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THE LETTER

Here is *Echoes no. 5* in English. Like the preceding ones, this number has been translated into our five languages, so everyone can read it in their own tongue.

This number is devoted to the report of the meetings of the ICG on February 6 and 7. These were the last before the International Meeting of the School and the Rendezvous of the IF in Medellin, in July. We hope that we will meet many of you there. In this newsletter we are not including information about these two events as it has already been widely disseminated and can be found in the last issue of *Wunsch*, the French version of which you will have received. The information can also be found on the Rendezvous' website.

The only appendix we have attached is the most recent version of the Internal Rules of the Pass, established in June 2015.

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THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE ICG

The ICG will meet again during the International Meeting in Medellin. The Passes completed at that time will be heard on this occasion.

The following meetings, the last for our mandate, are fixed for Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 of November. The last Cartels of the Pass will also meet then.

The meeting with the incoming ICG will take place on Sunday 27 at the end of the afternoon, after the work of the Study Days of the SPFLF-France has concluded.

We remind you that the two most recent ICGs, the current and the preceding ones, asked the CRIF to organise the international elections earlier, beginning in September, for the following reason:

The outgoing ICG met in Paris at the end of November/start of December for its final Passes, and it met again with the incoming ICG in January for the handover of documents and discussion of the various problems encountered during the two years.

We decided that it would be better if the two ICGs could meet at the end of November/start of December, during the final meeting of the outgoing ICG, which

would avoid multiplying the number of trips that are costly in terms of both fatigue for those colleagues who have to travel a long distance, and the School's finances.

So that the members of the incoming ICG can plan their trips, the results of the elections need to be known by the end of October. This would not be impossible if the elections were begun at the start of September because they generally stretch over two months.

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I. THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PROCEDURE.

1. The Passes

Seven Passes were heard in 2015, two in February 2016, and three nominations of AS (Analyst of the School) were announced. The Cartel that met in February announced two nominations of AS, Marie-Noëlle Jacob Duvernet, (France, Angers) et Vera Iaconelli, (Brazil, Sao Paulo). Three Passes are in course currently which will probably be heard in July 2016 in Medellin.

2. The Cartels of the Pass

The Cartels are composed for each Pass and meet during the meetings of the ICG. Five Cartels have operated from the start of this ICG. The composition of the first four was mentioned in [Echoes no. 3. Annexes](#). The composition of the two most recent Cartels, which heard two Passes, was as follows:

Cartel 4 composed at the end of October 2015

Sonia Alberti for Latin America.

Maria Luisa de La Oliva for Spain

Sol Aparicio, Nadine Cordova for France and Susan Schwartz for Australia, attached to the Forum of France.

Cartel 5 composed at the start of 2016

Gabriel Lombardi for Latin America.

Maria-Teresa Maiocchi for Italy

Anne-Marie Combres, Didier Graiss and Colette Soler for France.

Their meetings:

The next meeting will take place in July in Medellin. The cartel or cartels composed for the Passes which will by then have come to an end, will hear their *passeurs* on Wednesday, July 13, in the morning of the Symposium that will take place in the afternoon.

A letter has been sent to the *Passeurs* for these Passes currently in progress and which will probably be completed in July, so that they can plan to be in Medellin to transmit the testimony of the *Passant* that they have heard.

The next cartels will meet at the time of the Study Days of the SPFLF France, at the end of November.

3. The Cartels of the ICG

The Cartels of the ICG have met regularly, once a month, by Skype.

A reminder of the theme for each: Cartel 1, “The step of entry”, Cartel 2, “From the particular to the singular”, Cartel 3, “The knowledge that passes”.

It seems that everyone is happy with the reflections that go on there.

Although we are mid-term, we agreed that there would be an echo of this work sent to the Members of the School before the meeting in Medellin.

In order to do this, a special number of *Echos, Echoes, Ecos, Echi*, no. 6, entitled “**Echo from the Cartels**” has been planned for June 2016. It will bring together brief presentations, half a page maximum, from each of the members of these cartels.

II. PREPARATION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE PASS OF JULY 13, 2016

Preliminary discussion

The preparation for this Symposium provided the opportunity to once again debate the functioning of the procedure of the Pass.

- Because the plenary meetings of the ICG, occur three times a year, the completed passes can be studied without too much delay. However, whether this rate could be improved remains a question. The incompatibilities that need to be taken into account in the composition of the Cartels were raised again. In particular, cases where a member of the Cartel is still in analysis with the same analyst as the *Passant*, when a member of the cartel designated one of the *Passeurs* of this cartel etc.
- In order that the ICG can better manage the composition of the Cartels in each case, it is essential that the Secretariats of the Pass specify all the details required for each pass.

Organisation:

The list of the participants has been drawn up according to our texts' prescriptions. The *Passeurs* who took up their roles during the last three ICGs were informed at the end of December 2015 that they could now take part in the Symposium in Medellin.

The definitive lists, which are still in the process of being checked, will be sent to the local organizers responsible for the verification of the entries.

The agenda will be sent out by email to those interested, in the second trimester of 2016, with a notification to be presented at the entry into to the Symposium.

The Assembly will be chaired by members of the CIOS (College of Initiatives and Orientation of the School).

The themes to be debated:

As of February 7, the following points have been scheduled:

- The ICG will present a report on the double formula of its Cartels.
- The frequency of the meetings of the ICG.
- The treatment of the demands for Passes. (Timing, information to be sent to the ICG by the Secretariats of the Pass, incompatibilities to be specified again)
- Three proposals received from a Cartel belonging to the preceding ICG
 - The Cartels of the Pass: temporary or for the duration of the ICG?
 - The non-participation of the AS at the Symposium
 - The handover and exchanges between the outgoing ICG and the incoming ICG
- Statistics for the demands for the Pass and the nominations over the last few years
- The Secretariat of the ICG will send a letter to the two preceding ICGs in order to obtain their suggestions.

III. THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING, JULY 14, 2016

Program

The program was established following the two nominations of AS in February, whom we will be hearing for the first time, and after taking all the organs of the School into account.

9h00 **Opening remarks**, Ricardo Rojas

I. 9h.30. Chair for the session, Sol Aparicio, ICG 2014/2016

Presentation from the two new AS, Marie Noëlle Jacob Duvernet (France) and Vera Iaconelli (Brazil).

11h/11h30 Break

II. **The desire for psychoanalysis**

In each of the three sections, we will hear five brief presentations (6000 signs, spaces included.)

11h30/13h00 Chair of the session, Colette Soler, ICG 2014/2016

The function of the procedure of the Pass in the desire for psychoanalysis.

Pedro Arévalo, AS Venezuela, Sonia Alberti, Brazil, ICG 2014/2016, Lydie Grandet, France, ICG 2012/2014, Maria Teresa Maiocchi, (Italy) ICG 2014/2016, S. Migdalek Buenos Aires, ICG 2012/2014.

14h30/16h00 Chair of the session, Nadine Cordova, AS, France, ICG 2014/16.

The desire for psychoanalysis in the treatment

José Antonio, Brazil, Jose Escobar, AS, Colombia, Jean-Jacques Gorog, France, ICG 2014/2016, Ana Martinez, Spain, ICG 2014/2016, Camila Vidal, AS Spain.

16h00/16h30 Break

16h30/18h00 Chair of the session, Gabriel Lombardi, Buenos Aires, ICG 2014/16

The desire for psychoanalysis outside the treatment

Sidi Askofaré, France, ICG 2012/2014, Marie-José Latour, France, CIG 2014/2016, Diego Mautino, Italy, Martine Menès, France, ICG 2014/2016, Leonardo Rodríguez, Australia.

Closing remarks by the CIOS

IV. COMPOSITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ACCREDITATION (ICA)

The ICA 2014/2016 is composed of seven members, thereby ensuring a balanced representation of the various organs of the School.

The Secretariats of the Pass must send their proposals to this committee by the end of March.

It comprises:

Maria Teresa Maiocchi for Italy (mteresamaiocchi@gmail.com),

Sonia Alberti for Brazil (sonialberti@gmail.com),

Anne-Marie Combres, (amr.combres@wanadoo.fr), Jean-Jacques Gorog, (gorog@orange.fr), Marie-José Latour, (marie-jose.latour@wanadoo.fr) and Martine Menès (m.menes@wanadoo.fr) for France.

Sonia Alberti will be assisted by a committee including the two other members of the ICG in Latin America, Gabriel Lombardi and Ricardo Rojas.

V. PREPARATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SCHOOL

the afternoon of Sunday, July 17

The definitive agenda for the Assembly of the School will be completed in the course of the trimester after consultation with the members.

A point foreseen in our preceding meetings concerns the frequency with which the Symposium will be held.

This Symposium aims to give a critical account of the procedure of the Pass, and to reflect on possible improvements with those who have contributed to its functioning: members of the cartels, Secretariats, and *passeurs*, and the three previous ICGs.

Currently, it is scheduled every four years. If we maintain this frequency it would regularly take place in Latin America, since our Meetings are every two years. In order that there is an alternation between the two sides of the Atlantic, it is necessary to schedule it every two or every six years.

Our ICG intends to propose a frequency of every two years, in order to remain engaged with the way things have functioned over that period, but it will bring together only the last two ICGs, Secretariats and the corresponding *Passeurs*.

The text of the proposal to be submitted to the vote will be sent to all the members before the Assembly, where the vote will take place.

Reflections on the AMS (Analyst Member/s of the School) have been underway since the start of our ICG.

As we wrote in *Echoes* no. 3, after our meetings in June:

“First, because our texts envisage that the International Committee of Accreditation (ICA), composed from within the ICG, establishes the list of new AMS.

Next, because the nomination of AMS is notorious for raising not only questions but often problems as well. Our whole procedure of the Pass depends predominantly on the AMS because they designate the *Passeurs* but above all because they make up the large majority of members of the ICG and thus the Cartels of the Pass.”

This point will be on the agenda for the Assembly.

We pursued our initial reflections and present here a brief summary of the unanimous decision of our ICG on this current question.

At present, the routinisation, even the ritualisation of the procedure with its expected list every two years is patent. This is inevitable after so many years, but it is not without effect. We have noticed in any case that many AMS, even among those newly named, do not participate at all in the International School and sometimes not even at a local level. This is a sure sign that this title, certainly considered to be and expected as a promotion, is not an incentive to be

involved in the School. This is in great contrast to the nominations of AS and even the non-nominations, for testimonies abound that speak of the effect of setting out on the only pathway in the School.

Lacan wanted to mark the distinction between hierarchy and *gradus*, and the AMS originates in the *gradus*, while the hierarchy is more concerned with institutional management. Currently, our title of AMS is drifting towards transferential hierarchy, at least on one point: it is the AMS who propose future AMS, generally chosen from among their analysands, supervisees, or even students. This is patent co-optation, which is no different from what happens elsewhere, and we know that Lacan always broadly denounced this type of “patronage” of the *de facto* teaching analyst.¹

On the other hand, for us, the Pass depends on the AMS, “as regards the designation of *Passeurs*” and on their participation in the ICG, which could be a strong reason in itself for making the title more demanding.

And why do the new AMS not present themselves for the Pass before presenting themselves to the ICG? Certainly the Pass is not obligatory, but isn't it the most alive aspect of the School?

What defines an AMS?

Let us recall that primarily, the AMS represent the School to the world. The title is not asked for, unlike the demand for the Pass, and it sanctions a legitimate analytic practice recognised by colleagues. But who can have any idea of the analytic quality of a colleague? The analyst, obviously, and the supervisor/s, since supervision is absolutely necessary, but colleagues in cartels as well, and even colleagues in institutions where the analysts work.

Moreover, because of the preponderant role of AMS in the procedure of the Pass, the selection of these same AMS must be subordinated to the regular and on-going participation in the national and international activities of the School. The ICG sent a letter to the Secretariats of the Pass in order to draw their attention, once again, to these criteria.

This great contrast between the responsibilities that School entrusts in the AMS, and the effective involvement of the majority of them, has lead us to take two initiatives:

A proposition for the Assembly of the School.

¹ Reread the “Discours à l’EFP”, of December 6, 1967, in Scilicet 2/3 [and *Autre Écrits* – trans.], which remains instructive.

Even if it means that there is co-optation, it would better that this be as overt as possible. Thus we propose the following:

That from this point, the possibility of proposing AMS is no longer the province of AMS only, but of each Member of the School, with the obvious reservation that the proposal can be justified on the basis of work shared with the colleague who has been proposed.

This proposition offers no threat to the seriousness of our choice, given that in our School, there is a series of steps to be undertaken in the choice of AMS.

A reminder of the process: each Secretariat of the Pass collects the proposals for AMS coming from the AMS in their organ of the School. It studies them, discusses the key points and on this basis, arranges them on their own list. On a specified date, the Secretariat sends the list to the ICA composed from within the current ICG. In its turn, this Committee studies the proposals coming from the Secretariats and, taking into account their own conclusions, draws up a definitive list for the current ICG, which then becomes the official list.

Moreover, our ICG wished to mark the step in the *automaton* that has become ritualised as a consequence of an unsatisfactory way of working. We hope it will revive a deliberation about the place that AMS hold in our structures of the School, and about what we can expect given that place.

The debate on the AMS will be on the agenda for the Assembly in July 2016. That is why the ICA of the ICG 2014/2016, will not proceed with new nominations of AMS. It will receive the list of proposals prepared by each Secretariat, and give it to the incoming ICG, which will be able to make a decision on the basis of the debate that will take place.

Echos n°4 APPENDIX

INTERNAL RULES of the ICG

Modified June 2015

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THE ORGANS OF THE PROCEDURE OF THE PASS 2014/2016

ICG (composition by instrumentality)

10 members for France and those attached to France:

Sol Aparicio, Cathy Barnier, Anne-Marie Combres, Nadine Cordova Naïtali, Jean-Jacques Gorog, Marie-José Latour, Martine Menès, Susan Schwartz (Australia) Colette Soler

2 members for Spain:

M^a Luisa De La Oliva de Castro, Ana Martinez Westerhausen

1 member for Italy:

Maria Teresa Maiocchi

3 members pour South America

Sonia Alberti (Brazil), Gabriel Lombardi (Argentina), Ricardo Rojas (Columbia)

SECRETARIAT of the ICG

SOLER Colette (Europe) LOMBARDI Gabriel (South America)

THE COLLEGE OF INITIATIVES AND ORIENTATION OF THE SCHOOL (CIOS)

LOMBARDI Gabriel, MAIOCCHI Maria Teresa, DE LA OLIVA Maria Luisa, SOLER Colette

THE CARTELS

There are two types of cartels, but both obey the same principle of composition: each is composed of a member from Spain or Italy, a member from South America, and three members from France.

1. The Cartels of the Pass. They give a ruling on the passes and are composed within the ICG, case by case, according to the passes that are completed, and based on linguistic compatibility and analytic incompatibility (see section 2 below).
2. The three Cartels of the ICG. They are composed within the ICG for the duration of the mandate of this ICG, by mutual agreement between all members of the ICG, and they will work on certain crucial psychoanalytic questions raised in the procedure. The theme or themes chosen by each of them will be communicated when they begin their function.

Cartel 1. Sonia Alberti, Nadine Cordova Naïtali, Didier Grais (Plus-one), Ana Martinez, Colette Soler, Susan Schwartz.

Cartel 2. Cathy Barnier (Plus-one), Anne-Marie Combres, Gabriel Lombardi, Maria Teresa Maiocchi, Martine Menès.

Cartel 3. Sol Aparicio (Plus-one), Maria Luisa De la Oliva, Jean-Jacques Gorog, Marie-José Latour, Ricardo Rojas

The local secretariats of the pass:

FRANCE

Committee for Reception and the Guarantee (CRG) for the admission of members and the guarantee (Pass and AMS): Michel Bousseyrroux, Lydie Grandet, Bernard Nominé, Françoise Josselin, Patricia Zarowsky (Secretary)

SPAIN

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Committee for Admission and the Guarantee: Roser Casalprim, Rithée Cevasco (Secretary) and M^a Jesús Díaz

ITALY

FPL- Forum Psiconalítico Lacanien

CLAG (Local Committee for Admission, Reception and the Guarantee of the Forum Psicanalítico Lacaniano: Mario Binasco (Secretary), Moreno Blascovich, Renato Gerbaudo, Marina Severini

SOUTH AMERICA

CLGAL (Local Committee of the Guarantee for Latin America): Vera Pollo (Brazil), Maria Luisa Rodriguez (Brazil) Silvia Migdalek (Latin America South), Beatriz Zuluaga (Latin America North).

THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PROCEDURE OF THE PASS

1. The list of *passeurs*

The list is established in each instrumentality by the secretaries of the Pass (see section 2 below) following proposals by the AMS of the instrumentality. The secretaries send it to the ICG, which holds the list for all the instrumentalities, noting the analyst and the date of the proposals.

2. Steps in the functioning of the procedure

The demands for the Pass are received locally by the Secretariats of the Pass that establish the list of *passeurs*. This list is revised and updated each year by these same Secretariats.

The candidate is received by a member of the secretariat of the local Pass who refers the candidate to its Secretariat, which then approves or declines the request. The Secretary transmits the response of its Secretariat to the candidate who will then, where applicable, draw the names of his *passeurs*. He informs the *passant* that when his testimony is completed, he must let the Secretary know. If he so wishes, a *passant* can refuse a *passeur* and draw another name.

The Secretaries of the Pass transmit the following to the Secretaries of the ICG, as they are received:

- The list of demands for the Pass.
- The list of Passes that have commenced after the candidates have been interviewed by a member of the secretariat, along with the names of the two *passeurs*, and all the necessary information required for a cartel of the Pass.
- The ICG is responsible for directing the passes towards one of the Cartels of the Pass, taking languages and incompatibilities into account. They are to be evaluated in each case by the ICG. In a Cartel, it would be appropriate to avoid the presence of: the analyst of the *passant*, his current supervisor, possibly a current analysand of the same analyst, and also sometimes people who are too close to the *passant*.

3. Transmission of the responses of the Cartels of the Pass

The cartel will write its response to the *passant* in the simplest form and without justifying it. Depending on the case, this will be: “the cartel has nominated you AS” or “the cartel has not nominated you AS”. It will also include the composition of the Cartel that has ruled on this Pass. On this basis, each Cartel will obviously have to evaluate whether it wishes to add something more in relation to particular cases. The response will be transmitted without delay.

-A member of the Cartel, **chosen by the Cartel**, will convey the response to the *passant* orally, in person when possible or by phone when distance does not allow that to happen. Following this, the *passant* can ask to meet another member of the Cartel if he so wishes. On this basis, each Cartel will obviously have to evaluate whether it wishes to add something more in relation to particular cases.

-The response, **nomination or non-nomination**, is communicated for filing to the two Secretaries of the ICG and the Secretariat of the Pass concerned.

The Secretariat of the ICG (composed of the two Secretaries of the ICG) holds the Notebook with all these steps. It decides, along with the members of the ICG, the composition of the Cartels for various Passes, and transmits, at the appropriate moment, the answer of the Cartel of the Pass and its composition to the Secretary of the instrumentality concerned.

-The ICG sends all of these rules regarding functioning to the various local Secretariats.

4. The *passeurs*

The Analyst Members of the School of the SPFLF can propose *passeurs* as is stipulated in the “Principles”. At an opportune moment, they make their proposal to their local Secretariat of the Pass or to the instrumentality of the School to which they are attached. Each Secretariat can also speak to Analyst Members of the School belonging to that instrumentality.

The Secretariats of the Pass draw their *passeurs* for the *passants* from a list of *passeurs* comprising those *passeurs* who have not yet taken up their function

in the procedure of the Pass or, alternatively, who have been involved in the lowest number.

The *passeurs* must necessarily speak the same language as the *passant*, or speak a language that the *passant* speaks, but they need not necessarily be from the same place.

The mandate of the *passeur* is limited to three passes. If two years after his designation a *passeur* has not been drawn by lot, the AMS who designated him can either renew or not renew the designation.

It would also be necessary for the local committee to ensure that the *passant* who draws his *passeurs* by lot is ready to commence his testimony immediately, and to see that the testimony does not go on indefinitely.

5. The International Committee of Accreditation of AMsS

The composition of the Committee

In the second year of its mandate the International College of the Guarantee constitutes from within it the International Committee of Accreditation of AMS. Its composition is proportional to the number of members of the School in each zone. The list of the new Analyst Members of the School is published in June/July of this second year.

Functioning

At the start of its taking office, the ICG reminds the local committees of the tasks that are incumbent upon them with regard to the criteria and the gathering of information about potential Analyst Members of the School, particularly in zones attached to an instrumentality.

The Local Committees of the Guarantee send their proposals for Analyst Members of the School at their convenience.

ANNEXE: THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL

A)The articulation between the admission to the Forum and to the School

The rule that consists in first entering the Forum and then the School, must be maintained. However, it should be applied with tact and, in some exceptional cases, a simultaneous entry into the Forum and the School could be envisaged.

B)The question of criteria has been taken up and has led to the following suggestions:

- Two interviews or one interview with two people does not appear excessive.
- Regular participation in the activities of the Forum or the division, particularly in cartels, and possibly in the Clinical College to which the candidate belongs, is to be taken into account.

But the question of greater participation in the national activities, for example, the *Journées* [Study Days], must be taken into account.

Since our School has international instrumentalities, the international dimension cannot be ignored. This dimension must be presented to the candidate at the first interview so that he is fully aware of where he is intending to enter before his second interview.

- The works published following the *Journées*, inter-cartels etc., are an objective indicator of the involvement of a candidate and are to be taken into account.

- Consultation with the analyst or supervisor cannot be obligatory. It is for the Committee to judge if, in such and such a case, it could be opportune.

C) **Condition of admission** as Member of the School for members of forums attached to the French instrumentality:

The general condition for admitting a Member of the School belonging to an attached instrumentality is that enough is known about his analytic training. On that basis, the Committee for Reception and the Guarantee (CRG) will give the response suitable for each case.

Moreover, if one of the candidates made the pass and was not nominated AS, the Cartel that listened to his testimony could possibly propose his admission as Member of the School.