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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am a Clinical Psychologist who resided in London from 1972-1985. During that time, I came to know many therapists who were trained at the Gerda Boyesen Centre, and also many of the trainers. In the summer of (approximately) 1982, I attended a two week residential training which was attended by about eighty other professional therapists and trainees. The reputation of Ms. Boyesen as a bioenergetic therapist, and the other trainers was highly regarded, especially among humanistically-oriented psychologists and psychotherapists.

As I recall, the over-all requirements would come to about 2000 hours of theory and practice including supervised practice. The training included a theoretical foundation for somatic psychotherapy which at the Boyesen Centre consisted of Ms. Boyesen's ideas and the work of Reich. Trainees would undergo both individual and group therapy as part of their training, safety of the client within the bounds of good practice, and its theoretical foundations was included, as well as the physiological basis for the practical application of the method.

Additional training included the psychiatric diagnostic categories, an exposure to psychotropic drugs, and Rogerian counselling methods, as well as lectures on neo- and post-Reichian developments which included Lowen, Boadella, Kelley, and Keleman – all highly regarded and well-known therapists in the biodynamic field of therapy.

The practicum aspect of the course also included therapeutic massage, and the requirement of seeing two clients on a weekly basis over a minimum of two years under supervision. I believe Mr. Marmara had individual and group supervision for a four year period.

I had heard of Mr. Marmara when we both lived in England, but it was not until 1998 that we met in Sydney. I also had the opportunity to experience Mr. Marmara's work during the 1998-1999 period, and that has left me with no doubts nor reservations regarding his professional skills, competency, and integrity. This perhaps more than anything else that I could write testifies to the adequacy and high standard of his training.



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