

European Ethics : history and current situation

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First discussions :

1974 Salzburg

1978 Amsterdam

1979 Dusseldorf

1980 Zurich

First General Assembly and Creation of EFPPA

Heidelberg 1981

EFPPA :

European Federation of Professional Psychologists' Associations

13 founder associations:

Austria – Belgium - Denmark – Finland – Iceland – Italy –
Luxemburg – Netherlands - Norway – Poland – Switzerland –
United Kingdom – West Germany.

Heidelberg University where Wilhelm Wundt studied and taught.

Five principles :

- Psychology is a science
- Psychology has responsibility
- Psychology is work with fellow human beings
- Training for psychologists
- The psychological profession

New members :

1982 : Liechtenstein, Portugal

1984 : Sweden

1988 : France, Greece, Hungary, Spain

1992 : Estonia

1993 : Ireland, Malta, Slovenia, Turkey

1995 : Cyprus

1997 : Croatia, Slovakia

1999 : Czech Republic, Lithuania

2001 : Latvia

2005 : San Marino

2007 : Bulgaria, Serbia

2009 : Russia

2013 : Romania36 members

Some interesting topics:

- 1991 : first European Congress of Psychology
- 1997 : official office in Brussels
- 2001 : from EFPPA to EFPA
(European Federation of Psychologists Associations): « to reflect that EFPA represents both science and profession »
- 2005 : European Psychologist (created 1996) became the “official organ of EFPA.”

BOARD of ETHICS

1988 General Assembly decides to appoint a Task Force on Ethics to « explore the possibility of and work towards the realization of common European Ethical Codes for professional psychologists »

1990 First meeting of the « Task Force on professional Ethics » in Amsterdam (7 countries : France / Hungary / Netherlands / Norway / Spain / Switzerland / United Kingdom)

From the beginning : difficulties to write a common code

New idea : a META-CODE, common framework for the Ethical Codes of member-countries

1995 General Assembly Athens

- adoption of the META-CODE

-Task Force ---> Standing Committee on Ethics

Meta Code 1995

In the Preamble : « The Ethical Codes of member Associations should be based upon – and surely not in conflict with – the Ethical Principles specified below »

Four Ethical principles :

- Respect for a Person's Rights and Dignity
- Competence
- Responsibility
- Integrity

Recommendations

- 1999-2017 : Teaching Ethics for psychologists
- 2001 : The European psychologist in forensic work and as expert witness
- 2003 : Memorandum on possible Members Association's actions against members being censured by another Member Association
- 2004-2005 : Rec. on evaluative procedures and corrective actions in case of complaints about unethical conduct + Model for evaluative procedure and disciplinary actions
- 2006 : Psychological services provided via internet
- 2007 : Guidelines on mediation in the context of complaints about unethical conduct
- 2011 : Guidelines for psychologists who contribute with the media

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In 2017 :

- 28 countries represented in the Board of Ethics
- 5 Symposia : Prague 2003 / Prague 2004 / Vienna 2006 / Prague 2010
Riga 2014 and now St Petersburg 2017
- Ethics Tracks in ECP : Istanbul 2011, Stockholm 2013, Milan 2015
- Book « Ethics for European Psychologists » Geoff Lindsay, Casper Koene, Haldor Ovreide and Fredi Lang in 2008

and in our agenda :

Guidelines Supervision , Glossary, Research, Simplified version Guidelines
Complaints , Ethics Tracks Amsterdam 2017

Thank you for your attention