

Hijman Degen Foundation.

Annual Report 2007.

Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors consisted at the beginning of the year of the following persons, the first three of them forming the Executive Council:

Mr.J. Lansen, chairman.

Mr. T. van Popta, secretary.

Mr.. W. Grijpma, treasurer.

Mrs. O. Sollewijn Gelpke- Meijer.

Mrs. M. Rutten – Saris.

Mr. C. de Bode.

Mr. W.van den Broek, retired management consultant, joined the board in the course of the year 2007. His special portfolio will be public relations. He also joined the Executive Committee.

Advisor to the Foundation: mrs. S.E. Meijer-Degen.

During trauma year 2007 the Executive Board met for 6 sessions, while the Board of Directors met for 2 sessions.

One of the first activities has been to give more publicity to the Foundation. An important means to this purpose has been the launching of this website in Dutch, with a translation into English by mrs. Enid Kemp, who did this work free of charge. This website could be built while saving in expenses by mr. W. Grijpma and his son Menno Grijpma, who also did this work free of charge.

During the second part of the year the website has reaped a considerable number of reactions from interested people from all over the world. This has led in several cases to contacts about training possibilities.

A great number of centers and people were interested in the training manual, written by mrs. Fiety Meijer. She was also invited to do a training in Cambodia for therapists working in treatment centers in South East Asia connected with the network of IRCT (Copenhagen).

Members of the board have been busy with training matters, with orientation into the scientific foundation of non-verbal therapies and with orientation about training for future trainers (ToT). Contact has been made with an initiative in Holland about a general ToT for counselors who will be trainers in (second-and third world) countries hit by violence.

Regarding responsibility and financial matters, the Board of the Foundation has decided that its function will be to facilitate training matters of interested people or centers by means of free advise, consultation and

communication. And also by spreading of knowledge in the form of a manual. There will be no responsibility for training initiatives and financial support. However, members of the Board and advisors of the Foundation are free to be available for outside parties in a private capacity.

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