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THE LETTER

In response to the horror experienced two weeks prior, the terraces of Paris were empty the weekend of the third meeting of the ICG. At the same time, inside the cafés, life was pulsing with the young and less young chatting, drinking and laughing. No horror can put an end to Eros.

In the rue d'Assas there was joy in meeting once more to work with colleagues from France, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Australia and Spain. Thinking together about the questions of the School, participating in the cartels of the ICG and of the pass, plaiting the threads that link colleagues in the ICG and nourish in us a transference to psychoanalysis, without which it would be impossible to face our work, one which we hope will be contagious.

Our wager is to make this organ of the School closer to its members in order that we conceive it not just as bureaucratic work for which the responsibility is redistributed every two years, but as something that concerns each of those who have asked for the admission into the School, and in which each of us is thus implicated.

What is written about the functioning of the School is not a dead letter, nor is it a liturgical text used to celebrate a sacred ceremony. It is something living that obeys a logic through which Lacan knotted practice, theory and School. This logic requires verification. That's why the question of the "desire for psychoanalysis" is so important, the question that summons us all to the next International Meeting of the School in Medellin. This is a question that circulates between two points: extension and intension. The continuity of psychoanalysis lies between these two points, a continuity that is not achieved once and for all. As Lacan said at St Anne, "that this discourse is sustained may only be an historical phase".

This is a wager that leads us to bring the two banks of the Atlantic together. "An ocean of false science" – perhaps this is the knowledge of the analyst.

Maria Luisa de la Oliva, December 17, 2015

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SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE ICG 2014-2016 ON NOVEMBER 26-27, 2015

This summary, which we wish to be as detailed as possible, is aimed at allowing each member of the School to follow the work of the current ICG.

First we present the points that imply practical decisions, with certain phrases in orange in order to make reading easier, then the discussions that require some reflection.

Account of the two Study Days of the School in Buenos Aires and Toulouse, in preparation for the International Meeting of the School

These two Study Days, one in South America, the other European, produced a positive impression on the participants. Much participation, much animation, and at Toulouse, a new format, making a place for oral interventions that greatly contributed to the exchanges.

The next number of WUNSCH, which will appear in January 2016, gathers all the presentations and in addition, for the two Study Days, small commentary texts written after the event by members of the ICG who had participated.

Invitation to the two most recently named Analysts of the School (AS) from the SPFLF-France, April 9, 2016.

The Committee of Orientation of the SPFLF-France decided to invite the two most recently named AS, Camila Vidal and Pedro P. Arevalo, and it consulted the ICG about the format for this meeting with them. Here is what came out of the discussion on this subject.

At the practical level, in considering that the two AS are Spanish speaking, and that we cannot provide a translation, the ICG has proposed that they send their texts well in advance in order that they are translated into French so that they can then be projected onto a screen while they are speaking.

As for the discussion, Sol Aparicio has offered to provide a simultaneous translation. If need be, other Spanish speaking colleagues can act in relay with her.

Concerning the format

The two AS will be giving presentations. We have no particular expectation that they will speak of their personal passes as they have already done so when they were invited to Latin America, to Buenos Aires and Curitiba respectively. Camila Vidal was also invited to Toulouse. We could ask them to bring something to initiate discussion

on the theme of the International Meeting of the School to be held in July in Medellin: “The Desire for Psychoanalysis”.

Indeed this theme can be developed in various ways: we can question it in the context of the discourse of our times, but also with regard to the analysand in the course of an analysis, and to the practicing analyst. We would like to hear the two AS on this latter point, if they so wish.

It would be good, moreover, to keep something of the accent of Toulouse where the exchanges were improvised orally.

Proposal: that some colleagues in the ICG-France and the Committee of Orientation read the AS’s texts in advance, and plan some oral intervention that would launch and direct the discussion.

Sol Aparicio, JJ Gorog, Martine Menès, Cathy Barnier and Colette Soler have indicated their availability.

Preparation for the Symposium 2016

The Symposium will take place on July 13, the day before the International Meeting of the School, from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm, in the location for the RV. According to our statutes, it will be composed of the members of the last three ICG as well as the corresponding secretariats of the pass and the passeurs who have been heard by the cartels of the pass of these ICG.

There will be translation into the languages of the RV.

Recall that this Symposium, currently scheduled to occur every four years, has as its aim to reflect together on the experience of the functioning of our international organs during that period, to give an account, and to locate any difficulties, or even suggest possible improvements within the framework of our texts.

The periodicity of the Symposium

The ICG discussed **the periodicity of this Symposium**. It is scheduled to take place every four years in the *Principles for a School*. Now, as our RVs take place every two years, with this periodicity, the Symposium would always occur in Latin America. This is inconvenient for at each RV, the greatest number of participants is from the continent where the RV takes place. It is more equitable to alternate.

Thus it would be necessary to alternate the locality of the Symposium. This would be the case if it took place **every two years**, like the Meetings of the School and the Rendezvous of the IF. In this case the composition of the Symposium would benefit by being reduced and would bring together **members of the two previous ICG**, the corresponding secretariats of the pass and the passeurs who have been heard by these two ICG.

Thus we will propose a vote in July 2016 to replace the current paragraph:

“A Symposium on the pass will meet every four years, during an International RV, bringing together all the members of the last three ICG and the corresponding secretariats of the pass. The next Symposium will take place during the 2016 RV.”

With this:

“A Symposium on the pass will meet **every two years**, during an International RV, bringing together all the members of the last **two** ICG and the corresponding secretariats of the pass and the passeurs who have been heard by these ICG.

Preparation for the Symposium

We have decided on the necessary preliminary measures:

Establishment of **the statutory list of participants**, in particular, that of the passeurs who have been heard by a cartel since 2010.

To write, in December, a **letter of invitation** to members of the ICG 2010/2012 and 2012/2014, as well as to the members of the corresponding Secretariats in order to collect their proposals for matters that they would like to discuss in this Symposium.

Also to write in December a **letter to the passeurs** concerned, in order that they can, if they wish, plan their trip to Medellin in July 2016.

Our ICG 2014/2016 will establish its own proposals during its meeting in February 2016. We will then be in a position to establish **an order of the day**.

The order of the day will be sent to those interested in the second trimester of 2016, probably in **May** with a letter of convocation to the Symposium.

WUNSCH NO. 15

For this issue we have planned to collect the texts of the two Study Days of the School in Buenos Aires and Toulouse.

The CIOS are working on it and **it will appear in January 2016**. The second number of Wunsch for which this ICG is responsible is planned for the end of 2016.

Preparation for the International Meeting of the School in Medellin

There have been extensive discussions about the format to adopt and any possible changes, but we have not yet made concrete decisions.

The theme is already fixed: “The desire for psychoanalysis”. It can be interpreted according to whether it is approached at the level of extension, or in analysis itself for it can be questioned with regard to the analysand and also to the analyst.

Concerning the format, we discussed the lessons that could be drawn from the format chosen at the Study Day at Toulouse for it demonstrated that making a place for oral expression, beside written texts, certainly favoured very animated exchanges and could be a way of preventing the effect of ritualization.

A mixed format could be tried, each half day of this Meeting being divided in two parts, one in the classic format of written presentations, the other in the format of oral debate starting with small preliminary texts.

THE DISCUSSIONS

Discussion on the proposal of Analyst Member of the School (AMS).

There is unanimity in the ICG on the importance of the AMS for the procedures of the School. Because of this, it is necessary to continue the debate about their designation, not only because the AMS are eligible for the ICG, but also because they designate the passeurs on whom the pass “depends”, said Lacan.

A reminder of the procedure for the nomination of AMS: the AMS of an organ propose, to their local Committee of the Guarantee, the colleagues who appear to them to be capable of being named AMS. The local committee studies their proposals, establishes a list of proposals that they accept after verifying their credibility, and sends it to the International Committee of the Guarantee of the ICG, which establishes the definitive list. The proposals must be supported with evidence at each step.

Lacan gave us a definition in the Foundation Act, according to which the title would guarantee the reliability of a practice from an external perspective. However, the Proposition on the pass changes something, namely that the role of AMS in psychoanalysis in intention and in our international School, including their clinical capacity as well, must be of utmost importance for the grounds upon which the nomination is based, with a particular emphasis on the regular participation in the activities of the School not only locally, but nationally and internationally.

A question has been raised that will be taken up at the next meeting of the ICG, concerning the relevance of limiting the possibility of proposing AMS to AMS alone. Indeed, since the nomination goes beyond confidence in the clinical work to an active presence in the School, all the members of the School are in a position to have an idea, particularly with regard to colleagues with whom they form cartels.

Discussion about passeurs

Many and varied considerations have been put forward, on the convergence or the differences between the testimonies of the two passeurs for a pass, about the case where a cartel is led to ask that another passeur is drawn from the list, about the duration of the mandate and the number of possible passes.

A question has been posed: that of knowing if an analyst can designate as passeur one of his analysands who is no longer in analysis. Opinions are divided in two: one that is negative, for since the pass is a moment of turning [*virage*] internal to the analytic process, the passeur must be in analysis. The other takes into account the fact that since Lacan’s formulations nothing has been put forward that allows for the identification of the moment of turning in a way that is sufficiently sure for us to conclude that an analysand, having finished his analysis, might not be capable of being a passeur, on condition that too long a period has not elapsed since the end of his analysis.

Discussion on the responses of the cartels

The discussion concerns both what orients the decisions and the way in which the responses are sent.

On the first point we come back to the question of knowing whether the cartel decided unanimously or by majority. In principle, the cartels count on unanimity, and

this is the object of the work of the cartel to reach, through discussion, a conclusion that all the members agree upon. But we also know that there are false unanimities and that, if this happens to be the case, it is preferable not to force anything.

We returned to the question of the way the responses of the cartel are sent to the passant, based on the experience of the first cartels of the pass of this ICG. The internal rules of the ICG, which we send once more in the Appendix of this number, remain our principal guide.

Beyond this question, there is another, one that is fundamental, that of knowing what words and work of the members of the cartel of the pass are transmitted to the whole School in order to sustain the desire for the School.

THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PASSE AND THE ICG

The number of passeurs. As it turns out, the number of passeurs is more than sufficient, even in excess of the requirements of the number of passes in progress. As of the beginning of December, in France there were 9 passeurs, in Spain there were 4, in Latin America there were 17 and in Italy there were 3.

Passes in progress

Five passes are in progress, two of which are in Latin America.

Passes studied

Two testimonies of the pass were concluded at the end of November, they were heard by a cartel constituted for this occasion. No nomination of AS was announced.

Calendar for the next meetings of the ICG and the cartels of the pass

The next meetings will take place:

Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7, in Paris.

From Wednesday, July 13, in Medellin.

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, before the Study Days of the SPFLF in November 2016.

The meeting of the outgoing and incoming ICG at the end of 2016 will take place on the occasion of this last meeting on the outgoing ICG.

Indeed, these two ICG have jointly addressed the following demand to the CRIF, formulated during their meeting in January 2015:

“We noted that the outgoing ICG met in Paris at the end of November/start of December, for its final passes, and following this it met again in January with the new ICG for the handover of documents and discussion of the various problems encountered during the two years.

We concluded that it would be better if the two ICG could meet at the end of November/start of December, during the last meeting of the outgoing ICG, which would avoid multiple and costly journeys.

It would be preferable to go back to the initial dates for the international elections, which were much earlier, at the time of the European return to work in the autumn.

Indeed, if the international elections (CRIF and ICG) were announced at the start of September, they could be concluded by the start of November.

Our demand is thus that your CRIF announce these elections at this date and specify, to the Representatives who are going to organise them, that the final date for the results would be the start of November.

The precise date will be fixed after consultation with the incoming ICG, probably Monday 28th, in the morning.

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INTERNAL RULES of the ICG *Modified June 2015*

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III. Appendix: The admission of members of the School

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 Psiconalitico Lacanien

CLAG (Local Committee for Admission, Reception and the Guarantee of the Forum Psicanalitico 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.