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Spring Seminars of The Finnish Rorschach Association

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"Understanding R-PAS Scores and Profiles through the Lens of Neuroimaging and Psychophysiological Research"

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Time: Friday, April 21, 2023, from 10:00 to 17:00
Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:30 to 15:30
Place: Palvelualan Opisto Kuopio, Asemakatu 4, 70100 Kuopio, Finland
Fee: FRA members: **220 €** for both days, **140 €** for one day. Non-FRA members: **380 €** for both days, **230 €** for one day. All fees are VAT 0% and no VAT is added to the fee.

Registration: Registration is open to members of The Finnish Rorschach Association, the Danish Rorschach Society, the Swedish Rorschach Society, The Norwegian Rorschach Society, the Therapeutic Assessment Institute community and the Society for Personality Assessment. Please send an e-mail to our treasurer, Joona Suominen, by April 11, 2023. E-mail: **joona.suominen@icloud.com**. After registration, you will receive an invoice including a reference number for payment. Registration requests will be accepted in the order in which they are received.

Objectives and Content

Whether participants use the Comprehensive System (CS / CS-R), the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS), or other Rorschach approaches, the primary purpose of this training is to help participants deepen their understanding of the underpinnings of Rorschach responses

through the lens of neuroimaging and psychophysiological research. More broadly, this training is designed to deepen participants' understanding of what the Rorschach can and cannot tell us about respondents' personality and psychological functioning.

First day, April 21 (Friday)

First, some considerations will be made about the current scientific status of the Rorschach and the role it can play in psychological assessment within the context of a multi-method, multi-test approach. Major innovations introduced by the R-PAS and the major differences between the CS and the R-PAS will be summarized and discussed. The variables on the R-PAS Summary Scores and Profile Pages (i.e., the interpretive results of the R-PAS) will be discussed individually and collectively, with an emphasis on the psychometric and neurophysiological bases for interpreting these variables. Numerous studies focusing on a range of Rorschach variables and using a variety of techniques (such as EEG, fMRI, rTMS, electrodermal activity, and eye tracking) will be presented and discussed.

Second day, April 22 (Saturday)

To fully appreciate the wealth of theoretical information provided on the first day of training, the main purpose of the second day is to provide participants with some practical guidelines on how to proceed when interpreting a Rorschach protocol using the R-PAS. A clinical case will be presented and discussed. In addition, the issue of negative response bias will be discussed, and the indicators of possible exaggeration of psychological problems on the Rorschach compared to other tests will be considered.

Detailed Program

<u>April 21 (Friday)</u>

9.30 – 10.00: Coffee & Socializing
10.00 – 11.30: The scientific status of the Rorschach and its role in a multi-method assessment
11.30 – 12.15: Lunch
12.15 – 13.45: Innovations of R-PAS and main differences between CS and R-PAS
13.45 – 14.00: Break
14.00 – 15.30: Engagement and Cognitive Processing & Perception and Thinking Problems
15.30 – 15.45: Break
15.45 – 17.00: Stress and Distress & Self and Other Representation

18.30: Dinner out in Kuopio (at your own cost: please let us know at least one week in advance at emiliano@muzio.net)

<u>April 22 (Saturday)</u>

8.30 – 10.00: Impression management and negative response bias
10.00 – 10.15: Break
10.15 – 11.30: Case study example: Introduction and review of verbatim transcript
11.30 – 12.15: Lunch
12.15 – 13.15: *General Assembly of The Finnish Rorschach Association (FRA members only)*
13.15 – 14.45: Case study example: Summary Scores and Profiles (Page 1 & Page 2)
14.45 – 15.00: Break
15.00 – 15.30: Discussion, conclusion, and final remarks

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