



# IPSO

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Dear Colleagues,

It is really a pleasure to write to you, again. It's been quite some time since the 21st IPSO Congress took place in Mexico City, this time was necessary for us to work through intense emotions and warm and affectionate encounters with analysts-in-training.

Our Congress was held daily from August 2nd to 6th and organized together with the 47th IPA Congress: "Exploring Core Concepts: Sexuality, Dreams and the Unconscious". The number of participants was larger than the last Congress, congregating more than 2000 people and a huge group of Psychology Students who gave the Congress a greater vitality than usual. IPSO had an active candidates' participation from all over the world: India, Argentina, Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico, United States, Canada, Italy, Russia, China, Spain, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary.

As part of its tradition, IPSO began the Congress with a full day of activities for candidates. We began the IPSO Day by hearing the three most highly scored papers, one from each region. The papers selected clearly showed what IPSO represents: multicultural exchange among colleagues-in-training. Jessica Salgado, from Honduras, representing Latin America, presented a valuable paper that described her own experience of being in a shuttle analysis, the difficulty of doing a psychoanalytic training without an established institute and the ambivalence inherent in this situation. Drew Tillotson, representing North America, has been interested in psychoanalysis in Asia, and he proposed an audacious concept to build bridges between the cultural differences in the East and West. He's called it, Transcultural Intersubjectivity. The other plenary paper was the one presented by Vsevolod Agarkov, from Russia, who represented Europe. His paper focussed on the concept of trauma and was based on contemporary authors on the subject. He used a clinical vignette to get a deeper understanding of the discussed topic.

During the afternoon, the IPSO Forum was organized around an issue that commands high interest: multicultural perspectives on frame, setting and ethic. The introduction given by the organizers was followed by a discussion in small groups, with a final exposition for all the participants, comparing differences and similarities of what was learned in the groups. Our colleagues were able to work and think in a vital and free atmosphere where experiences could be shared.

We are glad to tell you that we gave the 2nd IPSO Writing Award. The prize-winning papers were: The Importance of the Countertransference Dream in Psychoanalytic Treatment: a Clinical Case (Aura Lorenzo, Mexico); A Fox and a little Girl: Candidates, Patients and Their Needs (Laura Ravaoli, Italy); Thinking Psychoanalytically in Highly Sexualized Environments: a Therapeutic Intervention in Toronto's Male Bathhouses. (Marco Posadas, Canada). Denise Goldfajn, past IPSO Editor in chief, chaired the panel, where the winning candidates showed their works and commented on the challenges of analysts-in-training and the importance of having a space to work through and process our work through writing. The results of this exchange have been very important, not only to listen to the work of colleagues from different IPA regions, but also in comparing differences in training and the culture of different Institutes and in fostering and building a sense of community among candidates. You can find the winning papers in our website: [www.ipso-candidates.org.uk](http://www.ipso-candidates.org.uk)

Another famous prize that was given was the Tyson Award: which winner was Dr. Daniela Linciano (Italy) with her paper: "To Act and to Enact, This is Not a Problem". The two runner-up papers were from Alejandro Beltrán (Mexico): "When Parents Want Their Child Ill" and the Argentinean colleague who is training in Spain, Demian Ruvinsky, "Augusto, a Development of an Analytic Process". Congratulations!

The IPSO spirit of the integration of diverse ways of thinking and cultures, was noticed during the whole Congress and even the idiomatic differences became a challenge to go through. During

supervisions and the IPSO/OCAL discussion group, all participants and presenters made great efforts to make themselves understood in diverse tongues, both mother tongues and theoretical tongues. This resulted in an emotional experience that exceeded the merely academic objectives, letting us learn from the experience and leaving the activity transformed. We had four highly trained supervisors: Robert Pyles (USA) who worked with the Mexican candidate Maricarmen Gonzalez, Norberto Marucco (Argentina) who supervised case material from Debra Zatz, Washington, Vincenzo Bonaminio (Italy) helped us think about a child case given by Carmen Cuenca from Mexico and Ricardo Bernardi (Uruguay) worked with Donna Fromberg from Boston.

The IPSO/OCAL Discussion Group was very interesting. Constanza Aranguren from Colombia, on behalf of OCAL (Latin-American Candidates' Organization), presented case material which was discussed by Jhuma Basak from India and Deisy Boscán, USA. Once again, the effort of trying to transmit the culture, the use of language and the way of thinking about the material was evidenced. The experience resulted in a warm and harmonic working atmosphere.

Two major international psychoanalytic figures accepted our proposal of "Meet the Analyst": Edna O'Shaughnessy (British Psychoanalytic Society) and Marcelo Viñar (Uruguayan Psychoanalytic Association). Dr. O'Shaughnessy kindly offered us some clinical vignettes to show us how she reaches and thinks about case material and the patient. She also shared with the audience her ideas about candidates' training. Meanwhile, Dr. Viñar, captured the participants with his opinions about the tripod training, his social commitment and his ways of understanding violence and the sources of violent acts.

As in all of our Congresses, we had our Business Meeting where IPSO President Luisa Marino, together with Regional Vice Presidents: Drew Tillotson (North America), Adela Escardó (Latin America) and Eva Reichelt (Europa), and Amelia Casas (Perú), Treasurer, gave us their reports about these last two years. Valeria Nader, President-Elect, talked about the increasing number of Institutes participating in the Visiting Candidates' Program, and the increasing number of candidates' exchanges in the last two years. Denise Goldfajn, IPSO Editor in chief, shared good news regarding the updating and changes to our website. You can access it by following this link: [www.ipso-candidates.org.uk](http://www.ipso-candidates.org.uk). Part of our Executive Committee was renewed as these new officers were elected: Debra Zatz (USA) as President-Elect, Aura Lorenzo (Mexico) as Vice-President Elect for Latin America, Anna Maria Hansjürgens (Hungary) as Vice-President Elect for Europe, Marco Posadas (Canada) as Vice-President Elect for North America, Amelia Casas (Peru) as Treasurer (second term) and Graciela Hoyos (Colombia) as Editor in chief. To all of them: Welcome!

This Congress has been very special for IPSO as we were celebrating our 40th anniversary! To do so, and following IPSO traditions, we organized our IPSO Party at Arroyo Restaurant with a warm welcome of Mariachis and traditional Mexican dancing. We would like to thank the Local Arrangement Committee and Aura Lorenzo, for making the necessary arrangements in organizing the Congress and all the candidates of the three IPA Associations in Mexico City - Psychoanalytic Society of Mexico, Mexican Psychoanalytic Association and Mexican Association for the Practice, Research and Teaching of the Psychoanalysis, who made us feel very welcome.

We hope this new Executive Committee will honour their predecessors who worked very hard to make IPSO more organized and consistent. Many thanks to Luisa Marino, Drew Tillotson, Eva Reichelt, Adela Escardó and Denise Goldfajn.

Warm greetings from the new IPSO Executive Committee,

**Valeria Nader**, *President (Argentina)*

**Debra Zatz**, *President-Elect (USA)*

**Holger Himmighoffen**, *Vice President for Europe (Switzerland)*

**Anna Maria Hansjürgens**, *Vice President-Elect for Europe (Hungary)*

**Deisy Boscán**, *Vice President for North America (USA)*

**Marco Posadas**, *Vice President-Elect for North America (Canada)*

**Sylvia Pupo Netto**, *Vice President for Latin America (Brazil)*

**Aura Lorenzo**, *Vice President-Elect for Latin America (Mexico)*

**Amelia Casas**, *Treasurer (Peru)*

**Graciela Hoyos**, *Editor-in-chief (Colombia)*