

IPSO news from our meetings around the world and Mexico!



Luisa Marino
President

Dear Colleagues,

I am sitting on a half empty train that every week takes me to my psychoanalytical training in a city near mine, in the North of Italy. It's raining heavily, deep winter here, as I read once again the summary for this December 2010 newsletter and my notes on the last six months of intense IPSO activities, until I gently fall asleep.

My "IPSO" thoughts fall rapidly together, in liquid movements of condensation and decomposition which make me confuse them with my real life ones. My mind starts remembering the names of colleagues recently met, pictures of different countries, together with somebody's paper's central issue, or that specific sentence that a woman read reporting her difficult job with a patient, my brother's present for Christmas, flashes of my parents home, lists of the bills of my flat, numbers, accounts, and some images from my dream last night...

The train stops unexpectedly in the middle of the foggy flat countryside and I slowly awake in the same mist of my quick nap; half here half there, I dream-think: while I know well the importance of the sleeping function which protects and allows the dream process... still I wish you not to miss this intense but rich newsletter and you are warmly invited to read each of its incredibly interesting reports! In this way, you can keep up with the many things we did and the goals we reached these last past six months!

I have a strong wish that everybody should join at least one IPSO activity of the many on offer to put you in touch with the world of psychoanalysis. I know this could sound like an advert and worse, a seductive one: I was carrying you around my "liquid dream world", and now I awake you with this plea: "Join an IPSO experience during one of our initiatives around the IPA/IPSO world! You'll not regret it!" It is, but isn't a bit like the same experience we all go through during our daily life and work when somebody asks us to explain to them: why should I undergo an analysis? What is this experience like? Does it work? And how? Just try it! I had some answers to that question while attending the 1st IPA conference held in ASIA last October. I will let you read Drew's report for more details; we both were there kindly invited by the IPA China Committee, chaired by Peter Loewenberg and very ably assisted by Maria Teresa Hooke. We had the occasion to listen to lots of personal experiences described by senior and younger analysts in training in different part of Asia, for a varying number of years, depending on their country of origin, how they found a training analyst to undergo analysis or enough money to go for a shuttle analysis somewhere else.

The IPA celebrated its 100 years' centenary here; IPSO will celebrate its 40 years' anniversary next year in Mexico as Denise describes in her article and we have some great forthcoming initiatives! And Chinese culture is many thousands of years' old, even if China is now known more for its extraordinary boom.

I understand it is not easy to put these data together, but just let's think about the undeniable fact that we all, younger and older, Chinese and elsewhere, have been (or still are) on an analytical couch, meaning that: we all share the core experience of analysis. This may help even if, of course, the location of this couch in the world may have its importance and relevance. I need to learn more about origins and cultures to meet my foreign colleagues and understand Chinese friends as well as the joyful people I met in Latin America last September in Bogota, Colombia, during the last FEPAL meeting.

And, after all, isn't it same thing that happen every time we meet a new patient? Nevertheless, our location in the map of the world does matter unless it becomes a way to resist on the couch, as somebody pointed out talking about his experience with his analyst in California coming from Korea: "you don't understand me because you don't know my country!", honestly admitting he was defending himself from the painful but exciting process of "meeting the other", his unknown analyst, as well as he was his new "unknown" patient.

Going back to my memories, I want to mention the increasing collaboration we are having with OCAL, who invited us to various activities in Bogota, during the FEPAL conference of LA psychoanalytical institutes. Amelia, our treasurer has been our privileged link with Norma Garcia, the last OCAL President who I want to thank, and wishing our profitable encounters to continue under the Presidency of Rita Mello.

Now I leave you in the good company of the various reports attentively prepared by my ExCom colleagues who have been very busy realizing and attending so many initiatives! Valeria also "exclusively" interviewed Prof. Charles Hanly in Buenos Aires and many interesting questions and answers have been explored.

Last but not least, I hope to meet you all soon in our forthcoming meetings: in Europe, Copenhagen, with the EPF Conference and the IPSO program there; in Italy, for the first IPSO Italy-France clinical meeting, in Bologna with the supervisions of dr. Ferro and dr. Bolognini the latter of whom is also running for the next IPA Presidential elections; in Belgrade for the IPSO European annual meeting, and we are very proud this year to have the opportunity to have more eastern colleagues with us; in North America, for the second ever IPSO NA event, in April, in Washington; and of course next August in Mexico, as Adela will tell you, for the Biennial IPA/IPSO Congress! Don't forget you could have the opportunity to be more actively part of IPSO work within its Executive Committee by attending the Business meeting and standing for one of the positions. I look forward to meeting you there!

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Europe



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During the last six months there happened a very stimulating IPSO event in Europe:

The IPSO Study Day in Paris

This international meeting - organized by the IPSO representatives of the SPP Fabienne Fillion, Claudie Dufétel and Armelle Hours - took place on Saturday, November 13, at the Institute of the SPP (Société Psychanalytique de Paris) in Paris on the method and concept of "**Listening to Listening**" by Haydee Faimberg. Participants were training analysts of the SPP and nearly 60 candidates from France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Portugal, United Kingdom and Turkey. The day started with presentations by the training analysts Haydee Faimberg ('Listening to Listening' and 'Misunderstanding and psychic truths') and Jean-Luc Donnet ('From evenly suspended attention to metapsychological listening'). Elisabeth Manivel, a candidate from SPP, translated Jean-Luc Donnet's ideas into English, which was a particular challenge, and a true introduction into French psychoanalytical thinking. The two presentations were followed by three clinical workshops led by Haydee Faimberg and Alain Gibeault (in English), Litza Guttières-Green (in French), Bianca Lechevalier with the participation of James Gammill (in French) with case presentations from training analysts and candidates.

It was a very open atmosphere with lively discussions and exchange amongst the participants allowing it easily to actively participate and especially enabling the participants from outside of France to get an idea of an important part of the French psychoanalytical thinking.

Our French hosts told us afterwards that they experienced the atmosphere in their institute with us as being more open and easy than normally. So we thought that organizing such an IPSO Study Day could be a mutually fruitful experience.

After this very inspiring working day a major part of the participants went for a dinner together on the boat restaurant "Le Capitaine Fracasse" on the river Seine, which was a fine closing for this day.

We would like to encourage our colleagues from various European countries to organize similar Study Days with the possibility to get to know some psychoanalytical concepts and tendencies of their home societies.

Our Italian IPSO representatives Luca Nicoli and Laura Ravaioli (SPI, Società Psicoanalitica Italiana) have prepared already such a **Study Day à la bolognese** (which means: **in Bologna, Italy**) for **February 26, 2011**. Up to now we know that there will be presentations and supervisions by Stefano Bolognini and Antonino Ferro. The languages of this meeting will be Italian and French. We are curious to get to know more details and will send them via e-lists.

As far as more European IPSO events for 2011 are concerned, we are happy to announce that the IPSO program for the conference of the **EPF (European Psychoanalytical Federation)** looks promising. This conference will take place in **Copenhagen from April 13-17, 2011**, with the topic: **„Anxiety and Methods in Psychoanalysis."** Haydee Faimberg was so kind to agree to open two workshops about her method „Listening to Listening" for candidates, one in English, one in French. Both will take place on Wednesday, April 13. Timea Kardos, one of the Hungarian IPSO representatives, will present in English, and Fabienne Fillion, one of the French IPSO representatives from SPP, took over the French case presentation. Our Danish hosts will be represented by our Danish IPSO contact person Britta Lundsgard from Lund, Sweden, who will open the IPSO program with her paper: „Anxiety, Identity and Loss", and her colleague Ruth Hald will present a case during a supervision by Antonia Grimalt, Barcelona. The Danish training analyst Mette Moeller will supervise Joey Stam (Netherlands), and Iva Ondracková (Prague, Czech Society) will present a case to Björn Salomonsson from Sweden. Last but not least our colleague Christof Zedrosser from Vienna, Austria (WPV) will enjoy supervision by Maria Teresa Hooke (Sydney, Australia). We will have our IPSO dinner and party on Friday evening, April 15 – organized by our Danish hosts. Come and visit Copenhagen and join IPSO in April 2011! Since the workshop with Haydee Faimberg will be limited to 15 participants each, don't hesitate to register soon (www.epf-eu.org).

Our **IPSO European meeting** will take place in **Belgrade from May 13-15, 2011**. Our Serbian colleagues Srdja Zlopasa and Jasmina Vrbajac as representatives for the Local Organizing Committee already invited all of us, so we would just like to remind you: The topic will be **„Candidates' crossroads"**. Sandra Stankovic from Belgrade will present a film on Friday evening and discuss it afterwards with us. Papers may still be submitted until February 28,

2011. We will have peer-to-peer group supervisions and welcome colleagues to present their cases and their way of treating in an atmosphere without dependency of supervisors. If you are interested in presenting a paper or a case, contact: ipsobelgrade2011@gmail.com. The IPSO meeting will be held in Hotel Balkan (www.balkanhotel.net), a nice old building in the very heart of Belgrade. We are looking forward also to the IPSO party in the old town quarter Skadarlija - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skadarlija> -, hoping to meet many old acquaintances and to get to know new ones. Please remember to invite your fellow candidates who recently started training and maybe do not receive our IPSO mail yet.

Last but not least we would like to remind you that we will have the election for the next IPSO Executive Committee in August during our IPSO Business meeting at Mexico City, August 5, 2011. We are looking for a new IPSO Vice President-elect for Europe and ask our interested European colleagues to contact us on this behalf.

Visiting Candidates Program

From Nov 25 to Dec 4, 2010, our colleague Camelia Ovezea from the Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis (IPA Study Group) took part in the VCP and went to Madrid. Our IPSO representative from the Madrilénian Society, Demian Rutvinsky Goldvaser, arranged everything to let Camelia feel welcome and organized an intense program during her stay.

Due to the deadline of this edition of the newsletter Camelia couldn't write her report yet but will do so soon and we will let you know in summer about her experiences.

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Latin America

Those of us who attended the Fepal Congress in Bogota (October, 2010) incorporated both city and congress at once. This happens. In such occasions one is always stimulated, to be open to new and alternative proposals. It may even occur that we may see things we had never thought before. As if, a fantasized pocket of thought were amplified, enhancing our capacity to think thanks to this common experience.



President speech during FEPAL Congress Bogota, Colombia

The outgoing OCAL team presided by Norma García said a moving goodbye speech and handed OCAL over to Rita Andrea Mello from SBPSP, Brazil for the 2010-2012 period. Our congratulations and best wishes for them. We are sure the excellent relations IPSO- OCAL will continue to develop. A lunch was sponsored by Ocal for approximately one hundred candidates. Colleagues and friends from all over Latin America met, many of them had initiated their tour of Colombia by visiting the beaches in Cartagena. Their faces showing the sun had hit them strongly. Luisa Marino, our IPSO President came over from Italy, talked about IPSO and its now 40 years of history. Valeria Nader (Sociedad Psicanalítica de Rosario), IPSO President Elect, coordinated the meeting. Then we had an IPSO sponsored raffle. As a result Maridel Cantelli from SAP, Argentina, won a free

Entrance to the Mexico Congress for next year (August 3- 6, 2011).

Within the frame of the OCAL Congress we met several colleagues who presented very interesting papers: Gustavo Fuentes, from APM, Mexico, presented "The symptom in the beginnings of an analysis"; Raquel Andreucci (SBPSP, Brazil) : " A woman in search of her subjectivity. From the Ego tattooed to the representation of the Ego in the mental screen of the analyst and within artistic production"; Luisa Acrich (SAP, Argentina) with " In transference...an enigma." Simultaneously Norma García (ARPAC, Mexico) presented " Bond, transference, regression and structural change"; Marília Amaro da Silveira Modesto (SBPSP, Brazil) : "Psychoanalysis without borders "; Pedro Andrés Gonzalez (SFPC, Colombia) : " An approximation to the construction of the reality principle in the work of Freud " and Eduardo Llanos (SPP, Peru) read a paper on " Migration and alterity. Foraneous and autochthonous in the territories of the other." All in all they shared this variety of questions , which fluctuate from clinical issues, thinking the experience of training within the frame of the international community, in its commons and different points, thinking about the interface of social criteria and psychoanalysis, and theoretical issues. Indeed a complex picture and very stimulating one.

Right after lunch a set of Crossed Supervisions were held, allowing for candidates to meet with training analysts. There were plenty of interchanges from candidates at different stages at their psychoanalytic training and also from different countries. It was a great opportunity for candidates to share complexities and vicissitudes providing a valuable clinical and international experience.

Among other presentations Jean Marc Tauszik (SPC, Venezuela) read "Mystic, clinic and individuation"; María Paz Arellano and Vicenta Ramírez (APG, Mexico) with " A new beginning: changing analyst...in order to become an analyst". Carmen Cuenca (APG, Mexico) presented "Skin bruises, bonding bruises"; Josefina Sarmiento Nova (APC, Mexico) with " The Couch: bond permitting " ; and Eva Marcuschamer (APM, Mexico) with " The footprint of love". Brenda Tolosa (APG, Mexico) read " From Madness to creativity"; Patricia Mirochnik (SAP, Argentina) presented " Where to put the White Algarrobe"; María Cecilia Andrade and Agustina Fernández (APA, Argentina) with " Referrals. An example of a practice in transference." Oswaldo Canosa (APA, Argentina) presented "Play it again, Sam"; Mauricio Zulián (APA, Argentina) with " Thyché" and Rosa Schenkel (APDEBA, Argentina) with "Play and transference".

Once these activities were over, the overall atmosphere changed completely and people started to loosen up. The OCAL Committee organized a dinner at the Andrés Carne de Res Restaurant that was massively attended : candidates, members, and friends were unified in dance, music, drink, and similar pleasures of Caribbean rhythm. An excellent counterpart to the daily intensity. A real winner!

Mexico

As 2011 begins we are proceeding with the final arrangements for the IPA / IPSO Mexico Congress. We hope to have a good number of IPSO members, mainly from the Latin American region as it is a meeting that is being planned with utmost care. We expect to meet with the usual people as with new candidates attending a congress for the first time. There will be an emphasis on psychoanalytical fundamentals: unconscious, dreams, and sexuality. Another concentration will be on Disruption and Repair , considered in a most ample manner.

In IPSO we are planning a Congress carved expressly for candidates, with spaces like free theme papers, experiences surrounding training, panels, "meet the analyst" and supervisions. Also, we will have our classic lunch on behalf of IPSO for the membership, and a closing IPSO party. For this part, we are very thankful for the Local Arrangements Committee who is planning way ahead of time looking for the best possible alternatives. Mexico City is so rich that we are sure our stay will be memorable in a number of ways. On behalf of the IPSO team we hope to see you all there!



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"Psychoanalysis has been called upon to be a stronger presence in the external world to keep itself alive and stimulating." I had the pleasure to hear that from Stefano Bolognini in a conference held by him on the XXVIII Latin American Congress of Psychoanalysis that took place in Bogota, Colombia from the 23rd to the 25th of September 2010. Bolognini, a well-known psychoanalyst from Italian Society of Psychoanalysis also said then: "A psychoanalyst must be updated with his environment in order to be in consonance with his social moment." I understood Bolognini's message and thought that for all of us that attended the Bogota's Congress, being there, provided that consonance with the social and historical moment that we experienced in that particular congress. This was a special meeting, because apart from the interesting scientific program, I had the pleasure to contemplate a creative repetition: going to a congress, meeting old friends, exchanging experiences, and being enriched by consonances and dissonances, only to start craving for such meeting once again.

It was an important moment of integration amongst our South American fellows. There was a great opportunity to be in a closer contact with OCAL through the participation of our President-elect, Valeria Nader. She coordinated the table in the lunch offered by OCAL to all candidates. It was a moment of widespread fraternization. Rita Mello from Sao Paulo, Brazil, started her term as the new OCAL's president. We also said goodbye to Norma Garcia, with gratitude for all her excellent work as president, and for her support and collaboration with IPSO. Special thanks to all colleagues from OCAL, including Amelia Casas, our IPSO treasurer, for the warm reception, care, and organization. Amelia was responsible for unforgettable moments of music, typical food, and fun!

Another special moment was the meeting of some of the members of our Executive Committee (Luisa Marino, Valeria Nader and I) with a training analyst from the Institute of Psychoanalysis of Bogota. We talked about our experiences as we advanced in the training process and how important is to build connections that go beyond geographical boundaries and theoretical limits and approaches. The opportunity to know and to share is a facilitator to build relations that are stored forever, renewed and reinforce at every meeting. "To keep alive the passion for the craft, we need these connections," said our colleague Hoyos. I recognized the IPSO spirit in this statement. In this context, the program of VCP * IPSO has provided colleagues in other countries and regions, belonging to various psychoanalytic schools, the opportunity to move and experience the theoretical and clinical diversity that is part of becoming an IPA psychoanalyst.

Learn more. www.ipso-candidates.org.uk

My warm greetings,
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SPECIAL THANKS TO
ALL COLLEAGUES
FROM OCAL,
INCLUDING AMELIA
CASAS, OUR IPSO
TREASURER, FOR THE
WARM RECEPTION,
CARE, AND
ORGANIZATION

North America



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Vice President North America

Dear IPSO Colleagues:
Greetings from North America!

IPSO was invited by the IPA China Committee to participate in the IPA Centennial event, the first IPA conference in China, in Beijing, October 22-24, entitled "FREUD IN CHINA, Evolution and Change: Psychoanalysis in the Asian Context." Luisa Marino, IPSO President and I were pleased and honored to attend this event

In celebrating this historic collaboration both with our IPSO Asian colleagues and the IPA, IPSO was involved in several events at the congress. On Friday, October 22, IPSO hosted a Two-Paper Panel. Our generous Discussant was IPA Past President Claudio Eizirik (Porto Alegre, Brazil). North American candidates gave two papers: Liu Yiling (Beijing) presented her paper, "Slow psychoanalysis is helpful to fast developing China," and I presented my paper, "Transcultural intersubjectivity: the relational unconscious between East and West." It was a rich cultural exchange, and Dr. Eizirik discussed ideas presented in both papers with much warmth and enthusiasm. On Saturday, October 23, Luisa and I gave a lunchtime IPSO Presentation, "All About IPSO: History and Mission," which gave an overview of IPSO for members as well as our mission and information on the upcoming IPA Biennial 2011 Congress in Mexico.

Finally, on Sunday, Oct. 24th, we hosted one of our traditional IPSO Discussion Groups. This was a resounding success, where IPSO member Wang Qian (Beijing) presented her paper "Spirit of Psychoanalysis: Sense of Trust in Doubts" and IPSO member Zhong Jie (Beijing) presented "Working with Chinese Patients: Are there any conflicts between Chinese culture and psychoanalysis?" These were then commented on by 3 North American candidate discussants, Takashi Okudera (Tokyo, Japan), Myoung Hwan Choi (Seoul, South Korea) and Luisa Marino (Padova, Italy). By all accounts, this was a very moving experience in which Asian cultures came together to decipher differences and find commonalities between their thoughts about psychoanalysis through specific cultural lenses.

Other events occurred where IPSO candidates participated: a night at Peking University where Dr. Eizirik lectured the students of Peking University, then an evening at Peking University sponsored by the IPSO Chinese Conference committee, not our typical IPSO Party at all! The Committee graciously provided us with poetry reading, traditional Chinese Opera demonstration and dance. This was attended by both IPA members and IPSO colleagues, which is our IPSO tradition when having IPSO parties: we like to invite and intermingle with IPA members as a sign of our great wish to collaborate more and be enriched by this collaboration.



The experience in Beijing was rich on many levels, psychoanalytically, culturally and academically. I think I may speak for Luisa is saying we are very grateful to Maria Teresa Hooke, from the IPA China Committee who invited IPSO for being so generous, inviting and supportive of the ongoing work of IPSO. Also, Dr. Wang Qian, our China IPSO Representative must be commended for her hard work in organizing and planning such a wonderful cross-cultural experience. Xia Xia, dear Qian! We are so grateful and so enriched from this unusual opportunity and appreciate so much the hospitality and collegiality we experienced with your colleagues in China. It was an historical and novel event for IPSO, and we hope to strengthen the connections between IPSO Asia as we move forward.

IPSO North America has some exciting upcoming events. As I write this, IPSO is on the eve of holding its annual Discussion Group on Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 during the Winter Meetings of APsA in New York City. Sylvia Pupo (Sao Paulo, Brazil) will give a case presentation entitled "*And Batman Never Returned: The Narcissistic Fragility in Paranoia*," with discussants Susan Fine (New York, NY), Eva Reichelt (Berlin, Germany) and Denise Goldfajn (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). These Discussion Groups are always an opportunity for the exchange of multicultural ideas about psychoanalytic principles and concepts, and this year we anticipate yet another lively exchange. Please join us, if you plan to attend the APsA meetings, or if you are nearby and wish to participate.

Another very exciting event is planned for the weekend of April 1&2, 2011. We are happy to tell you that we will be having our 2nd-only North American IPSO Conference in Washington, D.C. entitled "**Is There A Perverse Transference?**" Debra Zatz, our IPSO Representative for the New York Freudian (Washington DC) and her planning committee members, Silvana Kaufman, McKenzie Casad and myself are organizing this conference, a meeting in the U.S. historic nation's capital for a weekend with esteemed D.C. area senior analyst Dr. Alberto Pieczanski. On Friday night, April 1st, Dr. Pieczanski will give a paper to the Washington area psychoanalytic community, sponsored by IPSO, with discussant Dr. Justin Frank, of NYC. Saturday, April 2nd will be an all-IPSO daylong event, with lunch provided, in which two North American IPSO candidates will present cases to Dr. Pieczanski for his discussion and supervision. The Call for Cases has been sent to you all, should you wish to present, and details are under way for Registration. Please save the date! This will be another enriching IPSO experience, and it is thrilling and gratifying that IPSO North America has another opportunity to strengthen North American IPSO connections with other candidates.

I wanted to end by reminding you of our IPSO Visiting Candidate Program (VCP) that offers candidates the opportunity to do mini "study-abroad" programs in cities virtually all over the (psychoanalytic) world. We are happy to report that we have added some new VCP participating institutes since our last newsletter: San Diego Psychoanalytic Society & Institute and the Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis which includes: Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis-Quebec English (Montreal English); Ottawa Institute of Psychoanalysis (Ottawa); Institute Psychanalytique de Montréal (Montreal French); Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis (Toronto) and Vancouver Institute of Psychoanalysis (Vancouver). We are especially pleased and happy to have the Canadian Institutes a part of our VCP, as it expands more North American visiting opportunities for all international candidates who wish to participate in our VCP. For more information, please check the VCP section in this news- letter or contact the Vice President-Elect for North America, Deisy Boscan at IPSO-NorthAmerica@ipso-candidates.org.uk for more information.

Warm regards from San Francisco,
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From the Treasurer

Dear IPSO Members,

We are about to end year 2010, and lots of events have gathered candidates together all over the world. Psychoanalysis is alive, growing and spreading, and so is IPSO.

This year IPSO has become an even larger Organization. As I mentioned to you on our July's issue, now we are more than 2500 active members, at least 500 hundred more than last year; working, thinking and discussing together. Through all the reports here included you will get acquainted with what has been going on and enjoy the richness and fruitfulness of our work.

We are present at 41 countries: all around Europe and Eastern Europe, Australia and Israel, where we have around 1300 members. The United States, Canada, South Korea, Japan and China with at least 700 candidates, and of course all around Latin America, where we have around 580. At this point, less than ten of the countries around the world, which have psychoanalytic training Institutes and/or Study Groups, are not yet part of IPSO. Our goal is to outreach every existing one and if possible every candidate. This is a one by one Organization.

That is why our Ex Com members are working constantly and hard, and the work has being very successful, thanks to all the support we receive from you. We only have to read the amazing amount of events being held and the interesting reports sent by the participants of every program IPSO organizes and/or sponsors.

We would like all candidates to benefit from being part of IPSO, and we want IPSO to benefit from everyone's contribution. That is why we are also trying to make our work always better. We know there are still many things that need to be improved, and we are focusing on that: outreaching, improving our webpage and hopefully making our dues recollection system more efficient, for everybody, but mainly for Latin American's. The information we have been able to recollect along the year will help us to settle our targets and work to achieve them.

Thanks to you all, to all the candidates and representatives, and to those who are Treasurers at your own Institutes, we know you do a hard work, and we appreciate your effort.

My best wishes to you all in the forth-coming year. It will bring us a very important challenge: Mexico's Congress. Then we shall present you a more detailed report about our work, but in the meantime do not hesitate to contact me if you want to have more information or if I can be of any help to you.

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Editor's Report



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Dear IPSO members

We had exciting news since July/2010. IPSO Ex-Com members kept busy with innovative meetings and gathering more members than ever. For the editor this ever growing organization present us with challenges to make us communicate at the dynamic pace we all deserve. Therefore we are updating our website in a modern design to include a new blog and possibly a new upcoming format for this Newsletter. We have finalized our web Project and very soon we will be testing a new format and design just in time for our next 21st Biennial IPSO Congress, to be held in Mexico City, from August 3 to August 6, 2011. Registration for the IPSO/IPA congress is open. On our website you will find all the information needed for you to participate, please ([click here](#)) to join us in México.

We received several proposals for papers to be presented at our IPSO Congress and are in the midst of the blind peer selection process. We are happy to see proposals from all over the world, meaning that we will indeed have international panels composed of what our members are producing and contributing to the psychoanalytic field. It will also be an opportunity to get to know the amazing work that our regional Vice-Presents are doing from South America to North America and from all corners of Europe and Asia as well. We are happy to welcome our members from China.

In México we will celebrate that global spirit of interchange by celebrating our IPSO 40th anniversary with a reunion of all IPSO members. You simple cannot miss that! Please join us a tour IPSO party.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at anytime.

From a very warm Rio de Janeiro,
Denise

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Visiting Candidates Program (VCP)

Dear colleagues: We bring great news! In the past six months, several institutes enrolled in our Visiting Candidates Program. They are: Asociación Psicoanalítica de Buenos Aires (Argentina), San Diego Psychoanalytic Society and Institute (USA), ILAP (Instituto Latinoamericano de Psicoanálisis) and all the branches belonging to Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis (Montreal English, Ottawa, Montreal French, Toronto, Vancouver).

These institutes joined the 38 institutes, already participating, in our program: 13 in Latin American, 7 in North America and 18 in Europe. We encourage candidates from the remaining Institutes to join this valuable opportunity that IPSO offers.

Camelia Ovezza, from the Romanian Psychoanalytical Society, was our last colleague in carrying out this experience. She visited the Madrielenian Psychoanalytical Society, by the end of November. We enthusiastically wait for her anecdotes.

We would like to remember you that beyond VCP experience, IPSO through its IPSO representatives and regional Vice-presidents could help you making contact with candidates from other countries. If you like to meet someone that is undergoing IPA psychoanalytic training when travelling abroad please contact us. Belonging to IPSO is belonging to a social and work net, which brings the possibility of exchanging differences and similarities of any kind.

For example in mid-October our ExCom Editor Denise Goldfajn, a candidate from SBPRJ (Sociedade Brasileira do Rio de Janeiro), in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was visited by Jacob Steinberg, M.D. a candidate from NYUPI (New York University Psychoanalytic Institute) in New York, USA. Jacob Steinberg reported his visit in a very enriching "travelogue" that he kindly shared with us. As you all can read below:



Valeria Nader
President—Elect

Psychoanalytic Travelogue: IPSO Candidate-to-Candidate Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, October 2010

During mid-October, 2010, in the midst of their run-off elections, I was fortunate to spend time with my son Isaac in Brazil as he was completing his pre-school teaching duties in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. We were to meet in *Centro* Rio de Janeiro to initially tour "old Brazil" then fly to Manaus, the capitol and central Amazonas, for a brief expedition around the Amazon and up river to the *encontro das águas*, where *café au lait* Amazon waters and tea colored Negro Rivers collide – quite a sight. We would then return to Rio and see more of "new Brazil," a transformative country and a member of the hot BRIC group. This context afforded me an additional opportunity of connecting with candidate colleagues through IPSO (visiting candidate program - VCP), which PI-of-NYU is a member, and we have afforded international candidates visitation time within our program.

Fortunately I didn't have to know much about the IPSO program because our most able representative and my classmate, Dr. Susan Fine, has been active in all aspects of the program. An email to Susan connected me informationally with Dr. Drew Tillotson, IPSO's North American Vice President, who though in-between meetings and off to Beijing to speak at the IPA Congress - China American Psychoanalytic Alliance (CAPA), was most helpful in bringing Dr. Denise Salomão Goldfajn into the mix. Denise is a completing candidate (*Sociedade Brasileira de Psicanálise do Rio de Janeiro* - Brazilian Psychoanalytic Society -Rio2 - www.sbprj.org.br), seasoned clinical psychologist, IPSO editor, and most amiable colleague that one could possibly connect with.

We met near her Leblon offices, on the border of Ipanema, and where many dozen mental health professionals have offices. At a local *café* with espresso and miniature cheese breads (*Pão de Queijo*), we discussed the present composition of Brazilian psychoanalysis, predominantly from the candidates' perspective. In brief, Denise overviewed the active psychoanalytic world of Brazil predominantly in Rio, and less so in Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre, though active communities. In Rio, there are some 100-120 candidates distributed over four IPA institutes, of which Denise's SBPRJ is the largest.

(There are 12 recognized IPA institutes in Brazil; two study groups and 10 “nuclei” - study groups and nuclei are developing groups planning to become institutes). Each institute has adult programs and only SBPRJ has a child program. During the earlier years of candidacy, candidates are obligated to take named courses on well known figures within psychoanalysis, e.g., Freud (S & A), Klein, Winnicott, Bion, Lacan, etc.

These courses are more intense within the first four years, and become less so beyond year four. During the first two years, candidates are required to study four semesters on Freud, four semesters on technique and four semesters of active child observation on a weekly basis. Ongoing course-work is available to all candidates, even those quite senior, to maintain connection to the community and supervising staff. Evening lectures, seminars and presentation activities are available, which many candidates attend. Typical issues for candidates are related to different supervising analysts' styles in case write-ups, and the community as a whole trying to resolve these differences. Remarkable features of the Brazilian psychoanalytic community is their facility with many schools of thought, e.g., they know Brenner; and the opportunity for “community psychoanalysis clinics”, which allows availability of psychodynamic psychotherapies with potential transition to psychoanalysis (Freud had interest in this idea as studied by, “Freud's Free Clinics: Psychoanalysis and Social Justice, 1918-1938,” Elizabeth Ann Danto). In an eclectic word throw of ideas, regarding concepts like the “death drive”, they were supportive; but hardly used group therapies for Brazil which, “is more communal/social than the U.S.” where group therapy is more popular. Individual (not institutional) topics briefly pursued included the psyche as “gender-neutral” or rather without gender, but time did not allow pursuit of this topic. Additionally, there is an important cogent literature (PEP-Web) in English on Brazilian psychoanalysis and issues they have dealt with. They have strong anthropologic influences, and topics of both gender and color are actively written about, and actively debated, e.g., concerns about unintended segregation of analysts to analysts of similar color (NB: predominantly culled from literature; less definite in our discussions).

As our trip in Brazil evolved, Dr. Goldfajn was a hovering presence offering advice and making available further opportunities to meet, which will hopefully continue in New York City during the APSA 2011 meetings. In all, this was a marvelous opportunity that I (jjs) plan to continue to take advantage of, and hopeful my colleagues will follow suit. I'm thankful to all involved for this lovely program.

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We hope to have an increasing numbers of “travelogues” to present to all IPSO members and perhaps in the future to build a “travelogue” section in our Website. We thank Dr. Steinberg for this great and thoughtful contribution.

Prof. Charles Hanly, IPA president's visit at APdeBA (Asociación Psicoanalítica de Buenos Aires, Argentina)

On August 23rd, candidates from APdeBA generously invited me to their Association to participate in an interview they had prepared to Prof. Charles Hanly during his visit to Argentina.

The activity was held in a warmly atmosphere and candidates as well as Prof. Hanly asked and answered in a free and spontaneous way. Dr. Hanly talked about the three IPA training models: Eitingon, French and Uruguayan. He stated that there is not conflict among them, because the tripod is the foundation of the three of them, and he commented about some differences, regarding session's frequency.

Dr. Hanly shared with us clinical and personal experiences. He remembered the beginning of his training. He said it was very difficult for him to be in analysis three times a week, but he remembered this first analysis constantly and it had accompanied him during all his life.

Another concern, brought by candidates, and discussed with Dr. Hanly, is regarding the economical cost of undergoing IPA psychoanalytic training and how this affects our practice. Dr. Hanly said that economy is a powerful force that influences the standards of training and that economic difficulties bring big difficulties for training and psychoanalysis itself. He is very respectful to candidates and their analysts because of the great effort they make to keep training standards. He stated that candidates make an effort to pay training analysts fee and many times these last ones reduce their fee to support candidates' training. However, as IPA president, he believes that this is not enough. He wants to reach this goal: inform community about the invaluable offer and reaches of psychoanalysis. For him, it is necessary to better define who we are and which the task of analysis is to get people be aware of and reach them in an effective way. To sum up, he and his board propose giving psychoanalysis back the place once it had in society, having more demand and more patients.

Dr. Hanly was also asked about what makes a candidate prepared to be trained as an analyst. He stated: “You can't avoid being yourself if you want to be a good analyst.” He considered that having an academic qualification is not as important as going through the experience of personal analysis, because own personality is our work tool.

Finally, the concern about the future of psychoanalysis was brought to the fore. Answering about what he and his board are planning to assure psychoanalysis' future, Dr. Hanly pointed out two issues: One is outreaching, spreading how useful and valuable psychoanalysis is as a treatment method, to increase number of patients to be treated by candidates and training analysts. The second issue is reviewing and discussing different theories and schools of psychoanalytic practice within IPA that may or may not interfere with the growth of the psychoanalytic movement. Dr Hanly invited candidates to think about and finish with rivalries, which he thinks they are more narcissistic than theoretical vicissitudes of analysts. He stated that contradiction among theories make candidates confused in their practice as well as learning theories. Dr. Hanly showed special concern and interest for the ones he thinks are the future of psychoanalysis. In fact, he started the interview saying: “It is a great pleasure to be here with you, the future of psychoanalysis.”

The complete version of the article about Prof. Charles Hanly's interview is edited in Devenir, APdeBA's candidates' journal.

I would like to thank APdeBA's candidates and particularly board representatives: Genaro Velarde Bernal, Juan Manuel Landín, Silvina Gugliotta and Rosa Schenkel, for the invitation and the good moment we shared.

OCAPU Pre-Congress (Organización de Candidatos del Instituto de Psicoanálisis de la Asociación Psicoanalítica del Uruguay)

As it was announced in our previous newsletter, on August 19th it was held OCAPU Pre-Congress, during VI Congress, XVI Psychoanalytical Meeting, APU. The meeting surpassed all expectations. This was the first time that a Pre-Congress of such proportion was organized in Uruguay.

Candidates from APU Institute, candidates from APU who have finished seminars and candidates from neighboring countries participated actively. There were more than 60 candidates present. The candidates were from: APA (Asociación Psicoanalítica Argentina), SAP (Sociedad Argentina de Psicoanálisis), APC (Asociación Psicoanalítica de Córdoba, Argentina), SBPRP (Sociedade Brasileira de Psicanálise de Ribeirão Preto) y APU (Asociación Psicoanalítica del Uruguay).

Workshops and general meetings were held, fostering interaction among participants right from the very beginning. From small groups to plenary sessions, sharing reactions and thoughts happened in a very dynamic way.

The morning, were dedicated to case materials presented by candidates from different countries. They discussed differences in practice and new technologies, cultural changes and analytic difficulties.

In the afternoon, they continued working about training, institutional participation, as it may allows candidates to interact more or less with their societies. Candidate's identity was also thought about as well as questions like: Are we analysts in training? Will we become analysts after the training? Are we analysts-candidates becoming members of an IPA Association?

Uruguayan candidates generously hosted candidates from other countries at their houses. Allowing a closer interaction and social connection to happen. Therefore, bonds were created and it is pretty sure they will keep growing in other academic and personal opportunities. This is possible, thanks to candidates' organizations, from local level as OCAPU to regional level such as OCAL and international level as IPSO.

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