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46th Annual CPS Congress

Call for Papers

Deadline for submission: extended until January 22, 2026

**La Grande Bibliothèque
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CPS Congress: June 4 to 6, 2026

THEORIES WE WORK WITH – THEORIES WE LIVE BY



18'440 "Tadpole" Nebula – J. Fabian 2025

Tadpole Nebula – James Fabian

The CPS Congress will feature concurrent individual and panel sessions of papers (5,000 words maximum) as well as Work/Study groups, with ample time for discussion.

The CPS National Scientific Programme Committee invites submissions of abstracts or proposals for papers of original and unpublished material of all sorts. We invite you to address the broad spectrum of psychoanalytic themes that are called upon in the idea of “Theories We Work With - Theories We Live By”. Please send papers or abstracts to: cpsscp1967@gmail.com

Whether we know it or not, like it or not, we are always guiding ourselves with a set of theories, among which the infantile sexual theories that we, as children, were brought to formulate when confronted with the enigmas of the adult world. These infantile theories were later *apparently* superseded by more mature worldviews, but psychoanalytic practice shows us that they are still with us, patients and analysts alike, and have a profound impact on our adult life. Confronted with this fact, the specific role of psychoanalysts is to develop a practice that can take into account the impact of infantile theories in their patients' life (and their own), but also on psychoanalytic theory and practice and, in fine, on social and political reality.

Submission Instructions:

The National Scientific Committee invites presentations in the following formats:

- **paper**
- **workshop**
- **symposium**

- **Papers** are formal presentations on theoretical topics or clinical cases. At least 30% of the time is to be devoted to interaction with the session registrants.
- **Workshops are oriented to specific topics or themes and** will offer various viewpoints and perspectives. The workshops can be led by several facilitators and are expected to be highly interactive.
- **Symposia** are more formal sessions on clinical or theoretical topics, offering at least three presentations and a discussion format from a panel of experts. Different points of view are developed by authors from various regions or branches. The global abstract for the symposium must include an abstract for each of the presentations.

Topics for presentations could be oriented to a:

- paper on a clinical and/or a theoretical issue;
- panel discussion on a controversial topic;
- summary of the work done in a study group or a seminar;
- presentation of research results;
- discussion on a question of ethics and/or confidentiality;
- essay in “applied” psychoanalysis;
- multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary psychoanalytic study;
- presentations favouring more interaction and involving analysts from other societies: panel, workshop, video.

Papers, workshops and symposia are usually planned for 90 minutes. Exceptionally, with the agreement of the Scientific Programme Committee, workshops and symposia **may** be extended to a duration of 2 to 3 hours.

Where to send your submission:

Please send all submissions to: cpsscp1967@gmail.com at the latest by **January 15, 2026**.

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To be eligible, all proposals must include **5 separate PDF or Word files** following these criteria:

1. Specific Information

- a) name;
- b) your society;
- c) professional affiliation;
- d) email address;
- e) mailing address;
- f) telephone number;
- g) brief CV (75 words or less, for each author).

2. Title of the proposal and name(s) of the author(s)

3. Abstract

- a) Title of the proposal (without any mention of the name(s) of the author(s));
- b) The abstract of no more than 300 words;
- c) Three (3) learning objectives that would describe what participants will be able to do differently after attending the session;
- d) The type of format (paper, workshop, symposium) and the time needed if more than 90 minutes (**it may be possible to extend the time to 2 to 3 hours – requests must be ratified by the Scientific Programme Committee**);
- e) Whether the proposal has been the object of a previous oral presentation, or publication;
- f) The CPS expects that the presentation will be offered in the language used for the abstract, unless specified otherwise.

4. Audio-visual

Request of audio-visual equipment with the title and main author's name. **Later AV requests will NOT be considered.**

NB: Presenters who wish to use the LCD projector have to bring their own laptop and proper adapters.

5. Conflict of Interest Declaration

All presenters, panelists, chairs, authors and co-authors are required to complete a **Conflict of Interest Declaration** (attached in .docx format, no signature required).

All submission Abstracts meeting the eligibility criteria will be guaranteed a blind review by the members of the National Scientific Committee. Submissions will be evaluated on clarity, originality, interest, and contributions to theory and practice.

Each submission will receive a written response from the National Scientific Committee by **February 15, 2026**.

****In order for an accepted paper to be included in the conference, all presenters and co-presenters must agree to register, pay for and attend the conference.**

National Scientific Program (NSP) Chair: Susan Baxt

National and local committee members: *Angelina Chupetlovska, Joanne Della Penta, Kristen Hyndman Whittier, Fabricia Joly, Pierre Joly, Teresa Pizzamiglio, Brian Reid, Mahitab Seddik, Klaus Wiedermann.*

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