

" Art Expression and Psychopathology"

“The EPA is proud to have this opportunity to host two moving exhibitions here at our congress in Munich. These inspiring exhibitions have been collected by our colleagues in the field of psychiatry and can be found on level one of the congress centre.

Dr. Christa Seidel, psychologist and child-psychotherapist, will present her own long-life-collection of drawings/painting by abused children during the course of their psychotherapy. These beautiful and fascinating creations are explained by the reaction that they evoke; in terms of emotions, personality, development stage, progress in psychotherapeutic process.

Professor Dr. Konrad Maurer, chair of the psychiatric university department Frankfurt, will show pictures of the painter Carolus Horn, who in the later stage of his life suffered from Alzheimer dementia. These pictures will be interpreted amongst others as a correlate of the deterioration of the dementia progress.

These two collections complement and contrast each other in the sense that the child-paintings are indicating developmental processes, while the pictures of Carolus Horn demonstrate the process of retro-genesis in the context of Alzheimer's disease.”