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Dear IPSO Members,

I would like to propose myself as candidate for the post of Editor Elect and member of IPSO's executive committee. I've been in different positions throughout my life that have helped me be aware of the subtleties and requirements of working within an international and diverse community. Just before graduating from university I was part of the organizing committee of the XXXI Interamerican Congress of Psychology and of the IV Latin American Regional Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology, I also worked for a couple of years in the hospitality industry and was part of a group of professionals who handled the social media of a public figure in Mexico, including twitter and his personal blog. I also had the opportunity to live for four years in Taiwan and travel extensively through the region, finding extremely interesting the differences and similarities between cultures in Asia. I speak English, Spanish, Mandarin and I am able to understand oral and written French, something that could help me in my functions.

Being the current IPSO representative of my institute, the Freudian Society of Mexico City and while attending the IPA's Asia Pacific Conference this year I was made aware of how diverse and rich the psychoanalytical world can be, not only culturally but also in terms of social backgrounds and economical possibilities. As wonderful as it was to see so many countries represented in the event, it is my opinion that it is more important than ever to double on the efforts to make community among the candidates from different parts of the world. Technology allows for people to keep in touch and know a bit about each other even if they never have a chance to meet in real life. If elected, I'd like to increase the content that is generated for IPSO's social media, including small interviews or features of some IPSO members who are willing to share their experience of attending IPSO events, but also

talk about their joys, doubts and concerns as psychoanalysts in training. We have members from all over the world, I think it would be great for the members to know more about how is it to be a candidate in Lebanon or Portugal, also about the history of psychoanalysis in places that are not often talked about. I think this could also encourage our members to apply for the VCPs and CRGS.

I have always been an avid reader and very passionate about writing. Throughout my life, the written word has let me explore my creative side and helped me meet and keep in contact with other people who have similar interests. Lately, I've been able to combine both writing and my passion for psychoanalysis. Personally, I think that apart from what the IPA's established as the tripod for psychoanalysts in training, writing about our clinical experiences is the unnamed fourth pillar of our discipline. Having to put in words what happens in session is psychoanalytical in nature, letting us gaze into the unconscious processes that unfold both in patients and analysts.

Our profession can feel lonely at times, even if we work with people everyday. The role of IPSO's Editor is fundamental to maintain and encourage connections between the different members, to inform and engage them into the stimulating activities that IPSO coordinates but also to make sure that the wealth of written production that the candidates do throughout their training, and would like to share, is properly displayed. The current editor made this possible by creating a journal and awarding a monetary prize to remarkable papers. I think it is important to keep the journal alive and to find a way to make it more well known among IPSO members. Being Latin American I've been made aware that sometimes the participation in the journal or in certain events is restricted because of language difficulties, many people don't feel comfortable speaking or writing in English and sometimes do not have the resources to hire a translator. One of my propositions would be to create a group of candidates who volunteer (or in case treasury allows, who get a symbolic remuneration) to translate the journal into some of the other official languages of the IPA. Increasing the interest in it and hopefully member participation too.

What IPSO does is a labor that I find extremely important and I would be delighted to be able to participate more actively in it from a position that promotes contact between subjectivities, something that I think is one of the most beautiful and vital aspects of psychoanalysis.