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This number of *Echoes* presents multiple testimonies from a School in action that sustain and stimulate the authorisation of the analyst on real grounds, those of the links with “some others”. The verification of these real grounds is difficult, “random”, at the mercy of chance that programs encounters and missed encounters, and also at the mercy of various desires that are not always convergent in the orientation of the School and in the promotion of the desire of and for psychoanalysis.

This time, the multiplicity of perspectives has been enriched by the debates about our procedure that took place in Medellin, and about its course, which are summarised in this newsletter. In the Symposium on the Pass we examined its operation over six years, in the Assembly of the School, we revisited its principles and its composition. In our forthcoming publication, *Wunsch 16*, we will make known the results of the Encounter of the School.

We cannot yet measure the consequences of the work of our School, but we can attest that it has been enormous and punctilious, that we have put our bodies into it, not only in the meetings of its 16 members in person, or in Cartels of the Pass and of the ICG, but also in the permanent exchanges of speech, letters, of voice and style that current technology makes possible. Indeed in the dozens of meetings of the ICG and its cartels, as well as the thousands of emails exchanged between its members.

The oxymoron “permanent” accompanies our work, linking freedom and prudence, novelty and experience, concept and disappointment, the routine and the surprise, orientation and the price the analyst pays for his teleological judgement, as the condition of his practice. We have questioned all our criteria around the decisions made in the Pass even to the point of questioning whether simple prejudices are at play. We have tried to evaluate the leap that is assumed to have taken place in the step from analysand to analyst within all the parameters that have arisen from our debate, and in the attempt to base our decision on our perceptions and our judgement we have decided, although this may only be between ourselves.

This is the dignity of the *parlêtre*, the one that is at stake for us, and that we honour with a method but no manual every time that we try to discern the *saying of the analysis* behind all the statements and instructions that conceal it.

Here comes the seventh delivery of this conjunction of sweat, reason and desire.

Gabriel Lombardi, Buenos Aires, September 12, 2016

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1. SUMMARY IN FOUR PARTS OF THE SYMPOSIUM ON THE PASS, JULY 13, 2016

Each participant has written a brief summary of his or her contribution.

1. Assessment of the functioning of the ICG by Sol Aparicio

This ICG 2014-2016, the seventh since the creation of the School, has benefitted from the experience of those that have preceded it. I will summarise the way it has functioned and the work completed in three essential points.

I. The first concerns the meetings of its members. During the first meeting in January 2015, it was decided that we would all be present three times a year and a calendar of these meetings, six in total, was fixed. The last will take place in Paris in November, at the time of the National Study Days of the SPFLF-France.

As far as possible, these meetings have been held over two days in order to allow all necessary time for the discussions. Taking into consideration the comments transmitted by the preceding ICG, it was agreed that we would meet before or after the Study Days. A high degree of availability is required to be a member of an ICG.

II. The second point concerns the work in cartels. A problem was posed re the Cartels of the Pass which, meeting occasionally, did not have the opportunity to pursue a work of reflection in common. Our ICG thus chose to constitute some permanent cartels, referred to as those of the ICG. (Didier Grais will develop this point below.)

III. The third point touches on the relation with the School community. In order to address all the members of the School in keeping them regularly informed about our work, our ICG created an electronic newsletter, *Echoes*, published in the five languages that are spoken within it. So far there have been six. We published: 1. The information about the study days that the ICG organised in August 2015 in Buenos Aires, in September 2015 in Toulouse and, in collaboration with the CO of the SPFLF-France, in Paris in April 2016 with the new AS: Camila Vidal and

Pedro Pablo Arevalo. Then, we addressed the organisation of the Symposium, of the Encounter of the School and of the general Assembly. 2. The reminders about the texts and rules bearing on the procedure of the Pass, the entry of new members, and the Committee of Accreditation of AMS. 3. The composition of successive Cartels of the Pass. 4. And finally, of the echoes of the discussions having taken place between us concerning, among other points, the criteria for the admission of new members to the School, the AMS, the passers and what orients the decisions of the Cartels of the Pass.

2. Evaluation of the double formula for the cartels by Didier Grais

During our first meeting in January 2015 we modified the Internal Rules of the ICG in order to propose two types of cartels. It is important to note the benefit, even the necessity, of being able to develop the internal rules in accordance with the orientations given to the work by the members of the same ICG.

It has not always been the case to have two types of cartels in our School!

Brief historic reminder: at the creation of the School and at the time the procedure began, the Cartels of the Pass were composed case by case. The work was centred on passes heard and limited to only a few days. Then, in the following ICGs, there were some Cartels of the Pass that were constituted for two years. Five or six members of the ICG would meet, most often by Skype, in a more regular way in order to elaborate a work based on the passes that had been heard.

Having decided that our ICG would work on the crucial points of psychoanalysis and not only the passes, we proposed a “third type”: the mixed formula, comprising Cartels of the Pass and Cartels of the ICG.

1. The Cartels of the Pass

They are composed according to the completed passes with respect to their distribution by instrumentality and by language. They are thus ephemeral and each of us will have participated in at least three Cartels of the Pass.

That allows, it seems to me, a real flexibility at the level of the members of different cartels, of different languages (French, English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese) and also in limiting the impossibilities of the procedure because of incompatibilities (between passer and his analyst member of the ICG, between passer and analyst, or between acquaintances that are too close ...)

Thus after a year and a half in this role I could, for example, work in three Cartels of the Pass with thirteen colleagues out of the sixteen in our ICG. And there are still six months left ...

This role brings with it a great richness in the work and allows for the listening to many more passes and more rapidly.

2. The Cartels of the ICG.

These Cartels were constituted by mutual choice of the members of the ICG with the themes that would form the basis of the work decided by each Cartel. I will remind you of them:

- Cartel 1: The step/no entry into a psychoanalysis
- Cartel 2: From the particular symptom to the desire of the analyst
- Cartel 3: The knowledge that passes

These cartels have met monthly by Skype. In *Echoes* no. 6 you could read a small contribution from each member of the ICG showing the progress of each person's work in the cartel.

I have found the Cartels of the ICG very stimulating and they have created a real bond of work between the members that endures from one meeting of the ICG to the next. We could say that makes the ICG present and consistent throughout the year.

In conclusion and if we must find a negative point I will refer to the fact that if the ephemeral Cartels of the Pass can be constituted very rapidly and this means that it does not take several months of waiting before a completed Pass can be heard, we are not given perhaps enough time for discussion of the decision of the cartel, whether there was a nomination or not.

3. The functioning of the Secretariats of the Pass by Colette Soler

The exchanges between the ICG and the Secretariats of the Pass during this year and a half have essentially concerned the transmission of the information about the requests for the Pass and the passands. It has been noted that the Secretaries of the Pass in each of the instrumentalities have been readily available thus there has been a good atmosphere in which to work.

Several letters carrying the same request from the ICG have been sent to the Secretariats so that they send all the necessary information for each Pass at the same time: the date of the request, the Secretariat's response, the drawing of the passers, all details for the passand and passers, the names of their analysts and supervisors. This information is indispensable for avoiding incompatibilities in the composition of the Cartels of the Pass, and also for an archiving that allows for the on-going evaluation of the regularity of their functioning.

Before the Assembly, the ICG invited the Secretariats of the Pass to write a brief report in order that the discussion during the Assembly would be focussed on potential problems and their amelioration. The reports indicated frequent and satisfactory functioning, and it was acknowledged in the discussion with those present that was no major problem to be addressed.

4. The functioning of the Pass by Gabriel Lombardi

Due to the composition of this Symposium, we are going to take stock of the functioning of the Pass during the last three ICGs present at this Symposium.

Let's emphasise from the start that generally the procedure has worked well; we have a School of the Lacanian Field, with its Pass in operation.

However, the current Secretariat has encountered some difficulties:

1. The first concerns gathering the information about the passes from 2011. After careful research, and taking account of all the information received from the previous Secretariats, the following figures have finally been established:

The period 2011-2012: 20 Passes were concluded of which 4 were from the previous ICG, three were interrupted, 7 refused or re-oriented, 5 were left in waiting for the following ICG.

Two AS were nominated. There was one request for entry into the School by means of the Pass, which was successful.

The period 2013-2014: 17 Passes were concluded, of which 4 were from the preceding ICG, 4 were discontinued, 2 were passed on to the following ICG.

Three AS were nominated and there was one proposal to enter the School.

The period 2014-2016 (up to July 2016): 9 Passes were concluded of which 2 were from the previous ICG, and 6 were in course before July 2016, of which 4 were concluded before July. Three AS were nominated.

2. Another difficulty has been the existence of partial incompatibilities in some cases, or repetitions of the same name in the same pass, which should be perfectly avoidable in an international School. For example, the same colleague intervening to receive the passand in the local Secretariat, then in the designation of a passer and/or in the Cartel of the Pass which receives the testimonies of the passers about the same passand.

3. A third difficulty pertains to the times of the Pass. It has been observed that in some cases, a year and a half has elapsed between the request for the Pass and the pronouncement by the Cartel, without that being the fault of the passand, which seems neither suitable nor necessary in an international School.

General Discussion by Colette Soler

The discussion ranged over the figures, the number of candidates for the Pass, the number of nominations, the proposals of the passers, many of the themes that have been debated since the procedure began.

Reference was made to the practice that has become current in our School, one which is new in relation to Lacan's School, and involves hearing everyone who has contributed speaking about the Pass, not only in the terms that come from the "Proposition", that is, the AS, but also the passands who weren't named and the passers, according to invitations made to them locally.

Two proposals have been made to improve the operation.

1. With the ICG meeting four times annually it is possible to reduce the delay in response to six months at the maximum. The formula has been practiced by this ICG and could become a rule.

2. To avoid future difficulty with multiple electronic lists, generally without date, duplicated, and with our occasional omissions recorded, we propose to introduce a paper Notebook of Passes, with all the indications for each of them, which will be handed from ICG to ICG and so that no information will be lost. For the record it will be mentioned in the Internal Rules.

It cannot be retroactive but it can be initiated when work begins in September.

4. Based on proposals received from a Cartel from the preceding ICG by Ramon Miralpeix

"One of the questions concerned the difficulty of the Cartels of the Pass functioning as cartels. The question derives from my experience, which was satisfying in terms of being a jury,

but was less so in terms of the elaboration within the Cartel. The question was redoubled with the proposal, from the current ICG, of organising itself into permanent epistemic cartels, and into ephemeral Cartels of the Pass, constituted in an ad hoc way according to the passand and passer (analyst, supervisor, friendship relations, language).

In the Cartel of the Pass, the limit to knowledge that can be expressed is put into play. This knowledge comes from the intimate judgement of each member of a conclusion that surprises. But to the extent that this judgement is not alone, but shared, the combining of intimate judgements gives rise to a Yes or a No, and there a first elaboration is produced, necessary but not sufficient. It is about a clinical experience from which every bit of knowledge that can be transmissible to the School must be extracted. We know how the theoretical elaboration of each moment bound to the Pass has an effect on the modalities of the passand's transmission (traversal of the fantasy, S1, identification to the symptom, desire of the analyst ...) and nevertheless I have not seen how the clinic of the Pass has an effect on theoretical elaboration. Is there a chance that this might be possible – this would be the wager – if the Cartel of the Pass functioned like a cartel where its experience would be elaborated. Or is this something impossible?"

III REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SCHOOL OF 17 JULY 2016

Report from the ICG and the CIOS written before the Assembly, by Colette Soler

Because of the lack of time and considering that all information had been disseminated in the various numbers of *Echoes*, this report was not read in the Assembly. We present it here.

"Our report is brief, simple, since all our activities and debates have already been mentioned in the successive numbers of *Echoes*. Furthermore we are presenting a single report for the ICG and the CIOS, which is included since all the decisions implemented by the CIOS have been organised in the meetings of the whole ICG.

The four members of the CIOS, Gabriel Lombardi, Maria Teresa Maiocchi, Maria Luisa De La Oliva, Colette Soler, and most notably the two Secretaries who have been employed to realise the decisions taken.

Moreover, at the start of the mandate, the CIOS composed its team for translations, each of its members designating an associate. It comprises: Ana Alonso for Spain, Devra Simiu for the Anglophone zone, Ana Laura Prates for Brazil, and Patricia Gilli for Italy.

It must be added that Susan Schwartz, member of the ICG, has herself contributed greatly and called on willing English speakers for assistance with translation when necessary.

The result in all cases has been translations that have been remarkably rapid and efficacious.

The initiatives of this ICG are known to you.

I. First, the creation of the newsletter of the ICG entitled *Echos, Echoes, Ecos, Echi*. The intention of the newsletter is to permit each member of the School to follow what happens in the ICG in detail that goes beyond being informed when there is a nomination of an AS.

In the first number, each of the members of the ICG presented themselves, following which, we have mentioned the discussions and decisions taken during our five meetings before Medellin as we went along, with that of Medellin being the sixth.

II. Then we inaugurated a **double formula for the cartels**, some cartels fixed for the duration of the mandate of this ICG, each one choosing a theme to work on. You have had an echo of this in the last Newsletter, number 6.

And then the Cartels of the Pass, which are composed case by case, according to the passes to be heard, always multi-linguistic and taking incompatibilities into account. Their assessment during the Symposium appeared very positive.

I can say on my own behalf that the Cartels of the ICG contribute greatly to assuring the cohesion of the ICG, despite distances and languages.

The Internal Rules of the ICG has been adjusted on some points of our function; you will find these adjustments in the numbers of *Echoes*. It will be disseminated anew with the Report of this Assembly.

The debate about the AMS. It recurs in the School, and we have attempted to reopen it. There was a report about it in *Echoes 5*.

Before the Assembly we have:

1. Composed the Committee of International Accreditation (CIA). It comprises:

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Martine Menès (m.menes@wanadoo.fr) for France.

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

2. Made a proposal for the designation of AMS

3. Decided to pause the designation of AMS and not proceed with new nominations for 2014/2016 in the expectation of a debate in this Assembly

I am saying nothing now about the assessment of the functioning of the Pass during our mandate. It is for the moment partial, we will present the whole at the end of the year, in the last number of *Echoes* for the attention of the whole School. Gabriel Lombardi will give a provisional account of how it has functioned during the Symposium.

I conclude with a word on the atmosphere of the work that has prevailed until now in the ICG, with constant consultation, the spirit of initiative and readiness to work that has been particularly efficacious with regard to translations and always with good humour. This rather joyous solidarity has been very evident and, I believe, appreciated by all.”

II. The Assembly of the School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field of July 17, 2016

The Assembly began at 14.30.

The members of the CIOS were present, with the exception of Maria Luisa De La Oliva. Susan Schwartz joined those on the rostrum for the English language and Sonia Alberti, for Portuguese.

Point 1. Reports

The reports on the activities of the CIOS and the ICG presented in the Symposium of July 13 2016 and in the review, *Echoes*, were not read because of the time limit.

Point 2. The Frequency of the Symposium

The proposal that there be a Symposium every two years rather than every four years is motivated by the concern that it not always be held on the same side of the Atlantic.

That would suppose lightning its composition a little, for it would be reduced to the last two ICGs, to the corresponding Secretariats of the Pass and to the passers who had exercised their function during that period.

Colette Soler recalled that it was up to the Symposium to make a critical assessment of the procedure and to reflect on possible improvements with the people who contributed to its operation.

Marie Noëlle Jacob-Duvernet asked why the AS were not included. This point was raised during the Symposium of July 13. The principal reason being that they did not participate in the operation of the procedure, which, according to Lacan's expression is "at their disposal". The proposition was adopted unanimously **but with one abstention**.

Point 3. The title of the combined Forum-School of Brazil

Sonia Alberti reminded us that there is a national Brazilian Forum that includes the instruments of the School that are common to the whole of South America.

The intention of the text, "Principles", is that the Association of the Forum of the Lacanian Field in Brazil and its instrumentalities, currently entitled "SPFLF-Brazil", take the name of the SPFLF-Latin America, since the instrumentality is now for Latin America.

Ricardo Rojas specified that there are 28 or 29 members of the School for Colombia alone.

Latin America South recently exceeded 50 members of the School but wishes to continue to participate in the procedures of the School held in common (CLEGAL).

Solution:

Proposal: To modify section II of the Principles so that, when taking their growth into account, all the forums that have "epistemic" instrumentalities of the School (30 members), that is, of the Guarantee (50 members), can utilise the title SPFLF.

Proposal for the writing of section II Designation: "The School will be designated: School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field (SPFLF). Everywhere that there are instrumentalities of the School, **whether they are epistemic or of the Guarantee**, the title of the whole Forum-School becomes: School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field

(SPFLF) of X, Namely **SPFLF-France, SPFLF-Spain-FOE-Galicia, SPFLF-Italy-FCL, SPFLF-Brazil, SPFLF-LA-North, SPFLF-LA-South**".

This new designation was adopted **unanimously**.

Furthermore, the Assembly was reminded that title SPFLF should not appear in the heading for activities when the Forum in question is outside the zones that make the procedures of the School function. Naturally this does not prevent mentioning, when it is the case, that the person leading this or that activity is a member of the SPFLF-X.

Point 4. The proposal about the AMS from the Secretaries.

Gabriel Lombardi recalled the context of the debate launched in *Echoes no. 5*.

Proposal: that any member of the School can propose AMS to the instrumentalities of their zones, which will send the list to the ICG.

Colette Soler recalled the general context and particularly: 1. The minimal "animation" that is produced by the bi-annual publication of the list of new AMS, and 2. The contrast between the crucial functions of the AMS with regard to the Pass (they designate passers and can nominate for election to the ICG), and their involvement, which is sometimes "average" in the School, in particular at the international level. According to her, the AMS, as Lacan defined it – who, moreover, never had the occasion to speak of AMS other than local AMS – is the one "who had proved himself", the one who was trusted, and certain people work very well where they are and do not wish to come out of that place.

Sonia Alberti added that participation in international activities seems to her to have little importance at the moment of proposing AMS. Maria Teresa Maiocchi asked how the local and international criteria should be weighted.

Antonio Quinet did not find anything problematic with the proposal and thought that it could be useful to take the clinic into account at the moment when the AMS names passers.

Dominique Fingermann considered that it concerns re-specifying what proposing an AMS means, and therefore what an AMS should be. Sol Aparicio touched on the subject of the Study Day organised in France a propos of the designation of passers. Gabriel Lombardi suggested a meeting of AMS on these questions.

Marc Strauss recalled the rules of discretion that must frame the proposals for AMS.

Patricia Zarowski commented that, to her knowledge, the essential point about proposals came from people who work with the future AMS without being either their analysts or their analysands. Several approved this point.

Mario Binasco commented that the future ICG would be, in time, a product of this new way of working.

Françoise Josselin considered that this arrangement could complicate the work of the CAG in producing a multiplication of proposals.

The proposal was adopted by 49 for, 13 against and 12 abstentions.

Point 5. The number of Spanish members in the ICG

Carmen Niento presented Spain's request that its representation in the ICG increase from 2 to 3 members. This request is supported by the joining of 48 members of FOE-Galicia to the instrumentalities of the School of the F9.

After an in-depth discussion, and taking into account 1. The risk of introducing thereby a linguistic disequilibrium between the two areas. 2. The wish not to increase the ICG beyond its 16 members currently, it was decided that this theme will be worked on over the two following years in a way that will allow a **conclusion to be reached at the General Assembly in 2018. Unanimous, with one abstention.**

Point 6. The theme of the International Encounter

Colette Soler wanted the theme to include sexuality and the clinical structures.

Frédéric Pellion wanted us to work on our acceptance of the real and proposed "The guises of the real".

Sol Aparicio considered that even our colleagues in the ICG differed strongly about what they understood by the imaginary, symbolic and real. We risked having conceptions that were even more divergent on symptoms.

Colette Soler would like the title to attract a broad public.

Mario Binasco commented that "real" could speak to everyone. "Symptom is not their business".

Colette Soler added that it is commonly considered that science touches the real.

Françoise Josselin considered the term "diagnostic" to be open enough.

Nadine Cordova-Naïtali proposed a catchy title like "What doesn't work?" and adding something about psychoanalysis.

Antonio Quinet emphasised that we are coming back to Barcelona 20 years after the meetings in which the Forums were constituted. It would be interesting to distinguish the various treatments of the real that science, religion and psychoanalysis offer. Psychoanalysis has a specific response to the real that concerns us; this response touches on what could be called the politics of psychoanalysis.

Jean-Pierre Drapier commented that today, the cards for sex and for diagnostics have been completely reshuffled.

Marc Strauss suggested "The weight of the real".

Colette Soler very much liked the expression that Lacan used twice – first in *Television* and then in "*La Troisième*" – "*avènement(s) du réel*" [advents of the real]. She suggested: "The politics of psychoanalysis and the advents of the real". "Politics" being the politics of psychoanalysis and what of this is effectively realised.

Mario Binasco insisted on the difficulty of translating "*avènement(s)*" in Italian. He preferred to translate it by "emergence".

Sonia Alberti emphasised the great variety of emergences of the real and recalled the previous International Encounter on "Sexual realities and the unconscious".

David Bernard wanted a shorter formulation.

Finally the title "The advents of the real and the psychoanalyst" was adopted **unanimously with two abstentions**. The session finished at 17h.20.

III. THE MEETINGS OF THE ICG IN MEDELLIN

The ICG met several times, before and after the Symposium.

I. The initial discussions produced two points that had been presented to the Assembly and which had been voted on there:

1. The explication of the proposal made by Brazil of only keeping two expressions, “national forum” and “local forum” in “The Principals for a School”, and deleting the term “regional”.
2. The discussion on the use of the name “SPFLF” for all the forums with instrumentalities of the School, epistemic or of the Guarantee, at their disposal.

There was agreement about the title “Seminar of the School” should be better regulated. It is reserved for seminars organised by the Authorising Instruments of the Forum (Councils or committees of the School). For the others, pertaining to individual initiatives, the reference to “organised by X, member of AMS of the Forum of, or of the SPFLF of X would be enough at the time to avoid confusions and to assure the reference to the Lacanian Field.

II. Assessment of the Symposium

1. On the section devoted to the Secretariats

This section seemed a little weighty for some.

Its aim was to discuss some potential problems with regard to operation while showing the importance of this function in the instrumentality. The Secretariats had all written brief reports before the Assembly that was supposed to be focussed on possible problems. But nothing of note was signalled in this regard. There was thus little to discuss outside the modalities of the transmission of the information concerning the passes that had already been referred to.

This ICG will suggest to the next ICG that information about the function of the Secretariats be included in the general report, without making a distinct point.

2. The assessment of the functioning of the pass and of the procedure presented by Gabriel Lombardi in the Symposium was not discussed again at the meeting of the ICG, for the following point needed to be discussed more urgently. The assessment will be studied again during the next meetings of the ICG at the end of November.

III. What orients the decisions of the Cartel of the pass?

There have already been some preliminary exchanges on this subject, questioning the function of the “fore-knowledge” of each one, and what the nomination sanctions – either the completed analysis or the turning of the pass that Lacan distinguished, that which permits it to be identified case by case, etc.

Here is a brief account of the exchanges that took place, written by Marie-José Latour: “You will read below the account of the two meetings that, under the impetus of Colette Soler, all the members of the ICG devoted to this essential question when it met in Medellin on July 13 and 15, after having already referred to it in each of its preceding meetings.

It very quickly appeared to us that the question of what orients the decisions of the Cartels of the Pass is bound to another question: what orients the designation of passers? These

are questions that have already been approached in our School but if their pertinence means that they remain as questions (the pass being the procedure that allows the maintaining of a question about the psychoanalyst), it also obliges us to try to respond to it, or at least to know the extent to which we get lost. This is the major point of our discussion: how not to spread a doxa that would be an obstacle to the unexpected, to the discovery, to the surprise, to the very heart of psychoanalysis?

We can observe once again that the passers, the cartels and the passands have a tendency to use the same vocabulary. Thus there was a time when “traversing the fantasy” was, one could say, the syntactical rule of statements produced in the procedure; then there was the turn of *lalangue*, then of the real, etc. On the one hand, this phenomenon is the product of the work our School does on the concepts, the vital points of psychoanalysis, but on the other hand, it induces a sort of comfortable economy that is satisfied by the familiar refrains that go against what the procedure promises.

Thus a Cartel of the pass is expected to work from a position of non-knowledge. From a knowledge that is not an established knowledge, but that is not without it either. This is a very delicate point, paradoxical, for if the experience is one that cannot be imagined, it is very difficult for the human being not to go from what he has not imagined to something recognizable almost immediately. Also Freud and Lacan often referred to that; it is difficult to clear oneself of one’s experience for the nature of one’s own experience, as Lacan reminded us, is to prepare a pigeon-hole (Geneva Lecture on the Symptom). To be instructed by the experience requires that we know at least which are the pigeon-holes that orient us! Those that Lacan has named for us: disbeing [*désêtre*], separation, the fall of the subject supposed to know. There we have to learn again to give a place to what is not in the pigeon-hole.

We have regretted on several occasions that the passers show too great an abstention in the questions that they ask the passand to allow certain points to be clarified and particularly too great a timidity on the question of proper names (such as that of the analyst, analysts, major characters in the life of the passand etc.). This discretion is detrimental for it leaves crucial points totally opaque.

If the passage to the analyst is what the Pass aims at, the question is to discern what constitutes that passage. How to authenticate this turning point? Our exchanges have given rise to the necessity of clarifying the differences between the hystorisation of the turning point and the end of the analysis, between the hystorisation of the treatment and putting it to the test, between what unfolds and what turns. For example, the “mini turning-points” are the effects of truth and come from the fantasy, while traversing the fantasy excludes the formula.

The Cartel of the Pass is expected to say what the analysand, the passand, does not know, since “he knows nothing about this operation” (*Discours à l’EFP*) (remember that if he did know about it, the Pass could be done by writing, cf. the lesson of January 10 of the Seminar *Le moment de conclure*). It is obviously a delicate point for how to recognise what one does not know? Is it possible? This is the wager that the Cartel makes when a point of resonance particular to each one brings with it conviction for everyone.

Note again that the option taken by the ICG has been that each Cartel of the Pass discusses the decisions that it takes with the whole ICG.”

IV. Two Cartels of the Pass heard four testimonies of the Pass at Medellin, two from France and two from South America. They have given an account of their decisions to the ICG, as we have been doing to this point.

No nominations having been announced, the opinions expressed concerned what had prevented the Cartel from pronouncing positively, and were very unanimous.

The contrast between the passers for one passand was emphasised once more.

From this point on, the Cartels will write a few lines about their decisions as to the passes that have been heard in the paper version of the **Notebook of Passes**. This was decided during the Symposium and it will be put into action at the return to work with the intention of conveying it to future ICGs.

IV. THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE ICG AND THE CARTELS OF THE PASS

There is nothing new on this point in terms of the decisions about meetings that were taken in February. The next meetings of the ICG, the last for its mandate, and also that of the last Cartels of the Pass, are fixed for Monday and Tuesday, November 28 and 29, in Paris after the forthcoming Study Days of the SPFLF-France.

The meeting with the incoming ICG for the handover of information could be held on Sunday 27, in the afternoon, at the closing of the work of the Study Days SPFLF-France.

V. PLANS FOR WUNSCH 16

Wunsch is scheduled to appear at the end of the year.

Its contents will include:

Coming events (European Study Days in January in Barcelona, South American Study Day planned for September 2017 in Rio, the International RV in September 2018 in Barcelona for the 20 year anniversary of the Forums and the School of the Lacanian Field.

The presentations at the Encounter of the School in Medellin on “The desire of and for psychoanalysis”, with the testimonies of two new AS who were named before the RV, and the contributions of the round tables.

The presentations of the members of the ICG, based on their experience of the Cartels of the Pass.

VI. THE EUROPEAN STUDY DAYS OF THE SCHOOL, 21-22 JANVIER 2017 IN BARCELONA

These Study Days follow from a proposal from Spanish colleagues at a time when they thought that they wouldn't be able to organise the next International RV as they had wished to. The current ICG is taking part in the event that will be the last for its mandate at the moment when the new ICG will take up its role.

The Scientific Committee comprises the three secretaries of the Secretariats of the Pass in Europe and the three European members of the Council of Initiatives and Orientation of the School (CIOS):

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The theme has been decided:

“The knowledge of the psychoanalyst and his know how”. It will take place on **Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22.**

There will be short presentations of five minutes, and longer 15 minute presentations that will be distributed alternately in different segments of the work during our Study Day. Proposals for presentations should be sent to the Scientific Committee before October 15, 2016. When they are received, the committee will select which will be 5 minute and which will be 15 minute presentations. The deadline for sending the definitive texts (necessary for the translators) is January 2, 2017.

OFFICIAL TEXTS, UPDATED

To facilitate reading, the changes resulting from the International RV are in red.

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

Updated after the General Assembly, July 2016

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 instrumentalities, **whether they are epistemic of concerned with the Guarantee** the title of the whole, Forum-School, will be called according to the model: ‘School of Psychoanalysis of the Forums of the Lacanian Field (SPFLF) of X’. **That is SPFLF-France, SPFLF-Spain, F9, SPFLF Spain FOE-Galicia, SPFLF-Italy-FPL, SPFLF-Brazil, SPFLF LA-North, and SPFLF-LA-South.**

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, the Preface to the English Edition of Seminar XI of 1976, 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 make a request 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 30 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 of a maximum of seven and a minimum of five members, elected by the International College of the Guarantee from within its members.

The local committees may receive or solicit proposals from **the members of the School in their instrumentality.**

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. 10 members are elected for France and the forums attached to France; 2 for Spain (**F9 and FOE-Galicia**) 1 for Italy (FPL) and 3 for South America (**Brazil, Latin America North and Latin America South**).

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 lot.

A consideration of a possible reworking of this composition of the ICG is planned. It will be concluded during the Assembly of 2018.

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

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.

IX. Symposium on the functioning of the instrument of the pass

Every **two 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, **the passers who have exercised their function** and the corresponding secretariats of the pass.

X -The epistemic dimension

1) Composition:

The epistemic dimension of the School is sustained by a College of Initiatives and Orientation of the School (CIOS).

The College is composed of four members: the two secretaries of the International College of the Guarantee, plus two members chosen from 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.

2) 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 Assembly of the School

The Assembly takes place on the occasion of the International Meetings of the School. All members of the School may participate, but only members of the Assembly of voters may vote.

The Assembly of voters is composed of the College of Representatives (CRIF), the College of Delegates (CD), the preceding three International Colleges of the Guarantee (ICG), and the College of Initiatives and Orientation of the School (CIOS), and the Secretariats of the pass corresponding to these three ICG.

If in a Forum or Division, there is no Delegate who is a Member of the School, this Forum or Division may designate a Member of the School to represent them at the Assembly of Voters. Each member will have no more than the power of two proxy votes.

The Assembly gives an opinion on the reports of the ICG and the CIOS, on the financial report of the School (notably, the sum and management of the School's international subscriptions), and takes all the decisions required by the International Meetings of the School and by the general policies of the School.

XII - 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 International Mediation Committee) 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

There will be periodic revisions of the "Principles" after the Assemblies of the School.

INTERNAL RULES OF THE ICG ***Modified in July 2016***

I. The organs of the procedure of the Pass

1. ICG
2. Secretariat of the ICG
3. CIOS
4. The cartels
5. The local Secretaries of the pass

II. The functioning of the procedure of the Pass

1. The list of passers
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3. The transmission of the responses of the cartels
4. The passers
5. The International Committee of Accreditation for AMS

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 Menés, 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 and attached Forums

Committee for Reception and the Guarantee (CRG) for the admission of members and the guarantee (Pass and AMS): Michel Bousseyrux, 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 passers

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 passers. 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 *passers*. He informs the passand that when his testimony is completed, he must let the Secretary know. If he so wishes, a passand can refuse a passer 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 *passers*, 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 passand, his current supervisor, possibly a current analysand of the same analyst, and also sometimes people who are too close to the *passand*.

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

-The cartel will write its response to the passand 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 transmit the response to the *passand* orally, in person when possible or by phone when distance does not allow that to happen. Following this, the passand can ask to meet another member of the Cartel if he so wishes.

-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. **The paper version of this Notebook is passed from ICG to ICG.** 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 passers

The Analyst Members of the School of the SPFLF can propose *passers* 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 passers for the passands from a list of passers comprising those passers 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 passers must necessarily speak the same language as the passand, or speak a language that the passand speaks, but they need not necessarily be from the same place.

The mandate of the passer is limited to three passes. If two years after his designation a passer 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 that the Secretariats of the Pass ensure that the passand who draws his passers 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 AMS

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 AMS 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 AMS, 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.

ADDENDUM: 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.