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To the Institute Delegates\*  
and the individual members of EGATIN

Dear all

The Committee had three meetings since the last AGM: One after the AGM in Oslo, one during the Dublin Symposium and the intermediate meeting, which this time was in Aarhus in January 2009.

The membership number of EGATIN has been slowly increasing through the years. Some members have withdrawn and some members come to join. All in all we are more members than ever including Australia. Lately we have acquired interest from Spain, which so sadly recently has lost one of their great pioneers in Group Analysis Juan Campos.

2008 was a special year for EGATIN. At the study day in Oslo we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup>. year's birthday of EGATIN with contributions from several former chairmen, who gave us first hand information on how EGATIN was born. The other theme of the study days was how we transmit knowledge from generation to generation, a highly relevant question for our society and training institutions.

Also the question how to engage and include the students in the work of the society and the organizations was again raised in the large group.

At the European GAS Symposium in Dublin EGATIN was visible and active in the arrangement for the first time of the EGATIN Agora, which became a gathering of 50 persons, among them several founding fathers of EGATIN. The event was nicely arranged of Zoe Voyatzaki, and we had a very good and interested group talking about and listening to EGATIN's history so far.

Later there was the EGATIN subplenary with presentations from Bettina Fink, Inger Larsson and Paula Carvalho. All three had in different ways collected and analysed information about training, in Europe, in Sweden and in Portugal.

Later at the symposium EGATIN's president participated in a fish bowl discussion with representatives from the other group psychotherapy organizations. The issue to discuss was what ways of organizing would be most fruitful and necessary in the future. My main statement was that I found it valuable still to have two group analytic organizations (GAS and EGATIN).