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My name is **María del Socorro López Olmedo**, a psychoanalyst-in-training at the Mexican Association for the Practice, Research, and Teaching of Psychoanalysis, A.C. (AMPIEP in Spanish), where I am currently in my eighth semester of psychoanalytic training, which I will complete with seminars in July 2025.

From the very beginning, and even more so now, it has been my desire and interest to be part of the IPSO Executive Committee, which is why I intend to run for the position of **Vice President-Elect for Latin America**.

Since becoming a member of IPSO and OCAL, I have been eager to actively participate in the events organized by the different boards, as I consider these to be highly valuable spaces where we, as psychoanalysts-in-training, can share our experiences with our peers. I have served as AMPIEP's representative to OCAL for three years, which has allowed me to gain experience organizing national congresses in Mexico. These congresses bring together psychoanalysts-in-training from IPA-affiliated institutes in Mexico on an annual basis, providing a platform to share and engage in dialogue on various thematic axes, including the discussion of theoretical and clinical material. For this reason, I am convinced that these spaces are a necessary and important foundation for our training as psychoanalysts.

This same conviction has motivated me to run for Vice President-Elect, as my goal is to create more opportunities for psychoanalysts-in-training in Latin America to continue sharing their feelings and experiences with colleagues from different countries. This would be achieved through various communication channels, whether through in-person, online, or hybrid events, aiming to foster and strengthen bonds among peers and to create an extensive network of connections with IPSO members that continues to encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experiences in a safe and warm environment.

To facilitate dialogue and better connect with candidates from other countries, I am fluent in both Spanish and English. Additionally, to further strengthen ties and expand our network within Latin America, I recognize the importance of Portuguese as a language and the culture it represents, which has been a cornerstone in psychoanalysis. With this in mind, I would like to create spaces for studying the language, facilitate the translation of articles published by IPSO, and provide access to translators for online events. This initiative is designed to benefit both Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking candidates.

I believe that maintaining strong communication and collaboration with OCAL and ABC is essential to creating deeper connections and bonds. These platforms provide an opportunity to foster a sense of fraternity among Latin American candidates, allowing us to support each other within our shared culture and roots while also engaging with colleagues from around the world.

Another proposal I would like to present is the creation of a podcast where psychoanalysts-in-training from Latin America can share their ideas on culture, art, music, literature, cinema, politics, migration, and social movements. This would offer a unique and creative opportunity to bring psychoanalysis closer to other sectors of the population from the perspective of IPSO members. Similarly, I consider it important to organize community-based spaces that promote mental health and reflection, driven by the life instinct.

I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm about the possibility of being part of this committee, and it would be an honor for me to serve as Vice President-Elect for Latin America. This role would allow me to contribute creative ideas, grounded in humanity and ethics, that enrich our psychoanalytic community.

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