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On the 133rd anniversary of the birth of Sabina Spielrein, The International Association for Spielrein Studies proudly announces that the 1st International Conference on Sabina Spielrein is scheduled on the 2-4 April 2020 in Warsaw, Poland under the title

Sabina Spielrein and the early female pioneers of psychoanalysis

Conference location: Warsaw, Poland
Conference dates: 2-4 April 2020
Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 April 2019

You are welcome to submit your email to receive regular updates regarding the conference development to spielrein@spielreinassociation.org

Updates will also be posted to our website www.spielreinassociation.org

Who was Sabina Spielrein?

A disturbed patient of Jung,
a daughter of Nikolai and Eva,
a wild Russian girl from Jung/Freud correspondence,
a lover,
a Jew,
a case study,
a close colleague of Freud,
a therapist of Jean Piaget,
an inspiration for Lew Vygotsky and Alexander Luria,
a forerunner for Anna Freud and Melanie Klein.

The objective of the 1st International Conference on Sabina Spielrein is to transcend these descriptions of Spielrein referring to other people - their expectations, their dependency on Spielrein, her contribution to their lives and their accomplishments. Our intention is to focus on Spielrein's astonishing professional achievements and to promote them. We would also like

to focus on the less famous early female pioneers of psychoanalysis who have not received appropriate recognition to date. (Please note that we don't regard well-known individuals such as Anna Freud and Melanie Klein as fitting this description.)

We would like to use this opportunity to bring together scholars and clinical researchers who have significantly contributed to Spielrein studies, as well as artists and others interested in Spielrein from all over the world.

The location of the conference in Warsaw is not incidental. Warsaw is the city of birth of Spielrein's paternal family, and a city important for Spielrein's own adolescent years. Additionally, we would like Warsaw to serve as a bridge between the east and the west, between Russia where Spielrein was born, where she produced fruitful work as a mature analyst and scholar, and where she suffered a tragic death - and the west where she received treatment, where she studied and worked, where she lived with her older daughter. In the west Spielrein has recently been receiving recognition she deserves. In the east, she still remains in the shadows of oblivion. A conference based in Warsaw - a city with its own Jewish history - will allow us to combine the western perspective of most Spielrein scholars with a central-eastern climate.

Call for papers:

You are invited to send your research abstract to spielrein@spielreinassociation.org by 30 April 2019.

We are accepting proposals for the following types of presentations:

- conference-style paper session (20-minute talk);
- creative presentation (20-minute talk using photography, film, and other media);

- workshop/roundtable proposals.
- For conference-style papers we encourage you to send a complete abstract of 400-600 words, which is a summary of the paper.
- For creative presentations and workshop/roundtable proposals, you may send a shorter proposal, for up to 250 words.
- For all types of presentations, please indicate which type of proposal you would like to be considered for. Include a descriptive title. Please send your biography together with the abstract.

The primary language of the conference is English, and your submission should be in English. There will be a translator present during the entire conference.

We hope to see proposals that come from a broad range of perspectives and approaches.

Submit early in order to be eligible for Early Bird rates to reserve your seat for the conference.

After submission you will be acknowledged of the receipt of the abstract via an email within 7 working days. Your abstract will then undergo a peer review by an international scientific committee. Acceptance or rejections of the paper will be sent to you with reviewer's comments. The paper might be required to be revised and sent back with a set time. If your abstract is accepted, you will be invited to register for the 1st International Conference on Sabina Spielrein 2020. You would then have to pay the resignation fee for the conference by a set date to be included in the final program. Upon payment of the registration fee, you will be sent a confirmation email receipt.

Confirmed speakers (to date):
Dr. Sabine Richebaecher, Switzerland

Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, US
Dr. Felicity Kelcourse, US
Dr. Adrienne Harris, US
Dr. Klara Naszkowska, Poland
Dr. Henry Lothane, US
Dr. John Launer, UK

Please don't hesitate to contact us at spielrein@spielreinassociation.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Steering Group,
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