

Yael Samuel (Israel Psychoanalytic Society): IPA elections 2025



Dear colleagues,

For those who don't know me, I was born in Paris in 1956, I am married with two children. I lived and worked in Paris, Brussels and in Israel where I settled 26 years ago.

I became a clinical psychologist in 1983 and started my psychoanalytical training in 1998. In 2008 I became a member of the Israel Psychoanalytic Society (IPS) and am a training analyst since 2013. I work full-time in my private practice as an analyst. I teach and supervise candidates within the training institute of the IPS.

Based on my experience in many committees within the IPS and on the international level, I was elected as European Representative and I am a member of the board since July 2023.

This past year and a half were crucial for the future of psychoanalysis. The board proposed several revised recommendations for the procedural code on training which were discussed with the members of each region. The European members were very involved in this process and my role in bringing their voices, requests and thoughts was highly relevant.

Two more issues were discussed this year: a new version of the IPA's mission statement and the review of APsA regional association.

I am running for a second term and I will continue to defend the following points:

- The European Psychoanalysis has its specific needs and challenges which must be well represented while maintaining a global perspective and respecting the cultural differences.
- Psychoanalysis is a treatment method and its principles and values have to be supported for the IPA's members as well as for the training of the candidates who are our future.
- Psychoanalytic thinking has never been more needed outside the consulting room. The IPA in the community and in the World coordinates hundreds of projects which help professionals and citizens to cope with environmental, societal, political, physical and psychological changes, conflicts and wars. In view of their extreme importance, these activities have to be sustained and reinforced.

- To ensure the sense of belonging, the IPA has to maintain constant and understandable communication of the field of the psychoanalysis with its members. Clear information to the external audience is also needed.

Over many years, besides my psychoanalytic practice, I acquired through my involvement in the IPS leadership abilities and governance experience. I was a member of the IPS Studies Center Committee, member of the IPS Training Committee and the IPS Board, and Chair of the IPS Committee for the outreach program and activities.

I have experience working in and with the IPA as Co-chair of the IPA in Health Committee, as member of the IPA in the Community and the World Steering Committee and as member of the IPA Psychoanalytic Education Committee.

During my professional life, I have worked with psychoanalysts from different countries and cultures. The IPS is itself a melting pot with its members coming from many origins. I was exposed to diverse points of view which significantly enriched my professional career and activities. These diversities helped me to understand the IPA's structure of the three regions and their complexity.

If I am elected, I will bring to the board my involvement, my deep conviction to psychoanalysis, as well as my experience working in psychoanalytic institutions. I will endeavor to contribute to the IPA's mission and together with my colleagues face current and future challenges of psychoanalysis.

-Member of the IPA board 2023- 2025

- Co-chair with Harvey Schwartz of the IPA in Health Committee, 2021-2022.

- Member of the IPA in the Community and the World Steering Committee headed by Mira Erlich Ginor, 2021-2022.

- Member of the IPA in Health Committee, 2018-2022.

- Member of the IPA Psychoanalytic Education Committee as a representative of the IPS Training Committee, 2016-2019.

- IPS President's representative for the French Speaking Psychoanalysts Congress (CPLF), 2015-2024.

