



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION *for* PSYCHOANALYTIC SELF PSYCHOLOGY

IAPSP is a nonprofit organization comprising more than 600 mental health workers around the world. While self psychology is a theory based on psychoanalytic principles, psychoanalytic training is not in itself a prerequisite for membership nor is any allegiance to the theory of Self Psychology. In actuality, the IAPSP membership includes individuals from a variety of mental health fields, as well as other individuals from diverse disciplines who are interested in a dialogue between and among their particular fields of study and the epistemology, theory, and practice of self psychology.

IAPSP embraces two primary, intertwined purposes. First, it retains its foundational purpose: the study, research, development, and practice of self psychology, a relational psychoanalytic theory. Second, and possibly even more importantly, it expands the reach of our foundational purpose to encompass as well contemporary notions of a dynamic systems sensibility, findings from infant and neurobiological research, and existential and epistemological philosophy.

IAPSP thus becomes an organized forum in which many current divergent theories about the human mind and its development, illness, and cure may be compared and contrasted in order to better understand and treat our patients. IAPSP is organized to promote teaching, creating, and learning increasingly effective approaches to education, psychotherapy, and psychoanalysis in the field of mental health.

In addition to the potential synergistic benefits associated with a membership in IAPSP, the following specific benefits are available to the Member Institution and its members:

- Individual members of each Member Institution will receive a 10% discount on IAPSP membership dues.
- The leadership of Member Institutions will be included in a forum to discuss and collaborate on issues such as establishing curriculums, establishing criteria and training for supervisors, developing programming, establishing non-profit status, leadership and governance issues, and establishing and maintaining CEU and CME accreditations, etc.
- Institutional Members will receive a URL link on IAPSP's website back to their website.
- Institutional Members will receive (1) annual subscription to the International Journal of Psychoanalytic Self Psychology
- Institutional Members will have access to the Speakers Bureau

I invite you to apply and invite your organization to join many others across the globe in critical conversations affecting the research, study, theory and practice of mental health today. For any questions you may contact the Chair of the Institutional Membership Committee: Roger Segalla at rsegalla@verizon.net or consult our website at IAPSP.org.

Very truly yours,

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