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Invitation to the Autumn Seminar of The Finnish Rorschach Association

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November 3 & 4, 2017, Kuopio, Finland

Guest Lecturer: Patrick Fontan, Ph.D.

Time: Friday, November 3, 2017, from 10:00 to 16:45

Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9:00 to 15:45

Place: Original Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi, Minna Canthin katu 16, Kuopio, Finland

Fee: 190 € (VAT 0%; includes lunch and coffee)

Registration: Registration is open to members of The Finnish Rorschach Association, the Danish Rorschach Society and the Swedish Rorschach Society. Please send an e-mail to our treasurer, Marjut Serguskin, by October 27, 2017. E-mail: marjut.serguskin@gmail.com. After registration, you will receive an invoice including a reference number for payment.

Program

10:00–12:45 (including 15 min coffee break)

"CHESSSS: How to use the free scoring program for the Rorschach CS"

CHESSSS is a free software solution to score and compute the Rorschach Comprehensive System and Supplementary Scales (Fontan et al, 2013). This application is focused on the needs of clinicians and researchers using the CS : scoring reliability, assistance in protocol interpretation, scoring of Supplementary Scales [Mutuality of Autonomy (Urist, 1977), Rorschach Oral Dependency (Masling, 1986), Extended Aggressive scores (Gacono & Meloy, 1994), Ego Impairment Index II (Viglione, Perry & Meyer, 2003), R-PAS Complexity scales and Vigilance, Thought and Perception and Suicide Composites (Meyer & al. 2011)], interrater reliability and management of databases. The latest version (CHESSSS 1.5 Paris) now includes the Reality-Fantasy Scale 2 (Tibon et al., 2015), the Rorschach Component Model (Fontan et al., 2016) and functions to import RIAP data directly. Significant efforts have been invested to facilitate the scoring of Form Quality: functions are available to filter FQ tables according to specific criteria (locations, content, words, card rotation) and FQ tables are available in 10 languages (English, French, Arabic, Japanese, Portuguese, Danish, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew, German); each item being matched to all other translations of the same content. Basic and advanced features will be presented in this workshop for participants to take the best advantage of the program.

12:45–14:00

Lunch

14:00–16:45 (including 15 min coffee break)

"Projection, Narration, and Computer-Generated Interpretation: the emergence of the individual from the data"

In recent years, increased focus on test validity, meta-analyses and normative issues has raised questions regarding the underlying clinical interpretation of psychological tests. There has been a belief that accurate administration and scoring, together with empirical evidence, would translate naturally into a meaningful and synthetic psychological report. However, although psychological assessment requires valid data as a starting point, how psychologists integrate these data to form a full description is another question. Psychological assessment is a practice which goes beyond the technical exercise it requires. This workshop will be focused on these issues, which are at the core of psychological assessment practice. How much space is left for projection? How can we use it and integrate it with psychometric data? How can one design a narration which faithfully describes the person in a lively and embodied fashion? What help can computers provide us in this process? What are the pitfalls to avoid? Theoretical and practical considerations will be articulated with clinical cases which will be discussed and interpreted with participants.

Saturday 4.11.2017:

9:00–11:45 (including 15 min coffee break)
"Divergence and convergence between Rorschach CS and R-PAS"
There is a current tension in the Rorschach community between two poles represented by R-PAS and the CS. Although R-PAS represents significant advances for the Rorschach, it also contains substantial limitations which need to be considered in clinical practice. The R-PAS psychometric model of Complexity, which is a core element of the system, will be discussed in detail on statistical grounds. The Composite International Reference Values for R-PAS and the CS will also be reviewed on methodological grounds and contrasted with different results and methods. The question of Rorschach pathological scales, their validity, utility, and generalizability will also be addressed, and the clinical implications of these theoretical and psychometric considerations will be systematically articulated. Finally, propositions for a possible convergence between the R-PAS and the CS will be presented.

11:45–13:00
Lunch

13:00–15:45 (including 15 min coffee break)
"Suicidal processes and risk assessment with the Rorschach"
Suicide risk is a significant and challenging clinical issue. The Rorschach Suicide Constellation has demonstrated reasonable validity in this field. However, the scale is relatively difficult to conceptualize on clinical grounds, and, although it says something about the patient's future outcome, the question of its clinical meaning here and now remains unclear. A theoretical approach to the interpretation of this scale in terms of psychological processes will be presented and will be contrasted with empirical studies on this question. In addition, retrospective studies have revealed different types of psychological processes leading to suicide attempts which will be presented in detail. Finally, the latest evidence on the prospective and cross-cultural validity of the Suicide Constellation will be reviewed.

16:00–17:00
General Assembly of The Finnish Rorschach Association (members only)

Patrick Fontan, Ph.D.

Dr. Patrick Fontan is a school psychologist and a doctor in psychopathology. In his dissertation, he reviewed and developed the psychometric approach to the Rorschach. This led to the creation of an innovative dimensional model for the Rorschach CS (Rorschach Components Model), which has been published in Rorschachiana in 2016. He is the main developer of CHESSSS; a free software solution for the Rorschach CS and Supplementary Scales (Fontan et al. 2013), which is currently used in numerous clinical and research settings worldwide : Validity and Utility of the CS Suicide Constellation in Algerian Psychiatric Groups (Fontan & Fergani, SPA 2016); the Rorschach of Italian Suicidal Patients: A Discriminant Analysis (Gazale & Fontan, SPA 2016); Gender, Sexual Identity and Rorschach Human Responses (Mormont & Fontan, in press); The Complexity of the Rorschach and Factor Analysis (CSIRA, 2015); Longterm Psychotherapy changes in the Rorschach CS ideation & affect clusters (Yazigi, Lerman & Fontan, ISR 2017). As a school psychologist, Dr. Fontan also specializes in the psychological assessment of children and has published several papers on this topic in French journals. Dr. Fontan was a research assistant in the Universities of Paris West and Reims, where he taught adult and child psychopathology. He has also provided several workshops and seminars on the Rorschach [Liege University (Belgium), Milan University (Italy), Algiers 2 University (Algeria), British Rorschach Society, Austrian Rorschach Society, Catalan Rorschach Society (Spain)].