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December 9, 2011

Dear IFPE Member:

Our 22nd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in Lago Mar last month has drawn many wonderful comments. They remind us again of why it matters for IFPE to continue creating ALIVE and safe spaces where everyone can learn and grow.

"... diversity, originality, openness, creativity, individuality, egalitarianism..."

"...very impressed with the quality of conference, its mission, and the good work it does."

"Warm, inclusive; interested in the cultural, social, intellectual, spiritual..."

But these are admittedly difficult times, and no less so for IFPE, which, as an unaffiliated, solely-interest-based organization, is acutely vulnerable to economic vicissitudes. IFPE exists only for us, for our pleasure, for the value and importance of our being together, and for no other reason, not for credentialing, not for professional advancement, but for sharing our ideas and our experiences in a psychoanalytic context.

Let's face it: IFPE can continue to exist only if we want it to. IFPE is a member-supported, non-profit organization. Conference fees cover conference expenses, but planning, administration, and programs such as our online journal *Other/Wise* rely entirely on membership dues and volunteer efforts. Like Tinker Bell in Peter Pan, IFPE can maintain full vitality only by an audience's burst of applause – or of sufficient financial support!

We appeal to you to renew your membership in IFPE today for 2012 and, if possible, as **Contributing or Sustaining Members** who are recognized for their dedication to safeguarding IFPE's financial resources for another successful year. Any amount above the \$100 basic membership fee is a tax-deductible gift. If an upgraded membership is not possible at this time, please consider an additional donation appropriate to your circumstances. You may renew by using the attached form or via our secure online payment system available at www.ifpe.org after December 15th --- but sending us a check saves us 2½%! All donations are acknowledged annually in the conference program.

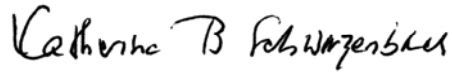
IFPE thanks you again for your ongoing support, as we eagerly anticipate our forthcoming 23rd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference “Sustainable Psychoanalysis: Embracing Our Future, Preserving Our Past”, November 2 to 4, 2012, in Portland, Oregon.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



Douglas F. Maxwell
President, 2008-2011



Katherine Schwarzenbach
Chair, Membership Committee



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