II. ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

A. General Considerations

The IRSJA has no permanent headquarters. Training takes place in Local Training Seminars located throughout the United States, at semi-annual Society meetings and in training analysis and supervision arranged by the candidate.

Potential applicants are required to spend a pre-application period of at least six months in an IRSJA Local Training Seminar. The currently available seminars are listed on the IRSJA website: irsja.org. When a seminar participant wishes to apply for the IRSJA training program, screening interviews are conducted by IRSJA Local Training Seminar analysts, who recommend the applicant to the IRSJA Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee meets once each year, at the Spring Society meeting, to interview and make admissions decisions for applicants to the training program.

B. Prerequisites for Applying to the Inter-Regional Training Program

Applicants are required to meet the following prerequisites:

- All applicants must possess at least a master’s degree. It should be noted that a graduate degree qualifying an applicant to practice psychotherapy in their state must be obtained prior to entering the Control/Diploma State of training.
- One hundred hours of face-to-face personal analysis with an IAAP analyst before March 1 of the year of application. The applicant is expected to be in analysis at the time of application and the 100 hours of analysis must have taken place within three years of application for candidacy.
- Participation in an IRSJA Local Training Seminar for a minimum of six months before application to the Inter-Regional Society. A letter of approval from the Local Training Seminar Coordinator is required in order for an applicant to have an IRSJA admissions interview.
- The financial and personal resources to invest in training that may take from six to ten years and cost at least $15,000 a year (costs of analysis and case consultation, seminar fees, travel and lodging for seminars and to semi-annual Society meetings in various cities around North America).
- Legal authority to practice psychotherapy/analysis in the state or country of residence, except in states where, at the time of application for propaedeuticum, licensure is not required to see clients.
- Minimum age: 25 years.
- Submission of application (Appendix A) and supporting documents to the Director of Admissions by March 1.