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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Officers of ISH have recently been forced, by the threat of world events, to make an extremely sad decision concerning the 12th International Congress of Hypnosis. Because of concerns about the impact of the Middle East Crisis, we have found it necessary to change the location and the date of the Congress from Jerusalem, Israel. The Congress will be held: August 25-30, 1991, Rome, Italy (Cavalieri Hilton Hotel).

I know you join with me and the Officers in expressing our sincere regrets to our hard working Israeli colleagues who must, of course, be bitterly disappointed. They appear to understand, and of course, the *Israel Society of Clinical Hypnosis* will still be organizing the Congress in all details. *It is still the Israeli Congress*, and I hope you will rally around these loyal and hard working colleagues in the new location. More details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Many ISH members were not able to attend the highly successful European Congress of Hypnosis in Konstanz, Germany this past August. What a wonderful job done by Dr Bongartz and the European Society. It was specially pleasing to meet so many colleagues from so many European countries for the first time. Congratulations from all of us who attended.

You might want to be giving some thought to the election of Officers to ISH. You will receive ballots in the mail in the New Year. Meanwhile, we need more members so please help encourage your colleagues to join ISH.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Frederick J. Evans, PhD
President, ISH

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

LOCATION OF THE 12TH ISH CONGRESS MOVED TO ROME.

You will learn from this newsletter that the ISH has decided to move the location of the 12th International Congress of Hypnosis from Jerusalem to Rome because of the Gulf crisis. The Hilton Cavalieri, Rome, will be the Congress venue. The deadline for submitting abstracts to the Scientific Committee has been extended to March 1, 1991. Support our Israelian colleagues by registering now.

As we all know, hypnotherapists are creative and also experienced in facing annoying situations with calmness and relaxation. Once again, this was proven at the "Lake Constance Cruise and Boat Party" during the 5th European Congress of Hypnosis in Konstanz on board

of the "Count Zeppelin", a modern and luxurious ship with a seating capacity for over 400 passengers. Because of a slow burning carpet in a store room producing a lot of smoke the passengers had to leave the ship and to wait until the smoke had vanished. Although the participants had not booked an "Adventure Cruise" they faced the unexpected situation with calmness and creatively filled the waiting time with self-organized activities: Over 100 musical colleagues enjoyed in singing internationally known songs accompanied by a guitarist, others listened to a Swedish lady playing an accordion, others were entertained by a magician or a storyteller or used the situation to make new acquaintances. A local journalist was so impressed by the surprisingly relaxed and creative behaviour of the Congress participants that, in his article, he attributed it to the passengers hypnotic abilities. He surely was right.

Sincerely,
Walter Bongartz
Newsletter Editor

CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS

The Central Office of ISH this year has experienced a number of temporary staff changes. Firstly, our Senior Administrative Secretary, Mrs Dianne Glass went off work to have a baby in May and subsequently the work has been taken over by secretarial staff of the Australian Society of Hypnosis. Currently Mrs June Simmons and Helen Graham are assisting in the running of the Society's administrative activities.

Dianne and her baby, Ruth are both well and we are expecting that Dianne will return to part-time work with the Society in early 1991. One of the first tasks we will be attempting early next year is the completion of the 1991 International Directory of Hypnosis. If you have not yet paid your 1991 subscription please endeavour to do so immediately or your entry may be left out off the Directory. We will be sending to all financial members of the Society the details we have in our data base concerning their address, qualifications etc. If these are in error please correct them and return them to the Central Office promptly or the incorrect entry may be included. A closing date for receiving information updates will be indicated when your record is sent to you early in 1991. Best wishes for the forthcoming festive season. We look forward to your ongoing involvement with ISH and hope to see as many of you as possible in the beautiful city of Rome.

Robb Stanley
Administrative Officer

