

Centre for Trauma, Asylum and Refugees

Activities January - December 2011

On **12 and 16 December**, Renos Papadopoulos was in Cyprus, invited by UNHCR to offer specialist training to professionals working with asylum seekers - survivors of torture.

Between 17 and 20 November, Renos Papadopoulos was the guest of the two Italian Jungian analytical associations (CIPA and AIPA) who commemorated the 50 years of Jung's death by organising jointly a remarkable special Conference in Rome. The conference, attended by nearly 500 participants, covered a wide range of areas examining Jung's impact on specific themes such as "limits of knowledge", "psychopathology and the clinic", "language and dream", "new pathologies", "method and technique", "fertile contaminations" etc. Renos' contribution (only two specialists were invited from abroad) was on the panel "Living in our times: Analytical psychology and the challenges from ethical, ecological and transcultural realities".

Between 4 and 7 November, Renos Papadopoulos was in Yerevan. He was invited to give a keynote presentation on 'Psychosocial perspectives to Human Rights: conceptual and applied dimensions' at the international conference 'Crossroads of Psychology and Law' that was held at the American University of Armenia, in Yerevan. The conference was 'inspired' specifically by the PA932 ('Psychosocial perspectives to Human Rights' that Renos founded a couple of years ago); an Armenian student took the module at our University, was impressed and wanted to take the field to her country. The conference was a great success, bringing many international and local experts who work in various fields that connect psychology and law.

The Second Annual joint refugee event organised by CTAR, UHNCR and the Tavistock Clinic was held at the Tavistock Clinic on **2 November 2011** (between 18:00 and 20:00 with refreshments after): "Vulnerability or Resilience? Dilemmas in the asylum and therapeutic processes.

On **Saturday 29 October**, Renos Papadopoulos offered a day-training on 'Conflict Resolution - a psychosocial perspective' to the 'The Forgiveness Project' in London. The training was part of the 'One - Year Diploma in Group Facilitation, Conflict Resolution and Counselling Skills' that has 50 participants from all walks of life: victims and perpetrators of violence, lawyers and journalists, educators and counsellors, artists and community workers, organisational consultants and HR managers, etc.

11 March Renos was invited by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in London to present the findings of the EVASP project that he completed. Following the presentation, he had most useful discussions with UNCHR staff about further collaboration making use of the EVASP insights and more specifically the ASPIS instrument that he developed.

15 - 20 February Renos was in Pisa (Italy) offering training at the Winter School on 'Psychosocial Interventions in Emergency Displacement' that was co-organised by the University of Santa Anna and the International Organisation for Migration. Renos was one of the three co-directors of this unique two-week residential course that was attended by thirty

senior staff of international organisations that are directly responsible for responding to emergency displacement. Participants came from all over the world, including Belgium, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Equator, Finland, Haiti, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, The Netherlands, Philippines, Serbia and Spain.

10 February Renos gave a half a day training to 'The Place To Be', in London, on 'Working with Involuntarily Dislocated Persons; issues of diversity and cultural competence'.
