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Please distribute this letter to all members and candidates of your society/institution.

Dear colleague/s,

As the new chair of the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust (FTMT), I am writing to inform you about changes that occurred lately in the structure of The Frances Tustin Memorial Trust and about the Frances Tustin Memorial Prize and Lectureship.

The FTMT was established in 1995 in Los Angeles by Dr. Judi Mitrani and Dr. Ted Mitrani and has been dedicated to the teaching, expansion and extension of Frances Tustin's seminal work on the understanding and treatment of autistic spectrum disorders in children, adolescents and adults, as well as the treatment of autistic states in individuals of all ages. For more than 20 years the trust has been chaired by Dr. Judi Mitrani and her board of trustees who have developed the trust's activities with tremendous dedication and passion creating an extremely large corpus of knowledge and a worldwide professional community interested in autistic spectrum disorders and states. Each year a Lectureship day was held in Los Angeles during which The Frances Tustin Memorial Prize (1000 US dollars) was awarded for a paper, expanding Tustin's thinking, that was evaluated by the board of trustees as outstanding theoretically and/or clinically. A full list of the prize recipients and their full text papers appear on the Trust's website: <http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org>

In addition, international conferences have been held in several countries, with participants from all over the world: in London, England in October of 2004, in

Caen, France in April of 2005, in Venice, Italy in October of 2006, at The IPA Congress in Berlin Germany in July of 2007, in Tel-Aviv, Israel in 2008, in Berlin, Germany in 2010, in Sydney, Australia in 2012, and in Boston, MA, USA in 2014.

Since Dr. Judi Mitrani and Dr. Ted Mitrani moved to Paris in 2016 attempts have been made to establish the trust's activities in Paris and to cooperate with various French professional associations, but since organizational problems have been encountered Dr. Judi Mitrani eventually addressed me and asked me to take her role as chair of the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust. I have enthusiastically agreed and appointed a new board of trustees, whose members are highly appreciated professionals in their respective countries:

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We would like to encourage members and candidates of your society to submit (by e-mail attachment) a previously unpublished, psychoanalytically oriented, clinically focused paper addressing the treatment of primitive mental states, in general, and autistic disorders or states, in particular, in children, adolescents or adults. The paper must be no more than 25 pages in length (including references) in the English language and the deadline for submission is April 1st each year. The body of the e-mail, to which the paper is attached, shall contain all identifying and contact information and may contain any other communication to the Trust desired by the author. However, each attached paper must be completely cleansed of anything that would identify the author, this in order to insure fairness in choosing the awardee. Papers should be submitted to shalin@zahav.net.il

The author of the Prize winning paper will be invited to present the paper at The Annual Frances Tustin Memorial Lecture at Tel Aviv University. The FTM Lecture is an all-day conference co-sponsored by the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust along with The Program of Psychotherapy, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University. The FTM Lecture will be held annually at the end of October-beginning of November. The next Lectureship day will take place on November 15th, 2019. The Lecture day features the recipient of the FTM Prize and discussants. Details about submission of papers can be found on our website: <http://www.frances-tustin-autism.org>

In addition to the Frances Tustin Memorial Prize and Lectureship day we are working on renewing the tradition of Frances Tustin International Conferences and would like to encourage initiatives to organize and host next conferences in your country. We would like to organize the next conference in 2020 and are looking forward for any proposals. The conferences are co-sponsored with the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust. For any details please feel free to address me at: shalin@zahav.net.il

Last but not least we would like to encourage you as individuals/couples/institutions to obtain a Lifetime Membership of the FTMT by a one-time donation of \$250. This membership will keep you posted about the trust's activities as well as enable you to receive a discount when registering for activities organized by the trust. Details of procedure for registering to the trust can be obtained at shalin@zahav.net.il

Please note that it will take some time till all the above changes will be updated on our website.

Warmest wishes,

Alina Schellekes,

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