

**Pre-Congress Programme**

Wednesday, May 29, 2019: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 30, 2019: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Venue: The Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver (BC) Canada

**Working Party on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today (WPSPTT)**

Following on the interest stimulated by the working party experience organized in Montreal last June, a pre-congress working party will again be offered in Vancouver. *The Working Party on the Specificity of Psychoanalytic Treatment Today (WPSPTT)* meets for one evening and one day, following a method carefully developed over many years to explore the analytic process. Registrants are expected to attend both Wednesday evening and Thursday sessions as late arrivals disrupt the group process. The Specificity group is held in English, but fluency is not required as French translations will be woven into the work.

The main aim of this research is to identify the fundamental aspects of psychoanalytic treatment from clinical material. The methodology applies the tenets of the psychoanalytic methodology itself, free association and free floating attention. The Working Party is composed of two groups; a research group, which takes place at a different time and place from the Pre-Congress, and a clinical group, which will take place in the Pre-Congress. A clinical group includes 2 moderators and a reporter who is a silent member. The clinical group is made up of 12 to 15 or fewer analysts from different analytic cultures working for a day and a half on the same clinical material, the verbatim of 3-4 successive sessions provided by a presenter.

This Working Party is a research method founded by Evelyne Sechaud, who developed the work of the clinical groups by widening the ideas of Johan Norman, Bjorn Salomonsson and Jean-Luc Donnet. The method is based on an analogical relation between analytic sessions and their narration. It has been found that owing to the associative thinking of analysts working together, the clinical group functions as a magnifying echo of the transference-countertransference relation between patient and analyst. The presenter relates no more than necessary of the session content (speech, affects, and actions) without giving any details about the patient's biography, the history of the analysis or the setting. Then the presenter remains silent, without responding to questions raised as the members of the clinical group associate freely to the material. The group thus 'constructs' the patient, each participant using his explicit and implicit theoretical references. In the last segment of the meeting on Thursday afternoon, the presenter offers his/her associations, thoughts, and feelings to the discussion. This step enables the group to assess *après-coup* the constructions worked out during the preceding step. Through the group work, the gap between theory and practice (J.-L. Donnet) becomes reality and makes its exploration possible.

Graduate analysts and candidates are welcome to join this group. The work takes place over two days and participants are asked to remain in the group for the entire time of the work.

Moderators: Dr. Philippe Valon (France), Ms. Ronnie Shaw, APN, BC (USA)  
Group size: 12-16 participants  
Participants: Psychoanalysts and 2 Candidates

For more information please contact Ms. Ronnie Shaw, North American Chair WPSPTT at [rshaw@ashcomm.com](mailto:rshaw@ashcomm.com) and write WPSPTT in the subject line.

### Pre-congress Registration:

*Separate registration and registration fee is required for the Pre-Congress.*

**Fee in Canadian currency:** \$140, CPS members  
\$110, Candidates  
\$150, Members of other psychoanalytic societies

***NOTE:*** *To ensure boundary issues are respected, each registration is considered provisional pending the final composition of the group. Alternatives will be offered if available; otherwise your registration fee will be reimbursed. **We expect the group to be sold out, so do not delay in securing your spot.***

There are two ways to register and pay:

1. Print out and complete the registration form (see below) and mail it with your cheque or bank draft to Mena Iacofano at the address below:

Canadian Psychoanalytic Society  
7000 Côte-des-Neiges  
Montreal (Quebec) H3S 2C1 Canada

OR

2. Pay online using the link to the pre-congress page of the CPS website. <http://www.en.psychoanalysis.ca/cps-pre-congress-working-party/> Pay through Paypal, download the fillable PDF registration form, complete it and return by email to [cjprcp1992@gmail.com](mailto:cjprcp1992@gmail.com).

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