### Αγαπητά μέλη,

Η επιτροπή επιμόρφωσης του Συλλόγου σας εδιαβεβαιώνει ότι κάνει άοκνες προσπάθειες για να σας εξασφαλίσει τις καλύτερες και πλέον τεκμηριωμένες και πιστοποιημένες τεχνικές και προγράμματα για να διασφαλίσει την δική σας επαγγελματική ανέλιξη. Η απόφαση για το συγκεκριμένο σεμινάριο έχει παρθεί εδώ και ένα χρόνο αλλά έπρεπε να διασφαλίσουμε το καλύτερο για σας γι' αυτό και προβήκαμε σε πολλαπλές διαβουλεύσεις και συζητήσεις για να καταλήξουμε το ένα και μοναδικό στο είδος του επιμορφωτικό σεμινάριο που θα μπορούσε να οδηγήσει στην πιστοποίησή σας στο μέλλον αν το επιθυμείτε. Να γνωρίζετε ότι ο σύλλογος και η επιτροπή πράττει πάντα με γνώμονα το δικά σας συμφέρον και δεν έχει κανένα δικό της οικονομικό όφελος. Δεν είναι επιχείρηση. Είναι ο μοναδικός αναγνωρισμένος επαγγελματικός οργανισμός στην Κύπρο για τους Λογοπαθολόγους και Λογοθεραπευτές. Η υπόσταση και το κύρος μας είναι το πιο ισχυρό μας όπλο και θα το διασφαλίσουμε με ότι μέσα έχουμε διαθέσιμα.

Επειδή λοιπόν αρκετοί συνάδελφοι διερωτώνται αν το σεμινάριο DIR-FLOORTIME που θα φέρει στην Κύπρο ο Σύλλογος είναι το ίδιο με αυτό που θα κάνει άλλος οργανισμός τον Οκτώβρη στην Κύπρο, θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε για τα εξής: Το σεμινάριο που θα κάνει ο άλλος οργανισμός είναι μόνο για τη μέθοδο FLOORTIME. Εμείς ως Σύλλογος φέρνουμε το DIR-FLOORTIME που μόνο το IDCL μπορεί να προσφέρει. Το DIR μιλά για το D-Development, I-Individual Differences και R-Relationship. Το DIR είναι το μοντέλο ενώ το FLOORTIME είναι η προσέγγιση. Ως εκ τούτου, το σεμινάριο DIR-FLOORTIME που θα φέρει ο Σύλλογος στην Κύπρο προσφέρει σαφώς μια ολοκληρωμένη, τεκμηριωμένη και σφαιρική επιμόρφωση με αρκετή κλινική πρακτική προσέγγιση. Το πρώτο αυτό σεμινάριο είναι η εισαγωγή για το επόμενο που θα διασφαλίσει για όποιους το επιθυμούν την πιστοποίηση αυτής της μεθόδου.

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