

AIP Posting Number Five

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Dear Fellow AIP Members,

I'm striving to make these posts as brief as possible, so here goes:

First, please remember what specifically makes AIP a unique organization. We are striving to organize all those interested in psychoanalysis into one community that is affordable and free of power hierarchies.

Towards that end, please remember that we only have three membership categories -- member, friend, and student (\$100, \$75, \$50, respectively, to join through 2015).

To be a member, one needs any governmentally recognized mental health license and some degree of training in psychoanalysis. Such training could be entirely informal, i.e. through supervision and one's own psychoanalysis, or could consist of a two year or a full four year psychoanalytic training program.

I've had many questions in this regard. I'm hoping this clarifies the situation for any of those confused.

AIP assumes that the "marketplace" will determine varying degrees of training and experience. Meanwhile, in a fashion, say, akin to the AMA, AIP provides a community for all psychoanalysts, and also welcomes students and lay persons interested in psychoanalysis (friends).

AIP will soon have a list on its website, allinpsych.org, delineating which training institutions it "recognizes." AIP will not offer accreditation, believing an entirely separate corporation should be responsible for that task. The recognized institutions will include all APsaA, all IPA institutes, and all unaccredited ones.

Second, here's a heads up regarding some upcoming educational opportunities. The organization Bion in LA will host a conference in Los Angeles from Oct 24-26. The International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education (IPFE) is having a conference in San Francisco from November 6-8. These should both offer presentations that you'll likely find interesting.

Third and last, we apparently do already have list-serv capability! Natalie, the AIP administrator, has sent out invitations to join a "Google group." Please accept the invitation once you get it. Once you do so, then you'll be able to ask questions of, or share information with, your fellow AIP members.

How exciting to be participating in a new psychoanalytic professional organization!!

All best wishes,

Alan