



**A Compendium of the Scientific Activities of
IPA Societies as of 2015**

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Psychoanalytical Association's (IPA)*

Pre-Congress Workshop:

***“The Scientific Life of Component Societies:
Is a Common Framework Possible?”***

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Discussant: Professor Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber

Introduction

The overall aim of the workshop is to discuss the current scientific activities in component societies. It also represents an opportunity for chairs of scientific committees or their representatives to explore whether there can be some agreement about what might define the scientific life of component societies in a way that allows for sufficient freedom and diversity, but which identifies each society as having some common purpose as part of the international society.

The specific aims of the Pre-Congress Workshop are to:

1. Provide a forum for the exchange of views about the scientific life of component societies;
2. Provide a snapshot of the scientific life of these societies in 2015;
3. Derive a consensus view about the structure of the scientific life of component societies; and
4. Attempt to derive an interim definition of what constitutes the scientific life of component societies.

Deriving a common framework could facilitate the sharing of resources using the developing technology for global meetings and events.

The reports contained in this volume provide the details of the current scientific life activities of component societies to be discussed at the workshop. It is important that those chairs of scientific committees attending the Pre-Congress Workshop take the time to review these documents, looking for patterns and similarities in the conduct of the scientific activities in other societies.

These reports will be **taken as read** at the meeting in Boston.

In reviewing the reports, please take special note of the range of activities offered by other societies and think about how these are considered to promote their scientific life. It will also be important to question the extent to which these activities are informed by current theoretical developments and research findings, both in psychoanalysis and related disciplines.

One of the fundamental discussion points in the Workshop will be to gain some consensus on which activities best promote the scientific life of societies.

In order to address the challenge of achieving a consensus about the scientific life of component societies, it will be necessary for each participant to be clear about what is meant by 'scientific' and in what ways we feel we can define psychoanalysis as scientific.

As psychoanalysts we want to believe that we are offering a process to analysands which we believe works, yet we need to consider how can this be demonstrated, and moreover whether it is possible to show this scientifically? Freud, whilst convinced about his own discoveries, was also keen for psychoanalysis to be shown to be scientific (this was especially reflected in his hope for psychoanalysis to become a scientific psychology), yet he placed little emphasis on this aspiration. Giving testimony to this, Freud famously said, "I am actually not a man of science at all . . . I am nothing but a conquistador by temperament, an adventurer."

Freud's scientific method became, by default, descriptions of his now famous individual case studies. Such an approach in formal scientific research terms represents an idiographic approach. He largely relied on this approach to propose a coherent theory underpinning the clinical practice of psychoanalysis.

This reliance on the idiographic means of substantiating the theory and practice is seen by some to have left psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic theory in a vulnerable position in terms of the critics of psychoanalysis, especially those who wanted to challenge its justification as a theory. The most persuasive of these critics were those whose arguments rested on challenging psychoanalysis with reference to the tenets of the scientific method. For this and other reasons, it is therefore important to be clear about our own view of what we mean by "scientific."

The IPA Executive has sponsored this Workshop, as it believes it is important to the future of psychoanalysis as a theory and as a practice that all component societies work together in developing a common framework from which to develop the scientific life of their societies. This is important not only for its members and candidates, but as an important way of improving its standing amongst related professional groups, as well as being a means of increasing interest in psychoanalysis in the broader community.

We look forward to working together as a group on these issues.

Professor Marianne Leuzinger Bohleber

Dr Timothy Keogh

Structure of IPA Pre-Congress workshop (22 July, 2015):

“The scientific life of component societies: Is a common framework possible?”

1. **Welcome** / description of session [Handout] (5 minutes)
2. **Presentation** to stimulate discussion in small groups: Dr Timothy Keogh (25 minutes)
3. **Response from discussant:** Prof Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber (15 minutes)
4. **Small group exercise:** (45 minutes). (Each group [based on region / language] should elect a chair and a reporter who can report back to the large group in English.) A number of questions to be considered:
 - a. From the booklet what is the typical profile of scientific life, is there agreement about the key components?
 - b. What role might IPA Research fellows play?
 - c. How should developments in theory and research impact on training? Should candidates be familiar with:
 - i. Scientific methods
 - ii. Be trained to understand research
 - iii. Be asked to conduct a small piece of research as part of their training.
 - d. How might the scientific life be reflected in Society conferences?
 - e. Given the discussion on the previous questions can the group derive a definition of “scientific life” that could be operationalized? (A definition, which might have implications for training, ongoing scientific meetings, society conferences and outreach activities.)
5. **Morning coffee** (20 minutes)
6. **Small groups (3) reporting** (30 minutes): Each group having selected a reporter will provide their group’s responses to the questions posed.
7. **Discussant** (15 minutes)
8. **Formulation of a tentative consensus definition** and main points to be reported back to IPA Executive (including whether further workshop or formation of working group would be helpful) (15 minutes)
9. **Summary and conclusions** (Discussant and facilitator: 5 minutes)

APPENDIX

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM IPA SOCIETIES FOR SCIENTIFIC CHAIRS MEETING IN BOSTON

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ARGENTINE PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION

IPA SCIENTIFIC MEETING: Proposal of the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association

We consider that scientific policy, that is to say the objectives, devices and practices by which each Psychoanalytic Society organizes its scientific agenda, promotes the growth of psychoanalysis in relation to theory, clinical practice and society, and also maintains its validity and reliability in the international community. To achieve this aim, scientific policy must promote intra-disciplinary work on psychoanalysis to enable it to review its position in relation to problems and symptoms of the contemporary subject without excluding necessary interdisciplinary dialogue. We believe that this endeavour will contribute to solve many of the problems that concern contemporary psychoanalysis. It consequently involves a wager in favour of a living and vigorous psychoanalysis, enriched by a diversity of experiences, preserving the strength and originality of the Freudian proposal, since the type of forum and practice it proposes is a unique setting able to make a place for and to listen to contemporary subjectivity, a place where its singular modes of responding to today's society may be discovered.

The objective of scientific policy is to set psychoanalysis to work in the direction of a "conceptual revision" in three simultaneous dimensions: theoretical, clinical and socio-cultural. To reach it, we believe that it is necessary to focus at all times on contemporary themes, with their concordances and divergences, that relate and "tie together" these three dimensions of psychoanalysis, so that the latter may participate in the work of inter-discourse and inter-textuality inherent to each epoch.

This policy requires devices and practices to promote exchange between psychoanalysts of different orientations, generations, and regions, as well as dialogues with colleagues in other disciplines bordering on psychoanalysis such as philosophy, anthropology, literature, cinema, genetics, biology, and the neurosciences. Its objective does not lie in the direction of indiscriminate increase of knowledge or assimilation of psychoanalysis to other areas of knowledge but rather a return to thinking with new stimuli to promote decentring of certain positions that tend to crystallisation and closure of new inquiries.

The programmed proposals of our 2013/2014 and now of our 2015/2016 administration centred on:

In 2013 the theme we proposed was "Contemporary bodies and subjectivities" which culminated in the homonymous Symposium. At that time, we aimed to provide a forum for debate on conceptual, clinical and social transformations registered by bodies and sexualities as effects of scientific, technological, and cultural changes, produced mainly in Occidental society, and the mode in which psychoanalysis questioned itself and positioned itself in relation to them. Issues such as "limits", "borders", and "identities" opened questions in a society with unceasing political, symbolic, and legal changes that no longer allowed us to presuppose unaltered or static positions, which brought up the issue of their role in subjects, in the unconscious and in the very body of psychoanalysis.

In 2014 the theme was "Re-thinking the Oedipus Complex, between body and social bonds", culminating in the Symposium titled "Oedipus, from model to singularity", with which we continued to review topics opened by the 2013's theme when we inquired into contemporary psychoanalysis concerning Oedipus and its statutes as a complex, a structure, a narrative, etc. Its different versions stimulated exchange that led to debates, unsolved but indispensable for psychoanalysis as well as for contemporary society;

among these, functions of the family and their different modes of expression; paternal and maternal functions not always corresponding to biological functions; diverse modes of Oedipal dissolution and the many and complex determinants of human sexuation. We debated the hypothesis of the decline of the paternal function and of structuring functions of other forms of social bonds. The placement of “Oedipus” between “body” and “social bond” expressed both its character as a “passageway” between the former and the latter as well as its situation, conditioned by changes that both concepts undergo in each period of history.

For this new administration, 2015/2016, we have chosen the theme, “Clinical experiences in Psychoanalysis”, with which we plan to continue to discuss the previous issues while at the same time centring on diverse modalities of clinical work and the multiplicity of realities in which symptoms develop and contemporary discontents, as well as approaches, possibilities and limitations emerging from clinical experience and material.

THEME OF DEBATE: Our proposal is to choose a theme of contemporary debate such as “Universality and diversity of the Oedipus complex. Decline of the paternal function or new forms of symbolic function in the contemporary world”, which would promote ongoing psychoanalytic and interdisciplinary work in each Society, including the organisation of panels or workshops held at each local or regional meeting in order to take proposals to the next IPA International Congress.

Scientific Chair: Jorge Canteros

President: Leticia Glocer Fiorini

ARGENTINE PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

COMISIÓN CIENTÍFICA, Actividades durante el año 2014

Actividades abiertas: 2 reuniones mensuales, segundo y cuarto martes.

Los ejes principales sobre los que se desarrolló nuestra actividad fueron la exposición y discusión, en la primera parte del año, de trabajos pre-publicados para el Congreso de F.E.P.A.L., y una serie de encuentros con psicoanalistas de trayectoria consolidada para que “...*digan lo suyo*”.

Concebido originalmente como reflexión compartida acerca de los modos de haber ido pensando el psicoanálisis y la condición analítica, se ampliaron hasta constituirse en historias de vida en sentido extenso.

Constituyeron reuniones (una por mes), de transmisión emocional y de ideas muy valiosas, con reverberaciones significativas, que inducen a proseguirlas en el próximo período.

En cuanto a los “Trabajos pre publicados” (una reunión mensual) optamos, dentro de lo posible, por analistas que pudieran participar en persona de la presentación y la discusión posterior.

Fueron reuniones de intercambio y profundización logrados, así como también sirvieron para mostrar la importancia institucional de ensamblar aspectos de la temática del congreso con la actividad propia.

Además, continuamos con la práctica ya tradicional de los *ateneos clínicos* (uno por mes), reservados a miembros y analistas en formación.

El movimiento de intercambio, con una horizontalidad cuidada y coordinaciones facilitadoras fue fecundo, a juzgar por la calidad y cantidad de las intervenciones.

Se realizaron dos mesas redondas, acerca de la Ley Nacional de Salud Mental, su aplicación y efectos sobre los pacientes y profesionales de la salud. Ley nueva, de implementación trabajosa e impregnada de polémicas, en la medida que choca con modalidades inveteradas de encarar la problemática. Fueron invitados exponentes de modos diversos de pensar la cuestión. Se expusieron posiciones contrastantes con bastante amplitud, pero cierto pacto implícito de cautela y cortesía, por las pasiones que el tema convoca, hizo que diversos aspectos no fueran tratados con mayor extensión.

Cerrando la actividad del año, en el mes de noviembre se desarrollaron dos reuniones sobre la temática del autismo.

El *Simposium* anual versó sobre: “Consistencias en crisis. En la vida, la clínica y la formación”.

Las exposiciones fueron de excelente nivel, lo que se reflejó en la mañana del sábado en los grupos de discusión, para los que se contó con material clínico.

El trabajo trasuntó, en la fecundidad de la oscilación teórico clínica así como en la disposición de escucha de diferentes opiniones, una productividad institucional lograda.

La mesa de cierre, por su parte, reflejó adecuadamente las cuestiones elaboradas así como aperturas pendientes.

En lo que hace a **Formación Permanente**, se han conformado los siguientes grupos:

- Grupo de Lectura de la obra de Green. (Quincenal)
- Grupo de Trabajo acerca de "El Concepto de Inconsciente a través de la historia del psicoanálisis." (Quincenal)
- Lectura de la obra de Bollas. (Quincenal)
- Introducción al pensamiento de Bion. (Quincenal)

Se desarrolla también un "Pool de Lectura y armado de reseñas" de artículos de revistas psicoanalíticas para contribuir al relevamiento del "estado del arte". Sin reuniones programadas.

En principio todos continuarán durante el 2015.

- El 6 de Diciembre del corriente se celebró la Jornada Clínica Interinstitucional D.W. Winnicott, compartida por las tres Instituciones IPA de Buenos Aires.
- Fue convocada por el Espacio Winnicott de A.P.A. el Área Winnicott de A.P.d.e.B.A. y la Comisión Científica de S.A.P.

La jornada se centró en un caso clínico revisitado doce años después.

Tuvo muy buena convocatoria y un clima de trabajo muy agradable y fructífero.

En una perspectiva general, estimamos que se ha cumplido de manera adecuada y en algunos casos exitosamente con los objetivos propuestos, de intercambio, profundización y cierta congruencia temática.

Persiste no obstante como cuestión a resolver la participación más plena de los propios integrantes de la institución, sobre todo de analistas en formación, en las distintas actividades.

La Comisión se halla abocada al trazado del plan de **Actividades para el 2015**.

Al respecto, pensamos continuar con el espacio denominado "...dice lo suyo" durante ambos cuatrimestres, que se ha demostrado como muy útil elaborativamente y no sólo de modo rememorativo y celebratorio.

El otro eje – como organizador temático- estará dado por “*El tiempo en la clínica psicoanalítica*”, por considerarlo un ordenador conceptual muy útil y necesario en virtud de las circunstancias de nuestra clínica.

Los contenidos a desarrollar son:

- . Tratamientos con plazos acotados.
- . Duración y periodicidad de las sesiones, tanto por determinaciones extrínsecas cuanto por convicciones de escuela.
- . Compatibilidades e incompatibilidades etarias en la clínica psicoanalítica.
- . La cuestión de la edad en psicoanalistas didácticos y responsables en general de la transmisión.
- . La problemática de los legados transgeneracionales y específicamente de la tradición psicoanalítica.

El *Simposium* anual se abocará al mismo tema, “*El tiempo en la clínica psicoanalítica*” centrado en grupos de discusión más que en exposiciones individuales.

Cabe agregar que en el transcurso del desarrollo de nuestro programa, pensamos organizar una mesa con especialistas en otras disciplinas –v. gr. Historia, Física- que aporten sus perspectivas.

-Los ateneos clínicos mensuales, con material aportado por cualquier miembro o candidato, continuarán con la modalidad habitual, sobre la cual tenemos vasta y buena experiencia.

-De igual modo las actividades de Formación Permanente, continuando en primer lugar con los grupos de trabajo existentes y otros que eventualmente se sumen.

Scientific Committee, Activities during 2014

Open activities: 2 monthly meetings, the second and fourth Tuesday.

The main areas of activity that we developed in the first part of the year involved presenting and discussing pre-published work for the Congress of FEPAL, and organising a series of meetings with consolidated psychoanalysts called ‘...*dice lo suyo*’.

Originally conceived of as platforms for reflection about the ways of thinking psychoanalysis and the analytical condition, these meetings expanded to become life stories in a larger sense.

Meetings in which emotions and valuable ideas were transmitted were held (once a month). These meetings had significant reverberations, which prompted to pursue them in the next period.

As for the ‘Pre-published work’ (a monthly meeting) we favoured, where possible, those analysts who could participate in person in the presentation and subsequent discussion.

The meetings provided a successful degree of exchange and deepening, and created a framework that stressed the institutional importance of linking aspects of the Congress with our own activity.

In addition, we continued with our usual practice of *clinical discussions* (once a month), only for members and training analysts.

The exchange was careful and horizontal, and the coordination was fruitful, judging by the quality and quantity of the interventions.

We had two roundtables about the National Mental Health Act, its implementation and effects on patients and health professionals. The new law had a laborious implementation and was full of controversy, basically because it clashes with long-standing methods of facing certain issues. Exponent guests of various schools were invited to discuss the issue. Broad contrasting positions were presented, but a silent agreement, which involved caution and courtesy due to the passions that the issue summons, caused that various aspects of the law were not discussed at greater length.

Closing the activity of the year, we had two meetings on the subject of autism in November.

The annual *Symposium* dealt with 'Consistencies in crisis. In life, the clinic, and in training'.

The exhibits were of excellent quality, as reflected on the Saturday morning discussion groups, in which clinical material was employed.

The work exuded an achieved institutional productivity, through a rich theoretical-clinical oscillation, and a general disposition to listen different opinions.

The closing roundtable, in turn, reflected on elaborated issues as well as on pending apertures.

In regard to ***On-going Training***, the following groups have been formed:

- Green's work Reading Group. (Fortnightly)
- Working Group about the 'The Concept of the Unconscious through the History of Psychoanalysis.' (Fortnightly)
- Bollas's work Reading Group. (Fortnightly)
- Introduction to Bion's thought. (Fortnightly)

There is also a 'Reading Pool and a Review Assembly' of articles published in psychoanalytic journals, in order to contribute to the study of the 'state of the art'. There are no scheduled meetings.

Initially we will resume the activity planned for 2015.

- The 6th of December of the current year an Inter-institutional Clinical Conference was held in D.W. Winnicott, shared by the three institutions IPA in Buenos Aires.
- The APA Espacio Winnicott convened the Winnicott Area of the AP of Buenos Aires and the SAP Scientific Committee.

The conference focused on a clinical case revisited twelve years later.

It had a very good attendance and a very pleasant and fruitful working environment.

In an overview, we estimate that we have adequately, and sometimes even successfully, met the objectives of exchange, deepening and having a thematic consistency.

However, a question remains to be solved about a more engaged participation of the actual members of the institution, especially of analysts in training, in the various activities themselves.

The Committee is dedicated to follow agenda of **Activities for 2015**.

In this regard, we want to continue with the space called '*...dice lo suyo*' for two more semesters, because it has proven to be a very useful setting, and not just a remembering and celebratory routine.

The other axis – as subject organiser – will be given by '*Time in the psychoanalytical clinic*'. This is indeed a very useful and necessary conceptual organiser of the circumstances of our clinic.

The contents to be developed are:

- Treatments under specified periods.
- The duration and periodicity of the sessions, both for extrinsic determinations and for school convictions.
- Age group compatibilities and incompatibilities in the psychoanalytical clinic.
- The issue of age in educational psychoanalysts, generally responsible of transmission.
- The problem of trans-generational legacies and specifically of the psychoanalytical tradition.

The annual *Symposium* will address the same theme, '*Time in the psychoanalytical clinic*', which will develop through group discussions more than in individual presentations.

We must add that in the advance of our programme, we want to set up a roundtable with specialists in other disciplines – eg. History, Physics – that contribute their perspectives.

-The monthly clinical discussions, with material provided by any member or candidate, will continue with the usual methodology, of which we have wide and good experience.

-Similarly, the activities of On-going Training will continue first with the existing groups and then with others that will eventually join.

Dr. Rafael Paz, Coordinador Científico, Sociedad Argentina de Psicoanálisis

Representative at meeting in Boston: Dr. Julia Braun

AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

Brief report on the Scientific Life of the Australian Psychoanalytical Society (APAS)

The scientific life of APAS is defined as the activities of the Society and its members, which promotes knowledge and understanding of contemporary psychoanalytic theory and practice amongst its candidates, members, related professionals and the broader community. These activities involve integrating the latest developments in theory and research. In this way, the enterprise involves not promoting ideas and practices which have been disproven by research or other theoretical developments.

The scientific life of APAS is reflected in its:

1. Annual conferences
2. Outreach activities / public lectures / workshops
3. Scientific meetings
4. Journal *Psychoanalysis Downunder* and the research and publications of its members
5. The information contained in the research pages of the APAS website

1. **Annual conferences:** APAS holds an annual conference for its members, which usually concludes with an Open Day for the public (usually for related professionals such as psychotherapists and other mental health professionals). The Members' Conference is usually four days in duration and commences with day-long case presentations, with commentary from a visiting analyst. The visiting analyst also usually provides three keynote lectures on the other days of the Members' Conference and a keynote for the Open Day. Last year's visiting analyst was Dr Stefano Bolognini.

The Society usually organizes the theme of the Conference, which extends to the Open Day, to be one of contemporary interest. Last year's theme was "The humanizing potential of psychoanalysis". The Open Day is designed to capture interest in working as psychoanalysts and so analysts give presentations which provide a window into how they work. The Conference often results in expressions of interest in training. APAS also aims to get media coverage of its Conference to promote psychoanalysis in the broader community.

2. **Outreach activities:** Each of the Institutes within APAS offers its own outreach activities. These include year-long courses such as the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Course (PPC), which is a series of seminars (held in Sydney) covering core psychoanalytic concepts. It also offers a course entitled "Models of the Mind", which is a shorter course (held in Melbourne), also covering basic psychoanalytic concepts. The Sydney Institute also offers its outreach initiative, "Engaging in Psychoanalytic Ideas and Concepts" (EPIC) which offers a variety of short courses, such as a series of seminars on forensic psychoanalysis. Public lectures and lecture series are also held, such as one on the work of Bion. Work-study groups are also offered, as well as a mentor program. These activities are designed to attract interest in training.
3. **Scientific Meetings:** Each Branch of APAS also has monthly Scientific Meetings for its members, which consist of presentations by its members on a variety of topics. There is usually one

meeting which focuses on the writings of the visiting analyst for that year. Others may be cases of papers that members offer.

4. **Research and Publications of the Society and its members:** In addition to the Society's journal, *Psychoanalysis Downunder*, there are a number of APAS members who are established psychoanalytic authors, either of books and/or scientific articles. There are also a number of members who have become IPA research fellows, who have also conducted psychoanalytic research or are trained in research methods. Such activities are promoted and valued in the Society.
5. **Peer Groups:** Each member of the Society is encouraged to be a member of a peer group. In these peer groups members routinely present their work to their peers. They also read journal articles relevant to the work presented.
6. **Research pages of APAS Website.** There is a series of research pages on the APAS website which contains an updated reference list concerning theoretical and outcome research in psychoanalysis. Information regarding research with featured articles and media clips is also posted. The chair of the APAS research committee maintains the pages.

The APAS also endeavors to keep its training curriculum informed by theoretical and scientific developments in psychoanalytic theory and practice. With the combination of activities APAS feels itself to have a vibrant scientific life. APAS would, however, value being part of an IPA framework for its scientific activities which would facilitate sharing resources and activities worldwide.

Dr Timothy Keogh

Chair of the Scientific Committee, Australian Psychoanalytical Society

BRAZILIAN PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY OF SÃO PAULO (BPSSP)

The Brazilian Psychoanalytic Society of São Paulo (BPSSP) was created in 1951. We currently have 461 members and 344 candidates. Several affiliations, bearing different lines of psychoanalytic thought are represented in its vigorous scientific life. This wide horizon is illustrated by the existence of 25 study groups with monthly meetings dealing with many subjects, from autistic disorders to psychoanalysis and literature.

In this context, the first goal of our scientific program for the first two-year term (2013/2014) has been to map out both the theoretical and clinical thinking of our members. For this, we proposed 8 double forums focusing on central themes of psychoanalysis. Three colleagues of different affiliation have discussed both their theoretical and clinical ideas about the concept, the last based on a clinical case presented to them.

Thus far, projective identification, transference/ transference interpretation, fantasy, death instinct, dreams, Oedipus, narcissism, and sexuality have been discussed by 24 presenters and by the audience in the last two years.

We have also deepened our familiarity with the psychoanalytic thought of our society through a qualitative-quantitative study of all the papers presented in scientific meetings during the year of 2013. We presented our results in the last FEPAL (Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies of Latin America) Congress held in Buenos Aires.

The second goal was to make the existing working parties in the IPA accessible to the members, bringing to them four different modalities.

The third goal was to establish contact and promote discussion with allied disciplines such as neurology, ethology, social and cultural psychology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and genetics. Two Interdisciplinary Forums about Human Development have been scheduled, one for each year, the first being about normal development and the second about developmental disorders.

The fourth goal was to bring psychoanalysts from other societies in order to allow the BPSSP's members to discuss both clinical and theoretical issues with foreign colleagues, so as to stay current on different psychoanalytic lines of thought. Ronald Britton and several others have been invited to visit us.

For the next two-year term (2015/2016), we will first focus the monthly Forums on clinical material, which will be discussed by colleagues with different perspectives (2015), and later on technical issues (2016), still through the discussion of clinical material.

We are keeping the working parties program, now one per year.

The interdisciplinary dialogue will focus on the theme "Psychoanalysis and the University – The issue of violence" in 2015 and "Psychoanalysis and the University – What can we learn from the philosophy of Science?" in 2016.

Vera Regina J. R. M. Fonseca, MD –Scientific chair of BPSSP

Current President of BPSSP- Nilde Parada-Franch

BRAZILIAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY OF RIBEIRÃO PRETO (SBPRP)

Scientific Activities proposed by the Scientific Board of Directors (DC) for 2014-2016

Chair: Maria Bernadete A. C. de Assis

Scientific Chair: Silvana M. B. Vassimon

Representative Scientific Chair: Alexandre Martins de Mello

Basic Guidelines (Fundamentals):

- Internal work vectors: incentive to the development of SBPRP'S psychoanalysts, focusing on the works carried out by the members and on the discussions within the society itself, as well as the participation in comments and coordination of the society's colleagues.
- Interchange vector: interchange with thinkers and colleagues from other societies, either Brazilian or foreigners, aiming at widening the contact of SBPRP's members with several theoretical lines and different clinical approaches.
- Vector of publicizing and articulation with thinkers of the scientific and artistic **areas**.

Events and activities programmed and carried out by SBPRP:

- Scientific meetings with presentation of papers and discussions among the societies' members. These are generally works with clinical material and theoretical reflections on the psychoanalytical practice.
- Study groups for following up and assessment of the participation of the members in scientific events, with the possibility of survey on the reasons which either motivate or discourage the participation.
- Lectures by SBPRP's and other Brazilian societies' psychoanalysts, or by psychoanalysts from other countries, meant for SBPRP's members and candidates and for the community of psychologists and psychiatrists who are interested in Psychoanalysis.
- Lectures by SBPRP's and other Brazilian societies' psychoanalysts, or by psychoanalysts from other countries, accompanied or not by philosophers or literature and arts professors, meant just for members and candidates.
- Events articulating Psychoanalysis with culture, arts, philosophy and other areas of interest in aspects of development and humanities (BIENNAL CONFERENCE).
- Events open to the public from the health and humanities area, as well as to students, as a preparatory discussion on themes of regional or Brazilian conferences.
- Clinical seminars and private supervisions offered by invited analysts.
- Study groups from several theoretical orientations, offered by the society's analysts to the SBPRP's members and limited to a participation of members and candidates who have already completed the theoretical part of their training. It is meant for the deepening of the study of the ideas of analysts such as Ferro, André Green, Meltzer, Bion, Klein, and Haideé Faimberg.
- Incentive to research related to different aspects of Psychoanalysis, in the terms proposed by IPA and others.
- Publication of scientific periodical with articles by SBPRP's members, by other societies' members, and by the members of similar scientific communities.

BRITISH PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION



The following is a brief description of the Scientific Life of the British Psychoanalytic Association (BPA), a relatively recently established IPA Society – Component Society as of 2010.

Scientific Meetings are held six times per year, and consist predominantly of papers or panel presentations, occasionally a Clinical Discussion/Supervision Masterclass, all followed by audience participation. All meetings are open to BPA members, candidates, and a few guests, with one or two per year open to the wider psychoanalytic community. Speakers are analysts from the BPA, from the British Psychoanalytical Society (BPAS), or from abroad. Recent speakers have included Dr Lesley Caldwell, BPA; Dr Jan Abram, BPAS; Dr Anton Kris, Boston Psychoanalytical Society; and Dr Ronald Britton has just led a Clinical Discussion/Supervision Masterclass with Ms Sara Collins, BPA, presenting. A panel on 'Hard to Reach Patients; Schizoid and other States' will take place in May. The theoretical orientation of BPA analysts is Independent, Kleinian, or Contemporary Freudian, and this engenders lively and enriching discussion.

The BPA has also developed a tradition of regular Clinical Presentations and discussion. These are open to BPA members and held six times per year. In order to keep numbers to a size conducive to a clinical dialogue, the membership has randomly been divided into separate groups for these.

This autumn the Scientific Committee launched Special Interest Groups, convened and organized by interested BPA members. A group on Clinical Winnicott, comprised of BPA and BPAS members, has now met several times; a group on Bion will soon get off the ground; a group on Technical Issues in Psychoanalysis is in formation.

The facilitation of writing and publishing is an important strand of our Scientific Life. *Transference and Countertransference* (Karnac 2011) and *Interpretive Voices* (Karnac 2015), edited and contributed to by our members, are the first two BPA books. Members have published in the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, and this autumn the BPA hosted an *IJP* Writing Workshop led by Dr Dana Birksted-Breen, Editor-in-Chief of the *IJP*, and Professor Rachel Blass, *IJP* Editorial Board Member. An additional initiative is a yearly Dan Twomey Prize, awarded to a qualified BPA member for an unpublished paper. Created in memory of a founding member of our society, the first prize was awarded in 2014 to Mrs Mary Adams for her beautifully written and creative paper, 'Survivor Guilt, Fear, and the Freedom to Imagine'.

Members are increasingly participating in international events, and the Scientific Life of our society benefits from the exposure to and influence of other psychoanalytic cultures gleaned from

participation in the international psychoanalytic community. Several members presented in small groups at the Prague Congress, and several have submitted papers for the Boston Congress. A BPA International Conference is in discussion.

In the applied psychoanalytic field and open to psychoanalysts and to the public, are what have become the enormously successful BPA Freud Bars. These have run every couple months since early 2014 and take place in local cafes or pubs whose managers generously donate the space and refreshments. The format is a short talk by an expert (mostly non-analysts) in the chosen topic, followed by discussion led by a psychoanalyst. Topics vary widely, and recent examples are talks on Fundamentalism and on Bob Dylan. Also in the applied field are twice-yearly film events, open to the public. A screening of 'The Mother' will take place at the end of this February, followed by a question and answer session with Roger Mitchell (Director), Hanif Kureishi, writer), and Jean Arundale and Joan Thompson of the BPA.

Many aspects of the Scientific Life described are planned and organized by the Scientific Committee, with those in the applied field organized by the Outreach Committee (Jan Harvie-Clark, Chair Outreach).

Mrs Debbie B. Bellman, Chair BPA Scientific Committee

CANADIAN PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

Report on Activities

The Canadian Psychoanalytic Society (CPS) has a very active scientific life but much of the activity takes place at the branch level. The main scientific activity of the Canadian itself is the annual Congress each year. The Congress is a three-day event and rotates among most of the cities with branches, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Quebec (the city, not the province). Roughly two congresses out of five have a French emphasis, including a keynote address in French, three an English emphasis. The keynote speaker each year is an analyst of international prominence, almost always from outside of Canada. The congress includes scientific papers, case workshops, historical papers, applied papers, and at least one major outreach event. As well as members and candidates, non-members may register for the conference (and, of course, for the outreach event). Some years, non-member registrants outnumber members.

The CPS also co-sponsors conferences and events organized by others every year, for example the International Ferenczi Conference that took place in Toronto in May and the Working Groups that took place in New York in March.

At the branch level, the number of events varies with the size of the branch. The largest branch, Toronto, offers about eight dynamic psychotherapy courses a year, a two-year programme in dynamic therapy, a film series, distance outreach via electronic media with smaller cities in its region, study groups, case conferences, and a great many scientific papers. The four middle-sized branches offer a talk at least every month in the autumn, winter, and spring, study groups, and in some cases dynamic psychotherapy courses, a film series, and the like. The two small groups (under ten members each) offer a scientific talk roughly every month.

Andrew Brook, President, CPS

Representative at meeting in Boston: Cheryl Jacobson, Scientific Chair

CARACAS PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

11 de Febrero 2015

1. La temática de nuestras actividades científicas psicoanalíticas ha girado preferentemente alrededor de nuestros graves problemas sociales, los cuales existen en Venezuela como consecuencia de la gravísima crisis política, social y económica que se vive en el país.
2. Así, la pérdida de la autonomía constitucional de las diversas Instituciones nacionales, la grave inseguridad personal y jurídica, la grave corrupción policial y judicial, la intensa actividad de migración que afecta a nuestros pacientes y a nosotros como analistas en la Sociedad, nos ha convocado a reflexionar sobre el significado de todas estas novedades en el diario vivir y a la necesidad de conversar y compartir ideas y ansiedades desde el Psicoanálisis.
3. Además de los temas que surgen como producto de las dificultades del país, nos mantenemos en contacto con las problemáticas universales y presentes en el Psicoanálisis actual: En nuestra sociedad hemos desarrollado eventos sobre los cambios vinculares de la posmodernidad y como se traducen en la teoría y técnica del Psicoanálisis. Por ejemplo hemos dedicado Jornadas enteras de trabajo al tema: 'Psicoanálisis y el Mundo virtual', 'Psicoanálisis ante la Verdad y la Mentira' y 'Psicoanálisis de la Maldad'.
4. Otro eje que afortunadamente nos ayuda a organizar las convocatorias científicas ha sido el revisar material preparatorio para los Congresos de IPA y FEPAL manteniéndonos conectados con los temas de investigación propuestos internacionalmente.
5. También estamos implementando este año el modelo de Haydee Faimberg para presentaciones clínicas, con material anónimo y trabajando en vivo y en público la manera como trabaja la mente teórico-clínica del analista.
6. Podemos decir que la actividad científica desplegada por la SPC se mantiene viva, a pesar de las gravísimas dificultades sociales por las cuales atraviesa el país actualmente.
7. Además de las 'Actividades Científicas' tenemos las actividades científicas propias del 'Departamento de Niños y Adolescentes' con sus Jornadas anuales e invitados nacionales e internacionales [cuando eso es posible].
8. Los temas desarrollados por el 'Departamento de Actividades Científicas' en los últimos cuatro años han estado relacionados con las diversas inquietudes de los miembros y candidatos de nuestra sociedad.

9. Estos temas variados se proponen al Comité Científico. También se recogen los intereses espontáneos que parten de los miembros, tratando de incorporar a los candidatos a los eventos, en la medida de lo posible.
10. Además de las actividades científicas intra-muros, llevamos a cabo una 'Jornada Anual de Psicoanálisis' abierta al público especializado, con invitados de otras disciplinas y en algunas ocasiones psicoanalistas de otras sociedades.
11. Tenemos 'Reuniones Clínicas' de modo frecuente los días sábado en la mañana, cerradas solo a miembros y candidatos o con invitados especiales, según sea el interés del miembro presentante.
12. También tenemos 'Reuniones Científicas' temáticas o por interés de algún miembro, que se realizan los sábados en la mañana, abiertas al público especializado.
13. Ha resultado muy útiles las convocatorias a los 'Conversatorios' que se realiza con un tema pre-definido y el cual es solo para miembros y candidatos.
14. Continuamos con una actividad que lleva muchos de años llamada 'Cine-Psicoanálisis' la cual se realiza en un cine comercial los sábados en la mañana, una vez al mes. Después de proyectado el film, se inicia un cine-foro con participación de analistas nuestros y libre discusión del público presente. Esto nos permite llevar el pensamiento psicoanalítico a un público más amplio con mucho éxito.

11 February 2015

1. Our psychoanalytical scientific activities have mostly rotated around our serious social problems, which exist in Venezuela as consequence of the serious political, social and economical crisis that overshadows the country.
2. Thus, the loss of constitutional autonomy of the various national institutions, the serious personal and legal insecurity, the intense migratory activity that affects our patients and ourselves as analysts in the Society, urged us to reflect on the meaning that all these changes have in the everyday life, and the need to discuss and share ideas and anxieties from Psychoanalysis.
3. In addition to the issues that arise from the difficulties that the country is facing, we have kept in touch with the universal and present issues of today's Psychoanalysis: in our Society we have organised events related to the changes in postmodernist society, and how they translate into the theory and technique of Psychoanalysis. For example, we have dedicated Days of work to the theme: 'Psychoanalysis and the Virtual World', 'Psychoanalysis before the Truth and the Lie' and 'Psychoanalysis of Evil'.
4. Another area, which fortunately helps us to organise the scientific calls, involved revising the preparatory material for the IPA and FEPAL Congresses, keeping them connected with the themes of research proposed internationally.

5. This year we are also implementing the Haydee Faimberg model for clinical presentations with anonymous material, in order to study live and publicly how the theoretical and clinical mind of the analyst operates.
6. We could say that the scientific activity carried out by the SPC is still alive, despite the serious social difficulties that the country is currently facing.
7. In addition to our 'Scientific Activities', we have other scientific activities that belong to the 'Department of Children and Adolescents', which has its annual conferences and national and international guests (when that is possible).
8. The themes developed by the 'Department of Scientific Activities' in the last four years have been related to the various concerns of the members and candidates of our society.
9. These varied themes are proposed to the Scientific Committee. The spontaneous interests that arise from the members are also gathered, trying to involve the candidates in the events as much as possible.
10. In addition to the internal scientific activities, we conduct an 'Annual Psychoanalytical Conference' open to the specialised public, with guests from other disciplines and sometimes psychoanalysts of other societies.
11. We have regular 'Clinical Meetings' on Saturdays in the morning, closed only to members and candidates, or with special guests, according to the interest of the speaker.
12. We also have thematic 'Scientific Meetings' or meetings organised around a particular interest of a member, which are held on Saturday morning, open to the specialised public.
13. The calls for the 'Conversations' have been very successful. They follow a pre-defined theme and it is only for members and candidates.
14. We continue running an old activity called 'Cinema-Psychoanalysis', which takes place in a commercial cinema on Saturday mornings, once a month. After the film is projected, we initiate a cinema-forum with the participation of our analysts, and we invite the audience to participate freely in the discussion. This allows us to extend the psychoanalytical thinking to a wider audience with great success.

Lic. Doris Berlin, Directora, Departamento de Actividades Científicas, Sociedad Psicoanalítica de Caracas

FRENCH PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

French Association Summary of the scientific activities of 2014

The scientific life in the French association has two main components:

- inhouse events, which include lectures given by members and advanced candidates, small research groups running all year long, and a presentation of research activities to the whole association,
- open events, constituted by lectures taking place on a Saturday, geared to a wide audience of analysts coming from French and European societies, as well as psychologists, psychiatrists etc.

Inhouse events:

1- As in previous years, we organized this year four “Samedi-débat” (Saturday forum) which each included two lectures, followed by a discussion. These lectures are presented by either a member or an advanced candidate and are open to all members and candidates. There was no specific theme this year. Each lecturer is invited to present a specific part of his/her research or clinical work. In the last two years however, the main theme was centred on transmission.

2-We also ran two study week-ends, called “Entretiens de Psychanalyse” (Psychoanalytic talks) During the first one, which took place in June, three lectures were offered to the audience, two by members of the association and one by the famous sociologist Irène Thery. The theme was “Différence des sexes, conflictualité des genres”. The second one took place in December and the theme was “Nous-Autres”, with two lectures by members of the association, and one by a philosopher, Bruno Karsanti.

It is quite common during these week-ends to invite a presenter, coming from a different scientific field or from a different analytic society, from France or abroad.

3-Five small research groups, called “Atelier de recherche clinique et conceptuelle” (clinical and theoretical research workshop) took place this year. They usually combine members, candidates, and often analysts from other societies or scientists from other research fields, such as sociology, linguistics, philosophy, or literature depending on the theme of each workshop. The research usually lasts between three to five years, and each group presents its results and findings to the association. Generally, the format is a panel, but it can also be a paper published in our Bulletin.

Open events

In January, as in every even year, we organized a “Journée ouverte” (Open Day). This scientific meeting is open to anyone interested. The chosen theme was “la conviction” (Conviction). The three lectures were given by members of the association, and were followed by a discussion.

In September we organized a meeting around Guy Rosolato’s works in the François Mitterand library.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Jacques André, President-Elect

GERMAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

Scientific Activities of the German Psychoanalytical Association (DPV)

(Information for the meeting in Boston, July 22, 2015, 9-12h).

Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber

The responsibility for the research activities of the DPV lies in the hands of the Forschungs- und Hochschulkommission (commission for research and universities) (Chair: Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber, Co-Chairs: Tamara Fischmann, Burkhard Brosig, Kai von Klitzing). The Research/University Committee has organized the following activities:

- 1) Regular meetings during all the conferences of the DPV (twice a year). During these meetings all the colleagues, who are responsible for the research activities in the different institutes of the DPV, are reporting their annual activities. Selected ongoing research projects are presented and discussed (in 2014: May 2014: a psychoanalytical research project with groups of adolescents trying to prevent radicalizations and terroristic attacks, by L. Böllinger, Bremen; November 2014: FIRST STEPS an early psychoanalytical prevention project for immigrant families by J. Lebigier-Vogel, SFI, Frankfurt).
- 2) Research panels in the main program of the DPV conferences (May 2014: Main paper by M. Leuzinger-Bohleber: Den Körper in der Seele entdecken. Embodiment, Sinn und Sinnlichkeit in der Übertragung (Discovering the body in the mind. Embodiment, meaning and sensuality in the transference), November 2014: Panel: Psychoanalytical trainings at different German Universities): Challenges and Chances (M. Beutel, C. Subic-Wrana, Mainz, C. Scheidt: Freiburg)
- 3) Supporting ongoing research projects (e.g. the large multicentric LAC Depression Study at the Sigmund-Freud-Institute). The DPV supports this study also financially. Research methods and results are presented regularly at the DPV Conferences.
- 4) Annual Research Trainings for candidates of the DPV and young researchers: In March 2014 the DPV Research Training was combined with the Research Training of the IPA and the Joseph Sandler Conference: *The Unconscious- a Bridge between Psychoanalysis and the Neurosciences*.
- 5) Supporting PhDs of candidates of the DPV in medicine, psychology, educational and cultural sciences (e.g. by helping with scholarships, as evaluators of the PhDs, recommendations of travels and research exchanges etc.) In 2014 one of the DPV candidates, Kathrin Luise Laezer, successfully finished her „Habilitation“ at the University of Kassel.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Marianne Leuzinger-Bohleber, Chair of Research Committee, DPV

GUADALAJARA PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION

Forty years after the foundation of the Guadalajara Psychoanalytical Association, we find ourselves hand to hand with old and new challenges regarding the psychoanalytical practice. Since its beginnings in this group we've emphasized that the "knowledge about the unconscious", knowledge where the theory predominates, must not impose above the "knowledge of the unconscious", knowledge produced in transference context within the analytical relation.

However, from diverse supervision scenarios it has been detected that the clinical work developed by different members of our group is not sufficiently done in transference. Often times the emphasis relies on the manifest. It has been shown repeatedly that we do more psychotherapy than psychoanalysis. Therefore, for the last years it has been our intention to favor and strengthen the development of clinical thinking through various spaces in our Association.

It is our understanding, along with Green's (2010), that clinical thinking is a specific form of rationality that emerges in transference. Whether in the office between patient and analyst, in a supervision context between supervisor and supervisee, or within a group experience where associations regarding a patient or a group of patients are awakened, with the power to make us sensitive to the relationship towards the encounter with the other.

Derived from the detection of such challenge and with the intention of strengthening ourselves as ethical, well-prepared analysts, and accountable for the task we've chosen, we have envisioned the following activities for the present year:

I. Scientific events with international liaison.

1. Theoretic-clinical seminar on child and adolescent psychoanalysis, with a different guest from another Latin-American Psychoanalytical Association, every two months.
2. Theoretic-clinical seminar with a guest from a European Psychoanalytical Association (with support from CAPSA). Two-day long, held in October.
3. Movie club held by the Latin-American Psychoanalytical Institute, where, once a month, a movie is reflected upon psychoanalytically.
4. The Symposium of the Americas with the topic "Action Pathologies" to take place on February 6 and 7 of the present year.

II. In-house scientific events.

1. A yearly, four-hour, theoretic-clinical session where papers from various members of the Association around a chosen topic are presented. To take place on August 28 of the present year.
2. Clinical sessions every semester; two per year. An analyst presents three pieces of clinical material from a patient. In a group setting, a metapsychological analysis of the analytic relationship is developed.
3. Clinical nights. The third Thursday of the month, an analyst presents one piece of clinical material from a patient, to be analyzed psychodynamically in a group setting.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Vicenta Ramírez, Scientific Chair

HELLENIC PSYCHO-ANALYTICAL SOCIETY

The Hellenic Psychoanalytical Society currently has the following scientific activities.

1. Scientific Activities Committee.

The society has a Scientific Activities Committee that is in charge of organizing lectures and clinical presentations on various psychoanalytic topics. Speakers are members of the Hellenic Psychoanalytic Society as well as IPA members from abroad. In addition to these events, there is a yearly symposium. This year, 2014-2015 the symposium was on the theme of Seduction. All events are open to the public. There are currently plans for a CAPSA event programmed for 2016. The Scientific Activities Committee is composed of five Society members,

2. Yearly Seminars “Introductory Lectures” for Mental Health Professionals.

The Society provides a series of yearly lectures, once a month, for professionals interested in Psychoanalysis. This series of lectures includes topics such as the analytic process, transference and counter-transference, defenses, resistance, etc. Seminar participants are approximately 30-40 people. Seminars are taught by Society members.

3. Monthly Clinical Meetings for Members and Candidates.

On one evening of each month, a clinical meeting is held, whereby one member of the scientific society presents clinical material often related to a particular topic, and another member comments on this material. A discussion with all those in attendance follows. These meetings are organized by the Clinical Meetings Group which is composed of three members of the Society.

4. Cinema with Freud.

Once per month, on Sundays a film considered to be of psychoanalytic interest is presented in the local Film Center. After the screening, there is a brief commentary on the film by a society member as well as the film producer, when this is possible. Discussion with audience follows.

5. Society Newsletter.

The Society has a tri-monthly Newsletter that features brief presentations about society activities, as well activities of other psychoanalytic associations, such as the European Psychoanalytic Federation and the International Psychoanalytical Association. This Newsletter is sent electronically to over 1500 mental professionals in Greece and abroad.

6. Website.

The society has a web site that provides information about psychoanalysis, and psychoanalytic training. In addition information is available about the society’s activities and events as well as those of other IPA Societies internationally. Members’ names and addresses are listed on this site to facilitate possible referrals for analysis.

7. Society Publications Committee.

This committee is responsible for planning and organizing various publications based on conferences and clinical meetings of the society that may be of interest to the general public.

8. University Outreach.

Society members and candidates provide lectures on psychoanalysis and psychoanalytically related topics in local universities such as Introduction to Psychoanalysis: Theory and Practice and Psychoanalytic Approaches to Psychotherapy.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Anna Christopoulos, Scientific Chair

ISRAELI PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

Dear colleagues,

I am happy to share with you the outline of our recent scientific activity in the Israeli Psychoanalytic Society.

Tuesday Lectures. Almost every Tuesday evening, after the candidates' course study in the Institute, we offer a scientific lecture which is given by one of our members. Some lectures are internal for the IPS only, and some are open to the broad professional community in general. Most of the lectures are original, presenting clinical and theoretical issues, evoking interesting although short discussions between the members from various theoretical and clinical points of view. Some are dedicated to a book launching, either a translation of psychoanalytic literature or an original writing.

Interdisciplinary Project A: "Meeting at the Cinema". This project is an initiative of our committee in collaboration with the Tel Aviv Cinematec. Six monthly meetings which are dedicated to watching a full feature film, which is then followed by either a lecture given by one of our members, relating to the film from a psychoanalytic point of view, or followed by a discussion with the creator of the film. These events are open to the general public and carry on to receive a tremendous response. It is our intention to create events that turn to the public and as such open ourselves as a society in order to be in touch with the Israeli society in general.

Interdisciplinary Project B: Meetings with professionals from other fields of the Humanities, such as Philosophers, Historians, Culture Investigators and Artists. This year we have invited Dr. Boaz Neuman, a historian from Tel Aviv University to discuss relevant historic issues from his unique phenomenological point of view.

Internal Conferences: We maintain the tradition of two different frameworks of internal Conferences. A yearly one Day Conference, and a weekend conference held once in every two years. These events are dedicated to enhance and foster the opportunity for discussing central issues which are interwoven in our life as a psychoanalytic society, and sometimes in relation to the 'outside' surrounding us, on a political and sociological level. This year, for example, we intend to relate to the issue of living in a pluralistic society as ours. We offer the members and candidates the opportunity to discuss this complicated issue, focusing around the question: "Do we ever find ourselves moving towards the patient in a manner which strays from the more familiar framework of thinking? Let go for a moment of our hold on a certain theory, psychoanalytical or personal, in order to allow the appearance within ourselves of a new way of looking at or relating to the patient and to allow this new way to move us in a new direction?"

Conferences with psychoanalyst from other IPA societies. This year we have invited Dr. Rudi Vermote from Belgium who will be coming in November 2015.

Invitation of psychoanalysts that are visiting Israel to give lectures and workshops. This year Dr. Neville Symington will be our special guest, as the society is also honoring him with the title of "Honorary Member".

Documentation. On our desk we are planning the making of a second video-film which will be a continuation of the project of documenting members of our society telling about their private history in the society and discussing issues which are relevant to their development as psychoanalysts and to the development of our society.

Scientific Publishing. In order to promote the issue of writing and publishing psychoanalytic material, we collaborate with other psychoanalytical oriented organizations in Israel around a psychoanalytic journal in Hebrew called "Ma'arag" (meaning – a weaved tapestry).

Regarding the question of common framework, we would like to suggest two topics that concern us and could possibly be a fulcrum for a broader discussion between the various societies:

Within each psychoanalytic society, exploring the mutual influence (if it exists) between the various schools of thought within psychoanalysis.

Exploring our relation as psychoanalysts toward various urgent political issues, such as coping with phenomena of fascism, violence etc.

Sincerely yours,

Smadar Steinbock, Chairwoman of the Scientific Committee, Israeli Psychoanalytic Association

ISTANBUL PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

Scientific activities organized by the Istanbul Psychoanalytical Association hold on a regular basis every year, in the form of annual congresses and symposia.

Here is the list of these activities chronologically:

- February: "School and Psychoanalysis" (theme of the 7th in 2014: Changing Bodies, Changing Feelings, Changing Interests; guests: Mati Ben-Tsur, Itamar Loria),
- March "Child and Psychoanalysis" (theme of the 11th in 2014: Paternity Function; guest: Jean Pierre Lebrun),
- May "Discussions on Youth" (theme of the 15th in 2014: Adolescence and Creativity, guest: Maurice Corcos),
- October "Music and Psychoanalysis" (theme of the 6th in 2014: Humor and Laughter; guest: Marianne Baudin) and "Cyprus Psychoanalysis Days" (theme of the 5th in 2014: Lost Object) this activity is organized out of Istanbul,
- November "International Psychoanalytical Meetings of Istanbul" (theme of the 16th in 2014: Women, Men, guests: Jacques André, Iseé Bernateau, Bernard Penot) and "Bursa Psychoanalysis Days" (theme of 6th in 2014: Jealousy) this activity is also organized out of Istanbul,
- December "Cinema and Psychoanalysis" (theme of the 8th in 2014: Time and Fiction, guest: Elisabeth Skale).
- Again as yearly activity at our "A Guest, A Theory" organization (theme of the 9th in 2014 was Free Association and Creative Unconscious and Sarah Nettleton was our guest).
- Alternately every two years, we organize "History and Psychoanalysis" and "Encounter with the Artist" events. In 2014 the viola da gamba master Myrna Herzog and her husband psychoanalyst Eliahu Feldman were our guests at the "Encounter with the Artist" activity.
- Weekly seminar series "Seminars on Introduction to Psychoanalytic Theory" open to everybody are held in our association during the months of November to May every year.
- In addition (in 2014) owing to Gezi Protests we organized an activity Gezi Spirit At Its First Year that is: Thinking Gezi with Psychoanalysis.
- We publish a journal named Psychoanalysis Writings two times a year.
- We again publish speech texts of "International Psychoanalytical Meetings of Istanbul" named Psychoanalytic Meetings.
- We also publish book series named Dream-Think. It was published 44 volume books as original and translated texts up to now.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Talat Parman, Scientific Chair

ITALIAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

Italian Psychoanalytical Association (A.I.Psi)

President: Prof. Adolfo Pazzagli

Scientific activities of A.I.Psi are distributed along six different areas.

1. **Scientific meetings**, held **once a month, open exclusively to our members**, in which the presentation of a paper is followed by a lively general discussion. Currently we have been interested in such topics as: early traumatic experiences, severely ill patients, malignant transference, issues regarding memory, infantile amnesia from a clinical perspective as well as through the exploration of neuroscientific findings, ethical and deontological issues connected with our clinical work, patients returning for a new analysis.
2. **Small discussion groups**, in which clinical material presented by our members is discussed with particular attention given to technical aspects.
3. **Special outreach courses**, open to our members and other mental health professionals. Issues dealt with regard: parenthood, schizoid adolescents, psychosis and severe personality disorders.
Upcoming events will focus on: ethics, deontology and forensic aspects of psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic treatments.
4. **Large open conference**, held every two years, open to our members and other different professionals. In the *past conference*: the role of *prejudice* was discussed by our members and professionals in other capacities related to politics, justice and social environments.
Upcoming conference: will deal with the complex theme of teacher-pupil relationship in the present world from a psychoanalytic viewpoint and the transgenerational impact on internal and external psychic reality.
5. **Psychoanalysis in contemporary society and culture**, open to the cultural world: book presentations, seminars with academics, writers, actors, directors and intellectuals.
6. **Psychoanalysis/institutional psychiatry integration**. One-two workshops each year devoted to the contribution of psychoanalysis to the development of integrated psychiatric treatments, mental health teams and public mental health organizations.

Special proposals to be further developed

1. *Specificity and value of the psychoanalytic method in severe mental disorders.* We try to emphasize and enhance the value of psychoanalysis in this field, against growing skepticism. Psychoanalytic models, especially when well integrated with the most relevant discoveries of neurosciences, offer the most comprehensive approaches to severe mental disorders, and the understanding of counter-transference phenomena remains an important, perhaps the best, resource for managing such disorders.
2. *Increasing the role of psychoanalytic understanding within the socio-cultural dimension.* We think it is fundamental to promote the psychoanalytic model centered on the unconscious, thus contrasting the increasingly widespread narcissistic culture of “performance” and the avoidance of the working through of mental pain. It is very important to foster psychoanalytic appraisal of the complex unconscious drives and conflicts at play within socio-cultural problematics.

Alessandro Grispini, Scientific Secretary of Italian Psychoanalytical Association

ITALIAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

Introduction

Introducing some elements of the scientific activities proposed during my first term as Scientific Secretary requires some reflection on the various theoretical and conceptual activities promoted and being implemented by SPI. The changes to our disciplines, brought on by the postmodern sensibility, has produced, over the years, a greater emphasis on the constructive nature of the analytic experience. We are increasingly interested in the "procedures" through which we gain knowledge and the influence that our theories, subjective tendencies, as well as our social and cultural backgrounds have on the nature of what we know. Today, as a result, we may refer to the heightened sensitivity of the analysts' perspective towards listening.

The view that there is no single objective way to know the mind of the individual does not, however, suggest that any concept can therefore be valid. As we know, the reaction to the excesses of relativism and the resulting dispersion of identity can promote an automatic defensive reflex that frequently results in searching for new shelters and dogmatic certainties. I think we may say that in the last decade of the last century this dynamic has produced a new "swing of the pendulum". As a result, in the first years of the 21st century we have seen the emergence of an interdisciplinary thrust that has placed hope at the center, allowing for the examination of the wealth of the biological system, the protagonist of current research. Through cooperation between scholars from different fields, there is the prospect of arriving at a unified paradigm of human mental functioning, not reductionist, but rather enriched by comments from the field of psychoanalysis, the only discipline suited to speak about subjectivity (cf. G. Edelman, H. Modell, M. Solms, E. Kandel, etc.). In addition, the renewed interest in an embodied mind has laid emphasis on the theories of attachment, infant research and theories of affect regulation, creating the condition for a new developmental psychopathology. Therefore, today we see a renewed need to join the various scientific communities in various forms and expressions.

The scientific activity of the Italian Psychoanalytic Society, which has about 1,000 members, is divided into **National** and **Local** undertakings. The **Italian Psychoanalytical Association** is composed of 11 local centers, corresponding to different regions in Italy. At a national level, we formulate the guiding principles of research, while at a local level we engage in the indispensable observation of social, cultural and clinical realities in the different regions. For many years, we have organized a **National**

Congress every four years, which focuses on the relationship between clinical and the theoretical. **Giornate Italiane**, the second congress organized at a national level, takes place two years after each National Congress and concentrates on discussing prospects of interdisciplinary dialogues. In addition to these two national congresses, the **Seminari Multipli di Bologna** takes place every two years, representing a crucial moment of listening and meeting between psychoanalytic works in progress.

From a clinical and theoretical point of view, there are some fields of research which we are currently deepening our exploration of, those being: **psychoanalysis with children, adolescents and non-neurotic patients; psychoanalysis and neuroscience; psychoanalysis and research.**

Contemporary psychoanalytical treatment, exploring the limits of psychic territories (eg. anxiety states, narcissistic disorders, eating disorders, borderline conditions, psychosomatic illness, psychosis, etc.), reveals mental operations characterized by the inhibition of fantasy and imagination, the absence of fantasmatic productions and the freezing of emotions. These signs of the psyche seem to bear witness to the crisis of symbolization, the failure of the emotions' signal function and the concomitant action of defense mechanisms as splitting rather than repression – in short, a lack of symbolic representation. No wonder, then, that there is a renewed interest within psychoanalysis in the study of the routes of subjectivity, taking shape within a climate of general interest in the theories on the formation of the psychic structure, which assigns a growing importance to the different shades of environmental influences and their pre-symbolic and symbolic representations.

One of the main aspects of my commitment, given the plurality of theoretical perspectives in the field, is to facilitate the **comparison between models of the mind and their interrelated conceptions of treatment.** Simultaneously holding the belief that the "**theoretically controversial**", if properly addressed, can enrich the entire community.

The first of these opportunities arose during the **National Congress**, held in 2014 in Milan, entitled, "**At the Origin of the Psychic Experience. Becoming a Subject.**" The theme focused on the interest in the conditions of the constitution of the psychic functions within inter-psychic, and inter-subjective bonds. Impediments and failures of this process create the conditions for a wider range psychic sufferings, ranging from psychosomatic and psychotic (crisis of symbolization), to neurotic (pathologies of repression), to identity disorders (the crisis of self-feeling). Therefore, the question put before us is: How can we deal with different forms of psychological suffering as well as the various forms of subjectivity that challenge and test our method?

AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

1) Psychoanalysis and Mental Health

We have been focusing on the possibility to resume the dialogue between the psychoanalytic and psychiatric communities. Similarly, we are developing bonds between Italian mental health services for children and adolescents. We have also decided to focus our research on the topic of autism. Recently, we held a **National Research Seminar** on contemporary psychoanalytic perspectives regarding the treatment of autism and psychotic breakdowns. It was a highly-participatory day of study and research entitled, "**Vie d'ingresso nella psicosi. Nell'infanzia, nell'adolescenza, nell'adulto.**"

2) Psychoanalysis and Research

This topic involves the variety of research methods in the field of psychoanalysis. Within the awareness of the multiplicity of theoretical positions of our community is the problem of how to develop and sustain a scientific dialogue between the different perspectives on a shared ground. **However, it has been essential to create a research group with the aim of identifying the postulates present in the different theories, and subsequent comparisons.** Additionally, we are engaged in experimental protocol research focused on analytic treatment and its outcome, for which we have received funding from IPA.

3) Psychoanalysis and Science

For some years, our community has begun the search for various conceptions of the unconscious, memories and affects and has had multiple opportunities to explore and deepen these topics. A group of Psychoanalysis and Neuroscience Research has been formed, and in 2016 we will organize a research seminar in which the participants can bring the results of their work.

4) Psychoanalysis and "Culture"

Geographies of Psychoanalysis is a group composed of Italian and foreign colleagues, focused on diverse cultures, raising questions regarding the universality of our assumptions we use to conceive reality and their ability to translate across cultures. The International Research Group, has its own page on the IPA website and in October 2015 will organize a study day with various foreign guest-speakers.

TIZIANA BASTIANINI, Scientific Secretary, SPI

MADRID PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

Entrevista a Francisco Munoz, Secretario Científico APM

Por Pedro Gil Corbacho

Pedro Gil Corbacho. Dr. Muñoz, ¿podría hacer una presentación profesional?

Francisco Muñoz. Soy Doctor en Psicología y didacta en la APM. Actualmente soy secretario científico en la Junta Directiva de la APM. Anteriormente he sido coordinador del Departamento de niños y adolescentes, coordinador de equipos de Salud Mental en el Ayuntamiento de Madrid. También dirigí la Revista de Psicología del IEPPM y obtuve el premio Jaime Tomás de la misma.

P.G.C. ¿Cuál es la actividad científica de la APM ?

F.M. La APM desarrolla sus actividades en Madrid, País Vasco y Cantabria, a través del CPN (Centro Psicoanalítico del Norte) y Comunidad Valenciana, CPV, (Centro Psicoanalítico Valenciano).

Se mantienen actividades regulares en sus secciones de Psicosis y Patologías Límite (SPPL), de Clínica Psicoanalítica (SCP) y de Grupos, Familia e Instituciones (SGFI).

Desde el año 1985 se publica la Revista de Psicoanálisis de la APM con tres números anuales, que tiene un equipo propio.

Se editan libros e la colección de Psicoanálisis APM – Editorial Biblioteca Nueva y de la colección de Psicoanálisis APM – Editorial El Duende para lo que existe una Comisión de Biblioteca que organiza y proporciona el material científico de la asociación contenido en textos escritos, informático, audio y video.

Hay otras estructuras internas como el Instituto de Psicoanálisis que se encarga de la formación de los nuevos candidatos según los criterios establecidos por la Asociación Psicoanalítica Internacional (IPA), basados en la formación teórica, la supervisión clínica y el análisis personal.

Otra importante estructura interna es el Centro de Asistencia Consulta e Investigación que se encarga de posibilitar y facilitar la realización de psicoanálisis y psicoterapias psicoanalíticas a personas de escasos recursos económicos así como a desarrollar cursos de difusión externos o de supervisión de profesionales de salud mental en Madrid.

El Departamento de Psicoanálisis de Niños y Adolescentes (DPNA), realiza diversas actividades científicas y organiza el programa de formación para obtener la titulación de Psicoanalista Especialista en Niños y Adolescentes; especialidad reconocida por la IPA.

Por otra parte, durante todo el año escolar o laboral la Asociación Psicoanalítica de Madrid organiza los llamados “**jueves científicos**”, que es un espacio donde diferentes psicoanalistas, Titulares o Asociados

de la APM, así como Miembros invitados pertenecientes a otras Sociedades filiales de la IPA dan conferencias y se debaten planteamientos teóricos o clínicos de actualidad.

El Simposium abierto a profesionales afines a nuestra disciplina es el gran acontecimiento científico de la APM, donde se trata un tema científico específico que se debate y amplía en varios grupos reducidos de trabajo, así como en talleres temáticos. Este año 2015 se celebrará el XXIV Simposium dedicado al tema: **“Amor, pasión, adicción”**.

Asimismo, se imparten cursos de sensibilización y divulgación del psicoanálisis y de psicoterapia psicoanalítica en ciudades como Málaga, Zaragoza, Salamanca, Tenerife. Anual o bienalmente la APM organiza y participa en actividades científicas conjuntas con la Sociedad Española de Psicoanálisis, con sede en Barcelona, con la Sociedad Portuguesa de Psicoanálisis, con la Sociedad Británica de Psicoanálisis, con la Sociedad Psicoanalítica de París y con la Sociedad Italiana de Psicoanálisis.

Es importante mencionar los **“Encuentros de Psicoanalistas de Lengua Castellana”** que se vienen celebrando, cada dos años, y por ahora siempre en Madrid desde el año 2012 con los analistas hispanoparlantes de todo el mundo.

Nuestros colegas también participan activamente en los Congresos de la Federación Europea de Psicoanálisis, que este año 2015 se celebrará en Estocolmo sobre el tema: **“Demasiado-Demasiado poco”** o en el Congreso de la IPA, en Boston cuyo tema es **“Un mundo en transformación: forma y uso de las herramientas psicoanalíticas en la actualidad”**.

La difusión de estas actividades se efectúa en iniciativas como el Curso de Verano para estudiantes y profesionales de la Salud Mental en colaboración con la Universidad Internacional Menéndez y Pelayo y la Federación Europea de Psicoanálisis que tuvo una gran aceptación hasta el punto de que este año 2015 se realizarán otros cursos similares en Madrid, Valencia y Bilbao.

La APM invita regularmente a figuras internacionales del psicoanálisis como el Dr. Jorge Canestri, la Dra. Estela Welldon, la Dra. E. Laufer, entre otros.

Durante este año 2015 contaremos con la presencia del Dr. Luis Minuchin, el Dr. Christophe Dejours, el Profesor Alejandro Ávila Espada, y el Dr. Ricardo Bernardi, entre otros.

P.G.C. ¿Cuáles son sus funciones como Secretario Científico de la APM?

F.M. Básicamente promover, desarrollar y actualizar la actividad científica en la APM. Nuestra disciplina es enormemente prolífica y creativa, pero al mismo tiempo promueve muchas líneas de desarrollo diferentes ya que el objeto de su estudio, la mente humana, es prácticamente inconmensurable.

Esto supone concretar y equilibrar estos objetivos, combinar las diferentes líneas de desarrollo, seleccionar a los mejores profesionales que las desarrollen y ajustarse a un presupuesto optimizándolo.

Interview with Francisco Muñoz

Scientific Secretary of the APM

By Pedro Gil Corbacho

Pedro Gil Corbacho. Dr Muñoz, could you introduce your professional activity?

Francisco Muñoz. I am Doctor in Psychology and teacher at APM. Currently, I am scientific secretary of the APM Administration. I have previously been coordinator of the Department of Children and Adolescents, and coordinator of Mental Health teams in the city of Madrid. I was also editor in chief of the IEPPM Psychosomatic Journal, which awarded me the Jaime Tomás's prize.

P.G.C. What is the scientific activity of the APM?

F.M. The APM develops its activities in Madrid, the Basque Country and Cantabria, through the CPM (Northern Psychoanalytical Centre) and the Comunidad Valenciana, CPV (Valencian Psychoanalytical Centre).

We run regular activities in the areas of Psychosis and Borderline Pathologies (SPPL), Psychoanalytical Clinic (SCP) and Groups, Family and Institutions (SGFI).

Since 1985, when the APM's Journal of Psychoanalysis was founded, we have been publishing three annual issues and the journal has its own team.

We publish books through the imprint Psychoanalysis APM – by Editorial Biblioteca Nueva, and the imprint Psychoanalysis – by Editorial El Duende, for which we have a Library Committee that organises and provides the scientific material to the association, gathering it in written texts, IT, audio and video.

There are other internal structures, like the Institute of Psychoanalysis, which provides training for the new candidates, following the criteria established by the International Psychoanalytical Association. This training involves a theoretical basis, clinical supervision and personal analysis.

Another important internal structure is the Centre for Assistance, Consultation and Research, responsible for enabling and facilitating psychoanalysis and psychoanalytical psychotherapies to low-income individuals, as well as the development of disseminating courses, or courses for the supervision of mental health professionals in Madrid.

The Psychoanalytic Department of Children and Adolescents (DPNA), undertakes different scientific activities and sets the training programme to obtain the degree of Psychoanalyst Specialist in Children and Adolescents; a speciality recognised by the IPA.

On the other hand, during the academic or working year, the Psychoanalytical Association in Madrid organises the so-called '**scientific Thursdays**', which create a space where different Psychoanalysts, Holders and Associates of the APM, as well as guests Members of other subsidiaries of the IPA, organise conferences and have theoretical and clinical debates about current issues.

The Symposium, open to professionals connected to our discipline, is the biggest APM scientific event. The Symposium deals with a specific theme, which is debated and broadened in various small working groups, as well as in thematic workshops. In 2015 the XXIV Symposium will be devoted to the theme: **'Love, passion, addiction'**.

Likewise, courses of awareness and dissemination of psychoanalysis, and of psychoanalytical psychotherapy are taught in cities such as Malaga, Zaragoza, Salamanca and Tenerife. Annually or biannually, the APM organises and participates in joint scientific activities with the Portuguese Society of Psychoanalysis, the British Society of Psychoanalysis, the Paris Psychoanalytical Society and the Italian Society of Psychoanalysis.

It is important to mention the **'Psychoanalytical Encounters in Spanish Language'** that we have been celebrating, every two years, and always in Madrid since 2012 with Hispanic-speaking analysts of the whole world.

Our colleagues also participate actively in the Congresses organised by the European Psychoanalytical Federation, which in 2015 will take place in Stockholm with the topic: **'Too Much–Not Enough'** or in the IPA Congress, in Boston, which topic is **'Changing World: The Shape and Use of Psychoanalytic Tools Today'**.

These activities are disseminated through initiatives like the Summer Course for students and professionals of Mental Health, in collaboration with the Universidad Internacional Menéndez y Pelayo and the European Psychoanalytical Federation. This course had a great attendance, to the extent that in 2015 similar courses will be programmed in Madrid, Valencia and Bilbao.

The APM regularly invites international figures of psychoanalysis like Dr Jorge Canestri, Dr Estela Welldon and Dr E. Laufer, among others.

During the year 2015 we will count with the presence of Dr Luis Minuchin, Dr Christophe Dejours, Professor Alejandro Ávila Espada and Dr Ricardo Bernardi, among others.

P.G.C. What are your functions as Scientific Secretary of the APM?

F.M. Basically to promote, develop and actualise the scientific activity of the APM. Our discipline is highly prolific and creative, but at the same time it endorses different lines of development, since the object of study, the human mind, is practically incommensurable.

This involves specifying and balancing out these objectives, combining the different lines of development, selecting the best professionals to develop and adjust them to a budget and optimizing the results.

Representative at meeting in Boston: Francisco Muñoz Martín, Scientific Secretary

MATO GROSSO DO SUL PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

Scientific Activities of Mato Grosso do Sul Psychoanalytical Society (Brazil).

Our Society from its different Departments develop the following scientific activities:

- Study Group on Meltzer's thoughts (monthly Meetings with its program previously published).
- SPMS issues Psychoanalytical texts on the Society Web site of everyday life themes using plain language which can be understood by the lay public. Psychoanalysts are invited to write articles, essays or reflections.
- Discussion of movies in partnership with Universidade do Estado do Mato Grosso do Sul, under a psychoanalytical view, together with professionals from other fields of knowledge.
- Scientific meetings (theory and practice), with medical students at Universidade do Estado de Mato Grosso do Sul to spread the psychoanalytic thought.
- Clinical Meetings called "Practice of Psychoanalytical Listening." Graduate and Post Graduate Psychology students present appointment cases from and at the Clinical School which are discussed by the psychoanalysts of our Society.
- Clinical meetings with analysts in training for an activity called the "*How does the psychoanalyst work*". The Teaching psychoanalyst presents a case from his private clinic to show the work on transference and counter transference.
- Study groups were performed among analysts from the institution related to the training analysis, supervision, evaluation, etc.

Maria de Fátima Chavarelli, President

Leila Tannous Guimarães, Scientific Director

MOSCOW PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

The Scientific Activity of the Moscow Psychoanalytic (Provisional) Society

The MPS consists now of 22 members, including 9 training analysts and 21 candidates in training.

The scientific activity of the MPS involves the organization of psychoanalytic seminars, participation in the international psychoanalytic conferences, theoretical and clinic groups and programs, teaching at universities and psychotherapeutic programs, translation and publishing the psychoanalytic literature.

1. The Annual Psychoanalytic Conference of the MPS

The Conference is conducted since 2012, it is the clinical and theoretical 2-days conference. The first day is for panel presentations of the MPS members on particular themes. The second day is for group supervisions by the MPS members in their own offices. The main idea of the Conference is to promote psychoanalytic dialogue among professionals, for this purpose detailed discussion of the presented material are in focus. This conference is open for psychoanalysts, candidates, psychoanalytic psychotherapists and students in psychoanalytic psychotherapy training with the number of participants of about 150 professionals. The language of the conference is Russian.

2. Monthly open scientific meetings (“Big Tuesdays”)

Since 2004 the MPS conducts monthly scientific meetings presenting work of MPS members for the open discussion. It is open for MPS members, candidates and a number of pre-registered mental health professionals and students.

3. The Conference “Psychoanalyst at work”

Since 2004 this has been a regular triennial conference which is connected to the International Journal of Psycho-Analysis’s “Analyst at Work” initiative. The “Analyst at work” format, of the Journal and of the conference, means that outstanding analysts from all over the world give examples of their clinical analytic work. Then two other colleagues representing different perspectives and coming from different psychoanalytic cultures give their comments on the material. “The Psychoanalyst at Work” conference consists of presentations and responses, panel discussions, simultaneous small discussion groups and plenty of other opportunities for audience participation. There is also a clinical pre-conference session and a special program for candidates (the IPSO). All conference presentations and parallel discussion groups are held in English and Russian. By now there were 4 conferences “Psychoanalyst at work” – held in 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Among the invited presenters were Dana Birksted-Breen, Ronald Britton, Jorge Canestri, Rosemary Davies, Michael Feldman, Antonino Ferro, André Green, Franziska Henningsen, John Kafka, Henry Smith, Gigliola Fornari Spoto, Danielle Quinodoz, Jean Michel Quinodoz, and others.

4. Psychoanalytic Film Festival

In November 2014 the MPS have conducted the 1st **Psychoanalytic Film Festival “The Screen of the Visible – The Screen of the Unconscious”** (Director: Igor Kadyrov).

The psychoanalytic film festival was a large cultural psychoanalytic event, designed as a space and bridge for interdisciplinary dialog between psychoanalysts, psychoanalytic psychotherapists, film makers and film scholars. The program consisted of film screening and discussions, special workshops and panels. The festival attracted about 180 participants, including MPS candidates, psychotherapists and general public.

5. Seminars with the invited IPA psychoanalysts

Since the late 80s many psychoanalysts from different IPA Societies are regularly invited to Moscow by MPS to give lectures and clinical seminars for those who are interested in psychoanalysis.

6. Translation and Publishing activity

• MPS Bulletin

Since 2013 MPS have published 2 issues of the MPS annual bulletin. It includes the psychoanalytic papers of the MPS members. The Bulletin editor is Natalia Kholina.

• IJP Russian Annual

Since 2010 the MPS issued the 4 editions of “The Psychoanalytic Annual”, the content of which consists of the recent IJPA papers translated into Russian by the MPS members and candidates. (The editor is Igor Kadyrov, the executive secretary is Natalia Kigai).

- The MPS members publish their papers on psychoanalytic theory and practice, along with applied psychoanalysis in print and on-line psychotherapeutic journals and books.
- Some members candidates of the MPS have translated into Russian several psychoanalytic books.

7. Teaching and supervising at universities, psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic programs and clinics

- Training analysts of the MPS regularly teach at the PIEE (Psychoanalytic Institute for Eastern Europe) schools and seminars.
- Most members of the MPS are involved in training of professionals outside the MPS, at universities and private institutes, including 4 years program on psychoanalytic oriented psychotherapy. Students who successfully finish the programs often apply then to begin their psychoanalytic training.
- Some members of the MPS conduct clinical groups in psychiatric and psychosomatic clinics supervising psychiatrists and clinical psychologists.
- Some MPS members combine clinical practice with research activity at the universities and psychological institutes.
- The MPS members take part in different events in psychotherapeutic societies as invited lectures, discussants and supervisors.
- The MPS members give lectures, seminars and supervisions for psychoanalytic psychotherapists in different regions of Russia (including such cities as Irkutsk, Perm, Stavropol, Tomsk, Voronezh and others).

8. Participation in the international psychoanalytic conferences, theoretical and clinical groups and programs

- The members and candidates of MPS regularly participate in international psychoanalytic conferences, such as IPA Congress, EPF Conference, Conferences organized by different IPA Societies.
- Many MPS members work in regular supervision and intervision groups in Moscow; London; Berlin; Hamburg; Cologne, in the international theoretical and clinical skype seminars.
- Some members and candidates of MPS take participation in the international skype seminar on infant observation.
- 2 members and one candidate of MPS have finished the theoretical part of the IPA training in child psychoanalysis and continue their education to become child psychoanalysts.

9. Participation in the IPA activity

Igor Kadyrov became the Director of the IPA/EPF European Psychoanalytic Institute.

Igor Kadyrov is the member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis.

Tatjana Alavidze is the member of Candidate Loan Panel (IPA)

Some members of the MPS are the translators for the IPA website.

10. Contacts with media

MPS members take part in various kinds of public and media events (newspapers, psychological journals, television, radio, book fairs, internet forums, etc.) on different themes concerning individual psychological problems, child upbringing, politics, history, culture, etc. The Psychoanalysts of the MPS are experts and regular commentators in a popular science journal "Psychologies".

Elina Zimina, Scientific Secretary of the Moscow Psychoanalytic Society

NORTHWESTERN PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY AND INSTITUTE (NPSI)

Report on Scientific Meetings Committee

NPSI has sponsored a Wednesday evening Scientific Meeting for several years. Typically we have eight meetings per year. The meeting involves individually authored original papers presented by members. Attendance is open to community members and visitors and usually we have between fifteen to twenty five people come to our meetings.

The International Evolving British Object Relations conference, produced biennially since 2012, brings important speakers from around the world. Special meetings devoted to conference themes, for example "Reverie and Interpretation", are offered as pre-conference events in a format modeled on the Scientific Meetings. These meetings serve to provide outreach to the larger analytic community providing opportunity for discussion of conference themes.

Recently a new initiative has been developed to explore specific themes, for example "Dreaming". These meetings also follow the Scientific Meeting format. Presenters are drawn from faculty and membership of NPSI.

We have also had an initiative where faculty presented papers that were significant to them by other psychoanalyst authors (e.g. Harold Searles, Heinrich Racker) that they wanted to bring to community attention through the Scientific Meetings format.

A small fee (\$12 members/\$15 non-members) is charged for each meeting and over the course of a year a modest amount of revenue is generated for the organization.

The Scientific Meetings also provide a regular meeting for candidates to hear faculty and to interact with their ideas and work.

Submitted by Jeffery Eaton, MA, FIPA

Chair, Scientific Meetings Committee (July 2012 – June 2015)

POLISH PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

Summary of the scientific life and activities at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society

During my 2-year term as a chair of the scientific program at the Polish Psychoanalytical Society I have taken as a goal to introduce the variety of psychoanalytic thought to the members and candidate and to strengthen the communication of psychoanalysis with different scientific fields as part of an outreach program.

These two main goals were adopted by a variety of activities;

1) Clinical and theoretical seminars within the Society;

We have invited many guests from various Societies from Europe to conduct lectures and clinical seminars for members and candidates. These meetings have a character of closed clinical discussions only for members and candidates. We have now applied for CAPSA grant and invited a psychoanalyst from Peru

2) Clinical and theoretical seminars in various cities

As the number of psychoanalysts living outside the capital has increased over the last 3 years, our Society launches scientific programs in other bigger cities in the form of open lectures and theoretical and clinical seminars. We have a long-term cooperation with the University of Gdansk (at the seaside of Poland) and with a Museum of Contemporary Art in Cracow (south of Poland) where our lectures to the public take place

3) Conferences;

Our two main conferences take place every year and are open to psychoanalysts, psychoanalytical therapists, social workers, and psychotherapists of other fields interested in psychoanalysis. There are more than 200 people usually taking part in these events; the aim of the conferences is to introduce stimulating issues on psychoanalysis keeping our public up-to-date with the issues discussed internationally. There is one annual conference on psychoanalysis, one on child and adolescence (every two years) taking turns with the Winnicottian conference (introduced 2 years ago happening also every two years)

4) Grants

Our management board has launched a broad program of grants for our members and candidates who wish to participate in international conferences and scientific events.

5) Open lectures

Our Society organizes open lectures available to all those interested in psychoanalysis with a wide scope of themes. Our advanced candidates conduct lectures on various theoretical and clinical issues.

As a new theme during these open meetings we have been introducing for the last few years dialogues of psychoanalysis with other scientific fields. We invite philosophers, authors, artists,

historians, musicians etc and look at how psychoanalysis can share ideas and themes with these different fields.

6) Supervision groups

There are two supervision groups running on a continuous basis, both lead by the training analysts from The British Psychoanalytical Society. One of them is for senior members and one for young members and advanced candidates.

7) Local journal

Every six months our Society issues a local journal (at the moment only for members and candidates) where interesting papers, discussions, interviews and translations of some newest international papers are issued. There is an idea to transform this journal into the one open to the public

We also face some problems; Transfer of knowledge, especially clinical from senior members to younger generations; fear of exposition of younger generation of analysts and unwillingness of members to present their clinical work, lack of a continuous program for members

Representative at meeting in Boston: Ewa Sacilowska, Vice President

PORTUGUESE PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

Portuguese Psychoanalytical Society - Summary of scientific activities – 2015

Scientific activities are planned according to different aims and public

- I. **Theoretical and technique discussion, research or debates – exclusive for psychoanalyst**
 - a. **Scientific Lectures** (mainly theoretical): with Portuguese psychoanalyst and colleagues from other IPA societies (David Bell, British Soc.; Eliana Rache, São Paulo Soc.; Michael Brearly, British Soc.; Luis Martin Cabré, Ass. Madrid) – monthly
 - b. **Clinical sessions** – presenting a clinical case and discussion – every 3 months
 - c. **Forums sessions** about special issues, suggested by the board, ran by a working group with a general discussion. We had two Forums in 2015, about: 1- Psychoanalysis and psychotherapy; 2- ethics and finances
 - d. Journal club – a recent international paper is presented by a candidate, commented by a full or training member and discussed – every 2 months
 - e. Internal conference – one day conference, presenting theoretical papers, and small clinical groups discussion – every year
 - f. Iberic conference – scientific meeting with the two IPA societies from Spain – October 2015 – every two years
 - g. IPSO meeting – theoretical discussion, clinical supervision - every year
 - h. IPSO international meeting, October 2015
 - i. Working groups: actually, we have 2 working groups: 1- clinical issues; 2- psychoanalytical writing – every 2 months
 - j. Lisbon Institute of Psychoanalysis gives an annual grant to present a paper at an international IPA conference – every year
- II. **Outreach activities – open events with psychoanalysts and special guests (from science, culture, cinema, university, journalist, etc)**
 - a. Main conference, (in 2015 the main theme is adolescence) – every year
 - b. 3 hours workshops – for psychoanalyst, psychotherapist, or mental health professionals (planned for 2015 with David Bell, Michael Brearly, Luis Martin Cabré)
 - c. Public debate presenting each new issue of the portuguese psychoanalytical review – every 6 months
 - d. Introductory course on psychoanalysis concepts – 60 hours course for mental health professionals (medical doctors, psychologists, nurses, social workers)
 - e. Institutional supervision groups – monthly
 - f. Dialogues with psychoanalysis – a Freud coffee debate, with a psychoanalyst and special guest about a classical psychoanalytical paper – 4 per year

Lisbon, April, 2015 Rui Aragão Oliveira, Scientific Chair and Vice President

PSYCHOANALYTIC CENTER OF CALIFORNIA

Summary of Scientific Life and Activities:

Psychoanalytic Center of California (Los Angeles USA)

The Psychoanalytic Center of California (PCC) offers a rich educational program to psychoanalysts and other mental health professionals in the Los Angeles area, specifically focused on the British object relations model of psychoanalysis. We draw from and seek to develop the theories and clinical application of the work of Freud, Klein, Bion, Tustin, and those who later developed their ideas. We are accredited providers of continuing education for physicians, psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and nurses.

The scientific activities of the PCC are coordinated by the Continuing Education (CE) Committee which is made up of six members, including a candidate representative. The CE committee plans day-long conferences, clinical supervisions, and brief scientific meetings. The PCC recently has expanded its offerings to include weeknight scientific meetings with presentations by our members and advanced candidates (with oversight by the Extension Committee) and meetings designed to introduce students, young professionals, and the lay public to psychoanalysis (oversight by the Outreach Committee).

Our educational program features three annual events: the Annual Melanie Klein Lectureship (in its 26th year); the Annual Wilfred Bion Conference (in its 5th year); and the Frances Tustin Memorial Trust Lectureship (in its 20th year). In addition, we offer a biennial Infant Observation Conference. Each of these conferences features an international speaker of high regard with presentations that are clinically focused. The format for these events includes two paper presentations with discussions on Saturday; and one or two master classes (group supervisions) for PCC members and candidates on Sunday. In addition to these four main events, we offer special conferences featuring local psychoanalysts or a topic of particular interest to our members. Below is an accounting of scientific activities in the past 3 years:

Klein Lecture

- John Steiner (London), *Seeing and Being Seen: Emerging from a Psychic Retreat*
- Irma Brenman Pick (London), *Authenticity and Creativity; Countertransference in Supervision*
- Anne Alvarez (London), *The Thinking Heart: Three Levels of Analytic Work with Difficult Patients*

Bion Conference

- Rudi Vermote (Belgium), *Ways of Psychic Functioning, Ways of Psychic Change*
- Meg Harris Williams (London), *Bion and Psychoanalytic Autobiography*

Tustin Lecture

- Ofra Eshel (Israel), *Frances Tustin's 'Metabolon' and 'Diabolon' Revisited*
- Mark Howard (Australia), *Requiem for a Dream: Creative Steps Toward Recovery of a Young Psychotic Woman*

Infant Observation

- Becky Hall (London), *Holding the Infant in Mind: Some Preliminary Thoughts on Observation and Clinical Practice*

Specialty Events

- *Working with Donald Meltzer* (bonus event with Meg Harris Williams)
- *The Value of Interpretation: Thoughts on a Controversy* (with PCC members Jon Tabakin, Albert Mason, and James Gooch)
- *The Journey of the Hero and the Relinquishment of Omnipotence* (with John Steiner)
- *Beyond Right and Wrong: An Exploration of Justice and Forgiveness* (featuring a documentary on forgiveness in Israel/Palestine, Northern Ireland, and Rwanda)
- *Fertile Mind and Body: Impact of an Analyst's Pregnancy on Two Analytic Cases* (with Ellyn Singer, prize winning PCC graduation paper)

The scientific life of PCC is also evident in the writing of our candidates and members. The James Gooch Prize is awarded annually for an outstanding paper by a candidate, often a graduation paper. Our members publish individual scientific papers as well as psychoanalytic books. In recent years, we have been celebrating the accomplishments of our authors and introducing the community to their works by hosting book launching events. Recent events have featured the following PCC member publications:

- Annie Reiner, *Bion and Being: Passion and the Creative Mind* (Karnac)
- Joseph Aguayo and Barnet Malin (eds.), *Wilfred Bion: Los Angeles Seminars and Supervision* (Karnac)
- Jennifer Kunst, *Wisdom from the Couch: Knowing and Growing Yourself from the Inside Out* (Consortium/Central Recovery Press)
- Judith Mitrani, *Psychoanalytic Technique and Theory: Taking the Transference* (Karnac)
- Judith and Theodore Mitrani (eds.), *Frances Tustin Today* (Routledge)

Submitted by

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ROMANIAN SOCIETY OF PSYCHOANALYSIS

Please see below a list of RSP's scientific activities and attributions:

1. MONTHLY SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF MEMBERS. Topic: Clinical and theoretical Psychoanalysis; Permanent guests: senior candidates. The meetings consist in an opening towards discussions on the topic and material chosen and an invitation to free associations within the group and clinical vignettes.

2. WORK GROUPS_ 6.1 CPLF Group - since 2010 within the RSP there is a working group which functions based on CPLF annual congress materials. The functioning of this group catalyzed the inclusion of RSP among CPLF component societies, since May 2013. **6.2 Reflection Group** - the group is open to members; thematic material studied and discussed: psychoanalytic institutions with focus on conflict and resolution.

3. PSYCHOANALYSTS INVITED FOR WORK MEETINGS. Every year we hold work weekends with 2 or 3 guests from abroad, from different schools of psychoanalysis. The organizational structure consists of a theoretical presentation of the guest, followed by a discussion of the material and a clinical presentation with group supervision.

3. LIBRARY - comprises over 2600 books and more than 300 magazines written in several languages on various topics of psychoanalysis/psychotherapy/psychology. The library is open to members and candidates of the RSP.

5. ROMANIAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOANALYSIS - it is a bilingual (English/French) journal, with abstracts and keywords in both languages. RJP is now at its eleventh issue. The journal aims to present original scientific contributions of Romanian and foreign psychoanalysts. The Scientific Board of the journal consists of notorious psychoanalysts coming from Romania, many teaching in Universities, and from various other countries, including France and Italy. Since 2011 it has been included in international databases such as Scipio, CSS, Ebsco, Ulrich and, since 2014, Ppweb.

6. COLLABORATIONS / PARTNERSHIPS (film festival, universities). In the last two years we have been invited at the Psychoanalysis and Film Festival held in Bucharest by a team of filmmakers passionate about psychoanalysis. Starting this year RSP became a partner of the event, announced for November.

7. SUMMER SCHOOL (outreach). The Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis organizes every year the Summer School of Psychoanalysis. The scientific programme of the school includes *plenary sessions* and *discussions* with the participants, *case presentations*, *applied psychoanalysis workshops*.

8. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. The International Conference of Psychoanalysis is organized every year by the Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis in Bucharest. Its purpose is to bring to attention, reflection and scientific communication current topics of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy.

9. INTERREGIONAL PSYCHOANALYTICAL EXCHANGE - CAPSA PROGRAM. For 2015 psychoanalysts members of the Boston Group have agreed to start work meetings between the regions. Further undertakings will be made with IPA regarding the organization.

10. WEBSITES. The Romanian Society of Psychoanalysis has its own bilingual website (Romanian/English) where information is constantly updated being a resourceful internal and external tool. The conference, school and journal also have their own website.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

President: Senior Lecturer Rodica Matei, PhD

Members: Assistant Professor Bogdan Cuc, PhD Student & Associate Professor Simona Trifu, MD

SAN FRANCISCO PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

The Scientific Meetings at SFCP provide exposure to new and on-going work in psychoanalysis. SFCP members or other prominent psychoanalysts present papers in progress on psychoanalytic theory, clinical work, and applied psychoanalysis. All SFCP members, candidates, community members and mental health professionals are welcome free of charge. The meetings take place between September and June on the second Monday of the month.

I have served as chair of the SFCP scientific meetings since September 2011 and will step down in June 2017. I have worked with my committee to bring analysts from all over the country and internationally in order to expose our membership to diverse ideas and clinical theory. I also view the scientific meetings as a way to build our local psychoanalytic community beyond our membership to reach students and mental health professionals with an interest in psychoanalytic ideas.

Many of our scientific meeting speakers are presenting at the IPA meeting this year. For example, this year we have brought Christopher Bollas, Virginia Unger, Riccardo Lombardi, Donald Moss, and Giuseppe Civitarese to present at scientific meetings. In previous years, Howard Levine, Patrick Miller, David Rosenfeld, Claudio Eizirik, Jonathan Sklar, Jay Greenberg, Otto Kernberg, Rosine Perelberg, Roberto Oelsner, Paul Williams, Judith Butler, and Michael Feldman have presented at SFCP.

I am also co-chair of the Dialogues committee, a clinical program offered four times a year, and I work closely with the Visiting Professor committee to pool resources in order to bring speakers for multiple programs. Our collaboration has allowed us to provide clinical seminars as well as private study groups with a diverse range of analysts.

*Julie Ruskin, PhD
San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis
Scientific Meeting Chair*

SWEDISH PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION

Operational instructions for the Scientific Committee of the Swedish Psychoanalytic Association

The main task for the Scientific Committee (SC) is to plan and accomplish meetings for members and candidates with the aim of discussing and deepening theoretical and clinical subjects.

We are able to invite lectures from other areas of knowledge.

Our ambition is to invite one psychoanalyst from outside Sweden once a semester to lecture and provide super-vision in groups.

We have regular communication with members and candidates regarding form and content of our scientific meetings.

In relation to our AGM the SC organize an autumn conference.

Every second year SC organize a week-end conference during spring.

SC has a responsibility for the society's archive and library.

The activities of of the Scandinavian Societies can be found in No 1 of each volume of "The Scandinavian Psychoanalytic Review".

Urban Vestin, MD, Chair of Scientific Committee

SWISS PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

SSPsa (Swiss Psychoanalytical Society) Brief summary of our scientific life and activities

First of all some few words about our Society's structure.

It was created in 1919 and it is composed actually by 381 members and candidates: 248 in the French part and 133 in the German part of the country. 159 of these are still candidates.

In Switzerland four languages are spoken, but only two languages are officially used in our Society: German and French. The Society is composed by 6 regional centres, in Zurich, Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne and Lugano. Each of these centres organizes, in a complete autonomy, conferences, seminars and encounters with colleagues coming from other psychoanalytical societies or from other fields, as sociologists, economists, neuroscientists, and others.

Our scientific life takes place as well in each regional centre and in meetings concerning the whole Society.

It can be summarized in four points:

1/ Teaching and training activities. We follow the French model and we have three specific committees: the first (CEN) for the admission of the candidates and for their later admission as associated members, a second one (CEvMO) for the evaluation of future full members and the third (CEvMF) for the evaluation of training members.

A specific committee (COSPEA) takes care of the training for child and adolescent analyst.

We organize twice a year a week-end, for all members and candidates, where every new full member or training member will give a lecture in order to present himself to the whole Society. As these new members have already been accepted by a specific committee, each lecture is followed by interesting and free discussions, without the stress of an exam.

The Symposium committee organizes once a year a scientific meeting for all members and candidates, with a discussion in depth about a clinical case.

A specific committee takes care about the "shuttle analysis", for colleagues coming from countries with limited psychoanalytical institutions.

Several seminars are organized, in the German, in the French and in the Italian speaking part of Switzerland, following three categories: clinical seminars, seminars about Freud's works and theoretical seminars about others authors.

2/ Papers and lectures. Every regional centre organizes particular lectures and papers, generally 10 to 15 lectures a year.

Each centre has also specific links with their close university or psychotherapeutic institute. In this way a very strong outreach activity is done by each centre, as these activities are opened to psychiatrists or psychologists or medical doctors that are not members of the Society.

A specific committee takes care of the journal of our society, publishing twice a year, papers of our members and events of the Society.

3/ Outreach activities. Even if we have a specific outreach committee in the Society, the most important outreach activity is actually done by the regional centres, as indicated above.

4/ Research. Several propositions will be made by the Research committee during these next months, so I will possibly be able to give more information about this point only next July, in Boston.

Written by Maggiorino Genta in Vevey, February the 8th 2015.

URUGUAYAN PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

Report of the Scientific Director of the Uruguayan Psychoanalytical Association (APU) for the Meeting of Society Scientific/Programme Chairs at the IPA Congress, Boston 2015

The scientific life of **APU** is channeled through two main types of activities:

A. Activities of laboratories

B. Activities organized by the Scientific Committee

A. Activities of laboratories

The laboratories are composed by APU members and candidates, and are dedicated to the study, development and dissemination of a specific area of our discipline.

There are currently in activity eight laboratories: of children; of adolescence; research; psychosis; couple and family; of group approaches; of psychoanalysis and cultural changes and about Lacan.

B. Activities organized by the Scientific Committee

APU performs a **weekly scientific meeting** on Friday mornings, in which members and candidates take part. In addition, they are usually carried out **Journeys**, of one or two day's duration. In planning the activities we try to balance those dedicated to **deepening** the specificity of our practice and others, in which psychoanalysis seeks **dialogue with other disciplines**, including the invitation of other professionals when appropriate. Depending on the topic, some are **internal** and exclusive activities for members and candidates of APU and other are **open** to the public. APU is especially interested in enabling **theoretical pluralism**, which is historical in our institution, by working the differences that inhabit us during the scientific meetings.

In 2015 we have chosen as a thematic core "**ethics in our psychoanalytic practice**" to develop during the year in monthly activities, which will finalize in an **institutional Journey** of APU on November.

Extraordinary activities:

- **July, 26 and 27:** Regional Exchange. Visit of Dr. Leonardo Peskin (APA – Argentine).
- **August, 28 and 29:** III Colloquium Franco-Rioplatense (France, Argentine and Uruguay) "*Adolescences: texts y contexts*".
- **September, 5 and 6:** Interdiscipline: Visit of Professor David Le Breton (France)
- **September, 11:** Regional Exchange. Visit Dr. Leticia Glocer (APA - Argentine)
- **November, 6 and 7:** International Exchange. Visit of Professor René Roussillon (SPP-France)

May 2015

Dr. Luis Bibbó

Scientific Director

Uruguayan Psychoanalytical Association

Representative at meeting in Boston: Ximena Malmierca

VIENNA PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION

Vienna, 14.2.2015

Report on the scientific life and activities of our society

The scientific life of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Association falls into four chapters on which I want briefly to expand:

I. The General Seminar:

Its task is to be the platform for the scientific life of our group. Members and candidates give introductions and talks on their scientific work, whatever it may be at the moment. Years ago it took place every Tuesday evening and there used to be a general theme for every semester around which the talks and discussions organized. In the last years the frequency of the general seminar meetings dropped significantly mainly due to fact that there are lots of other psychoanalytic events in Vienna. Many members are engaged in activities outside of our association, e.g. in the psychoanalytic academy which we founded together with our colleagues of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society in 2007. But there are lots of other contexts in which our members are scientifically involved, from private scientific clubs to positions in universities. But these activities are not pooled or absorbed within the group.

II. The psychoanalytic academy:

Since 2006 there are at least two weekend symposia every year organised under the name Sigmund-Freud-lectures, in which members and candidates both from the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society and from the Vienna Psychoanalytic Association give psychoanalytic papers on the respective theme of the year. In 2013 und 2014 the lectures centered on the topic of the unconscious with a special focus in every symposium: dream, other non-pathological creations of the unconscious, symptom, culture. The SF-lectures are a major demonstration of scientific psychoanalytic work to the interested public. The program of the academy encompasses a lot of other themes that are worked on by small groups processing important scientific questions of psychoanalysis and at the same time preparing public seminars: this is true for the project teams of the curricula on Lacan and on Bion, on child-parent-therapy and on trauma.

In addition there is a special format for furthering the scientific cooperation of psychoanalysis with neighbouring disciplines: Psychoanalysis in Dialogue. These are yearly or bi-yearly conferences on themes like psychoanalytic process research or dream interpretation and dream research.

III. The psychoanalytic journal "texte"

As a scientific and simultaneously practice-oriented journal, "texte" are interested in the constant development of Freud's ideas and models. Partially in interdisciplinary dialogues the clinical and extraclinical dimensions of psychoanalysis should be conveyed to an interested audience. "texte" are edited in cooperation with the "Österreichische Arbeitskreise für Psychoanalyse" (psychoanalytic groups outside the IPA, located in the provinces of Austria) and their scientific society called "Freiberg". Freiberg also holds annual conferences in which the Vienna Psychoanalytic Association usually takes part. The papers of the conference form the content of one of the four yearly issues.

IV. Position within the public health system and research

The Austrian government has launched a research- and planning institution for the health sector ("Gesundheit Österreich"), which has a coordinating department for psychotherapy research. This department urges the psychotherapy-training-institutes (including the Vienna psychoanalytic Association) to start or improve outcome and process studies on their respective methods. In this context we are in contact with the University Clinic for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy at the

Vienna Medical School with the perspective of participating in a major psychoanalysis study (scientific director: Prof. Doering). Whereas the focus of the university study will be outcome (comparison of high frequency psychoanalysis and treatment as usual of anxiety patients with personality problems) the Vienna Psychoanalytic Association and the Psychoanalytic Society may concentrate on questions of process. Things are not very far developed in that respect.

We are in a process of transforming our psychoanalytic training curriculum into an academic course in cooperation with the Vienna Medical School. This process touches on our scientific interests and activities as these should be used to inform the theoretical and research modules of the coming academic training of psychoanalysis. In this project we are again cooperating very closely with the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society and – in a much broader sense – with other psychodynamic training institutes of psychotherapy.

Issue to be discussed at the meeting of the scientific chairs of the IPA societies:

I will participate in an IPA body for the first time. Thus I am ignorant of habits and traditions. Nevertheless my interest in the discussion lies in exploring the problems of integrating empirical research questions and methods into a traditional psychoanalytic society with an (until now) exclusively clinical and cultural theoretical perspective. How is it possible to achieve mutual respect between clinical, cultural and empirical research interests? How is it possible to win the emotional interest of clinicians for extraclinical questions and methods of research? How can we assure that cultural and hermeneutic methodology will not be marginalised (or feel marginalised) when empirical methodology should be applied? Is there a possibility for international cooperation and assistance in the development of such perspectives?

In the hope that such questions and interest are shared by other representatives of IPA societies

I send you the best wishes

Fritz Lackinger

VIENNA PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

Summary of the scientific activities of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society

By Hemma Rössler-Schüleln

At the moment there are a number of interesting projects coming up, both in the society and under the umbrella of the Wiener Psychoanalytische Akademie (WPAk), which is a cooperation of the two societies in Vienna.

For the society, Dr. Liana Giorgi has made a research proposal: The Study of the Unconscious from an Interdisciplinary Perspective that answers to the IPA 2014 Call for Proposals on the unconscious. In particular it addresses how these different perspectives of different disciplines may be integrated conceptually and studied empirically. The objective of the proposed project is to develop a conceptual framework for the interdisciplinary study of the unconscious and demonstrate its exploratory application through the elaboration of empirical research designs.

Scientific activities are now happening also in the WPAk: The two IPA-societies in Vienna started close cooperation on issues of representation to the public since 2005. The Academy sees itself as a center for psychoanalysis - for psychoanalysts as well as open to the public. It provides the institutional framework for outreach, research, teaching, interdisciplinary exchange, project-related cooperation and further education.

This has resulted in successful initiatives which address psychoanalysts as well as the non-analytic professional world and a wide public. At the moment it provides training for psychoanalytic oriented psychotherapy, Parents and Child Psychotherapy, courses for teachers, etc and is on its way to develop a master program in Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Studies in cooperation with University that should cover the wide range of psychoanalysis both as a clinical theory and of its relevance for sociological and cultural field.

Recently, two conferences were organized in cooperation by Fritz Lackinger and me: Psychoanalysis in Dialogue 2014 dealt with dream research in the field of neurosciences cognitive sciences and its relevance for clinical psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic research; Psychoanalysis in 2013 Dialogue dealt with the concepts, methods and possibilities of psychoanalytic process research.

My actual research interest lies in the furthering an **expert validated case study** in the Outpatient Clinic of the Society (Wiener Psychoanalytisches Ambulatorium) which is on its way to be implemented in the regular clinical conference of the therapeutic team and should make use of the rich clinical knowledge and the expertise of the group. Expert validated case studies should describe prototypically the differences of changes occurring in a two times a week and in a four times a week setting and should observe, describe and understand the different form of changes. Our first step is to adopt and discuss methodologically the questions offered by the Three Level Model Tracking Transformations in Psychoanalyses and to build up a specific framework so that results could also be used as **psychotherapy case-based research**. The ambitious aim of this project is to learn more about different changes in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy and to be able to communicate them properly to the interested public. If of interest, more details can be given at the end of March: then I will be able to write a more explicit summary that could be presented (five to ten minutes) and hopefully discussed at the Boston Meeting.

Hemma Rössler-Schüleln, Scientific Chair