



# IPSO

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Dear Ipsos members/ Dear candidates,

We had a very interesting meeting at the 29th EPF Annual Conference on ¿Authority? between March 16 – 20, 2016, Berlin/Germany, and it was lovely to meet those who attended in person. Those who couldn't, we are looking forward to seeing you in the future, in other meetings.

During the conference we had the opportunity to explore many ideas regarding what “authority” meant, was it necessary, how much authority, differentiating authority from authoritarianism and many more stimulating discussions. Of course it was especially important to talk about “ authority” in terms of our training; which authority or authorities were involved in each one of us becoming a psychoanalyst.

In the EPF conference, Ipsos also had its own programme and our programme started on Wednesday with "Listening to listening workshop" with Haydee Faimberg (Paris Soc), Dieter Bürgin (Swiss Soc.) and Julia Alibert (Paris Soc.) presenting and Holger Himmighoffen (Swiss Soc.) moderating.

Then we had our Ipsos Opening Plenary on Thursday in which there was first a welcome and an introduction to the conference theme by Nergis Güleç IPSO Vice President for Europe (İstanbul Psychoanalytical Association), Holger Himmighoffen, IPSO President (Swiss Soc.), Gebhard Allert, President of the German Association, Ingo Focke, President of the German Society, Serge Frisch (EPF President) and Franziska Ylander (EPF Vice-President and Chair of the Scientific Committee).

This was followed by a very interesting paper presentation by Maren Holmes (German Assoc.) on ‘Paula Heimann and her relation to the German Psychoanalytic Association’. The session was moderated by Leonardo Siqueira IPSO President Elect (Minas Gerais Psychoanalytical Society) and it was possible to have a very lively discussion among the candidates about the psychoanalytical heritage of our societies, recognition of splits and how it affects all of us.

There were also four Ipsos supervisions during the conference; first we had a very interesting case presented by Eda Arduman (Psike İstanbul) to Ingo Focke (German Soc.) and Rocco de Filippis (Italian Soc.) moderating the session.

Then we had Liisi Graf (Estonian- Latvian Study Group) presenting her case to Giuseppe Citivarese (Italian Soc.), and the session was moderated by Ana Maria Martin Solar (Madrid Psychoanalytical Association).

Next, Vitor Branco (Portuguese Soc.) presented to Claudia Thussbass (German Assoc.) and the moderator was Evrem Tilki (İstanbul Psychoanalytical Association).

Finally, we had Camilla Giraudi (Italian Soc.) presenting to Michael Parsons (British Soc.) and the session was moderated by Artur Sousa (Portuguese Soc.).

All the Ipsos sessions were packed with participants and lively, stimulating discussions, so it was nice to see so many candidates interested. Also candidates' participation to the 29th EPF conference was the highest number reached, compared to any previous conferences, with around 200 candidates.

Last but not least, of course as always we had our famous Ipsos Party and this time it was in "Grüner Salon" with a lot of dancing, fun and socializing organized by Robert Span, Alice Färber and Sanja Hodzic.

Thank you all especially for distributing information regarding Ipsos programmes, for presenting, chairing, organizing, in short for your support and participation in IPSO.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Warmly,

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