INVITATION TO THE Ninth NORDIC AAI INSTITUTE

The Adult Attachment Interview (AAI) (George, Kaplan & Main, 1985/1996) developed by Mary Main and co-workers at the University of California at Berkeley, investigates an individual’s current mental representations of attachment related experiences from childhood. The interview aims at getting the interviewee to access his attachment related memories and to present these experiences in two contrasting forms: (a) as generalised (semantic) memories, and (b) as specific biographical (episodic) memories. The interview is transcribed verbatim and analysed as a whole. The AAI has been the focus of great attention during the last decades and studies have been published in clinical as well as developmental and social psychology journals. Last year vanIJzendoorn et al published a meta-analysis (‘the first 10 000 AAI’s’) attesting to the widespread use of the method. If coded according to the manual, the interview has been shown to be both reliable and valid.

To be able to use the AAI in one’s research, it is necessary to be thoroughly familiar with the coding system. During the institute you will learn to apply the AAI coding manual (Main, Goldwyn and Hesse 2002) to transcribed AAI interviews. Participants will also be given the opportunity to present and discuss their own research.

The ninth Nordic AAI-institute will take place in Gothenburg, Sweden in January 2011 during two full weeks. Throughout the institute, the English language will be used for teaching. The AAI institute will be held from January 10th until January 21st in Gothenburg (further information will come in the fall of 2010).

Please observe that during the institute you will NOT have time for anything else! We know this from our own as well as previous participants’ experience!

The cost for the training (including materials) at the institute is € 1 200 (may change due to currency fluctuations). In addition there is a mandatory fee for the reliability test of $ 600 to be paid directly to Mary Main and Erik Hesse.

The maximum number of participants is 20.

The form on the reverse side is your preliminary application to the institute. If you have any questions on practical issues, contact Anders Broberg, Dep. of Psychology, University of Gothenburg. In October we will confirm your application and ask You to pay a deposit to secure your place. If you need earlier confirmation, please note this on your application form.

Feel free to copy and distribute this letter to your colleagues.

Best regards

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NINTH NORDIC AAI-INSTITUTE

We give priority to people who can use the AAI in their current or planned research. People who currently do not plan to use the AAI in research are however also welcome to participate. In any case we want to have some idea of how you plan to use the AAI. Experience from other institutes also show that it is of great value if more than one person from the same unit is trained in the AAI. Having AAI colleagues entail the possibility to cooperate on coding difficult cases and, not the least, provide support and encouragement. Indicate if somebody else at your unit/university is interested in participating in this AAI-institute or already is a trained AAI coder.

I am interested in participating in the AAI-institute in Gothenburg January 2011 and I want to receive a final application form.

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Other person (already trained or interested) with whom I can collaborate: ..........................................................
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Short presentation of your planned research project (if applicable) or the clinical setting in which You plan to use the AAI:
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Send to Anders Broberg, Department of Psychology, PO Box 500, SE405 30 Gothenburg, Sweden. You may also send it as an attached pdf-file via e-mail to <Anders.Broberg@psy.gu.se>

NO LATER THAN October 1st 2010. Please use block letters or fill in electronically.