

MEETING AT THE SPANISH PSYCHOANALYTICAL SOCIETY

J AGUAYO'S VISIT SPONSORED BY CAPSA

On Friday June the 27th J Aguayo, presented his paper, *Bion's 'Notes on memory and desire'—its initial clinical reception in the United States: a note on archival material* to members, candidates and guests of the Spanish Society. There were around 70 people.

His presentation included several minutes of listening to recordings of Bion discussing clinical material. There was a good reception: people were very interested and pleased to listen to Bion (see Aguayo's report).

On Saturday morning, the 'Bion's Group seminar of the Spanish Society' organized a clinical meeting for members and candidates. This event was attended by 25 candidates and members. This 4 ½ hour meeting consisted of two parts:

a) In the first one, the group listened to over an hour of Bion's 3rd clinical Seminar in Los Angeles. There was a passionate and interesting discussion (see Aguayo's report) with some participants raising their own clinical experiences.

b) In the second part there was a 1 1/2 clinical case presentation that consisted of 3 parts :

1) Reading a session from an Aguayo's on-going analytical case with some "background information"- followed by a the group discussing their impressions .

2) This was followed by a summary of 4 major themes that he had isolated in the work of the patient; and we compared the group's reactions with the 4 clinical themes

3) Then he presented a "Grid" analysis of this clinical material

The discussion was so interesting that the meeting was extended by around half an hour with people contributing their own experiences.

Many people commented on the strong impression of listening to Bion's "sonorous yet calming voice", his plain and direct manner of understanding psychotic and near- psychotic patients in tremendous psychic distress and the aliveness of his communication.

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