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I. INTRODUCTION

This report is the first interim report to the General Assembly (GA) after 12 months have passed since the election of the administration in August 2022. It comprises a series of reports on activities, finance, membership, as well as a summary of future plans of the administration. This report forms part of the annual obligation to remain registered with the Swiss authorities.

Letter from the President: presentation of the organization's mission, vision, key accomplishments during the year and the organization's strategic direction and significant developments.

Organizational Overview: a summary of the IAGP's history, objectives, and key initiatives. This section highlights the organization's structure, membership statistics, and major changes or milestones achieved during this period.

Activities and Programs: a detailed account of the activities, events, conferences, and workshops organized or sponsored by the IAGP during the year.

Financial Report: an overview of the organization's income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.

Membership Report: an analysis of the organization's membership growth, retention, and demographics. It includes information on the number of members, types of membership, geographical distribution, and initiatives taken to enhance membership benefits or engagement.

Scientific Studies and Publications: Details of studies and publications undertaken by the IAGP or its members.

Awards and Recognitions: Details of awards given by the IAGP and acknowledgments of notable achievements within the organization's membership.

Future Plans and Goals: A discussion of the organization's strategic priorities, upcoming projects, and goals for the next reporting period.

Acknowledgments: Gratitude expressed to volunteers, donors, sponsors, and other stakeholders who have supported the organization's work throughout the year.



II. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IAGP Members and CAOA Representatives, I am delighted to present the Annual Report for the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP) for the year 2022/2023. As we look back on this year's accomplishments, it is with great pride that I share the advances we have made in fulfilling our organization's mission and vision, the strategic direction and developments planned for the next year.



Our Mission and Vision

IAGP's vision is to be the leading global organization driving the advancement of group psychotherapy and group processes, fostering diversity, equity, inclusivity, collaboration, and research across diverse theoretical approaches, cultural, and professional contexts. Guided by our mission, we are committed to promoting the international development of group interventions in clinical practice, consultancy, education, research, and sociocultural settings.

Key Accomplishments

Throughout the year, we have made significant progress in several areas crucial to our organization's growth and success. Here are some key accomplishments:

1. Team Building and Communication: We initiated regular warmup meetings that fostered collaboration and brought valuable contributions from our diverse Board members. Later, these meetings have been replaced by task-oriented meetings. Group work on the Board meetings and these meetings have played a crucial role in building a cohesive team dedicated to working for IAGP.



- 2. IAGP 50th Anniversary Celebration: We planned and executed a successful celebration of IAGP's 50th Anniversary. This event brought together members from different corners of the globe (31 countries), celebrating our rich history, and reaffirming our commitment to advancing group psychotherapy and group processes.
- 3. Scientific Advancement: Forum, our peer-reviewed journal, underwent significant upgrades, and efforts have been made to have it indexed in renowned databases, elevating its visibility and impact. The IAGP Transcultural Book, published in 2022, has been printed for the 50th Anniversary celebration in Zurich. The co-editors are starting the organization of a new issue looking for sponsors and more visibility. The Conferences and events during this year are the 6th IAGP Regional Conference in Africa, hosted by the Egyptian Association for Group Therapies and Processes, and the IAGP 50th Anniversary in Zurich, Switzerland. It is starting the 1-year online Celebration of the IAGP 50th Anniversary. There are further IAGP Regional Conferences being organized (see Site Selection Committee report below).
- 4. Webinars and Workshops A qualitative survey at the beginning of this term and others applied in past years confirmed that most of our members value IAGP for the opportunity to exchange experiences. Besides Regional and International conferences, webinars and workshops online are the best opportunity for exchanging experiences. It is a space open to our members to submit proposals for presenting your knowledge. We are studying new tools for translation to welcome non-English speakers at our virtual events.
- 5. Website and Information System: We initiated a restructuring/transition plan for IAGP's Internet services, aiming to improve integration, accessibility, and automation of information flow to benefit our members and affiliates.
- 6. Communication channels in social media and IAGP Newsletter In the beginning of this term, a Social Media Planning was launched, but we are still looking for a better flow of content. A Newsletter has been created with the purpose of presenting events and other benefits to IAGP Members and Affiliate Organizations, as a potential tool for communication with members. Another channel is Globeletter, which has a new issue released this year.
- 7. New Leaders Program: We took steps to identify and bring young professionals from different backgrounds for some strategic tasks, bridging the generational gap and ensuring their participation in the future of IAGP. They are invited to take the role of the President's consultants.



Strategic Direction and Developments

As we move forward, our strategic direction for the next year will focus on four key areas:

- Stabilizing the Website and Automatizing Communication: Enhancing our web presence and improving the communication channels with our members and potential members are top priorities. We aim to implement a more integrated and automated information system for better member engagement and global outreach.
- Empowering IAGP Sections, Committees, and Task Forces: Strong leadership within our various sections, committees, and task forces will facilitate cohesive actions and integration within the Board. We will work towards creating synergy among these bodies to ensure more efficient and impactful decision-making.
- Expanding Fundraising Efforts: To drive the professionalization of services and support new projects, we will actively work on expanding our fundraising initiatives. The successful implementation of these efforts will strengthen our organization's capacity to drive positive change in group psychotherapy and group processes worldwide.
- Strengthening the New Leaders Program: Nurturing and empowering young professionals to take on leadership roles within IAGP is essential to our organization's future. We will continue to invest in identifying and supporting potential leaders to sustain the vitality of our community.

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to each one of you for your commitment to IAGP's mission. Our journey towards a more inclusive, and innovative future would not have been possible without your active involvement.

Together, we will adhere to strengthen IAGP as a leading global organization, dedicated to promoting diversity, equity, inclusivity, collaboration, and research in the field of group psychotherapy and group processes.

Warm regards,

Heloisa Fleury,

President, International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP)

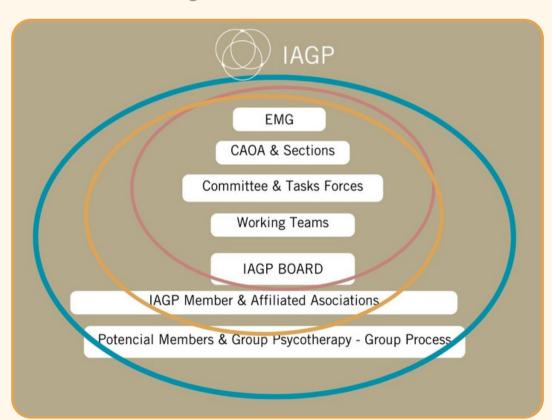


III. ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Established in 1973, the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes, IAGP, is a worldwide network of professionals involved in the development and study of group psychotherapy and group processes as applied to clinical practice, consultancy, education, scientific studies, and socio-cultural settings. Our network provides opportunities for meeting the others - in professions, theories, and cultures - who are exploring the applications of small, median, and large group processes in clinical, organizational, and political settings.

The IAGP promotes professional cross fertilization of ideas and practices from different cultures, disciplines, and methodologies. The Association realizes its purpose without any financial interest. These objectives are applied within a framework of the values and conditions of the United Nations' Charter of Human Rights, applied with the aim of strengthening egalitarian and democratic developments in social welfare and health care internationally, throughout the world.

This year, the celebration of the 50th year of IAGP has taken place. An almanac was produced that captured the wide expanse of activities and origins of IAGP leading up to its formation in 1973.



The main organizational structure for IAGP.



The General Assembly of Members (GA) is the overriding structure, which has the ultimate responsibility, and the overarching decision-making authority, and directs the organization and its current affairs, elects members of the Board of Directors and the members of its Executive Management Group (EMG). The GA also elects the chairperson of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee. Ordinary General Assemblies for the overall government of the organization, and for elections of its administration, will be called for in conjunction with the International Congresses arranged by IAGP. Such International Congresses of IAGP shall be scheduled at three- year intervals if possible. The next congress has been announced to be held in Sapporo, Japan, in August 2025. The board of directors has the responsibility for the work and affairs of the GA in the period until they meet again in August 2025. The GA also elected an EMG from within the elected board members. The GA has been divided into six sections each with an elected chairperson. The GA also appointed a chairperson for the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA), which is composed of representatives from 34 separate organizations.

THE BOARD CURRENTLY COMPRISES

EXECUTIVE MANAGMENT GROUP (EMG)
PRESIDENT. Heloisa Fleury, MA (Brazil)
VICE PRESIDENT. Cristina Martinez-Taboada Kutz, PhD (Spain)
SECRETARY. Revaz Korinteli, MD, PhD, CGP (Georgia)
SENIOR EXECUTIVE MEMBER. Dena Baumgartner, PhD, TEP, CGP (USA)
TREASURER. Bruno Chevolet, MSE, EMM (Belgium)
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER. Nilüfer Demirhan, MA (Türkiye)

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Deniz Altinay, MA, PT (Türkiye)
Caner Bingol, MD, MA, PhD (Türkiye)
Maria Ines Gandolfo Conceiçao, PhD (Brazil)
Maurizio Gasseau, PhD (Italy)
Anastasia Golema, MA, (Greece)
Stylianos N. Lagarakis, MD, TEP (Greece)
Ekaterina Lopukhina, MA (Russia)
Anne Slocum McEneaney, PhD, ABPP (USA)
Abdelrahman Mohsin, MD, EMDR (Egypt)
Adriana Piterbarg, PhD (Argentina)
Andreas von Wallenberg Pachaly, PhD (Germany)



SECTION CHAIRS

Family Therapy Section. Carlos A. Raimundo (Interim Chair)
Analytic Group Section. Konstantinos Liolios, MD (Greece) (Interim Chair)
Psychodrama Section. Jacob Gershoni LCSW, CGP, TEP (U.S.A.)
Transcultural Section. Marcia Honig PsyD (Israel)
Young Professionals Section. Nilüfer Demirhan, MA (Türkiye)
Organizational Consultancy Section. Simon McLellan, PhD (New Zealand)

Consultative Assembly of Affiliate Organizations (CAOA) Magdalene Jeyarathnam, MSW, CP, TEP (India)

Since the General Assembly, in 2022, the following members of the Board have resigned from their position:

Charmaine McVea, PhD, TEP (Australia) – Board member Goran Arbanas, MD, PhD (Croatia) – Board member Chung Ying Chen, MD (Taiwan) – Board member Luca Riccardi, MA (Italy) – Section Chair Alessio Sangiuliano, MA (Italy) – Section Chair Elio Vera – Ethics and Professional Standards Committee

There are a wide range of activities on the Board of Directors, and they have formed their own committees. The rules allow for both permanent or standing committees, some as temporary, as well as task forces and President's consultants. Chairpersons elected by the Board are the Finance Committee (vacant), the Membership Committee (Stylianos Lagarakis, chair), the Education Committee (MaurizioGasseau and Mona Rakhawy, Cochairs), the Trauma and Disaster Committee (Caner Bingol, chair), the Research Committee (Catherine Mela and Noha Sabry, co-chairs) and the Governance and Bylaws Committee (Roberta Mineo, chair). The Chair of the Nominating Committee (Maite Pi, elected by the Board from outside the Board) and the Chair of the Ethics and Professional Standards Committee (Galabina Tarashoeva, Interim chair after the resignation of Elio Vera, elected directly by the General Assembly) do not become Board members.

The temporary or ad hoc committees of the Board are the Forum Editorial Committee (Kaoru Nishimura, chair), the Fellowship Committee (Thor-Kristen Island, chair), the Fundraising Committee (Jacob Gershoni, chair), Webinar Committee (Adrian Hofstede, chair), Site Selection Committee (Cristina Martinez-Taboada, chair), and the discontinued FOYT Committee.



The Board created Task Forces. They are IAGP 50th Anniversary, Deniz Altinay, chair; Theater and Arts, Anastasia Golema, chair; Innovation, Anastasia Golema & Nilüfer Demirhan, cochairs, and Globeletter editor, Thor-Kristen Island, chair.

CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ORGANISATIONAL AFFILIATES (CAOA) CHAIR, CAOA:

Magdalene Jeyarathnam (India) caoachair@iagp.com

A consultative assembly is a forum or body composed of representatives from various organizations or stakeholders who come together to engage in collaborative discussions, share expertise, and provide input on matters of common interest. It serves as a platform for consultation, decision-making, and coordination among the participating organizations. Our organizational affiliates become members of the

Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA). Through the chairperson of the CAOA, who is a Board member, affiliate concerns are represented at IAGP Board meetings. Affiliates are invited to send representatives to CAOA meetings and to participate in the CAOA online discussion forum. They are also invited to submit details of their events for the IAGP affiliates events calendar.

Below is a list of the 34 current affiliate organizations.

Active Learning (Australia)

American Group Psychotherapy Association - AGPA (US)

APEIRON Centro per la Ricerca Piscoanalitica

APRAGI Apragi Gruppoanalisi

Asociación Española de Psicodrama

Association of Evolutionary Psychiatry and Group Work (Egypt)

Associazione di Promozione Sociale Danza Le Origini (Italy)

Associazione Mediterranea di Psicodramma (Italy)

Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand Psychodrama Association (AANZPA)

Chinese Association of Group Psychotherapy

COIRAG (Confed. di Organizz. Ital. per la Ricerca Analitica sui Gruppi)

CSPP Centro Studi di Psicologia e Psicosomatica Clinica e di Gruppo

Egyptian Association for Group Therapies and Processes

Federação Brasileira de Psicodrama - FEBRAP (Brazil)

Federation of European Psychodrama Training Organisations (FEPTO)

Genuine Encounters Centre for Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy (GECP)

Grup Formació (Spain)

Hank Nunn Institute (India)

Indian Institute of Psychodrama

Institut of Group Analysis (Croacia)



Instituto de Ensino e Pesquisa Aprender Vivo (Brazil)

Instituto Intercambio (Peru)

Istanbul Psychodrama Institute (Turkey)

Japanese Association for Group Psychotherapy (Japan)

OEAGG (Austria)

Portuguese Society of Group Psychoanalytical Psychodrama

Psychodrama Association of Russia

Rakhawy Institute for Training and Research (Egypt)

Sakina Center (Tunisia)

SIPsA Società Italiana di Psicodramma Analitico

SOBRAP - - Brasileiro Institute of Psychoanalysis, Group Dynamics and Psychodrama

Sociedad Analitica de Grupo de Monterrey, A.C., SAGMO (Mexico)

Systems-Centered Training and Research Institute (US)

Taiwan Association of Psychodrama

Future Board Meetings for this administration:

November 6 & 7, 2023, Antalya, Turkey, 9-12 to 14-17hs (local time).

February 10 & 11, 2024, online.

May 12 & 13, 2024, in port El Kantaoui, Sousse, Tunisia, 9-12 to 14-17hs (local time).

September 15 & 16, 2024, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 9-12 to 14-17hs (local time).

February 8 & 9, 2025, online.

August 6, 2025, in Sapporo, Japan.

The next administration will begin meeting on August 11 & 12, 2025, in Sapporo, Japan.



Board meeting in Zurich - June 2023

Please refer to the policies and bylaws handbook for further information.



IV. ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

The activities of the IAGP occur within each section, as well as conferences and congresses. The activities of research, education, publications, and collaboration with other organizations are woven through the strands of each section that make up a platform or matrix for activities of the IAGP assembly.

IAGP 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Established 50 years ago in Zurich, Switzerland, IAGP celebrated its 50th anniversary on June 24-25, 2023, in the same city it was founded. This grand association celebration not only honored former presidents, past board members, all current members, and the work accomplished thus far but also acknowledged all the efforts made to preserve our humanity. In preparing the celebration program, we aimed for the widest possible participation. Our association president, Heloisa Fleury, and former president, Jorge Burmeister, worked tirelessly with the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. We extend our gratitude to both of them.

We would like to thank all the experts who took part in the two-day celebration program. The protagonist throughout all the celebrations was IAGP itself. We appreciated the value and collectively reflected on our traumas during the roundtable discussion. Moreno and Foulkes were on the stage in the very first day. We honored all the members, former presidents, and board members. We conducted 10 experiential small and large group activities. We didn't forget to cut two separate birthday cakes. IAGP, founded 50 years ago in Zurich, once again made this a great space for dialogue. You can view the photos on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/psikodrama.

The first version of the Golden Almanac of IAGP, a project I have been working on for some time, was presented during the celebrations. We will add details about this significant 50-year history and the celebrations in the second version. You can download these historical documents on your phone, tablet, and computer. You will be able to access the list of contributors who have provided contributions to the preparation of the Almanac in the Almanac itself.

Link for the Almanac: https://iagp.com/publications-new/golden-almanac-of-iagp/

We will commence the online celebrations, which will span over a year, in due course. We will present the documentary film that is currently being prepared to all of you. One of our most important goals is to bring IAGP to the rightful place it deserves. We will share all the feedback we have received from you, which has been obtained through our group work and surveys. Creating a more interactive associations of great importance to us.



All disciplines encompassed by IAGP, including Psychodrama Group Psychotherapy, Analytic Groups and Group Analysis, Group Processes and Organizational Consultancy, Family Therapy, and Art Therapy, are equally valued. Our aim is to exist together, honoring each other without excluding anyone. We also aspire to see all other group disciplines among us.

Deniz Altınay, Psych. M.A., Chair of the 50th Year Anniversary Task Force Psychodrama Group Psychotherapy TP, Board member of IAGP













Zurich - June 2023



FAMILY THERAPY SECTION, INTERIM CHAIR:

Carlos Raimundo (Australia) familytherapychair@iagp.com

The Family Therapy Section aims to provide a platform for practitioners, regardless of their experience level and those interested in the field. It serves as a space for sharing experiences, seeking mutual support, and learning from various approaches such as psychodrama, sociometry, systems models, Jungian, analytical, narrative therapy, and art therapy. It addresses specific topics within families, including addictions, trauma, grief and loss, separation - divorce, displacement, domestic violence, cultural-religious tensions, migration (refugees and exile), self-harm, and family education.

Our section organizes regular meetings for open discussions and conducts webinars on specific subjects.

ANALYTIC GROUP SECTION, INTERIM CHAIR:

Konstantinos Liolios (Greece) analyticgroupchair@iagp.com

The Analytic Group Section focuses on the application of analytic group processes in therapy. The section has been actively engaged in exchanging ideas and perspectives on the forum moderated by Konstantinos Liolios. They have also reactivated and expanded bridges with the Group Analytic Society International (GASi) and planned a sub-plenary proposal for GASi's 18th International Conference. The section has actively participated in various international conferences and plans to continue its collaboration with other analytic group psychotherapy domains. Moreover, they have been working on a Transcultural performance for IAGP's 50th year celebration.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSULTANCY SECTION, CHAIR:

Simon McLellan (New Zealand) ocschair@iagp.com

The Organisational Consultancy Section is dedicated to promoting healthy and sustainable organizations by utilizing group processes and consultancy methods. The OCS has organized workshops on team building and organizational development, introducing design thinking as a tool to build trust in teams.



The section has increased its administrative its administrative presence within IAGP, with Simon McLellan as Chair of OCS and Chief Information Officer, Roberta Mineo as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, and Bruno Chevolet as the Treasurer of IAGP.

PSYCHODRAMA SECTION, CHAIR:

Jacob Gershoni (USA) psychodramachair@iagp.com

The Psychodrama Section, led by Jacob Gershoni, has been actively engaging its members through webinars and workshops on topics such as archetypal patterns in dreams, movie therapy with psychodrama, and online group dynamics. The section has been planning a special meeting on photolanguage, as well as creating podcasts about the contributions of the Analytic Group section for IAGP's 50th year celebration.

TRANSCULTURAL SECTION, CHAIR:

Marcia Honig (Israel) transculturalchair@iagp.com

The Transcultural Section, chaired by Marcia Honig, has been actively involved in supporting IAGP support groups during COVID-19 in Latin America and the Middle East. They have been using the Transcultural List to share experiences, social and cultural topics, and information on online transcultural events. Additionally, the section has been collaborating with other committees to prepare a Transcultural performance and the IAGP trauma conference in Antalya. They have also published a Transcultural eBook and planned another book for 2025.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SECTION. CHAIR:

Nilüfer Demirhan (Türkiye) vpschair@iagp.com

The Young Professionals Section, led by Nilüfer Demirhan, has been organizing webinars and seminars to engage young therapists and encourage their participation in IAGP. They have planned a webinar on online group dynamics and tools and have been working on fundraising events to support young professionals.

Standing committees

These committees are formed as a mandatory requirement and can be amended by the GA only. Another committee in this section is the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates (CAOA) (see earlier, p. 11).

IAGP Nominating and appointments committee (NC)

Maite Pi (Spain) was appointed as chair of the NC. She revised the Bylaws and P&P Manual and began to contact members from all the continents. At the end of April, we had the candidates to be members of the NC: Maurizio Gasseau (Italy), Noha Sabry (Egypt), Reiko Tanaka (Japan) and Pedro Torres (Chile). In May-June we revised the P&P Manual with the role descriptions of the positions to be fulfilled.



G&BLC advised us that candidates should know what it means to be a representative on the board and the tasks they are supposed to do. We revised and made some changes adapting them to this period. Our plan is to begin the election process as soon as possible to bring about the election of new candidates before the end of the year.

Governance & Bylaws Committee (G&BC)

The committee is composed of Roberta Mineo (Chair), Kostantinos Liolios, Esther Stone, Ray Haddock, and Ana Maria Ruiz Sancho. What the G&BC has been doing in these past months:

- 1. Team building with the new composition of the Committee: there are five members of the G&BC, including the Chair. Only one member is an elected member of the Board; the most experienced member is a Consultant to the Chair, Marianne Witkorin.
- 2. Defining areas of improvement of the P&P, starting from the procedures to be implemented in the next GA
- 3. Some orientation to the EMG about roles and tasks
- 4. Advice to the board on replacement of resigning members.
- 5. A presentation of the policy handbook as a "living" document that serves to make everybody's work more effective, more understandable, and accessible by the general membership.

ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE, (EthC).

The Ethics and Professional Standards Committee received a complaint from the IAGP Board due to an abusive message sent to an IAGP Official. The person who wrote the abusive message has been the object of a previous ethical complaint due to similar behavior. He is not an IAGP Member, but a registered non-member, which is a category of potential members interested in receiving messages from IAGP. Simon McLellan, IAGP Information Manager, took some protective actions, such as blocking messages sent via the IAGP account. At the moment: a) his account will be blocked on the website. This means that when any services restart for non-members he is not included. b) He was removed from IAGP announcements and discussion lists. c) We are alert for different addresses e.g. registration for webinars etc. d) message sent using his address to an address ending in iagp.com or iagpweb.com will be blocked. The sender will not be notified that their message was blocked. After extensive analysis, the EMG concluded that it was an act of pure aggression combined with racism and male aggression towards women.

The board takes this situation seriously, and given the aggressive nature, this is not simply a matter of ethics. It was informed to the offended colleague and the Ethic C. In the end, the message sent to them read: He is not currently a member of IAGP and has



therefore been removed from all mailing lists. If he attempts to reapply, his application will be rejected, and he will not be accepted as a member. He will also be barred from future workshops and webinars. Since registration for the celebration is handled separately, we will communicate with the registrars to ensure he cannot sign up.

Another case of a serious complaint was received by the Ethic C. However, this message has not been presented as a formal complaint and the Ethic C decided to close this question and not proceed at this stage.

Ad hoc committees

These committees can be amended by the board without the GA approval.

IAGP Congress Organizer Committee (COC)

The Board approved the composition of Congress Organizer Committee (COC) which is not yet complete and for now consists of:

Heloisa Fleury, President of IAGP, as the President of the COC, Jun Maeda, as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), Kaoru Nishimura and Roberta Mineo, as Cochair of the Scientific Program Committee (SPC), Bruno Chevolet, Treasurer of IAGP, Yoshie Ohashi, consultant to the Treasurer for the contractual and financial matters and in charge of local structure related matters. Other appointments due to follow: the Chair or Co-chairs of the Scientific Program of the Pre-congress; the other Japanese members of the COC; the Information Manager, and other EMG members as needed.

IAGP Site selection Committee (SSC)

The upcoming IAGP Conferences that have been confirmed read:

IAGP 5th Mediterranean Regional Congress for Trauma & Disaster in Antalya, Turkey, November 2 to 5th, 2023.

IAGP 7th African Regional Congress in Port El Kantaoui, Sousse, Tunisia, May 9 to 11th. 2024.

IAGP 2nd Latin American Regional Congress in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, September 11 to 14th, 2024.

22nd IAGP International Congress in Sapporo, Japan, August 7 to 10th, 2025 (venue: Sapporo Convention Center in Hokkaido).

Further conferences will be announced as they are confirmed. Please refer to the website for more information, www.iagp.com



IAGP Education Committee (EC)

IAGP sponsors projects and workshops in countries or areas where educational facilities and training in group processes and concepts are underprovided or lacking.

The Education Committee is an umbrella committee that ensures consistent standards for workshops and projects offered by IAGP co-operation with the local group and the IAGP Section, Task Force or Committee. Objectives: to develop broad educational interest and sustainable projects; Offer global training structures, including online and specific modalities; Establish "IAGP Trainers' Community;" Support educational activities by IAGP members; Enhance membership through education and visibility. Structure: EC members and co-chairs ensure collaboration and regular meetings; Integration with the Webinar Committee strengthens efforts. Ongoing Activities: Projects in regions like Ramallah and Tunisia are supported; Social Dreaming Matrix, conferences, workshops, and training are provided; Quality monitoring is a priority for maintaining standards. Trainers' Community: Application evaluation and certification process is active; Input from trainers guides future planning. Budget and Fundraising: EC budget covers administration, project costs, and trainer expenses. The EC aims to improve training quality, expand global education, and foster collaborative efforts for impactful training opportunities.

Respectfully submitted, Maurizio Gasseau and Mona Rakhawy, Co-chairs

IAGP Fundraising Committee (FC)

A letter was sent to members expressing willingness to support IAGP's functioning. It outlined seven key elements crucial for systematic fundraising development: Long Term Goals: 1.Compile a list of donors, willing to donate through the American Friends of IAGP, involving both American members and potential non-members. 2. Begin the efforts to write grant proposals, after we locate charitable organizations who might value the work we do with groups, globally. 3. Following the idea of Bruno Chevolet of developing a pilot program in one specific location, write up a grant proposal, and when we receive funding, pursue it and document what and how we accomplish the goals that had been set. Short Term Goals: 1.Continue the tradition of seeking donations for scholarships before each Congress and each regional conference. 2.Develop further the new efforts to ask non-members for donation when IAGP offers workshops and webinars. 3. Start gathering research material about the efficacy of group work in all its forms, and its positive effects on communities, small and large.

Jacob Gershoni, Chairperson



IAGP Trauma and Disaster Committee (T&DC)

The Trauma and Disaster Committee (TDC) globally shares experiences, prioritizes collaboration during crises, and promotes mental well-being through innovative group therapy. TDC's Objectives: Cultivate peace among conflicted cultures; Implement traumasensitive group therapy; Sustain projects; Plan Training Programs; Establish global support networks; Expand IAGP membership; Enhance mission awareness; Enable peer groups; Develop diverse resources; Collaborate for knowledge exchange; Expand contributions. Support Ukraine Initiative aids during conflict, offering trauma-focused training, webinars, and resources. TDC fosters healing through collaborations, projects, and assistance.

Respectfully,

Caner Bingöl MD, PhD, MA. Einat Kaufman PhD, co-chairs

IAGP Webinar Committee (WB)

The new Webinar Committee (WB) was established in June 2023, with a mission to enhance dialogue within IAGP through online webinars. The focus includes promoting connections between sections and members, serving as a technical bridge for IAGP online meetings, and offering technical and content support for webinars and workshops. They collaborate closely with the Education Committee (EC). Webinars and workshops are seen as educational tools to share experiences and expertise within IAGP and bridge geographical distances. The committee's strategy involves internal and external communication, quality control, content guidance, technical support, multilingual efforts, planning, surveys, and pre/post-production. They emphasize the importance of rich content, technical support, and a consistent format. The WB aims to ensure quality, accessibility, and engagement in webinars by offering technical guidance, multilingual options, and standardized surveys. They also plan to establish a video library on Vimeo for recorded webinars and workshops, contributing to IAGP's online presence and educational resources.

Cordially.

Adrian Hofstede, Rotterdam, Chairperson

IAGP Innovation Task Force Report

The Innovation Task Force is dedicated to fostering innovation within the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP). Our goal is to create new projects that innovate IAGP's identity and bring fresh perspectives to the organization while preserving its core values. Collaboration with the Boosting Team and the Membership Committee is a key part of our strategy to unite efforts and achieve common goals.



Completed Projects: Interviews with Past Presidents, Video with Wishes from Past Presidents, Teasers for Social Media. Ongoing Projects: Further Interviews. Future Initiatives: Innovative Projects: The Innovation Task Force aims to propose and develop new innovative projects that redefine IAGP's identity and broaden its impact on the field of group psychotherapy and group processes. Collaborative Efforts: Collaboration with Boosting Team, Collaboration with Membership Committee. The Innovation Task Force remains committed to generating fresh ideas and projects that propel IAGP forward. We are grateful for the support of our professional secretary, Analia Ladisa, and the cooperation of our members. By embracing innovation and unity, we are confident that IAGP will continue to thrive and make a significant impact on the field of group psychotherapy.

Cordially,

Anastasia Golema & Nilüfer Demirhan, Task Force for Innovation

President's Consultants

The Policies and Procedures Manual (P&PM) allow the President to appoint one or more consultants to assist her/him in specific tasks. This year, the Board approved four President's consultants. They have been working on a project called New Leaders.

The short-term goal is the identification of potential new leaders for the next administration and create a network of multicultural young professionals involved in IAGP activities; and as long-term goal, to increase the number of young professionals from different cultures, disciplines, and methodologies. They are Anna Szirmai (communication with IAGP Members, a tool - Quantified – for generating ideas and feedback from members about any proposed topics); Ana Albutashvili (Membership process: collaboration on the Renewal Campaign, on the communication process of the Membership Committee and assisting the Chair in this process); Asmaa Abdel Fattah (Social Media Project: collaboration in Social media and the Newsletter); and Aroldo Cardoso Junior (strengthening principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in IAGP, promotion of actions to bring new topics for podcasts, etc. for social media and other media).



V. FINANCIAL REPORT

The treasurer is pleased to present the annual report on the financial progress and actions taken since the previous Board meeting in February 2023. The report outlines our achievements, ongoing actions, and future priorities aimed at maintaining a stable financial position for the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP).

1. Main Progress:

- 1.1. Financial closure of the 21st International IAGP congress of July 2022 in Pescara
- The final balance was a small loss of 3% on an expenses total of 108kEUR
- 59% of that total was the part of the expenses managed by the PCO company, the remaining part having been managed by our Local Organizing Committee.
- The total of the participant fees represented 64% of the accounted expenses
- only.
- Furthermore, if we added in-kind sponsorship to the budget, the total expenses
- would have been in a range of 130 140 kEUR.
- 1.2. Transition of Payment Tools Management: The management of payment tools has been successfully transitioned, ensuring smooth financial transactions for IAGP.
- 1.3. Budget Review after 6 Months:
- Expense Side: Expenses for the first half-year were in line with projections, representing 33% of the annual budget. No concerns have been raised regarding expenses.
- Revenue Side: The revenue status is still uncertain, with 41% of the annual budget collected by the end of the first half-year. Further data is needed to determine whether this intermediate result is positive or negative.

2. Ongoing Actions:

- 2.1. 2025 Congress in Japan:
 - Negotiations with Potential Congress Organizer (PCO): We are awaiting initial input from the PCO to commence contract negotiations.
 - Subsidies Application: The approached PCO has initiated the process of applying for subsidies to support the upcoming congress.
 - Collaboration with Local Organizing Committee (LOC): Regular meetings with LOC colleagues have been ongoing, and Yoshie Ohashi is providing valuable consultation support to the Treasurer in these processes.



- 2.2. IAGP Information Systems Transition Project:
- Progress Review: Bi-weekly meetings with Simon (Project Leader) and Yaffa (Project Architect) have been conducted to review progress and address any issues related to the Information Systems Transition Project.
- 2.3. Revision of Membership Fee Structure and Amounts:
 - Postponement: The revision of membership fees and bands has been postponed to the second semester. This delay will allow us to update our membership database with country information and conduct a comprehensive impact analysis of the fee revision.

3. Next Priorities:

- 3.1. Clarity on Revenue Inflow: After the completion of the IAGP Information Systems Transition Project, our priority is to gain a clear understanding of revenue inflow, particularly regarding membership fees.
- 3.2. Investment Portfolio Performance: We will closely monitor the performance of our investment portfolio to ensure optimal returns and financial stability.
- 3.3. Preparation for 22nd International Congress in Japan:
- Contract Negotiations: Negotiations with the PCO for the 2025 congress will be a top priority.
- Budget Simulator: To effectively manage the congress project, a budget simulator will be developed to set pricing and efficiently handle the overall project finances.
- 4. Financial position of IAGP, situation on the 1st of June 2023:
- 4.1. Bank accounts:
- Current USD account: 40.553,56 USD
- Current CHF account: 409,67 CHF
- Custody account (investments): 146.820 USD
- (→ Total in USD: 201.610 USD)
- Evolution: similar to our position at the moment of our Board meeting of February

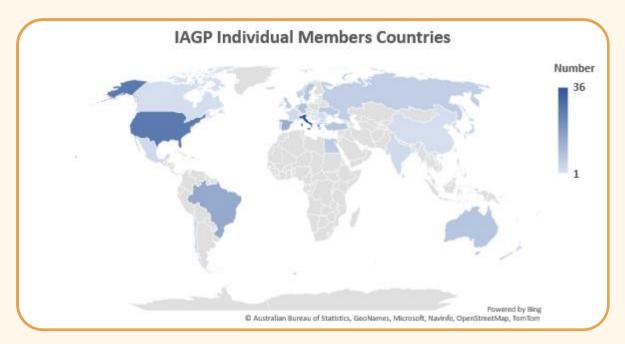
4.2. PayPal:

Current USD account: 11.346,50 USD

Respectfully submitted, Bruno Chevolet IAGP Treasurer



VI. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership Renewal and Growth

The IAGP's 2023 renewal campaign has been a pivotal project aimed at gaining a comprehensive understanding of the organization's membership landscape. Under the leadership of IAGP President Heloisa Fleury, the renewal campaign was executed with precision by a dedicated coordination group comprising Simon McLellan, Analia Ladisa, Daniela Havilio, Yaffa Sassoon, and Ana Albutashvili.

Daniela Havilio, in her capacity as membership administrator, meticulously collected data on both existing and new affiliates, keeping track of joinings and departures during the campaign. Through her efforts, the exact number of members and affiliates at present has been accurately documented. Analia Ladisa has been a key asset in addressing registration inquiries and facilitating the enrollment of new members interested in joining IAGP. Her proactive approach has significantly contributed to the growth of the organization. Simon McLellan actively facilitated the implementation of the campaign and provided essential support in coordinating the transition process.

His contributions have been instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the membership renewal project. Ana Albutashvili, President's consultant, was an effective connection with the membership committee for collaboration. Yaffa Sassoon, the project architect, played a crucial role in revamping the system for storing and accessing membership data. With the newly organized system in place, she facilitated the process for membership renewals before the Zurich celebration. Together, our coordination group,



along with President Heloisa Fleury's guidance, has brought the membership renewal process to its successful conclusion. As a result of the efforts invested in the campaign, the IAGP now boasts a renewed and updated list of members, including affiliates.

Notably, the number of affiliate organizations has seen a substantial increase, rising from 27 affiliates in July 2022 to 33 affiliates presently. This marks a notable growth of approximately 23%, highlighting the expanding network of affiliations within the organization. Similarly, the individual membership count has also witnessed a positive trend. With 255 members in July 2022, the current tally stands at 355 members, representing a commendable increase of 100 members, including 56 FOYT members. There are 23 life members (who pay only once). The progressive growth in both affiliates and individual members demonstrates the success of the renewal campaign and reflects the continued appeal and relevance of the IAGP within its community.

While the current results indicate a positive trend, it is essential to remain committed to furthering membership engagement and inclusivity.

As we conclude the 2023 renewal campaign, I express my gratitude to all members, affiliates, and the coordination group for their unwavering support. I look forward to a promising future for IAGP, where a stronger membership base will continue to enrich our collective endeavors in the field of group psychotherapy.

IAGP Individual Members Countries



VII. SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS

IAGP Forum Editors

The issue of Forum vol.11 has been released and it can be downloaded from the IAGP website https://iagp.com/publications-new/forum/ and

https://iagp.com/2023/07/28/forum-vol-11-2023-has-been-released/

IAGP wants to congratulate Prof. Kaoru Nishimura, the editor-in-chief, and his team for the outstanding results with FORUM in these last years.

In the last Board Meeting, the Board approved as co-editors of FORUM Roberta Mineo and Maria Ines Gandolfo, with recommendation to work together to create guidelines for research with the Research Committee.



IAGP Globeletter

Globeletter is an electronic publication. It serves an important task as a newsletter and information magazine for the membership of IAGP. Board members and regular members are encouraged to submit information about activities related to the purpose of IAGP, as well as scientific papers, thoughts, ideas, and poems. It depends on the interest of the members of IAGP to be able to publish two editions annually, and we strongly ask the new Board to contribute.

Thor Kristian Island, Editor of Globeletter

IAGP Newsletter

Since the beginning of 2023, IAGP has been launching a new issue of the IAGP Newsletter every 15 days. The main goal is to strengthen channels of communication and information about IAGP activities within the IAGP community. It announces webinars, support groups, Intervision groups, articles published on Forum, books by our members, news from the Affiliate Organizations and many other updated topics.

All members are invited to send material they would like included in the newsletter to office@iagp.com



IAGP Research Committee

The IAGP Research Committee has actively engaged in disaster relief efforts, collaborating with various organizations and collecting data on earthquakes in Turkey and the Sudanese war. Plans for future initiatives include enhancing research impact and promoting it within the IAGP community. The committee is involved in earthquake relief in Turkey, utilizing approved questionnaires and expertise in Social Dreaming Matrix. Collaboration with Turkish colleagues is ongoing. Addressing the Sudanese refugee crisis, the committee plans Mental Health assessments and tailored support groups. They acknowledge the need for diverse assistance in different trauma phases, such as assessments, questionnaires, support groups, NGO engagement, and safe communication. Future goals encompass collaborating with other IAGP committees, organizing seminars on research methodology, funding research projects, improving the committee's website, and creating Research Archives. The committee's role in celebrating IAGP's 50th anniversary involves an article in the Almanac and adapting to online celebration guidelines.

Many thanks to all members of the new IAGP Research Committee (Asmaa, Cristina, Deniz, Ivan, Magdalena and Mimmo),

Respectfully submitted,
Catherina Mela & Noha Sabry,
Co-chairs of the IAGP Research Committee



VIII AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

, Fellowship Committee

Chair: Thor Kristen Island

The Board of Directors of IAGP bestow the title of Distinguished Fellow of IAGP to the IAGP Members listed below for their exceptional and outstanding service to IAGP and to the field of group psychotherapy and group process:

- Anne Ancelin Schutzenberger, PhD, TEP (deceased)
- Anneliese Heigl-Evers, MD (deceased)
- Fern Cramer Azima, PhD (deceased)
- Giusy Cuomo
- Grete Leutz, MD
- Howard Kibel (deceased)
- Jay Fidler, MD (deceased)
- Malcolm Pines, MD.DPM (deceased)
- Marcia Karp
- Raoul Schindler, MD (deceased)
- Raymond Battegay, MD (deceased)
- Zerka Moreno, TEP (deceased)



Zerka Moreno by Marcia Karp



The Board of Directors of IAGP bestow the title of Fellow of IAGP to the IAGP Members listed below for their exceptional and outstanding service to IAGP and to the field of group psychotherapy and group process:

- Benjamin Rippa
- Catherine Mela
- Cecilia Winkelman
- Dalmiro Bustos
- Esther Stone
- Ethel Tillinger
- Eva Fahlström Borg
- · Gerhard Wilke
- Goran Ahlin (Sweden)
- Haim Weinberg (Israel/ USA)
- Heloisa Fleury (Brazil)
- Janine Puget (Argentina) (deceased)
- Jorge Burmeister
- Jose Fonseca (Brazil)
- Kate Bradshaw Tauvon
- Leyla Navarro (Turkey)
- Maite Pi Ordonez
- Maria van Noort
- Marianne Wiktorin
- Maurizio Gasseau
- Monica Zuretti (Argentina)
- Roberto de Inocencio
- Sabar Rustomiee
- Sandra Garfield (USA)
- Teresa von Sommaruga Howard

For the first time, in 2022, the Board of Directors of IAGP bestowed the Yaacov Naor Award to Jorge Burmeister and Hilde Gött for their exceptional and outstanding service to IAGP and to the field of trauma and disaster.



Donations

On behalf of the International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes (IAGP), we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donation to IAGP 50th Anniversary celebration and the Ali Newara Memorial. Your support was very important in making this event a success and supporting young professionals with scholarships, furthering our mission to promote group psychotherapy and group processes, and foster peace and transformation on a global scale.

We are honored to have all the colleagues listed below as partners in our journey, and we look forward to celebrating our achievements together as we embark on the second half-century of the IAGP's existence.

Donations made to IAGP 50th anniversary:

- Daniela Simmons
- · Elisabeth Rohr
- Maksym Romenskyi
- Paola Merlin
- Merab Kintsurashvili
- Anastasia Golema
- Revaz Korinteli
- Uwe Nowak
- Teruko Ito
- Manfred Kohlheimer
- Reiko Tanaka
- Linda Rettenwander
- Manfred Stelzig
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- Gächter Erich
- Hande Karakılıç Üçer
- Catherine Stevenson-Helmer
- Man Fang
- Thomas Bruhn
- Amy Schaffer
- Dena Baumgartner
- Roswitha Riepl
- Gregory Reut
- Gudrun Koch
- Alexandr Usov
- Jorge Burmeister
- Deniz Altinay
- Heloisa Fleury
- Anonymous x 29

Donations made to Ali Newara Memorial:

The donors are Hanny Newara, Jacob Gershoni, Nika Ergemlidze, Paola Merlin Baretter, Heloisa Fleury, Rezo Korinteli, Ivan Urlic, Cecelia Winkelman, and Nicola Policicchio.

IX. FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS

Future plans and goals are presented as a strategic plan for IAGP 2023-2025, a working plan for the future of IAGP. The purpose of this strategic plan is to present a vision for the future of IAGP, building upon continuity and innovation.

Considering as starting points:

1.IAGP Vision:

To be the leading global organization driving the advancement of group psychotherapy and group processes, promoting inclusivity, collaboration, and research across diverse theoretical approaches, cultural, and professional contexts.

2.IAGP Mission:

IAGP is committed to fostering the international development of group interventions in clinical practice, consultancy, education, research, and socio-cultural settings.

This strategic plan is based on the belief that a clear and collective direction constructed by the IAGP Board will allow the group to work more integrated and efficiently.

Suggested directions:

1. Development of group interventions

- Education and Training: Develop and promote high-quality educational programs, workshops, webinars, introductory courses, and training courses, especially in regions with limited resources. Provide continuing education opportunities for professionals to enhance their knowledge and skills in group interventions. Encourage researchinformed practices and the integration of evidence-based approaches in group work training. Encourage knowledge exchange and collaboration between tendencies in different theoretical approaches (e.g., Group Analysis/Analytical Group, Psychodrama) by exploring their differences and similarities. Responsible: Education and Trauma & Disaster Committees, CAOA, and Sections in their discussion lists.
- Virtual technological advancement: incorporate new technologies to enhance the
 effectiveness and accessibility of virtual, in-person, and hybrid educational projects,
 webinars, workshops, conferences, etc. This can include exploring new features of
 platforms like Zoom, such as translation capabilities. Responsible: Information
 manager, Professional secretaries, Webinar Committee.
- Evidence-Based Practice: support research to validate and expand the evidence base for group interventions across diverse populations and settings. Monitor emerging trends, innovations, and research in the field to ensure that IAGP remains at the forefront of developments in group psychotherapy and group processes. Responsible: Research Committee, Education Committee, Forum, International and Regional Congresses, and Sections.

• Collaboration: stimulate collaboration among professionals from related fields and from different theoretical approaches through conferences, workshops, and other events. These collaborations will facilitate knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration. Responsible: CAOA, Forum, International and Regional Congresses, Education and Webinar Committees, Sections.

2. Global outreach – expanding membership and engagement.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Promote and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion for IAGP members, ensuring representation and equal opportunities for all. The events, website and educational material must be presented in English and Spanish, when possible, and in different time zones. Facilitate translation to several languages on the website. Develop resources to address cultural competency, anti-oppression practices, and the recognition of multiculturality in group work. Responsible: International and Regional Congresses, Education and Webinar Committees, Trauma & Disaster Committee, Membership Committee, CAOA, and Sections.
- Website, information system, and social media: Education, Consultancy, Research, Clinical Practice, and Social-cultural issues must be represented on the IAGP agenda of events on the website for reaching out to all IAGP members (for maintenance) and also a new population of potential members. It must be an updated presentation of group psychotherapy and group processes to the world. Consolidation and gain certainty over members' data and integration of the information system for easily identification of resources for the Board. Develop targeted marketing strategies to attract and retain a diverse and international membership base. Sensibilize Section and Committee's chairs of the need of information/ content for presenting IAGP benefits to potential members and maintenance of IAGP members. Responsible: Information manager, Professional secretaries, Webinar Committee, CAOA, all the Board.
- Members engagement: Enhance member engagement by providing valuable resources, networking opportunities, and professional development programs. Responsible: Membership Committee, CAOA, Education and Webinar Committees, Newsletter, Globeletter.
- Affiliate organizations engagement: Enhance Affiliates engagement through the provision of valuable resources, networking opportunities, and projects exchanges.
 Define benefits for joining IAGP and plan opportunities for exchange of experiences. Enhance communication channels to facilitate engagement and collaboration among organizations. Responsible: CAOA.

- Regional networks: Support and develop regional networks to enhance local engagement and representation. Promote the translation of resources, guidelines, and educational materials to facilitate access and utilization across different languages and cultures. Update guidelines for group psychotherapy and group processes (need professional update). Responsible: Membership Committee, Site selection Committee. Ethic Committee.
- Nurturing Future Generations: support young professionals, and students interested in group psychotherapy and group processes. Develop educational programs and scholarships to promote the professional growth and development of early-career practitioners and researchers. Foster the exchange of ideas and experiences between different generations of group therapists through intergenerational dialogue and mentoring initiatives. Responsible: Young Professional Section, Membership Committee, FOYT Committee, CAOA.

3. Organizational excellence

- Governance structures and processes. Establish effective governance structures
 and processes to ensure transparent decision-making and accountability. Enhance
 operational efficiency through the use of technology, simplified processes, and
 effective resource management. Foster a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and
 professional ethics within the organization. Develop strategic partnerships with
 sponsors, donors, and stakeholders to support the goals and initiatives of IAGP.
 Responsible: Information manager, professional assistants, Governance & Bylaws
 Committee.
- New leaders: Identification of potential new leaders for the next administration and create a network of multicultural young professionals involved in IAGP activities. Increase the number of young professionals IAGP members from different cultures, disciplines, and methodologies. Responsible: President's consultants, Task Force for Innovation, Young Professional Section, and Nomination Committee.
- Financial resources for professionalization of services: Strengthen the Fundraising project to allow funds for professionalization of services and new projects. Responsible: Fundraising Committee.
- Honoring good results upon clear criteria: The Fellowship awards. Responsible: Fellowship Committee.
- Evaluation and Monitoring: Implement regular evaluation mechanisms to assess
 the progress and effectiveness of the strategic plan. Continuously monitor and
 review key performance indicators and adjust strategies as needed. Seek feedback
 from members, stakeholders, and external experts to inform future planning and
 improvement.



CONCLUSION

The strategic plan provides a framework for the IAGP to advance its mission and strengthen its position as a global leader in group interventions. By focusing on membership growth, education and training, research, advocacy, and organizational excellence, the IAGP can effectively promote the practice, research, and understanding of group psychotherapy while positively impacting the mental health of individuals and communities worldwide.



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X. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Board Members, Executive Management Group (EMG), Sections, Committees and Task Forces chairs/co-chairs, working groups, all of us dedicated volunteers.

This gratitude extends to all generous donors, supportive sponsors, and valued stakeholders who have played an integral role in sustaining and advancing our organization's mission and activities over the past year. Your unwavering commitment and contributions have been instrumental in our success, and we deeply appreciate your continued support. Your partnership has enabled us to make a meaningful impact and achieve our goals, and we look forward to your ongoing collaboration as we struggle to create a better future together.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey.







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