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IPSO Newsletter

IPSO around the world



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Dear Colleagues,

This is a very special newsletter, my last one as IPSO President. With mix feelings of happiness and nostalgia.

As I review the last two years of this administration, I get surprised with all the achievements. When I began my term as President I planned three main goals: to improve IPSO's inreach as an organization for candidates, which includes sharing our news with IPA members, to collaborate in Psychoanalysis Outreach and to improve IPSO's working organization (reviewing procedures, bylaws and its internal functioning within the Executive Committee).

We improved our website, included Facebook as a worthy tool to keep candidates closer, and we are exchanging our newsletter with IPA members.

We included all of the Visiting Candidate Program (VCP) reports in our website. The VCP shows exactly what the IPSO spirit is about, international participation and exchange.

For the IPSO Congress in Prague, we have increased the amount of the IPSO Writing Award, from one for every region, to two, creating prizes for the runner ups so we will have six winning papers this year.

We continue actively collaborating with IPA, with candidates in IPA committees. As an example of this collaboration, the IPA/IPSO Standing Committee will present a Small Discussion Group in Prague about training and we will begin a research project that will be continued by the next administration.

Committed to a high level of training, we keep on offering discounted subscriptions for PEP-WEB and now also for the International Journal of Psychoanalysis for all our members.

Being aware of the high cost of traveling, especially for some candidates leaving in certain countries, we started to develop virtual conferences among different regions with very good results, encouraging and making candidates become "attracted" by the IPSO spirit! I hope you enjoy this "trip" around the world, reading all the different regional activities.

Soon we'll be enjoying Prague Congress, a Congress that has been especially designed to fulfill candidates' expectations.

Warm regards,
 Valeria Nader

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One can really say it is the year of Europe. In August, the 22nd IPSO and 48th IPA Congress are going to take place in the old continent, in Prague/Czech Republic and we are all very busy with the preparations for this event. In spite of this forthcoming very distinguished and important event the other events and meetings in Europe during the first half of this year have been very well attended by analysts in training. There is a very remarkable and promising development of an increasing number of IPSO members and colleagues in Europe who organize with great commitment IPSO activities of different sorts and kinds like the IPSO Study Day, the IPSO European meeting and special IPSO events during several psychoanalytical congresses and meetings throughout Europe. These are excellent opportunities to bring together analysts in training and senior analysts from different regions, continents and psychoanalytical backgrounds. We would like to thank our IPSO colleagues who do organize so many interesting events in connection with IPSO for their commitment to the IPSO idea!

We hope we can interest you in what IPSO can offer by informing you about IPSO activities in Europe in the last six months and forthcoming events in the second half of this year.

Past Events

IPSO Study Day in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, February 09-10, 2013 Title: “Understanding the Scene”: Szenisches Verstehen (Scenic Understanding), about a concept of psychoanalyst and patient performing together.

This event was organized by colleagues and IPSO members from the Frankfurt Psychoanalytic Institute. Psychoanalytic reasoning is flourishing in Frankfurt and is developed and studied here in unison and cooperation with the local Institute of Psychoanalysis. Focus of the meeting was the concept of “Szenisches Verstehen” (Understanding the Scene) elaborated simultaneously by the psychoanalysts Alfred Lorenzer and Hermann Argelander from Frankfurt in 1970. This concept is a basic one in the German psychoanalytic thinking. Thanks to the great efforts of the local organizers Inga Friedrich, Ewa Leban, Sarah Römisch and Katrin Schwind, 67 participants from 14 countries (Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, France, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Norway, Israel and Serbia) could take part in lectures and workshops by training analysts of the Frankfurt Psychoanalytic Institute (DPV): Werner Bohleber, Tomas Plänklers and Rotraut de Clerck. Werner Bohleber spoke about the evolution of psychoanalytic thinking in Germany from the origins of psychoanalysis to the 1970’s when Lorenzer and Argelander independently theorized the concept of “Szenisches Verstehen”. In those years, Frankfurt became the cradle of hermeneutic philosophy – or the art of interpretation - reaching its apex in Gadamer’s “Truth and Method” (1960). All this was of great impact in the German cultural and scientific debate in which



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psychoanalytic thinking developed during those years. Werner Bohleber concentrated mainly on Argelander’s work, to show how in this author’s view the “Scene” constitutes a way of communication in itself, and how it contributes with its own value besides the conscious and unconscious communications of both patient and analyst. Argelander’s “Szenisches Verstehen” (1970), becomes the Gestaltian background providing the structure that confers meaning to the communications, as the scene unconsciously reproduces constellations of childhood conflicts of the patient on which the transference develops. In following years other theorizations on the meaning of enactment or intersubjectivity contributed to clear the concept of “Szenisches Verstehen”. Tomas Plänklers discussed in his lecture “Understanding the psychoanalytic Scene and the Kleinian view of transference”, the conceptual changes that Melanie Klein had brought to Freud’s classic theory regarding the relationship between patient and analyst. He presented an interesting clinical vignette to highlight the Kleinian concepts in the clinical material and referred to Argelander and Lorenzer. The first in relation to the concept for which the patient’s ego is responsible for the internal analytic scene, the second being closer to the relational perspective. Rotraut De Clerck presented her work on “Scenic Understanding in Art and Literature”. In this case too, the concept of “Szenisches Verstehen” was explored and defined as a complex structure of conscious, unconscious, and pre-conscious elements that bring together different levels of understanding: perception, imagination (fantasy), phantasies, transference and counter-transference feelings. De Clerck thus showed how these concepts can be applied to interpretations of art, commenting Georges Perec’s, “La Disparition” (1969), a book written entirely by omitting the letter ‘e’. She described very touchingly the scenes that could have led the author to write this book. Finally, De Clerck distinguished the concept of transference and countertransference relationships from the concept of “Szenisches Verstehen”. The first one concerns the internal object relations and its correlated phantasies, the second one offers a double perspective focused on unconscious emotional experiences on one side and the world outside and the external context on the other.

During the afternoon Werner Bohleber, Tomas Plänklers, Rotraut De Clerck and Maria-Elisabeth Eckardt – another training analyst from Frankfurt - worked together with the candidates in clinical groups. Clinical cases were presented and the groups focused on the concept and relevance of “Szenisches Verstehen”. These supervision groups were characterized by a free and meaningful exchange amongst candidates in a non-judgmental and friendly environment. The result of what was discussed in the supervision groups was then presented in the final plenary session.

The day ended in a typical Frankfurt restaurant where we danced, socialized and exchanged ideas on our psychoanalytic training as well as on our view of psychoanalysis today. All in full IPSO spirit! On Sunday, a guided tour through the city of Frankfurt and a visit to the Museum of Modern Arts Frankfurt (MMK) was organized to close the weekend.

(We would like to thank our IPSO colleagues Irene Sarno, Barbara Giacon and Sergio Anastasia from Italy for their detailed report on the IPSO Study Day we could present here only in part.)

IPSO Program at the 26th EPF Annual Conference in Basel, Switzerland, March 20-24, 2013. Title: 'Formlessness: Deformation, Transformation'

In Basel, we were warmly welcomed by our colleagues. The local organization committee did its best to provide us with an excellent week with entertaining scientific and social events. Just as the year before, we offered IPSO workshops with the 'Listening to Listening' discussion method by Haydee Faimberg from Paris which were moderated by her and also by Dieter Bürgin, a training analyst from Basel. Besides these four workshops on Listening to Listening in French and English, we had four supervision groups during the EPF Conference. We had supervisors from Russia, the Netherlands, Finland and Switzerland and analysts in training from the Czech Republic, Russia, Belgium and Israel presenting their cases and making possible to get to know the psychoanalytic work and way of thinking of analysts and analysts in training from a great variety of different European countries and languages. In the opening plenary of the IPSO program Manuel Horlacher from Basel presented his paper with the title "Repression shapes". Although his paper was founded in theory, a lively discussion emerged in the audience after his presentation. On the Friday evening we had a great and enjoyable IPSO party, where the winner of the European Raffle for the IPA-IPSO Congress was chosen. Manuela Martelli from Italy was the lucky winner of a free registration for the IPA-IPSO Congress in Prague.



73rd Congress of the French Speaking Psychoanalysts (73e Congrès des Psychanalystes de Langue Française, CPLF), Paris, France, May 9-12, 2013, Topic: 'Le Paternel'

The French IPSO colleagues organized three supervision groups on May 11th during the Congress of the French Speaking Psychoanalysts in Paris. **Fourth Conference 'The Psychoanalyst at Work' organized by the International Journal of Psychoanalysis, the Moscow Psychoanalytic Society and the Bureau of Psychoanalytic Solutions, Moscow, Russia, May 17-19, 2013**

During this conference in Moscow an IPSO supervision group has been organized for candidates by IPSO members from Moscow with José Carlos Calich from Porto Alegre/Brazil as supervisor.

IPSO DAY IN ISTANBUL during the COWAP Conference at Bahçeşehir University, Beşiktaş Campus, Istanbul/Turkey, May 31-June 1 2013 Topic: HOMOSEXUALITIES



The IPSO group of the Istanbul Psychoanalytical Association organized an IPSO day with paper presentations on different aspects of homosexuality in the psychoanalytical theory and practice. As the Vice President-elect for Europe, Anna Mária Hansjürgens had the possibility to talk about IPSO in the opening session. As you might have read in the newspapers, these days have been difficult in Istanbul and Turkey in general.

On the first day just before the congress started a fellow candidate of ours Burcin Alsancak-Sonmez was buried. She was a young and gifted psychologist who had been ill for many years. In spite of this tragic event our colleagues gave us a special welcoming atmosphere and very interesting paper presentations. We were invited to a dinner party at the Fenerbachce Sailing Club where our colleagues from Istanbul showed us the "tastes of their culture". The candidates of the Istanbul Psychoanalytical Society were also very active during the COWAP congress, with lectures and case presentations. On Saturday noon the Bahcesehir University who had hosted the congress was evacuated. The peaceful protest in the city went on and our Turkish colleagues did everything to secure our way home. On Sunday, Anna was invited by Aysenur Aytekin at her home to discuss the future programs. Anna was told before about how the Turkish welcome their guests but she was surprised and impressed about their affection and care. In Anna Maria's words "I would like to thank my Turkish colleagues again and send my sympathy to the psychoanalysts in Istanbul who are living a much tormented time now".

Future Events

22nd IPSO Congress (in connection with the 48th IPA Congress), Prague, Czech Republic July 30 – August 3, 2013 Topic: 'Facing the Pain: Clinical Experience and the Development of Psychoanalytic Knowledge'

The next IPSO/IPA-Congress will take place in Prague/Czech Republic. With the main topic: 'Facing the Pain: Clinical Experience and the Development of Psychoanalytic Knowledge' this congress will offer a wide range of topics, but mainly aims to explore how analysts and patients face psychic pain in the clinical experience and how these encounters inform the ways we develop psychoanalytic theory and technique. Three major topics will be addressed during the congress: depression, disturbances of affect regulation and disruptions in the process of symbolization. The IPSO congress program begins on Tuesday, July 30th in the morning with a plenary session and with the IPSO Forum in the afternoon. The IPSO program will also include paper presentations, supervisions, Meet-the-Analyst sessions, peer

discussion groups, the IPSO Writing Award and the IPSO Business Meeting as well as the IPSO Dinner Party on Friday August 2nd. IPSO intends to provide a scientific and social environment where psychoanalytic candidates from all over the world can share their experiences of their training in order to enhance their theoretical and clinical knowledge in an atmosphere of mutual respect. The provisional program is already at the IPA website www.ipa.org.uk. You will be regularly informed by the IPA and IPSO about the congress, but you can also inform yourself on the Websites of the IPA and IPSO www.ipso-candidates.org.uk.

19th IPSO European Meeting, Warsaw/Poland, September 20-22, 2013 Topic: Time, Temporality and Tempo in Psychoanalysis

We are very pleased to be invited by our colleagues from Poland

to discuss this interesting topic on the weekend of September 20-22 in Warsaw. The deadline for abstract submission: 1st of July 2013 The deadline for registration :2nd of September 2013 For any questions concerning the congress, please contact the local organization committee: ipsowarsaw@gmail.com

As you can see many things have been accomplished and many are still pending as Projects. We hope we can continue counting with your presence and participation in order to achieve our goals in IPSO.

See you very soon!

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Latinamerica



Sylvia Pupo



Aura Lorenzo

Dear Colleagues,

We are approaching another international Congress, this time in Prague, in the Czech Republic, from July 30 to August 3, 2013. We will be repeating our rituals of meeting new people, strengthening bonds and electing a new Executive Committee with your votes.

For Latin America (LA) a new Vice President-Elect will start, as Aura Lorenzo from Mexico City will take over the role of Latin America's Vice President, occupied since Mexico in 2011 by Sylvia Pupo from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

As the seasons, it is time to change, to open space to the freshness of new ideas, to the letting go of the "leaves", until nature is ready again to flourish. This fertile soil received some important seeds; let's look back and see what we have germinated, so we can go ahead and grow. It is time for reflection.

In these two years, IPSO Latin America took part in many memorable occasions and we hope that you will also be able to evoke these good memories of "meeting the other" and "enjoy the differences", as we do.

The 2013 IPSO Latin American participation began in **January (14-18)** with the **IPSO clinical discussion group** at the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) Congress in New York City where the clinical material was presented by Graciela Hoyos, IPSO Editor from Colombia and commented by Aura Lorenzo also from Latin America (Latin America's Vice President-Elect, Mexico) and discussing the material from Europe, Holger Himmighoffen (Europe's Vice President, Switzerland) and from North America was Michael Garfunkel, (NYC). Deisy Boscan (North America's Vice President, San Diego) chaired the group.

We also took part at the **OCAL's Candidates Meeting of Mexican Candidates** at the Psychoanalytical Society of Guadalajara on **March 26**. There was an important discussion about the need to

preserve psychoanalysis as a revolutionary and transgressive way of thinking, and how we sometimes forget about this. Fernando Anguiano, our new IPSO representative, followed the encounter closely.

We attended to the **2nd Candidates' Meeting in Belo Horizonte**, organized by Lucas Santos, Alessia Ducasse and Leonardo Siqueira from the Minas Gerais this last May 3rd and 4th.



This study group was a great exchange experience and an important opportunity for expanding their contacts as an incipient group.

Last, but not least, we participated in Rio de Janeiro on **May 18** in the **First Brazilian Candidates' Meeting**, organized by the **Brazilian Candidates' Association, ABC**.

Brazilian candidates are separated by long distances and by marked regional differences, and to establish a closer communication among these candidates has been the work of this directory of the ABC. Joselane Campagna, Odette Koltermann, Thalita Gabbino and Deise Comparin from Mato Grosso do Sul Institute, have been doing a great job and invite

you to the joint **Candidates' Congress** with the **XXIV Brazilian Congress of Psychoanalysis (September 25– 28) in Campo Grande, M. Sul**. Many activities for analysts in training have been planned, and a special party for all. Candidates from various Latin American countries will join this important activity.

The Pantanal is also a region known for its natural beauties that can be enjoyed also by the participants.
<http://febrapsi.org.br/congresso>

IPSO's Virtual Presence

Continuing the spirit of *outreach* of expanding and connecting different cultures, **Skype and video conferences** were held among some groups of analysts in training in LA. We started with two conferences in December 2012 with great success and a wish for more.

With great enthusiasm, an **academic exchange begun among candidates** of 2 Societies in Mexico City – SPM (Psychoanalytic Society of Mexico) and APM, the Mexican Psychoanalytic Society, and the ones from ILAP (Latin American Institute of Psychoanalysis), Guillermo Ruano and Jessica Salgado (IPSO reps), that have been a constant presence in our activities. IPSO hopes to continue sharing this fruitful collaboration with all of them. On **December 2, 2012**, the project: *Building Bridges* began with the Skype conference, **"Psychoanalysis in Latin America and Spain: IPSO Candidates' View"** put together candidates to discuss their experiences regarding psychoanalytic training and differences inside Latin America and in Europe. Participants: Elizabeth Haworth (Peru), Guillermo Ruano (I LAP, Honduras), Félix Lalanne (Madrid), Miguel Perlado (Barcelona) and Juliana Oelsner (Argentina) and the moderator was Aura Lorenzo (Mexico).

The Skype **Cine debate ILAP / PSIMEF / IPSO *** happened on **January 26, 2013**. This event was organized among Mexican institutes, included Honduras and Ecuador. **Comments on the movie, Coraline, regarding Melanie Klein's (1946) paper: "Notes on some schizoid mechanisms"** were made by Gabriel Hernandez and Sabina Alazraky (PSIMEF) and Aura Lorenzo (SPM)

Preserving the Differences, Exchanging Similarities

Europe, here we go!

This new project aims to put together same language speaking candidates in Portuguese and Spanish and its variations. The sharing of linguistic heritages but with very different cultural backgrounds allows very interesting exchanges, leading to an expansion of the Latin American thought to Europe and vice-versa, bringing thinkers together.

Going in this direction, the **"First Clinical Videoconference Brazil-Portugal "** happened on **December 4, 2012**, with an interesting clinical discussion among participants from Lisbon, Sao Paulo, Campinas, Ribeirao Preto, Recife and Maceio (all in Brazil). Renato Pordeus was the presenter and Dr *Jorge Camara*, analyst of the Portuguese Society of Psychoanalysis and Elena Tomasel, from Porto Alegre made very interesting comments, with a lively participation from the audience. Leda Hermann, director of Sao Paulo Institute, kindly toasted us with some words for this first opening.

The **Second Clinical Videoconference Brazil-Portugal** on **March 19 2013**, had the opening of Gleda Araujo, President of FEBRAPS (Brazilian Federation of Psychoanalysis), clinical material from Sofia Rocha Vieira, Lisbon Institute, and comments by Bernardo Tanis, analyst, Editor of the Brazilian Review of Psychoanalysis and Associate Member of the São Paulo Society and Miguel Pinto Barros, from the same Institute. Participation:

Lisbon, São Paulo, Porto Alegre, Brasília, Aracaju and Pelotas.

Spanish speaking conferences among Latin American and Spanish speaking colleagues are being planned for the **second semester** of this year, inside a project called **Building Bridges** that aims also to include North America, with the collaboration of our international Vice Presidents.

June 22-2013 will be the **Third Clinical Videoconference Conference Brazil/ Portugal**, the last of this semester. Petruska Passos from the Aracaju Psychoanalytical Nucleus is thrilled to present some clinical material. Comments by Alexandra Coimbra (Lisbon) Erika Reimann (Brasília) and Isabel Silveira (Campinas), Sao Paulo, Porto Alegria (SPPA) and Pelotas will be connected at the same time.

The feedback about the conferences have been very positive, with all participants sharing a feeling of belonging and circulation of knowledge. These kinds of meetings are also a way to be exposed to new perspectives and theories, of creating an international *working group*. Far away but so closely identified!

Ask your IPSO representative about how to organize or take part in a virtual conference. We are refining our instruments to be able to expand it to the entire IPSO community.

From L.A. to the world – The Visiting Candidate Program Is there any Institute you would like to know? Some analysts? Some countries? Even in your own country? How is the psychoanalytical life outside our "homes"? These are all reasons to apply and participate in the program, but the main reason is that **learning can be fun!**

As you will read in the VCP report this semester we had four Latin American candidates participating in the program and traveling abroad. For a detailed description of the experiences, some of the reports are already at the website

www.ipso-candidates.org.uk

Prague – Are you attending?

The congress will be conducted mainly in English but for those who need help with the language, there will be some papers presented in Spanish, French and German and we will be there also to assist you if you need.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude towards our reps, for the commitment and valuable work and to all those who took their time to share something with IPSO. Through the interest of our members we can keep Latin America in the loop – offering ideas and being refueled by new ones.

Please, if we don't go to you, come to us with your projects and ideas; we can make it happen.

We hope that you've enjoyed the ride as much as we have!

Best wishes,
Sylvia Pupo and Aura Lorenzo

North America



Deisy Boscán

Dear IPSOers,

We are ready for Prague and we hope you are too!

We have prepared lots of exciting opportunities for knowledge exchange, networking and community development through social activities with IPSO members from all over the world. We would like to share some of the highlights of the last 6 months of our working in North American region (which comprises the U.S., Canada, Korea, Japan and China).

IPSO clinical discussion group, American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA) Winter Meeting, New York, U.S.A., 14-18 January 2013.

This clinical discussion group opens, officially, every year the activities from the North American region. This year Graciela Hoyos, IPSO Editor from Colombia presented the clinical material which was commented by Aura Lorenzo (Latin America's Vice President-Elect, Mexico), Holger Himmighoffen (Europe's Vice President, Switzerland) and Michael Garfunkel (analyst in training from New York Psychoanalytic Institute). Deisy Boscán (North America's Vice President, San Diego), chaired the discussion.



Clinical Working Parties, New York U.S.A., 1-2 March 2013

On March 1st and 2nd, 2013, Marco Posadas had the opportunity to attend the Clinical Working Party on the "Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today" to continue building a relationship with that working party committee and actively participate as a candidate. We hope to build a collaborative relationship with the working parties committees of the IPA to expand the possibilities for candidates to participate in these amazing learning opportunities in the future. This working party happened at the New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and organized in collaboration with IPSO to make these working parties available for candidates.

There were also 2 spots available for candidates per working party in addition to the working party targeted to candidates. The candidates were well received, and it was inspiring to see how well we shared the same struggles and passion for the analytic process. The Working Party on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic



Marco Posadas

Treatment Today is a research method based on an analogical relation between the analytic sessions and their narration. The Working Party has found that owing to the associative thinking of analysts working together, the clinical research group functions as a magnifying echo of the transference-countertransference relation between patient and analyst. We would like to thank Drs. Bill Glover and Margaret Ann FitzPatrick-Hanly for their support in providing spaces for candidates in the working parties and to Drs. Ronnie Shaw and Philippe Valon for their active involvement and for making sure that candidates participate in these events. Please stay tuned for more information regarding clinical working parties that will be happening in North America and Latin America in 2014.

On 8th – 9th March 2013, IPSO presented its 3rd North American Conference. Entitled "Journeys in Psychoanalysis: The Clinical Experience on Three Continents," the conference was held at the School of Medicine, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), on the campus located in La Jolla, California.

Deisy C. Boscán, PhD, IPSO Vice President for North America who served as conference chair, initiated the conference recognizing that while psychoanalysis was developed in Vienna and London in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries by Sigmund Freud as an outgrowth of social issues impacting life in Europe at the time, as the field has matured and grew, not only in Europe but also, in North and South America, the three continents are quite active in the field today. Local culture and traditions have defined and molded the treatment approaches in each of those geographic regions. The aim of the conference was to discuss that aside from learning the science and art of the field, it is important for candidates to understand how the practice varies as the result of many sociological conditions, including geography and life conditions, and to better grasp the impact of those variances. Finally, the Conference, being held for the first time in San Diego, enabled candidates as well as some practicing analysts in the western US states and western Canadian provinces to glimpse the wider aspects of the field and to develop a closer tie with other colleagues from other places.

With those considerations in mind, three of the most preeminent leaders in psychoanalysis today were invited as discussants: Professor Peter Fonagy of University College, London and CEO of the Anna Freud Center, London; Dr. Daniel Jacobs of Harvard Medical School and a Training Analyst of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute; and Dr. Virginia Unger, Training Analyst, Argentinean Psychoanalytic Institute, Buenos Aires. The discussants commented on four outstanding case studies presented by IPSO candidates: Dr. Carlos Almeida from New York City; Dr. Cuneyt Iscan from Boston; Dr. Holly Johnston from Chicago; and Dr. Barbara Mosbacher, from Houston.

The Conference was co-sponsored by UCSD, IPA and the San Diego Psychoanalytic Society and Institute (SDPSI). SDPSI faculty

members Dr. Lee S. Jaffe (current SDPSI President), Dr. Nadine Levinson (who also served as Conference Advisor) and Dr. Alan S. Sugarman, served as session chairs. Dr. Sugarman also presented an outstanding summary of the proceedings.



The Conference had more than 120 participants, Debra Zatz, IPSO President Elect and Marco Posadas, Vice president elect from North America, who not only heard thoughtful presentations and fascinating commentaries, but, over the breaks with meals and coffee, were able to reach out to fellow members of the field and other interested stakeholders creating new connections. Attendants claimed that the Conference provided dimensions of psychoanalysis that they had not previously recognized.

IPSO at the 39th Congress of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, Vancouver, Canada 7 – 8 June 2013

This year the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society (CPS) congress was in Vancouver, BC with key note presentations from Michael Parsons (Training Analyst of the British Psychoanalytical Society and a member of the French Psychoanalytic Association) and Mary Brady (San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis). 4th year candidate, Marco Posadas (Toronto Institute of Psychoanalysis and IPSO Vicepresident-elect for North America) presented his analytic work with marginalized populations in the clinical encounter with Michael Parsons as the main discussant. Marco had the opportunity to introduce to the candidates the future IPSO activities including the next IPSO Congress and the many activities we have prepared for it. Candidates from Seattle, San Francisco and other branches of the Canadian Institute were actively involved in planning future IPSO events in the NA region.

As we gear to our congress in Prague please stay tuned for more opportunities for networking and leaning in the next year. Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation in all our events in the region. Definitely, we are working together to carve a space in North America and foster a strong presence in the region. Thank you to all the candidates for their passion and efforts in making psychoanalysis more visible in our region.

Warm Regards,

Deisy Boscan and Marco Posadas

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Treasurer



Amelia Casas

While writing this column I realize that we are just few weeks away from the next IPSO/IPA Congress, to be held in the wonderful and magic city of Prague. I also realize that it was almost four years ago, when I was elected as IPSO Treasurer for the first time and I would like to start by thanking you all for your trust in me during these years and for your wonderful cooperation. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as an IPSO Officer; to serve to you, my friends and colleagues; and to work with all the members of both Executive Committees.

IPSO has grown and has become stronger along these years. Since the year that it was created until this year, our membership, our activities and our frontiers have spread through out the globe, and our Organization has become more solid. In my last report I presented you the number of our members along the past four years. Let me just remind you of the basic figures:

YEAR/REGION	2009	2010	2011	2012
EUROPE	1189	1290	1316	1188
LATINAMERICA	583	583	561	610
NORTHAMERICA	517	679	690	683
TOTAL	2289	2552	2567	2481

During this past year IPSO welcomed new members from countries that had not belong to our Organization before, or had not been part of it for quite some time. Please let us all welcome our colleagues from Ecuador, Norway, Poland, South Africa and Turkey. Every country that has an IPA psychoanalytic group or Institute has, or has had an IPSO member during the past three years!!!! Our challenge is to bring back candidates from those few countries and Institutes that are not active members of IPSO at the moment, we sincerely believe that every IPA candidate should benefit from the magic of the IPSO friendship and from all of IPSO's benefits.

This magic shall be present in Prague, a city grounded right in the heart of Europe, filled by history and legends. One of my favorite legends of the city of Prague is the Legend of the Golem. This legend belongs to the 16th Century, and talks about a Golem that was created by a Rabbi to protect the Jewish people of Prague that were attacked and lived in fear. What I have understood from the legend is that the Golem could protect the citizens as long as the word "emet", meaning truth, was placed on his forehead, but when it was changed to the word "met", meaning death, its powers were destroyed.

Certainly I do not visualize candidates as "citizens being attacked", but I do visualize IPSO as a Golem that has the word truth placed in its forehead, since truth and loyalty to our members and our profession has always been our inspiration. We all share common ideals, we believe in psychoanalysis and we all want it to spread and benefit "the world". I visualize us candidates united as the Golem.

Prague's encounter shall be one more opportunity to build this Golem, it becomes stronger whenever we meet, whenever we get together, the many more candidates that are together the stronger we become. The numbers for our Congress look very promising. Comparing the statistics of the past three Congresses this is our actual situation:

CONGRESS	No OF CANDIDATES
BERLIN	359
CHICAGO	300
MEXICO CITY	274
PRAGUE (two months before the Congress)	272!!!!!!

Let me invite you once again to join us at the Congress, you still have plenty of time to Sing Up for it!!! We are waiting for all of

you, and we are hoping that all candidates attending the Congress will be able to attend IPSO's LUNCH on Tuesday 30th, an invitation from IPSO to all our members (in order to attend the lunch you have to register online when you register for the Congress).

And on Friday night, August 2nd, IPSO's Magic will be at its most during IPSO's PARTY, a night to remember at the Vltava River, with great food, music and company (registration also at IPA's website).

Candidates, let us celebrate our profession and our friendship. See you in Prague!!!

Amelia Casas

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Visiting Candidate Program (VCP)



Debra Zatz

Applications for visits have slowed down a bit these past few months. Perhaps many candidates are planning to attend the IPSO Congress in Prague!

Graciela Hoyos (Colombian Institute of Psychoanalysis), IPSO's Editor, completed a visit to the IPE (Institute for Psychoanalytic Education) in New York City. She wrote a descriptive report of the activities and her experience. I will share parts of it with you now, and you can read the complete report on the IPSO Website. Susan Fine, the IPSO Rep at IPE, wrote a piece on the VCP from the rep's perspective, as well. Daniela Linciano, from Milan, told us also about how valuable was her experience, hosting Elena Tomasel, a Latin American Candidate on her first European IPSO VCP.

Graciela Hoyos writes in detail about the classes and supervisions she attended, the people she met and the social events that Susan planned for her visit. It is impossible to add it all here, but here are some of her closing remarks:

"As you may have noticed throughout the report, many people participated actively in making my visit a very fruitful one. Susan Fine did a great job in planning and networking so I could get deeply involved with the dynamics of their training and also provide the opportunity for the Institute's candidates and instructors to benefit from my presence in the seminars. At the end of the visit, I was very impressed how rigorous and systematic is the training on the teaching of the theory of conflict and its interpretation in the analytic situation and the seminars gave me a good perspective of the classic psychoanalytic ego psychology approach. In addition to academics, there was significant space dedicated to meet colleagues and also for some wonderful cultural activities within the wide range offered by the city.

At this point, a month after ending the VCP, I believe it has been

a very valuable experience and I recommend to you all to consider carrying it out as a complement of the training process. The exchange occurs in many levels and makes it a very enriching experience"

And I strongly encourage you all to read her complete report on the website!

In the words of IPE IPSO Rep, Susan Fine:

"We've hosted candidates from Athens, Toronto, Stuttgart and Cali, Colombia and I've had the privilege of meeting these bright, interesting, fun people who are now my friends. We continue to keep in touch and to learn from each other due to our different experiences with psychoanalysis and culture. I like bringing something to my institute that is generated by candidates and thought of as a valuable contribution by everyone involved. It's been fun getting to know people on the IPSO Executive Committee through our work together on the VCP.

What Contributes to a Successful Visit?

In addition to the basic requirements (see website), I arrange time for the visitor to talk with IPE candidates, beyond sitting in on classes. Sometimes this is over a meal, but it could be over coffee, too. I spend as much time as I can with the visitor, so that the candidate does not feel left on their own."

And, Daniela Linciano, on hosting a candidate:

"It was a great experience for me to host in my home Elena Tomasel who made in Italy her first VCP (her second was in Lisbon). For me she is my Brazilian sister now! To share different experiences in the way we see psychoanalysis was rich for both of us. I thank IPSO for this opportunity so that I would say that this is the "IPSO GENEROUS WAY OF BEING!"

This semester Elena Tomasel, from Institute of Porto Alegre

Psychoanalytical Society (Brazil), made her second VCP to "Instituto Psicanálise de Lisboa".

Juliana Oelsner from Psychoanalytic Association of Buenos Aires (APdeBA) visited the "Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California" (PINC) in January.

Ana Luisa Wolf from the Institute of Porto Alegre Psychoanalytical Society (Brazil) visited the Paris Psychoanalytical Society [Société Psychanalytique de Paris] (SPP) in January.

Ana Alba Mafra from the Sociedade de Psicanálise de Brasília visited the British Psychoanalytical Society (BPS)

In July, Renato Pordeus from the Instituto de Psicanálise da

Sociedade Psicanalítica do Recife (Brasil), will make a visit to the Institute of Psychoanalysis of the British Psychoanalytic Society on his way to Prague.

We are happy to inform that the Institute Psychoanalytische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Köln/Düsseldorf has been added to our list of Institutes that you are able to visit!

The IPSO Executive Committee wants to extend their thanks and gratitude to the IPSO Reps at these institutes for all of their effort and work in planning very successful visits for their colleagues!! We hope the experience has inspired you to plan a visit of your own.

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Editor



Graciela Hoyos

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Since this is the last newsletter under my position, I would like to tell you a little of what has been the experience of being IPSO Editor, the achievements during these two years, and my thanks to all who have contributed to my work making it a very satisfactory experience.

In IPSO Congress Mexico 2011, at the business meeting, I mentioned that I had been attracted to participate in IPSO, and run for Editor, when I had the opportunity of having a friendly and professional meeting with Amelia Casas, Sylvia Pupo, Valeria Nader, Luisa Marino and Deisy Boscan when they attended the FEPAL / OCAL congress 2010 in Bogotá, Colombia. The possibility of a permanent exchange with colleagues from other parts of the world, with many differences and even more similarities, was then and still is what encourages me to work in IPSO and for IPSO.

The action domain of the Editor is vast and constant: publications and communications. I received from my colleague and friend Denise Goldfang, her enthusiasm and good ideas to start my time in IPSO. As former Editor, she delivered a new website designed and ready to be fed with lots of relevant information for IPSO members and which thanks to the constant support of our administrative assistant, Karina Gutierrez, has been improving and becoming a valuable resource of information for IPSO and its members regarding its bylaws, its programs and activities. For those who still have not visited it, I invite you to use it at www.ipso-candidates.org.uk

Another important responsibility has been editing the IPSO semiannual newsletters which thanks to the collaboration of many we can bring to you all the information relevant to our activities during the semester. Here I want to especially thank my colleagues from the Executive Committee who made their reports dutifully, to Susan Fine and Maria Eugenia Liévano who have collaborated in the revision of the texts in English and Spanish respectively and again, very especially to Karina who makes the design and assembly of texts.

In our Executive Committee meeting in January 2013 in New York, we adopted a number of initiatives in the Editorial field and I'm sure that will greatly benefit the IPSO community. First, given that IPSO's most important academic event is its Biennial Congress, there shall be two newsletters exclusively dedicated to it. In the first, general information is provided prior to the Congress. The second will serve as a junction between outgoing and incoming Editor, with comprehensive coverage of what happened at the Congress so that we leave a record for the future and allow those who could not attend to have an idea of what it was like.

Another initiative was adopted to foster the relationship with the International Journal of Psychoanalysis (IJP) in three areas: a) Include in the next Congress IPSO - Prague a writing workshop exclusive for IPSO members conducted by Catherine Humble, Executive Editor of the IJP. This workshop aims to promote high quality writing among the candidates through the discussion and which aspects to include in a paper for it to be considered for publication in an indexed journal like the IJP. Those interested in participating in the workshop can register with me at ipso-editor@ipso-candidates.org.uk b) In the same line of promoting writing, IPSO members is to promote reading. IPSO and IJP now have an agreement for its members to subscribe to IJP with a very important discount. For \$ 85 dollars IPSO members, candidates and recent graduates may have the six annual printed volumes and online access to the Journal until 2001. To initiate the process, contact Karina Gutierrez at ipso-mail@ipso-candidates.org.uk c) Finally, recently the IJP Editor in chief, Dana Birksted-Breen told us about the creation of the new Essay Award of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis 2013 for candidates and IPA members graduated within the last five years. You can check the conditions of participation in our website in Prizes and Awards.

Finally, we are in the process of editing our IPSO Journal 2013, in digital format, which will include the work of the colleagues that will be presenting during the IPSO Congress Plenary and the

winners of the IPSO Writing Awards 2013, an interesting interview conducted with the outgoing and incoming presidents of the IPA Charles Hanly and Stefano Bolognini, and a very special tribute to the recently deceased Betty Joseph.

See you soon.

Warmly,

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Registration and accommodation bookings for next IPA/IPSO Congress in Prague (July 2013) are still open, have a look on this page <http://www.ipso-candidates.org.uk/2013/04/how-to-register-to-the-congress> to learn how can you complete your booking online and get the €40 discount by doing so. You can book a ticket for IPSO lunch and/or IPSO dinner when you first register to the congress, if you have registered already and would like to add a ticket please contact me on IPSO-Mail@ipso-candidates.org.uk

We are continuously maintaining the database and with the wonderful help from IPSO Reps and from all of you it is kept up to date. In order to receive mailings from us you need to be listed in our database, if you are not sure that we have your latest information please send an email to me on IPSO-Mail@ipso-candidates.org.uk also would be helpful to add this email to your address book within your email provider as you could be missing out special events if you do not get our emails.

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Best wishes,

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To find more information about IPSO news and events, please visit us in our website www.ipso-candidates.org.uk and to follow us and participate in Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/InternationalPsychoanalyticalStudiesOrganization>

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

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