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Book Your Hotel Rooms Now for Chicago 2000!

Bill Gilmer, M.D.

The Annual Meeting in Chicago will be here in no time - so now is definitely the time to reserve your room at our AGLP convention hotel, the Allerton Crowne Plaza. This historic hotel, conveniently situated on North Michigan Avenue has been completely renovated from top to bottom. And its location on the Magnificent Mile can't be beat.

We were very fortunate to lock in a special discounted rate for AGLP prior to the hotel's grand reopening this past spring. In fact, our rate is significantly lower than the APA rate for the same hotel. The discounted AGLP block of rooms will be available from Friday, May 12 through Thursday, May 18, 2000. Rates are \$185 for 1 or 2 people, \$205 for 3 people, and \$225 for 4 people in a room. Reserve your room today by calling the Allerton Crown Plaza reservations department at (312)440-1500, and ask for the AGLP or Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists' rate. Please do not call the national '800' number as our group will not be credited for the reservation.

Many arrangements are already underway for our AGLP annual meeting activities. These include the AGLP Awards Banquet and Closing Party, to be held on Wednesday evening, May 17. The banquet and party will be held at the Metropolitan Club, a private club located in the Sears Tower - the tallest building in the United States, and until recently, in the world. We are planning a very special evening, so do plan to stay for the closing party.

Don't delay in reserving your room, as rooms are limited. That number again is (312)440-1500. More details about the many events planned will appear in the next *Newsletter*. See you in Chicago!

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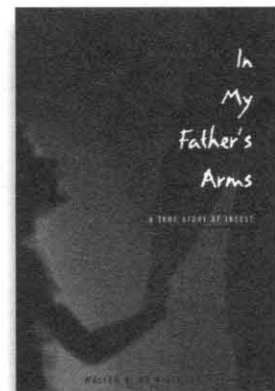
Editor's Column: Book Review

IN MY FATHER'S ARMS
Walter de Milly III

The University of Wisconsin Press, 1999

Review by Guy Glass, M.D.

Brief autobiographical works appear to be the order of the day as more and more of the lay public "come out of the closet" with their tales of recovery from mental illness. In the past year alone there have been Lauren Slater's poetic *Prozac Diary* and Emily Colas's Woody Allen-like *Just Checking*. Walter de Milly's *In My Father's Arms* bears the unfortunate subtitle "A True Story of Incest," but this is practically the only remotely sensational thing about this moving and very courageous memoir, that has the simplicity and inevitability of ancient Greek drama. Here, there are no villains, not even the author's father, unrelenting pedophile and source of de Milly's many psychological complexes. True, there is a "Boys from Brazil" quality to him, with his "handsome Anglo-Saxon face" (p. 19) and "blue eyes like crystals of ice" (p. 32). Yet the book escapes being just a vehicle for posthumous revenge because the father, a "confirmed bachelor" (read homosexual), who was compelled by his status as a Southern gentleman to take a wife and bear children, is ultimately more pathetic than evil.



Aside from its literary merit, which is considerable, *In My Father's Arms* is being reviewed here because it was written by a gay man, because it is a book about a man with a dissociative disorder, and because organized psychiatry plays a role in the unfolding tragedy. Unlike *Sybil* with its "Exorcist"-like displays that are meant to shock and disgust, de Milly, in his episodes of dissociation, merely withdraws, is "not there" during sex, chronically underachieves, and drifts from one failed project and love affair to the next. In many passages the reader is memorably drawn into the child's horrific experience of incest and of dissociation (p. 32):

Walter rubs the boy. He rubs hard, unforgivingly. He pulls the boy's pants down to his knees... "No," Walt says, whining... "Hold still," the agitated father says... For the father there is no son, no unconditional love, only unblemished skin, soft, delicious, like syrup on a biscuit. The father swells with euphoria, standing in the moldering leaves with his son cradled in his arms. The father hasn't the faintest idea that he's holding a son who isn't there... Walt is far away, in the company of serpents, long shards of glass, planets, messengers dressed in suits, and paintings that could come alive... Only his skin experiences the pulling and stretching, the devastating, ravaging adoration of his father's hands... The father is in his own trance, his eyes riveted on his son's body. His fantasies are coming true...

The mental health experts that one encounters in this book, an assortment of therapists, psychologists and psychiatrists, all fail the author in one way or another. The first one de Milly is sent to by his parents after his father declares that (p. 60): "I'd rather blow my brains out than have a son who's a homosexual." In this therapy, the patient is warned that homosexuals in their Bible Belt community will be pariahs who are doomed to unhappiness. After he drops out of college, he is urged to take a construction job in an effort to reinforce his masculinity. Later, a psychiatrist offers the following cheerful advice (p. 74): "Son, if my secretary weren't also my wife I'd let you and her in the next room and let the two of you go at it. That's all you need to do. Screw a woman and you'll never go back to men. Women are great!"

Yet another therapist, who initially appears compassionate and accepting, places de Milly into a bizarre sort of social group comprised of his patients, and interprets the author's healthy

President's Column

Philip Bialer, M.D.

The summer is over, barely a memory by the time this newsletter comes out, and by now everyone should be back into heavy schedules and activities. For AGLP this means the Fall Business Meeting and moving ahead with our plans for the coming year. Much of our business centers around the annual meeting of the APA in May, which will be in Chicago this year. Bill Gilmer and his crew have been busy for many months now making arrangements for our usual round of social gatherings plus a few events that will be unique to Chicago. Look for his report elsewhere in the *Newsletter*. Our educational program is also coming together under Mary Barber's able leadership. But there is more to do and this is where the membership (and that means you) comes in.

We learned from Cheryl Chessick and the Membership Committee that many new members want to know how to get more involved in the organization. This is great to hear and now it is up to me and the rest of the officers to keep everyone informed of areas where we can use your help. Following is a beginning list of tasks and ideas that offer opportunities for anyone who really wants to help our organization grow:

Board vacancies: We currently need people to chair the Medical Student Committee and the HIV-affected Committee. A female Early Career rep to co-lead this Committee along with Rick Imirowicz would also be great. Contact me directly if you are interested or have leads on people who may be.

Membership Committee: There are already several members working along with Cheryl Chessick and John Gosling, but I feel this is one of our most important committees. The more people involved with expanding our membership the better. Contact John or Cheryl directly.

Ad-hoc committees: I would like to see AGLP come out with some of our own position statements that could compliment or enhance the work of APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues and others. A statement on Child Custody and Adoption Issues for Gay and Lesbian Families would be very timely. See Lowell Tong's article about the proposed bylaws changes for an example of the important work ad-hoc committees can do. Contact me directly for your input.

Hospitality suite educational program: There is still plenty of room for workshops, discussion groups, and other activities in the hospitality suite at the annual meeting. Contact Mary Barber.

Newsletter: Guy Glass is always looking for people to write articles and book reviews. Reports from members about local activities like Alice Kitchen's excellent article in the last *Newsletter* would be welcome. Contact Guy directly.

Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy: The next issue is coming out soon. Jack Drescher is soliciting submissions for future issues.

Fundraising: This is a major need for our organization. We are exploring the idea of hiring a development director but in the meantime any lead or connections to organizations that can donate funds to AGLP would be very helpful. Contact our Treasurer, Howard Rubin.

Local arrangements committees: Mark Townsend is heading up local arrangements for New Orleans in 2001, and David Scasta is taking care of plans for Philadelphia in 2002. If you live in these areas and want to help out, give them a call. Also, it's not too early to start planning for San Francisco in 2003 so I will be looking for someone to head this committee.

In addition, each of our standing committees can benefit from input. What do the women in AGLP want from their Committee? Do the international members have ideas for more activities? And so on. We will try to make this list of tasks a regular feature of the *Newsletter* and the *AGLP Webpage*. Get involved. The rewards and benefits for you and the organization can be boundless.

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Phil Bialer, M.D.,
began his term
as President of
AGLP in May

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Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychiatrists Column

Margie Sved, M.D.
 CLGBP Representative

I need to make my column short this time since I need to jump on a plane in just a little while, and I'm already past Guy's second deadline!!

There are several issues from APA that I've been asked to spread to my constituency. The most significant ones are related to voting on the ballot you will receive in January 2000. First, in the past several APA elections, less than half of the membership has voted, so those who are elected may be representing a minority of the membership. Constitutional amendments have also been difficult because of the need for a certain number of votes to make changes. As you will see when the information is circulated, all of the candidates running are very qualified, but there are some real differences on a

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variety of issues. Please read their statements carefully, and feel free to contact me with questions. I will be sending out my usual pros and cons by email, so if Roy does not have your email address, either get it to him or email me directly (msved@dhr.state.nc.us).

I will be trying to use the recently established Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Psychiatrists list serve from the APA office as my way to communicate with Caucus members in between meetings and newsletters. If you have not signed up for this, please do so on the APA web page (www.psych.org), or contact Janice Taylor in the APA office at 202-682-6097, jtaylor@psych.org. This list is not confidential, but it is unlikely for anyone other than Janice Taylor to have access to the list.

There will also be several constitutional amendments on the ballot. One will change the APA from a 501(c) 3 to a 501(c) 6 entity. There are two very important reasons to do this, and many of the District Branches have already converted to (or originated as) 501(c) 6 organizations. This change would make it easier for funds to flow from the national APA to District Branches or State Associations for specific issues at the state or local level. There would also be fewer restrictions on money spent for lobbying and

advocacy rather than purely education. Individuals would still be able to deduct all or most of the APA dues as a business expense. Those of you in states where a District Branch has had major expenses related to legislative battles (i.e. non-physician prescribing, parity) can well see how being able to access more money from central APA would be helpful.

The second area with constitutional amendments will be broken down into two parts. The first part will be whether future APA Presidents will continue to have a non-voting seat on the Board of Trustees (with their expenses paid) for the rest of their lives (current practice). Individuals would continue to be voting members of the Board for the first three years after their presidency. The second part will address whether this should also apply to previously elected Past Presidents. Again, feel free to contact me for further information about these two areas if needed.

One of the statistics recently shared with me was that over 80% of psychiatrists in the United States and Canada over the age of 40 are APA members, whereas less than 70% of those under 40 are. In order to be a full member of AGLP, or a member of the Caucus of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychiatrists, one must be a member of APA. So, please encourage other psychiatrists that you know to join APA/AGLP or remain members. APA is changing, and having active younger members is necessary for this to happen.

By the time you read this, I will have attended the Fall APA Assembly meeting, with Phil Bialer substituting for Jack Drescher who cannot attend. Hopefully, I will have obtained the Action Papers in enough time to circulate them on the list serve for any one who wants to tell me how to vote. There has been a lot of turnover in APA staff this year, so some timetables have been delayed. My next column will include any significant information from the Fall Assembly.

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AGLP FALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 25, 1999

JW Marriott Hotel

Washington, D.C.

AGLP Members Present: Drs. Philip Bialer, Mary Barber, Richard Hire, Howard Rubin, Guy Glass, Jack Drescher, Rick Imirowicz, Cheryl Chessick, Kenn Ashley, Paul Lynch, Leslie Goransson, Margie Sved, Bill Gilmer, Ubaldo Leli, Mark Townsend.

Staff: Roy Harker, National Office Director

AGLP President Phil Bialer opened the meeting at 9:35am and welcomed members to the business meeting. He announced that some committee chairs and other members would be "dropping in" to the business meeting as their other APA meeting commitments permitted. He also announced that the two candidates for APA President-Elect, Drs. Richard Harding and Roger Peale were expected to drop in and introduce themselves.

Phil proposed the following changes to the minutes of the last business meeting of 5/17/99: under "9. New Business," the sentence, "The Executive Committee recommends it be voted on but does not recommend a position," be changed to "The Executive Committee recommends it be voted on but does not recommend a position." Also in the minutes of 5/18/99, under "1. GLB Committee," the sentence "Margie and Leslie are working on this." should be changed to "Diana and Leslie are working on this." Also on 5/18/99, under "3. Report from the Board of Trustees:" The sentence "She reported that the statement on reparative therapy passed easily, and voted to approve the report on same sex marriage.", should be changed to "She reported that the statement on reparative therapy passed easily." These proposed changes in the minutes were seconded and passed by the meeting.

I. Report on annual meetings

A. Chicago, May 13, through May 17, 2000

Local Arrangements Committee: Bill Gilmer

1) Bill reports that the Local Arrangements Committee has been an enthusiastic group and have worked hard. The newly renovated Allerton Crown Plaza Hotel has been chosen as the AGLP hotel. The hotel has a good location on Michigan Avenue and on the bus route for the convention, and by reserving early we were able to get a lower rate (\$185 per single or double) than the APA is paying. Plans are to have the opening reception at space at the top of the hotel with view overlooking the city. By reserving 150 rooms we were able to get the room for the opening reception included as well as two suites for our use. We may try to get a larger meeting room instead of the second suite. At this point a discussion ensued about whether to have the AGLP business meeting at the Allerton or at Holden, which is more remote, where the APA will assign us a room. Bill will check out further options at the hotel to see what space might be available there for a room to accommodate our business meeting which typically has 75 attendees. Roy said we should be able to get a room large enough for the business meeting from the hotel free of charge, as we have done in the past. The time of the opening reception will be 7pm to 9pm. Bill, Mary and others said how difficult it is to get information about scheduling from the APA

office. Phil said he would let them know of the problems we have been having. There had been some discussion of having a function at the Howard Brown Clinic, a local lesbian and gay health center, whose administrator had approached us. The committee decided against it because of the remoteness of the site of the clinic. It was suggested they be approached about making a presentation as part of the hospitality suite program.

Several options are being considered for the closing party. At the top of the list is the Metropolitan Club on the 66th floor of the Sears Tower. It has beautiful views of the city, is a beautiful space with banquet facilities and a dance floor. The price is comparable to Washington, \$12400 for 200 people, and they may contract for a smaller group. It is a \$5-\$6 cab ride from the Allerton. Three other places are also under consideration. The University of Chicago business school which is close to the Allerton, but the food is more expensive. The Mid-America Club, in the Amaco Building, which has beautiful views, but we need approval because it is a private club. Also, the Signature Room at the Hancock Building, which is the most beautiful of all the locations, costs a little more, but being just four blocks from the Allerton might be a good draw for our membership. Another problem is that it is available for Tuesday but not Wednesday night. A discussion was held about possibly changing the night of the closing party, but because of conflicts in the schedule it was thought best to keep the party for Wednesday night. Bill said that the Sears Tower location was the first choice right now. A discussion was held about how to encourage members to RSVP earlier for the closing party so we don't end up with unsold tickets that we have to pay for as happened in Washington. Suggestions were made to offer a discount for early responders, try to register members at the first business meeting and the opening reception. Guy suggested putting an insert in the *Newsletter*. It was agreed we should have dancing. A discussion was held about having an open or cash bar, or an open bar for cocktails and a cash bar for dinner. The costs will be looked into as well as other considerations before making a final decision.

The early career person on the Local Arrangements Committee wondered if there was some way for AGLP to help fund a party for that group. Phil noted that we have several contingencies that could use financial help but that we don't have the funds to help them all. He encouraged committee chairs to find funding.

Mention was made of the many activities planned for the significant others group in Chicago. Many activities have been planned.

Roy reminded the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee of the need to get information to him in January for inclusion in the brochure for Chicago.

2) Educational Program and Hospitality suite program

Mary Barber reported on planning for the AGLP 2000 pre-convention symposium and on the program for the hospitality suite. She presented one proposal for the symposium: *SEXING THE BODY: Gender Politics and the Construction of Human Sexuality*, and suggested Anne Fausto-Sterling, PhD as the keynote speaker. Mary discussed Dr. Fausto-Sterling's new book, *Sexing the Body*, which will be available in January 2000, those who might be panelists, and also the cost, a \$2500. honorarium plus expenses. A discussion about ideas of how to fund the symposium took place, including trying to negotiate a lower fee. If we are not able to fund this proposal Mary is open to other topics. One theme mentioned as a symposium on "Multiple Identities," e.g., gay, woman, color, and how these are handled. Mary also wondered if we could find someone in Chicago who could qualify as keynote speaker. Mary will continue to research the symposium with input from the membership.

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Mary discussed the hospitality suite program for Chicago. Most of the workshops from last year will be repeated. John Gosling proposed two hospitality workshops showing two different videos. One, "Beauty Before Age" is about growing older in the gay culture. AGLP member Fritz Knoff has agreed to moderate the discussion. A second film, "Sexual Exiles," is about people who have immigrated because of their sexual identity and persecution. One of the individuals involved in making the film will be available to be on the panel of discussants, according to John. Another possible activity might be a support group for members who have gone through a recent breakup of a relationship. Another workshop being considered is to ask Alice Kitchen to run a workshop on how to start a gay and lesbian committee on the district branch level based on her experience in St. Louis, as described in the August 1999 AGLP *Newsletter*. Another workshop being planned is one on the history of women in AGLP. Several social and recreational activities are being considered with the local gay and lesbian community. Mary is also looking into having a speaker from the Human Rights Campaign again this year. Paul Lynch and Ubaldo Leli will run a workshop for the committee on psychoanalysis, Jack Drescher and others involved with the Journal will offer a workshop for those interested in writing and getting their ideas and work published, Bob Cabaj may offer his workshop on coming out. Lagcap will also be using the hospitality suite for their reception. Phil suggested we ask members through the *Newsletter* who would like to present in the hospitality suite to contact Mary, and Mary will be contacting people directly and asking people to present. Anyone with ideas should contact Mary as we want to have as full and diversified program as possible to appeal to a wide range of membership. Mary may also write an article for the APA Psychiatric News.

3) Awards: Nominations for the two awards, AGLP and Paulsen Awards, are the responsibility of the Past President who was not at the meeting. Phil says he has spoken to Dan and several possibilities are being considered. Several names to consider were offered by members.

B. Philadelphia Meeting, May 18 through May 23, 2002

Local Arrangements Committee : David Scasta, Roy Harker

Roy reported that 150 rooms have been booked at the Doubletree Hotel and the other rooms we'll need have also been booked. He said all the hotel rooms in the city have already been booked by the APA which is why he had to move early. He said we need to start planning now for the San Francisco Meeting in 2003, because everything gets booked so far in advance. He and David are exploring possible sites for the opening and closing parties with several interesting possibilities, as well as other activities such as an AGLP night at a Phillies baseball game.

At 12:15pm the meeting adjourned for a lunch break.

Phil Bialer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. There was more discussion about possible award nominees from the membership.

Roy mentioned the possibility of having a black tie reception in Chicago to honor AGLP sponsors and patrons. Phil voiced concern about the cost. Mark Townsend explained that GLMA did this as a cocktail reception just before the banquet. Bill Gilmer said he will check out the cost to see if we can afford to do this. Roy said to be sure to publicize the reception to try to increase the number of patrons.

C. New Orleans, May 5, through May 10, 2001

Local Arrangements Committee - Mark Townsend

Mark reported he has reserved 150 rooms at a renovated Holiday Inn, at \$149/night rate. The hotel is centrally located, next to the Hyatt, six blocks from the convention center and near the gay neighborhood. The hotel has a room suitable for the preconvention symposia. He is exploring possibilities for a place for the opening party.

Phil Bialer said he would begin arranging for a local arrangements committee for the San Francisco meeting.

II. Board and Committee Reports

A. National Office Director - Roy Harker

Roy announced he would be sending out dues notices with the November *Newsletter* to encourage earlier payment which helped with the budget this year. He has been looking into a better way to invest about \$30,000. AGLP holds as an endowment and has proposals from Merrill Lynch and Prudential Securities. Both propose a balanced investment strategy. After a discussion Jack Drescher made a motion to transfer the money and invest it as Roy recommends upon consultation with the Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed by the Executive Council. The National Office Director and Treasurer will review the investments at least once annually.

Roy reported that he is getting the AGLP Website ready for on site registration. He reports the site has had over 6800 hits this year to date, and that he gets many people looking for treatment referrals. Only 17%, or 108 members, registered for the online referral site. Roy says he receives about 20 requests per week for referrals. In order to get more members to sign up, Margie Sved suggested adding sign-on information for members on the dues notices, and also suggested including the APA GLBT list serve for referrals. Roy said he is getting requests for content to download from the Website. He asked for papers and content from members to post on the Website. Jack suggested Roy contact Haworth Press about supplying abstracts from the Journal for the site. Phil spoke about the need for us to develop a GLBT bibliography for the site. Jack suggested dividing the bibliography for different audiences. Many agreed we need to more fully exploit the use of the Website in serving our contingencies.

Phil thanked Roy for doing an excellent job in getting the Website going and his other efforts for the organization.

B. Treasurer - Howard Rubin

Howard thanked Roy for his work in helping to prepare the financial reports. Howard presented the convention expense summaries for the last four years, which have run approximately \$30000/year and included a breakdown of the expenses. He also reviewed the FY2000 budget which was approved in the May business meeting. He noted that expenses for the Journal are still not budgeted. Jack has been seeking grants and reported one commitment for \$1000 from SmithKlineBeecham. Phil said we need to do more about planning for fund raising as the budget is still tight. Howard plans to put together a letter to send to potential donors and to develop a professional fund raising packet. Roy reported receiving \$1500 from the publishers of the Journal, \$500 for expenses and \$1000 for royalties for the year. Roy said it costs \$18/year/member for the Journal. There was a lengthy discussion about fund raising, and many ideas were discussed. Roy felt it might be time to consider hiring a development person to help with fund raising. Mark said this person might also help with coordinating the planning for the annual meeting. Roy

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said we might be able to get a grant from one of the foundations to help in funding a development director for an initial period. The membership present felt that the time had come to seriously explore this. A motion was made and seconded and passed for Roy, Howard and Phil to explore writing a grant to obtain the services of a development director.



Dr. Richard Harding,
Candidate for APA
President-Elect, addressed
us at our business meeting

At this point in the meeting, Dr. Richard Harding, Candidate for President-Elect of the APA visited the meeting and spoke briefly. Dr. Roger Peale, a member of AGLP, was also invited, but was unable to attend.

Howard said the FY2001 budget will be ready for discussion at the May meeting. He will be adding a line item for the Journal. Roy reviewed the costs associated with credit card processing, about \$1500/year, and we agreed we needed to continue providing this service to members for membership development purposes.

C. Newsletter - Guy Glass

Guy reminded everyone of submission deadlines for the *Newsletter* of October 15th and December 1st. He also reminded anyone interested in submitting book reviews to do so, and requested photos of last evening's AGLP dinner gathering.

D. Journal - Jack Drescher -

Jack reported that the first issue of the Journal under his editorship should be out before the end of the year as it is now with the publisher.

E. Women's Committee - Chris Sekaer

Chris was not able to attend the meeting. Phil will follow up with her about plans for the women's committee.

F. Early Career Psychiatrists - Rick Imirowicz

Howard gave a brief report for Rick who had to attend another meeting. We need a female co-chair and Lanette Atkins was mentioned as a possibility.

G. Minority Outreach - Ken Campos

Ken was not present at the meeting. Margie mentioned that the Commission on AIDS needs a person of color member.

H. Residents - David Spiggle

We are presently looking for a female co-chair for this committee. Ann Maloney was mentioned as a possibility.

I. Medical Students - We are seeking new members for this committee. Phil will follow up with contacts with AMSA.

J. Membership - John Gosling, Cheryl Chessick

Roy reported we have 352 fully paid members, 20 medical students, and 626 total members, but 15% of members are in arrears with dues which represents over \$8000. Cheryl reported that there are seven members of the Membership Committee. The Committee is contacting new members for early follow up calls. She said that hosting the opening recep-

tion was a good way of signing up new members. Many new members have wanted to know how to get more involved in the organization. Jack suggested having a workshop in the hospitality suite for members interested in how to get more involved in the organization. One way to get more involved in becoming a committee chair or co-chair. Cheryl would like a request for e-mail addresses on the enrollment form as well as whether the member is a first time or returning member.

Jack mentioned the importance of trying to keep the leadership of the organization balanced geographically, noting that right now New York members are very active. He said it was the responsibility of the leadership to seek out younger members to get involved. Margie suggested sending out e-mails to the membership about jobs in AGLP that were open. Mary said that mentoring was important in developing new leadership. Roy suggested another kind of ad in the *Psychiatric News* that would get more attention than the current one. Phil spoke about the need to reach out to more women as potential members. There was some discussion on the need to develop more of a presence at the Psychiatric Institute Meetings which are in Philadelphia in 2000 and Orlando in 2001, perhaps having a booth and a reception.

K. International - Kenn Ashley, Gene Nakajima

Kenn reported that AGLP had an official presence at the WPA in Hamburg this summer. There were a number of presentations on GLBT issues, which were well attended and received. The proposal to eliminate homosexuality as a diagnosis at the WPA was not approved in spite of Alan Tasman's support. We decided to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Tasman for his support on this issue. Guy asked Kenn for an article for the *Newsletter* of the WPA Meeting. There is a regional planning meeting of the WPA in Paris in June 2000 and in Prague in November of 2000. If members are interested in attending these meetings they can contact Howard who has more information.

L. Psychoanalysis - Paul Lynch, Ubaldo Leli

Paul gave a history of the Committee and its activities. He said there is a full text available on the American Psychoanalytic Association's Website of the American's program on homophobia in psychoanalysis, which Paul chaired at last fall's meeting in New York. A video is also available. Paul reported that Ralph Roughton proposed an anti-discrimination clause on homosexuality at the international meeting that did not pass. European members felt there was no discrimination. The American is presently studying position papers on same-sex marriage and reparative therapy. There was further discussion of what the Committee will be working on in the future and of Dr. Leli, who recently graduated from the Columbia Institute, joining the Committee.

M. LAGCAP - Rob Pinney

Howard spoke about linking the AGLP website with that of LAGCAP and thanked AGLP for use of the hospitality suite for the LAGCAP reception in Washington. The Fall meeting for LAGCAP will be in October 1999, in Chicago.

III. Report from APA's GLB Committee - Leslie Goranssen

Leslie discussed the position statement on same sex marriage that she has been working on and that is being reviewed by the Council. She is waiting for feedback. She reported the fact sheet on homosexuality is being revised and reviewed. The issue of having a minority seat on the Board of Trustees remains unresolved. The fact sheet on homosexuality and position paper on same sex marriage will be posted on the Website when approved.

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IV. Report from Caucus of GLB Psychiatrists - Margie Sved and Jack Drescher

Jack will not be able to attend the assembly meeting in November. Phil may go in his place. Margie reports that the minority trustee issue has been very divisive among MUR members. They supported the concept of a minority trustee in May but have had only disagreements about it since. (MUR is the Committee of Minority Representatives of the Assembly.) Margie and others feel the basic problem is the structure of governance of the APA and how to open it up to a wider range of membership. Jack reported he is the Caucus' representative to the Commission on Psychotherapy and that the Commission just accepted his expanded paper on reparative therapy. He also announced that the Commission on AIDS is seeking a self-identified HIV+ person to join the Commission.

V. Nominating Committee

Phil is working on putting together this committee.

VI. Other Business

A. AGLP member John O'Donnell recently died. He had been an active and valued member of the organization and had led the Committee of those affected by HIV for many years. After some discussion, a motion was made to name the medical student travel fund "The John O'Donnell Memorial Student Travel Fund." The motion was seconded and passed.

B. AGLP Bylaws modifications for inclusion of transgendered persons

Lowell Tong has agreed to head a committee to explore the proposed bylaws change. Phil has given him names of several members interested in being on the committee. Hopefully there will be a report by the committee in the *Newsletter* to help inform the membership and promote discussion.

C. There was further discussion about generating content for the Website including fact sheets, position statements and bibliographies. Paul Lynch said his committee generated a bibliography which might be useful, and will send it to Roy and Phil to review.

Phil thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard O. Hire, M.D.

Secretary, AGLP

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Membership Committee Report
Cheryl Chessick, M.D. and
John Gosling, M.D.

The Membership Committee was very active at the annual APA Meeting in Washington this last May. As a result, a record number of 42 new members joined AGLP! The makeup of new members is as follows:

- Full: 19
- Resident: 12
- Newsletter: 1
- Medical Students: 2
- International:
- Total: 42

We continue to add members and the total membership role as of 9/7/99 is as follows:

- Founding: 1
- Patron: 2
- Sponsoring: 22
- Full: 350
- Associate: 29
- Resident: 97
- Newsletter: 64
- Medical Student: 20
- International: 37
- Total: 622 (great!)

At the May APA Meeting, the Membership Committee was responsible for ensuring that the booth was staffed by members at all times. We are happy to report that members were extremely cooperative and that the booth was never without someone in attendance. A special thanks to Roy Harker who designed the booth and provided the abundance of informative material to distribute to interested callers. We had sixty people stop by in the first hour the exhibit hall was open! This year we were placed next to GLMA and P-FLAG which allowed for an interesting and hopefully potentially fruitful cooperation between these organizations.

Most of our new members signed up during the opening reception. Consequently, it was decided that, in future, this event would be sponsored by the Membership Committee with the focus on soliciting new members. This year, the opening reception was co-hosted with GLMA drawing a larger group of people and fostering an atmosphere of cooperation and goodwill between the organizations. The outcome was that many more new members joined AGLP at this event than previously. A special word of thanks to all those that helped at the Membership Committee table to check members' status and sign up new members: Wynelle Snow, Rick Hire, Kenn Ashley, Chris Sekaer, Bob Ranando, and, of course, Roy Harker (who made sure that everything that was needed was to hand and ready to go!).

During the Membership Committee meeting, several general members came to join the Committee and added much to the discussion.

Transgender Issues: Discussion on Proposed Amendments to AGLP Bylaws

Lowell Tong, M.D.

Should the AGLP Bylaws be amended to add transgender issues to the identity and mission of AGLP? In preparation for a vote of AGLP membership at a forthcoming AGLP business meeting on this topic, our President, Dr. Phil Bialer has asked me to survey members on their opinions. It is my charge to produce a report on the array of opinions and pragmatic ways to proceed.

Background: At the AGLP business meeting held in May 1999 at the Washington Plaza Hotel, a proposal to amend our Bylaws was submitted by one of our fellow members, Dr. Wynelle Snow. The proposal was to add transgender issues (or relevant variations such as transgendered people, sexual minority, sexually alternative lifestyles or identities) to the goals and objects of the Association, and throughout the body of the AGLP Bylaws. (See accompanying text.) This prompted a lively response, with reactions wide-ranging in emotional intensity and content. It was decided that because of the complexity of opinions expressed, it would be better to understand these issues further and to allow a broader sampling of our membership's opinions. A vote on the proposal was postponed.

Method: I encourage you to send me your opinions. I have been given a short list of members from whom I should elicit opinions, but want to be sure to poll everyone. I will not report a tally of "yes" and "no" votes. I will keep names of those expressing opinions confidential.

Disclosure: I am knowledgeable but not an expert on transgender issues, and in my current role as designated AGLP consultant, I will do my best to remain a neutral moderator and report the full range of opinions that I encounter. I do have significant professional interest in transgender issues, based on my various current roles at my home institution, UCSE. These include chairing the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on GLBT Issues (academic, clinical and workplace perspectives), helping to lead curriculum development for the medical school, and my clinical practice which includes a number of people with a variety of transgender issues.

Examples from Initial Discussions: To stimulate your thoughts on this topic, I would like to give you a representative sample of the array of opinions I've already heard from fellow AGLP members on whether or not to include transgender issues in AGLP's identity and mission:

- Transgender people (including psychiatrists and our patients) comprise a "sexual minority" so it is natural and decent that AGLP should add "T" to its current focus of "GL and B."
- Transgender issues are quite different from sexual orientation issues, and AGLP is about sexual orientation.
- Transgender identity is so profoundly different from sexual orientation identity.
- Transgender psychiatrists are already part of AGLP, so out of respect and nondiscrimination transgender issues should be added to the core of AGLP.
- Transgender issues really belong with gender issues, not sexual orientation issues.
- Transgender issues should be part of an expanded gender-focused organization, such as one that currently focuses on women's issues or gender issues in general.
- Transgender issues are so distinct from either orientation or gender issues, that transgender issues should "stand alone."
- Transgender issues should be included with GLB issues in AGLP because the smaller numbers and greater invisibility of transgender people and issues would best be served, as least for now, within the established infrastructure of a visible and large organization like AGLP.
- Sexual minority as a category makes sense, and transgendered people belong in it just as gay, lesbian or bisexual people. Therefore, AGLP should transform itself to having a sexual minority focus.
- As a gay or lesbian person, I do not identify with "sexual minority."
- As a lesbian, I am very uncomfortable with having men in the process of becoming a woman in our organization or at groups or gatherings designed as a place and space for lesbians, particularly if they do not identify as lesbian. (And *vice versa*.)

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- Many transgendered people do not wish to be identified as such but instead wish to identify with their new gender identity, e.g. a female to male wishes to be identified as male, period. If they consider themselves to be lesbian or gay in their new identity, then AGLP already is defined to include them. Those who remain committed to the process or intermediate state (rather than taking on the assumption of the "new" gender) represent a group that is so different than those who are core members of AGLP.

- Transgendered people are the last of the "sexual minorities" so of course they should be incorporated into AGLP.

- There are more "sexual minorities" beyond lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered, such as those who identify as S/M or B/D, those who have sex chromosomal "abnormalities," and those who are not yet fully aware of their sexual and sexually related potentials. The current sexual orientation focus of AGLP therefore should be (or should not be) changed to include all "sexual minorities."

- Transgendered people and issues ought to become part of the committee or advocacy structure within AGLP, not as a principle change to the identity and mission of AGLP. This would maintain the sexual orientation focus of AGLP, yet be inclusive of specific issues of our membership; for example we have an HIV/AIDS committee but have not decided to change our identity explicitly to being a group of psychiatrists who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or living with HIV.

- Transgendered people and issues have for so long been overlooked and the subjects of intense discrimination that we must add the T to GLB in AGLP.

Wanted: YOUR Opinions! As you can see, the opinions already vary widely. Please send me yours and indicate whether or not you are an AGLP member. My e-mail is lowellt@lppi.ucsf.edu (MS Word attachments are ok) and my mailing address (this is brand new!) is Lowell Tong, M.D., UCSF Department of Psychiatry, Box MSE-0984, 401 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 04143-0984. Thank you.

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Proposed Amendments: AGLP Bylaws

Article II. Object.

Section 1. The goals and objects of the Association are:

To provide a professional, social and educational group for psychiatrists who are gay, lesbian, (or) bisexual, or transgendered and/or engaged in the treatment of (gay, lesbian and/or bisexual) patients.

To promote greater understanding in the members of this Association, our colleagues, and the public in matters related to homosexuality and sexually alternative lifestyles or identities.

To promote fair and equitable treatment of all people without regard to sexual orientation or expression.

To diminish stigma, intimidation, and physical violence directed towards gay, lesbian, (or) bisexual, or transgendered persons.

To promote the development of improved mental health services for (gay, lesbian, and bisexual) all persons who either identify or are identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or intersexed.

To promote and encourage research in areas related to homosexuality and the diversity of sexual expression.

To promote the scientific education and training of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals involved in the treatment of (gay, lesbian and bisexual) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or intersexed persons.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1...

D. Past President: participates with the President in all matters of policy...with the approval of the Executive Committee, annually selects person(s) to be recognized for distinguished service to the gay, lesbian, (and) bisexual, and transgendered communities both within and without the Association.

Section 3. Election of Officers

A. All officers, since they must be readily available to members, to media and to American Psychiatric Association officers and committees, must be prepared to openly and publicly identify themselves as gay, lesbian, (or) bisexual, or transgendered.

Section 4. Eligibility, terms, vacancies and succession to office.

A. Any member of the Association defined as a full and voting member, who is not a member of the Board of Directors, and who is prepared to openly and publicly identify themselves as gay, lesbian, (or) bisexual, or transgendered, is eligible to become an officer of the Association...

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Article VII. Board of Directors.

Section 1. The constituency committees represented by a Director may include, but are not limited to the following: women members, medical students, psychiatric residents and fellows, early career psychiatrists, ethnic minority members, transgendered members, psychoanalysts, child and adolescent psychiatrists, and HIV-affected members...

Section 2...

A. Journal Editor. Publishes and distributes to the membership and others, a professional and scientific journal at least semi-annually, containing studies, expertise, and observations relating the equitable and affirming treatment of psychological and psychiatric issues affecting gay, lesbian, (and) bisexual, and transgendered people.

Article VIII. Office Director.

I. The office director shall collate and publish a referral guide listing the Association members who are full or associate members in good standing who have asked to be listed in a non-confidential referral guide for patients seeking therapy from a therapist who is affirming of (gay, lesbian, and bisexual people) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or intersexed people.

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Vice-President's Column

Mary Barber, M.D.

It's not too soon to start thinking about next May's AGLP program. Many of you who led discussions in the hospitality suite last year will be receiving calls or emails from me to ask whether you'd like to do it again. If you have ideas about how to change your discussion this year, such as a different time or format, please let me know.

Anyone who has an idea for a new discussion topic is invited to call me at home or work, or to email me. Addresses and numbers are below.

We are considering applying for CME credit for people attending the Saturday symposium. This would require some effort and expense, and is only in the exploratory phase now. I would be happy to get advice or assistance from anyone with experience in the process.

I am already getting excited thinking about Chicago, and hope to hear from many of you soon:

home (914) 343-9931

work (914) 340-4000

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Psychoanalytic Committee Report
Ubaldo Leli, M.D.

During the last Fall Meeting, held in Washington on September 24-25, Paul Lynch reported on the Committee on Psychoanalysis. The Committee has interfaced variously and effectively with external organizations, such as the American Psychoanalytic Association, by keeping the presence of AGLP visible in an ongoing process of progressive acceptance by the more conservative, traditional analysts who now see homosexuality more and more as a non-pathological human condition. Within AGLP, however, more needs to be done. The Committee organized and conducted a psychoanalytic group during the Spring Meeting, which has had good participation, and represents a forum of discussion of various aspects of the personal experience of the participants with psychoanalysis. However, the Committee's ability to do more is hampered by individual members being too busy with other committees and tasks within the organization.

To help further the work of the Committee, Phil Bialer has asked me to become more involved. Now that I have completed my training at Columbia I look forward to becoming more immersed in AGLP activities.

This *Newsletter* contains a brief, anonymous survey, designed to obtain data about the level of interest and involvement of the AGLP membership in psychoanalysis. Please fill it in and mail it to me. The form is already addressed, and can be folded and mailed (although it needs a stamp!).

The survey aims to accomplish the following: 1) to get a quantitative sense of AGLP members' interest, exposure to and attitude toward psychoanalysis; 2) to identify members interested in or involved with psychoanalysis who would be available to work with the Committee on Psychoanalysis; 3) to further develop the mission for the Committee on Psychoanalysis within the organization.

The Committee on Psychoanalysis, when it meets in Chicago in May 2000, will try to identify and further define its mission within AGLP.

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attempts at autonomy as pathological resistance. It is to de Milly's credit that he essentially manages to heal himself, in spite of his therapeutic experiences.

Reading *In My Father's Arms* provides nearly as cathartic an experience as writing it must have provided the author. It is a dignified, never hysterical book, that should be read by all of us who believe in the irrepressibility of the human psyche and in our own mission to provide gay-affirmative and humanistic psychiatric treatment to our patients.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
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We were particularly pleased that our new President, Phil Bialer, took the time to attend our meeting and offer his support and comments. A general complaint has been that once new members join AGLP, it is hard to find a way to become more involved in the functioning of the organization. It was decided that all new members would be called by members of the Membership Committee to discuss the various subcommittees with them and to help them find committees that would meet their interests. This would help them become more involved with the organization from the beginning and possibly prevent the annual attrition of about 20% of members.

We would like to welcome the new members of our Membership Committee and thank them in anticipation for their enthusiastic support and willingness to devote a few hours of their time to this worthy cause: Philip Bialer, Richard Hire, William Knoff, Wynelle Snow, and Chris Sekaer.

We will continue to work on getting new members and appreciate any input from others in our efforts.

Bye for now, Cheryl and John!

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International Committee Column

Gene Nakajima, M.D.

WPA conference in Hamburg

Despite the typical disorganization of international conferences, overall, gay and lesbian activities at the World Psychiatric Association were well received. We had six gay and lesbian symposia, which were scheduled at convenient times which facilitated good attendance and discussions. As usual, many of the people who attended the gay and lesbian presentations were not gay themselves, and, particularly for those people, these talks were probably their introduction to gay affirmative psychiatry. Thanks to Drs. Carlos Greaves, Michael King, Howard Rubin, Kenn Ashley, and Nico Hettinga for introducing the speakers at the symposia. We would also like to thank Roy Harker for mailing the AGLP banner to Hamburg and Patrick Toohey, a psychiatrist from Sydney, for bringing it back to the United States.

After many months of negotiations, we were able to obtain a room for an organizational meeting, and about 40 people attended. There was a consensus that an international group was needed, but it was difficult to determine a good mechanism for this plan to be implemented. We took over a cute gay and lesbian guesthouse during the conference, where we had a few discussion groups. Thanks to Dr. Julie Leavitt who led a discussion for lesbians, and Dr. Bob Cabaj who led a discussion on coming out as a gay professional.

Dr. Siegmund Dannecker from Berlin organized a dinner reception at the Magnus Hirschfeld Center, a gay and lesbian community center in Hamburg named after the famous German gay rights activist/ physician/sexologist. Thanks to Solvay, Janssen, and the Bundes Arbeits Gemeinschaft Schwule im Gesundheitswesen which provided financial support for the dinner buffet. Almost a hundred people came to our reception, including a few psychiatrists from Hamburg who later took several AGLP members on a late night tour of gay Hamburg.

The difficulty in passing this resolution, and the difficulty we have had in trying to get a section created on gay and lesbian issues, shows how conservative and uneducated the world psychiatric leaders are about gay and lesbian issues.

tion through. Supposedly, there were several objections to the resolution, and after a half hour of discussion, the assembly decided to table it and refer it to the executive committee to bring it back the assembly at the next general meeting of the WPA in Yokohama in August of 2002. The difficulty in passing this resolution, and the difficulty we have had in trying to get a section created on gay and lesbian issues, shows how conservative and uneducated the world psychiatric leaders are about gay and lesbian issues. It underlines the important role that we have in providing education about gay and lesbian issues in world psychiatric conferences.

At the last moment, the conference organizers gave AGLP a free booth with the other non-commercial exhibitors. Although it was a little out of the way, several hundred psychiatrists did see our booth, and a substantial number visited, took copies of our *Newsletter*, membership brochures, and browsed through samples of the journals and books that AGLP authors had published. This booth was critical for networking since many people during the conference went there to socialize and meet before lunch and dinner. It was always well staffed!

The other highlight was that Hamburg weather cleared enough so that we could see a partial solar eclipse. After the conference, several of us went to Berlin, where we had several late dinners with psychiatrists from Berlin we had met at the conference.

The main disappointment concerned the resolution we had asked APA to submit for consideration to the assembly of the WPA. This was the only resolution that APA submitted. It asked the WPA to endorse ICD-10's position that homosexuality is not a mental illness. The resolution also asked that member organizations formally endorse this position and encourage other psychiatric nosologies and psychiatric and medical textbooks to adopt the depathologization of homosexuality. Unfortunately, I have not been able to speak to anyone personally who was at the WPA assembly, but we believe that it was the very last resolution under consideration at the WPA assembly past midnight. Dr. Allan Tasman was not representing APA at this late hour, but Dr. Harold Eist tried to push this reso-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chicago Psychoanalytic Society announces a conference entitled "Clinical Issues with Lesbians and Gay Men," from March 17-19, 2000 at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Speakers and panelists include Ralph Roughton, Elizabeth Young-Bruehl, Bert Cohler, Marian Tolpin and Martha Nussbaum. CME credits are available. For more information call Eva Sandburg at (312) 922-7474, ext 600.

In February 1999, the group of psychiatrists who have been holding a conference at the time of the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras in Sydney formed a new organization, the Australasian Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Interest Group in Psychiatry. There are some 30 members to date from most Australian states. In September, the group ran a clinical meeting in Melbourne with four presentations including: "Psychotherapy with transgendered persons," "Lesbian-led families," and "Same-sex marriage." While attendance was small, Graeme Croft, who was the convener, reports that involvement in the meeting by those attending was enthusiastic, that it was highly successful and as a result will be repeated next year...The next meeting will be the Sydney conference, held next year on March 2-4. The program is currently being organized. Further information for anyone interested in presenting or in attending can be obtained from The Conference Committee, PO Box 374, Edgecliffe, NSW 2027, Australia; by fax at +61 2 9231 3117; by e-mail at aglbig@zip.com.au, or on the homepage at www.zipworld.com.au/~aglbig.

The Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) seeks four psychiatrists to serve as clinician-teachers at San Francisco General Hospital, a major teaching hospital at UCSF. The positions are in the Clinical series at the Clinical Instructor or Assistant Clinical Professor level and are available on July 1, 2000. One of these positions is Medical Director of the Bridge to Wellness Partial Hospitalization Program; one is Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services; one is Team Leader Attending Psychiatrist on the Women's Issues Inpatient Team, Unit 7A; and one is Attending Psychiatrist on the Psychiatric Emergency Service. The ideal candidates would be Board-certified or Board-eligible psychiatrists with a commitment to an academic career as a clinician-teacher, and demonstrated interest, commitment, and cultural competence in working with underserved and culturally diverse populations. Bilingual and/or bicultural is highly desirable.

California licensure is essential upon employment. Applications must be received by January 1, 2000. Please send letter of interest clearly specifying which position(s) you are interested in, resume and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to Mark Leary, M.D., Search Committee Chair, c/o Susan Brekhuis, Department of Psychiatry, Room 7M36, San Francisco General Hospital, 1001 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110. UCSF is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

The United Nations Scientific, Cultural and Educational Organization (UNESCO) has announced a worldwide initiative to address the problems of internet child pornography and exploitation. Author Walter A. de Milly III has been appointed to the U.S. Committee and will serve as the liaison to the gay and lesbian community. De Milly is seeking a gay or lesbian psychiatrist to join the U.S. committee. The member candidate should be "out," have an interest in public policy, and should support the APA's position on child abuse. The time requirement is very limited. Please contact Walter de Milly at wd33@ibm.net or (305) 292-4972.

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Future International Conferences, Paris and Prague

The next conference for which we are trying to organize presentations is the WPA conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the First World Psychiatric Congress in Paris from June 26-30, 2000. We are hoping this conference is right after gay pride in Paris. The deadline for individual papers is December 15, 1999. For information about the conference, ask for a Second Announcement, Preliminary Program. MTV Congres Du Jubile De l'A.M.P.; BP 38; 92502 Rueil Malmaison Cedex France; phone 33 1 41 39 88 82; (fax) 33 1 41 39 88 85. E-mail: wpa.jubileecongress@mtv.fr Web-site <http://psydoc-fr.broca.inserm.fr> (You will still want to request a brochure even if you look at the website because it is only in French and not as detailed.) The submission forms are on the website. We are currently looking for a hotel. If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Gene Nakajima at (415) 292-1554. GNakajima@alumni.stanford.org.

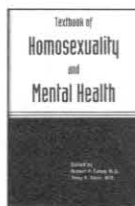
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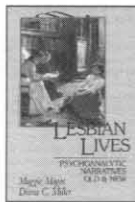
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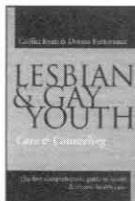


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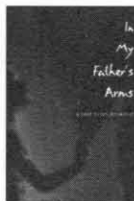
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