

Minutes of the Council of Administration CSIRA/ARISA – Paris - Zoom August 28, 2020

Present:

Surname	Name	Country	
Lunazzi	Helena	Argentina	
Mormont	Christian	Belgium	Vice-President
Lo Monte	Fabian	Belgium	
Yagizi	Latife	Brazil	
Hansen	Kim Gabriel	Denmark	
Andronikof	Anne	France	President
Castro	Dana	France	
Fontan	Patrick	France	
Kostogianni	Nikoletta	France	Treasurer
Weinberger	Yifat	Israel	General Secretary
Gazale	Maria Fiorella	Italy	
Rosso	Anna Maria	Italy	
Nakamura	Nokiro	Japan	
Averina	Taisiya	Russia	
Carstairs	Kari	UK	
Smith	Jason	USA	

Excused: Dalila Haddadi and Daniela Nicodemo (webmaster)

I - State of the art by the President, Anne Andronikof

A. Updates about CSIRA activities in the last year:

1. A scoring team was established and worked during a whole year.
2. Contact was made with Andrea Exner, who was very interested in the work of CSIRA. She would like to edit and publish a new workbook.
3. Two position papers were published by the board of CSIRA. The first, "Recommendations to psychologists in face of the current pandemic situation caused by the virus COVID-19" was published on Mars 2020. The second, a position paper on psychological tele-assessment was published on May 2020.
4. CSIRA newsletter was published on our website.
5. Patrick has published several articles.

B. the challenges CSIRA is facing:

1. Update the CS:

Scoring criteria

Interpretation guidelines

Normative data

Produce research to new areas

2. Demonstrate the power of the CS:

Write articles

Present in congresses

3. Offer training workshops

The positive side of the pandemic is that we have learned to work online and could offer webinars and online workshops.

C. The 'things to do' list of CSIRA:

1. Decide on the date of the next CSIRA congress

2. Prepare for the next ISR congress (see last year's minutes):

Subjects for symposiums:

Case study/ies

The clinical value of the CS

Forensic Assessment

3. Next year we will have the election of the president, the vice-president and the members of the board.

D. The agenda for next year:

1. Terminate the revision of the scoring criteria and then check whether it enhances interscorer agreement.

2. Prepare the contributions to the ISR congress

4. Plan CSIRA next congress

5. Plan workshops and webinars

6. Recruit colleagues to the association

II - In Memoriam Carl-Erik Mattlar, by Anne Andronikof

Anne presented the important contribution of Carl-Erik Mattlar to the Rorschach field (for example, he was the first to study the Rorschach of senior subjects) and shared some memories of her personal acquaintance with him.

III - Report by the General Secretary, Yifat Weinberger:

1. We welcome four new Council of Administration members: Taisiya Averina from Russia, Dana Castro from France, Fabian Lo Montre from Belgium and Helena Lunazzi from Argentina.

2. The Council of Administration represents now 12 different countries.

3. There is a discrepancy between the number of interested members, which is around 73, and the number of 'active' members, i.e., members that payed the fee for 2020, that is only 18.

A discussion was raised concerning the understanding of this gap and the ways to deal with it:

1. It was emphasized that it is a common problem all associations are dealing with.
2. It was agreed by all the members of the CA that invoices of the membership fee should be sent at least twice.
3. Some suggestions were raised:
 - a. Ask members about the reason they don't pay
 - b. Send members a short report of CSIRA activities
 - c. Send a personal message from the president encouraging members to be active
 - d. Explain more explicitly the paying procedure
 - e. Reinforce the 'members' only' website section, such as providing interesting materials, like articles.
 - f. Reduce the fees for congresses and workshops for active members.
 - g. Offer free workshops for members.
 - h. Delegates will check with their country members about their membership. Yifat will send Fiorella and Kim the list of members from their countries.
4. It was decided unanimously by all CA members that the number of recommendations needed in order to become a member will be reduced from two to only one recommendation.

IV - Report from the Treasurer – Nikoleta Kostogianni

In 2020, the beginning balance was 3758.96 euros. The income from membership fees was 850 euros and the expenses were 608.32 euros so far (450 euros for the location rent for CSIRA CA meeting plus website costs of 9.59 euros per month and bank costs 10.20 euros per month).

The net assets of CSIRA as to 28.08.20 are 4,000 euros.

The financial report was approved unanimously by all CA members that were present.

The Treasurer will establish financial reports for each civil year (January – December).

V - Report from the Webmaster – Daniela Nicodemo (presented by Anne Andronikof)

1. New features of CSIRA website

- a. The section “Documents” that presents abstracts of articles about CS that can be downloaded only by members.

b. The section 'Newsletter' where newsletters and communications of CSIRA are presented.

2. Report about the site users

11 new site members. The total number of site members is 24.

3. Report of the use of the site

The website have a good amount of new visitors in the last year:

597 unique visitors (+ 15% compared to august 2018-august 2019), of which 85% are first time visitors.

4. The website forum

The forum, implemented the past year, didn't have a great success with only few posts and interactions.

It was unanimously agreed by all CA members to discard the forum.

Instead of the forum, it was suggested to create an email group for raising questions and discussions. Noriko will be in charge of this group. Taisiya has volunteered to create the group.

This was approved unanimously by all attending CA members.

5. Other important sections of the website

a. The section of 'Training/Formation' that is not used enough by CSIRA members and related Rorschach associations. We encourage members to update it with new events.

b. The section 'Databank' is not active, therefore it is advised to cancel it.

6. Future projects

Share more free contents with all visitors and not only members, in order to engage people to interact with us and spread more the CS. For example some lectures by society members (if articles is not possible), or some small videos (for example 20 minutes) about the clinical use of the Rorschach. It could be in English or in the native language of the member followed by subtitles.

VI – Planning a workshop

1. Proposed dates:

February 12&13, 2021; or 27.02.21; or 13.03.21 – 10-17 or 9-16

2. Suggested subjects:

Patrick on the research on FQ tables together with Helena

Patrick on the research on normative data

Jason on forensic assessment

Clinical cases – challenging clinical cases

3. Points of discussion:

Workshops for trained Rorschach clinicians or Rorschach beginners?

Should the workshops be paid or free?

Anne proposed that it will be aimed for members – current members and potential members

Offered free for active members and paid for non-active members.

The most interesting – a case study with a protocol sent to everyone and interpreted together

Noriko has suggested to give the same workshop twice.

Workshops can be recorded and offered for streaming to all (for a fee).

It was decided that Anne will give a workshop on 13.03.21.

VII – Next CSIRA Congress – Fiorella Gazale

The next congress will be CSIRA 4th congress and will be organized by Fiorella in the University of Milan, Italy.

It was decided by all CA members present to postpone the congress to 2023 (as the ISR congress was postponed to 2022). It will probably be held in the first Friday and Saturday of September 2023. Final dates will be given by Fiorella later on.

The call for papers will be published a year before.

A special focused CA meeting will be held next April concerning the congress.

VIII - Report on R-PAS / CS relationships – Patrick Fontan

Patrick has presented some problematic points concerning the R-PAS, for example:

1. The use of norms - The ‘international’ norms of the R-PAS are problematic. The use of ‘international’ norms is rationalized by the finding that the scores of different countries do not differ significantly from the ‘international’ score. However, this comparison is misleading as the comparison is made comparing each country scores with the average scores of all the countries and therefore by definition these scores are supposed not to differ extremely.

Patrick findings with the CS norms showed that national norms do differ from one country to the other.

In addition – the R-PAS does not use R-PAS norms but CS data that was collected by the CS procedure and then converted to the R-PAS.

2. Complexity & Dimension – Patrick has described the problematics of using the ‘complexity’ as a variable and of transforming the indexes into dimensional ones.

IX - Discussion on Normative data

Members are encourage to collect normative data

X - Result of the work from the Zoom scoring team – Anne Andronikof

One of the reasons to create this project was the understanding that CS specialists do not always agree on many of the scores. Kim, for example, has presented several scoring ambiguities in CSIRA 2019 congress.

From October 2019 until August 2020 the CS coding group had monthly meeting that were extended to weekly meetings on scoring dilemmas. Andrea Exner was also present in two of these meetings, and notes were taken by Yifat.

Examples of the dilemmas discussed:

1. DQv versus DQo - how do we define the Form demand?
2. Can we have an F with FQnone?
3. Do we give a shading determinant when the shading is used to locate the object perceived?

Major clarifications were also made, for example:

1. Fd versus Bt – restrict the food category.
2. Form Dimension will be given only if the perspective is seen on the card (not for responses that just mention “seen from above”).
3. Clothing content category is restricted to all clothing, cloth, fabric materials. Handbags or glasses are not considered as Cg.

Minor clarifications were made, such as:

1. Fireworks should be coded Ex and Art
2. Never code Art and Ay in the same response.
3. Where there is a dilemma between C’ and Y – choose Y, don’t score both
4. FD together with shading is Vista
5. Do not score F in a blend
6. In cases of doubt – always score to the benefit of the person
7. Score m only for inanimate object. A heart of a person beating is M.
8. AG could be given only if the object is a clear aggressor. It is not given to responses where the percept shows only the result of the aggressive act.

9. C can only be given to a no form response.
10. One can not score CF and no form

XI – Working Teams

It was suggested to create working teams that will work on specific topics.

Minutes established by Yifat Weinberger - endorsed by Anne Andronikof, president.