

Invitation
18th International Balint Congress
Attachment and relationships - The frame of Balint work

September 7 – 11 2013, Heidelberg - Germany

Following the decision of the Board of the International Balint Federation, the German Balint Federation is proud to announce that the 18th International Balint Congress will take place in Heidelberg, Germany from September 7 – 11, 2013. The Congress venue is the teaching area of the Internal Medicine Clinic of the University of Heidelberg, founded in 1386. The Congress Hotel is not far away, about 10 minutes' walk, just across the river Neckar. We will also reserve hotels in all price categories, in the youth hostel nearby and, if needed, also bed and breakfast.

We plan to offer a substantial sightseeing programme including visiting the old town and the castle and lots of other interesting places. A boat trip on the Neckar is also included. The Congress will begin with dinner on Saturday, September 7 above the castle with fireworks. The final dinner will be on Tuesday, September 10 and the Congress will end at lunchtime on Wednesday, September 11th.

For those who are interested in learning more about the wider region, we will arrange a trip to the castle of Schwetzingen, the wine region of Palatinate and the famous baroque palace in the town of Würzburg. If there is enough interest we can also visit the Black Forest.

As well as Balint work in small and fishbowl groups there is a main theme:

Attachment and relationship

At the time when Balint and others such as Bowlby developed their theories of object relations, the basis for a special approach to the doctor patient relationship was created. How has this developed? What is the present approach and what are the consequences of our current view of the patient-doctor-relationship? How does it affect us, what does it change in our thoughts and our feelings and with respect to transference and countertransference? How can it be integrated in today's medicine?

There will be invited speakers as well as opportunities for those who wish to present their research and their opinions.

The German Balint Society invites you to note the dates of this Congress in your diary, to prepare mentally for those days and to enjoy your stay in the old University town of Heidelberg.

In due course there will be a Congress email address. Until then, please contact us on geschaeftsstelle@balintgesellschaft.de

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