Dear Mg. Erika Lepiakva, IPSO President

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Sebastián Nicolás Benítez, and I am a Licensed Psychologist currently living in Santa Fe, Argentina, a city in the country's interior. My psychoanalytic training began at the Psychoanalytic Association of Rosario (APR), where I represented IPSO, OCAL, and the Argentine Forum of Analysts in Training for two years. In 2024, I decided to continue my training at the University Institute of Mental Health of the Psychoanalytic Association of Buenos Aires (APdeBA).

It is both an honor and a challenge to submit my candidacy for the position of Elected Vice President for Latin America of IPSO. I firmly believe that, with **commitment and conviction**, we can contribute to the development of alternative training resources that meet analysts' needs, strengthen our professional relationship, and promote a rich and meaningful space for exchange.

If elected to this position, I intend to implement the next key initiatives. First and foremost, I believe it is essential to make **IPSO more accessible, visible, and approachable** for analysts in training across Latin America.

This goal aligns with my second proposal: to **promote and amplify the voices of Latin American analysts**. My aim is to highlight their contributions, strengthen their presence, and ensure their legacy endures. Given that Latin America has a unique cultural and sociohistorical context, I believe our perspectives deserve greater recognition at the international level. At the same time, I value the importance of exchange with other regions, as it enriches our understanding and broadens our approach to psychoanalytic practice.

A third fundamental initiative is to **expand the reach of psychoanalysis beyond the clinical setting,** especially because many of us in Latin America work not only in private practice but also in educational, health, social, and community contexts.

I am grateful for the opportunity to present my candidacy and remain available to further discuss any aspect of my proposals. I invite you to learn more about my professional background and academic journey in my attached CV. I am convinced that, by working together, we can continue to strengthen IPSO. Please find my email address below for future correspondence: sebastiannicolasbenitez@hotmail.es.

For a more accessible and inclusive IPSO.

Sincerely,

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