

Dear IPSO Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I write to you today, not only to share my thoughts but also to express my deep commitment to fostering communication and peer-to-peer exchange within our community. In this ever-evolving landscape of psychoanalysis, I believe that dialogue, connection, and mutual support are the bedrock on which we build our collective knowledge and growth.

My name is Salvatore Giannone, and I am a psychologist, child/adolescent/family psychotherapist, and currently a candidate at the Training Institute of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society (SPI). I completed my studies in “Developmental and Educational Psychology” at Sapienza University in Rome and had the privilege of being a visiting student at the “Eisenberg-Spinrad Lab” and “School of Social and Family Dynamics” at Arizona State University. I later pursued a second Master of Arts in “Infant Observation Studies – Working with Children, Young People, and Families: A Psychoanalytic Observational Approach” at the CSMH Associate Centre of Tavistock Clinic and University of East London, in Florence. My clinical training as a psychotherapist, based on the Tavistock model, was completed in Florence, Italy.

Throughout my academic journey, I have always been drawn to the profound nature of communication in psychoanalysis. To me, communication represents a bridge to connection, to understanding the inner worlds of both children and adults. I have had the privilege of working for more than a decade in both institutional and private settings, where I have supported individuals across a range of contexts—from early intervention in childhood to complex child-adult dynamics, parental competence, and adoption support.

For more than a decade I have been working in institutional and private context with adults, adolescents, children and families. In particular, I worked for ten years at the “San Raffaele Roma” Institute for Treatment and Research - National Health Service – Ecclesiastical, Ordinary and Juvenile Courts – Education Programs. I’m interested in early intervention in childhood, child protection, child-adult interaction, parental competence, primitive mental state in adults and children. I have long standing experience in intervening and supporting the adoption process.

For the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving as an IPSO representative for the Training Institute of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society (SPI) in Rome. This role has allowed me to immerse myself in IPSO's vibrant community, and through it, I have been fortunate enough to witness the depth of commitment and passion that drives our collective professional growth. I have become increasingly motivated to contribute more meaningfully to this community and to strengthen the bonds between candidates worldwide.

It is with this sense of responsibility and excitement that I am applying for the position of IPSO Editor-Elect. My motivation stems from my longstanding commitment to facilitating meaningful networking and exchange among colleagues and peers. Over the years, I have initiated various national meetings, contributed to the annual gatherings of Italian candidates, and created the World Candidates WhatsApp group, which has become a valuable space for mutual support, insight, and shared experiences. I have also had the honor of assisting in organizing the IPSO EPF social program in Florence, an experience that deepened my desire to build connections and create opportunities for more significant engagement within our community.

I am eager to bring this passion for connection and collaboration into my role as Editor-Elect. As Editor-Elect, I would be committed to the following initiatives, aimed at expanding IPSO's impact and deepening our sense of community:

✓ *Expanding Accessibility and Engagement* – I believe that fostering a more inclusive and widespread participation in content creation can help bridge the fragmentation of knowledge across training institutes worldwide. Online platforms can play a key role in this process by facilitating initiatives, discussions, and the inclusion of multimedia content, as well as by providing clear, accessible summaries of key articles.

✓ *Increasing Global Submissions* – I am committed to encouraging candidates from underrepresented regions to contribute, ensuring a broader range of perspectives and a richer diversity of topics in IPSO's presentations, publications, and submissions.

✓ *Enhancing Intergenerational Exchange in Psychoanalysis* – I strongly advocate for strengthening connections, discussions, and collaborative initiatives between IPA members and candidates, such as through Thinking Labs and Clinical Discussion Groups.

As Editor-Elect, my goal will be to amplify the voices of all candidates, to create platforms for reflection, exchange, and shared learning, and to foster a stronger sense of global community within our profession.

Thank you so much for considering my application. I am deeply grateful for your time and for the opportunity to contribute to IPSO's mission of nurturing the development of future psychoanalysts worldwide.

Warm regards,

Salvatore Giannone
