



**Rachel Blass (Israel Psychoanalytic Society)**

It is out of my longstanding deep involvement with psychoanalysis and with the IPA and concern for their ongoing development that I seek election as European representative to the IPA board.

Throughout my professional career I have always devoted myself not only to the practice of psychoanalysis but to its promotion and enrichment. I have done so in several ways: (a) Supervision, teaching and lecturing: I regularly teach, supervise and offer lectures and seminars at analytic institutes, conferences and groups locally (Israel) and internationally (having presented in 18 countries of the IPA's European region). I have held professorial positions and headed clinical and academic university programmes in Israel and in the UK, teaching psychoanalysis to a wide range of students. (b) Writing and research: I have published over 80 articles, translated into 15 languages, that mainly explore and clarify the foundations of analytic theory and practice and demonstrate the contribution and validity of the field. These papers are frequently used in educational contexts and have provided me occasion for collaboration with analysts from the different regions. (c) Editing and encouraging publication and dialogue: For over a decade I have been on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis* and editor of its Controversies section. In this role I have encouraged publication through offering writing workshops to analysts and candidates (at EPF and IPA congresses as well as at other venues) and have promoted dialogue by getting analysts from different countries and analytic cultures and schools to meaningfully engage with each other (often through translation) on topical issues within the framework of the controversies section.

This work has allowed me direct contact with analysts and analytic thinking and practice worldwide. I have further developed this contact and my understanding of the diverse views within the IPA through participation at nearly all IPA and EPF conferences since first becoming a candidate, more recently participating also at the annual APsA congresses and on occasion at the Congrès des Psychanalystes de Langue Française. Living and practicing in London for several years and working on IPA committees have also enriched this direct engagement.

In my view, the challenges that face the IPA, today as in the past, tend to centre around issues of how to promote psychoanalysis in contemporary society without compromising its unique identity, how to expand while maintaining high standards of training, and how to incorporate diverse analytic perspectives without blurring their essential nature and differences. As the IPA has grown into a very large organization there is also the challenge of remaining relevant to its members (and more specifically its large European membership) and responsive to their needs.

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I think that the specific nature of my longstanding commitment to psychoanalysis, my deep and personal engagement with IPA members and their diverse ways of thinking, my appreciation of the IPA's role in developing and maintaining analytic identity, as well as years of work experience within organizations, all place me in a good position to contribute to dealing with these challenges and I hope that I will be given the opportunity to do so.

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Training and Supervising Analyst Israel Psychoanalytic Society (IPS); Member British Psychoanalytical Society (BPAS). 2005-2009 Member of the Clinical, Conceptual, Historical and Epistemological Research Committee (IPA); 2006-2008 Faculty of Research Training Programme (IPA); 2007-2017 Member of the Psychoanalysis and the University Committee (IPA); Since 2011 Reviewer for Research Proposals and Results Subcommittee (IPA); Since 2007 Lecturer and seminar leader (IPS), Since 2017 Head of Young Researcher Programme (IPS). 2007-2012 Member of University Liaison Committee (BPAS) 2008-2012 Member of Recruitment Committee (BPAS).



**Bernard Chervet (Paris Psychoanalytical Society)**

My responsibilities within the Paris Psychoanalytical Society, my terms as Scientific Secretary, as President and as Chair of the *Congrès international des psychanalystes de langue française, (the International Congress of Francophone Psychoanalysts)* have taught me the importance of exchanges between the members, candidates and psychoanalytic organisations within the IPA and with the IPA. My participation in the activities of the IPA, both scientific and those of the Task Force I am involved in, encourages me to further my commitment in this area; hence my candidacy for the position of European Representative on the IPA Board.

To foster fruitful and passionate discussion in the many areas that concern our daily practice, both private and institutional, to engage and attract the younger generations, to welcome and celebrate the advances of our discipline; these are the major challenges for the future of psychoanalysis. But also, to maintain the quality of our science by furthering its development, fostering more dynamic training, supporting transmission, promoting outreach, enhancing the functioning of our institutions, safeguarding the ethics of our profession, addressing our interactions with the *socius*, with culture, with technological advances and other disciplines.

The IPA is a democratic organisation underpinned by the direct representativeness of its members and the values of humanism. The distances between the members and the structures of the IPA demands that this direct representation, that of the board representatives, be complemented by the representation of the societies, within which the presidents function as intermediaries between the members and the IPA. The regional associations promote meetings between IPA board representatives and the presidents of organisations.

The challenge is to maximize awareness, among members and candidates, of the richness of viewpoints, the fecundity of differences and of the diversity that exists within the IPA. Certain subjects currently dominate discussions, such as: the training of new analysts, with the revision of training models through broad consultation on the three existing models within the IPA; the expansion of the psychoanalytic method to comprise new clinical configurations, evolving our analytic listening and our protocols of practice; the need to confront new resistances and attacks on psychoanalysis which never fail to appear in a world where changes are outpacing individual psychic capacities; the extension of psychoanalysis into countries where its practice is in the process of organisation, hence the proposal on the horizon for a fourth region, Asia; and the upholding of our ethical qualities as practitioners and members facing daily the forces of transference.

It is up to us to recognise the overdetermination of our thoughts and actions, and to ensure that our organisations keep alive the inspiration unique to psychoanalytic thought.

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We are not only heirs, but we also pass on our legacy to our descendants, and we are accountable to our patients. Such is the fragile alliance between generations, the challenge of marrying innovation with tradition, which in my view makes the IPA so appealing.

*Positions held:*

**Paris Psychoanalytical Society PPS-SPP:**

- Board 1995-2015
- Scientific Secretary 2002-2006
- Scientific Technical Board 2007-2009
- Vice-President 2009-2011
- President 2011-2013-2015
- *Monographies et débats de psychanalyse (Psychoanalytic Case Studies and Discussions)*  
2003-present
- Founder and Director of SPP-Editions 2011-present
- Scientific Secretary, Congress of Francophone Psychoanalysts 2016-2019; 2020-2023.

**European Psychoanalytical Federation EPF-FEP:**

- Council 2011-2015
- Ad Hoc Group Institutional Matters 2015-present

**IPA:**

- IPA Encyclopedic Dictionary 2013-present
- Task Force "IPA and Constituent Organizations" 2015-2017
- IPA-ING Liaison Committee 2016-present
- Task Force "Freud Legacy" 2017-present
- Task Force "Representation" 2018-present



**Neri Daurella (Spanish Psychoanalytical Society)**

I am presenting my candidacy for the position of European Representative on the IPA Board because, at this point in my professional life, I feel that it would be rewarding to contribute some of my long experience as a clinical psychoanalyst, university lecturer and as a human being invested in how psychoanalysis can contribute towards improving the lives not only of the patients who come to our practices, but to improving the society in which we live.

While it is true that psychoanalysis has secured its place in that it has made a very significant contribution to the culture of the twentieth century, we cannot take its future for granted as a profession in the twenty-first. A hundred years ago, psychoanalysis was the only dynamic psychotherapy offered to potential patients. Currently, the choice of psychotherapies is abundant, and when empirical research is done on processes and results, these are not conclusive in regard to the greater efficacy of psychoanalysis in comparison with the others (Kächele, Fonagy, etc.)

I think we are all concerned about evident phenomena such as ageing and the low growth of IPA component societies (except for those in countries such as China and Eastern Europe), the ever-decreasing presence of psychoanalysis in universities and in public mental healthcare services, and the fact that the view of psychoanalysis as too long, very expensive, elitist, and with little empirical validation, is one that is widely held.

The IPA is becoming increasingly aware of this problem, and the latest administrations have introduced, debated and approved various processes of initiation and reform in order to foster the revitalization of psychoanalysis. Along these lines, I would flag as essential objectives:

- 1- Working for an open IPA that encourages dialogue between analysts from different societies, regions and diverse theoretical frameworks, since it is today a pluralistic institution that accommodates not only the three models of Training, but also different Society models.
- 2- Working towards greater contact between the IPA and academic, healthcare and educational institutions, and with the disciplines related to psychoanalysis.
- 3- An IPA immersed in present-day culture and society, with a clear social commitment. I would reinforce the newly inaugurated "IPA in the Community" structure with several of its Committees ('Migrations and Refugees', 'Humanitarian Organisations', 'Education, Health and Violence', 'Inter-Committee on Child Abuse').

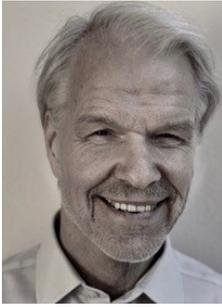
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4- Closer alignment and dialogue with analysts in training, with their interests, concerns and difficulties during the long process of training.

If the aim is to recover the capacity to stimulate interest for psychoanalytic training in young, valuable and critical professionals, not with a spirit of submission or idealism, a good model for the provision of training should resemble that of the Chicago Institute. This should offer varying prospective pathways for those interested in moving towards psychoanalysis, from the most theoretical, to research-based, to a range of clinical modalities, nurturing the constant quest for affective syntony with patients, not just cognitive understanding, and openness to co-creativity in the encounter between the two subjectivities of patient and analyst.

*List of posts held:*

**Neri Daurella.** SEP (Sociedad Española de Psicoanálisis/ Spanish Psychoanalytical Society): IPB Board (Instituto de Psicoanálisis de Barcelona/ Barcelona Psychoanalytic Institute), Chair of the Library (1992-7), Member of the Editorial Team on the two SEP journals: *Revista Catalana de Psicoanàlisi (Catalan Journal of Psychoanalysis)* (1991-2003) and *Temas de Psicoanálisis (Themes of Psychoanalysis)* (1996-2004); Member of the Department of Applications of Psychoanalysis (2005-2009); Member of the Commission for Communication and Dissemination (2010-2015); SEP Outspeaker on Outreach Activities in Europe Committee (2010-2012).



**Ingo Focke (German Psychoanalytical Society)**

Encouraged by the boards of both German International Psychoanalytical Associations, I am applying for the position of your European representative on the board of the IPA. As a former President of the German Psychoanalytical Society (DPG) from 2011 to 2017, I was a member of the Council of the EPF. During this time, I was able to get an impression of this remit on the occasion of regular meetings of the Council, the "European Representatives" and the IPA executive. From personal experience, I advocate better networking of the individual affiliates with the general board of the IPA.

Until today, the IPA stands for the high standards of psychoanalysis in training and for optimal practices of its members. The IPA brings people together, promotes psychoanalysis both as a science and as a healing technique and supports exchanges with other sciences. The IPA's success is evident from the increasing numbers of its members and its expansion to countries to which access was previously barred. This expansion is a major gain for these countries and for all members of the IPA since it allows completely novel experiences to be incorporated into the advancement of psychoanalysis, while broadening perspectives.

The larger the IPA becomes, however, the more urgent concerns about its cohesion and the various regional developments become. Solutions in one location can easily give rise to difficulties in other locations, such as with the change in training standards. I advocate the deepest possible experience in training, which is no easy task to maintain, given time constraints, economic limitations and rapid changes. The question becomes more urgent: How can the IPA help to secure the future of our institutes?

Precisely because such diverse developments occur in regions and individual countries, I would like to work towards cohesion in the IPA.

Since the early 1990s, I have dedicated myself to the scientific and institutional development of the German Psychoanalytical Society (DPG) and contributed to shaping it up through the time it was recognised once again as an affiliate of the IPA in 2009. Since 2016, I have had the great pleasure, as a member of the Sponsoring Committee, of assisting in the development of the Ukrainian Society, under the auspices of "International New Groups." For me, this is also associated with a learning process which is changing my view on psychoanalytical institutions. In Eastern Europe, I also came in contact with the possibilities and limitations arising from the use of electronic media in training. Thanks to my experiences in and with new societies, I am quite familiar with complex institutional problems and know how important cooperation is. Moreover, I have served for a long time as a supervisor in psychosomatic clinics and taken an active involvement in outreach events. I see my strengths in mediation and the ability to compromise.

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Psychoanalysis is an international science. It requires constant efforts to maintain and develop connections, to share ideas and learn from each other. All transnational initiatives are worthy of promotion and a great task for the IPA. I heartily support working parties and their meetings prior to the major congresses. And I am a psychoanalyst with heart and soul.

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*German Psychoanalytical Society (DPG):* Head of the DPG Stuttgart Training Institute DPG (1997-2001), Head of the DPG international case conferences (1995-2002), Head of the DPG International Psychoanalysis working group (1999-2009), Head of the DPG training analyst board (2005-2011), DPG President (2011-2017), *DGPT* [German Society for Psychoanalysis, Psychotherapy, Psychosomatics and Depth Psychology]: Member of the extended board (2011-2017), *EPF*: Member of the Council (2011-2017), member of the election commission of the EPF since 2017, *IPA*: Sponsoring Committee of the Ukrainian Society since 2016, Head since 2017. Task Force: pre-congress program in Boston and Buenos Aires. *Planning and organisation*: British-German colloquia, German-Nordic Conferences, DPV [German Psychoanalytical Association]-DPG conferences, DIPSAT congresses, annual conference of EPF in Berlin 2016.



**Claudia Frank (German Psychoanalytical Association)**

The IPA's principal mission is to ensure that psychoanalysis continues to develop as a science and as a practice. History bears witness to political situations that can lead to the essence of psychoanalytic work and research being distorted and abandoned. Then the hope is that we can rebuild it with the help of international colleagues who develop psychoanalytical experience in professional exchanges. My native country was, in this sense, essentially dependent on the IPA to gradually restore a psychoanalytical tradition after the devastating destruction wrought by Nazi Germany. Also after the fall of the Soviet Union, colleagues in Eastern Europe wanted to establish analytical training - and the IPA, as an outstanding professional association with high-frequency training requirements, then made this wish a reality. Given the many alternative training possibilities available, backing in an international association, that helps in relation to our susceptibilities with maintaining and promoting the necessary standards, is crucial. I see it as the Representatives' task to maintain an intensive exchange between the Board and the Constituent Organization/members.

In my view, we share with others a strong interest in and commitment to including in the dialogue the contribution that psychoanalytical thinking can make in the most diverse areas of human sciences. Considering transference as a basic social model permits, for example, an endeavour to take account of the significance of individual and collective unconscious convictions and their transmission through psychosocial mechanisms in the most varied of social and cultural realms. Anchoring psychoanalytic knowledge in the academic world as well, especially in medicine, is an urgent challenge, with its inherent tension of maintaining a dialogue without abandoning essential features, that encounter objections because they are difficult to tolerate.

A well-founded clinical training is fundamental here. As an international professional association, it must always be our central concern to organise the transmission of our method to the next generation in the best way possible. In addition to the 4/5 Eitingon model, developed over decades, some others have emerged. I consider it a professional responsibility to explain what each model seeks to achieve and by what means. Detailed studies of how each model works with different investigative approaches (with, in some cases, regional focuses) should, in my opinion, be a part of our IPA research culture and form the basis for future quality assurance in training.

Having been able to experience the dimensions that opened up for me and my patients through micro-analytic work in a high-frequency setting, I feel committed to this goal. After training as a psychiatrist and a neurologist (1983-1987), I saw it as a great privilege to work

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and develop at the university department for psychoanalysis in Tübingen during my psychoanalytical training (I qualified in 1992) and for a long time thereafter (most recently from 1998 to 2001 in charge of the Chair for Psychoanalysis, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics, after an award-winning post-doctoral qualification on Melanie Klein's child analyses in Berlin). Every year, 4 IPA colleagues came for lectures and supervision - practice and reflection on high-frequency psychoanalysis were embedded in an international context. This gave rise to long-term and ever closer working relationships with colleagues from places such as London, Barcelona, Vienna, Prague and Zurich.

Now, as a practising psychoanalyst and training analyst (since 2004) with research focuses on clinical and applied psychoanalysis (psychosomatic; on Antigone; Giacometti, Morandi, etc.) combined with commitment to training (including conceptual work on the supervision relationship), my work includes giving supervisions and lectures (symbolisation process, death drive concept, reparation, etc.) in European and international settings. Speaker at the next Wolfgang Loch lecture.

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**Claudia Frank:** DPV [German Psychoanalytical Association]: 2015-2016 deputy chair of the central training committee, 2016-2018 chair of the central training committee, 2015 - 2018 member of the Executive Board of the DPV; 2008-2012 member of the programme committee of the DPV. Stuttgart-Tübingen Psychoanalytical Working Group: 2006-8 deputy chairperson; for many years, organisation of congresses and lectures as part of the public relationship and guest committee. 2002-2013 Editor of the *Jahrbuch der Psychoanalyse* (Yearbook of Psychoanalysis); Reviewer (individual contributions) for IPAC.



**Serge Frisch (Belgian Psychoanalytical Society)**

My first term of office on the IPA Board, my presidency of the European Federation of Psychoanalysis and the Belgian Psychoanalytical Society have enabled me to supplement and enrich my knowledge of the psychoanalytic world and its institutional complexities. My involvement as a ministerial advisor afforded me an understanding of the political dimension of the institutional challenges and equipped me with the weapons to defend psychoanalysis beyond the walls.

These experiences have convinced me that our international institutions, the EPF and the IPA, are irreplaceable, the former with its scientific vocation and the latter, supra-regional, unique and cohesive, as guarantor of the transmission of psychoanalysis and the ethics of psychoanalysts. The EPF and the IPA safeguard the coherence of psychoanalysis in the face of the differences and potential conflicts between currents of thought, between regions and even between societies.

Attacks on psychoanalysis which come from the outside are proof that it is very much alive and that it disrupts and disturbs, over and over again. We must not be afraid of it. In contrast, attacks that come from inside our circles are more pernicious, more dangerous, more difficult to detect and to combat. They carry potential rifts that can lead to a loss of theoretical substance, loss of members and disinterest on the part of future candidates.

Many colleagues devote themselves enthusiastically to psychoanalysis. But, insidiously, a feeling of melancholy takes hold among certain analysts who have the impression that psychoanalysis is on the decline, that we are an endangered species, that it is no longer worth getting involved in the life of our national and international societies. Yet the questions around training, remote analysis, psychotherapy, the organisation of our societies and institutes in an ever-changing world are altogether central. We need an IPA that is strong, dynamic, respectful of diversity, wise and judicious; an IPA that can take clear positions by laying its cards on the table, courageously and openly, to restore pleasure and passion to discussions and debates. While outreach is vital, inreach is indeed the very essence of psychoanalysis.

The organisation and structure of the IPA are far from perfect and require constant rethinking. The current Board and Executive have set about this task in particular by creating various task forces - which members often do not realize.

While staunchly preserving the respective autonomy of the IPA and the EPF, the time has come to develop a greater synergy between these two organisations by initiating a new kind of thematic symposia over 3-4 days. Challenging and sensitive issues for European

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psychoanalysis would be discussed, such as: 'Social transformations and shifts in psychoanalytic paradigms' or 'Revisiting analytic training' or 'Oedipus and instinctuality in Europe'.

Dear European colleagues, it is in this spirit that I submit my candidacy for a second term of office on the Board of the IPA to your vote. Together we can debate and defend the analytic values that are so precious to us.

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Dr. Serge Frisch, Psychiatrist, Training and supervisor analyst, Belgian Psychoanalytical Society (SBP) and German Psychoanalytical Society (DPG).

**Belgian Psychoanalytical Society:** 2008-2011 President; 2006-2008 Secretary General; Since 2007 Member of the Formation Committee.

**International Psychoanalytical Association:** 2017-2019 Board member; since 2009 Sponsoring Committee for Beirut ; 2001-2005 Psychoanalysis and Allied Professions Committee; 2009-2012 European Vice-Chair of the Outreach Committee.

**European Psychoanalytical Federation:** Since 2016 Director of the EPF House in Brussels; 2012-2016 EPF President; 2009-2012 Working Party Chair: 'Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today'; 2007-2012 Member of the Expert Group on Psychoanalytic Research..



**Maggiorino Genta (Swiss Society of Psychoanalysis)**

The core function of the IPA has been and still is to enforce ethics and technical standards and to spread psychoanalysis around the world. The challenges we face in today's world stimulate my commitment even more, and my enthusiasm makes me adhere to this goal today with the same force as at the beginning of my career.

After graduating in medicine in Italy I came to Switzerland, where I had my training as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist. I had several functions in the Swiss Psychoanalytical Society (SSPsa), as a member of the Committee for the "Bulletin", the journal of the Society, member of the Teaching Institute for several years, President of the Committee for the evaluation of new members for two years and finally as President of the SSPsa from May 2015 to May 2018.

My professional commitment is marked by my own analytical practice, focused particularly on the training of future psychoanalysts, as well as by intense activity as a supervisor and teacher in seminars. I have established regular professional contacts with colleagues from the Belgian, French and Italian Societies, through official groups, such as the IMG ad hoc group of the EPF and private groups evaluating analysis via Skype and examining supervision work, together with colleagues of several European societies.

If elected I would be particularly interested in the following fields:

**1/** I personally agree with the recent **modifications of the IPA standards**, this very important political change, that was adopted in July 2017 in Buenos Aires. These modifications gave a large freedom of choice to each Society. I was particularly concerned by this problem because in the Swiss Society, even if following the French Model, we were nevertheless using the rule of 4 sessions that we changed in May 2017 during my presidency, in the same direction that the IPA also decided for the Eitingon model.

**2/** As I had the opportunity to participate in the IPA Conference in Taiwan, as chair of a panel and in the IPA Conference in Tokyo, as discussant in a panel, I found it very interesting to meet several colleagues and to appreciate the way in which Psychoanalysis is understood through Asian cultures. I think that it would be very interesting if this **Asia Pacific Region**, the 4th IPA Region, could be officially established.

**3/** In the Swiss Society we pay particular attention to **Outreach activity**, such as organizing public conferences or specific lectures on psychoanalysis for post-graduate students. During my presidency we organized also several meetings open to the public, with great success. One of them was devoted to the dialogue between Psychoanalysis and Neurosciences. I think that research in the field of Neurosciences should also be stimulated and developed. I can't help thinking that Freud himself would be very interested in this kind of meeting and research.

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**Maggiorino Genta:** Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Training and supervisor analyst at the Swiss Psychoanalytical Society (**SPPsa**) since 2007, Member Committee Bulletin 1999-2002, Member Teaching Committee 2007-2015, Member Committee for evaluation of candidates and associated members, President of the Committee for nomination of ordinary full members 2013-2015. President of the Swiss Society 2015-2018. **EPF** Member of the EPF Council 2015-2018, ad hoc Group Institutional Matters 2015-present



**Alex Janssen (Dutch Psychoanalytical Society)**

It's a great honour to present myself as a candidate for the position of European Representative in the IPA.

In 1999, I became chair of the Scientific Committee of the Dutch Society, my first official function in an analytic organisation. Some years later I became president and got familiar with the European Psychoanalytic Federation (EPF). In 2012 I was elected in the board of the European Federation (EPF). Two years ago the IPA appointed me in the Sponsoring Committee of Ukraine.

Over the years I became convinced of the importance of our organisations: the IPA globally, and the EPF in Europe. This has not always been the case. In fact, around 25 years ago, when I just became a member of the IPA, I had quite a few doubts about the organisation. At that time the IPA seemed so far away from my daily life, so restricting and unduly expensive. But gradually my appreciation of the IPA grew, even quite dramatically.

Today, I believe the IPA is indispensable for safeguarding the quality of training and of the clinical practice by setting rules on training and on ethics. At this point I will not conceal that I really question the recent lowering of the minimum frequency of sessions in the Eitington model, from 4 to 3 sessions a week. We have to be very cautious about lowering our standards of training.

But the IPA is so much more than rules and regulations. Without our organizations, individual members and Societies would be prone to full isolation. And we, the members, would not be able to have international contacts so easily! In a way, the IPA provides a home for all of us.

Moreover, in our present-day world of polarisation and fragmentation a strong international organisation, such as the IPA, is so much needed!

When elected, the board will profit from my expertise and experiences. First, I have keen interest in outreach. In the EPF-board I was treasurer, but besides of this I was responsible for two outreach projects that we launched: encouraging societies to organise Summer Schools for those interested in psychoanalysis. And secondly, we started a congress for students from all over Europe, the so-called EPCUS.

Over the years, I have gained much experience in organisational matters, especially when it comes to serious conflicts. Shortly before I became president of my Society a split occurred. The IPA had sent a committee in this process and I have first hand experience with the difficult and delicate task this committee had to perform. Near the end of my term the three

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Dutch societies could lay the foundation for the fusion in 2016. So besides experience with splitting, I am also familiar with integration.

When elected, I will bring my deep commitment to psychoanalysis and will do my utmost best to strengthen the contact between the IPA and its members. Working in an international team is a great pleasure. I very much look forward to it.

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Alex Janssen, Training Analyst Dutch Society.

**IPA:** member Sponsoring Committee Ukraine, 2017 – present.

**EPF:** member Council 2007-2012. Treasurer board EPF: 2012-2016. Chair of Student Conference 2015-present. Member of EPF House committee, 2016-present.

**Dutch Society:** Chair of Scientific Committee 2004-2007. President of Dutch society 2007—2012.



**Luisa Masina (Italian Psychoanalytical Society)**

My vision of the IPA is of a solid institution that brings together all the members of the psychoanalytic community descending from Sigmund Freud.

The fundamental action points that make up my plan for the development of the IPA are:

- The integration of its various components in the respect of the specificities, which avails itself of the creation of a **common language**, based on: the participation in the Committees and the Task Forces, the inter-regional exchanges facilitated by the CAPSA and Working Groups, the progress of the Inter-Regional Encyclopedic Dictionary of Psychoanalysis, the IPA website, an “ international and inter-regional *agorà* ”, the advanced use of technology for webinars and inter-societal activities, the rotation of the participations in the different administrative offices and in the responsibilities of scientific initiatives, the fertile cooperation with Regional Federations and National Societies.
- **A good sensitivity to various environmental realities** can improve our institutional response capabilities. It is necessary to conceive articulated policies both in terms of adaptation, and in terms of maintaining the values and fundamental criteria of Psychoanalysis. So, we have to take good care of the institution, promoting it as a common asset and identity brand for all members and his investment as a cohesion factor. I consider relevant the creation and the empowerment of appropriate Task Forces, responsible for observing the social changes and for developing and applying psychoanalytic method in different fields. Outreach’s activities must have adequate and technical support from the IPA, if possible in coordinated cooperation with the geographically involved or neighbouring national societies. The work of progressive constitution of the Asian-Pacific Region, Fourth IPA Region should also be continued.
- A good **proprioceptive monitoring of the functions of the whole IPA organism, which uses a look towards the inside**: constant attention to the maintenance of its overall institutional functioning; to the development of the group aptitude for clinical research; to the theoretical elaboration; and a particular care of psychoanalytic training, which remains a fundamental distinctive element of our Association.

The obvious need to face a psychoanalysis crisis (that we can also consider a growth crisis) requires a reflection **on the evolution of the identity of the psychoanalyst**, on critical moments through the various passages of training and professional activity.

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To this aim it is important to provide **a listening to these realities in transformation by the Representatives** : a listening as sensitive as possible, in order to identify and combat any possible feelings of anonymity, of insignificance and of loneliness that may be experienced by members of the various regions .

I also want to emphasise the irreplaceable role of the IPA in the field of science as a facilitator of the exchange of ideas, of the development, of the elaboration and integration of the various theoretical-clinical contributions from areas also geographically distant between them, that only IPA can carry out, thanks to its inter-regional structure and to that “inclusive and open-minded IPA mentality”, of which Board is both author and guarantor.

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**Italian Psychoanalytical Society:**

Scientific Secretary of Psychoanalytic Institute of Bologna

Member of the Reading Committee of Rivista di Psicoanalisi

Teacher at The Italian Psychoanalytical Society National Training Institute (section Veneto-Emiliana)

Member of the Editorial Board of the SPI website 2014-2016

Member of the Scientific Committee of “Psiche-Dike”, at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Bologna



**Vic Sedlak (British Psychoanalytical Society)**

I am standing for election as a European Representative to the Board of the IPA because I believe my experience will enable me to contribute to issues central to the future development of psychoanalysis: to recruit to the profession while at the same time safeguarding high standards of training; and, to continue to develop psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic institutions in parts of the world where it has not previously flourished.

Thirty years ago, having completed my training at the British Psychoanalytical Society, I decided to relocate with my family to Yorkshire in the North of England. At that time psychoanalysis was almost exclusively based in London. A number of respected colleagues warned me that this would jeopardise my professional future, that I would be unable to build a practice and develop my career within the Society. I believed that there would always be some people, a minority but a significant one, who would take the opportunity to have a personal psychoanalysis if it was available, just as there would be some people who would want to train as psychoanalysts. I quickly built a psychoanalytic practice which has always been full; by maintaining links with the Society in London I was able to develop as a psychoanalyst and to become a training analyst twenty years ago.

Since that time I have been able to enlist the support of the British Society in developing a psychoanalytic presence in the North of England. I have taken a significant role as Chair or member of committees which have promoted the development of psychoanalysis outside of its London enclave. This culminated in 2014 with the establishment of the Society's Northern Training, the first psychoanalytic training outside of London. I have also been a member of the Student Progress Committee, the Staff Training Committee and the Education Committee. The experience in developing psychoanalysis in regions where it had hitherto not flourished, while maintaining high standards of training, enabled me to consult on these matters to the Polish Psychoanalytic Society, of which I am an Honorary Member. Between 2006 and 2010 I was on the Board of Guardians of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis. I was a member of the team that met with representatives of the then British Association of Psychotherapists as some of their membership prepared to join the IPA as the British Psychoanalytical Association. I teach regularly in Germany and Poland and have been a visiting professor in Japan. I have some knowledge of, and respect for, the different cultures, backgrounds and societies that make up the IPA.

I have published a number of papers in the International Journal. In 2019 my book "The Psychoanalyst's Superegos, Ego Ideals and Blind Spots: the Emotional Development of the Clinician" will be published by the New Library of Psychoanalysis.

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I believe that for psychoanalysis to develop, individual psychoanalysts need to belong to institutions that embody a forward-looking spirit of enterprise, which maintains psychoanalysis as a specific treatment. This is what I would seek to promote if elected.

*Positions held in the British Society: Member, Working Party on the Society's relationship to the BAP's becoming an IPA Component Society 2004-2005; Member, Staff Training Committee 2005-2009 and 2013-2017; Member, Student Progress Committee 2004-2009; Member and then Chair, New Entry Scheme Committee 2004-2013; Member and then Chair Regional Training Committee 1996-2004; Member, Education Committee 2007-2103; Member, Working Party on Northern Training 2012-2014.*

*Other: Member, Board of Guardians of the IJPA 2006-2010; Visiting Professor, Kyoto University, Japan2012.*



**Erik Stänicke (Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society)**

Sigmund Freud (1917, 1925) wrote about resistance towards psychoanalytic knowledge. In his thinking, this resistance is primarily emotional, not intellectual. An implication of this is that every generation has to discover psychoanalysis anew and partly on their own terms. Psychoanalysis consists of knowledge that cannot solely be disseminated through lectures and books, but it must be experienced and grasped in a practical situation. This notion has clear implications not only for the outreach of the IPA but also for the work within the association.

As a relatively new analyst positioned at the University of Oslo in Norway, I feel that I have relevant experiences regarding the dramatic changes in Europe's culture the last years. I think the term "dramatic" is warranted if we consider the climate crisis, the increased instability in international politics and the tendencies of scientism and neo-positivism in academia. These cultural changes have far-reaching consequences for psychoanalysis when it comes to recruitment of both candidates and patients. We live in a time where we meet almost unconditional expectations of efficiency, empirically validated treatment methods, and disclosure of private life in social media. In these times, psychoanalysts can sometimes be, in my opinion, defensive and evasive, when what is needed is the opposite. As analysts, we all have experience of the significance of providing people with analytic processes. Furthermore, psychoanalytic theory also provides important perspectives on different applied field such as politics, literature and philosophy. These experiences from treatment and applied fields should be dispersed actively in society.

If I am elected, I will work for progressive ways of communicating about psychoanalysis in society. I think that an open and context-sensitive communication should be combined with a democratic and fair political work within the IPA.

An internal matter of concern is what some see as a threat towards the Eitingon model, especially reflected in the debate on frequency of psychoanalytic treatment. This topic reveals the balance IPA has to achieve for conserving essential aspects of psychoanalysis and still be able to relate to how different cultures, health systems, economies and politics contribute to diverse conditions for psychoanalysis. I have the impression that some of the debate on this is characterized by being too much of an 'either-or' question when what we need is a more sensible and balanced viewpoint. We must work for both conserving psychoanalysis and make it prosper in our time. This dual challenge – conservation and development – will look different in different countries, and the last thing we need is tendencies of splitting within IPA. Thus, I will work for collaboration on topics that show tendencies of conflict.

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**Erik Stänicke:** President of the Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society 2016-2020; vice-president of the Norwegian Psychoanalytic Society 2014-2016.



**Alexander Uskov (Moscow Psychoanalytic Society)**

When I graduated as a clinical psychologist and soon began working as a psychotherapist in late 1980s in Moscow, no institutional psychoanalysis existed in our country. Psychotherapy as a profession just began to emerge. Only small groups of enthusiasts tried to study and practice unofficially what they believed to be psychoanalysis. In 1995 I became one of the founders of the Moscow Psychoanalytic Society. In order to study analysis we, the co-founders, started our shuttle analytic training abroad and actively invited foreign analysts for seminars and conferences in Moscow. Our efforts led to the MPS becoming an IPA Study Group in 2005, a Provisional Society in 2011 and a Component Society in 2015. I was elected an IPA direct member in 2004 and appointed a training analyst in 2009. I served as the President of the MPS in 2011-15. Nowadays, MPS consists of 24 members and 25 candidates and continues its growth and development.

During these years I had the experience of working with IPA Sponsoring and Liaison Committees and IPA central office. In 2011-15 I participated in EPF Councils as the President of MPS. Because of the international character of my training and because of teaching East European candidates from countries where PA societies still don't exist, I know European and, especially, East European psychoanalytic landscape quite well. If elected, I would be the first East European to serve as a European Representative.

My main scientific interest is to compare “big” historical, social and political processes with intra-psychic and interpersonal processes and phenomena. Recently some of you might have listened to my presentations at international conferences. I published several papers in Russian and also translated into Russian a number of books and papers by Freud, Klein, Ogden, Racker, etc.

I believe that administratively IPA is run very well. Its London office does excellent job. But what may we expect from the policies, from the content of the IPA functioning?

You know: in Europe exists a number of unique psychoanalytic cultures we need to protect and develop. It is a heritage of the whole mankind that deals with love and hate, sex and death, envy and gratitude, that provides a possibility of a deep emotional understanding, concern and care, as well as a very close attention to small details of communication and relationship and a peculiar way of listening and thinking. It expresses very important values of humaneness we risk to lose with the dilution of frequency. So, Europe shall obtain more independence and express more clearly its psychoanalytic identity.

I would also greet clinical exchanges between 3 geographic regions to provide better acquaintance and understanding of analysts from different cultures. It would be good, if IPA

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sponsored regular conferences with mixed intervision groups and continued development of clinical working parties at IPA congresses.

I would also propose to increase participation of the societies in the life of the IPA. During my campaign I would like to gather the proposals from the societies to include them into my agenda.

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**Alexander Uskov: Moscow Psychoanalytic Society:** *President, 2011-15; Scientific Secretary 1998-2011; Member of the Board, 1998 — date, Member of the Training Committee, 2009 - date. IPA: Member of the European Nominating Committee, 2016. EPF: Member of the Scientific Committee, 2016 — date; Member of the House Committee, 2015 — date. IJP Russian Annual: Member of the Editorial Board, 2011 — date. MPS Bulletin: Member of the Editorial Board, 2014 — date.*



**Franziska Ylander (Swedish Psychoanalytical Association)**

It has been a privilege as well as a responsibility to function as Eurorepresentative at the IPA Board for 2017-2019. My experience of working in the Swedish Association and in the EPF Executive has provided me with indispensable background knowledge. It has served as a guideline towards understanding the specificity and overruling importance, as well as the necessity of the IPA. My application for a second period comes out of a deeply felt urge to fulfil what has just started.

As was the case 2 years ago, this work still represents a meaningful and logical step in my 35 years of psychoanalytical practice. An issue of longstanding importance for me is clinical supervision within psychoanalytic training and formation. Another is institutional aspects of psychoanalytical organisations, particularly related to issues of splitting and fusion. Psychoanalysis in the community in the widest sense is closely related to institutional matters, with emphasis on the necessity of adjusting to a changing world - without jeopardizing the core of psychoanalysis and without underestimating the threat of severing the psychoanalytic community from within.

After 18 months in this position, I am looking back on a year of learning and discovering. The power and the vulnerability of our IPA express themselves in complicated and enigmatic ways. Questions related to estimation of competence and qualification, and issues about similarities vs differences between regions - as well as within regions - have been uncovered in the aftermath of the decision taken by the previous Board on the Eitingon model. The current administration has initiated important Task Forces to work on basic areas – on Representation, on Collegial Quality Assessment and on New Groups and Equivalence. I am deeply engaged in these projects, and I hope to take part in discussions of the outcome.

From our European perspective one must put special emphasis on the problems around representation – at the Board, and in IPA committees. European societies constitute almost half of the IPA membership. At the Board each region is represented by 1/3. This kind of incongruency, as well as other differences in preconditions for formation and training between regions, will have to be openly named and respectfully discussed. This is necessary for keeping the IPA alive, strong and credible to its members.

A recurrent IPA problem is how to manage to stay in reciprocal contact with members. In a way it is impossible; internet, a well edited and extensive Newsletter notwithstanding. To mitigate this problem, I see the Link function as particularly useful and important. Even though the IPA, unlike the EPF, is a member organisation, the value of the possibility to communicate with members via the presidents of societies cannot be overstated. Information about ongoing work at Board and Executive, as well as meetings face to face

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with presidents of our allotted societies at least twice a year, provide an indispensable opportunity of communication.

Lastly: to my mind – to communicate by means of *personal encounter* also touches upon the very essence of the psychoanalysis.

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*IPA*: European IPA Outreach Committee 2010-2011; Board of Representatives 2017-date.  
*EPF*: Chair Outreach Platform EPF/IPA (Committee on Psychoanalysis and Society) 2001-2007; Vice President EPF Executive 2011-2016; ad hoc group on Institutional Matters 2016-date. *Swedish Society*: Secretary, Board of Institute 1989-1991; Chair Committee of Outreach, Board of Society 1997-2002; Vice President Swedish Society 2000-2002; Fusion Committee Swedish Society & Swedish Association 2007-2009. *Swedish Association*: Committee on Clinical Supervision 2006-date; Chair Committee on Clinical Supervision, Board of Institute 2010-2012.