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**You will have noticed that this issue of *International Psychoanalysis* is much slimmer than previous ones.**

Due to the IPA's present financial situation and the Board's decision to put \$300,000 aside in order to confront the world-wide crisis in psychoanalysis, all the budgetary allocations for 2004 had to be considerably reduced, including that of the news magazine, which was cut by more than half. Nadine Levinson, our new Treasurer, outlines our present financial situation in her report. For this issue of the magazine, we had to cut some contributions considerably, or omit them altogether. Thus, in the obituary for Han Groen-Prakken, we could only include a couple of the tributes from a Memorial Meeting last November and, furthermore, had to shorten both of them. Other contributions (as for instance an extensive article on conceptual research) have had to be

held over for the Winter issue, or are included on the IPA Website (each is individually referenced). What the reader will find in this issue, however, is the announcement of the establishment of a Conceptual Research Fund, made possible thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

Both the President's Column of Daniel Widlöcher and the only article in the Focus section address the question of official governmental recognition of psychoanalysis, its integration into health care policy and health insurance schemes, and the problems and difficulties arising in this connection. The article that appears in the Focus section is only a beginning. Further articles by Basile, Perlman and Bruns/Gattig will be found on the IPA Website, and others will appear in the Winter issue of the Magazine.

The Opinion section (available on the IPA website) contains a response by David H. Kligman to last issue's Focus

on the crisis in psychoanalysis. It offers a new point of view on this problem. There are also two further reactions on the subject of telephone analysis.

To our readers of the English edition in particular I would like to apologize for the rather poor quality of the couch photos in the last issue. We have taken steps in the meantime to prevent a repetition in the future.

Finally, I have to announce a further change on the Editorial Board of the News Magazine. Germano Vollmer Filho, who has been one of my three Regional Editors for Latin America since the beginning of my Editorship and whom I would like to thank for his work, has been replaced by Juan Pablo Jiménez de la Jara from Chile. I welcome him to our Board and hope for a fruitful collaboration.

*Alex Holder,  
Editor*

## IPA ACTIVITIES

### *Conceptual Research Fund*

The IPA Research Advisory Board is delighted to announce that, as a result of a most generous offer from an anonymous donor, it is able to establish the Conceptual Research Fund. This fund will support proposals from those interested in carrying out systematic research on conceptual issues in psychoanalysis, and applications are now invited.

The development of psychoanalysis as both a science and clinical practice has always relied heavily on various forms of conceptual research. Thus conceptual research has clarified, formulated and reformulated psychoanalytic concepts, permitting researchers to better shape the findings emerging in the clinical setting. By enhancing clarity and explicitness in the use of concepts, conceptual research has facilitated the integration of existing psychoanalytic thinking, as well as the development of new ways of looking at clinical and extra-clinical data. Moreover, it has offered conceptual bridges to neighbouring disciplines particularly interested in psychoanalysis such as philosophy, sociology and anthropology, aesthetics, history of art and literature and, more recently, cognitive science and neuroscience.

In the present phase of psychoanalytic pluralism, the relevance of conceptual research is steadily increasing against a background of worldwide scientific communication among psychoanalysts,



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irrespective of language differences, and an intensifying dialogue with other disciplines.

Therefore, each year the IPA offers financial support for projects in conceptual research from the new fund. These could include, for example, research designed to systematically clarify and evaluate existing psychoanalytic concepts, update data and research related to them, and test the epistemological bases and criteria of such concepts. Projects to be supported could also comprise more general epistemological topics, such as research in how to conceptualize subjectivity and objectivity

and their interrelationship in a way that would be appropriate for the complexity and specificity of psychoanalytic clinical work, or research intended to develop new concepts suitable to bridge the gap between the mind/body spheres. Historical studies concerning the development and types of psychoanalytic conceptual research itself could also be supported.

Applications to the Conceptual Research Fund will be handled in exactly the same way as all other applications for IPA research grants, the details of which are available on the IPA website ([www.ipa.org.uk](http://www.ipa.org.uk)). Applicants do not need to specify that they are seeking support under the fund. The RAB will consider all proposals equally and, of those deemed to warrant funding, submit the ones that fall within the guidelines of the Conceptual Research Fund for review to those who monitor the fund. Proposals approved under the fund, rather than from the normal IPA funding programme, will be more likely to be fully funded. Successful applicants will receive a certificate if their proposals have been accepted under the Conceptual Research Fund, as distinct from the IPA's normal programme of research funding.

The Conceptual Research Fund brings with it the great benefit of expanding and extending the funds available to psychoanalytic research, as well as guaranteeing funding specifically for conceptual research proposals.



## Members Honoured

David Rosenfeld has unanimously been appointed as a Consultant Professor at the University of Buenos Aires.



David Rosenfeld

Vamik Volkan has received the Sigmund Freud Award of the city of Vienna in collaboration with the World Council of Psychotherapy for his 'outstanding contributions to psychotherapy worldwide'.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to these two colleagues.

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**1 September 2003 – 1 March 2004**

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**1 September 2003 – 1 March 2004**

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## OPINION

Three 'Opinion' articles may be found on the IPA web site 'News Magazine' page:

- Kligman on the 'Crisis in Psychoanalysis'
- Telephone Analysis – Zusman de Arbiser comments
- Telephone Analysis – Amati Mehler and Argentieri respond to Zalusky



Han Groen-Prakken

**Han started her psychoanalytic education in 1967 when she was working in the unit for child psychiatry in the hospital of the University of Amsterdam. She became a full member in 1978 and President of the Dutch Society of Psychoanalysis soon after. Her presidency was an inspiring and expansive period. She published more than 60 articles in Dutch, German and English journals. In 1984 she became a training analyst and took on posts in the Training Institute, and in international commissions, for a while combining them with the presidency of the European Psychoanalytic Federation. More recently, she threw all her energy into the development of psychoanalysis in Eastern Europe.**

#### *John Kafka writes ...*

The vividness with which Han is alive in my mind is unbelievably intense.

Her involvement with the East European project has shaped many lives and careers. I am sure that her personal need for freedom and opportunity for independent thought and action played a big part in this commitment. In the late 1980s, we started working together as the co-chairs of the IPA's East European Committee. The idea of evaluating people and paying less attention to their formal training was a practical way forward in Eastern Europe, which fitted well with her and my personal style. Over the twenty years we worked together, we rarely disagreed. Sometimes, Han worried – at times with some justification – that she might sound, shall we say 'too forceful'. 'John', she would say, 'why don't you write this letter? You have more tact.' 'Han', I would say, 'you have a very special and unique tact.'

How much we will miss her special tact, her special touch, her directness, her clarity, her forcefulness, honesty and deep loving concern and passion.

#### *Tamara Stajner-Popovic writes ...*

I remember the two of us sitting in Han's apartment during the EPF Conference in Stockholm (1991) wondering what to do. At that point, there was little support for the revival of analysis in Eastern Europe.

# Han Groen-Prakken

(25 November 1927–18 October 2003)

Han was on the verge of deciding not to attend the International New Groups meeting in New Orleans. I was trying to convince her to give it one more chance. Some weeks later Han phoned. The meeting had gone well, and support had come from the Vice-President of the IPA, John Kafka. Han and John became a creative team and support systems developed: conferences, seminars and schools were set up, the first IPA direct members were elected and the first non-established groups became established IPA groups.

But what had been one of the most promising groups in Eastern Europe in 1987 was now in trouble, trapped in a senseless war. After Han and I had toasted the first seven IPA direct members of Belgrade over the phone, I asked Han to consider becoming a member of the Sponsoring Committee of the Belgrade Study Group. The first answer was no, because of conflict of interests, but later she wrote to say that, since the situation was exceptional, she would accept. Han's capability not to abide by the rules when they are counterproductive helped the development of analysis in all of Eastern Europe; in the case of the Belgrade Group, making it possible to survive.

Life can sometimes be generous. One of its precious gifts was when it brought Han into my life. A friend in need is a real friend. We were both at the EPF

conference in Berlin when the bombing of Belgrade started. Han invited me to move into her hotel. She suggested that I should come with her to Amsterdam, or go to my son in Israel. For the next three months Han was in contact regularly, eager to know how the Belgrade Group members and myself were, deeply moved that seminars in Belgrade were continuing. I shared with her my idea of sending an appeal to the EPF Societies, asking for financial aid for the Belgrade Group for one year. Evidently, it was not only about finances but about the feeling of belonging to the analytic community. Han's first response was negative but I said that I would send the appeal anyway. Eventually, Han agreed.

Han's first visit to Eastern Europe was to Belgrade. The last two were also to Serbia. One of our last phone conversations was her sending her congratulations on the probable promotion of the Belgrade Group to a Provisional Society.

I phoned Han in October and her husband told me she was unwell. When a message arrived from Ton Stufkens, sending me Han's warm regards, I felt like leaving for Amsterdam immediately, at the same time realizing that Han and her family should have the time for themselves. Although I was aware that there was almost no chance for recovery, still I did hope, wanting Han alive, unprepared for goodbyes. I miss you Han.



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George Brownstone, Vienna



Daniel Widlöcher

# Psychoanalysis and the health care system

## The President's column

| Daniel Widlöcher

**The pressure is rising. In a number of countries the psychoanalytic institutions have been 'invited' to furnish an official statement of their position in the health care system, training curricula and areas of competence.**

In the last issue of *International Psychoanalysis*, I mentioned the seeming paradox that government is in this way making overtures to the analytic world while at the same time questioning the practice of analysis in regard to its cost and efficacy. Can official integration of psychoanalysis into health care policy be reconciled with the setting of limits to its practice and indeed the calling into question of its value?

The countries in which psychoanalysis is most firmly established, and has been so for longest, are the ones where the issue of integrating psychoanalysis is most urgent. A large number of psychoanalysts are represented in these countries' health care and training institutions, and it is the sheer volume of psychoanalytic practices that is spurring the authorities into action here.

Hence the authorities' aim is not so much to relegate psychoanalysis to the sidelines as to optimize the position of the psychoanalytic contribution to health care and training within the professional and scientific context of a consistent health care policy. It would, I believe, be a great mistake for psychoanalysts to refuse to cooperate in this effort to redefine the applications of psychoanalysis in the sphere of health care. Indeed, they should be playing an active part and taking initiatives of their own with a view to responding better to mental health needs. Indications and treatment methods must be evaluated and considered in terms of the overall trend

of health care provision and for each area of pathology. It is in no way dishonourable to state that we must for this purpose accept the existing nosographic categories and psychiatric institutions, while supplementing them with our own classifications and making these classifications known. Nor is there anything dishonourable about the use of quantitative methodologies if we can adapt them to the specific conditions of our own clinical practice.

### *Psychoanalysis and society*

However, it must be acknowledged that this concern to 'contain' psychoanalysis – in both senses of the word – bears the stamp of intense ambivalence. While the wish is admittedly to integrate psychoanalysis, its extension is also to be held in check.

**The question has remained unanswered since Freud's day: how can official recognition be expected from society when we must acknowledge that our conception of mental life has elements that are intrinsically unassimilable by that society?**

conception of mental life has elements that are intrinsically unassimilable by that society?

It is hard to legitimize a clinical practice whose currency is the unconscious, psychic reality and infantile sexuality when these entities do not enter into ordinary notions of mental life. What therapeutic value can be assigned to a method based on psychological concepts that are foreign to the common idea of the mind? Whereas society knows about learning and the forms assumed by interpersonal communication, psychoanalytic

anthropology is – and may well always remain – utterly opaque to it.

I do not know if we have any way of changing this state of affairs, with which psychoanalysis has been familiar since its origins. However, it can help us to cope better with the authorities' ambivalence. We must avoid two extreme attitudes. The first would be to attempt to blot out this fundamental difficulty and to take refuge in mere professionalism and a corporatist defence. The second would entail simply noting the existence of this gulf, refusing to integrate and fleeing into narcissistic withdrawal.

### *IPA strategy for action*

What part can our international association play in this situation? Let me here cite Article 2 of our Constitution and Bylaws, which provides in Section D that the IPA shall 'inform the public via publications, media and governmental and non-governmental organizations, of the purposes, capacities, and uses of psychoanalysis as a means of promoting and preserving individual and social well-being and health', and in Section E that the Association shall 'advance the psychoanalytic profession and the professional needs and interests of psychoanalysts'.

In this spirit, I should like to end by suggesting three areas for action by our association:

1. *Scientific action*: the use of clinical methods and empirical research, possibly with a quantitative element, to identify the present position of the practice of psychoanalysis in the various fields of mental health.
2. *Action in the field of communication*: determining how it is proposed that the integration of psychoanalysis be tackled in each country where the issue has arisen.
3. *Reflection within our own ranks*: continuing our internal debate on the position adopted by the society around us towards our conception of mental life.



Donald Campbell

# From the Secretary-General

*Don Campbell updates the members on current issues and IPA initiatives*

Dear Colleagues

I would like to use my second communication with you to fill you in on developments in psychoanalysis and the IPA since I wrote you in December 2003.

## *Developing Psychoanalytic Practice and Training (DPPT)*

As you will recall, in July 2003 the IPA Board of Representatives voted unanimously to give priority to the DPPT in order to address the crisis of the decline in the number of patients seeking full analysis and the number of candidates applying for analytic training. To this end, \$300,000 was allocated in the first year to fund local and regional projects. We are encouraging joint funding commitments.

Implementing the new strategy was treated as a matter of urgency and we have covered a lot of ground since last July. In November 2003 you will have received a *Request for Proposals*, inviting applications. In February we formed a Consultation Group to facilitate the application process. At the time of writing this letter to you I can say that the response has been encouraging. Eleven *Expressions of Interest* have been received to date. All three regions are represented in the six applications that are going forward at this time. We anticipate that the announcement of the first projects to receive IPA funding will have been made by May 2004.

We recognise that the multi-determined and often idiosyncratic nature of the crisis in psychoanalysis means that it is unlikely that there will be a quick solution or swift reversal of our fortunes. The crisis requires a long-term commitment from our members, and it is hoped that the IPA will be able to continue to fund DPPT projects in the years ahead.

## *Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws*

The latest ballot on changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was concluded on 31 December 2003. Of those voting, 97 per cent approved the changes. We were pleased with the response rate of 21 per cent for a ballot conducted independently of elections for office. This success was attributable in large part to the IPA Representatives who actively encouraged Societies and members to vote.

The amendments now make it possible to correct some of the inequities in regional representation arising in the last election by redrafting various sections of the Procedural Code, including the 'rules and limits' on the disposition of Representatives in each region. At its meeting in March 2004 the Board will vote on a new set of 'rules and limits'.

## *Towards establishing an international credential for the practice of psychoanalysis*

In the President's Column of the last issue of *International Psychoanalysis* (December 2003), Daniel Widlöcher wrote about the dangers and opportunities arising from the proliferation of practitioners identifying themselves as 'psychoanalysts' to the public as well as government mental health care and regulatory bodies. In America groups of practitioners, often with minimal qualifications, have successfully campaigned to have psychoanalysis become a licensed profession in three States. Qualifications required to become a 'Licensed Psychoanalyst' are below IPA standards and afford less protection for patients. IPA analysts around the world are vulnerable to such encroachments and are in danger of becoming identified in the public's mind with lower standards.

The Executive Committee believes that, in order to distinguish us from less rigorously trained 'psychoanalysts', both in media representations and comment, and so far as government authorities are concerned – and to inform prospective patients – there is a need for a distinctive credential to identify qualified IPA psychoanalysts. Following the lead taken by the Independent Psychoanalytic Societies and the American Psychoanalytical Association, the Executive Committee proposed to the Board of Representatives at its meeting in March that the IPA develop a new credential, suitable for each region, for the practice of psychoanalysis based upon our high professional standards for training and qualification.

Finally, I would like to remind you that it is not too early to start making plans for the IPA Congress that will take place from 28-31 July 2005 in Rio de Janeiro.

Kind regards.

Don Campbell  
Secretary-General





Renato Canovi

# Official regulations governing psychoanalytic practice: obstacles and possibilities

| Renato Canovi describes the situation in Latin America

**Undoubtedly, the issue of the need for official regulation of our profession is a hot topic within the worldwide psychoanalytical community.**

The commotion in France over the Accoyer amendment (which aims to give legal definition to those seeking to call themselves psychotherapists – with possible repercussions for how psychoanalysts are viewed by the French public) is the most recent link in the growing chain of obstacles to the practice of our profession. Subsequently, the so-called ‘Mattei amendment’ has usefully sought to rule that psychoanalysis in France can only be taught and validated by the official associations.

As far as I know before going into detail as to the situation in the Latin American region, I would like to clarify the meaning of three terms that I will use frequently in the present article. The first of these is *certification* (*certificación*), which refers to the certificate offered by an educational institution to all those who have completed courses of study towards a degree (for example doctors and psychologists) or a postgraduate course such as specialization in psychiatry. However, it is not just any institution that can issue those certificates. An institution must have *accreditation* (*acreditación*) for its certificates to have official validity. Accreditation refers to the recognition of academic excellence endorsed by an entity composed by representatives from university and governmental institutions. In the case of Argentina, this institution is CONEAU (Comisión de Evaluación y Acreditación Universitaria – University Evaluation and Accreditation Commission). Added to this, before the professional can start his practice, he or she should obtain a *licence* (licensure or credentialling – *habilitación*) from a government department regulating public health.

## *The situation in Argentina*

In Argentina so far there is no certification for psychoanalysts and professionals obtain their licence to practise simply through holding a degree as a medical doctor or psychologist; there is no need to prove any specific training to practise as a psychoanalyst.

Because of changes in the legislation of the City of Buenos Aires, a new law on mental health has been passed, which privileges ‘treatments that enable the emergence of the word’. This highly significant and valuable phrasing – especially for psychoanalysts – was the result of pressure exerted by the *Argentine Psychoanalytic Association* (APA), the *Buenos Aires Psychoanalytic Association* (APdeBA) and the *Argentine Society of Psychoanalysis* (SAP) jointly with other psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic institutions through a consortium called the Forum of Mental Health Professionals of Buenos Aires. This law was strongly resisted by the more reactionary psychiatrists.

This legislation encouraged the development of a variety of projects for the regulation of professional practice. Some demanded that certification and licensing should fall within the remit of the professional associations of medical doctors and psychologists.

This proposal was opposed by the APA and APdeBA, which, together with some widely recognized non-IPA societies of psychoanalysts, made a presentation

before the legislature of the city, detailing their requirement that only those who had completed all three aspects of psychoanalytic training (training analysis; clinical practice carried out under psychoanalytic supervision; clinical and theoretical seminars – the *tripos*) should be recognized as psychoanalysts.

Because of the political upheavals of the past few years, it has been difficult to campaign at the national level for the regulation of professional practice of psychoanalysis. Our proposal is that the Department of Mental Health should be the body that grants licences, and that it should be scientific societies and training institutes accredited by that department that should be in charge of certification.

Our position is opposed by the professional associations of doctors and psychologists mentioned above, and by the university institutes, which hope to control certification. It should be mentioned that, at present, many institutions offer courses in psychoanalysis, including some which do not require candidates to undertake a training analysis or training supervision of their first cases.

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## *The situation in other Latin American countries*

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In Uruguay, the Uruguayan Psychoanalytic Association's (APU) Training Institute has achieved recognition as a University Institute and is accredited to offer a master's degree in psychoanalysis. However, professional practice of psychoanalysis is not recognized as such.

Dr Guillermo Carvajal from Colombia reports that the situation in his country is very similar to that in Argentina. The Colombian Psychoanalytic Society is also striving for recognition from the government through intensive lobbying in political circles.

A curious detail was contributed by Dr Alvaro Rey de Castro, from Peru. Although, as in the rest of Latin America, there is no official recognition for the practice of psychoanalysis, the Peru Psychoanalytic Society (SPP) has managed to register as a trademark the title of IPA Psychoanalyst. This means that although psychoanalysts are not recognized by virtue of their professional expertise, they can advertise their services, differentiating themselves from other professionals who do not belong to the SPP.

Dr Aloysio D'Abreu from Brazil (Rio II) identifies at least three different groups with a different position with respect to regulation. The first group is made up of the more radical faction of Lacanians and IPA members who oppose any form of regulation and/or recognition. There is a second group where we find other IPA members and members of other serious associations who are in favour of getting recognition but not in favour of the regulation of practice, which would mean the intervention – or rather intrusion – of the universities and government.

The third group includes people with no training in psychoanalysis who have received 'instruction' mainly within evangelical churches and want to get recognition at all costs. The strong campaign organized by these groups generated a reaction from the Brazilian Psychoanalytic Association (ABP) in 1998, which managed to halt their advances by obtaining backing from the Association for the Protection of Consumers' Rights. It was deemed that these organizations provided information and advertised their services in a devious and misleading way. However, this did not have a strong enough effect and in 2000 there was another clash. At this point, the ABP joined forces with other organizations and set up a forum called the Articulation of Psychoanalytic Institutions. The forum issued a document which summarized and emphasized the

importance of the tripos, explained how training is permanent and stressed the professional zeal with which training is offered in the Psychoanalytic Societies. This document was signed by sixty-five psychoanalytic institutions and ten non-psychoanalytic societies that still support this position. Aloysio believes that it is time for the forum to issue another document to reinforce their position in the face of continuing strong opposition to the forum's position from the groups of untrained 'analysts'.

### Conclusion

In general in Latin America, professional practice of psychoanalysis is endorsed by the degree of medical doctor or psychologist. There is no such thing as a degree in psychoanalysis. This situation cannot go on for much longer and there is no doubt that there will soon be legislation covering the practice of psychoanalysis in most countries.

It is quite understandable that some colleagues may reject this possibility – there are theoretical, historical and clinical reasons that make it inadvisable. But it is also true that the claim of the authorities to protect people in analysis from the threat of charlatans is an argument that is difficult to challenge.

Perhaps the best option would be to achieve recognition of our training institutes, and of the particular characteristics of this training, through our Psychoanalytic Societies.

International experience illustrates the danger of psychoanalysis becoming included and diluted in the blurred field of 'psychotherapies'.

In no way does recognition mean regulation.

Opposition will surely appear from different areas and in different ways in each country of our region and, in many cases, it may come from the associations of medical doctors and psychologists, as well as from universities, which are unable to offer adequate training. These will surely struggle to ensure that our societies are refused recognition.

Another source of opposition may derive from the various forms of psychotherapeutic practice that take advantage of the existing confusion about the different frameworks of reference to profit from an alleged affinity with psychoanalysis.

It is to be expected that our endeavours will be rewarded, as this is our duty to our patients and colleagues.

More articles on the regulation of psychoanalysis may be found on the IPA web site 'News Magazine' page

- Roberto Basile on the situation in Italy,
- Georg Bruns and Ekkehard Gattig on the integration of psychoanalysis into the health care system in Germany
- Fredric T. Perlman on the current threat to psychoanalysis in the USA



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## Recent difficulties – future prospects

| *Nadine Levinson gives her first report as Treasurer*



This is my first report as Treasurer since I took up office in July 2003. I would like to thank my predecessor, Moisés Lemlij, who has been unfailingly helpful to me in learning the ropes of this demanding and complicated role. I am also indebted to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Investment Oversight Committee – both of which have supported me and contributed creative solutions on various important financial matters – and to the staff at Broomhills, especially Simon Shutler and Piers Pendred. Let me now comment on the key issues that I have had to address as Treasurer.

### *UK taxation and IPA company structure*

In early 2002, the IPA encountered a serious problem with the UK tax authorities over its

four-company structure. This led to exceptional payments during the year of \$170,000 and regular additional payments from 2003 of about \$50,000 annually. One of the cases made for the four-company structure was the considerable financial benefit that would follow from this model. Since this benefit is now lost, I have established a process to review the IPA's structure, and I hope in time to propose ways to simplify it, to save money and reduce staff time spent on its maintenance.

### *The new Board*

The administrative transition to the new Board has been a success. The Board first met in July 2003 and has already established a number of new ways of working by better interfacing with the different societies in each of the regions. This will help strengthen the relationship between the IPA and its constituency.

I have been asked whether this new Board structure has led to any savings. The

answer is that the savings are minimal as the Board is substantially larger than the Executive Council, and the new Executive Committee much larger than its predecessor. I will be putting some ideas to the Board to make savings, which I hope may in time reduce some of the additional costs without compromising the democratic and representational structure, and even perhaps increase its functioning.

### *Congresses in Nice, Toronto, New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro*

IPA policy on Congresses is that they should roughly break even. This best ensures that those who do not attend are not subsidizing those who do, and on the other hand, ensures that those who attend pay sufficient to cover the costs incurred.

I am pleased to say that the Nice Congress made a small surplus. This was the first Congress for some years to do so, and reflects the new financial control measures

put in place by my predecessor to manage Congress finances.

Following the decision to postpone the Toronto Congress, a substantial claim is being pursued against the IPA's insurer for the Congress. No early or easy resolution of this matter is expected. The insurer has accepted the principle of the claim, but the current offer is not acceptable to the IPA. If the IPA is not successful in receiving all or the majority of this sum, it will eventually have to resort to selling investments to maintain its cash flow.

The budget for the New Orleans Congress was set to break even, after writing off the losses against Toronto at 700 participants. Since 1,000 participants attended, a small surplus looks likely to be assured.

Great efforts are being made to reduce the registration fee for the Rio de Janeiro Congress at the end of July 2005. It is hoped that this can be kept below \$300 for members and still provide the income necessary for a successful Congress. Around 2,000 participants are expected to attend.

#### ***The out-turn for 2002, 2003 and the budget for 2004***

During 2002, the IPA group of companies made an overall loss of \$690,000, prior to exceptional items. Exceptional items include the gains and losses on investments. Given the worldwide decline in stock markets during 2002, the value of the IPA's investments fell substantially, by about \$400,000. This fall was no worse than the leading benchmarks. After including these items, the total loss for 2002 was \$1.09 million. However much of the loss on investments has already been regained in 2003 and during this first quarter of 2004. The main reasons for the losses in 2002 were the Toronto Congress, prior to any insurance settlement, unexpected taxation in the UK (see above), some shortfall in income from dues and investment income, and some over-expenditure on items that could not be anticipated at the time the budget was approved.

The process for finalizing the accounts for 2003 is just being undertaken by our new accountancy firm. (A full report should be possible at the next Board Meeting.) In the light of the 2002 losses, I have reviewed financial plans and established procedures which I hope will lead to a better outcome in 2004. At the time of writing, and before its meeting in New Orleans, the Board will have to make some very important financial decisions. We are facing a

substantial deficit at this time in order to accommodate the Developing Psychoanalytic Practice and Training (DPPT) project.

At the July 2003 Board meeting in London, the IPA agreed to shift its focus to actively confront the world-wide crises in psychoanalysis. The Board resolved that \$300,000 would be set aside to be used to assist each region to work in its own creative ways to find solutions that address the crises resulting from the decrease in psychoanalytic patients and the scarcity of candidates applying for psychoanalytic training. The DPPT project is a good example of how the IPA has tried to address the question: 'What is the IPA doing for me?' Each member, society and region of our organization has been sent application forms for the DPPT project, which explain how to apply for funding. Several

proposals are now being reviewed. The IPA is committed to working collaboratively with each region, knowing that each region is best able to judge its own needs. All proposals thus far have been submitted with co-funding, ensuring that the money put forth by the IPA will stimulate even more money being put into addressing the crises in psychoanalysis. But there is a financial consequence to adding \$300,000 to our existing budget and it affects the overall budget for 2004 and the deployment of funds. Many traditional IPA activities have had to be reduced or put on hold to allow for this new initiative.

#### ***Fundraising***

For some time now, the IPA has been investigating options to raise funds from alternative sources. It has achieved much success with two membership campaigns: one to support the new Han Groen-Prakken Psychoanalytic Institute for Eastern Europe, and the other to establish a loan fund to assist candidates world-wide. The first raised over \$30,000 and I am hopeful that the second will achieve the same response. (To date it has raised \$18,000.)

The IPA has also been successful in raising advertising income, and has established procedures for selling titles under the IPA's new publications policy. The first titles in the International Psychoanalytic Library

series are selling well.

Eventually we aim to raise funds for activities from external sources. Much groundwork has been conducted to establish the basis on which the IPA can attain success in such ventures.

#### ***Dues***

Since taking on my role in July 2003, I have been struck by the amount of work and difficulty that is generated by the question of IPA dues. For this reason I have proposed to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Executive Committee that a Dues Working Group be established to review all aspects of this topic. The Group will begin work in New Orleans in March 2004 and I hope that, by the end of my term, the IPA's policies and procedures in this contentious area will be much clarified.

It is of course vital to the IPA that its dues are collected promptly. I am delighted to say that, thanks to the efforts of the staff in London and the willing cooperation of the IPA's fifty-eight Constituent Organizations across the world, dues collection at the end of 2003 reached about 95 per cent of the sums owed. This compares with an alarming 66 per cent at the end of 2002. The difference between these two figures is worth about \$500,000. So the IPA had collected this much more from dues at the end of 2003, compared with the previous year. Given the financial difficulties with the Toronto Congress, this meant the IPA was able to sustain this loss in cash terms without having to sell investments at a time when the stock markets were rising, thus providing a further bonus to the IPA's finances.

#### ***Finally***

The finances at the IPA are healthy enough. However, we must all practice due diligence and find the most efficient and cost-effective ways to do things, without compromising basic principles. I shall be working together with the Budget and Finance Committee to explore and find creative alternatives for some areas of expenditure, for the collection of dues, for the

exploration of other sources of income, and to do so in the most transparent way possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at nadinelevinson@cs.com. I welcome your questions and comments on any financial matters.

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# Europe

## AUSTRIA

### Viennese Psychoanalytic Society

#### >9 October 2004

'Psychoanalytic Saturday for teachers', Vienna.

#### >13 November 2004

4th Psychoanalytic-pedagogic symposium, Graz.

## DENMARK

### Danish Psychoanalytic Society

The society now has final plans for the 19th Scandinavian Congress on the subject:

'The emotional life in psychoanalytic theory and practice', which will take place in Copenhagen 19–22 August 2004.

The main speakers will be: Siri Gullestad, Norway: 'In the beginning was the affect'

Irène Matthis, Sweden: 'The emotional life – a body-near perspective'

Henrik Enckell, Finland: 'The metapsychology of affects'

The congress also will include a contribution from COWAP. The languages of the congress will be the Scandinavian ones.

## FINLAND

### Finnish Psychoanalytical Society

Dr Cordelia Schmidt-Hellerau will present a paper on metapsychology for the Society on 21 October 2004.

## FRANCE

### Paris Psychoanalytical Society (SPP)

The proceedings of the Colloquium 'Le travail psychanalytique' ('Psychoanalytic work'), 23–24 November 2002 have been published by Presses Universitaires de France.

#### Seminar on psychoanalysis

A two-year course open to health professionals not belonging to the SPP has been launched. Subject for the first year: 'The transference in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy'; second year 'Repression: theoretical and clinical approaches in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy'.

#### Scientific activities organized by the SPP in 2004

#### >64th Congress of French-language Psychoanalysts

20–23 May 2004, Milan.

Scientific Secretaries: Gérard Bayle and Georges Pragier. Subject: 'The psychoanalytic process'.

#### >The President's Colloquium

27–28 November 2004, Paris (Maison de la Chimie). Subject: 'Self-hate, hate of the other and hate in culture'.

## GERMANY

### German Psychoanalytic Association

#### >10–12 June 2004

Interdisciplinary conference of experts: 'Terror, violence and society'. Organized by the Working Group on Terrorism of the IPA in cooperation with the DPV and DPG, Department of Foreign Affairs, Berlin.

#### >22–25 July 2004

EPF–NAPsAC, Clinical Seminar, Tübingen.

#### >16–19 September 2004

International German-speaking Psychoanalytic Conference (former Middle European Conference): 'Psychoanalysis and language', Potsdam.

#### >1–2 October 2004

12th East–West Symposium: 'Love and betrayal in the German–German encounter', Jena.

#### >2 October 2004

International Conference on 'New considerations on projective identification'. Dept of Psychosomatic Medicine of the Robert Bosch Clinic, Stuttgart, in cooperation with the Psychoanalytic Working Group Stuttgart/Tübingen: Contact: Tel. +49 711 8101–3017, +49 711 8101–2201, Fax +49 711 8101–3084, email: heinz.weiss.@rbk.de.

#### >29 October 2004

6.15 p.m. Wolfgang Loch Lecture, F.W. Eickhoff: 'On deferred action: the modernity of an old concept'. Lecture hall of the Universitätsklinik für Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie, Osianderstr. 22, 72076 Tübingen.

#### >5 November 2004

6.15 p.m. 18th Sigmund Freud Lecture, Dr R. Borens, Basel, Assembly hall of the J.W. Goethe University.

#### >5–7 November 2004

DGPT Conference, Berlin.

#### >17–20 November 2004

DPV Autumn Conference, Bad Homburg, 'Anxiety in theoretical and clinical perspectives'.

## ITALY

### 50th anniversary of Rivista di Psicoanalisi

'Suppose a painter sees a path through a field sown with poppies and paints it ... despite the transformation that the artist has effected ... something has remained unaltered and on this something recognition depends. The elements that ... make up the unaltered aspect of transformation I shall call "invariants". As the painter's transformations vary according to the understanding his painting is to convey, so the analyst's transformation will vary according to the understanding he wishes to convey.'

This epigraph, from Bion's *Transformations*, underlines how psychoanalytic thought can embrace a whole polysemous range of expressions. Implicit, however, is the need to count on 'invariants' faithful to the specificity of the psychoanalytic object.

The object in this case is the *Rivista di psicoanalisi*, itself subject to the need to maintain 'invariants' in the face of transformations that concern it directly. We envisage the *Rivista* as a site for forms of expression of psychoanalytic ideas and concepts that, founded on invariants coherent with the specificity of psychoanalysis, constitute a testimony to different forms of transformation. We refer to transformations that spring from clinical experiences. But we also have in mind all the transformations that, even when they are based on experiences that are not linked to the consulting room, take place according to a subjective manner of 'interpreting' the world and constitute our common *Weltanschauung*, in the psychoanalytic sense. These transformations are fundamentally preconscious; they give representative and affective life to something that is formless, and thereby constitute a bridge between the unconscious and conscious.

Like Bion in *A Memoir of the Future*, we think that psychoanalysis itself is also subject to processes of transformation. The risk in this process is that of shattering a unitary thought, but it is a risk the psyche cannot dispense with, for it constitutes a vital challenge, enabling both the order and the differences in life to be born from Chaos – as in the birth of the world.

Writing is a particular form of transformation. Pontalis, in *La Force d'attraction*, tells us that, for Freud, activities such as 'dreaming, feeling and overcoming loss' are not 'an easy feat', just as writing is not. Whoever writes accomplishes a feat that 'does not necessarily imply effort and difficulty, sweat and tears', but 'means rather a

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transformation'. If dreams transform feelings, while mourning transforms the lost object in order to follow its own transformation, writing attempts to transform what is without form into a defined event, and what is often inanimate into a form of life and communication. In this sense, we can observe the transformations of thought brought about by different authors. As in a 'theatrical representation' of different characters, these are psychoanalytical objects in search of an author who will represent them on a stage constituted by the 'form' of writing, its curtain raised by the *Rivista*. Pirandello is invoked here to indicate the psychoanalytical vocation of giving a voice to all the 'parts'. It is up to the psychic function of each person to represent, order, select and reject, making an authentically free choice determined by their own subjective thought.

In the year 2004 we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *Rivista di Psicoanalisi*. A number of events have been planned:

> **International Congress on the Oedipus Complex (in collaboration with the Centro Psicoanalitico di Roma).**

> **Three study days (Trieste, Naples, Rome).**

> **CD-Rom with texts in full from the start of the *Rivista di Psicoanalisi* to 2004.**

> **The publication of single-theme issues.**

## SWEDEN

### Swedish Psychoanalytical Society

Terttu Eskelinen de Folch will present a paper on 23 September 2004. On that day, Dr Eskelinen de Folch will also supervise groups.

## SPAIN

### Madrid Psychoanalytical Association (APM)

Invitations to give lectures: J. Godfrind (Belgian Psychoanalytic Society): 'Thinking of the feminine ...'; Antonino Ferro (Italian Psychoanalytical Society): 'Negation and the analyst's negative capability'; J. Guillaumin (Paris Psychoanalytical Society): 'Between the double and the devil: the counter-transference'; Cesar and Sara Botella (Paris Psychoanalytical Society): 'Representability'.

Twelfth APM Symposium: 'The negative therapeutic reaction'. Papers were presented by Francisco Granados and Eduardo Orozco and discussed by María Luisa Muñoz and Silvia Pérez Galdós.

Lectures by APM members Teresa Olmos and Isabel Usobiaga: 'Psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice today'. Guillermo Onrubia: 'Psychoanalysis: a dialectic of science and hermeneutics'; Francisco Muñoz: 'The ideal superego: a new metapsychological agency?'; Jaime Szpilka: 'Reflections on the ego in psychoanalysis'; and Enriqueta Moreno: 'Investigating error in the search for "truth"'. A scientific tribute to two members of our Association: León Grinberg and Jesusa Pertejo.

Introductory lectures on psychoanalysis held at the APM's Clinical Care Centre: 'Adoption of children and adolescents'. Also lectures sponsored by the APM and given by its members at the Círculo de Bellas Artes in Madrid, Salamanca, Asturias, Vigo and Zaragoza.

Monthly meetings of the Child and Adolescent Psychoanalysis Department and of the following groups: Psychoses, Groups, Analysts in Training and Clinical Psychoanalysis.

### Valencia Psychoanalysis Centre

Lectures on various subjects given by APM members and analysts in training. Invitations to members of other

psychoanalytic societies to give lectures: Florence Guignard (Paris Psychoanalytical Society): 'On an aspect of adolescence'; J. Coderch (Spanish Psychoanalytical Society): 'The patient-analyst relationship as an interactive fabric'; and J. Tizón (Spanish Psychoanalytical Society): 'Psychoanalysis in treatment of the psychoses'.

### Northern Psychoanalysis Centre

A cycle of introductory lectures on psychoanalysis given at Bilbao, San Sebastián and Vitoria by APM members and members of other psychoanalytic societies.

Publication of the Iberian Psychoanalysis Yearbook with the papers to be presented at the next Iberian Congress at Oporto in October 2004, on 'Temporality'.

Publication of two annual issues of the APM's Journal, on 'Between the first and second topographies' and 'Remembering and repetition'.

Publications in the *Colección de Psicoanálisis de Biblioteca Nueva*: S. Freud I (F. Coblenz), S. Freud II (L. Kahn), S. Freud III (P. Denis), S. Freud IV (R. Menage); *En el núcleo vivo de lo infantil. Reflexiones sobre la situación analítica* [At the heart of the infantile: reflections on the analytic situation] (F. Guignard); *El caso Dora, más allá del diván (Diario imaginario de Ida Bauer)* [The Dora case, beyond the couch (the imaginary diary of Ida Bauer)] (Eloisa Castellano).

## ISRAEL

### Israel Psychoanalytical Society

'Shaping the future by confronting the past: Germans, Jews and affected others'.

A Working Conference to be held in Platres, Cyprus, 3-8 September 2004, under the auspices of the Sigmund Freud Center for Study and Research in Psychoanalysis, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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# Latin America

### IPA-COWAP, 5th Latin American Intergenerational Dialogue between Men and Women: 'Sexual violence: its impact on the construction of subjectivity'

The COWAP (Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis) has been organizing conferences called Dialogues, with Alcira Mariam Alizade as Chair for Latin America, since 1999. They were established to foster discussions arising from the divergent psychoanalytic views on masculinity, femininity, sexuality and gender in the

field of psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice. The Dialogues include interdisciplinary activities that contribute to the expansion of psychoanalytic thought.

Earlier Dialogues have been on the topics of: 'The four seasons in woman's life: infancy, adolescence, adulthood, old age' (2001); 'Masculinity-femininity: contemporary issues' (2002); 'Psychoanalysis and gender' (2003).

The 5th Intergenerational Dialogue, focusing on 'Sexual violence' will be held

in Buenos Aires, 21-23 October 2004, and is open to students interested in psychoanalysis, related institutions and to the community in general. The sponsoring Society is the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association. The ways in which sexual violence has an impact on the construction of subjectivity will be approached through panels and round tables.

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## CHILE

### *Chilean Psychoanalytic Association*

The 7th Meeting of Latin American Psychoanalytic Institutes, organized by the Institute of the Chilean Psychoanalytic Association, was held in Santiago de Chile in September 2003 under the auspices of FEPAL. Some 200 psychoanalysts and candidates attended. The subject was 'Reflections on psychoanalytic training based on the experience of supervision'.

A report based on an experience of supervision was sent to analysts belonging to various societies for their comments, which formed the basis of discussions covering both clinical and technical aspects of training, including:

- supervision as promoting introjective identification, learning and development of analytic identity
- multiple functions of the supervisor: information (evaluation), encouraging autonomy, imparting technique and ethical standards, conducting the process
- containing paranoid anxieties in discussion groups of candidates and supervisors
- detecting and overcoming possible double-type collusions by introducing different viewpoints
- generation of misunderstandings and impasses by technical and theoretical differences
- identifying candidates' contradictory affects towards patients as an aspect of the diagnosis of countertransference disturbances
- ongoing, non-isolated, open and non-secret evaluation
- formal institutional aspects that complicate the process.

Proposals and suggestions:

- establishment of supervisor-candidate groups and spaces
- formation of working groups on specific aspects of training
- formation of study groups to review styles of supervision
- training of supervising analysts by seminars and specific learning
- formation of supervision report evaluation committees.

## FEPAL

### *Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies of Latin America*

#### >26–30 September 2004

25th Latin American Congress of Psychoanalysis: 'Psychoanalysis in Latin America today: theory and practice in times of crisis', Caracas, Venezuela.

FEPAL Professional Council announces a new Study Group in Asunción, Paraguay, and the launch of the Latin American Psychoanalytic Training Institute.

### *Meetings between societies*

#### >October 2004

Peru Psychoanalytic Society, Chilean Psychoanalytic Association and Mendoza Psychoanalytic Society: 24th Trans-Andean Meeting of Psychoanalysis, Portillo, Chile. Contact: Mrs Josefina Figueroa and Dr Benny Oksenberg.

#### >29–30 October 2004

Argentine Psychoanalytic Association and Italian Psychoanalytic Society: 'Transference and countertransference today: obstacles during the psychoanalytical process', Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### >November 2004

Argentine Psychoanalytic Association and Uruguayan Psychoanalytic Association. 9th Clinical Psychoanalytic Meeting, Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay.

## ARGENTINA

### *Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA)*

#### *Scientific activities*

#### >20–21 August 2004

9th All-day work meeting on 'Psychoanalysis and community'; 2nd All-day work meeting of mental health professionals working in public hospitals.

#### >4 September 2004

2nd All-day work meeting for Interdisciplinary Chapters.

#### >25–27 November 2004

32nd Internal Congress and 42nd Symposium: 'Psychoanalytic conceptualizations of trauma' and 'About evil: psychic roots, psychoanalytic perspectives', Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### *Diffusion activities*

The Psychoanalytic Teaching Center (CDP) of the APA continues to offer courses on basic issues in psychoanalysis.

'Psychosomatic medicine' and 'Family and couples' specializations continue to be taught jointly with the CAECE University of Buenos Aires.

Next year a Master's of Psychoanalysis will be developed in association with USAL Buenos Aires University.

#### *APA awards*

Entries will be accepted until 30 October 2004 for the following awards:

Dr José Bleger: Best work on applications of psychoanalysis from the pedagogical and institutional point of view.

Dra A. Aberastury: Best work on psychoanalysis with children and adolescents.

Dr Luís Storni: Best work on psychoanalytic theory.

For further information on these and other activities please refer to [www.apa.org.ar](http://www.apa.org.ar)

### *Buenos Aires Psychoanalytic Association (APdeBA–BAPA)*

#### >September 2004

7th All-day work meeting on 'Hospitals, mental health and institutions'.

#### >October 2004

Internal Congress and Symposium.

#### *Diffusion activities*

University postgraduate courses are run jointly with the School of Medicine of University of Buenos Aires.

The Psychoanalytical Studies Centre (CEPS) offers curricular and extracurricular modules and workshops.

#### *BAPA (APdeBA) awards*

Entries will be accepted until 30 September 2004 for the following awards:

Dra Elena Evelson: Best work on psychoanalysis with children and adolescents.

Dr David Liberman: Best work on theory clinically related to the activities of the Dr Liberman Center.

For further information please contact the secretary of the above-mentioned societies.

### *Argentine Society of Psychoanalysis (SAP)*

SAP wishes to clarify once again that the information included in the IPA News Magazine of July 2003 stating that Dr A. Barrutia was resigning was incorrect. Dr Barrutia never stopped being a member of SAP, and is currently working as Secretary of the Scientific Area.

SAP considers that the erratum notice published in the December issue was not clear enough and wishes to state that the incorrect information was not issued either by the SAP or the regional editor.

New Authorities: Pres. Dr A. Leibovich de Duarte, Sec. Dr F. Kadik, Treasurer Dr S. Koziol, Director of Training Institute Dr Rafael Paz.

#### *Scientific activities*

These are to be held fortnightly and this year the topic is 'Psychoanalysis and psychotherapy – possible articulations, convergences and divergences'.

New web site: [www.sappsicoanalysis.org.ar](http://www.sappsicoanalysis.org.ar)



# Latin America contd & North America

## URUGUAY

### *Uruguayan Psychoanalytic Association (APU)*

**>20-21 August 2004**

3rd Congress of Psychoanalysis;  
13th All-day work meeting:  
'The power of ideals: idealization of power', Montevideo, Uruguay

On 17 July 2003, the President of the Republic and the Ministry of Education and Culture granted university-level recognition as Masters in Psychoanalysis to graduates from the Training Institute of the APU. [www.apu.org.uy](http://www.apu.org.uy)



Standing, left to right: Dr Ricardo Bernardi, Dr Héctor Ferrari, Dr Claudio L. Eizirik, Lic. Clara Uriarte, Dr Javier García, Psic. Carmen Rama. Sitting, left to right: Psic. Beatriz de León de Bernardi, Psic. Cristina López de Calafá, Dra. Luz M. Porras, Lic. Paulina Costanzo, Psic. Ana María de Barbieri

CPS announces the election to membership of Paul Beaudry, Patricia Csank, Jacqueline Lanouette, Carol Levaque, Helene Morrisette, France Senecal, Faizal H. Ali, Susan Beaver, George Donalson, Judy Turner, Rafael Lopez-Corvo.

CPS held its Annual Scientific Meeting in June in Montreal. Jon Meyer, President-Elect of APSaA was the Honoured Guest, and Professor Jacques André (APF; Université Denis-Diderot) was Guest Speaker.

Guy Da Silva has been awarded the prestigious Miguel Prados Prize for his paper 'Confidentiality in psychoanalysis: a private space for creative thinking and the work of transformation'.

Sam Stein was awarded the Citation of Merit for his inestimable contribution to the CPS.

For information on any of the above or about CPS contact M. Evan-Grenier: [mevan@generation.net](mailto:mevan@generation.net)

## USA

### *Independent Psychoanalytic Societies (IPS)*

Harriet Basseches, Chair; Ernest Lawrence, Secretary.

The IPS announces a clinical conference 12-14 November 2004, 'The play in the psychoanalytic situation', following Winnicott's theory of potential play space emerging between analyst and analysand, at Rye, New York (35 minutes from New York City by public transport). Contact Phyllis Sloate: [PLSloate@aol.com](mailto:PLSloate@aol.com)

### *Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR)*

The IPTAR community mourns the death of Founding Member Elizabeth (Betty) O'Neill.

The Doris Bernstein Memorial speaker, E. Kirsten Dahl, presented a paper "'Last night I dreamed I went to Manderley again": vicissitudes of maternal identification in late adolescence'.

IPTAR has named Milton Horowitz as this year's Distinguished Clinician. His acceptance paper was titled 'Revenge and masochism'.

In autumn 2003 IPTAR members and candidates shipped 30 cartons of books and journals to the Eastern European Psychoanalytic Institute in Vilnius, Lithuania, with the help of Ton Stufkens of the Dutch Psychoanalytic Institute.

Raimundas Milasiunis, a member of the Training Committee of the Amsterdam Psychoanalytic Training Programme for Eastern Europe, expressed the gratitude of our colleagues in Vilnius, and of the entire Eastern European analytic community. Project coordinator: Leni Winn.

Contributions of journals, books and/or money. Contact: Leni Winn, 7 West 96 St, New York, NY 10025, USA. Fax: (212) 663-7343; email: [LENWORD2@aol.com](mailto:LENWORD2@aol.com). Cheques, made out to IPTAR with the memo EPF Donation, may be sent to the above address.

### *Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies (LAISPS)*

An inter-Institute conference of the six Los Angeles participant Societies will take place on 29-31 October 2004. Subject: 'The uprooted mind: psychoanalytic perspectives on living in an unsafe world'. Contact LAISPS, tel.: (310) 440-0333 (USA).

In cooperation with the Center for Non-violent Parenting, LAISPS Trauma Center is operating a community outreach programme: 'Parents and infants developing together' for at-risk mothers, fathers and their children.

Jean Sanville was honoured by LAISPS on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

### *The New York Freudian Society and Institute (NYFS)*

Jane Hall is the new President of NYFS.

Elizabeth Gero-Heymann celebrated her 100th birthday on 3 December 2003. She is still intellectually active.

The Annual Anna Freud lecture 'Freedom to decide' was given by Kerry Kelly Novick and Jack Novick.

The NYFS International Books Committee sends books abroad to psychoanalytic study and interest groups. Contributions of books, journals, etc. are urgently needed, as is monetary help. Contact: Edwin Fancher: [edwinfancher@earthlink.net](mailto:edwinfancher@earthlink.net)

### *The Psychoanalytic Center of California (PCC)*

The 14th Annual Melanie Klein Memorial Lecture was given by Elizabeth Spillius: 'Melanie Klein revisited: her unpublished thoughts on technique'.

The James Gooch Essay Prize was presented to Ann Clothier.

# North America

## NAPsaC

### *North American Psychoanalytic Coalition*

Arthur Leonoff (Canada) Chair; Jeffrey Golland (NYFS) Secretary.

NAPsaC, the North American entity equivalent to the EPF and FEPAL, has set up committees to discuss issues such as licensure (see the Insight section of this magazine), IPA voting procedures, etc.

NAPsaC is joint sponsor with EPF of a clinical meeting to be held on 22-24 July 2004 in Tübingen, Germany. This meeting is open by invitation to senior and training analysts. Contact Donald Meyers: [dim1@columbia.edu](mailto:dim1@columbia.edu)

## CANADA

### *Canadian Psychoanalytic Society (CPS)*

David Iseman is the new President; David Schaffelburg, President-Elect; Marcella Evan-Grenier, Secretary; Louis Brunet, Treasurer; Arthur Leonoff, Past-President.

CPS announces the formation of the new Vancouver Institute of Psychoanalysis: Director, Elmor Smit; Secretary, Elie Debbane; Treasurer, Sidney Perzow.

# Comparative Confidentiality in Psychoanalysis

**To what extent do national laws protect the confidentiality of patients in analysis?**

A joint IPA/British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London) publication

This study is the result of the work carried out by various psychoanalytical societies and psychoanalysts of different nationalities and overseen by a supervising committee, chaired by Penelope Garvey (IPA), composed of three regional representatives of the IPA and two representatives of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London).

In each country a lawyer and a psychoanalyst were appointed to compile data on legal and psychoanalytical practice. National contributors from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, England and Wales, Germany, Italy and the United States were supplied with a questionnaire related to analyst/patient confidentiality to establish the rules in each country.

The purpose of this project was to study the extent to which the confidentiality of patients undergoing

psychoanalytic treatment is protected by the law across seven countries. From this research, besides useful information, the contributors identify common themes and recommendations.

The topic we are dealing with has proved to be extremely important and has recently been the object of many discussions, both in the psychoanalytical and legal fields...

This book considers the essence of the important concept of confidentiality, and makes available useful and detailed information about the bases on which confidentiality is treated, from a psychoanalytical and legal point of view, in the countries considered. This allows us to analyze how the duty of confidentiality changes in different jurisdictions and is relative to the legal position of psychoanalysts in different countries.

Adapted from the preface by Jorge Canestri, Chair of the IPA Ethics Committee

**To be published in Autumn 2004. Price to be announced**

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## British Journal of Psychotherapy

**There is a VACANCY for the post of EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL**

We are inviting applications from psychotherapists to edit this prestigious journal, which provides a forum for clinical and theoretical discussion in the field of psychotherapy.

The journal was founded in 1984, and represents a wide spectrum of psychotherapeutic opinion. It is currently sponsored by nine psychotherapy organizations that belong to either the UKCP or the BCP.

The Editor leads an Editorial Board, members of which represent the sponsoring organizations. Board members take an active part in reviewing submitted articles, and in generating solicited material. Editorial

policy is largely in the hands of the Editor, with the overall aim of providing a forum for practising psychotherapists and others interested in psychoanalytic psychotherapy and its social and cultural contexts, as well as its relations to other therapies.

Applicants for the post should have substantial experience as a psychotherapist, a record of publications, and a creative interest in informing and stimulating discussion across the psychotherapy profession. This post provides an opportunity to develop the journal's role as a forum for the professional issues and scientific ideas of the British psychotherapeutic community today.

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