Hi everyone,

Next Skype Meeting October 16th at the usual time.

Evelyne will invite everyone to join the Skype call. Please make sure you are logged in on Skype.

Agenda:

1. Review minutes of June Skype meeting
2. Extend invitation to Dr. Annalee Kitay to join us during the second half of our meeting.
3. Laurent will update the board about his recent trip to Montreal the annual ICAK international annual meeting. Laurent has been in discussions with the ICAK’s technique certification board.
4. Mitchell will update the board on the resolution to past concerns /emails between Dr. Julie Russell Clark of Australia and myself.
5. Discuss any concerns by board members.  
   ***New Business:***
6. We need to activate the Examination board (Robert, Laurent, Mitchell, Sheel, Evelyne) to implement certification recommendations for practitioners and instructors.
7. Membership Updates:  
   **> 53 members** have completed the on-line application (does not include board members whom have not completed applications yet)  
     
   > **226 active Email List** whom receive monthly research reports.
8. Stats on N.O.T. webpages since June : Page Hits

* Home Page 766
* Find a Local Practitioner home page 236
* Country United States 115
* Europe 68
* France 26
* Switzerland 10
* Australia 41
* Costa Rica 14
* South Africa 17

Stats on Monthly Research Reports: Page Hits

* Home Page 255
* June Monthly Report 129
* July Monthly Report 131
* August Monthly Report 47
* September Monthly Report 38

Presidents Report:

I have received good feedback from several members about the monthly research reports stating they enjoy and look forward to the reports. I have invited and asked practitioners to email me with specific comments or questions about new concepts I have introduced but no one has done so yet.

I have given it some thought about certification process that I will propose below and in greater detail during our Skype meeting. I’m outlining some ideas below so you will have some time to think about it before the meeting. If you cannot join us at the meeting, please email your thoughts to someone on the board to represent you!

In my opinion, essentially the certification process is really just about Instructors. We want to make sure people who directly represent N.O.T. to potentially new practitioners are well-trained and teaching N.O.T. concepts in a manner consistent with the knowledge base expressed by the Board. In other words covering the topics outlined in the new teaching manual which is essentially completed, (neurological Units 1-4 and screening protocol).

Regarding the certification of practitioners, I don’t feel that is such a big deal as we will have very little control and influence on these practitioners. In other words, if someone feels they should be certified after taking a seminar(s) and we do not certify them, they will probably will be angry and disassociate themselves from our organization and we will lose a member and an ability to educate them up to our standards.  
So therefore I propose a self-certification process:  
I have about 4-5 additionally monthly research reports to do before completing the basic N.O.T. material that would be covered in a full length seminar. At the completion of the monthly series there will be instructions in these montly reports for practitioners to essentially sign off that they have listened to and reviewed all the monthly research reports. Once a practitioner does so, they will be automatically certified. We (board) can discuss how many years that certification will be good for? Additionally, if someone complains why they are not certified, all we have to do is ask them to review all the monthly reports.

Certainly any practitioner whom attends a N.O.T. seminar put on by our N.O.T.-IP organization, they will also become certified. Since we presently do not have any such seminar planned we need the above option to fulfill our promise that practitioners certification will be implement before the one year anniversary of our organization.

I would like to hear everyone’s thoughts about a certification process for instructors.

Certainly any practitioner, whom believes they are a qualified instructor, must first be a certified practitioner and agree to include all the information in our new teaching manual when or if they teach. The certified instructor may either teach directly from our new manual or use their own as long as each and every student is given the new manual as a reference book.

Please spend some time thinking about this before the meeting or let another board member know what your thoughts are.

Mitchell