How about Neuropsychoanalysis?

Neuropsychoanalysis builds bridges between psychoanalysis, neuroscience, psychology and psychiatry.

One-day conference on Friday 27 September 2013

Location: De Rode Hoed, Keizersgracht 102, Amsterdam

The conference aims to provide mental health care professionals with the most current and relevant information, showing how the results of neuroscientific research impact diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems, such as anxiety disorder, clinical depression, personality disorders, etc.

Bringing four leading authorities in the field to the Netherlands for the first time!

- **Mark Solms**, University of Cape Town, trailblazer in the field and a founding editor of the journal *Neuropsychoanalysis*.
- **Maggie Zellner**, Psychoanalyst, behavioral neuroscientist.
- **Patrick Luyten**, University of Leuven, research focusing on the role of attachment and mentalization in personality disorders.

What is Neuropsychoanalysis

Neuropsychoanalysis links the neurosciences and psychoanalysis together to create an interdisciplinary field. In the last few decades neuroscience has found, and continues to discover, more about the physical brain and its cognitive abilities. Psychoanalysis is grounded in theoretical models that outline the basic organization of the mind. When these two fields join together in a collaborative approach, the result is a greater understanding of the mind-brain relationship. Neuroscience gives researchers and clinicians the tools to understand the biological systems in the brain that impact psychological functions. Clinical work in neuropsychoanalysis has important implications for treatment of patients in the mental-health field. Through this interdisciplinary approach clinicians are able to correlate psychoanalytic inferences with definite neuroscientific observations. This can translate to better treatment—treatments that take into account underlying psychologically relevant neural systems—for a variety of psychiatric illnesses.

Who should attend

The conference is relevant for psychiatrists, neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, health-psychologists, medical doctors and trainers/consultants. Proof of credentials for these professions is requested.

This conference marks the beginning of the Dutch branch of the International Neuropsychoanalysis Society:

**Nederlandse Vereniging voor Neuropsychoanalyse (NVNPSA)**

More information & registration for the conference:

[www.nvnpsa.nl](http://www.nvnpsa.nl)
Two-day, pre-conference workshop by Jaak Panksepp

Functional Brain Circuits

September 25 & 26, 2013

Location RINO, Leidseplein 5 Amsterdam

After the cognitive revolution in the neurosciences and since the 90s, there has been a shift in the direction of affects. These appear to be not just the by-products of cognitions, but also evolutionarily determined; they are guiding and often critical in mammals in regards to making decisions. Jaak Panksepp has devoted his professional life to mapping the neural circuits involved in emotions in the mammalian brain. He distinguishes seven different functional systems in the brain: the SEEKING system, the RAGE system, the FEAR system, the LUST system, the CARE system, the PANIC/GRIEF system and the PLAY system. He has the distinct ability to discuss his division of the brain into functional circuits, which is now accepted by the scientific community. In this workshop the translation into practice of psychiatry and psychotherapy will be the central focus—partly on the basis of his latest book from 2012, The Archaeology of Mind, Neuroevolutionary Origins of Emotions (Jaak Panksepp en Lucy Biven, psychoanalyst and psychotherapist).

Jaak Panksepp is the former head of the Department of Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy, Pharmacology and Physiology at Washington State University in Pulmann, WA. He has published more than 300 scientific articles and has contributed to internationally renowned handbooks, including the Handbook of the Hypothalamus and of Emotions and Psychopathology, from the series ‘Advances in Biological Psychiatry’, and the Textbook of Biological Psychiatry (Wiley, 2004). Additionally he has been involved with the International Society for Neuropsychoanalysis since its start in 2000; in 2005 he received the Arnold Pfeffer Neuro-Psychoanalytic Prize from the New York Psychoanalytic Institute.

Goals for the Workshop
At the end of the two-day workshop the participants will be well informed about the newest insights in the field of brain research concerning affects. They will know the seven functional systems in the brain and understand the connections between neural circuits lying deep within the brain, the moderating effect from later learning experiences and cognitive activities. Through the use of clinical vignettes and case study discussions a deeper look is taken into the origins of psychopathology and the effect of drug and psychotherapeutic intervention. This approach gives the participants the ability to apply what they have learned in their own practices.

Who should attend
The workshop is relevant for: psychiatrists, neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, psychotherapists, health-psychologists, medical doctors and trainers/consultants.

Registration for the pre-conference workshop: www.rino.nl/067