



A STATEMENT by the PRESIDENT of the ECPP
CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL of "ECPP-Russia (IPO)"

from the EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION OF PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOTHERAPIES

Many of you will already be aware that, on Friday 28th June 2019, a General Assembly of the IPO ECPP terminated its relationship with the ECPP.

My first thought is for those loyal ECPP members who are to lose their international status and become isolated from the wider psychoanalytic community, by this appalling decision. I want to assure you that **ECPP will not abandon you; on the contrary, we have arrangements to allow you to continue in Membership of ECPP.**

The IPO ECPP's bizarre decision is based largely on the absurd statement that ECPP doesn't exist – a claim which few, even in the IPO, believe. This foolishness undermines even further the credibility of the IPO ECPP, which now represents only half the ECPP community in Russia.

There are so many lies, misinterpretations and errors in his history of the ECPP that they are not worth countering. Personal attacks on the integrity of members of the ECPP Board are particularly outrageous, cowardly and unworthy of Prof. Reshetnikov. At a time when psychotherapy is becoming ever more international, Prof. Reshetnikov has isolated his colleagues in an attempt to become an unchallengeable authority figure. His attempts to manufacture a splitting between east and west – and his personal glorification – must make psychotherapists wonder. In accordance with the ECPP's "Code of Internal Policies (8.3)" Prof. Dr. Mikhail Reshetnikov is no longer entitled to the status of "Honorary ECPP Past-President".

Already we have emails asking how people can remain members of ECPP. One option is to join ECPP-Russia (IPO DDP) – details of which can be found here: <https://ecpp-rf.ru/>. *However, we recognise that some members of IPO ECPP would prefer to be 'unaligned' at this point.* This is understandable in the toxic situation which Prof. Reshetnikov has created in the ECPP community in Russia

Therefore **I announce that we are offering central Registration with ECPP** for members of IPO ECPP. This will ensure continued membership of ECPP and for the remainder of 2019 this will be without charge. **Please contact our Registrar at: registrar@ecpp.ngo for further information.**

The ECPP will continue to represent psychoanalytic psychotherapies across Europe – east and west – celebrating its rich diversity and standing for the highest standards of professional training and psychotherapy practice.

This is a sad time for psychoanalysis. And totally unnecessary.

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