

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR A SCHOOL ORIENTED BY THE TEACHING OF  
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**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 or 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 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 organizational structures adjusted to its ends. In each locality, the legal statutes of association of the Forums mentions 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 want to engage in the School must make a request to a Reception Committee and enroll 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 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 to 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 17 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 years. The elections take place locally, 10 members are elected for France and the forums attached to France; 3 for Spain (F9 and FOE-Galicia), 1 for Italy (FPL), and 4 for South America (Brazil: 2, Latin America North: 1 and Latin America South: 1). 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.
  - b. Eligible members: eligible members 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 established its own internal rules.

- c. Terms and conditions for the payment of expenses to members of the International College of the guarantee:  
Given the importance of the financial commitment of the members of the IGC, reimbursed to all its members are all travel expenses:  
tickets, plane or train;  
accommodation costs (up to a limit of 100 € per night) and meals (up to a limit of 30 € per day) when the IGC meets outside of any international meetings and/or national days.  
When the IGC meets on the fringe of any of the School Meetings either, reimbursement to all its members is for accommodation and meal expenses;  
or  
caused by the additional day(s) on site.  
In view of the magnitude of the administrative tasks, the IGC may have recourse to the help of a secretary for a time, the cost of which will be borne, within the limits of its means, by the International Treasury.

- 3) X – Symposium on the functioning of the instrument of the Pass  
Every two years, on the occasion in 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 functions 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 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 aims 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 works of the School at the international level.

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.

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.

## **XI – The International Laboratory for Political Orientation**

### **1) Definition and function:**

An International Laboratory of Political Orientation of the School of the IFLF is responsible for the reflection and the decision of orientation on the objectives and the means of our School in the urgencies of the time on the basis of the fundamental options inscribed in the Charter of the IF in 1999.

It is composed of one member per zone, elected on nomination by former Representatives and former ICG members – excluding outgoing colleges (eg, with an election in 2018, members of CRIF and ICG 2016/2018 are not immediately candidates). Its members permutate every four years and are not immediately renewable.

This Laboratory works in close contact with all members. To do this, its members get in touch with the different locations of the EPFCL via those responsible for intercartels, the delegates and the AMSs of each zone. Depending on needs it can also create ad hoc consultative structures, as well as all the necessary relays, for example from the cartels, in order to have a point of view adjusted to the realities of the base of the Forums of the various zones.

The questions studied and the opinions issues are transmitted progressively to the IF list, before being condensed in the report that it presents every two years to the Assembly for debate. The Laboratory will keep a Notebook of the problems treated and will forward it to the next Laboratory.

### **2) Election of the laboratory**

The election of Representatives and Delegates takes place every two years, after the International Rendezvous. The CRIF declares the opening of the period of elections, which must be carried out within two months. Each Forum chooses the modality of election which will be implemented, according to the particular situations, by the meeting of the members or by mail. Everywhere the vote takes place upon candidature and by secret ballot. Only the members duly registered in a Forum and who are up to

date with their subscriptions for the current and the previous year can vote. Any member of a Forum can be a candidate. The candidatures must be made public 15 days before the election.

The counting at the elections is public. It takes place at the end of the ballot for the Forums that can meet. For those that vote by mail, it takes place in the presence of the persons in charge of the Forum one week after the date of the closure of the elections. The election of candidates takes place by simple majority.

The results are transmitted to the College of Representatives, which is responsible for communicating them on the electronic list of the IF-SPFLF, and through the Delegates. The document bearing the results should mention the nominal list of members registered in the Forum who have paid up their subscriptions for the current and the preceding year, the number of voters and the distribution of votes among the candidates.

### **3) Election of the Laboratory**

It is elected according to the following provisions, homologous to those fixed for the Representatives: “The renewal of the members of the Laboratory occurs every four years, after the RV. The CRIF opens the election period. This extends over two months, each Forum has the choice of the modalities of the election which can be done, depending on the case, by holding a meeting of the members or by correspondence. But everywhere, the vote for the candidates is made by secret ballot, and only the members duly registered in a Forum and up to date with their membership fees for the current year and the year before, cast their ballots and the applications for candidacy must be known 15 days before the election.

The counting of votes is public. This occurs at the end of the vote for Forums that can meet. For those who vote by correspondence, the count takes place in the presence of the office bearers of the Forum, one week after the closing date of the elections. Elected officials are elected by a simple majority.

The results are sent to the College of Representatives, who distribute them on the IF-SPFLF list and via the Delegates. The results document mentions the nominal list of members registered in the Forum up to date of their contribution for the current year and the previous year, the number of voters and the distribution of votes for the candidates.

## **XII – The Assembly of the School**

The Assembly takes place on the occasion of the International Meeting 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.

Voting is usually by show of hands. However, in the event that it is a question of persons, or if the Assembly decides otherwise, the vote will be taken by secret ballot.

At the same time, all the debates are recorded for archiving. The audio recordings audio available. The text of the decisions voted by the meeting is drafted on the spot, read back to the meeting for approval, and recorded as in the minutes of the meeting.

When a majority abstains (50% plus one vote), the item under consideration is adjourned. Within this limit, votes shall be by simple majority when there is the choice between Yes or No, or between two possibilities. When there are several choices, a first vote is taken, then the two choices with the most votes are put to the vote by simple majority.

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.

### **XIII – The organization of the School at the local level**

The tasks requires 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 mechanism.

The condition for the admission of members by the Reception Committee are defined in Article VI of these Principles. As regards to 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. In order for members of this Forum to become a member of the School, the request to be attached to this scheme will have to be agreed upon and formalized by a majority of the members of both parties (related and connected). The members of the Forums thus attached may vote and be eligible for the IGC and the local bodies of the mechanism linking, according to the election criteria and eligibility criteria detailed in the "Guiding Principles" (Articles VI & IX).

The delegate of the 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 associates 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 delegate's 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.

#### **XIV – 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.

#### **XV – Rule on periodical review**

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