



# IPSO

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## **The London SOBIPA IPSO Colloquium 'I am afraid we cannot talk about pleasure', December 5-7 2014**

### **From the organizing committee (EG)**

This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> IPSO Colloquium organized by the candidates of the British Psychoanalytical Society. Our organizing committee consisted of an informally gathered group of seven candidates\*, enthusiastic about the possibility of opening the doors of the Institute to candidates from around the world.

Reaching for something that would challenge our and other's preconception about psychoanalysis, we asked ourselves why we so rarely talk about the pleasures of doing and being in psychoanalysis. We wondered whether this might be different in other parts of the world. So we decided to go for a slightly provocative and humorous statement as the title of our Colloquium: 'I am afraid we cannot talk about pleasure'.

We were delighted that Laurent Danon-Boileau from the Societe Psychoanalytique Paris accepted our invitation to participate in the Colloquium and to bring to us a different perspective, his profound knowledge and wisdom. We were also grateful to the senior analysts of our Society who agreed to speak at the Colloquium: Michael Parsons, Luis Rodriguez de la Sierra, Gigliola Fornari Spoto, Andrea Sabbadini and Anne Marie Sandler, who led a moving and memorable tour of the Freud Museum.

We welcomed around 50 candidates from all over the world. Candidates from as far as Istanbul, Chicago, Warsaw, Budapest and Milan arrived willing to share with us their thinking, experiences and clinical work. There was a fresh-ness in their presence, which was mirrored by our speakers, who brought a genuineness and enthusiasm to the topic. It was a truly stimulating and pleasurable experience both on a professional and on a personal level.

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