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IAAP President's letter to Membership
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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to greet you all in my role as the new President of the IAAP. In Vienna last summer, I had the honor of taking over the presidency from my valued predecessor, Marianne Müller, and with that the responsibility for our Association. It is a great honor and pleasure for me, but I am also very much aware of the complexity of this task. I hope my three years' experience as President Elect and the excellent team of Officers will help in my role as President.

In this first letter, I would like to look back at the events within the IAAP over the past year, in particular the decisions reached by the Delegates at the Congress in Vienna. Then I would like to share with you some perspectives in this administration, including the recent Executive Committee meeting in January.

Regarding the Congress in Vienna entitled "Encountering the Other: Within us, between us and in the world", the latest *News Sheet*, edited by the new President-Elect, Misser Berg, offers a good overview and a variety of impressions about the event from a number of contributions. The Congress was a great success both in quantitative and qualitative sense. There were around 1,200 registrations, among them around 400 were candidates and routers. This may have to do not only with the charm of the city but also with the location of Vienna being easily accessible to participants from Central and Eastern Europe.

In order to maintain the emphasis on the clinical aspect of our work, we continued the supervision master classes, which started at the 2016 Kyoto Congress. The Pre-Congress events seem to be becoming more and more important and interesting for participants. The Congress started with the keynote lecture by Navid Kermani who is an embodiment of "encountering the other"; He is a German author and Islamic scholar, but his parents immigrated from Iran. This was followed by nine other plenaries. I have to say that I have never heard such stimulating plenaries before. The IAAP is now preparing the video material of the plenaries for the web home page. The afternoon program offered a variety of quality breakout presentations. The Congress questionnaire showed a very high rating of the program.

The Meeting of Delegates took place on August 28th, 2019. I would like to inform you about the results of the voting and of some decisions of the newly elected Executive Committee following its first meeting in Vienna. The newly elected Executive Committee (EC) is composed as follows: The Officers are Toshio Kawai (President), Misser Berg

(President-Elect), Pilar Amezaga (Vice President), Emilija Kiehl (Vice President), Yasuhiro Tanaka (Honorary Secretary). The representatives of the Group Members include Alvaro Ancona di Faria (SBrPA, Brazil), Patricia Berry (IRSJA, USA), Fred Borchardt(SAAJA, South Africa), Gražina Gudaite (LAAP, Lithuania), William Kotsch (NMSJA, New Mexico, USA), Chie Lee (CGJILA, Los Angeles, USA), Andreas Michel (CGJIZ, Zurich, Switzerland), Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA, France) and Luisa Zoppi (AIPA, Italy). I look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of working together with each member of this outstanding team.

At the first meeting of the new Executive Committee during the Congress, Tom Kelly (APJQ, Canada) was appointed as chairperson of the Ethics Committee. He will assume responsibility for the diverse tasks of this Committee together with a team of five competent members from different parts of the world including Eduardo Carvallo (SCJA, Colombia), Andrea Cone-Farran (ANZSJA, Australia), Ulrich Stuck (DGAP, Germany) Elena Volodina (RSAP, Russia) and Mark Winborn (IRSJA, USA).

As to the finance, the “On-line discussion forum on IAAP Finances” was open between June 15 - 29, 2019. All detailed data of finance of the past three years were posted on the members’ website, which each member could access and submit a question. This was for transparency and because of limited time during the Meeting of Delegates. One important matter concerning finance has to be mentioned here: IAAP Treasurer, Martin Amsler, informed the President and Finance Officer two years ago that the IAAP might have to pay the withholding tax and social security contribution for all payments made to members while serving on the EC. With the help of the advocate, Samuel Haldemann, the IAAP has explained its situation to the Withholding Tax Authority and the Social Security Authority of the Canton of Zurich. The IAAP has already received an answer that the IAAP will have to pay withholding tax as compensation retrospectively for seven years. Concerning the social security contributions, the IAAP is still waiting for an answer from the Social Security Authority. In order to be able to pay these additional dues, the IAAP has put aside CHF 200’000.00 accruals for social security and withholding taxes. I will return to this item later.

In the Meeting of Delegates, Martin Amsler resigned as IAAP Treasurer and Samuel Haldemann was appointed as the new Treasurer. I would like to thank Martin Amsler for his twenty-four years’ cooperation with the IAAP and to welcome Samuel Haldemann who has helped the IAAP concerning withholding tax and social contribution issues for the future.

The Delegates chose Buenos Aires as the site for the next IAAP Congress in 2022. I am already looking forward to preparing this congress and to cooperating with the Uruguayan-Argentinian Society of Analytical Psychology (SUAPA). This is the first time that the IAAP hold its Congress in Latin America. In view of the excellent development of Analytica Psychology there, this Congress may bring a new impact on us and offer various cultural exchanges. The EC appointed Ana Deligiannis (SUAPA, Argentine) as Chair of the Organizing Committee and Pilar Amezaga (SUAPA, Vice President) as Chair of the Program Committee. I will later report the results of the Program Committee meeting last January.

The Delegates in Vienna also voted on the admission of a number of new Group Members of the IAAP. Four new Group Members without Training Status were accepted: Association of Jungian Analysts in Poland (AJAP), China Society for Analytical Psychology (CSAP), Taiwan Society of Analytical Psychology (TSAP), Ukrainian Jungian Association (UJA).

Three further groups had their status changed and are now Group Members with Training Status: Czech Institute of Analytical Psychologists (CIAP), Colombian Society of Jungian Analysts (SCAJ), Chilean Association of Jungian Analytical Psychology (SCPA). Association of Analytical Psychologists, Russia (AAPR) was also accepted as a Group Member with Training Status. We are very happy about these new Group Members within the IAAP. Most of them come from countries where there were previously Developing Groups of the IAAP which made it possible for them to train to become Jungian Analysts. In total, the IAAP now has sixty nine Group Members.

In addition, the Delegates voted to accept sixty-seven new Individual Members. All of them have completed the Router Program and have qualified as Jungian Analysts. It is a joy to welcome so many new and also young colleagues into our Association. Many of these Individual Members will now become members of new or existing Group Members. At this point I would also like to greet all new graduates of the Group Members of the IAAP training institutes. I will communicate with them directly in writing to welcome them personally as members of our international Association.

It is a great honor for the IAAP that the Delegates elected Dvora Kutzinski (Israel) as a new Honorary Member.

Marianne Müller referred to the tabled matter at the Meeting of Delegates in Kyoto as part of her President's report. As this is an important item, I report this here in detail. An Apology and Acknowledgement Statement (the Statement) concerning Jung's attitudes to, and writings on persons of African heritage was presented to the Delegates in Kyoto. From the reaction of the membership, it became clear that much more discussion was needed on the subject. The Executive Committee therefore decided to recommend that the Delegates table the vote on this item and refer it back to the Executive Committee. This procedure was accepted by the Delegates.

The Officers and the Executive Committee in the last administration addressed the criticism and the controversial declarations in the Statement and simultaneously opened it for discussion. All Group Members and Individual Members of IAAP were invited to debate the issue and discuss a new version of the Statement among their memberships. As part of the consultation with members, the IAAP organized a Symposium in Prague in 2017. Short contributions by the members provided an overview of the various opinions and reflections. All contributions from the Prague Symposium have been posted in the members area of the IAAP website.

In February 2018, the EC once again discussed the issue at length. The EC wanted to be as inclusive as possible and to ensure that the concerns of the authors and supporters of the Statement were addressed, as well as those voices that spoke out against the public Statement. The following resolutions were passed and put in place:

1. A new Working Party on Diversity within the IAAP has been created, thus giving the issue recognition within the IAAP community.
2. The Papers from the Prague Symposium were published on the IAAP Website.
3. The existing Non-discrimination clause on the IAAP website based on the IAAP Constitution has been re-examined and extended into a policy.
4. The EC decided to support research projects on the topic, especially on Jung's writing on race.
5. The theme of the IAAP Congress in Vienna should offer the opportunity to examine many questions about diversity.

With these resolutions, the EC has pursued a goal of taking concrete action and continuing and intensifying the discussion within the IAAP community. The IAAP sees its activities focused in two directions: Firstly, with regard to the issue of diversity within our community through the activities of the Diversity Working Party, and secondly, in relation to Jung's writings, through further research and discussion among our community of Jung's theories and publications. The EC also decided not to come forward with a new Statement.

The Delegates discussed the AGAP motion, which proposed a centrally organized initiative for carbon offsetting and the offset of flight carbon emissions via *myclimate* as its first part. As second part it defined the carbon offsetting via *myclimate* concretely.

The EC decided not to support the AGAP motion as it stands. This proposal would mean either a CHF 20 rise in individual annual dues or the ring-fencing of CHF 67,200 per annum. While we agree that global warming is one of the most serious issues of our time, it was felt that this is best addressed as a matter of personal initiative rather than something we can organizationally impose on our members. Instead of the AGAP Motion, the EC decided:

1. To provide information in the Vienna Congress program to our members about further carbon offset opportunities.
2. As a gesture of our support of this important cause, the EC decided that the IAAP makes a donation of a fixed amount of CHF 1000 to an internationally recognized carbon offset provider.

In the course of discussion in the Meeting of Delegates a procedural motion to table the AGAP motion until the next Congress was made. As procedural motion should be voted first following the "Guidelines and Procedures for conducting the Meeting of Delegates", the motion to table the AGAP Motion was first voted. The vote result was 112 in favor to table the motion, against 101. Therefore, the AGAP Motion was tabled.

I will come back to this matter later in this report.

The new EC held its annual meetings in Zurich at the end of January. These were very productive meetings in which many decisions were made and important matters were discussed. The atmosphere was one of openness and mutual respect, which all members appreciated very much. I would like to report on the formal aspects of this meeting first

and then on our future projects. The following committees and functions have now been fixed by the EC:

- **Finance Officer** is Misser Berg, President Elect of the IAAP.
- Chair of the **Program Committee** for the IAAP Congress in Buenos Aires is Pilar Amezaga, Vice President of the IAAP. Further members of the Program Committee are, apart from the Officers (Toshio Kawai, Misser Berg, Emilija Kiehl, Yasuhiro Tanaka) Birgit Jänchen (DGAP), Carmela Mento (CIPA), Selma Mantovani (SBrPA) and Robert Tyminski (CGJISF),

The Sub-Committees and Working Parties are composed as follows:

- **Academic Sub-Committee:** Chair Pilar Amezaga (Vice President) and Gražina Gudaite (LAAP); Emilija Kiehl (Vice President), Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA) and Luisa Zoppi (AIPA).
- **Group Members Application Sub-Committee:** Chair Misser Berg (President Elect); Toshio Kawai (President, ex officio), Pilar Amezaga (Vice President), Emilija Kiehl (Vice President), Patricia Berry (IRSJA), Fred Borchardt (SAAJA), William Kotsch (NMSJA), Andreas Michel (CGJIZ) and Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA).
- **Publications & Communications Sub-Committee:** Chair Emilija Kiehl (Vice President) and Yasuhiro Tanaka (Honorary Secretary); Misser Berg (President Elect) and Patricia Berry (IRSJA).
- **Honorary Members Sub-Committee:** Chair Fred Borchardt(SAAJA); Andreas Michel (CGJIZ), Chie Lee (CGJILA) and Patricia Berry (IRSJA).
- **Fund Raising Sub-Committee:** Chair Andreas Michel (CGJIZ); Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA) and William Kotsch (NMSJA).
- **Child and Adolescent Working Party:** Chair Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA); Chie Lee (CGJILA) and Luisa Zoppi (AIPA).
- **Diversity Working Party:** Chair Alvaro Ancona di Faria (SBrPA); Patricia Berry (IRSJA), Fred Borchardt(SAAJA), William Kotsch (NMSJA), Chie Lee (CGJILA) and Brigit Soubrouillard (SFPA).
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Chair of the **Education Committee** is Misser Berg, President Elect of the IAAP. Within the Education Committee the following positions as Regional Organizers have been allotted:

- for Asia: Yasuhiro Tanaka
- for Latin America: Pilar Amezaga
- for Eastern Europe: Gražina Gudaite
- for Central Europe: Misser Berg
- for other: Misser Berg

Chair persons of Working Groups supporting the Education Committees are:

- for the Research and Evaluation Working Group: Gražina Gudaite
- for the Curriculum and Resources Working Group: Chie Lee

Gražina Gudaite will continue her project concerning the “core competence of Jungian analyst” whose first highly interesting result was reported both at the Council of Societies in January 2019 and at the Vienna Congress.

Now I would like to focus on some important points discussed and decided in the last EC Meeting. In consultation with the new Treasurer and advocate Samuel Haldemann, the IAAP decided to offer the Tax and Social Security Office to pay the withholding tax and social security contribution retrospectively each 7 and 5 years. The reason why the IAAP did not wait for the official answer from the Social Security Authority was to avoid the risk of penalty and possible further complications. Another CHF 300,000 accrual was needed, half of which was covered by the high profit from the successful Vienna Congress (CHF 152,309).

Although suggestions for the next Congress theme were not discussed in the Meeting of Delegates, the Program Committee took into consideration many proposals made by members through the Congress questionnaire and decided that the theme of the next Congress in Buenos Aires 2022 will be “**Analytical Psychology Opening to the Changing World**, Contemporary perspectives on Clinical, Scientific, Social, Cultural and Environmental Issues”.

You will soon receive the “Call for Participation in the 2022 IAAP Congress in Buenos Aires” which will convey in detail various and stimulating aspects of this concept. But in this letter, I would like to emphasize some projects indicated in the theme for the Congress.

Analytical Psychology has indeed been open to the world, which is reflected in our clinical work, in our participation in socio-cultural issues and the router training that we facilitate in regions without training institutions. The IAAP has as its main task to look after our organizations, but it is also necessary for us to be open outwardly and in various directions.

Firstly, as an example, in order to continue and to extend the router training, the EC has approved a new application from Ahmedabad in India to become a Developing Group of IAAP. Also, after several years of absence, the Group in Bangalore requested acceptance of new routers and five new routers were approved by the EC for this group. Analytical Psychology and its training seem to be becoming very active in India.

Secondly, another aspect of the opening of Analytical Psychology is towards the academic world. Without a link to the scientific world and university, Analytical Psychology cannot keep abreast with the scientific progress, make major theoretical contributions and capture and maintain the attention of younger generations. The last administration already started the project of joint conferences with university, namely with Vilnius University and Basel University. We would like to continue this project and organize a joint conference on November 19 of this year with Technical University of Berlin with the theme of “Narratives”. We are planning other joint conferences with universities for next year and two years later. Furthermore, the IAAP will also support research projects that are linked to Analytical Psychology, proposed by academics and endorsed by our members.

Communication via the internet is getting more and more important. In addition to *News Sheet*, we would like to start a *Bulletin* to which not only IAAP members, but also nonmembers can subscribe. In addition, we would like to open Facebook and Twitter

accounts where various communications and news will be posted. As younger generations do not use email much, this would help the IAAP to be more open to the world across generations.

Concerning diversity, as a continuation of the survey for the Group Members (societies) made in the last administration, the Diversity Working Party will organize a professional survey on the diversity awareness and activity which will be sent to all members. This initiative was prompted by the critique of Jung's writing on persons of African heritage. However, this theme really is diverse. One is often not aware of one's assumptions on matters of diversity. This is why such a survey is necessary. The IAAP would like to support concrete projects that deal with the problem of diversity. The activity of SAAJA (South Africa), which was presented in the plenary at the Vienna Congress, is a good example of such a project. If a member or a Group has a concrete project regarding diversity, please let me or Officers know.

As mentioned previously, the motion from AGAP for a donation to be made to an organization involved in activity against climate change was tabled. However, the EC discussed this matter very intensively and thoughtfully and although the climate issue is a fundamental and acute one for our contemporary world, the shared view is that our main social contribution should be in our professional field, such as psychological care for victims of natural disasters or offering low fee psychotherapy sessions where they are needed. Our constitution says clearly that the aims of the IAAP are: 1. To promote the study of Analytical Psychology, 2. To disseminate knowledge of Analytical Psychology, 3. To require the maintenance of high standards of training, practice, and ethical conduct, and 4. To hold Congresses. But there is indeed a growing understanding that an organization has a general social responsibility beyond its professional work. So, it would be important to include climate issues in our social responsibility and contributions.

We would like to have a space on the web home page which states as our policy, e.g.: „The IAAP is an organization which takes responsibility for social and environmental issues.“ The text would further say: "In accordance with this policy, we support the following projects..." Then we would list Group Member activities which are supported by the IAAP. One such item would be the psychological care for the people in Wuhan (there is already a request for support from the Chinese Society for Analytical Psychology); an activity for children in Uganda using sandplay would be another one, etc. These projects will be supported by the IAAP budget, but we would like to insert a button for donations as we did for the psychological care of the victims of environmental disasters in Japan 2011 and China 2009. In line with these issues, there will be a button for support of activities against climate change. We think that we can emphasize the social activities and contributions that are related to our profession on the one hand, but also include climate matters among our concerns and involvements. As in the case of diversity matters, please contact me or Officers, if you have a concrete project in mind.

I am afraid my letter has become too long because I wanted to report both on the Vienna Congress and on the January Executive Committee Meeting. I will let you know of other matters in the next letter or in the new Bulletin.

I very much look forward to continuing my collaboration with the various Committees within the IAAP, to starting new projects, and to an open exchange with all of you within our organization.

With warm collegial greetings,

Toshio Kawai
President of the IAAP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toshio Kawai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'K'.