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I. INTRODUCTION

This document is the second report to the General Assembly (GA) covering the period from October 2023 to September 2024. It includes updates on activities, finances, and membership, along with a summary of the outcomes of the strategic plan developed at the start of this administration and plans for the future. This report forms part of the annual obligation to remain registered with the Swiss authorities.

Annual Summary from the President: presentation of the organization's mission, vision, key accomplishments during the year and the organization's strategic direction and significant developments.

Organizational Overview: a summary of the IAGP's history, objectives, and key initiatives. This section highlights the organization's structure, membership statistics, and major changes or milestones achieved during this period.

Financial Report: an overview of the organization's income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.

Future Plans and Goals: A discussion of the organization's strategic priorities, upcoming projects, and goals for the next reporting period.

Acknowledgments: Gratitude expressed to volunteers, donors, sponsors, and other stakeholders who have supported the organization's work throughout the year.

II. ANNUAL SUMMARY FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IAGP Members and CAO A Representatives,

As we approach the final year of our current term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the significant achievements we have accomplished together over the past two years and outline the challenges we face moving forward. At the beginning of this term, we presented a three-year strategic plan (Find IAGP Annual Report 2022-2023 on the website) rooted in the purpose of IAGP as stated in the Bylaws, with the principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) guiding my role.

In 2022, the purpose of this strategic plan was to present a vision for the future of IAGP, building upon continuity and innovation, considering as starting points:

IAGP Vision: To be the leading global organization driving the advancement of group psychotherapy and group processes, promoting inclusivity, collaboration, and research across diverse theoretical approaches, cultural, and professional contexts.

IAGP Mission: IAGP is committed to fostering the international development of group interventions in clinical practice, consultancy, education, research, and socio-cultural settings.

Achievements

1. **The purpose of IAGP:** In evaluating the fulfillment of the IAGP mission, we have fostered the international development of group interventions in clinical practice,¹ consultancy,² education,³ research,⁴ and socio-cultural settings,⁵ with a special interest group to discuss issues affecting young professionals.⁶ There are activities in nearly all these areas presented in virtual webinars⁷ and events, new strategies in training courses,³ and psychosocial projects⁸ to improve communities in socio-cultural settings. We plan to dedicate ourselves to these areas and envision the future of IAGP during the Virtual Celebration of the IAGP 50th Anniversary.⁹

2. **Enhanced Communication and Transparency:** We have taken significant steps in improving our communication channels.¹⁰ At the beginning of this term, a social media plan was launched¹¹ the Task Force for Innovation,¹² the Task Force Theater and Arts,¹³ and a newsletter were created to present events and other benefits to IAGP members and Affiliate Organizations. We also developed a restructuring/transition plan for IAGP's Internet services to improve integration, accessibility, and information flow automation.¹⁴ Another channel, Globeletter,¹⁵ an electronic publication to bring updated information about our organization, reflections, and/or inspiration for our members, releases a new issue each year. This year, the development of a new website¹⁰ with enhanced features and a more interactive social media¹⁶ presence is close to creating new paths for our members to be well-informed and actively involved in the organization's activities.
3. **Enhanced Member Engagement:** Over the past two years, we have implemented several initiatives to enhance member engagement. Surveys¹⁷ asking for participation, support groups,¹⁸ the Social Dreaming Matrix,¹⁹ the Unconference organized by the CAO, ²⁰ call for submissions for the upgraded Forum,²¹ IAGP scientific journal, and calls for articles on Globeletter have invited our community for engagement and networking. Activities for non-English speakers, such as webinars, workshops, and support groups in Spanish,²² have been particularly successful. We have seen increased member participation and, hopefully, greater sense of community within our organization.
4. **Successful Events and Conferences:** Qualitative surveys¹⁷ confirmed that most of our members value IAGP for the opportunity to exchange experiences, network with multicultural colleagues, and professional development. Besides Regional and International²³ conferences, online webinars and workshops have provided the best opportunities for exchanging experiences. These spaces are open to our members to submit proposals and present their knowledge. We are exploring new translation tools to welcome non-English speakers

to our virtual events and different time zones. Despite global challenges, we have managed to organize, execute, and collaborate on several successful virtual and in-person events, including four Regional Congresses²⁴.

5. **IAGP 50th Anniversary Celebration:** We planned and executed a successful celebration of IAGP's 50th Anniversary.^{9,25} This event brought together members from 31 countries, celebrating our rich history and reaffirming our commitment to advancing group psychotherapy and group processes. The Golden Almanac,⁹ created as part of the celebration, has contributed to a more detailed history of our organization. We will finalize with a Virtual Celebration later this year, when we will envision the future of IAGP with IAGP community.
6. **Strengthening International Collaborations:** We have expanded our international collaborations, building partnerships with new Affiliated Organizations worldwide. One of them (Intercambio, Peru) has opened new avenues for psychosocial and educational projects submission for grants, furthering our mission of promoting group psychotherapy and group processes globally. This project is in the proposal submission stage.⁸
7. **Social & Collective Traumas:**¹⁸ We have established a new committee composed of valuable members and consultants. Our first achievement is the release of the document "Psychological First Aid in Natural Disasters Traumas"²⁶ in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. This document provides a concise summary of the essential actions which professionals should take immediately following mass traumas.
8. **Team Building and Communication:** In the beginning of this term, we initiated regular warm-up meetings that fostered collaboration and brought valuable contributions from our diverse Board members. These Task Oriented Meetings have been playing a crucial role in integrating our actions and building a more cohesive team dedicated to working for IAGP.

9. **Scientific Advancement:** IAGP peer-reviewed journal,²¹ underwent significant upgrades, and efforts have been made to follow scientific criteria for indexing it in renowned databases, elevating its visibility and impact. The IAGP Transcultural Book,²⁷ published in 2022, was printed for the 50th Anniversary celebration in Zurich. The co-editors are now organizing a new issue for 2025. The IAGP Professional Writing Group has been active since March 2021,²⁸ offering to our IAGP community a support group for scientific papers.
10. **New Leaders Program:**²⁹ We took steps to identify and bring young professionals from different backgrounds into strategic tasks, bridging the generational gap and ensuring their participation in the future of IAGP. They are invited to take on the role of President's consultants.
11. **IAGP Ethics and Professional Standards Committee:** The Ethics Committee³⁰ has processed complaints and responded to the claimants. Under the leadership of the new chair,³¹ some of the tasks of this Committee, as to develop and keep updated materials about ethical standards in the field, to develop further Guidelines to assess and process ethical issues will be addressed.
12. **IAGP Finance Committee:** The IAGP Board approved new members for the IAGP Finance Committee³² to start its activities.

Challenges Ahead

1. **Increasing Membership and Retention:** While we have made progress in engaging our members, we still face challenges in increasing our membership base and retaining current members.³³ We must continue to innovate and find new ways to demonstrate the value of IAGP membership.
2. **Financial Stability:** Ensuring the financial stability of our organization remains a critical priority. Besides improving membership income, we need to explore diverse revenue streams, including our international conferences, grants, sponsorships, and fundraising initiatives, to

support our programs and activities. The Action & Results Project³⁴ has provided new insights on this direction.

3. **Expanding Global Reach:** As we continue to grow, it is imperative that we expand our reach to underrepresented regions. It has been partially attended by providing scholarships³⁵ for young professionals with a structured project for sharing knowledge, the Ali Nawara Memorial Fund. We must focus on inclusive practices and create opportunities for members from diverse backgrounds to contribute to and benefit from our organization.
4. **CAOA Transition Process:** The Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA)²⁰ within IAGP is designed to enhance collaboration, communication, and consultation among our organizational affiliates. In the next administration, the CAO A Chair will join the Executive Management Group (EMG), allowing Affiliated Organizations to actively participate in IAGP's decision-making process, ensuring a diversity of input and perspectives. Our organizational affiliates consist of representatives from regional and national group psychotherapy associations, training institutes, and other relevant organizations. CAO A will play a key advisory role to the IAGP leadership. To facilitate this transition, we need to establish effective communication channels and ensure ongoing dialogue between Assembly members and IAGP leadership. The Project CAO A Transition³⁶ has been planned to build connections among them for this representative role.
5. **Preparing for the 22nd IAGP International Congress:** The upcoming 22nd IAGP International Congress in Sapporo, Japan,²³ will be a major event for our organization. It is crucial that we secure high-quality speakers and ensure the theme of the congress - "Groups and Global Crises: Challenges for People, Organizations, and Societies" - is fully addressed for a successful conference. Besides scientific updates, we need to ensure financial viability, including profit for the organization financial health.

Strategic Direction and Developments

As we move forward, our strategic direction for the next year will focus on consolidating our achievements, addressing challenges, and creating new strategies in five key areas:

- **IAGP Governance:** The current Board needs to be involved in the election process,³⁷ collaborating in the selection of colleagues who have the necessary skills for each Board position to manage the future of IAGP. Additionally, we aim to create an Orientation Package¹⁰ and improve role descriptions to facilitate the process for newcomers.³⁸
- **Improving Communication Channels:** We will enhance and integrate communication channels to promote better members' engagement and global outreach.³⁹
- **Strengthen leadership within IAGP Sections, Committees, and Task Forces:** Strong leadership within our various sections, committees, and task forces will facilitate cohesive actions and integration within the Board. We will continue working towards greater integration to ensure more efficient and impactful actions.⁴⁰
- **Expanding Fundraising Efforts:** To drive the professionalization of services and support new projects, we will actively work on expanding our fundraising initiatives with the support of the newly created organization, The American Friends of IAGP (AFOIAGP).⁴¹ Successful implementation of these efforts will strengthen our organization's capacity to drive positive change in vulnerable communities worldwide.
- **Strengthening the New Leaders Program:**²⁹ Nurturing and empowering young professionals to take on leadership roles within IAGP is essential to our organization's future. We will continue to invest in identifying and supporting potential leaders to sustain the vitality of our community.

In conclusion, the past two years have been marked by significant achievements, and I am confident that with your continued support and dedication, we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead. Together, we will struggle to strengthen IAGP as a leading global organization dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, inclusivity, collaboration, and research in the field of group psychotherapy and group processes. Let us work together to ensure a prosperous and impactful final year of our term.

Thank you for your continuous commitment to IAGP.

A special thank you to the members of the Executive Management Group (EMG): Cristina Martinez-Taboada, Vice President; Bruno Chevolet, Treasurer; Dena Baumgartner, Senior Member; Rezo Korinteli, Secretary, and Nilüfer Demirhan, Young Professionals. Simon McLellan, President's Consultant.

Heloisa Fleury, President, International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP)

Collaborators. Thank you for your continuous commitment to IAGP.

1.IAGP Analytical Group Section (Chair: Konstantinos Liolios); IAGP Psychodrama Section (Chair: Jacob Gershoni), IAGP Family Therapy Section (Chair: Carlos Raimundo).

2.IAGP Organizational Consultancy Section (Chair: Simon McLellan).

3.IAGP Education Committee (Co-Chairs: Maurizio Gasseau & Mona Rakhawy).

4.IAGP Research Committee (Co-Chairs: Catherine Mela & Noha Sabry)

5.IAGP Transcultural Section (Chair: Marcia Honig)

6.IAGP Young Professional Section (Chair: Nilüfer Demirhan)

7.IAGP Webinar Committee (Chair: Adrian Hofstede)

8.IAGP Fundraising Committee (Chair: Jacob Gershoni)

9.IAGP 50th Anniversary Celebration Task Force (Chair: Deniz Altinay)

10.IAGP Information Manager Simon McLellan

11. Analía Ladisa, IAGP Social Media & Web Assistant
12. IAGP Task Force for Innovation (Co-Chairs: Nilüfer Demirhan & Anastasia Diotima Golema)
13. IAGP Task Force Theater and Arts (Chair: Anastasia Golema)
14. Information Manager with assistance of the Consultant Yaffa Josephine Sassoon & the Treasurer Bruno Chevolet
15. Globeletter (Co-editors: Thor-Kristen Island & Konstantinos Liolios)
16. IAGP Social Media Task Force (Chair Anastasia Diotima Golema)
17. Anna Szirmai (President's Consultant, New Leaders Program)
18. Social & Collective Traumas Committee (Co-Chairs: Deniz Altınay & Nicola Policicchio)
19. Maurizio Gasseau, Conductor
20. The Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA) (Chair: Magdalene Jeyarathnam)
21. FORUM (Co-editors-in-chief: Roberta Mineo & Maria Inês Gandolfo Conceição)
22. IAGP Spanish/Portuguese Discussion List
23. IAGP International Congress 2025. Congress Organizing Committee: President: Heloisa Fleury; Scientific Program Committee (SPC) (Co-Chairs: Roberta Mineo & Kaoru Nishimura); Local Organizing Committee (LOC) (Chair: Jun Maeda); Treasury (Co-Chairs: Bruno Chevolet & Yoshie Ohashi)
24. IAGP Regional Conferences, IAGP Site Selection Committee (Chair: Cristina Martinez-Taboada Kutz, IAGP Vice President)
25. Zurich Celebration Assistance of Jorge Burmeister, Former IAGP President
26. <https://iagp.com/about-us/board-and-committees/social-and-collective-traumas-committee/>

- 27.IAGP Transcultural Book (Co-editors: Marcia Honig & Cristina Martinez-Taboada Kutz)
- 28.IAGP Professional Writing Group, led by Dominick Grundy and created by the former IAGP Young Professional Section chair Asmaa Ab del Fattah
- 29.New Leaders Program participants: Anna Szirmai, Anna Albutashvili, Asmaa Abd el Fattah, and Aroldo Cardoso Junior
- 30.IAGP Ethics Committee former Chair: Galabina Tarashoeva.
- 31.IAGP Ethics Committee Chair Judith Teszary.
- 32.IAGP Finance Committee new members: Aroldo Cardoso Junior and Tania Aldrighi Flake.
- 33.IAGP Membership Committee (Co-Chairs: Stylianos Lagarakis & Anne McEneaney)
- 34.Actions & Results Project, Bruno Chevolet, IAGP Treasurer
- 35.IAGP Scholarship Committee (Co-Chairs: Asmaa Abd el Fattah & Maite Pi)
- 36.CAOA Transition Plan, inspired by Simon McLellan, and under the leadership of Anna Szirmai (President's Consultant)
- 37.IAGP Nomination Committee (Chair: Maite Pi)
- 38.IAGP Governance & Bylaws Committee (Chair: Roberta Mineo)
- 39.IAGP Communication Team: Anastasia Diotima Golema, Deniz Altinay, Adrian Hofstede, and Ekaterina Lopukhina
- 40.IAGP Senior Member Dena Baumgartner, leadership of IAGP Sections and Discussion lists
- 41.The American Friends of International Association of Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (AFOIAGP) is a Section 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization providing help to communities around the globe. It was created under the leadership of Jacob Gershoni, Chair of the IAGP Fundraising Committee.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Established in 1973, the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes, IAGP, is a worldwide network of professionals involved in the development and study of group psychotherapy and group processes as applied to clinical practice, consultancy, education, scientific studies, and socio-cultural settings. Our network provides opportunities for meeting the others - in professions, theories, and cultures - who are exploring the applications of small, median, and large group processes in clinical, organizational, and political settings.

The IAGP promotes professional cross fertilization of ideas and practices from different cultures, disciplines, and methodologies. The Association realizes its purpose without any financial interest. These objectives are applied within a framework of the values and conditions of the United Nations' Charter of Human Rights, applied with the aim of strengthening egalitarian and democratic developments in social welfare and health care internationally, throughout the world.

The General Assembly of Members (GA) is the overriding structure, which has the ultimate responsibility, and the overarching decision-making authority, and directs the organization and its current affairs, elects members of the Board of Directors and the members of its Executive Management Group (EMG). The GA also elects the chairperson of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee and the Swiss Auditor.

In December 2024, the first yearly online General Assembly covering all legally mandatory agenda points of such early Ordinary General Assemblies, more specifically dedicated to the fiscal year October 2022 - September 2023, and also covering the formal election of the Swiss auditor. The board will organize in the first quarter of every year these online General Assembly covering all legally mandatory agenda points and also covering the formal election of the Swiss auditor.

The main organizational structure for IAGP.



One GA for the elections of its administration will be called before the International Congresses arranged by IAGP. Such International Congresses of IAGP shall be scheduled at three-year intervals if possible. The next congress will be held in Sapporo, Japan, in August 2025.

The board of directors has responsibility for the work and affairs of the organization in the period until they meet again in August 2025. The GA also elected an EMG and six sections each with an elected chairperson from within the elected board members. In 2025, the GA will appoint a chairperson for the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA), which is composed of representatives from around 50 separate organizations.

The Board currently comprises:

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT GROUP (EMG)

PRESIDENT. Heloisa Fleury, MA (Brazil)

VICE PRESIDENT. Cristina Martinez-Taboada Kutz, PhD (Spain)

SECRETARY. Revaz Korinteli, MD, PhD, CGP (Georgia)

SENIOR EXECUTIVE MEMBER. Dena Baumgartner, PhD, TEP, CGP (USA)

TREASURER. Bruno Chevolet, MSE, EMM (Belgium)

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER. Nilüfer Demirhan, MA (Türkiye)

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Deniz Altınay, MA, PT (Türkiye)

Maria Inês Gandolfo Conceição, PhD (Brazil)

Maurizio Gasseau, PhD (Italy)

Anastasia Diotima Golema, MA, (Greece)

Adrian Hofstede, MSc (The Netherlands)

Stylios N. Lagarakis, MD, TEP (Greece)

Ekaterina Lopukhina, MA (Russia)

Anne Slocum McEneaney, PhD, ABPP (USA)

Abdelrahman Mohsin, MD, EMDR (Egypt)

Adriana Piterbarg, PhD (Argentina)

Li Shiu Chou, MD (Taiwan)

Andreas von Wallenberg Pachaly, PhD (Germany)

SECTION CHAIRS

Family Therapy Section. Carlos A. Raimundo (Chair)

Analytic Group Section. Konstantinos Liolios, MD (Greece) (Chair)

Psychodrama Section. Jacob Gershoni LCSW, CGP, TEP (U.S.A.)

Transcultural Section. Marcia Honig PsyD (Israel)

Young Professionals Section. Nilüfer Demirhan, MA (Türkiye)

Organizational Consultancy Section. Simon McLellan, PhD (New Zealand)

Consultative Assembly of Affiliate Organizations (CAOA)

Magdalene Jeyarathnam, MSW, CP, TEP (India)

Since the General Assembly, in 2022, the following members of the Board have resigned from their position:

Charmaine McVea, PhD, TEP (Australia) - Board member

Goran Arbanas, MD, PhD (Croatia) - Board member

Chung Ying Chen, MD (Taiwan) - Board member

Caner Bingol, MD, MA, PhD (Türkiye) - Board member

Luca Riccardi, MA (Italy) - Section Chair

Alessio Sangiuliano, MA (Italy) - Section Chair

Elio Vera (Italy) - Ethics and Professional Standards Committee

In March 2024, a new election was held and confirmed the interim Chairs Konstantinos Liolios (Greece) as Chair of the Analytic Group Section and Carlos Raimundo (Australia) as Chair of the Family Therapy Section. Two new Board members were elected: Adrian Hofstede (The Netherlands) and Li Shiu Chou (Taiwan), and the chair of the Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee, Judith Teszary (Sweden).

After the resignation of Caner Bingol, former Chair of the Trauma and Disaster Committee, the Board approved the replacement of this committee by the newly created Social and Collective Traumas Committee, co-chaired by Deniz Altinay and Nicola Policicchio.

There are a wide range of activities on the Board of Directors, and they have formed their own committees. The rules allow for both permanent or standing committees, some as temporary, as well as task forces and President's consultants. Chairpersons elected by the Board are the Finance Committee (Aroldo Cardoso Junior, elected by the board in

September 2024), the Membership Committee (Stylianos Lagarakis, chair), the Education Committee (Maurizio Gasseau and Mona Rakhawy, Co-chairs), the Social and Collective Traumas Committee (Deniz Altinay and Nicola Policicchio, Co-chairs), the Research Committee (Catherine Mela and Noha Sabry, co-chairs) and the Governance and Bylaws Committee (Roberta Mineo, chair). The Chair of the Nominating Committee (Maite Pi, elected by the Board from outside the Board) and the Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee (Judith Teszary, elected directly by the General Assembly) do not become Board members.

The temporary or ad hoc committees of the Board are the Forum Editorial Committee (Roberta Mineo and Maria Inês Gandolfo Conceição, Co-chairs), the Fellowship Committee (Thor-Kristen Island), the Fundraising Committee (Jacob Gershoni, chair), Webinar Committee (Adrian Hofstede, chair), Site Selection Committee (Cristina Martinez-Taboada, chair), Scholarship Committee (Maite Pi and Asmaa Abd el Fattah, co-chairs) and the discontinued FOYT Committee.

The Board created Task Forces. They are IAGP 50th Anniversary, Deniz Altinay, chair and Globeletter editor, Thor-Kristen Island and Konstantinos Liolios, Co-chairs. In September 2024, the Board approved the amalgamation of four former task forces. They were Theater and Arts, Anastasia Golema, chair; Innovation, Anastasia Diotima Golema & Nilüfer Demirhan, co-chairs, Social media, Anastasia Diotima Golema, chair, and Marketing & communication, Adrian Hofstede, chair. The new task force is now called the Communications Task Force, Anastasia Diotima Golema and Deniz Altinay, co-chairs.

CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ORGANISATIONAL AFFILIATES (CAOA)

CHAIR, CAO: Magdalene Jeyarathnam (India) caoachair@iagp.com

The IAGP consultative assembly is a forum or body composed of representatives from various organizations or stakeholders who come

together to engage in collaborative discussions, share expertise, and provide input on matters of common interest. It serves as a platform for consultation, decision-making, and coordination among the participating organizations. All organizational affiliates become members of the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA). Through the chairperson of the CAOAs, who is a Board member, affiliate concerns are represented at IAGP Board meetings. Affiliates are invited to send representatives to CAOAs meetings and to participate in the CAOAs online discussion forum. They are also invited to submit details of their events for the IAGP affiliates events calendar. Below is a list of the 50 current affiliate organizations.

COIRAG (Confed. di Organizz. Ital. per la Ricerca Analitica sui Gruppi) (Italy)

Formacio Grup (Spain)

Associazione Mediterranea di Psicodramma (Italy)

Active Learning (Australia)

Asociación Uruguaya de Psicoanálisis de las Configuraciones Vinculares (Uruguay)

Centre of Athenian Psychodramatic Encounters (Greece)

Institute of Group Analysis S.H.Foulkes (Greece)

Centro de estudios de psicodrama de Chile (Chile)

Genuine Encounters Centre for Psychodrama Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy (Sweden)

Moreno Psychodrama Society (Australia)

HOPEINGA (Hellenic Organisation for Psychotherapy & Education in Group Analysis) (Greece)

Institut of Group Analysis (Croatia)

Danzare le Origini Associazione di Promozione Sociale (Italy)

Società Italiana di Psicodramma Analitico (Italy)

Group Psychoanalytical Psychodrama Society (Portugal)

Sociedad Española de Psicoterapia y Técnicas de Grupo - Spanish Association of Group Psychotherapy and Techniques (SEPTG) (Spain)

Chinese Association of Group Psychotherapy (Taiwan)

Federation of European Psychodrama Training Organisations (FEPTO) (Belgium)

Dutch association for group dynamics and group psychotherapy (Netherlands)

Asociacion Española de Psicodrama (Spain)

AANZPA (Australia, New Zealand)

Systems-Centered Training and Research Institute (USA)

Deutscher Fachverband für Psychodrama (DFP) (Germany)

Japan Psychodrama Association (Japan)

Japanese Association for Group Psychotherapy (Japan)

ÖAGG (Austria)

Sociedad Analítica de Grupo de Monterrey (Mexico)

ABPS - Associação Brasileira de Psicodrama e Sociodrama [Brazilian Association of Psychodrama and Sociodrama] (Brazil)

Istanbul Psychodrama Institute (Türkiye)

Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa Aprender Vivo (Brazil)

Federação Brasileira de Psicodrama (Brazil)

ASISTE CR (Costa Rica)

DPSedes (Brazil)

IJUNGI M (Türkiye)

Petersburg School of Psychotherapy and Psychology of Attitudes (Russia)

Pusula Psychodrama Institute (Türkiye)

Kayseri Psychodrama Institute (Türkiye)

NESME-Nucleo de estudos em saúde mental (Brazil)

Italian Association of Morenian Psychodramatists - Associazione Italiana Psicodrammatisti Moreniani (AIPsiM) (Italy)

Instituto Intercambio (Peru)

Psychodrama Association of Russia (Russia)

Hank Nunn Institute (India)

Sakina Center (Tunisia)

Vedadrama (India)

Indian Institute of Psychodrama (India)

The International Association for Experimental Gestalt Therapy (Ukraine)

Society of Evolution Psychiatry & group work (Egypt)

Rakhawy Institute for Training and Research (Egypt)

Ukrainian Psychotherapeutic League (Ukraine)

Egyptian Association for Group Therapies and Processes (Egypt)

American Group Psychotherapy Association Inc. (AGPA) (USA)

Future Board Meetings for this administration:

February 15 & 16, 2025, online.

May 31 & June 1, 2025, online.

August 19, 2025, in Sapporo, Japan.

The next administration will begin meeting in August 24 & 25, 2025, in Sapporo, Japan.

Please refer to the policies and bylaws handbook for further information.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Besides actively contributing as a member of the EMG to the daily management of IAGP in various matters, the IAGP Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the association, which covers the following domains on a daily or on a recurring basis:

- Treasury management, like e.g. managing the bank accounts and paying invoices
- Accounting, steering the bookkeeping, accounting and auditing specialized work done by external providers.
- Controlling, like budget management

In this yearly activity report of the Treasurer, we will focus on the special additional activities done during the fiscal year October 2023 - September 2024.

Three domains:

A. Our IAGP2025 triennial international congress in Sapporo and especially its financial dimension

We developed a budget simulation tool that can take all fixed, steerable and variable expenses into account and that automatically calculates the financial result depending on the registration fee levels, the numbers of registering participants and the sponsorships. It integrates both the budget elements provided by the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO), the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the Congress Organizing Committee (COC) itself in one budget management tool.

That tool, whose logic and structure will help IAGP manage congress budgets in the future as well, has allowed the COC to set the various fee levels per category and bands, and to test many budget hypotheses.

Meanwhile we use it to monitor the provisional theoretical balance based on the actual registrations.

The budget of the congress itself is a major attention point, because its size is a large multiple of IAGP's normal annual operating budget.

B. Restarting the Finance Committee

In this administration, there was no operational Finance Committee until summer 2024, as the only remaining members were not available to chair it. Since new FC members have joined, which led to the election of a Chair, the FC had to restart its activity from scratch.

In accordance with our governance, the Treasurer is not a member of the FC but is systematically involved in their activities and meetings. In this special context, helping the FC to restart its work and taking up its role was an obvious Treasurer's project activity.

C. Aligning IAGP with the legal requirements in terms of General Assemblies

As a non-profit international association incorporated in Switzerland IAGP has year after year obtained the renewal of its tax exemption status, following a procedure based on a professional Swiss audit of its finances. In 2024 this process resulted in a first-time non-conformity notification. During its remediation analysis the Treasurer discovered more historical elements to be amended and started up a general overhaul of all such legal aspects, to immediately avoid the risk of further notifications and bring the organisation into compliance. Among others, and dating from the former times when online activities didn't exist yet, IAGP had the tradition of holding its General Assembly in combination with its triennial international congress - hence also only once every three years.

The resulting legal transformation program started at the end of this reported year. It will be completed by April 2025, when IAGP will have

amended everything and completely eliminated its historical delays in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruno Chevolet

IAGP Treasurer

V. ACTIVITIES

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Annual Review Summary Report (October 2023 - September 2024)

The Governance and Bylaws Committee is composed of Roberta Mineo (Chair), Konstantinos Liolios, Ana Maria Ruiz Sancho, Esther Stone, and Ray Haddock (Members), Marianne Wiktorin (Consultant).

Over the year, the G&BC has faced a range of challenges and critical issues requiring strategic focus and deliberate action. This report consolidates the activities, concerns, and reflections from November 2023 through September 2024, emphasizing the committee's role in addressing systemic challenges and advancing governance standards.

The G&BC has faced a demanding year, marked by challenges that tested the resilience and adaptability of the organization's governance structures. It has proactively addressed governance challenges, laying the groundwork for a more accountable, ethical, and legally compliant organization. By identifying systemic issues, proposing actionable solutions, and fostering discussions on core organizational values, the Committee contributed significantly to strengthening the IAGP's governance framework by:

- Embedding accountability as a governance cornerstone.
- Ensuring ethical clarity and procedural consistency.
- Aligning policies with values of inclusion and human rights, to uphold IAGP's mission.
- Maintaining integrity through legal and financial oversight.

Specifically, the G&BC took actions by:

1. Consolidating Accountability: G&BC updated P&P Manual to enforce timely reporting and stressed the importance of liability insurance, now implemented.
2. Enhancing Ethical Governance: the Committee introduced clear procedures for resignations and officer removals and established guidelines for election processes, ensuring procedural fairness.
3. Improving Transitions: G&BC contributed to the OCS-led Information Package project and worked on refining role descriptions to clarify responsibilities.
4. Legal and Financial Compliance: it collaborated with the Treasurer to clarify the Auditor's role and recommended updates to Bylaws and the P&P Manual.

The journey toward robust governance requires sustained effort and collaboration to build on this progress and address emerging challenges. It is a challenging but necessary ongoing process.

IAGP Webinar Committee (WB)

The IAGP's Webinar Committee (WB) has had an inspiring year. It has furthered its mission to connect members and share expertise through engaging online webinars and workshops. As a volunteer-driven initiative, the WB has prioritised accessibility and collaboration, ensuring these events reflect the diversity and interests of the IAGP's global community.

This year, the committee organised over 14 webinars covering various topics, from trauma-informed care and neurodivergent techniques to the social dynamics of groups and families. These sessions served as platforms for global dialogue among mental health professionals, organisational consultants, and group process professionals. Feedback

surveys revealed consistently high satisfaction and engagement levels, helping to shape future webinars.

The WB has also focused on enhancing its services. Efforts included integrating post-event surveys, developing a communication plan to reach a broader audience, and refining technical and content support for presenters. A new initiative to gather non-member registrations during webinars has already sparked discussions about turning these connections into memberships, aligning with IAGP's goal of expanding its supportive network.

Looking ahead, the WB is exploring ways to enrich its offerings further. A proposal to merge webinars and podcasts into a unified platform has been well-received, reflecting a desire to make IAGP's knowledge-sharing even more versatile and accessible.

The Webinar Committee remains deeply committed to fostering connections, amplifying member voices, and creating a welcoming, informative space for learning and collaboration within the IAGP community.

Adrian Hofstede, chair

Report of IAGP Social and Collective Traumas Committee

The work planned and has done so far by the Social and Collective Trauma Committee whose structure is explained in the first section below are summarized in this report.

Committee Co-Chairs: Deniz Altınay, Nicola Policicchio

Committee Members: Kostantinos Liolios, Rebecca Walters, Ayşe Naz Hazal Sezen (committee secretary,) Abdelrahman Shaaban, Adriana Piterbarg, [Scott Giacomucci](#)

Committee Consultants: Earl Hopper, Haim Weinberg, Elizabeth Rohr, Robi Friedman

IAGP Social and Collective Trauma Committee New Preparations

We believe that our committee could play an important role both in the world of group psychotherapy and within IAGP. As a committee, we would like to share some projects that we have started preparing and plan to implement as of September 2024. We would also like to state that, as the S&CT Committee, we will carefully evaluate all requests and needs of our members.

RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION SUPPORT GROUP

The rising discrimination worldwide threatens all countries and organizations. It will benefit all of us to address these issues within IAGP.

IAGP SUPPORT GROUP FOR UKRAINIAN COLLEAGUES

The ongoing and highly destructive Russia-Ukraine war continues to threaten the people of both countries. We want to support our colleagues.

IAGP SUPPORT GROUP FOR RUSSIAN COLLEAGUES

The ongoing and highly destructive Russia-Ukraine war continues to threaten the people of both countries. There is an ongoing support group for our Russian colleagues. This group will take a one-month break in August (2024).

IAGP SUPPORT GROUP FOR ISRAELI COLLEAGUES

The horrific war and terrorist acts in the region threaten the lives of all people. Support groups are being planned for our colleagues in this region.

IAGP SUPPORT GROUP FOR PALESTINIAN COLLEAGUES

The horrific war and terrorist acts in the region threaten the lives of all people. Support groups are being planned for our colleagues in this region.

IAGP MEMBERS SUPPORT GROUP

IAGP friends living in all regions of the world will be able to join this special group to receive or provide support on all matters. It is becoming increasingly difficult to exist in the world each passing day.

IAGP BOARD, COMMITTEE, AND TASK FORCE MEMBERS SUPPORT GROUP

While IAGP tries to support those in need with all its institutions, we believe that the board members and all committee members also need support. Therefore, a self-support group is being planned.

TRAUMA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The *trauma emergency response team* and relevant documents are in the preparation stage.

SOCIAL AND COLLECTIVE TRAUMAS WEBINARS

One of our goals is to better equip our colleagues for the social and collective traumas experienced in different geographies.

Social and Collective Traumas Committee Monica Zuretti Peace Award

We would like to organize a new **Social and Collective Traumas Committee Peace Award** in the name of **Monica Zuretti**. Monica Zuretti is a very valuable colleague of ours who has set an example with the methods she developed and her lifelong international work for peace and cooperation. We consider it our duty to honor this precious person as a committee.

The old committee, last year, gave an award in honor of **Yaacov Noar**, the new committee needs to revive this award by changing its name. The name of the committee has changed and a new committee has been established. Therefore, we believe that a bylaw change will be necessary.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Text for Psychological First Aid After Natural Disasters

At the request of our President, Heloisa Fleury, and in recognition of its importance, the Social and Collective Traumas Committee has prepared a text (*Deniz Altınay, Nicola Policicchio, Scott Giacomucci*) outlining key points to consider when providing **psychological first aid after natural disasters**. The text is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

We have communicated with all members and consultants individually and exchanged ideas. The fact that the subject is quite sensitive, contains many political conflicts, and some of the members are also victims of these traumas emerged as significant challenges. We have already discussed many details with each of our members and consultants. **The formation of the committee required the discussion of many important details, which is why it took some time.**

Protecting our committee members and consultants and ensuring their comfortable working will be our priority in our future work. Our goal will be to ensure that those who work with trauma stay as far away from being traumatized as possible.

As I mentioned before, the committee was formed with the aim of the widest participation. We also aim to find a female co-chair for the committee.

We aim to establish an "**Emergency Response Team**" within the committee. This team will develop a draft intervention program for emergencies, and we believe that thanks to this program, we will be a little more prepared for social and collective traumas. We believe that the "**Emergency Response Team**" will be the committee's correct and instant reflex.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE?

The Social and Collective Traumas Committee will carry out its work to fulfill some important responsibilities.

1. To inspire as much confidence as possible in the members with the existence of the committee,

2. To establish and run long-term or short-term support groups through different disciplines in Social and Collective Traumas,
3. To prepare and present the emergency response plan to the board,
4. To establish an emergency response team and organize regular meetings and trainings,
5. To ensure that IAGP makes public statements on Social and Collective Traumas with the assistance of the President when necessary,
6. To develop useful communication strategies in cooperation with other committees,
7. To reach members in cooperation with the communication task force and social media task force,
8. To provide supervision support to experts working with social traumas
9. To manage *the trauma e-group* and be in effective communication with the members,
10. To ensure that a "*trauma support group application form*" is created on the website in cooperation with the IM Chair and to inform the members about it.
11. To develop networking and collaboration protocols with other national and international agencies engaged in this field.
12. To increase representation from areas of the world currently less present in the committee
13. Fostering the receptive function of members as "antennae" to get news of difficult situations beyond the more widespread news
14. To create and promote safety and security guidelines with respect to the interventions implemented.

Deniz Altınay, Psych.M.A. & Nicola Policicchio, Co-Chairs of S&CTC

Annual report - Transcultural Section,

The Transcultural Section has been coordinating **IAGP Support Groups** in Latin America - Grupo con Acento Latino - since 2021; those groups are continuing also in 2023-24-25, now at Political changes and War times. Our meeting combines expressive arts methods with analytical sharing; more than once we have special presenters and special topics: a dreaming matrix presentation conducted by Brazilian, Uruguay and French colleagues; a psychodrama meeting conducted by a Brazilian colleague.

Webinars - the Transcultural section together with Family section started a series of webinars on RELIGIOSITY, SPIRITUALITY and GROUPS.

We use the **E-mail Transcultural list/Forum** to exchange personal experiences, enlarge our perspectives on group diversity and debate on complex challenges in many parts of the World.

We keep trying to increase **Art Integration** at the Forum: participants feel encouraged to share Poems, pictures and songs from different cultures- EXPRESSING also hard feelings of sorrow and pain.

We are glad to share with you on the Transcultural IAGP Book number 2, to be published at 2025 July: ***_IAGP TRANSCULTURAL BOOK 2025 - IAGP, 50 years working with group diversity and transforming our world.***

Marcia Honig, Chair

VI. FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS

Future Plans and Goals for the remaining time

1. Development of Group Interventions

- Expand training programs and workshops to cover emerging areas in group interventions.
- Foster continuing education opportunities for professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills in group interventions.
- Foster collaboration in interdisciplinary research to strengthen the evidence base for group psychotherapy and integration of evidence-based approaches in group work training.

2. Global Outreach

- Activate the five Regional Task Forces for development in different regions.
- Increase multilingual resources and content to engage diverse audiences effectively.
- Develop tailored membership packages and benefits to attract and retain members from underrepresented regions (like Cuba).
- Launch regional forums to address local needs and promote cultural competency in group work.

3. Organizational Excellence

- Secure additional funding to support professional services and large-scale projects.
- Expand leadership training programs to cultivate visibility of future leaders.
- Enhance evaluation mechanisms to ensure sustainability and

VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Board Members, Executive Management Group (EMG), Sections, Committees and Task Forces chairs/co-chairs, working groups, all of us dedicated volunteers.

This gratitude extends to all generous donors, supportive sponsors, and valued stakeholders who have played an integral role in sustaining and advancing our organization's mission and activities over the past year.

Your unwavering commitment and contributions have been instrumental in our success, and we deeply appreciate your continued support. Your partnership has enabled us to make a meaningful impact and achieve our goals, and we look forward to your ongoing collaboration as we struggle to create a better future together.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.