VPSG announces with pleasure the next Scientific Meeting:

**VPSG Scientific Meeting**

**February 16, 2022**

**7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Dr. Fred Busch**

**"Dear Candidate:  Analysts from around the world offer personal reflections on psychoanalytic training, education, and the profession.**"

**Moderator: Mina Levinsky-Wohl**

**Zoom Host: Johanna Boyce**

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Dear VPSG members and invited guests,

We are honored that on Wednesday, February 16, Dr. Fred Busch will join VPSG members for a presentation and discussion on his moving and thoughtful book: *"Dear Candidate: Analysts from Around the World Offer Personal Reflections on Psychoanalytic Training, Education, and the Profession".*

In this book, senior psychoanalysts from different psychoanalytic cultures and traditions offer personal reflections on their own training, what it was like to become a psychoanalyst, and what they would like most to convey to candidates of today.

The book is composed of forty-two letters to candidates, and "the book serves as a guide through the highly personal, complex, and meaningful experience and helps readers consider the many different meanings of being a candidate in a psychoanalytic institute … but this book inspires analysts at all levels to think once again, about the impossible but fascinating profession and to consider their own psychoanalytic development."(F. Busch)

Although we encourage everyone to read this beautiful book in its entirety, we have selected a small number of letters that will be the focus of the discussion. The letters are by Arthur Leonoff (Canada), Paola Marion (Italy), Elias and Elizabeth da Rocha Barros (Brazil) and Ellen Sparer (France).In selecting these letters, we took care to select ones from different psychoanalytic cultures and traditions, and ones that address aspects of training and institutional cohesion of current interest to us.

We encourage you to read the attached letters and to participate in the lively discussion with Dr. Fred Busch. We are especially pleased to have several advanced candidates of the QE branch of CPS join us for this Scientific Meeting.

*Fred Busch, PhD., FABP has been involved in our training as an adjunct supervisor and has supervised some of our candidates and previously presented to VPSG.*

*He is a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, as well as a faculty member of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalytic Studies. He has published over 70 articles in the psychoanalytic literature, and six books. His work has been translated into many languages, and he has been invited to present over 170 papers and clinical workshops nationally and internationally. His last four books are: Creating a Psychoanalytic Mind (2014); The Analyst’s Reveries: Explorations in Bion’s Enigmatic Concept (2019); Dear Candidate: Analyst from Around the World Offer Personal Reflections on Psychoanalytic Training, Education, and the Profession (2020); A Fresh Look at Psychoanalytic Technique (2021).*

*Looking forward to seeing you all,*

Mina Levinsky-Wohl, Program Chair

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Participants must agree to maintain a secure environment to be utilized solely by the registered participant and protected from intrusion by, or exposure to, unauthorized persons.

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