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FOR PERSON-CENTRED AND EXPERIENTIAL  
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(PCE EUROPE)**

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Dear delegates of member organizations of PCE Europe,

On the beginning of this year, we sent you a letter inviting you all to the 18th General Assembly (GA) of PCE Europe in Warsaw, Poland, at Copernicus Science Centre. Meanwhile the task force has made quite substantial progress regarding important issues for a further and sustainable development of PCE Europe. In order to have enough time to discuss the task force's ideas and proposals, we would like to start the GA earlier than planned:

It will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019**, starting **at 14.00** (the exact room will be announced later).

The most important and first issue to be tackled is the **election of a new board**. So far, four colleagues from different member organisations have presented themselves as candidates for the new board. Some of them are currently engaged in the task force and would like to continue working for PCE in another role. With this letter, we send you short presentations of all candidates. We invite all of you to encourage members of your organisation to present themselves as candidates. Candidates are kindly asked to send their presentation to PCE Europe or one of the task force members. - The future board will also need a strong network of supporting people who are happy to occasionally lend a hand. Everyone being passionate about the person-centred approach and about Europe-wide cooperation is invited to join this supporting network.

Since its beginnings, PCE Europe has existed without being officially registered. Although no harm has been done, it seems that PCE Europe has rather existed in a legal grey area. The task force has looked into several European countries' laws regarding the **registering of non-profit organisations** in order to find the best solution for PCE Europe. As none of the task force members possesses of a formal legal background, the task force has approached a UK-based NGO providing pro bono legal advice. Most probably, we will not have the final answer to these questions, but the task force will present its preliminary ideas on possible countries and the ratio behind it.

Besides the very basic questions of registering PCE Europe and electing a new board, the task force has worked on the further development of PCE Europe's mission statement and has established possible guidelines for organising PCE conferences. Further, ideas have been collected on modernising PCE Europe's website and the pros and cons of individual membership has been discussed. The task force is

currently recapturing all its thoughts and work in a document which shall be send to the members timely before the GA. A final agenda will also be send then.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you in Poland and discuss the ideas and proposals the task force has worked on. Please let us know if you will attend the GA at the latest on 1 May 2019.

Best regards

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Dear colleagues,

I am writing to introduce myself as a candidate for the future PCE board.

I am licensed in psychology and sociology and I have a master degree in psychoanalytic psychotherapy. I have attended the training courses in person-centered psychotherapy within the ÖGWG between 1999 and 2005. Together with my colleagues, I founded the Romanian Person Centered Psychotherapy Association (ARPCP). Since 2006, within ARPCP are trained in person centered psychotherapy psychologists, social workers, physicians and philosophers from all country. Currently I am the Chair of ARPCP Board, trainer and supervisor in person-centered psychotherapy. Between 1999 and 2011 I worked as a psychologist in the National Administration of Penitentiary and led psychotherapy groups for detainees with life and long term sentences. I participated in studies on the influence of psychotherapy and personal development in improving deviant behavior and managed European projects within penitentiary system. Also I have my private psychotherapy practice from 2002.

Together with my colleagues in ARPCP promote the person centered approach in Romania. Our association is currently one of the respected psychotherapy associations in Romania and the person centered community has now around 100 members and a lot of sympathizers.

For me and my colleagues in ARPCP the survival of PCE Europe is very important, bringing person centered approach in Romania was for all of us a work of a lifetime.

So I decided to be a part of the Task Force aiming to strengthen the position of the person-centered and experiential approaches in Europe. We worked together and established as an efficient team. I believe that after all the work the Task Force has done, its continuation would be a guarantee of continuity and coherence in achieving the proposed goal.

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Task Force PCE Europe  
A l'attention d Mm Claudia Akrimi

Madame,

Suite à mes discussions avec M. Jean-Marc Randin, j'aimerais proposer ma candidature comme membre du comité responsable de l'association européenne. Je fais partie depuis de nombreuses années au niveau suisse (obtention du titre le 19 juin 2003) et depuis 1 an et demi au niveau européen (4 décembre 2017).

Je suis suisse depuis la fin des années 90 et d'origine libanaise. Je parle couramment évidemment le français, l'arabe et l'anglais.

J'ai fait mes études de psychologie à l'Université de Genève dans les années 80 et j'ai un Master en psychologie.

Jusque là, j'ai été essentiellement un praticien : d'abord comme psycho-pédagogue en étant responsable pendant 17 ans d'équipes s'occupant d'ateliers protégés dans une institution pour personnes déficientes intellectuelles. J'ai ensuite été psychothérapeute ayant terminé ma formation à l'ACP. J'ai été aussi chargé de cours pendant près de 15 ans à l'Université de Fribourg à l'Institut de Pédagogie Curative. Depuis une quinzaine d'année, je travaille essentiellement comme psychothérapeute, soit à mon propre cabinet à Fribourg, soit comme psychothérapeute délégué chez un psychiatre dans le Canton de Vaud. Je suis essentiellement un psychothérapeute travaillant dans une approche rogérienne et humaniste mais aussi un hypnothérapeute néo-ericksonien. Pour moi, il n'y a pas de contradiction entre ces 2 approches puisque l'hypnose telle que je la pratique reste essentiellement humaniste.

J'ai 61 ans et je suis proche de la retraite. Une retraite que j'espère, entre autres, pleine de challenges et d'intérêts. C'est pour cela que je propose ma candidature à ce poste de membre du comité de l'Association européenne de l'approche centrée sur la Personne.

Ce qui me tient à cœur c'est de rendre à ma manière à ce mouvement ce qu'il m'a déjà donné au niveau de ma pratique et de ma réflexion théorique et personnelle en contribuant autant que je peux au développement et à l'expansion de cette association et de ses idées, en ayant désormais du temps à disposition.

Je m'intéresse à participer à créer les conditions de nouvelles synergies dans le cadre de cette association en participant au bouillonnement d'idées et d'énergies présentes et à venir et au développement de diverses pratiques et recherches dans un esprit d'auto-actualisation des processus internes de cette association. Je m'intéresse en particulier à toutes les recherches centrées sur le rapport thérapeutique et l'excellence clinique.

### In english

Dear Misses Akrimi

Following my previous discussions with Mr Jean-Marc Randin, I would like to apply and try to become a member of the committee responsible for the european association. I have been a member of the swiss association for many years (I got the title of ACP psychotherapist on the 19th of june 2003) and became a member of the european association about a year and a half ago ( 4th december 2017).

I am a swiss citizen since the end of the 90s et lebanese by origin. I speak fluently french, arabic and english.

I studied at the University of Geneva in the early 80s and have a Master degree in psychology.

Until now, I have mostly been a practitioner : First as a psychoeducational psychologist directing during 17 years teams of educators responsible for sheltered workshops dealing with mentally handicapped adults. I then became a psychotherapist, having ended my training as a client centered therapist. I have also been a course lecturer at the University of Fribourg for nearly 15 years at the Institute of Pédagogie Curative. During the last 15 years, I have been working as a psychotherapist, partly in my own private practice in Fribourg or as psychotherapist working with a psychiatrist in the Vaud Canton. I work essentially as a psychotherapist working in a rogerian and humanistic approach but also as a neo-ericksonian hypnotherapist. For me, there is no contradiction between those 2 approaches mainly due to the fact that the hypnosis which I use is essentially humanistic in its approach.

I am 61 years old and approaching my retirement, a retirement which I expect will be full of challenges and interests. This is the main reason why I have decided to apply as a member of the committee of your european association of the person centered approach.

What is most interesting for me is giving back in my own way to this movement what it has already given me in terms of my practice and my theoretical and personal thinking and contributing as far as I can to the development and the expansion of this association and its ideas, having now enough time for this at my disposal.

I am interested in participating and creating the conditions of new synergies in this association by participating to the bursting of the existing ideas and energies and those to come and to the development of different practices and researches in a self actualizing spirit of the internal processes of this association. I am particularly interested in all the researches concerning the therapeutic rapport and clinical excellence.

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Dear colleagues,

we all know that the situation of PCE Europe was critical in the last General Assembly in Vienna – having had not enough candidates for a new board it could have been the end of the association. When I heard about the idea of setting up a task force with the aim of bridging to the next GA, analyzing the status quo and preparing practical issues, I decided to take part in this process.

And now we are doing this job and we are working in a great international group since September 2018. The longer I am part of this task force the clearer it seems to me that an organisation like PCE Europe is crucial means for networking, connecting and fostering person-centred ideas throughout Europe. Every national organisation plays its own part but being in contact to others, combining the energies on a European level, giving a forum for dialogue through a European umbrella-organisation helps strengthening the position of the person-centred and experiential approaches in Europe. Especially nowadays I think we need it. And as a chapter of WAPCEPC the worldwide liaison to persons with similar ideas of a humanistic conception of man is guaranteed. For me that is not only a professional advantage but a political statement. I want that PCE Europe survives.

Having got insight into the issues of PCE Europe during our work in the task force over the last months I don't want to give up the ongoing process of creating new synergies and decided to stand for election as a board member.

About myself:

I am a person-centred psychotherapist and supervisor in private practice and have a background in working for many years in geriatric and palliative care units, using Pre-Therapy and nonverbal methods, also with clients in persistent vegetative state.

I am a sound therapist and trainer at the Austrian Institute for Sound-Massage-Therapy.

Since 2013 I am chair of the board of APG•IPS, Vienna (Institute for Person-Centred Studies).

I was one of the three organisers of PCE 2018 in Vienna and member of the Organising Committee.

Since 2012 I am a member of WAPCEPC and PCE Europe, participating in as many international events as possible (World conferences in Rome, Antwerp, Buenos Aires, New York, Vienna and European Symposiums in Prague and Lausanne).

Kind regards,

Leonore Langner

## **PCE Europe Board candidature - Allan Turner (GB)**

My original career was in Insurance - My attention turned to Counselling/Psychotherapy in my early 30's. For 15 years I believe that I was the only person in Britain to be a Chartered Insurer and Accredited Psychotherapist. I finally quit Insurance in the mid-'90s. It had given me an eye for detail and the confidence to work with a wide range of people.

I am an honorary member of two Counselling Person-centred associations, PCT Scotland (where I was founder a member) and BAPCA (for services to the association over many years). I have served as a member of the BAPCA's Co-ordinating Group, and it's Chair.

Following the formation of WAPCEPC, I was asked to Chair the Independent Election committee, which I did for over a decade. This job helped me learn to express English clearly for non-native speakers.

I greatly value groups and organisations co-operating, and so the PCE Europe has seemed a natural place for me to be and I have certainly enjoyed working with my new found colleagues. I am a passionate European.