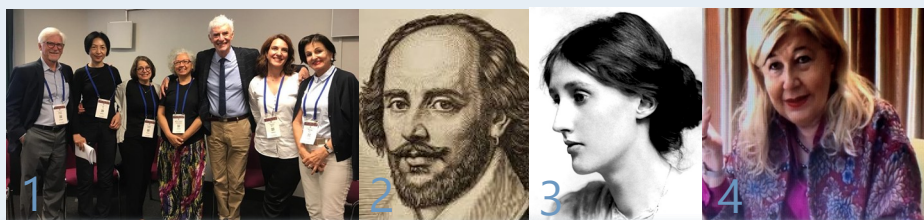


PPA Committee wants to communicate and exchange its interests, works and activities with the psychoanalytic community all over the world.

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1 IPA's Committee *Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Aging* was founded during Cláudio Eizirik's Presidency. Its first Chair was **Gabrielle Junkers MD** (Germany) [2009-2013], then followed **Audrey Kavka MD** (United States) [2013-2017], and now **Guillermo Julio Montero PhD** (Argentina) [2017-2021]. The focus has always been to promote the psychoanalytic understanding and treatment of *aging people* and *aged patients* through clinical and theoretical examples and research delivered in books, papers and congresses all over the world. It wouldn't be easy to summarize the complete list of activities *PPA Committee* has achieved in the past, but a few of the last include the papers and panels of the members at IPA, EPF, APsA and FEPAL congresses; the organization of the *First International Conference on Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Aging* in San Diego (2019), *Ripeness Is All* series of videos, and the launching of this Newsletter in order set an International Network of psychoanalysts interested on the metapsychology of *aging people* and *aged patients*.

PPA Committee: Chair: **Guillermo Julio Montero PhD** (Argentina); North American Co-Chair: **Audrey Kavka MD** (US), with **Mi Yu MD** (US) and **Daniel Plotkin MD** (US); European Co-Chair: **Valeria Egidi Morpurgo PhD** (Italia) (unfortunately deceased months ago), with **Renata Sgier MD** (Switzerland) and **Gianina Micu MD** (Romania) as members; and Latin American Co-Chair: **Cristina Amendoeira MD** (Brasil), with **Alex Oksenberg MD** (Chile) as member. **Calvin Colarusso MD** (US) and **Audrey Kavka MD** (US) are also Consultant Members.

2 The series of video interviews PPA Committee recorded takes its name from a line by Shakespeare's *King Lear*.

"Men must endure their going hence, even as their coming hither: Ripeness is all." [Act V, Scene II].

The completely English/Spanish subtitled interviews are available through IPA's webpage and browsing in *Youtube* the following:

Ripeness Is All / Montero
Ripeness Is All / Kavka
Ripeness Is All / Yu
Ripeness Is All / Plotkin
Ripeness Is All / Egidi Morpurgo
Ripeness Is All / Sgier
Ripeness Is All / Micu
Ripeness Is All / Amendoeira
Ripeness Is All / Oksenberg
Ripeness Is All / Colarusso

3 We'll be waiting our colleagues' comments about the *Challenge of this Newsletter*.

"Only for a moment; but it was enough. It was a sudden revelation, a tinge like a blush which one tried to check and then, as it spread, one yielded to its expansion, and rushed to the farthest verge and there quivered and felt the world come closer, swollen with some astonishing significance, some pressure of rapture, which split its thin skin poured with an extraordinary alleviation over the cracks and sores. Then, for that moment, she had an illumination; a match burning in a crocus; an inner meaning almost expressed. But the close withdrew; the hard softened. It was over—the moment."

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), *Mrs Dalloway*



PPA Committee's farewell letter for **Valeria Egidi Morpurgo PhD**



4 Dear Valeria:

We would like to say a few words that we sometimes postpone due to every-day commitments that take us, as in a dream, along an uncertain path which is not always in our hands. In this state, it sometimes appears justified to neglect some dimensions of life and, with this letter, we would like to make amends.

Firstly, how beautiful everything has been up to now. How can we *forget* the joy of beginning to know each other and share dreams, passions, wishes: life—in-itself, which we have shared so many times. How can we *forget* that we were accomplices in hugs, smiles, toasts with red wine, all blended with great humor.

When you read this letter, you will also realize that we repeat several times the verb *forget*. It is written this way on purpose because it is a sign between us that we would like no one to fully understand. You know that we will never *forget* you, but we have to pretend before those who ignore that our welcoming pact never included a farewell. Therefore, *forgetfulness* was not, is not, and will never be included. And we will keep it. We would like to give you a kiss, a flower, a dawn, and a smile.

