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INTERNATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PRESENTS 2015 HAROLD S. BERNARD GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING AWARD TO HAIM WEINBERG, PH.D., CGP, FAGPA

NEW YORK, Feb. 23, 2015 – The International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists will be presenting the 2015 Harold S. Bernard Group Psychotherapy Training Award to Haim Weinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA. The presentation will take place during the AGPA Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco at Embarcadero Center.

This award was established in 2001 and is given annually to an individual or organization whose work in group training and/or education contributes to excellence in the practice of group psychotherapy. It was renamed through a legacy gift provided to the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health by Dr. Bernard's estate for the purpose of endowing the award. Throughout his lifetime, training in group psychotherapy was near and dear to Dr. Bernard's heart. His legacy bequest and this award insure that individuals and programs meeting a high standard of training quality be identified and honored for their contributions to the field in developing the next generation of clinicians who use group psychotherapy to help people.

Dr. Weinberg is being recognized with this award due to his innovative presence and training outreach internationally through his Group Psychotherapy Resource Guide website, Group Psychotherapy Listserv, and leadership of the Group Psychology Doctoral Program of the Professional School of Psychology at Sacramento, an international program which also runs in Israel, Singapore and Indonesia. Dr. Weinberg's website is a model for the provision of professional training and educational opportunities as well as information for the public and the group psychotherapy listserv is essentially a worldwide learning community that was begun in the early days of the internet and has sustained its relevance for the last eighteen years. Through the international school program, Dr. Weinberg has created a unique and pioneering distance-learning doctorate; a cutting edge training program with large-scale appeal to aspiring group psychotherapists who are taught by an international-based faculty. In addition to these specific activities, Dr. Weinberg has long been an outstanding leader, educator and trainer within the AGPA community and his local society, the Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society.

"Dr. Weinberg is a voice for the group psychotherapy field that reaches deeply into the international professional community as well as the larger community of potential group participants, and his vision and innovation is a model on how to expand outreach for training, education and services," said Tony L.

Sheppard, Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA, Certification Board Chairman. "This combination captures the essence of the Harold S. Bernard Group Psychotherapy Training Award."

Past recipients of the award are as follows:

2014 Donna J. Markham, OP, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP

2013 Dr. David Panzer and the Group Psychotherapy Services of Rutgers University

2012 Menninger Department Of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Group Therapy Program at the Baylor College Of Medicine

2010 The Systems-Centered Training and Research Institute (SCTRI)

2009 Robert Klein, Ph.D., ABPP, CGP, DLFAGPA

2008 Center for Group Studies in New York City

2007 Walter Stone, M.D., CGP, DFAGPA and One-Year Training Program in Group Psychotherapy of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society

2006 Marvin Aronson, PhD, CGP FAGPA

2005 Wendi Cross, Ph.D., CGP and Saul Scheidlinger, Ph.D., CGP, DLFAGPA

2004 K. Roy MacKenzie, M.D., FRCP, CGP, DFAGPA

2003 Gary Burlingame, Ph.D., CGP

2002 Henry Spitz, M.D., CGP, FAGPA

This award presentation is a highlight of the AGPA's 2015 Annual Training in San Francisco. Entitled "Promoting Secure Attachments Through Group Therapy," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. The theme reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to connect individuals, families and communities in meaningful ways. For more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

About the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists

The International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists is a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary credentialing body has over 1,500 certified clinicians, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists who are recognized as group specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential.

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health, its philanthropic arm; and the International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 2,500 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 26 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

