

Bas Lokerse

## Gestalt Academy of Scandinavia

Following a formal alliance with Gestalt International Study Center (GISC), the Gestalt Academy of Scandinavia (GA) is proud to be running the Cape Cod Training Program (CCTP) in Sweden. Week 1 of the first joint program was in October, 2011 and week 2 is scheduled for April, 2012. The next CCTP will be on October 2012 and April 2013.

CCTP was originally designed and led by Sonia March Nevis and Joseph Zinker at the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland, they usually ran it on Cape Cod where they both had homes. This is how this unique application of the Gestalt approach got its name.

Below you will find a testimonial from one of the participants who joined the CCTP course that has started.

Christel Segander

### CCTP - testimonial

Having completed the first of two weeks of the Cape Cod Training program I'm thrilled to notice how my awareness has already shifted to what is going



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on between people in groups and pairs which I meet in my practice. A definite shift in moving from seeing what A is doing and what B is doing, to what is happening between them. Of course this is not totally new but the co-creation is much more *clear*, and actually *visible*, to me.

The program differs to other training I have been part of in that it is a true 'training camp' with the opportunity to practice the model over and over again. You haven't got a chance but to learn. From being the consultant, the consultant's consultant to the observer and the client you get to experience the model from all perspectives.

A real bonus with the program is the international aspect with participants coming from around the world, bringing different cultural aspects and energies to the experience. There were people from afar as Brazil, Minnesota, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Sweden, which challenged many of our presumptions. An added bonus was the opportunity to observe an interaction in a language I didn't understand which meant observing the interaction free from getting caught up in the topic, which normally was a real challenge for several of us.

I can't wait for the second week of the program – to get back into the training and of course to meet all my new 'learning-friends' again.

Lena Mc Evenue  
Gestalt OD and coaching consultant

## Update tasks GPO committee

During the past year the GPO committee has worked hard to make the Gestalt Practitioner in Organizations visible, both inside and outside the EAGT, call it a two-track policy. The inward track focuses on: regulations, organisation, training profile, certification and recertification. The outward track focuses on: public relations, website, GPO as a brand, affiliation with other organizations and creating a logo for certified GPO's.

Again, the Committee examined the re-registration procedure of the GPO. As you may know, the first generation GPO's are invited to for re-registration. Quality is important for the GPO committee. The underlying idea is that a GPO who wants to re-register her/himself proves that s/ he still has her/his specialty and s/he continued to develop her/ himself in their profession. Following comments from the field such as: 'you ask too much', 'this is much too detailed', 'we have already shown during the registration that we meet the requirements' etc. we have paid attention to the re-registration during our meeting in September again. After an animated discussion on content, weighing pro's and contra's, we decided to adapt

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the re-registration. We also decided to not call it re-registration anymore but re-certification. As a basis the following three questions are important for us:

1. What (GPO)activities did you practise since your last (re)-certification? (coaching – consulting etc.)
2. What activities have you done in order to continuously educate yourself? (supervision – intervision – trainings – visit conferences / congresses.)
3. What makes it interesting for you to become re-certified as GPO?

Based on the aforementioned questions Marga created a form which now can be downloaded from the EAGT website ([www.eagt.org/gp\\_downloads.htm](http://www.eagt.org/gp_downloads.htm)).

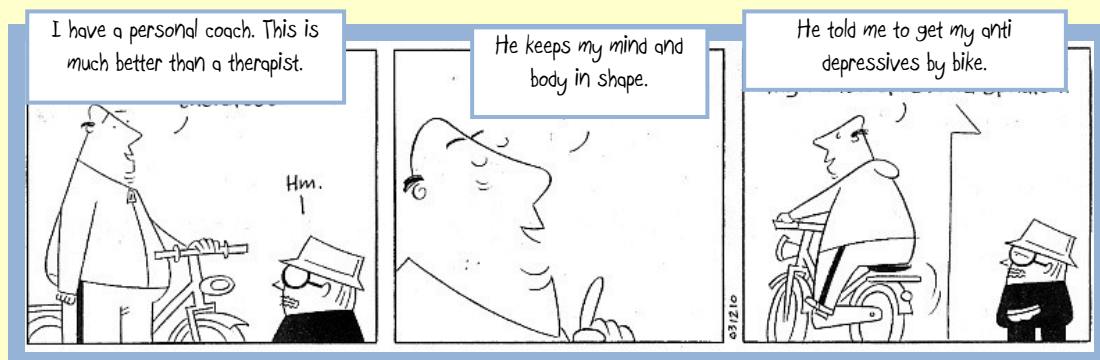
During the upcoming meeting of members which will be held in Krakow in September 2012 we will ask you to agree to this method of recertification for GPO's.

Last but not least....with pride we present the newly designed logo for GPO's!!! The logo was first presented at the Annual General Meeting in Zurich. The creation of the logo is in line with the logos used by the EAGT accredited training institutes. The logo may be used by all certified GPO members of EAGT on their website, letterhead, etc. It will be send as a separate attachment to this Newsletter, but in this Newsletter we give you already a preview....



*'logo for certified GPO's'*

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