



Gleda Brandão Araújo (Mato Grosso do Sul Psychoanalytical Society)

Why I am a candidate to IPA' Board of Representatives?

I am Gleda Brandão Araujo, full member of the **Mato Grosso do Sul Psychoanalytical Society ("SPMS")** and of the **Rio de Janeiro Psychoanalytical Society ("SPRJ")** since 1999, and a training analyst in the SPMS Training Institute since 2001.

My institutional trajectory began back in 1989, when my society (SPMS) was still a SPRJ' nucleus. Since then, I have worked on many positions, first in my Society, then in the Brazilian Psychoanalytical Federation and last at FEPAL, in management, institutional, scientific and in education areas. I had also the opportunity to take part in some IPA's committees, and since July 2019, in the IPA Board as a Latin America representative.

My trajectory in different institutions has broadened my view of psychoanalysis and its insertion in culture and society and of IPA's role in supporting and investing in its component societies. Investments that grew more important during the pandemic, demanding urgent and necessary measures from IPA in dealing with this new and challenging situation that affected our world.

Representing Latin America in IPA's Board means, overall, acting as a bridge between IPA, its members and affiliated societies. It means playing a truly democratic role: listening, and taking all demands, ideas and needs brought by Latin-American societies and its members to be discussed in a broader forum.

I think in the following issues for my work:

Strengthening of societies and regional federations through reflection and action before the challenges we face in our continent and in the whole world.

Expand and strength actions such as those led by IPA's professional committee, which have helped analysts in the entire world face not just the pandemic, but also other challenges, such as migration movements, impoverishment, violence, insecurity, political polarization, etc.

Investing in the expansion and consolidation of the quality of transmission of psychoanalysis, for it is the key to face constant threats of regulation of psychoanalysis. In addition to that, it is also critical to think of the demands and possibilities for expansion and transmitting psychoanalysis in even more a globalized and connected world.

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Amplify and intensify actions for beyond the boundaries of our institutions, as we have so much to add to education, health, law and social areas. The possibilities are endless.

Therefore, empowered by my professional and institutional trajectory, I truly believe that I am able to largely contribute to psychoanalysis as much in Latin America as in the world.

List of positions:

Mato Grosso do Sul Psychoanalytical Society: Secretary 2004-2006; President 2006-2010;

Training Director 2010-2014;

FEBRAPSI: President 2011-2013; Nucleus Committee - since 2016

FEPAL: Scientific Coordinator 2016-2018; Nominating Committee Member of Fepal Election 2010;

IPA: 2019-2021- Latin-American Board Representative

2015 2019- LC Chair of Sociedade Brasileira de Psicanálise de Minas Gerais.

2014-2015 – SC Member of Grupo de Estudos Psicanalíticos de Minas Gerais.

2012-2013 –Latin American Nominating Committee Member-2013 IPA Elections



Anette Blaya Luz (Porto Alegre Psychoanalytical Society)

Towards a strong and modern psychoanalysis

I am Anette Blaya Luz, 67 years old, a full member, since 2005, of the Psychoanalytic Society of Porto Alegre, SPPA, where I am also a training analyst. My training began in 1988. I became an IPA member in 1995.

Institutional activities were always significant and pleasurable for me. Much of the scientific exchange and socializing with colleagues happens within our societies and institutes. This enhances the development of psychoanalytic theory and practice, offering opportunity for productive and affective relationship amongst ourselves.

In the Brazilian Psychoanalytic Federation, Febrapsi, I have occupied different positions: scientific director, general secretary, international relationship director and president.

Presently I am a member of the IPA Board for Latin American representation.

My psychiatric training took place in Canada, where I lived for four years. I speak English, Spanish and Portuguese fluently.

I thought my contribution to IPA Board in four main axes.

First: to work to reinforce the psychoanalytic practice. Right there in the consulting room our practice develops, and creativity may occur. The transference relationship testifies the value of the analytical method and its understanding contributes to lessen human suffering and enhance mental health. IPA must keep a constant dialogue with culture, as to guarantee that Psychoanalysis be in touch with new paradigms, such as new manifestations of human emotional suffering, the life in cyberspace, new forms of sexuality and family organizations. The impact of Corona Pandemic is also something that we should focus. All these without jeopardizing technical standards.

Second: the training of new analysts, source of vitality and continuity. Transmission of good practices, which are faithful to Freud's concepts while allow for technical developments consonants with cultural evolution of societies is a challenge to face and represents a strong and modern psychoanalysis. This requires solid, consistent and airy training. Also, the stimulus to writing and publishing work by our members and candidates. Latin America has a lot to contribute Internationally. We have a plural and creative psychoanalysis, that deserves being published, not only in Portuguese or Spanish.

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Third: concerns the relationship with community and culture. The possibility of an extramural psychoanalysis brings populations benefits that our tradition enjoys. Work with educational institutions and other areas of culture enriches psychoanalyses, while contributes to its expansion and human development. We have improved in this regard, but our influence on culture can be even more meaningful. We have a lot to offer and a lot to learn from this interaction.

Fourth: institutional activities. Investments in research and the scientific exchange within institutions of different latitudes promotes a productive, creative and collaborative psychoanalysis. The encouragement of candidates to take part in their institutes is something I believe important.

An approach through these axes could strengthen Latin American Psychoanalysis. The experience I have accumulated in these years of clinic, editorial work, participating in scientific and administrative activities through positions I have occupied, enables me and confer me confidence to represent Latin America in the central core of the IPA.

List of positions:

In my Society – Sociedade Psicanalítica de Porto Alegre – SPPA: Coordinator of SPPA Library 2002-2005, Editor of SPPA Psychoanalytic Journal 2006, Scientific Director 2007-2008, President 2014-2015.

In the Brazilian Psychoanalytic Federation – FEBRAPSI: Scientific Director 2009-2011, International Relationships Director 2012-2013, General Secretary 2016-2017 and presently I am President 2018-2019.

International Journal of Psychoanalysis Board editorial since 2013.

In IPA Board, representing Latin America 2020-(2021).

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Claudia Borensztein (Asociación Psicoanalítica Argentina)

There are several reasons that prompt me to run for Latin American Representative at the IPA.

The arrival of the pandemic and my personal experience of it, made me think about applying. Until that time, I was working intensively on the transformation of the society I have been president of for four years. My term of office will finish on 15th December 2020, two weeks after presenting this candidate statement.

When the pandemic began and quarantine was mandated in Argentina, I put all of my energies into keeping the APA's activities going. Like everyone else, we adapted to the necessities of virtual broadcasting and activities. We had the tools and had previously implemented them, in our management of greater outreach operations at my society, but they had not yet been put into action in such a unique and large-scale way until it became absolutely imperative to do so. The decision to pursue the direction of solidarity care was also essential. This direction has now been made possible throughout the world, thanks to these technologies, and has prompted an enacting of psychoanalysis for the community, consolidating the indisputable links that exist between psychoanalysis and mental health, which positively impacts upon the value placed upon psychoanalysis as a practice across fields, and results in the dissemination of our discipline.

Psychoanalytic intervention, when carried out by professionals of the excellence and standards to which the IPA trains in its institutes, is met with high levels of acceptance. The introduction of some telephone sessions has provided effective relief to people of different social and cultural extractions. Particularly during the pandemic, "caring for the caregiver" programs have been of great help to health workers. I am convinced that this is an important line to pursue, linking in the experiences of all the institutions to which IPA can provide a "holding" function, and encouraging, sustaining, and building on initiatives that already exist today within IPA in the community. It is my intention to play a part towards this.

From this global laboratory of new ways of working and living, there is much yet to learn by moving forward with all forms of remote activity. While this will require effort, the savings in time and money will also be considerable. Much has been achieved in this regard by suspending face-to-face meetings between colleagues from many regions and countries.

I will advocate for the continuation of meetings via Zoom or other platforms, both by the Board as well as the different IPA committees, and for conducting them in person only when absolutely necessary. Reasonable use of travel will be important not only to reduce

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management costs, but also in caring for ourselves and for the environment. We must begin an open discussion on the resource of remote training and its outcomes, giving a measured appraisal of the experience of remote seminars, supervisions, and analysis, to consider their future potential. Many societies have been enriched and have experienced a new flourishing because of it.

Psychoanalysis has much to do, and much to say, in the post pandemic period. As psychoanalysts, I believe that we will be in demand, and that it is important to be well positioned to meet that need. We must value and develop the ability to sustain and promote awareness of the unconscious and its effects, in clear terms, in press and mass-media interviews. I will bring my experience to bear in this regard.

As President of the APA, I took part in the FEPAL Representative Assemblies for four years, enabling me to keep abreast of the federation's intra-societal and intersocietal problems, as well as to become familiar with the IPA's interregional conflicts. I will put all my energy into mitigating these conflicts, so that '*affectio societatis*' may prevail in the shared task that unites and calls upon us all. Finally, I will work to deliver and communicate the vision of Latin America, in its plurality of voices and its social commitment, to the new management that will continue when, in July 2021, our dear colleague Virginia Ungar concludes her term.

Warm regards to all.

List of positions:

APA:

President of the Argentine Psychoanalytical Association (2017-2020)

Editor in Chief of the *APA Revista de Psicoanálisis (Psychoanalytic Review)* (2009- 2012)

Editor of the *Diccionario de Psicoanálisis Argentino (Dictionary of Argentine Psychoanalysis)* (2015 [1st Ed.] and 2020 [2nd Ed.])

Member of the editorial group and author of the *APA Tesaurus de Psicoanálisis (Thesaurus of Psychoanalysis)* (1985-1990) for psychoanalytic library document indexing

IPA:

Co-chair for Latin America, IPA Boston Congress, 2015 (2013-2015)

Member of the Latin-American Committee, *IPA Encyclopedic Dictionary* (2015-2016)

IJP:

Member of the IJP Latin America Board 2014/2018

IJP Reviewer from 2014 to date.

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Eduardo Gastelumendi (Peru Psychoanalytic Society)

Dear colleagues, let me introduce myself. Born in Lima in 1957, I have been a member of the Peru Psychoanalytic Society (SPP) since 1989. I studied and graduated as a Medical Doctor in Brazil, in the city of Rio Grande. The six years I lived there (1976 – 1981) enriched and defined my life.

Returning to Lima, I began my psychoanalytic training at the SPP Institute (1982 – 1989). During that same period, I studied Psychiatry at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, (National University of San Marcos), and my Residency at the Psychiatry Service of the Hospital Obrero de Lima (Worker’s Hospital of Lima) founded by Dr Carlos A. Seguín. At this Service, the tradition of what was then called “Folkloric Psychiatry” (now Transcultural Psychiatry) was fully alive. I served as President of the Peru Psychiatric Association (1999 – 2000) and as Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee for the XXI APAL (Latin American Association of Psychiatry) Congress (Lima, 2000).

Since the beginning of my analytical training, I have been in clinical practice. Currently, I am a Training Analyst and teach seminars at the SPP. I have published articles in specialized books and journals, such as *Psychoanalysis.today*, *Revista de Psicoanálisis (Peruvian Journal of Psychoanalysis)*, *Calibán, i.a.*, on my topics of interest: totalitarian thinking, environmental awareness, the relationship between analytical psychology and psychoanalysis, psychoanalysis and neuroscience, and the psychoanalytic dialogue with traditional Amazonian medicine.

In 2016 I had the honor of being to the Psychoanalytic Society of Poland (CAPSA, IPA) and the Pelotas Psychoanalytic Society (Didactic Exchange, FEPAL), to give seminars and to supervise.

Forced by the Covid – 19 pandemic into physical isolation, the situation has paradoxically opened up to psychoanalysts previously unforeseen doors (to remote seminars, therapy, analysis and supervision) and has enabled new modes of clinical, scientific and affective exchange between us (as was the case at the most recent FEPAL congress). Social attention provided during this critical time by our psychoanalytic institutions has bolstered the role of psychoanalysis in less favored populations and minority communities (the ‘*clínica extensa*’ or ‘extended clinic’ proposed by Fabio Herrmann).

I believe that the possible but necessary human evolution occurs by way of transformation of secondary narcissism to a ‘tertiary narcissism’, as late Mariam Aliazade’s concept suggests. Beyond our differences, we all share the same life in a common space. For this reason, I am passionate about psychoanalytic participation in the issue of environmental

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awareness, as raised by Fernando Cesarman in his psychoanalytic study *Ecocidio: la destrucción del medio ambiente (Ecocide: The Destruction of the Environment)* (Mexico, 1972).

If elected to the position of Latin American Representative, I am committed to:

1. Conveying and supporting the interests of Societies and members in the region and,
2. Contributing to the evolution of a psychoanalysis that, without capitulating either on the rigour or demands required by its theoretical understanding and clinical practice, is willing to include minority groups and to hold an ongoing dialogue-of-action with the arts, social and political sciences, medicine and the neurosciences.

List of positions:

- **IPA:**
 - *Allied Professions Committee (2002 – 2004)*
 - *Latin America Co-Chair for the Program Committee, 51^o Congress of the IPA, London (2017 – 2019)*
 - *Applicant Societies Committee (2019 - date)*
- **FEPAL:**
 - *Treasurer of the Board (2006 – 2008)*
 - *Organizing Committee FEPAL congresses (2006 and 2008)*
- **Peru Psychoanalytic Society (SPP)**
 - *Vice-president (2012 – 2014)*
 - *President of the Organizing Committee. SPP Congress (2014)*
 - *President (2014 – 2016)*
 - *Ethics Committee; Training Analysis Committee; Candidate Selection Committee*



Mariano Horenstein (Asociación Psicoanalítica de Córdoba)

I belong to the API for its plurality, its robust training of analysts, and its legendary history. But our institution today faces unprecedented challenges: an unequal and troubled world, a devastating pandemic, fast-paced technological change, a devaluing of the value of truth. We are no longer the only international psychoanalytic institution and both the epistemic and professional field are in dispute.

This landscape requires political intelligence to face the difficulties and seize the opportunities offered by the future. We psychoanalysts are familiar with the past, and we work in the present of the transference, but it is the future that concerns me, and where I think we should direct our energies.

As an analyst, I have lectured and taught in American, European, and Asian institutions; I have been Editor of two journals; I have published three books and received several distinctions, such as the FEPAL, Lucian Freud and Angel Garma Awards, and the E. Hayman Award for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide. Of the view that the logic of psychoanalysis is necessary but not sufficient – and less so in management functions – I also completed a master's degree in health systems administration.

I belong to a small society – one that is indebted to the great tradition of *rioplatense* psychoanalysis – and one that has never before nominated any member to the Board, so I appreciate this vote of confidence from my colleagues.

But I have had the opportunity to travel widely through Latin America and build relationships with many psychoanalysts in the region. On those travels I saw how the psychoanalytic movement is progressing in Latin America, its particularities, its common needs.

I would be honoured to represent that counterpoint between the needs of the small and the power of our continent, between our noble tradition and what we can create anew together.

And I would like to do this by bringing the fertile mix of Spanish and Portuguese to the IPA – in a healthy contamination of the English that must be spoken. Our *mestiza* region is pregnant with the future: we are relatively young, creative, booming. Just as Brazil's presence fertilizes Hispano-American psychoanalysis, Latin America's presence – not always sufficiently acknowledged – empowers international psychoanalysis.

I think psychoanalysis finds its necessary expression in plurality. Our strength lies in diversity: of theories, research and teaching models, styles, and languages.

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I believe that our institutions should not be mere supervisory bodies but a collective *shelter*, responsive to their members' challenges; they should look inwards but also outwards; working to promote transfers to psychoanalysis – which are always at risk – and which should be skilfully reinvigorated.

The practice of psychoanalysis often involves some tension with the institutions. I decided to turn that conflict into participation, assuming responsibility for advocating for others. Representatives, in an office such as ours, must be able to listen, including to those whose voices are expressed by their silence. I will also strive to represent those who distance themselves, including when it comes to voting.

Nothing is done alone: my candidacy reflects what I have learned from others who have travelled the same paths as I. I hope – if I gain the confidence of the Latin American community I belong to – to contribute creatively to this necessary democratic rotation.

List of positions:

IPA:

Member and then Chair of the Think Tank on the Future of Psychoanalysis and the IPA (2017-20);

Project Coordinator, interviews with personalities from the worlds of Art, science and culture (2018-20);

Member of the international research group "Geographies of psychoanalysis".

FEPAL:

Editor in Chief of *Calibán – Revista Latinoamericana de Psicoanálisis (Latin American Journal of Psychoanalysis)* (2011-2017).

APC:

Titular Member and Training Analyst;

Secretary and then Director of the Institute of Psychoanalysis (2011-13; 2020-21);

Director of *Docta - Revista de Psicoanálisis (Psychoanalytic Journal)* (2003-2010).

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Jani Santamaria (Mexican Psychoanalytic Association)

Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to greet and share with you my candidacy for re-election as Latin American Representative of the API Board for the 2021-2023 term. Before presenting my plan, I wish to send my deepest condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones in this terrible pandemic, which has marked a paradigm shift in the history of this century.

It has been a privilege to represent Latin America during the 2019-2021 term. My previous experience in international positions and in my Association has enriched my perspective of institutional complexities. I have been Director of Community and Culture and Member of the FEPAL Children and Adolescent Committee, and Latin American Representative of the IPA Nominations Committee. In my Association I have been Candidate Chair, Vice-President, and Chair of the Children and Adolescents Programme of the Institute. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to carry on my father's legacy of passion, commitment, and ethics in addressing the tasks facing psychoanalysis.

As a liaison (link) member with the Colombian Federation (comprised of three societies): the two Venezuelan societies and my Association (APM), I have contributed towards the development of a creative working group; respecting the uniqueness of each association in this northern region to which I belong. Together we are developing scientific activities promoting inter-societal dialogue which strengthens our region.

Based on the experience I have gained, I am seeking re-election in order to continue working to support the new groups to which ILAP is providing training: Honduras, Bolivia, Guatemala, Ecuador and Nicaragua. I will seek to support societies that are experiencing financial difficulties. Other objectives to be pursued include active work in universities, in research, on the journal *Calibán*, with analysts in training, with FeBraPsi and with the following committees: Psychoanalytic Observatory, COWAP, Gender and Migration; all involve matters of particular urgency in terms of our professional self-reflexivity.

We are currently facing the challenge of managing the fast-paced changes brought about by the pandemic. The IPA has made significant efforts to ensure the continuity of its activities, projects, and points of contact between analysts across regions via virtual means. We must prioritise research on the impact of Covid-19 on the Clinic, the community, psychoanalytic education, and institutions. It is important to open the floor to pertinent questions while respecting diversity, pluralism, and the democratic spirit between regions.

The IPA is an international organization created and sustained by its members. It has a key role in safeguarding the transmission and ethics of psychoanalysis, it works as a coordinator of exchanges between regions and societies and fosters the unity and sense of belonging of its members against the backdrop of heterogeneity that defines it. The task of establishing and maintaining standards of excellence in clinical practice and analytical training is one that

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is shared by all. My wish to be elected for a second term seeks to consolidate these values and the spirit of solidarity, encouraging members to participate and to contribute from a mutual sense of care for the Association and for psychoanalysis.

List of positions:

APM:

Child and Adolescent Training Analyst, Mexican Psychoanalytic Association (APM),
Vice President (2004-2006).

IPA:

Latin American Representative on the IPA Board (2019-2021),
Latin American Representative, IPA Nominations Committee.

FEPAL:

Director of Community and Culture, FEPAL (2016-2018),
Member of Children and Adolescents Committee (2012-2014, 2014-2016)

Other:

Member of the International Advisory Committee, Routledge Bion Studies Series,
Member, International Committee on the Spanish Language,
Chair, International Bion Conference, Mexico 2022,
Collaborator on Latin American articles on the journal *JAPA*,
Director of the A. Santamaría Psychoanalysis México Foundation.

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Laura Verissimo de Posadas (Uruguayan Psychoanalytical Association)

It has been a great responsibility and an engaging experience to represent my Latin American colleagues at the IPA's Board from 2019 to 2021. I decided to run for a second term.

My linking role between IPA and the Societies, together with my participation in the FEPAL Presidents' Board (Latin American Federation) made me see in a more comprehensive and closer way, how vital Psychoanalysis is today in our region. Vitality that is clearly shown in the production of activities, both on the specificity of our discipline and on the work of psychoanalysts in the community, as well as in the rich exchange of ideas between different fields of knowledge.

In addition, an example of this vitality is our rich written production and also the greater number of new applicants we are receiving in our Institutes, significantly higher than in other regions.

One of my expectations is to profit from the knowledge I gained in these two years related to the structure and the functioning of the IPA.

The next period will be a time of change since we will say goodbye to the current Executive Committee chaired by Dr. Virginia Ungar and we will receive the new President Dr. Harriet Wolf.

The LAM management emphasized the important role of IPA in the Community in this last period, highlighting the work of psychoanalysts with the most vulnerable sectors of society. New committees were created as well as 'awards' for different projects.

Faced with the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic, this administration stood out for its agile and efficient reaction, maintaining all scheduled activities by Zoom and creating new ones such as Webinars in Spanish and Portuguese and a range of projects through the website that have promoted greater communication between members.

The LAM Board has transmitted, in a very active way, the demands we have received from our Societies affected by the economic consequences of the health crisis. At the same time, as Latin Americans, we have maintained a team spirit and practice with a frank discussion on the issues that were presented. I commit myself to maintain this dynamic in the new Board.

The future US administration will bring the project "IPA in the World". As LAM we feel in tune with them since both FEPAL and its Societies have been very attentive to the world's dynamics. The voice of psychoanalysts has been heard in situations of flagrant attacks on Human Rights.

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To the internal IPA organization, complex due to its international character, its history and its size, the new Administration is proposing important changes in order to guarantee more participation of the membership through the Presidents of the Societies. As LAM Representative, I will give the utmost importance to the democratic structures and procedures of our organisation.

I find most challenging to be part of the Board in this new period that will begin in July 2021.

List of positions:

APU: Member of the Board, 2000-2002 ;2010-2012. Director of the Editorial Board of Uruguayan Journal; Editor of the Uruguayan Library of Psychoanalysis. Vice President of the Board 2019-2021. **FEPAL:** 2014-2016: Headquarters Director. 2010-2016: Deputy Editor in Chief of the Official Publication of Fepal, Latin American Journal of Psychoanalysis. Calibán. **IPA FEPAL** Evaluator FEPAL Awards. Evaluator for International Journal of Psychoanalysis and Latin American Journal of Psychoanalysis. Calibán. Board member 2019-2021.