**Madeleine Baranger – in memoriam**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mme Madeleine Baranger, who died on 19 June at the age of 97. This painful loss is shared by our whole psychoanalytical community, since Mme Baranger and her husband, Willy Baranger, were among the most prominent and influential psychoanalysts of the second half of the 20th Century.

Born in France in 1920, Mme Baranger moved to Buenos Aires with her husband in 1946, where she completed her psychoanalytic training, specializing in child analysis, and became a member of the then newly formed Argentine Psychoanalytic Association (APA).  From 1954 to 1965, Madeleine and Willy Baranger lived in Montevideo where they helped to found the Uruguayan Psychoanalytical Association (APU) and the Revista Uruguaya de Psicoanálisis. In particular, their studies of *the* *psychoanalytic field* and introduction of related concepts (such as *the point of urgency*, *nodal fantasy*, *bastion*, *essential ambiguity* and *second look*) inspired many fertile theorizations in analytical schools across the world.

On a personal level, I was fortunate to have had the privilege of meeting her and experiencing her kind warmth and depth of thought.

She will be sadly missed.

On behalf of the IPA Administration and Board, we extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends and all those close to her and to all her colleagues in Argentina and Uruguay.

Respectfully

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