CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

1. We inform clients adequately about the therapy and its limits.

2. We do not misrepresent our professional qualifications, affiliations, and purposes. We disclose upon request our training, qualifications, and competencies to prospective clients.

3. We do not reject clients on the basis of gender, race, ethnic background, culture or sexual preference.

4. Our reception and our therapy room are appropriate. Our personal hygiene and the hygiene of our therapy room are impeccable.

5. We are responsible for the therapy, but never act against the best interest of our clients, or against their express will. However, we cannot shirk responsibility by claiming to follow a request from a client. The welfare of the client is the prime consideration at all times. When the client's desires and our professional responsibility conflict, we will end the therapeutic relationship courteously. We do neither blame the client nor ourselves for that.

6. As we deal with intimate thoughts, feelings and details of our client's life, we retain a professional distance. We present our work and ourselves professionally. We do not behave as personal friends or acquaintances. We do not engage in intimate relationships of any kind with clients.

7. We recognize transference, counter-transference and other projections, and seek to restrain these.We don't assume the role of Helper or Savior; we discourage admiration and deference from the client. We avoid making clients dependent on us; we stimulate their own responsibility and independence.

8. We do not try to convert clients to any belief or practice. We respect their convictions, though we may point out how these seem to relate to their problems, if this seems the case.

9. We build a relationship of trust with the client and will not betray that trust. We will treat all information from clients confidentially and will not divulge it without the full consent of the client, except when obliged by law to do so. In publications we protect the anonymity of the client or ask written permission.