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# Section II

# Childhood & Adolescence

## Spring 2004 Newsletter

### *President's Message*

The last year has been a busy one for our section. I want to take this opportunity to let our membership know about some of our activities.

On the weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup>, the annual Division 39 conference was held in Miami. This year Section II invited Daphne DeMarneffe to be part of a panel on parental desire. Daphne's new book, "Maternal Desire," was recently reviewed in the New York Times and in the New Yorker. At the conference she spoke about the wish to care for children in the aftermath of the feminist revolution. She was joined on the panel by Stephen Portugues, Diane Ehrensaft, and Toni Heineman. The panel was well attended and was followed by a lively discussion on the changing politics of parenthood. In addition to the invited panel, a number of section II members gave papers on child therapy. Jill Bellinson, Larry Zelnick, and Susan Fabrick spoke about the role of popular culture in the narratives of child therapy. Peter Carnochan presented a three day continuing education seminar on technique and play therapy. Johanna Kraut Tabin was part of a panel that discussed a case of an anorexic three year old.

At the **Miami conference**, Section II also held its annual board meeting. Over the last year **Section II has expanded its membership**. We now have 175 members who have joined us in working to strengthen psychoanalytic child work in this country. In October we published the **national directory of Section II child clinicians**. This directory was sent out to the over 3,000 members of Division 39. It is already being used to make referrals for child and family cases. The Section has also moved firmly into the computer age by creating a data base of our members and organizing this list serve to facilitate communication with the section members.

At the meeting we discussed the **upcoming elections for the Section board**. This is the second and final year of my presidency of Section II. The board nominated Chris Bonovitz to run for the position of president elect. Chris is a psychologist from New York who is completing his analytic training at William Alanson White. He has written a number of articles on child therapy and has played a key role in bringing the Child Psychotherapy project to New York. He has served as the Secretary for the Section for the last two years. Neil Altman and Elizabeth Kandall will be stepping down from the board at the end of this year and we want to thank them for their years of service to the organization. The board nominated Susan Fabrick from New York and Carol Butler from Texas to fill their positions. I want to take this opportunity to welcome other nominations from our members for these positions. We will send out statements and ballots within the next few months.

**In June**, the Section will sponsor a half day conference in New York. The title for the conference is "**Child therapy: dead or alive.**" It will focus on moments when play therapy can become bogged down in repetitive and deadening play and how this can be approached to reawaken the vitality of the treatment. We are inviting speakers from different theoretical schools to present examples of their work. Neil Altman will serve as the discussant.

At the **July APA conference in Hawaii** we will present a panel entitled "An interactive panel on the topic of play, ego development and the child within: What child analysis teaches about adult personality." The panel will be chaired by Johanna Tabin and will include Lisa Pomeroy, Anita Hurtig, Maurine Kelly, Jaine Darwin, and Peter Carnochan.

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This year the Section has organized a **trip to London to work with Anne Alvarez** and attend seminars at the Tavistock Clinic. We will be in London from June 5<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the number of seminars attended, the cost for the education and supervision should be between \$500-\$700. We are arranging rooms at a hotel in Hampstead. These accommodations range in cost from \$150-200 per night. Some members of the study group are arranging other accommodations. There will be time every day

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for sight seeing and socializing. There are still a few spots open on this trip. If you are interested please contact me at [Pcarnochan@mindspring.com](mailto:Pcarnochan@mindspring.com).

Finally, we recently sent out **renewal notices for Section membership**. If you haven't yet renewed we urge you to act now and continue your support of the Section and analytic child work in this country. We will be publishing the 2004 addition of the child directory soon and need to receive your renewal by June to include your name in the directory. We look forward to continued growth of the Section in the coming year.

**Peter Carnochan**  
**President of Section II**