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AGPA INCOMING PRESIDENT JEFFREY KLEINBERG TO DELIVER HIS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

“REACHING OUT, BY REACHING IN” FEBRUARY 26, 2010

NEW YORK, Jan. 26, 2010— The American Group Psychotherapy Association’s (AGPA) incoming President Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, will deliver his Presidential Address at the AGPA’s 67th Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, February 22-27, 2010. The address, taking place on Friday, February 26, is entitled “Reaching Out, By Reaching In.” It will focus on the ability of the organization and its members to use their knowledge and group experience to support communities nationally and internationally in times of uncertainty. Media are invited to attend this session.

Kleinberg, a psychologist in private practice and a Training Analyst and Senior Supervisor at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City, believes the collective experience and knowledge of AGPA and its members can serve the greater good. “AGPA as an organization has been transformed through the outreach, training and consultation work it has done since the events of September 11, 2001” said Kleinberg. “As an organization, we can work together to apply our experience to the ongoing needs of communities nationally and internationally.”

Dr. Kleinberg’s Presidential Address is a highlight of the AGPA’s 2010 Annual Training in San Diego, CA, February 22-27 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Entitled “A New Decade: Sustaining Our World Through Groups,” 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, particularly in today’s economic climate. The theme reflects the meeting’s emphasis on the effects of well-functioning groups on our global society. For more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2010 Annual Meeting. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 212.477.2677.

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 Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has over 2,000 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 31 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.

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