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Dear Colleagues,

In 2015, three scientists were awarded the Noble Prize in Chemistry for investigating DNA reparation. Reparation (recovery) is, in particular, an ability of the intracellular system to aim at searching and correcting lesions suffered through various traumas; genetic mending of breaks in DNA molecules.

A feature of this method is the search (research) and correction (working through) of lesions in the inner psychic reality through work with transference, and orientation at restoration – in relations first, and then in the deeper structures of the psyche. From the Kleinian approach we know that the destroyed may be recovered in various ways, e.g. maniacally – denying the reality and being ruthless to all you recover, or controlling obsessively and not recovering. However, it can be done with love and care towards the one who is being repaired.

The centennial jubilees of two revolutions send us thinking about what makes whole countries and individual personalities stronger through development, and what destroys the basis resulting in broken memory and history.

In a way, all creative activity is reparation which resolves the ambivalence towards external and internal objects that breaks us from inside.

Christoph Walker (Germany) and Gila Ofer (Israel) will be the keynote speakers at the conference.

We hope you will find it interesting discussing Recovering the Destroyed in Stavropol as this City has already won twice the title of the Most Comfortable City of Russia.

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