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Local & Regional Update

**Spotlight BRAZIL**

- In Serpaz, Grupo Maria Mulher, Sapucaia, holds a debutant ball for low-income girls, who participate in a variety of fun and etiquette activities during the months prior to the event. At the Maria Mulher group, the young debutantes brought together many people to hold both a Basic and an Advanced AVP workshop. They liked it so much that two months later, we held another Basic and Advanced, with the encouragement of the first group.

- In Ecopaz, they have been working with the government Judiciary Branch, through the “Mosaic of Care” project, working with women victims of violence.

- Other workshops in Ecopaz have involved a series of ongoing partnerships with:
  
  - Archdiocese of Passo Fundo and Parishes in Guaporé (Catholic), through the project “Dialog and Sharing Circles: Strengthening prison pastoral care in the Guaporé regional prison”, with an awareness and basic workshop.
NEW NETWORK UPDATE

AVP International has been updating the website so Country Reports and Country Contacts are easy to access by just clicking on any country on the map. Give it a try!

www.avp.international

- Bandeirante School, through CIPAVE (violence prevention commission), offering workshops to raise awareness among students, teachers and employees.
- Guaporé Department of Social Assistance, offering an awareness workshop for professionals (managers, monitors, teachers, psychologists and social workers) members of the network.
- In Vila Maria (RS), we have a partnership with City Hall, holding awareness workshops with professionals who work in the Departments of Education, Health and Social Assistance.
- In Carazinho, we have a partnership with the University of Passo Fundo, through CIPAVE and community entities. Basic and advanced workshops were held.
- In Goiás (Itapuranga, Goias and Itaberaí), we have a partnership with the Diocese of Goiás, with the project “AVP for a culture of peace and good living”, holding all levels of workshops, training 30 new facilitators who are already apprenticing.

AUSTRALIA

- The 2019 Australian National Gathering will be held in New South Wales April

14 April Education Meeting

Greater Participation from African Representatives

This was the first time we tried the new translation software to conduct our meeting. We experienced some technical difficulties when using it with cell phones. Hopefully we can overcome those obstacles in the future. For those requiring translation for the upcoming AVP International meeting on 5 May, please go to the AVP International website and register for translate help. There will be time devoted to a tutorial of the software a half hour before the meeting is scheduled to begin.

Education Report and Strategic Plan approved
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

1. ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST YEAR

Educational Material Development
- Developed a template for project proposals
- Prepared language for translation contracts
- Gathered and developed the Literature collection
- Established a Multimedia Team
- Manual Translation: Kiswahili Basic, Hebrew Basic, Georgian Youth.
- A small group from the Research Team has formed to write and edit 2 books about AVP globally.
- Revived a body awareness component for AVP workshops

Information/Technology Building
- Network website - collection of bulletins & calendar of education meetings - definition of the network concept
- Develop Education News bulletin and distribute every 2 weeks: Education meeting news, education news and local group news
- Build infrastructure and capacity, building communication and building networks – through gateways > Bulletin & network website
- Move from storing education materials on personal computers and drives to AVP corporately owned Team drives – for facilitators to access
- The Education Bulletins are going well and have many contributors.

Community Building/Networking
- Establish Keeping Facilitators Involved Team
- Build infrastructure and capacity, building communication and building networks – through gateways > Bulletin & network website
- Building the research community
- Create an activities/exercise database
- Development of a community of AVP scholars and researchers.

Organization Building
- Formation of the African Education Committee
- School & Higher Education Team reorganizes with a new team chair
- Support for regional and national gatherings
- Develop Organisation for the translations process
- Review of materials - developing a review process & the need for infrastructure
- Increasing transparencies and visibility, accountability and networking in our committee processes
Education Bulletins that are produced every two weeks have been introduced to inform Committee members and interested AVP facilitators about what is happening in the Committee and various Education teams and workgroups.

2. ONGOING/LONG-TERM EDUCATION PROJECTS

- Collection of AVP manuals from around the world
- Companion translation of reference manuals
- Collection of the core activities/exercises from current manuals
- Translation of all education materials and resources
- Collection of exercises, literature, agendas, publications and other related educational materials for inclusion in the database
- Updating and further development of the AVP Education Network
- Best Practice - to create materials that exemplify the best in AVP standards and procedures
- Research - build a worldwide AVP research community to support AVP research projects around the world
- Keeping Facilitators Involved - identify, collect and evaluate materials and strategies for Keeping AVP facilitators involved
- Collect and evaluate Multimedia materials
- School and Higher Education - identify, collect and evaluate materials and strategies for
- Develop evaluation criteria for materials and resources.

3. WHO WE ARE IN EDUCATION

This is a dynamic multi-faceted committee. We host regular meetings with teams and workgroups tackling specific projects. We host a website for facilitators to access resources and we encourage networking of programs and individuals on educational issues. We utilize multiple means of cross global communication including a regular Education Bulletin, databases and collections located on the facilitator section of our international website.
4. CHALLENGES EDUCATION FACES AND IS WORKING ON

- Lack of adequate financial resources needed for quality translation of reference manuals and other AVP research and literature in the many languages being used by AVP facilitators around the world.
- We are doing some promotion ourselves and sharing those needs with the fundraising committee. We have a donation button on our website specifically for manual translation donations.
- There are still huge technology challenges for our members that often find it difficult to get a clear connection and participate fully in our meetings. We continue to use zoom meeting technology and we have the Education Bulletin to update those people who have had problems getting into the meetings. The Bulletins allow them to interject their ideas and offer feedback to the general education group.
- We often have trouble getting people to come to the meetings regularly. We have been promoting meeting attendance through the Bulletin, reminder e-mails and the two calendars on the Education Network and AVP International websites.

5. OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

- We have been hosting a series of interesting presentations that has increased interest and participation at meetings.
- We are continuously seeking feedback about what facilitators need, what resources we have to offer, and inviting participation on our committee, teams and workgroups.
Strategic Plan

AVP International Education Committee Overview and Strategic Plan

Anyone with the link can comment
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TLjHa_H8xe9MvBidqRyjtC83RVFtpyfLa4JxGjVp94Y/edit?usp=sharing

VISION: A beloved community of AVP Facilitators dedicated to continuous learning

MISSION: To sustain the core and guide the future of AVP training. The Education Committee supports facilitators by developing training materials and providing related resources for facilitators and AVP groups worldwide.

AVP INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1) Create Quality Educational Materials for use by AVP International facilitators around the world
   • to continuously write, review and revise AVP Manuals
   • to provide quality translations of AVP Manuals
   • to continuously review workshop practices and create publications that exemplify AVP values and best practices in community building, learning, evaluation and research.

2) Develop the infrastructure for the AVP International Education Network
   • to put all the manual materials, as well as other workshop materials including multimedia resources, into the structure (keep safe)
   • to set up a database site to receive, evaluate and house future materials contributions.
   • to facilitate the networking of individuals and groups of AVP facilitators as educational resources for each other
   • to recognise and respond to specific technological needs of groups and the diversity of those needs.

3) Develop processes for the AVP International Education Community
to evaluate, inform, improve and disseminate educational materials (respectful of the variety of needs including cultural differences)

to develop and implement processes and guidelines for evaluation and quality assurance of AVP exercises, agendas, manuals.

to facilitate the networking of individuals and groups of AVP facilitators around educational resources

to facilitate keeping facilitators active and involved in AVP

to support collaboration with other AVP International committees and teams.

1 April Research Meeting Highlights
This was the first meeting to test out the new translation program software described below.

Translation:
For participants who are not comfortable listening, speaking and reading in English or who have difficulty hearing the call, we will use the Microsoft Translator program. What is spoken on the call in English will be transcribed into the program and automatically translated in the chosen language(s) of the participants.

Participants following the translation are welcome to contribute during the call by typing into the chat box on their Microsoft Translator screen. These contributions will be captured and shared with the group.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to repeat or clarify the text transcribed in English and as we will be using an automatic translator program, naturally not everything will be translated perfectly.

A link to the Microsoft Translator chat room will be provided by email a few minutes before the call opens. Make sure you register to attend the Annual Meeting HERE to receive the translator link. This link will also be posted in the Zoom chat periodically during the 30 minutes of open conversation time before the meeting begins.

Participants engaged in a lively discussion with facilitators from Brazil using google doc and google translate. The AVP International President has been testing the translation software and recommends Microsoft translator for international meetings.

You can find a listing of languages available at https://translator.microsoft.com/help/languages/

Other university IT support is exploring other options.

A future meeting could use translate as the main platform for participants combined with voice activated system options. Another option is to trial a transcription-only (with no voice) meeting.

Research Committee members believe it is worth trying to approach a broader research community to check if they would participate if translation software is used for multilingual meetings. It was agreed to use the new translator at the next meeting. They will send out an announcement via the web master to send emails to the country contacts.
April & May KFI & Schools Meetings Cancelled

AVP New York is the oldest AVP group in the world. How have they continued to grow and keep facilitators involved for well over 40 years? Guest presenter, Jumping Jill will discuss various challenges they have had and the strategies they have used to overcome them. Please mark this on your calendar.

April - June Meeting Schedule

In the next three months you are invited to attend the following Education Committee meetings.

No MAY Education Committee Meeting, KFI Meeting, or Schools & Higher Education Meeting

Monday, 6 May – Research Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held online with Zoom –
https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/j/261557012
Contact education@avp.international for further information about this meeting.

Monday, 3 June – Research Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held online with Zoom –
https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/j/261557012
Contact education@avp.international for further information about this meeting.

Sunday, 12 June – Next Education Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held online with Zoom –
Contact education@avp.international for further information about this meeting.

Sunday, 23 June – School and Higher Education

This team will have presentations by experienced school and higher education facilitators with time for questions and discussion

This meeting will be held online with Zoom - click on
https://zoom.us/j/798379405
You can also ring into the Zoom room, check the international phone numbers on
https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=pBEO-m-BgMlpDKfSv5KDychFaAUbegBa

Sunday, 30 June - Keeping Facilitators Involved

Please review the 2019 Strategic Plan and join in the discussions with our presenter, Jill McClellan of AVP New York at our June meeting!

This meeting will be held online with Zoom - click on
https://zoom.us/j/798379405
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Go to the AVP Education Network site www.avpeducationnetwork.org and select the Calendar section for a complete listing of Education Committee meetings with meeting dates and local times.