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Dear Colleague,

I, Ashis Roy, have been training and teaching Psychoanalysis in New Delhi for the last 9 years. My interest lies in building more communication between psychoanalytic groups to promote clinical and cultural exchanges and to create opportunities for those who desire to pursue psychoanalysis as a vocation and profession. Being from India I have seen a huge desire in young people to join this profession but also a lack of opportunities. To address this, I would like to build communication within the different regions of the IPA.

For the last decade, I have devoted myself to teaching and practicing psychoanalysis both in an interdisciplinary university setting and in private practice. I have taught courses to post-graduate students in psychoanalytic therapy, research, and courses on stages of human development, I have organized and participated in several international and cross-cultural psychoanalytic conferences and seminars in New Delhi. I had the privilege of attending seminars by Christopher Bollas in Dartington, the UK in 2018, and have also been supervised by Michael Eigen(USA), Renato Trachtenberg (Brazil), and Neil Altman (USA) for several years. Many of these relationships with eminent analysts were cultivated through letters and emails. My clinical training has involved supervision from different frameworks and different cultures. I have presented clinical material, supervised by Clara Nemas in the IPA Asia Pacific Conference, Taipei in 2017, and presented a paper from my doctoral work on 'Hindu-Muslim Intimacy in India' at the IPA Conference in Buenos Aires, 2018. My conference presentations have included both clinical presentations and cultural presentations, and I have published in 'Counterdreamers: Analysts Reading Themselves' (ed by Meg Harris Williams) and in the recent book, 'Healing, Rebirth and the Work of Michael Eigen: Collected Essays on a Pioneer in Psychoanalysis'.

For me, it's important that different schools and thinkers of psychoanalysis speak and learn from each other, and being a part of Ipso as editor-elect, I would like to work on creating communication, promoting research, and create space for newer ideas and thoughts in psychoanalysis. I wish to encourage this spirit and to enlarge the work of the International Psychoanalytic Association.

I, therefore, propose myself for the office of Editor-Elect for Europe.