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XXV Nordic Psychoanalytic Congress Stockholm August 4-7, 2016

Dear Colleagues.

We hereby cordially invite you to XXV Nordic Congress at Clarion Hotel Sign in Stockholm. The theme of the congress is **”Fundamentals and Fundamentalism”**.

The concept *fundament* is, according to Oxford Thesaurus, synonymous to *basic*: ”in many contexts and are both used to describe principles, understanding, research and rights. Something described as basic is seen as a necessary minimum, to which further elaboration may or may not be added. Something that is fundamental to something else is essential to it”.

Our metapsychology, founded by Freud, is one of our fundamentals in its comprehensive designation of dynamical, topical and economical mental processes and developed considerably by analysts since then.

What other fundamentals do we have about the human psyche?

At least a couple could be added: human beings are permeable, i.e. we get into contact with what is outside our soul, including our body, with our senses, and we are born with certain limited but distinct and prominent prerequisites. ”Man is the measure of all things” (Protagoras).

What about fundamentalism?

Can´t we all get trapped in fundamentalist ideas and beliefs about ourselves and our relation to the external world?

How can we explore these beliefs and open up for a greater diversity – in our theoretical and clinical work and in our psychoanalytical communities?

And what about fundamentalism in the history of mankind and the modern world, where anything can be carried out in the name of anything, used and abused, including religion and democracy? What are our obligations to the culture we live in and how can we address it further?

We do hope the theme of the congress can inspire to many different clinical and theoretical papers.

As before we will have four plenary sessions connected to the theme representing our Nordic countries followed by comments and discussion. These plenary sessions are chosen by each Nordic society and translated into English, arranged by the respective society.

The language of the congress will mainly be Scandinavian, but we encourage individual papers to be in English, if possible. Title and abstract are to be sent before October 15, 2015 to the scientific committee of the Swedish psychoanalytical association.

Any question or request regarding the scientific program are welcome to urban.vestin@brevet.nu

There will also be a pregress on child and adolescent psychoanalysis and a meeting for candidates on Thursday August 4.

Warmly.
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