

The Constitution of APPI sets out the Primary Object of the Association for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy as follows:

The main object for which the company is established is:- To advance Freudian and Lacanian Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. In particular, in keeping with the Freudian principle, and taking due account of research and developments in the fields of the humanities, arts and sciences, this advancement shall remain centred on the personal psychoanalysis as the primary and indispensable means by which the practice of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy can be transmitted, studied and understood. (Paragraph 3, APPI Constitution)

In pursuance of this Primary Object as a representative body of Lacanian psychoanalytic practitioners, APPI offers members the status of Registered Practitioner Member. Accredited Members actively engaged in clinical praxis apply for interview. This interview takes the form of a clinical conversation with a panel of Registered Practitioner Members in which, by presenting a case from their clinic, the Member attests to the founding function of speech in their clinical praxis. The case presentation's mobilisation of the signifier, shared within a transference to the work informed by one's own didactic analysis, constitutes a testimony signifying to one's desire in the work.

The Registered Practitioner Member status acknowledges that a Lacanian psychoanalytic training is a formation, founded upon Lacan's stipulation that 'the analyst's authorisation drives from his/herself alone' (Lacan, J. (1967). Proposition du 9 Octobre sur la psychanalyse à l'École. Scilicet, 1:14-30.).