

Dear Friends,

Twenty years ago we have met for the first time. I remember Peter Ryan's opening speech, when he looked a little astonished we were so many, not knowing each other, coming from different countries, North and South of Europe and even from Eastern Europe. How have you found all of us Peter? How was it possible to predict that most of us will be together almost all of these twenty years?

Kerstin Back Moller, Carmel Clancy, Heli Laijärvi, Ian Dawson, Mervyn London, Knut Sorgaard – let me mention some of us attending this first meeting. The name for our network: ENTER- Mental Health, which Tomek Szafranski helped us to find, sounded as an encouragement to be active, innovative, brave, open minded, working for mental health together with our colleagues consumers.

I still remember enthusiasm of my Polish colleagues, attending this meeting when we were back in Warsaw. For us it was the time of working on new National Mental Health Programme. After this meeting we have realized that we have had very professional partners who can assist, help and share their own much advanced experiences.

New members have joined us very quickly, Tim Greacen, Alex Baldacchino and many many others in the next years. Thanks to them ENTER is now as young as it was during the first meeting in London, even it was twenty years ago.

Congratulations to all of the ENTER members so many research projects founded by the European grants. All of them were so important for the changes in mental health field in Europe. Thanks to Peter, Tim and Ian for all you have done during these twenty years, for your involvement and charisma in bringing people together to change the world. For me it has been a great professional experience and the time of friendship with wonderful people.

Thanks to all of the ENTER members. I am convinced that the next twenty will be even more successful and more effective, as you are so much involved in the values ENTER presents.

Czeslaw Czabala

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