

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR A SCHOOL ORIENTATED BY THE TEACHING OF SIGMUND FREUD AND JACQUES LACAN

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I The IF and its School

The International of Forums, the Federation of Associations of Forums of the Lacanian Field, creates its School.

II Name

The School will be called: School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field (SPFLF). Its local implantations will be called according to the model: 'School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field (SPFLF) of X'. (Eg.: School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field of France, i.e. SPFLF-France).

III Founding texts

The functions of the School are defined by Jacques Lacan's founding texts: the 'Founding Act of the École freudienne de Paris' of 1964; the 'Proposition of 9 October 1967 on the Psychoanalyst of the School'; the 'Discourse to the École freudienne de Paris' delivered in 1967 and published in 1970; the 'Note to the Italians' of 1973, as well as the texts of 1980 about the dissolution.

IV The functions of the School

The School has as its functions:

1. To sustain 'the original experience' in which a psychoanalysis consists and to enable the formation of analysts.
2. To award the guarantee of that formation through the procedure of the pass and the accreditation of analysts 'who have proved their capacity'.
3. To sustain 'the ethics of psychoanalysis which is the praxis of its theory' (Jacques Lacan).

V The status of the School

The School is not a legal association; it derives its legal status from the associations of Forums in which it is implanted. Therefore, it does not have the management structure of an association, but international and local organisational structures adjusted to its ends. In each locality, the legal statutes of association of the Forums mention their attachment to the IF, the existence of the School of Psychoanalysis, its aims, and the local instrumentalities or, in the absence of these, the instrumentalities of the School to which the Forum is attached.

VI The members

1. Whoever wants to engage in the School must request so to a Reception Committee and enrol in the association of the IF to which that Committee belongs.

2. The Reception Committee decides on the admission of members to the School, particularly on the basis of effective participation in the activities of the School and in 'the experience of the School' within a cartel.

VII Method of admission

Members of the School are admitted by a local Reception Committee constituted by a National Association, a Forum or a gathering of Forums involving a minimum of thirty members of the School.

VIII Titles

The School guarantees analysts of whose formation it has been responsible by means of the two titles of Analyst of the School (AS) and Analyst Member of the School (AMS), as defined in the 'Proposition of 9 October 1967 on the Psychoanalyst of the School'.

IX Guarantee

The guarantee is awarded at the international level by the International College of the Guarantee.

1) Definition and functions

a) The International College of the Guarantee is composed of 16 members, elected locally within each organizational structure by candidature for two years by all the members of the School who belong to the organizational structure and who have paid their subscription fees (Forum, IF and School) for the current and the previous year.

b) The Analysts of the School (AS) are appointed for a period of three years by one of the cartels of the pass. These cartels are pluri-national and are constituted for a duration of two years within the International College of the Guarantee according to methods established by the College and inscribed in its internal regulations.

c) The title of Analyst Member of the School (AMS) is conferred, following a local proposal, by an Accreditation Committee composed by a maximum of seven and a minimum of five members, elected by the International College of the Guarantee within its members. The local committees may receive or solicit proposals from Analysts Members of the School.

2) Election of the International College of the Guarantee.

a) The 16 members of the College are elected locally within each instrumentality of the School by its members, provided that they have paid their subscription fees (Forum, IF and School) for the current and the previous year. The election takes place locally. Ten members are elected for France and the forums attached to France; three for Spain, and three for Brazil and Latin America. The candidates from each list who obtain the most votes are elected. In the case of an equal number of votes being obtained by two candidates, one name will be drawn by lottery.

b) Eligible members: eligible are the AS, the AMS and the passers.

3) The College chooses from within its membership, for the duration of the College, two secretaries charged with holding the register of requests for the pass, proposals for the title of Analyst Member of the School received and decisions taken by

the cartels of the pass and the Accreditation Committee. It establishes its own internal rules.

Symposium on the pass

Every four years, on the occasion of an international Rendezvous, a symposium on the pass will take place, with the participation of all the members of the International College of the Guarantee of the two preceding periods and the corresponding secretariats of the pass. The first symposium will be convened during the Rendezvous of 2010.

X The epistemic dimension.

Composition:

The epistemic dimension of the School is sustained by a College of Initiatives and Orientation of the School (CIOS) composed of four members: the two secretaries of the International College of the Guarantee, plus two members elected among the members of the International College of the Guarantee who belong in zones other than their own. Each instrumentality of the School will elect a member, who will work in association with the four members of the CIOS in order to implement the tasks of liaison and collaboration with the CIOS necessary for the planning of activities.

Functions:

The aim of the College is to facilitate the debate of the School at the international level. It will coordinate the activities and/or themes of the Seminars of the School; it will organize these Seminars in the places where they do not still exist; it will plan conferences and workshops, and in a general way, it will ensure the work of the School at the international level.

The College will produce electronically the international Bulletin of the School, *Wunsch*. This publication has the aim of presenting the program of the activities of the School and specially of regularly disseminating the work produced in the seminars of the School.

The Preparatory Volume of the International Rendezvous will be replaced by the preliminary papers on the theme of the Rendezvous, which will be distributed electronically during the two years preceding each Rendezvous by the relevant organizing committee.

The College contributes to the choice of theme of the Rendezvous in consultation with the CRIF and the ICG.

XI The organisation of the School at the local level.

The tasks required by the functions of the School – the committee for the admission of new members, the secretariat of the pass (reception of the requests for the pass and establishment of the list of passers), the committee in charge of the proposal of AMS and the epistemic body responsible for the work of cartels and the coordination of the work on doctrine – must be carried out in each place by ad hoc mechanisms.

The conditions for the admission of members by the Reception Committee are defined in Article VI of these Principles.

As regards the Committee of the Guarantee (secretariat of the pass and the committee in charge of the proposal of AMS) and the epistemic dimension, the mode of functioning will be defined at the local level as a function of the context, provided that its application involves a community of at least 50 members of the School in the case of the procedures concerning the guarantee and 30 members of the School in the case of the

activities of the epistemic dimension. If these minimum numbers are not reached, several Forums may associate in order to set in motion the structures of the School, and isolated Forums may opt for attaching themselves to a zone of reference.

The delegates of IF who are members of the School ensure that the presence of the School is effective locally, by seminars or other activities of the school appropriate to the local situation. In cities where there are already committees of the School, the delegates can become associated to these in order to put in place the activities of the School; in cities where there are no committees of the School, it is the delegates' responsibility to sustain such activities.

The situations being very different in different places, the modalities should be decided after discussion and agreement with the members of the International Colleges of the Zone concerned.

XII Permutation and non-accumulation of mandates.

All the positions must permutate, are not immediately renewable and are not cumulative. In particular, positions cannot be held concurrently with one of the international bodies (International Committee of the Guarantee, College of Initiatives and Orientation of the School or IIM) and with the management of a local Forum or Association of Forums. Equally incompatible are positions with the College of Representatives and with the organs of the School at the international level.

In cases in which the strict application of this rule makes the functioning of the School impossible at the local level, the matter will be considered and decided upon by a committee of delegates of the IF according to regulations to be established by the Assembly of the IF.

XIII Rule on periodical review.

The periodicity and modalities of subsequent revisions will be established at the time of the deadline of 2010.