

Dear All,

I am a psychoanalytic candidate at the Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society and I work in private practice with adults, couples and families. In the institutions where I did my training, I was always involved in organizing scientific events (congresses, supervisions, workshops), fostering collaboration and promoting psychoanalysis thinking.

Since the beginning of my training in my institute, in 2020, I start to be involved in all IPSO activities, what has been deeply enriching and a crucial part about creating my analytic identity. The Visiting Candidate Programme at Brazilian Psychoanalytic Society of Rio de Janeiro, the participation in some IPSO Days in Europe, being part of a Cross Regional Study Group and the possibility to be an IPSO Representative in my institution (which has recently allowed me to be in contact with the COPLAN group for next IPSO Congress in Lisbon) where meaningful experiences that make me want to be engaged with IPSO and contribute with innovative initiatives.

I am inspired by the IPSO's dedication to nurturing the next generation of psychoanalysts and creating a closer platform for dialogue and learning, among candidates from all over the world. For that reason, I'm applying to the role of Editor Elect, aiming to contribute to amplify IPSO visibility and to develop a closer relationship between candidates, encouraging their participation on the scientific activities from IPSO and IPA, but also promoting the scientific writing among candidates, what I believe is a crucial role of an editor elect.

From this perspective, I would be grateful to be part of the organization of the IPSO Awards, which I consider to be a strong stimulus for the creation of scientific work and for the presentation of papers at congresses. Likewise, taking part in the IPSO Journal as a means of publicizing the work of the candidates is a task that not only excites me, but which I consider to be a fundamental way of share and promote the scientific work.

For that proposes, I believe that will be a great opportunity to learn with the experience of the Editor and a privilege to develop these skills through teamwork. In fact, I am applying for this position because it links two main aspects that are personally fundamental in my relationship with psychoanalysis

and that have been crucial during my training: being involved in tasks linked to dissemination of scientific thought and, on other hand, to have the possibility of communicating and promoting greater proximity between colleagues. At the same time, reading and writing are also personal interests, which I think will take place in that role, especially thinking on the possibility to write to the IPSO Newsletter, what I imagine that could be a pleasant activity.

I am also aware of the importance of contribute to leveraging social media platforms, trying to create engaging and interactive presence that highlights IPSO programs, activities and events, what I'm used to doing on the social networks linked to institutions I've belonged to.

I am also eager to contribute to the maintenance of the IPSO archive, making them accessible to members, which I consider not just important to preserve IPSO's legacy, but also to serve as a valuable resource for future generation of psychoanalysts.

Thank you for considering my application,

Warm Regards,

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