

IAPSP Communication Guidelines:

1. IAPSP listservs / community boards were formed to promote psychoanalytically informed dialogue about various topics in our field. The listserv is designed for professional, informational, and educational purposes.
2. When writing personal emails, we request that our community hold in mind the personal impact that your post may have on all members of our community, including those who may hold different views. Posts are to be written in a manner that promotes dialogue and conveys respect for those who hold different perspectives. We welcome the respectful sharing of personal ideas and concerns.
3. Individuals are to respectfully represent their own views, and not to speak for or ask to speak for their perceived social group.
4. It is our policy to not post emails that simply forward articles, videos, or links that support a particular point of view or offer political commentary.
5. Posts on the listserv may not be copied or forwarded without the express permission of the individual who made the post.
6. Communication intended for an individual should be sent directly to that individual (backchannel) rather than to all on the listserv.
7. Brevity is appreciated. Posts should be no more than 500 words.
8. Posts may not violate hate speech laws as defined by the United Nations. The UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech defines hate speech as “any kind of communication in speech, writing or behavior, that attacks or uses pejorative or discriminatory language with reference to a person or a group on the basis who they are, in other words, based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, colour, descent, gender or other identity factor.”
9. Similarly, we will not post emails that are targeting or critiquing individuals by name as this is hurtful to those individuals and may cause further rifts in our community.