The Chicago Open Chapter for the Study of Psychoanalysis, founded in 1985, is active and thriving with on-going study groups, seminars, and symposia. Recent offerings from COCSP include a symposium, Paranoiac Visions and Neo-Realities in the Recent Cinema: Reflections on Tausk’s Influencing Machine in Schizophrenia, by local chapter president, David L. Downing, PsyD, ABPP.

The COCSP also published a large, double-issue of its Newsletter/Journal last year. Recent articles in the Newsletters/Journals of the COCSP have included: The Psychoanalytic Unconscious in a Quantum World: A Contribution to International Psychoanalysis by Gerald J. Gargiulo, PhD, a reprint of the Presidential column for the Michigan Society for Psychoanalytic February newsletter by V. Barry Dauphin, PhD, and Internal Strife in Psychoanalysis and the Eternal Clash of Sexual Personae by Garth Amundson, PsyD.

A year-long Study Group continues, on the aetiology and treatment of borderline personality disorder. Augmenting the readings are extraordinary film excerpts of a symposium featuring Harold Searles, MD, from the late 1970s, from the archives of the late Milton Berger, MD, donated by Dr. Downing for his use by his widow.

The COCSP maintains a web-site to assist in public education and to promote psychoanalytical programming in the region. The new, enhanced and surrealistically appealing web-site went on-line in 2010. COCSP Newsletters/Journals as well as other educational resources are archived on the web-site: http://chicagoopenchapter.org. For additional information contact: David L. Downing, PsyD, ABPP, 63 East Lake Street, Suite 509, Chicago, Illinois 60601. 312.266.1665 [telephone], or ddowning@uindy.edu.