## MIRROR RESPONSE, IMITATION, IDENTIFICATION. THE FEELING OF IDENTITY AND ITS RELATION WITHE MOTHER'S INTERNAL UNIVERSE

**Rezumat:** The imitation phenomenon in the new-born and the use of the reciprocal imitation between the mother and the baby in order to create a bond are explored in the psychoanalytic theory of the mirroring, imitation and identification. The author analyses the clinical material extracted from observing new-born babies and from the therapy conducted with two children, presents a syndrome of autism to light and reaches the hypothesis that developmental imitation involves the perception of a balanced position between the real baby and the internal occupant anticipated by the mother. According to the author, it is precisely in this way that the introjective identification and assimilation become possible, with enriching effects on the sense of identity, that oppose imitation which resorts to some sort of mimicry where the adhesive or projective identification is predominant.