



## Background

The Sexual and Gender Diversity Studies Committee (S&GDSCO) of the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA) was struck in 2017 to create a place within organized psychoanalysis in which the many questions and complexities that surround sexual and gender diversity can be studied and considered (IPA, 2017). One of our tasks is to develop a biannual paper award which will be presented at IPA congresses, starting in Vancouver 2021. Our goal is to foster member participation in the creation of knowledge, and knowledge transfer and exchange within the intersection of psychoanalysis and sexual and gender diversity. The award will include a cash prize of \$1000 USD to the winning paper, and the author will have to the opportunity of presenting their work during international IPA congress.

We are currently identifying a journal interested in publishing the winner.

## Scope of the Tiresias Paper Award

We have identified four main priorities to bridge the current gap in psychoanalytic theory and practice regarding sexual and gender diversity. We have drawn these priorities from an extensive literature and curricula review, membership feedback, small discussion groups, panels and presentations in regional and international conference, and the IPA current administration's strategic plan. The S&GDSCO hopes that the priorities will help as directives to be addressed in the competing papers.

### *Priorities/Directives:*

1. Rethinking mental and emotional health and mental and emotional pathology when working with sexual and gender diverse patients.
2. An intersectional approach that considers racial and ethnic diversity within sexual and gender diverse patients.
3. Revision of classic papers and proposals of fresh, original conceptualisations of understanding the enigmatic in gender diversities.
4. Violence towards sexual and gender diverse patients (inside and outside the clinical situation).

Paper submissions will be scored by a judging panel that will include members of the S&GDSCO and guests.

## Criteria for submission

1. Original and previously unpublished manuscript, in English.



2. 8000 to 10000 words, double spaced, 12 pt font
3. APA Style reference.
4. **Deadline for Submissions December 21, 2020.**
5. Addresses at least one of the four priorities of the award.
6. If clinical material is presented, it must have patient consent, be disguised and/or presented in a composite manner for confidentiality purposes.
7. Blind review: submit your work in two separate word or pdf files, one with the author's contact information and name of the paper, and the other file with the full paper without the author information. All references to the author's work and publications should be removed to assure anonymity.

All submissions must be made online **here**. The deadline for entries is December 21, 2020.

**References:**

IPA (2017) *Mandate IPA Sexual and Gender Diversity Studies Committee*, approved by the IPA board June 2017