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PREAMBLE

The Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates is an assembly of presidents and delegates which meets during the board meetings of the IAGP held in conjunction with international conferences.

The Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates has the opportunity to provide advisory assistance on policy and development as well as other organizational viewpoints to the IAGP board. It is a forum for exchange of information, experiences and innovative ideas regarding issues relating to training, practice and research in group psychotherapy and allied fields of group practice.

Organizational Affiliates are in a position of hosting international and regional IAGP conferences thus promoting further development of their own regions and local organizations.

Both formal and informal exchanges of ideas and experiences of the various Organizational Affiliates leads to further development in transcultural thinking.

The commencement of the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates has been, I believe a very successful achievement in the period of the Presidency of Dr. Alberto Serrano and of the IAGP Board. It has provided a voice for all Organizational Affiliates to dialogue with the IAGP Board and I sincerely hope it will flourish and continue to play an even greater and more important role in the future direction of the IAGP.

There have now been five meetings of the CAO A held in Montreal (August 1992), San Diego (February 1993), Washington (February 1994), Heidelberg (August 1993) and Taiwan (September 1993), attended by presidents and delegates.

Hanne Campos, President of the SEPTG, has provided tremendous initiative in compiling this very rich and stimulating report from the answers received so far for which we are deeply indebted. I also wish to thank the *Grup d'Anàlisi Barcelona* most sincerely for absorbing costs for technical and secretarial support necessary for this report.

With my warm regards to all Organizational Affiliates and sincerest wishes for the ongoing development of the CAO A.

Dr. Sabar Rustomjee
Co-Chairperson – CAO A

Note: Already finalized the edition of this report, we received the response of the *Asociación Argentina de Psicología y Psicoterapia de Grupo*. Since we could not nominally include this Affiliate —although some of their data was included from the Directories— we would like to mention their contribution here at the last possible moment.

INTRODUCTION

As mentioned in the introductory remarks to the Questionnaire circulated from November 1994 onwards by the Consultative Assembly of Organizational Affiliates, this inquiry is an effort of the IAGP to become better acquainted with their organizational members and possible future affiliates. The ultimate objective of such an investigation is to know about the scientific and professional development of group work in diverse fields of practice and its associative evolution on an international level which, hopefully, will also enlighten our thinking about the complexities and problems of living together in different social groups in society. As you follow this first report of the answers so far received and some data derived from membership directories of IAGP so far edited, you will realize that we need to dedicate more time to this rich and valuable material than the one we have at our disposal until Buenos Aires. Just the same, we believe it is important to use the opportunity we have to meet at the 12th International Congress of the IAGP to discuss this precious information about the development of group work the world over and of our own member organizations. Also, we are sure that it will stimulate members who have not answered yet to contribute with their data, experience and opinions.

PRELIMINARY ANÁLISIS OF RESPONSES TO THE CAOQ QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Affiliates who have contributed with their answers

First of all we would like to give our heartiest thanks to the following twenty-four Affiliate and ex-Affiliate Organizations who have —some very generously— up to now answered our inquiry:

AEP	Asociación Española de Psicodrama
AMPAG	Asociación Mexicana de Psicoterapia Analítica de Grupo
AMPP	Asociación Mexicana de Psicoterapia Psicoanalítica
ATC	Association of Therapeutic Communities
ARIRI	Associazione Ricerche Interventi Sulle Relazioni Interpersonali
AAGP	Australian Association of Group Psychotherapy
CAGP	Chinese Association of Group Psychotherapy
DAGG	Deutscher Arbeitskreis für Gruppenpsychotherapie und Gruppendynamik
FEBRAP	Federação Brasileira de Psicodrama
GAS	Group-Analytic Society (London)
GQP	Grupo Quipú de Psicoterapia
HAGP	Hungarian Association for Group Psychotherapy
IGAA	Institute of Group Analysis (Athens)

IGH	Institut für Gruppenanalyse Heidelberg
ITGP	Instituto de Técnicas y Psicodrama
IAFP	International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy
IAGA	Israel Association for Group Analysis
IsAGP	Israeli Association of Group Psychotherapy
LGPA	Lithuanian Group Psychotherapy Association
OEAGG	Oesterreichischer Arbeitskreis für Gruppentherapie und Gruppen Dynamik (Ex-Affiliate)
PIE	Psychodrama Institut for Europe
SEPTG	Sociedad Española de Psicoterapia y Técnicas de Grupo
SEGPA	Sociedad Española para el Desarrollo del Grupo, la Psicoterapia y el Psicoanálisis
TLF	The Lifwynn Foundation

1a. Sources of Data

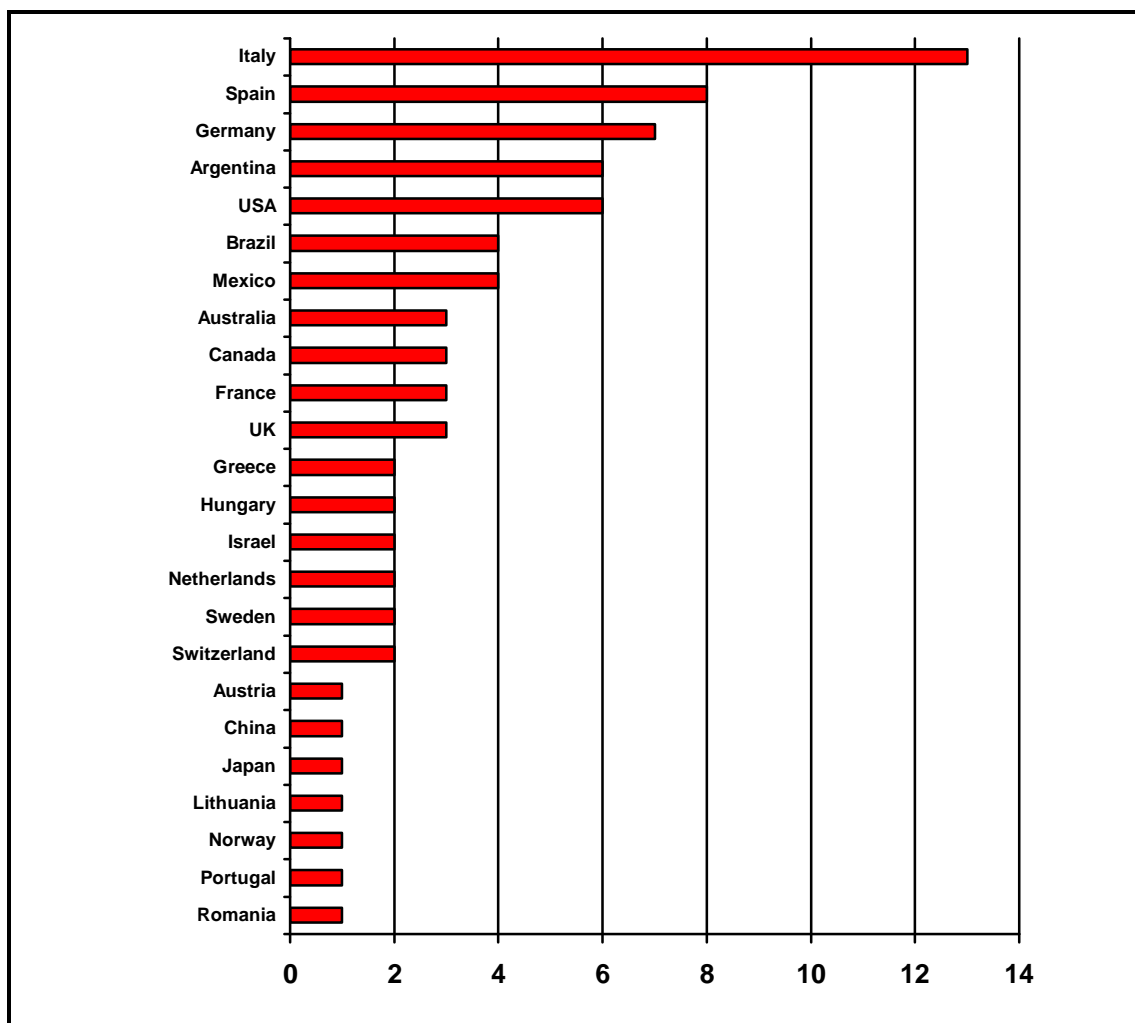
Beyond the information obtained from the answers to the Questionnaire, we thought it indicated to honor the effort and hard work put into the successive Membership Directories —the one of March 1984; Issues 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the period August 1986-August 1989; and the latest one 1994-1995— and consequently have added to our research material as much data as possible for the time being from these Directories.

1b. Organizational Affiliates and ex-Affiliates

The IAGP actually counts with 62 Organizational Affiliates, 23 of which have until now answered the Questionnaire. There are altogether 24 answers, since one of the ex-Affiliates has kindly sent in their answer. From the sum of data we have at our disposal at the moment, IAGP has had in its ranks 82 Organizational Members, 20 of which have abandoned membership during the last decade.

1c. Number of Organizational Affiliates and ex-Affiliates per Country as recorded from 1984-1995

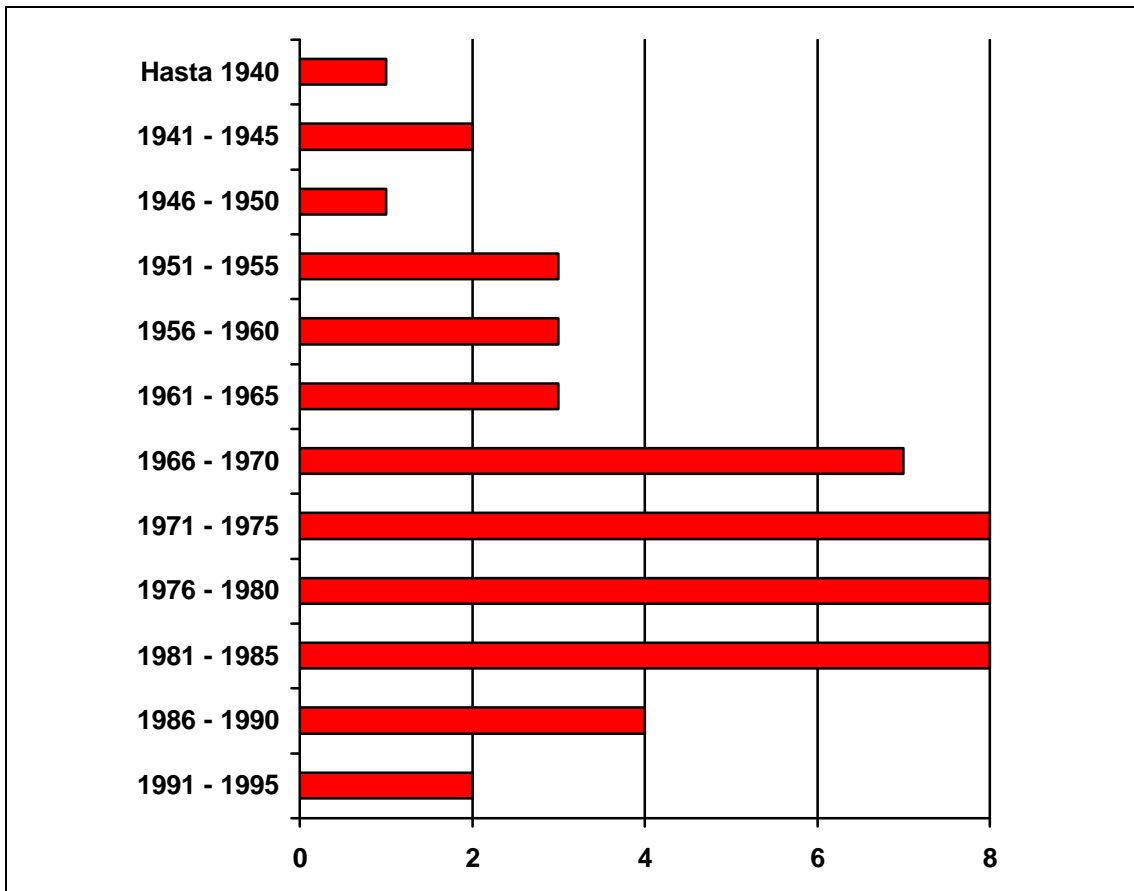
From these various sources of data we can now have an idea of the relative impulse group approaches have had in the various countries from the number of professional associations created: Italy, Spain, Germany, Argentina and USA being the spearheads with 13, 8, 8, 6 and 6 associations respectively; being followed by Brazil and México with 4 each; Canada, France and UK with 3 each; Australia, Greece, Israel, Sweden and Switzerland, with 2 each; and, finally, Austria, China, Hungary, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Romania with 1 (Fig. 1).



(Fig.1) No. of Organizational Affiliates and Ex-Affiliates per Country (1984-1995)

2. Foundation Years of Affiliates Number of Organizations by 5 and 10-Year Periods as recorded from 1984-1995

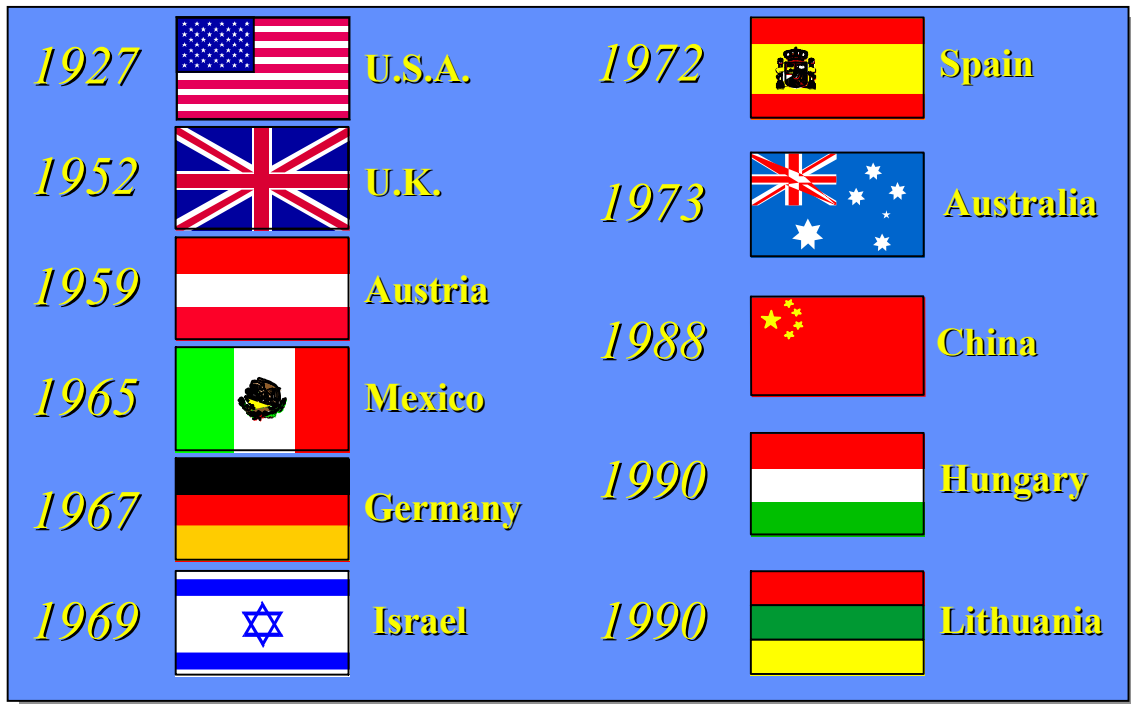
During the first four decades of the present century only 1 group organization was created (USA 1927). During the Second World War 2 more were created in USA and in the second part of the fourth decade 1 was founded in Switzerland. During the fifties 3 were created during the first half (Argentina, France and UK,) and 3 more during the second half (Austria, Netherlands and Spain). In the first half of the sixties 3 more came to life (France, Greece and Mexico) and during the following two decades 1966-1985 a boom of associations appears when every five years successively 7 (Argentina, Germany (2), Israel, Italy, Mexico and Spain), 9 (Australia (2), Brazil, Germany (3), Israel, Spain and UK), 8 (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Italy (2), Mexico and Spain) and 8 (Canada, Greece, Italy (3), Japan and Spain (2)) were founded. From 1986 onwards the development seems to ebb out, 6 being established before 1990 (Argentina, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Spain and Taiwan) and only 1 (UK) during the first five years of the nineties (Fig. 2). For the development by decades on an international level (Fig. 2a) see last pages of the leaflet.



(Fig. 2) General Growth in number of Associations by five year periods.

3. Affiliate Organizations, Pioneers in their Country

11 of the 24 Affiliate Organizations who answered the Questionnaire were pioneer group associations in their respective countries: The forerunner of all TLF in USA, followed by GAS in UK, OEAGG in Austria, AMPAG in Mexico, DAGG in Germany, IsGP in Israel, SEPTG in Spain, AAGP in Australia, CAGP in Taiwan, HAGP in Hungary and LGPA in Lithuania. Unfortunately, some of the most important and largest of pioneer Organizational Affiliates have not yet answered (Fig. 3).



(Fig. 3) Pioneer Affiliate Organizations by years and countries

4. Professional Origin of Founder Members

18 of the 24 Affiliate Organizations were founded by physicians and psychologists, only 6 having a more multidisciplinary spread of occupations within their original group, 6 of them keeping within nursing, education and social work. 6 Affiliates who have only physicians and psychologists in their association know the number of founding members but ignore the percentage of each of the two groups.

5. Number of Officers on the Board of Directors and Titles of Office

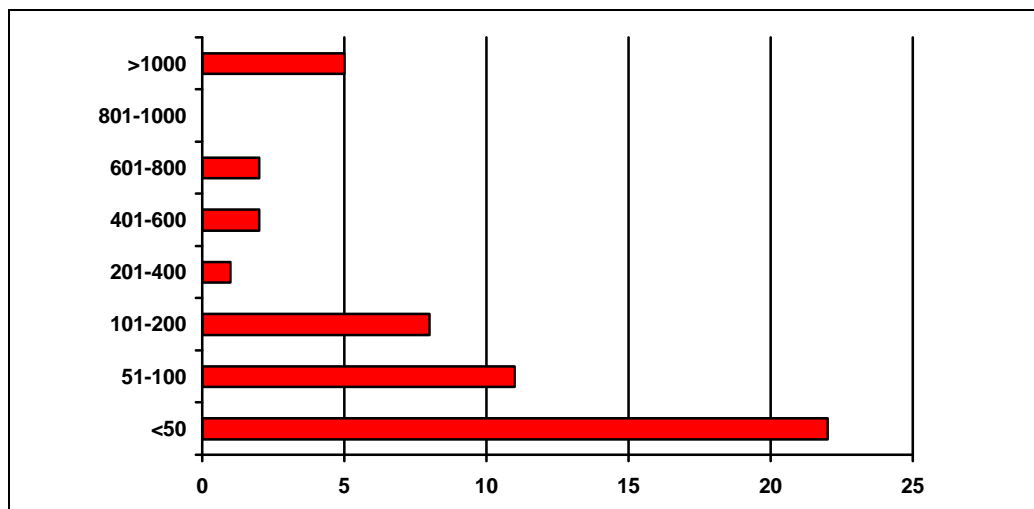
This question was not well formulated and six of our Affiliates interpreted "titles" as "professional titles". Anyhow, 13 Affiliates keep in their government very much to the President-VicePresident-Secretary-Treasurer formula. It is interesting to note that —beyond the more habitual offices for membership, training, publication, research, etc.— the HAGP has a Connecting Agent for IAGP, the ISAGP has an Officer taking care of International Relations and in the SEPTG it is the Free Spokesman who —sometimes together with the president— takes care of the relations with other national and international organizations. This question of the organizational structure of group associations will be well worth considering in more detail since, for example, we may have taken over structures from other contexts in our society which may not be very suitable for our purposes.

6. Admission Criteria for Membership

Also here, 16 of the Affiliates keep to academic —physician, psychologist or diploma equivalents— and clinical qualifications and experience —analytical experience, supervision, theoretical seminars, etc. However, 7 Affiliates give "interest and involvement in and identification with the work objectives of the association" as the single most important criteria for admission.

7. Average Membership of Affiliates

Of the total of 82 present and past Organizational Affiliates of IAGP, for the last decade we have membership data of 54 of them which spreads in the following way (Fig.4): 23 Affiliates have less than 50 members —some very much less, 11 have between 50-100, 10 between 101-200, 1 between 201-400, 2 between 401-600, 2 between 601-800 and 5 have over 1000. Perhaps the striking data is that IAGP attracts Affiliates which are themselves umbrella organizations or associations of institutions. Also it is interesting to note that a recent ex-Affiliate (OEAGG) has answered the Questionnaire and would like to be kept informed of IAGP activities. Perhaps the most ample information we received is precisely from such an umbrella organization (FEBRAP) which unites 32 Psychodrama institutions from all over Brazil (Fig.4).



(Fig. 4) Average Membership of Affiliates

8. Objectives of the Affiliates as stated in their Constitution

9. If Objectives have been reached

The objectives shared by the majority of Affiliates is international interchange and collaboration with allied professions and institutions, application of their theoretical frame of reference to other human fields and promotion of investigation, teaching and training. Seven Affiliates are particularly interested in the improvement of mental health, low-cost treatment, prophylaxis and community services. In fact, to relieve suffering is the principal objective of GAS to which all other objectives are secondary. A very lovely and most needed

objective comes from the CAGP: to increase the amiability among members of the Association. PIE states it's only objective the one of European cooperation.

All Affiliates state that their objectives are kept in mind in their activities and by and large are being reached. IGH states that objectives are being reached by creating a member oriented organization based on principles of participation concerning training regulations as well as any other important decision processes in their Institute. OEAGG achieved a Law for Psychotherapy in 1990 and also managed to create one organization for five group methods (group dynamics, psychodrama, gestalt therapy, group analysis and family therapy).

10. Main Activities

11. Who decides them

12. Percentage of Members who attend them; Invitation to non-Members

The activities shared by almost all (22) Affiliates are Scientific Meetings, followed by Workshops, Publications and Research and Training activities.

Activities are mostly decided upon by the Board of Directors (9), very often in consideration of votes of the General Assembly (6) and/or the recommendations of a special Committee (6). 10 Affiliates do not state the procedure employed.

All Affiliates open their activities to non-Members.

Attendance rates of Members, taking into account the percentages most mentioned, are as follows: 60% is the most common average (9); an almost 100% attendance only happens in 4 institutions dedicated to training. Variations of 20% (2), 30% (6), 40% (4), 50% (2) and 70-75% (4) are probably due to local characteristics of membership and activities.

13. Collaboration and Interchange with Other Professional Organizations

All Organizational Affiliates belong not only to IAGP but maintain relationships with other institutions, be they professional organizations, universities, clinics or hospitals, private or public. This question was not well put and answers collided with the ones given to question 22. Consequently, the Table of Inter-Institutional Collaboration and/or Affiliation presented here includes answers given to question 22. It is hoped that in the future clear differentiations of affiliation and collaboration with other institutions and associations can be established since the answers show very constructive and interesting ways of collaboration. (Table I)

Initials of Assn.	Ntl. Allied Prof.Soc	Intl. Allied Prof.Soc	Hospitals, Clinics, Mental Health, Human Res.	Univ. Dpts., Cientific & Multidisc.Ass. & Training Insts.
AAGP	various	1		1
AEP	1	2		1
AMPAG	1	1	1	
AMPP	2	4	1	

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ARIRI		2		2
ATC		1		1
CAGP		1		1
DAGG		5		
FEBRAP		1		various ntl.& intl.
GAS	2	2		1
GQP	1	2		
HAGP	1	3		
IAFP		1	1	1
IGH	various	7		1
IGAA	2	3		1
ITGP	4	4		various
IAGA	various	various		
IsAGP	5	1		
LGPA	4	1		
OEAGG	1	1		
PIE	1	3		
SEGPA		1		various ntl.& intl.
SEPTG	1	1		1
TLF		1		various

Table I. Inter-Institutional Collaboration and/or Affiliation

14. Newsletter or Regular Publication

15. Financing of Publication

16. Availability to non-Members

2 Affiliates (IGAA) (IAGA) have no publication, 1 Affiliate (ITGP) has brought out six numbers of a Journal but could not sustain the cost for a longer period, 4 (ATC, CAGP, FEBRAP, GAS) have two —Newsletter and Journal and 16 have one. 11 pay the publication mostly with membership fees and/or subscriptions, some receive funds through drug companies, publicity or foundations. Most of them are on sale to the public. (Table II)

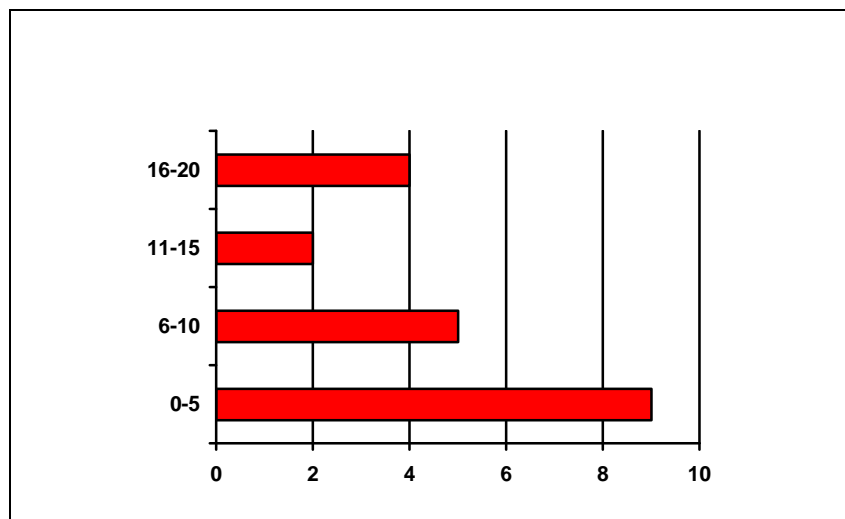
Initials of Assn.	Journal	Newsletter	Editor	Address
AEP		Hoja de Psicodrama	Danilo Ubri Acevedo	Sta. Engracia 123 28003 Madrid Spain
AMPAG	Yes		Dra. Teresa Guerra	Molinos del Campo No. 64 Col. San Miguel Chapultepec, México D.F., C.P. 11850
AMPP	Imagen Psicoanalítica		Jorge Sánchez Escárcega	Arquímedes 3, 601 Col. Bosque de Chapultepec México D.F. 11580 México
ATC	TC Journal		David Kennard	The Retreat, York, Yo1 5BN, UK
		ATC Newsletter		Pine St. Day Centre, 13-15 Pine Street London EC1R OJH UK
ARIRI	Insight		Giovanni dello Russo Psichiatria II Policlinico	70124 Bari, Italy
CAGP	Quarterly Bulletin		Ta-jen Chang, M.D.	71, Lung-shou Str. Tao-yuan, Taiwan
DAGG	Gruppenpsychother. u. Gruppendynamik Collective Journal of this German, 1 Austrian and 2 Swiss Societies		Dr. med. Karl König, Abt. Klin. Gruppenpsychother. Univ. Göttingen	Humboldtallee 3, D-3400 Göttingen, Germany
FEBRAP	Revista Brasileira de Psicodrama	Jornal Da FEBRAP	Rev: Wilson Castello de Almeida Jorn: Andrea Capelato	
GAS	Group Analysis	Newsletter: "Contexts"	GA: Malcolm Pines Contexts: Anne Harrow and Sheila Tompson	GA: 88 Montagu Mansions, London W1H 1LF, UK Contexts: 3, Woodbine Terrace, Headingley, Leeds, LE6 4AF, UK
GQP	Clínica y Análisis Grupal		Grupo Quipu	Príncipe de Vergara 35, 28001-Madrid, Spain
HAGP	Yes		László Bokor, M.D.	Bazin u.9., H-1121, Budapest, Hungary
IGH	gruppenanalyse		Mattes Verlag	Johann-Fischer-Str.-6/1 69120-Heidelberg, Germany
IGAA	No			
ITGP	Vínculos (only 6 nos.)			
IAFP	Yes		Tegweyn Williams, Caswell Clin. Glanrhyd Hospital	Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, UK
IAGA	No			
IsAGP	"MEKBATZ"			P.O.Box 884 Ramat Gan, Israel 52108
LGPA		The Newsletter of Lithuanian Group Psychoth. Association	Gintaras Chomentauskas	Silo 12-2, 2000 Vilnius, Lithuania
OEAGG	Yes		Mag. Susanne Schulze	Wasagasse 11/13, A-1090 Wien, Austria
PIE		Newsletter	Helmut Beloch	Voitstr. 9, 8000-München, Germany
SEPTG	Boletín de la SEPTG		Patxi del Amo del Villar	Plaza Conde Rodezno 8, 1º, 31003-Pamplona, Spain
SEGPA	In Clínica y Análisis Grupal. Quipu cedes part of journal to SEGPA		same as Grupo Quipu	
AAGP	Bulletin of TAAGP		Ms. Christine Hill	2/374 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North, Vic. 3161, Australia
TLF		Lifwynn Correspondence	Mary Alice Roche	Box 314, 1771 Post Rd. East, Westport, CT 96880, USA

Table II. Publications, Editors and Addresses

17. Motivation for becoming an Affiliate of IAGP

Fundamentally two types of motivations are given for being or wanting to be an Affiliate. One is related to the promotion of relationships with other similar societies on an international level, the promotion of ones own group and gaining recognition on an international level, the development of international networks and acquiring a pluralistic mentality. The other type of motivation is more linked to scientific interchange such as promoting training and research, sharing psychotherapeutic experience, getting to know developments in other countries and participating organically and scientifically in the forum of the IAGP.

18. Number of Individual Members of IAGP of Affiliates



(Fig. 5) Number of Individual Members of IAGP Affiliates

19. In case of having withdrawn from Membership, what have been the reasons

Unfortunately, the only ex-Affiliate (OEAGG) who has so far answered the Questionnaire has not communicated their reasons for withdrawing. Establishing contact with ex-Affiliates and getting to know about their actual interests, activities and problems is an important objective of CAO. This way we will not only learn why organizations leave the IAGP but it will give us the opportunity to find better answers to the needs of Affiliates or even to persuade them to rejoin.

20. Affiliates' Expectations of IAGP

There exists a generally shared expectation of being able to contact with associations of different countries, exchanging views and ideas and interchanging training and research experiences. It is thought (AEP) that a joint consideration of training requirements and general information guidelines could provide a schedule of activities. Another Affiliate

(HAGP) also expects recognition of organizational members in as much as they belong to different continents and geopolitical units, "in the mirror of their professional practice, culture and economic conditions". It is also thought (SEPTG) that IAGP should give importance to the fact that group problems are very basic social problems of human living together in all areas and on all levels. Our work and investigation should aim well beyond group psychotherapy and it would seem the task of IAGP to overcome very explicitly this boundary of "the therapeutic". The Questionnaire of the CAO A could be the basis of learning how "to think in a global way". For others (SEGPA) participation in the CAO A forum is essential in identifying and clarifying the scientific, professional and ideological status of different group approaches. Putting into practice these expectations hopefully promotes, in the words of another Affiliate (ATC), participation in our Congresses and activities.

21. Needs the CAO A could respond to

One of the answers is a question: What can CAO A offer? (HAGP) One need which comes up repeatedly is one of "transcultural thinking" (ARIRI, TAAGP, SEPTG). There is the need, also, of "information and coordination" (AEP), of "developing international links and network" (ATC), to "feel part of a larger family" (IsAGP) and "to feel that we are all in the same boat, that of late we are rocking it and that we need to do something about it together" (SEPTG).

22. What other organizations or confederation does your organization belong to

Please see comments under question 13

23. Problems in paying organizational dues

11 Affiliates have not had any problems paying organizational dues. There has occurred one administrative problem (AEP) which has been solved. It has been noted that international bank transfer encounters certain difficulties (GAS). Finally, paying dues is a real economical hardship for some associations or in some countries (FEBRAP, HAGP, IAGA, TLF). For some the problem has been solved since IAGP introduced a reduction of fees for Eastern Countries (LGPA). Still other Affiliates (AMPAG, SEPTG) think that, beyond economic problems which are endemic in some countries and associations, the destination of funds for IAGP membership dues is also an expression of interest and attitude of the Treasurer or the Board of Directors as far as the desirability of belonging to an international body is concerned.

While this first feedback on the Questionnaire to the members of IAGP was being processed, via Sabar Rustomjee —Co-Chairperson of CAO A— the data below came in from the Treasurer. This data seems of great general interest since, once again, it makes us conscious of the fact that if we really want to make our expectations a reality we also must make the economical effort to minimally sustain the work implied in these difficult though necessary projects. This data show that we are far from being ready to make this effort. — only 47 of 62 Affiliates are up to date on their dues. One possible explanation could be

related to a lack of motivation to invest collective objectives. Paradoxically, if this were true, it would indeed be quite significant precisely in an association of group workers.

No. Members per Organization	Dues Amount	No. Organizations per Level	Total Collected
<50	\$ 225	19	\$ 4.250
50-100	\$ 450	12	\$ 5.400
101-200	\$ 675	9	\$ 6.075
201-400	\$ 900	1	\$ 900
401-600	\$ 1.125	1	\$ 1.125
601-800	\$ 1.350	3	\$ 4.050
801-1000	\$ 1.575	1	\$ 1.575
>1000	\$ 1.800	1	\$ 1.800
TOTALS		47	\$ 25.500

24. Other Comments

There are thanks for the opportunity to deal with the topic of international cooperation (HAGP), thanks (IsAGP) also to IAGP members that have helped them so much: Prof. Battegay, Fern Cramer-Azima, Dr. Earl Hopper and Eduard Klain. One Affiliate (AEP) would have liked to have a meeting in Santander —on occasion of the Board of Directors Meeting celebrated there. Another (ATC) thinks that Email and Internet conferencing facilities (e.g. Bulletin board) would be very valuable. Another Affiliate (FEBRAP) has sent in a copy of their journal, indicating their wish of interchange on a personal, organizational and publication level, hoping for an interchange of points of view on a peer level. Still another (OEAGG), although being an ex-Affiliate, would like to be informed regularly about events concerning the IAGP.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

With this Questionnaire CAO A has opened an important professional space of interchange, discussion and dialogue, giving impulse to a process of organizational and social change in the IAGP and society at large . To facilitate in our Association a transcultural and global way of thinking in our diverse approaches to human problems of living together, we —the Organizational Affiliates and Individual Members of IAGP— also need to make internal space to enable us to receive each other's wishes, hopes, successes and failures. Let us make good use of our meeting during the Buenos Aires Congress...

Organizational Affiliates *by ten year periods*

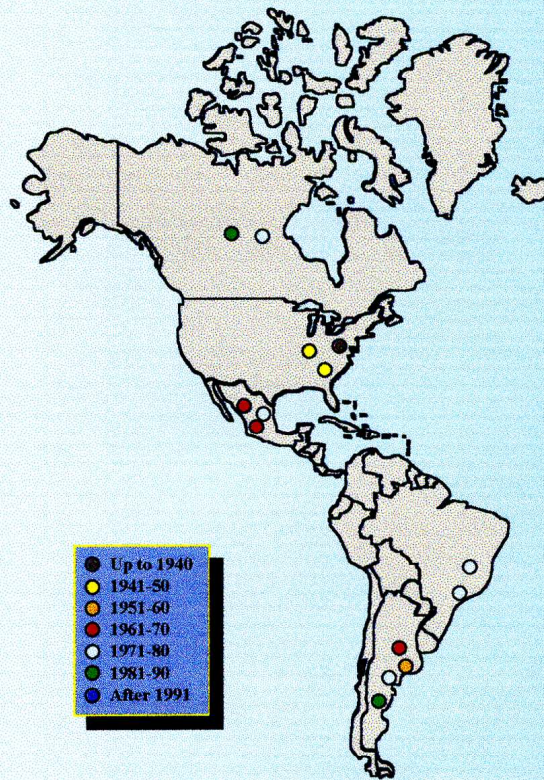


Figure 2a (1). Organizational affiliates by ten year periods



Figure 2a (2). Organizational affiliates by ten year periods