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IPSO Elections 2017

Presentations of candidates running for office in the IPSO Executive Committee 2017 to 2019

Dear IPSO members

The **elections for the new IPSO ExCom 2017 to 2019** will take place at the **IPSO Business Meeting during the IPSO/IPA Congress in Buenos Aires on Thursday, July 27, 2017** from 16.00 to 18.00 hours.

The positions that can be run for are the President-Elect and the three Vice Presidents-Elect for the regions Latin America, Europe and North America. We have one candidate running for each of the positions – with the exemption of the Vice President-Elect for Latin America, where we have two candidates running. Below you find the presentations of the candidates running for office.

For those IPSO members who can't be present at the IPSO Business Meeting and give their vote there, we have the possibility to vote by mail (see instructions on the ballot).

Thanks for your participation!

Best wishes

Holger Himmighoffen
IPSO President

Leonardo Siqueira
IPSO President-Elect

Running for **President-Elect** is:

Kathryn **McCormick** (USA)

I'm a psychotherapist in private practice in Seattle, and a 7th year candidate at the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute (SPSI) in both the Child and Adolescent, and Adult Training Program.

I have served as past Treasurer Elect of the Clinical and Academic Associates Organization (CAAO), and was a CAAO representative member of the Child Analytic Department at SPSI. In July 2017, I will complete my four year term as IPSO Vice President of North America, and I'm very pleased we are close to launching our first IPSO Child Cross Regional Study Group (Child CRSG)!

I'm bilingual (English and Spanish) and additionally have clinical experience working with tribal communities including the Coastal Salish tribes (specifically Tulalip Tribes), native Spanish speakers, and those from Spanish speaking and other under-served communities. I have done extensive clinical work in the areas of attachment, trauma, domestic violence, neglect, abuse, grief and loss, complex trauma, and intergenerational grief and loss.

As the Administrative Clinical Supervisor for the Tulalip Tribes' Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy (BJTELA), I feel honored to have received support of both the tribes and Gilbert Kliman, MD, to have launched the psychoanalytically informed and mentalizing Reflective Network Therapy (RNT) Program.

RNT serves high needs preschoolers (neglect, abuse, trauma, and/or developmental delays) and their caregivers/parents: <http://www.childrenspsychologicalhealthcenter.org/rnt/benefits/>

If elected to serve as IPSO President-Elect, I look forward to ongoing and expanded cross regional collaboration amongst all our candidates, renewed interest, excitement and involvement of our IPSO benefits including our VCPs and CRSGs, greater collaboration with our fourth IPA region of Asia, and increased networking and involvement of child candidates.

Running for **Vice President-Elect Latin America** are:

Cláudia Cristina **Antonelli** (Brazil) and Silvia Raquel **Acosta** (Argentina)

Cláudia Cristina **Antonelli** (Brazil)

Dear IPSO friends,

I present myself to you as a candidate to run for Vice President-Elect for Latin America in the next elections to take place at the IPA Congress in Buenos Aires this coming July.

I was born in Sao Paulo, moved to Europe at the age of 18 where I lived 8 years and later on to New York where I lived 2 years more (while building a background in Foreign Languages and Culture at the United Nations - I am fluent in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, languages that I also use in my daily work).

Besides this linguistic and cultural background, I am a Psychologist specialized in Mental Health with a Master in Clinical Psychology (Psychoanalytical method), currently in training at the IPA Sponsoring Study Group of Campinas (Gep-Campinas, SP, Brazil), at the 4th year of training analysis and 3rd of seminars. I am also a representative of my group itself (at the institution) as well as to the OCAL instance (Latin America Candidates Organization).

Psychoanalytical training matters are of the most interest to me, as well as Cross-cultural ones. My intention with this position in case of my election is **to learn possibilities of tightening the bounds with our colleagues around the world's IPA institutions**, while closely working with Giuliana Farfán, our next Vice President for Latin America, along with the entire team of the next IPSO Ex-Com.

I convey that it'd be an honor and a privilege for me to help represent my Latin American fellow candidates within other groups of representatives, while sharing the very same interest we all have: the best for us during Psychoanalytical training, this very important moment of our lives.

I've met some of you at the FEPAL congress in Cartagena and some in São Paulo National Congress (FEBRAPSI). To all I have or even have not met yet (which I hope to do soon), I send my best regards and wishes of support.

Truly yours,
Cláudia

Cláudia Cristina Antonelli

Silvia Raquel **Acosta** (Argentina)

I'm from Argentina, I'm 45 years old and have three children. I have been a Psychologist since 1994, I obtained my PhD in 2003 and I am an Analyst in Training of the Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA) since 2012.

I began my career as a researcher at the same time as my clinical practice in 1995. I was a fellow of CONICET (National Council of Scientific and Technical Research of the Argentine Republic) investigating models of interdisciplinary assistance in family violence and HIV. At the same, I began my career as a university professor, teaching different subjects at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), the University of Belgrano (UB), the CAECE University and the University of Salvador (USAL). My doctoral thesis was focused on the study of the transference and counter-transference difficulties of the first months of treatment.

However, my approach to psychoanalysis began much earlier in 1996, through participation in several research projects awarded by IPA, led by Dr. Clara López Moreno, currently a member of the Commission for Clinical Research at IPA. Between 1996 and today we obtained, 7 research grants awarded by the Research Advisory Board of IPA on psychic change and therapeutic change with borderline patients. In this context, we presented 23 papers in different regional (FEPAL) and international conferences (IPA) some of these presentations have been published in local and international journals.

Due to that research programme, I received the *Psychoanalytic Research Exceptional Contribution Award* in 2005, the *Psychoanalytic Training Today Award* in 2007 and I am a Fellow of IPA Research Training at the Psychoanalysis Unit of the University College of London since 2007.

Currently, I'm a Full Professor in the Master Degree in Psychoanalysis (USAL-APA) and in the Doctoral Degree in Psychology of the USAL ("Lo Disruptivo" Group), both teams led by Dr. Benyakar, PhD. I have been a founding member of that initiative, which has now 14 years of history. I have had the opportunity to get in touch with analysts and candidates from different psychoanalytic societies throughout Latin America, especially Brazil, Peru, Colombia and Uruguay. In this context, I have directed the master's and doctoral theses of 16 analysts who are members of different societies in Argentina and Brazil. Today I'm in charge of the thesis direction of professionals from Argentina, Colombia and Brazil at the Universidad del Salvador, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and U Claude Bernard Lyon 1 in France.

As Analyst in Training I have received an IPA research grant to the project "Descriptive and dynamic unconscious process in analytic sessions: a research about the dynamic building of clinical dialogue focused on mentalization functioning" (2016) which ongoing report will be presented at the current Meeting of IPA in Buenos Aires. On the other hand, I will present an individual work "An unexpected closeness? Towards a description of the clinical dynamics of intimacy". From these works arises my interest in studying the manifestations of the unconscious in the dynamics of the analytical sessions.

Within APA, I'm a member of the candidate's faculty, being member of "clinical dialogues", a space created for the transversal clinical work among candidates. Also, I am a delegate of the faculty of candidates and member of the Research Subcommittee of the "Centro Racker", an APA's institutional department for psychoanalytic research in articulation with the community. Since last year I have collaborated with Giuliana Rivera Farfán, current IPSO Vice President-Elect for Latin America, both in the activities of the Argentine Psychoanalysis Conference held in Rosario in 2016 and in the local organization of the Buenos Aires' IPSO Congress.

I firmly believe that the tripod of training could be amplified regarding creative actions articulating analytical thinking and our professional expertise. Psychoanalysis is a complex object that has been transformed into a cultural movement that has permeated contemporary thinking. However, the challenges of time bring us to two main issues to be solved: the incorporation of new technologies as complementary training spaces and the articulation of analytical training with our professional knowledge in order to delimit the specificity of "professional identity" as psychoanalyst.

Today, we have concerns and needs in common, through regional belongings. And the new technologies allow us to establish transversal contact, and share knowledge and resources through common interests. An example of this is IPSO's "Cross Regional Study Groups". However, beyond our own theoretical inter-ests, there are clinical and social issues that call us: Violence, education, mental health are major issues that concern all analysts around the world. This initiative is very valuable for Latin America given the historical economic, geographical and idiomatic obstacles that make it difficult for us to access working groups in face-to-face meetings.

I think that IPSO is the ideal organization to reach consensus and develop new initiatives taking care of our professional identity as psychoanalyst, identifying our common axes and capitalizing on our regional differences. My intention to become IPSO Vice President-Elect for Latin America is to promote this theory-research-clinical articulation, taking into account the challenges of time, and the common problems of the analysts in training, respecting the idiosyncrasy of our cultural references.

Running for **Vice President-Elect Europe** is:

Artur **Sousa** (Portugal)

I'm from Lisbon, 42 years old, graduated in clinical psychology 1998 and work in private practice (psychoanalytic therapy, and psychoanalysis of adolescents and adults) since 1999. From 1999 until 2017 I was also working in the Psychiatric Mental Health Department of the S. Francisco Xavier, Lisbon, as a clinical psychologist with the following main and regular activities: Rehabilitation Unit, Consultation, Forensic Department, Community Team interventions, Supervisor of academic stages of different universities, link to primary care services, coordinator of a supervision group for university students and colleagues interested in psychoanalysis, participation in the creation of a Day Hospital Program and work there as a main clinical psychologist and articulate with rehabilitation programs and institutions of mental health, drugs, in regular clinical meetings, scientific initiatives and presentations.

Since 2009 I am a Candidate of the Portuguese Psychoanalytic Society, where I participate in different Workgroups with other candidates and senior psychoanalysts such as a "Group of reflection about Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy", "Internet and Communication and Psychoanalysis", and others and where I organize internal clinical annual meetings, communications, etc.

I believe I'm running in a special position for the office of IPSO Vice President-Elect for Europe, somehow already in function, as I was appointed by the IPSO ExCom to be the VP-Elect for Europe by the end of January 2016 due to the resignation of the current VP for Europe in Autumn 2015. During this last year, in which I had the opportunity to join the IPSO ExCom, I got more aware of the aims of this office. My intentions to run for this position already in January 2016 were and still are: I believe, probably it is a journey similar to other representatives who gain balance and increasing satisfaction between the performance of their duties. In fact, since the beginning of 2014, when I became the Portugal IPSO Representative, I began to experiment the taste for the IPSO network and could participate in national and international initiatives that linked together candidates from different backgrounds. Taking advantage of the privilege of representing colleagues, projects grew up between the planned activities and the will to power other fellows and involve other structures, like universities, clinical services, etc. have been a pleasant challenge. So, it seems somehow natural to me to expand this period in a larger scale, providing my experience.

I assume I have a fondness to cooperate on the design of ideas and projects in medium/long term; to motivate teams, to involve and promote values of encouragement in matters related to candidates, and to establish dialogues between parts. On the other hand, during this time I was able to contact other IPSO representatives, and had the opportunity to know better their realities and develop a panoramic vision of the European reality, and by sharing the same doubts, had the chance of discuss together several hypotheses to improve the realities in each country.

Finally, I feel I have a solid base of colleagues who identify with my vision, and with whom I work frequently, exchanging opinions and working closely in our society. Also with the senior members I feel open and strong relations building bridges and a fruitful dialogue.

For all that reasons and probably for other unconscious motives that I cannot remember I decided to apply for the office of IPSO Vice President-Elect for Europe. This office is a challenge that I've been accepting step by step, and which I intended to develop within this team. It is also the generous attitude that I felt from all the IPSO ExCom members which helped me to make me feel comfortable to go ahead. It has been a good time so far in which I feel more in the IPSO spirit and willing to help spread IPSO's ideas and projects.

Running for **Vice President-Elect North America** is:

Kristin **Whiteside** (USA)

Dear IPSO members,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kristin Whiteside, and I am a fourth-year candidate at the San Diego Psychoanalytic Center.

I am applying for the position of Vice President-Elect for North America for reasons that are professional and personal, and with a perspective that is both individual and global. I view my potential involvement with IPSO as an opportunity to contribute to maintaining the vitality and visibility of our profession, to enhance my practice with patients, and to provide the satisfaction that collaboration brings. The idea of two minds working to co-create experiences and new possible understandings may be extended to the global field of psychoanalysis, where connection with colleagues and mentors from around the world will certainly lead to the production of new and creative ideas. We have much to learn from one another, not only in the sense of exchanging information and theories, but in the very process of the exchange which permits multiple and unexpected possibilities. I imagine that receptively entering a conversation with the global psychoanalytic community will permit more effective adaptation of the field of psychoanalysis to shifts in the external culture and to the needs of patients. I hope to have the opportunity to join the IPSO Executive Committee in order to stimulate an interest in international perspectives amongst North American candidates, as well as to enhance the psychoanalytic experience for candidates in every part of the world. Thank you for your consideration.

Kristin Whiteside, Ph.D.