



**Presentation of the RIPA
(Réseau International des Institutions de Psychanalyse Appliquée)
International Applied Psychoanalysis Institutions Network**

All creation is an act that implies a course of actions and finalities...

This presentation is meant to give a view of the RIPA's prospect after summarizing the context and the scansions of its creation.

The RIPA (a non- profit- making association -cf. 1901 law-) is thoroughly in keeping with Sigmund Freud's and Jacques Lacan's thinking.

A course of actions

In April 2004 at Delphi, Greece, Jacques Alain Miller created the International Applied Psychoanalysis Institutions Network (RIPA).

In Europe, psychologists, psychotherapists, physicians, people working in the large network of psychotherapy, social and health institutions and psychoanalysts have been through very particular times during these last four years, and they have to estimate the significance of it.

In this period have come several responses to the situation among which was a response from the ECF (Ecole de la Cause Freudienne / Freudian Cause School) that made a major decision to open the first Psychoanalytic Counselling and Treatment Center (CPCT, 40, rue de Chabrol, Paris 10ème) offering gratuitous treatments for a defined period to the general public. Since then, the ECF psychoanalysts of the Centre assume the responsibility to place their clinic knowledge at the disposal of the civil society. It has had noticeable effects: within four years, the 40, rue de Chabrol CPCT has received 4000 people and many State dependant organizations depend on it. This initiative has propagated in France and in Europe: some ten CPCTs have been opened in France on the responsibility of ECF's psychoanalyst members, with the active support of local political and health authorities. In Spain, four CPCTs are being financed by the government. Two centres have been opened in Italy: Milan and Rome, and one in Brussels, Belgium. The creation of other centres is being examined on the whole of the Freudian Field.

During the three European Freudian Field Assemblies of July 2003, June 2005 and June 2007, we implemented the International Program of Lacanian Oriented Applied Psychoanalysis (PIPOL) and so published the work of the great number of psychoanalysts, psychologists and social workers who are all oriented by Jacques Lacan's teaching.

During the PIPOL 2 Assembly, a RIPA meeting revealed the questions raised by the application of psychoanalysis in various institutional structures, considering the administrative framework of their practice. A RIPA secretariat was created on this occasion.

Today

During the PIPOL 3 Assembly entitled ‘ Psychoanalysts in direct touch with the social field’, a RIPA meeting established the need to create a ‘European RIPA Coordination Committee’ in order to formalize RIPA membership in a register, to work out research projects, to circulate information about institutional life and to make known the first RIPA related initiatives as well as their results.

Freud pointed out that the therapeutic gains of psychoanalysis should and could benefit the greatest number. The RIPA is consistent with this orientation, being careful about the deviations which tend to make useless or even rule out the psychoanalytic practice applied to therapy.

Therefore, today the RIPA has in view to combine all the institutions and all the people who work in institutions and agree with this orientation.

The European Coordination Committee has found the following quadripartition relevant for measuring the full extent of RIPA membership:

- 1- The institutions initiated by the Freudian Field or by Freudian Field psychoanalytic schools (like the CPCTs).
- 2 The institutions run by members of these schools or already belonging to Freudian Field authorities (like the RI 3).
- 3- The private and public institutions that are oriented by the concern of a case by case clinic: the institutions, among others, that accommodate patients’ presentations answerable to the ‘Clinic Sections’.
- 4-2 0The Freudian Field colleagues who, thanks to the influence of their lacanian oriented practice in their institutions, have made up a team of people whose work is in keeping with this orientation, a team of practitioners (3 at least) who have each confirmed their desire to belong to a ‘RIPA pole’ declared as such.

Propositions

Therefore, during the October 5, 2007’s session, the European RIPA Coordination Committee decided to:

- edit this short presentation.
- draw the first list of recipients suitable for a registration in the RIPA list and for taking part in its work.
- look into the principle of a fee suiting every or some of these four recipient categories
- create an electronic RIPA list reserved for members and thought out by them, in order to

exchange ideas about alternatives in health institutions' present circumstances, give information about the initiatives they have taken accordingly and the ideas they have elaborated about it. With this list, will also be given information about research, clinical, theoretic and pragmatic advances, as specific to the RIPA.

1 – Members of the European RIPA Committee:

- France: Fabien Grasser (Paris CPCT), Jean Pierre Deffieux, Carole Dewambrechies-La Sagna

- Belgium : Christine Le Boulengé (Brussels CPCT)

- Spain : Elvira Guilana Palanques (Barcelona CPCT)

- Italy : Domenico Cosenza (Milan CECLIP)

- Responsible person: Francisco Hugo Freda

The committee is in charge with the following tasks:

a) coordination of operations

b) circulating information

c) preparation of a research project about failure of integration

d) getting subsidies

e) working out a RIPA membership list and determining relevant fees

2 – The 'Matheme Commission' will be in charge with elaborating a clinic language with the following characteristics:

a) being the RIPA common language

b) allowing to collect data and results

c) facilitating statistic processing and computerizing

3 - Members of the Commission : Philippe La Sagna; Jean Daniel Matet (responsible person); Catherine Meut; Carlo Vigano. Their number can increase through co-optation.

Francisco Hugo Freda

Responsible Person for the European RIPA Committee

Translated by Elisabeth Gurniki- Durieux à Paris 17/02/08

Dear Madam, Dear Sir, Dear ...,

We are pleased to send you the official presentation of the RIPA enclosed in this letter (RIPA: International Applied Psychoanalysis Network).

We wish you to enrol in the RIPA and beg you to specify which of the four categories mentioned in the presentation, you belong to:

- 1 - The institutions initiated by the Freudian Field or by Freudian Field psychoanalytic schools (like the CPCTs).
- 2 - The institutions run by members of these schools or already belonging to Freudian Field authorities (like the RI 3).
- 3 - The private and public institutions that are oriented by the concern of a case by case clinic: the institutions, among others, that accommodate patients' presentations answerable to the 'Clinic Sections'.
- 4 - The Freudian Field colleagues who, thanks to the influence of their lacanian oriented practice in their institutions, have made up a team of people whose work is in keeping with this orientation, a team of practitioners²⁰(3 at least) who have each confirmed their desire to belong to an L-RIPA declared as such. (L-RIPA = 'Aîle du RIPA' = a 'RIPA Wing').

If you belong to the fourth category, it is not the institution itself but the L-RIPA within the institution that will apply for a registration in the Committee, mentioning every team member's name and office in the institution as well as the name of the person responsible for the team which will constitute your L-RIPA.

As soon as you have registered in²⁰the European Coordination Committee (email addresses to be mentioned), you'll start receiving the RIPA electronic Report ('the RIPA Newsletter') and you'll become a member of the 'RIPA-ORG' site.

For the European Coordination Committee,

Hugo Freda