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**Existential Psychotherapy**  
**The Challenge of Being in Individual and Group Psychotherapy**

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Copenhagen - Denmark

*Welcome Speech*

Ladies and Gentlemen - It's a pleasure to open this seminar - a great day in the history of our Society - and in the history of The Danish Psychologist Community - with a record braking 750 psychologists - and all in all 850 participants - wishing to meet and expand knowledge of psychotherapy.

My name is Klaus Pedersen chairman of the board. On behalf of the board of the Danish Psychotherapeutic Society for Psychologists - I warmly welcome all of you to this Seminar - September 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 - on - Existential Psychotherapy – The Challenge of Being in Individual and Group Psychotherapy.

A special welcome to our colleges and friends from - Norway – Sweeden - The United Kingdom – Germany - The United States of America – France - Latvia and Lithuania - to the country of Søren Kierkegaard - the great dane who's work – although with a quite religious flavour - was foundational for the formal school of existential philosophy.

We are going to meet one of Europes leading figures in Existential Psychotherapy - Ernesto Spinelli - and one of the worlds noted authorities in our profession - Irvin D. Yalom.

Let me now present you with the DPSP-board – Mette Vinum - Kirsten Rosenkrantz Grage - Anne Vonger - Finn Korsaa - Werner Regli - Krista Nielsen Straarup - Camilla Lahn Sørensen - Marie Louise Rørne - and our beloved and efficient secretary Lotte Dehli.

As Chairman in the past years Werner Regli invested immense time and energy in the development of DPSP – inviting Daniel Stern, Peter Fonagy and many others - to great benefit for our members. Fortunately you stay active in the board. Let's give Werner Regli a hand for his great contributions.

Let me also express our gratitude to supporters of todays seminar: The Danish Psychological Association - Dansk Psykolog Forening og Dansk Psykolog Nyt - our volunteer psychology-student staff - and several national and international organisations and individuals.

I hope you will enjoy the day fully, thank you.

*Klaus Pedersen*  
*Chairman - DPSP*