

# BULLETIN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE GUARANTEE 2020 – 2022

Echos, Echoes, Ecos, Echi n° 2

New series 2020-2022

The International College of the Guarantee continues to meet monthly on Sundays via Zoom. At each meeting, simultaneous translation guarantees the possibility of following and participating in the various debates.

The 17 members of the ICG made the decision to jointly carry out a work of elaboration regarding reception and evaluation of testimonies of the Pass by perhaps drawing on the experience of the cartels of the Pass. This work would continue for the duration of the term of this ICG. In this second issue of Echos, Echoes, Ecos, Echi, you can find several lines about the points of entry to questions that we share first with you. We hope that these echoes spark new reflections in our community.

You will be able to read some information about the cartels of the Pass and take note of the reopening of in-person encounters between passers and passants.

To bring the functioning of the *dispositif* up to date, we have examined the data from each of the « pass documents » which are gathered in the Notebook of Passes. Based on this examination, we took up the question of « transferential incompatibilities ».

As a result of these reflections, we have updated the Internal Rules of the ICG concerning the functioning of the Pass, which you can read in this bulletin (we have underlined in red the modifications).

Lastly, you can follow the launch of the network of international and bilingual cartels of the School a result of the CAOÉ's proposal in 2021.

July 29, 2021

## Summary

- The epistemic work of the ICG
- The Passes
- On transferential incompatibilities
- Internal Rules of ICG updated June 2021
- CAOÉ: the intercontinental and bilingual cartels of the School

- **THE EPISTEMIC WORK OF THE ICG**

During the first months of its mandate, the ICG discussed what orients its decisions regarding passes heard and its nominations. In this initial period, we prioritized questioning « the marks of structure ». Little by little, we distinguished between what has to do with marks of structure and what belongs to the unexpected and which, when possible, results in a nomination. It would be misleading to think that the afore-mentioned marks not be present to welcome the Passes; on the contrary, the tension that arises between the marks of structure and what appears as unprecedented renders them indissociable. This is the reason the marks said to be structural must be differentiated from « what is expected » by the cartel of the Pass. It is not a matter of an expectation. Without these necessary marks of structure, there would be little room for surprise. One of the questions we debated focused on what to do in order that these marks of structure not become doxa, for it is not so easy to escape the slope toward opinion.

The marks of structure orient the functioning of the cartels of the Pass, it being understood that structure here is the course of an analysis. In our debates, we have pursued an inventory of the terms that Lacan transmitted to us on this question: the demand, the transformation of the symptom, the manifestation of the subject supposed of knowledge entry and the failure of the supposed knowledge at the time of the end, the fall of identifications, the moment of the act in the passage from analysand to psychoanalyst. These are some of the marks with which we work in the clinic, all of them taken from Lacan's teaching and which contribute to his proposal of the *dispositif* of the Pass in the School. It remains to be established what the clinical manifestations are. A question suitable for being worked on in the cartels of the Pass.

Thus, the work we agreed upon for the first half of our meetings was firstly to debate the marks of structure and this will likely continue for the duration of our mandate.

- **THE PASSES**

On June 13, we sent a message to all the members of the IF to inform them that currently in Europe travel and in-person encounters between passants and passers are once again possible. Thus we have the possibility to function by videoconference and/or in-person. We hope that very soon this will again be possible in the Americas.

During the first trimester of 2021 the ICG received 6 requests for the Pass. One of these, from the French *dispositif* of the School, resulted in the nomination of Anastasia Tzavidopoulou as Analyst of the School (announced in Echos n°1). The participants at the Second European Convention were able to hear her testimony. There were four requests from the *dispositif* CLGAL, all from Brazil; and one request from Italy. One of the requests from Brazil has been heard and the cartel which heard it has communicated its decision to the passant.

The other four cartels are ongoing

- **ON TRANSFERENTIAL INCOMPATIBILITIES**

**Caring for the Guarantee?**

*Effets d'école, effets de colle, decolar, d'écolage*

With our colleagues of this ICG, we wished to devote as much time as possible to the work of elaboration. In this issue of Echos we include the new internal rules of the ICG which incorporate

certain clarifications we discussed and which concern the drawing of lots for the Passers. We know that the role of Passer is a cornerstone of the *dispositif* of the Pass and that there is no guarantee that those chosen will be able to effectively fulfill their function. We are faced with a point which is very important and very delicate. It is the task of the AMS to designate Passers who are at the end of their analysis, in a certain imminence of the Pass, that is to say, close to seizing or already having noted the failure of the subject supposed to know, but it is not easy to locate this and the supposition of knowledge is conducive to creating an obstacle.

We also discussed what we considered to be « incompatibilities », asking first what would be of the order of transferential incompatibilities. So what would a transferential incompatibility be? If we use a definition in extension, there are some that most of us will surely agree upon, as for example, the fact that passant and passer cannot have the same analyst. We also considered incompatible the fact that the two Passers would have been appointed by the same analyst or that the Passer would be in supervision with the analyst of the passant. Lastly, we considered as incompatible a Passer working in a cartel with the Passant or with the analyst or supervisor of the Passant.

At first glance, this may seem too restrictive and/or too bureaucratic. It is not a matter of bureaucratizing the *dispositif* but of taking the greatest possible care to provide the best possible conditions for functioning and to remove as much as possible persons who could favor glue effects, while on the other hand promoting effects of School and of launching.

This School was founded on a multilingual principle and this strange Babel has shown itself capable of supporting the Pass. This is what distinguishes our School from others that call themselves Lacanian. Relying on multilingualism already indicates something about welcome of the foreigner in its functioning. We have noted that it is not easy to maintain this fundamental base, the majority tendency would instead be to prefer local and regional exchanges, taking place in their own language. The openness to the foreigner is an opportunity offered by this School. It is an invitation to immerse oneself in the discoveries that this polyphony of *extimité* can bring. Each language has its genius. In the Pass as it is practiced in this School, we have the opportunity to take this as far as possible. This opportunity can be hindered by the tendency to transferential viscosity, and by the inclination to become trapped in various already established transferential circuits.

We therefore propose to work to promote a functioning as removed as possible from the effects of person and of group. It does not seem necessary to us to bureaucratize the functioning by enacting restrictive clauses. Perhaps it is enough to follow the principle that orients the Pass : to illuminate the passage that can lead an analysand to become a psychoanalyst, to identify as well as possible the emergence of this desire. If it is question of obtaining this absolute difference, why not attempt to make this a principle that also applies to the choice of passers and of members of a cartel ?

- **INTERNAL RULES OF THE ICG MODIFIED JUNE 2021**

1- The Instances of the *dispositif* of the pass

1.1 ICG

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1.5 The local secretary of the pass

2 – Functioning of the *dispositif* of the pass

2.1. The list of *passseurs*

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2.3. The transmission of the answers of the cartels

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2.5. The International Commission of Accreditation of AMS

3 – Addenda: the admission of the members of the School

## 1 - THE INSTANCES OF THE *DISPOSITIF* OF THE PASS 2020/2022

### 1.1. ICG

**8 members for the *dispositif* of France and attached:** Sidi Askofaré, Nicolas Bendrihen, Cathy Barnier, Christophe Charles, Marie-José Latour, Sophie Rolland Manas, Colette Soler, Bernard Toboul

**4 members for the *dispositif* of Spain:** Ana Alonso, Mikel Plazaola, Manel Rebollo, Trinidad Sánchez Biezma.

**5 members for the *dispositif* of America:** Julieta De Battista (AL-S), Sandra Berta (Brazil), María de los A. Gómez (AL-N), Fernando Martínez (AL-S), Beatriz Oliveira (Brazil).

### 1.2 SECRETARY OF THE ICG

Colette Soler (for Europe), Sandra Berta (for America).

### 1.3 COLLEGE OF ANIMATION AND ORIENTATION OF THE SCHOOL (CAOE) 2020-2022

Julieta De Battista (AL-S), Sandra Berta (Brazil). María de los A. Gómez (AL-N), Maria-Teresa Maiocchi ((Italy - FPL), Mikel Plazaola (Spain), Colette Soler (Europe).

### 1.4 THE CARTELES

**1. The cartels of the pass.** They decide on the passes and are composed from within the ICG case by case, according to the passes that have finished and in accordance with the linguistic competencies and analytic incompatibilities

#### 2. The Work of the CIG

As they already do with regard to the passes after the Cartels of the Pass have spoken, the 17 members of the ICG periodically meet to elaborate on crucial problems internal to psychoanalysis, especially those that arise in passes that have been heard. This new arrangement aims at a better exchange. They shall ensure an account of their debates and, at the end of their mandate, evaluate this new formula for work.

### 1.5 THE LOCAL *DISPOSITIFS* OF THE SCHOOL FRANCE

**Commission of reception and guarantee (CAG) for the admission of members and the guarantee (pass and AMS):** Anne Marie Combres, Marie Noëlle Jacob Duvernet, Didier Grais (secretary), François Lespinnasse, Colette Sepel.

#### SPAIN

**Commission of admission and guarantee –CAG –DEL-F9 (FFCLE):** Dolors Camos (guarantee), Camila Vidal (secretary of the pass), Rithée Cevasco (admissions to the School)

#### AMERICA

**Local Commission of reception and guarantee for Latin America (CLGAL)**

**AL-N, AL-S, Brasil-** (secretary of the pass)

María Vitória Bittencourt (Brazil), Dominique Fingermann (Brazil), Leonardo Leibson (AL-S), Beatriz Helena Maya (AL-N)

## 2 - FUNCTIONING OF THE *DISPOSITIF* OF THE PASS

## 2.1 The list of *passeurs*

This is established in each *dispositif* by the local secretaries of the pass (see below § 2.2), based upon proposals by the AMS of the local *dispositif*, or of another, if the *passeur* lives, speaks the language of the country of the other *dispositif* and that is where he/she exercises their main activity. The local secretaries transmit it to the ICG which holds the list for the entire set of the *dispositifs*, **along with all information from the files of the *passeurs* that the secretariat sends to the ICG at the beginning of its mandate.**

## 2.2 The stages of the functioning of the *dispositif*

**The demands for the pass** are received locally by the secretaries of the pass who also establish the list of *passeurs*. This list is revised and updated regularly by these same secretaries. The candidate is received by a member of the local secretariat of the pass, then is discussed with the rest of the secretariat which then ratifies or declines the demand. **In the latter case and if necessary, a second interview may be scheduled.** The secretariat transmits their answer to the candidate and possibly may choose, at random, his/her *passeurs*. The secretary also tells the *passant* that once his testimony ends, he/she must inform the secretary. A *passant* may, if they consider it opportune, refuse a *passeur* and choose one more name randomly.

**The secretaries of the pass** transmit to the secretaries of the ICG:

- the list of the demands for the pass,
- the list of the passes that have actually proceeded after the interview(s) of the candidates with one **or several** member(s) of the secretariat, along with the name of the two *passeurs*, **and the file of the *passant* which they have received from the secretariat, complete with all the information necessary for the composition of a cartel of the pass.**

The ICG is responsible for directing the passes to one of the cartels of the pass, keeping in mind the languages and the incompatibilities. It would be convenient to avoid the presence of the following people in the cartel: the analyst of the *passant*, **the analyst of a *passeur*, the *passant*'s current control analyst, possibly an analysand of the same analyst, as well as persons who are too close, for example, on account of participation in a cartel.**

## 2.3 Transmission of the answers of the cartels of the pass

The cartel composes their answer to the *passant* without needing to justify it and in the simplest of ways. According to the case: “the cartel has nominated you AS”, or “the cartel has not nominated you AS”. They transmit also the composition of the cartel which has decided over this pass. On this basis, each cartel evidently has to evaluate according to the particular cases, if they want to add something else. The answer is without delay.

A member of the cartel, chosen by the cartel, transmits orally the answer to the *passant*, personally when possible or on the phone when distance does not allow it. The *passant* may request, if they so desire, to have another meeting with another member of the cartel.

The answer of nomination or not nomination is communicated, to be archived, with the composition of the cartel of the pass, to the secretary of the ICG and to the secretary of the pass of the *dispositif* concerned.

**The secretariat of the ICG** (composed of the two ICG secretaries) **makes sure that the Notebook** is kept of all the stages. The version in paper of this *Notebook of passes* is transmitted from ICG to ICG.

The ICG transmits the set of the rules of functioning to the different local secretaries of the pass

## 2.4 The *passeurs*

The AMS of the EPFCL may designate *passeurs* as the text of the “Principles” outlines. They do so in the moment they consider opportune, through the local secretary of the pass of their Local

*Dispositif* of the School (LDS), or of other *dispositif*, if the *passeur* lives, speaks the language of the country of that other *dispositif* and exercises his/her main activity in such country.

The secretaries of the pass randomly choose *passeurs* for the *passants* from a list of *passeurs*. **This list is composed taking into account the incompatibilities—linked to the possible risks of transferential bias—such as *passeurs* who have the same analyst, a *passeur* in supervision with or in analysis with the analyst of the *passant*, a *passeur* in a cartel with the *passant* or with the analyst or the supervisor of the *passant*.** Also, **it is imperative** to give preference to *passeurs* not yet in an ongoing pass or, failing this, have fewer ongoing passes. The *passeurs* must necessarily speak the same language as the *passant* or a language the latter speaks. If a *dispositif* has few *passeurs*, the secretary of the concerned LDS will be able to include *passeurs* designated in another local *dispositif* subscribing to said conditions.

The period of the *passeur* is limited to two years, or to three passes. When a *passeur* has not been randomly chosen for two years after their designation, the AMS who designated him/her is informed and may or may not renew the designation, **if this would be necessary for the functioning of the local *dispositif* due to its lack of *passeurs*.**

It is necessary that the secretaries of the pass make sure that the *passant*, who has already chosen randomly his/her *passeurs*, be ready to begin the testimony without delay, and that they watch for the testimony not to be prolonged indefinitely.

## **2.5 The International Commission of Accreditation of the AMS**

### **Composition of the Commission**

The second year of their period, the ICG composes within it the International Commission of Accreditation of the AMS. Their composition respects certain proportion regarding the number of members of the School in each zone. The list of the new AMS is published in June/July of the second year.

### **Functioning**

At the beginning of their period, the ICG reminds to the local commissions, of the tasks that pertain to them regarding the criteria and the gathering of the information on the possible AMS, especially by the Forums attached to a *dispositif*. The local Commissions for the guarantee, transmit, in time established by the ICG, the proposals of AMS that they consider should be examined by the International Commission of Accreditation (CAI)

## **3 - ADDENDA: ADMISSION OF MEMBERS TO THE SCHOOL**

### **A) The articulation between the admission to the Forum and to the School**

The rule that consists in entering in first place to the Forum, and then to the School, seems worthy of keeping. However it should be applied sensibly and in exceptional cases a simultaneous admission to the Forum and the School may be considered.

### **B) The question of criteria was examined again and has lead to the following suggestions:**

Two interviews or an interview with two people of the Commission don't seem excessive. The regular participation in the activities of the Forum or Pole must be taken into account, especially in cartels, and eventually in the Clinical College to which the candidate belongs to. In addition, also the wider participation in the national activities, for example the meeting of cartels, is also of weight. In as much as our School has international *dispositifs*, the international dimension cannot be ignored. Such dimension must be presented from the very first interview, so that the candidate gets to know it before the second interview. The papers published in Journées, inter-cartels, etc., are an objective factor of the implication of the candidate to be taken into account. The consultation with the analyst or control analyst cannot be an obligation. Corresponds to the Commission to judge if, given the case, this may be opportune.

### **C) Condition of admission** as a member of the School of the Forums attached to France:

The general condition to admit a member to the School belonging to an attached dispositif is that his analytic formation be sufficiently known. On this basis the CAG evidently gives adequate responses to each case. On the other hand, if one of the candidates has done the pass, and has not been nominated an AS, the cartel that has heard his/her testimony may eventually propose their admission as a member of the School.

- **CAOE: INTERCONTINENTAL AND BILINGUAL CARTELS OF THE SCHOOL**

Already announced in Echos 1, the proposal by the CAOÉ to establish a list of intercontinental and bilingual cartels for the work of psychoanalysis in intension has been welcomed by the members of the School.

Several cartels have been declared and already function, uniting colleagues from both sides of the Atlantic.

In its next meetings, the CAOÉ will study the best way to give a certain resonance to the work of these cartels in order to more effectively support the work of the members of the School.

You may read below the third message from the CAOÉ to the members of the School. There we describe in detail the objectives and mode of functioning for their constitution, as well as the declaration form.

1. **THE THIRD MESSAGE OF THE CAOÉ** sent via the list to Members of the School  
April 29, 2021

From the CIOS 2020-2021  
To Members of the School

Dear Colleagues,

This is our third message concerning the project for an international network of cartels. It follows from the various questions that have been addressed to us by the three current dispositives of the guarantee and that have led us to recall the proposed arrangements by specifying them again.

These cartels will be intercontinental and bilingual. This is their definition. They will therefore bring together members of the School from two different continents who speak at least two different languages. Their aim is to promote, as we have said, new and multiple links for the work of psychoanalysis in intension not only at the level of international and national bodies where it already exists, but at the very base of the School by engaging all Members of the School who have not yet participated at the level of the bodies of management. They will find in this network a space where their work can find a new resonance, possibly via a newsletter, Study Days, intercartels, and other forms to be invented etc.

As a result, we also hope to gain more clarity in the distinction between the work of the Forum and the work of the School – a distinction which is constitutive at our origin and which also corresponds to two different modes of admission, each with its own criteria which have not ceased being debated since the beginnings of the School. They deserve to remain in the spotlight with the passage of time.

In addition, as we have said, for the work to be possible, in each cartel only one language will be spoken and that supposes, specifically, that the members of the cartel have in common one of the five languages of our community, those in which we send you this message. These cartels will therefore be bilingual in their composition, their members speaking at least two different languages as has already been said, but one of these two languages will not necessarily be the one

spoken in the cartel: depending on the case, the work can be done in any one of our five languages, English, Spanish, French, Italian or Portuguese.

Last point: for the launch of these cartels we had indicated that we would invite members of local or international bodies of management, assuming that they would be directly concerned with the initiative. Note that this was not, however, to invite them to form a cartel between themselves, but on the contrary to invite them to invite Members of the School they do not as yet know. We also know from experience that the differences between the members of a cartel, that is, differences in age, training and culture, are a plus that stimulates work.

Finally, many questions will undoubtedly still arise. We have therefore planned that each member of the CIOS will soon bring together, through Zoom, the members of the School in their area to collect the questions that are still unresolved and develop them, in order that this network be set up quickly.

With our cordial greetings,

The CIOS 2020/2022

Julieta De Battista, for Latin America South

Sandra Berta (secretary) for Brazil

Mikel Plazaola for Spain

Colette Soler (secretary) for France

María de los Angeles Gómez (ALN) for Latin America North (Puerto Rico)

Maria Teresa Maiocchi, for Italy-FPL1

## **2 - Declaration Form for intercontinental and bilingual Cartels of the School of the CIOS**

Date of declaration:

Name of the initiator of the cartel:

Email address, forum, languages spoken:

Names of each member of the cartel, with email address, forum, languages spoken for each one:

Name of the plus-one:

Theme of the work of the cartel:

Send to the secretaries:

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