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But above all, it has been a great pleasure to work with wonderful colleagues.

The challenge for the *IJP* has always been to uphold the essential principles of psychoanalysis while recognizing and engaging with important developments in the field. From its beginnings, psychoanalysis has faced attacks, its practice has been easily eroded. Ernest Jones pointed out that the more pernicious attack is the one that comes from the inside, when the ideas of psychoanalysis are accepted but "their meaning diluted until it [psychoanalysis] may be regarded as "harmless" (Jones 1920, 4).

The opposition, Jones wrote, comes in the form of:

various seductive catchwords that appeal to attitudes or principles entirely legitimate in themselves, such as 'resistance to dogma,' 'freedom of thought,' 'widening of vision,' 're-adjustment of perspective,' and so on. That this opposition may not only be displayed by outside antagonists but may assume subtle forms also amongst those having a nearer acquaintance with the subject. (Jones 1920, 4)

As the field of psychoanalysis grows, how do we distinguish between what is genuine development and what is defensive? The debates and exchanges around this question are ongoing and the careful study of clinical material can further the conversation, although we cannot expect resolution when discussing unconscious forces.

Some general agreement recognizes significant developments in psychoanalysis, such as a greater exploration of the earliest time of life – that "Minoan-Mycenaean" epoch that Freud anticipated in women (Freud 1932, 282), or even an exploration of prenatal life and the caesura of birth, as well as intergenerational transmission. Recent developments have included increasing interest in the exploration of the somatic expression of what the psyche cannot tolerate, and of the difficulty of working with patients who cannot mentalize.

Some of the apparent developments were in fact already present in the early days of psychoanalysis. The "here and now", which is so important to many differing contemporary approaches, was already there but simply described by another name when Freud wrote about the impossibility "to destroy anyone in absentia or in effigie" (Freud 1912, 108). Alluding to the "here and now", Freud's patient, the poet Hilda Doolittle, wrote from "inside" about the odd analytic temporality in the consulting room: "It was not that he conjured up the past and invoked the future. It was a present that was in the past, or a past that was in the future" (H.D. 1971/1956, 16).

In these days of COVID-19, which has unleashed in society the most primitive paranoid-schizoid defences, there has been a particular interest in how to take into account the sociological while remaining truly psychoanalytic, how to think psychoanalytically about situations taking place outside the consulting room, and how to consider the work of psychoanalysts using different methodologies. These are aspects we want to explore in the new section