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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**YALOM'S "THE SCHOPENHAUER CURE" TO BE THE FOCUS OF A  
SPECIAL INSTITUTE AT THE AGPA ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 26, 2006**— During the American Group Psychotherapy Association's (AGPA) 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25, **Irvin Yalom, M.D., DFAGPA and Molyn Leszcz, M.D., FRCPC, CGP, co-authors of *The Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy (Fifth Edition)***, will deliver a Special Institute Presentation on Feb. 20, entitled "The Schopenhauer Cure: Group Therapy Demonstration and Discussion." This presentation provides an opportunity to create, demonstrate and analyze a group as it brings to life the characters in Dr. Yalom's latest book, *The Schopenhauer Cure* (HarperCollins). Actors will assume the roles of the group therapy members portrayed in the novel, Dr. Leszcz will portray the group therapist and Dr. Yalom will comment and discuss the process of the group therapy. Media are invited to attend this one-of-a-kind training event.

"Bringing the characters of a popular fiction book to life while demonstrating successful group therapy techniques provides an exciting and unique learning opportunity," said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "It exemplifies AGPA's mission to provide quality training to group therapists in a creative, rejuvenating environment."

This session is the kick-off event at the AGPA's 2006 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25 at the Westin St. Francis. Entitled "Bridging Differences: Healing a House Divided," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the United States. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations and to further their professional development with this powerful and effective treatment modality. The theme, Bridging Differences, reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to bring people together to heal and create resiliency. For more information, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2006 Annual Meeting. To register, please send e-mail request to [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org) or call 404.898.0423.

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**About AGPA**

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest 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 approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, 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.