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IPSO Program in Turin at the EPF Conference "Ruptures"

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The **EPF (European Psychoanalytical Federation)** conference is traditionally the largest conference in Europe, and the IPSO has had its own program at the conference for many years.

At the EPF Conference in Turin, the IPSO was warmly welcomed by the EPF and the local IPSO members. Lingotto, the former industrial district of Turin, provided a special atmosphere for this exciting event. Almost 200 candidates took part in the conference.

Haydee Faimberg offered a workshop in English and French; Nergis Gülec from Istanbul and Christine Kupferschmied from Bern were the presenters.

The official IPSO Conference started on Thursday with a plenary session, where Anna Maria Hansjürgens, the IPSO VP for Europe, Franco Borgogno, Professor at the University of Turin, Franziska Ylander, the EPF VP and Chair of the Scientific Committee, and Serge Frisch, the EPF President, presented the topic of the conference and the EPF activities.

After these introductions, Sergio Anastasia, the IPSO VPE for Europe, moderated a presentation by Chiara Sirianni, the Italian candidate from Turin. The object of her presentation was the experience of the candidates during their training. Sirianni started with her own experiences in order to illustrate the difficulties as well as the resources for starting on the path to becoming analysts. The discussion was very lively and enriching, involving candidates from various European countries.

Our four supervision sessions attracted great interest among the candidates. We invited Athanasios Alexandridis from Athens, who supervised a presentation by Rita Gameiro from Lisbon. Rony Jaffé from Milan studied in depth a case presented by Virginie Lefebvre from Paris.

Charles Baekeland from Madrid was supervised by Jaqueline Amati-Mehler from Rome. Rotraut De Clerk from Frankfurt discussed a presentation by Monica Fraenkel D'Alancon from Paris. Mixing European psychoanalytical cultures and traditions always enables a different view of our work and our understanding of the patients.

Debra Zatz, the IPSO president, presented the candidate positions at a discussion group about different training models.

The highlight of the week was of course the IPSO party, which drew enormous interest. We would like to particularly thank our two IPSO reps, Francesca Borgogno and Cosimo Perrone, who were members of the LOC Committee. Their support for the organization gave us the possibility to meet on the Po riverside in a very attractive location. We had the opportunity to talk about the topics of the Conference as well as about our different personal and professional experiences. At the end of the dinner, Francesca Borgogno arranged a DJ set with popular dance hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. It was a very relaxing and fun experience.