

# 25<sup>th</sup> IFTA WORLD FAMILY THERAPY CONGRESS

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SPAIN

March 15 – 18, 2017

*International Family Therapy:  
30 years of Change*



International Family  
Therapy Association

# WELCOME TO THE IFTA CONGRESS

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the beautiful Costa del Sol and Málaga! This is the International Family Therapy Association's 25th World Family Therapy Congress and 30th Anniversary!

This is another of those rare and wonderful opportunities in which we can renew ourselves and enrich our practice skills in family therapy. The goal for the congress, in a larger sense, is the same as it has been since IFTA was founded in 1987: Advancing family therapy worldwide by promoting research, education, sound practice, and promoting international cooperation. We hope that this Congress facilitates an exchange of knowledge and ideas that support the health and well-being of families and other human systems. The Congress provides magnificent opportunities for face-to-face sharing of ideas and networking with colleagues from various parts of the globe.

The 2017 theme, **International Family Therapy: 30 Years of Change**, focuses on how families and family therapy has changed in the last 30 years. This Congress seeks to explore both new and familiar ways to assist families.

We live simultaneously in "one world" and many worlds. Thus, family therapy is a mutual, interactive process in which we learn new ways from colleagues from many lands. Communicating and networking among over 250 therapists from over 25 countries during this congress will provide professional contacts and information to support the exchange of knowledge and the growth of family therapy in many countries.

We hope you will share and learn about dealing with old, familiar problems and new, unfamiliar challenges we may not have faced previously.

*Ruth Casabianca*

Ruth Casabianca, Ph.D.

**IFTA President**

## IFTA: CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The International Family Therapy Association was an outgrowth of the East-West Bridging Congress conducted in Prague in 1987 with Virginia Satir and Donald Bloch as the Honorary Vice Presidents. After two years of organizational work including creating a Founding Board of Directors, with Virginia Satir on the Founding Board, IFTA launched its first World Family Therapy Congress in Dublin, Ireland, in 1989.

## WHAT IS IFTA?

IFTA is the professional association for those interested in the field of marriage and family therapy throughout the world. As such, it is the only organization that provides unity for therapists from east to west, respecting traditional approaches and embracing the tradition of tomorrow.

## MISSION STATEMENT



### **Adopted December 2005**

The cornerstone of every society is the family. With the support of its members, the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) provides international conferences to promote, strengthen and improve the quality of family therapy, the quality of relationships within families and to promote well being and peace within our world.

IFTA, working in a collaborative spirit with other professionals and organizations around the world who share its mission, also promotes continuing education for family therapy professionals in the development of international quality standards for marriage and family therapists in order that they may better assist families in the communities in which they serve.

## CONFERENCE CODE OF ETHICS

World Family Therapy Congresses are a unique meeting place for the world-wide family of family therapists. The Congress Board desires that the experience of this congress be one of the highlights of your year.

As we look forward to another exciting congress, we want to remind everyone that the World Family Therapy Congress is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of factors such as sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, or religion.

Harassment may take a variety of forms and in a variety of environments, including in-person or online. Attendees asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the congress organizers may take any action they deem appropriate, from warning the offender to expulsion from the congress. If you are being harassed or notice that someone else is being harassed, please contact a member of conference staff immediately. Their names and pictures are listed in the Congress Program.

Congress staff will be happy to help participants contact hotel/venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the conference. We value you, your safety and your attendance.

We expect all conference participants to be professional, considerate, respectful and collaborative, please silence mobile devices during presentations, do not interrupt others who are speaking, and avoid using shared Wi-Fi/bandwidth to download large files. **DO NOT RECORD ANY LIVE DEMONSTRATION THERAPY WORKSHOPS.**

We appreciate your help in making the World Family Therapy Congress among very best it can be.



## PLENARY AND FEATURED SPEAKERS

### FLORENCE KASLOW Ph.D.



*"The Evolution of Family Therapy Around the World"*  
30th IFTA Anniversary Speaker  
and Founding President

Florence Kaslow will open the 2017 Congress and help us celebrate IFTA's 30th Anniversary. She was the founding and first president of IFTA and served on its Board for 16 years. Her distinguished career includes being Past President and on the editorial boards of many important organizations that have influenced the history of Family Therapy. She has conducted workshops in over 50 countries.

Currently Florence is President of Kaslow Associates, a consulting firm; Director of the Florida Couples and Family Institute; and a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kaslow is co-author of *Painful Partings: Divorce and Its Aftermath* (New York: Wiley, 1997) with Dr. Lita L. Schwartz. Most recently she wrote a chapter for the *Handbook of EMDR and Family Therapy Processes* (co-edited with F. Shapiro and L. Maxfield, Wiley, 2007).

### CARLOS SLUZKI, M.D.



*The Family Process Institute Distinguished Presentation: "The Impact of Authoritarian Regimes on Families... and on Therapists"*

Dr. Carlos Sluzki is Clinical Professor Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is also Professor Emeritus at the Department of Global and Community Health, at George Mason University (2004 on, Emeritus since June 2014) and also at the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution there (2002 on, Emeritus since June 2014).

A Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, Dr. Sluzki began his training at the Mental Research Institute (MRI) in Palo Alto, CA. He has served numerous journal editorial positions and has had an extensive involvement with the Pan American Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Sluzki has been a president, keynote speaker (including IFTA Congresses), a member of organizing and scientific committees in many professional congresses in the fields of Psychiatry, Mental Health, Human Rights, and Family Therapy in the US, Canada, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Carlos joins an IFTA Congress once again as a keynote speaker. Culture produces alternative solution of connectedness and integration.

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

#### CANSU ALÖZKAN SEVER



Cansu Alözkan Sever worked with the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) in their Multi Service Center for Syrian Refugees in Istanbul from December 2013-March 2016. After working as a clinical psychologist in the program for one year, Alözkan-Sever started to work as deputy program coordinator in September 2014 while she worked as a Mental Health and Psycho-Social Services Focal Person for all IMC-ASAM programs (in seven different multi service centers around Turkey). In April 2016, Alözkan-Sever started to work with International Medical Corps (IMC) in their Turkey Country Office as a Psycho-Social Officer.



## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**09:00 - 11:00** Registration for Pre-Congress Workshop

**09:00 - 12:00** International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education

**10:30 - 12:00** Pre-Congress Workshop  
*Working with Asylum Seekers and Migrants*

**14:00 - 17:00** Registration for Congress

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**07:00-17:30** Registration Hours

**08:30-9:15** Presentations/ workshops

**9:30-10:15** Presentations/ workshops

**10:15-10:45** Recess/Break

**10:45-12:00** Welcome & Opening Plenary:

**“The Evolution of Family Therapy Around the World”:**

*Florence Kaslow, Ph.D.  
30th IFTA Anniversary Speaker  
Founding President*

- **Master of Ceremonies:**  
*John Lawless, Program Chair*
- **Welcome to the Congress:**  
*Ruth Casabianca, IFTA President*

**12:00 -13:30** Lunch Break

**13:30 -14:15** Presentations/ workshops

**14:30 -15:15** Presentations/ workshops

**15:15 - 15:45** Coffee Break

**15:45 - 16:30** Presentations/ workshops

**16:45 - 17:30** Presentations/ workshops

**17:45 - 18:30** Presentations/ workshops

**19:30 - 20:30** Welcome and Opening Reception

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**08:00 - 17:30** Registration Hours

**08:30 - 9:15** Brief Sessions

**9:30 - 10:15** Brief Sessions

**10:15 - 10:45** Recess/Break

**10:45 - 11:30** Presentations/ workshops

**11:30 - 13:00** Lunch

**12:30 - 13:30** Poster Session

**13:30 - 14:15** Presentations/ workshops

**14:30 - 15:15** Presentations/ workshops

**15:30 - 16:15** Presentations/ workshops

**16:15 - 16:45** Coffee Break

**16:45 - 17:30** Presentations/ workshops

**17:30 - 18:15** Presentations/ workshops

Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**08:00-14:00** Registration Hours

**08:30-9:15** Presentations/ workshops

**9:30-10:15** Presentations/ workshops

**10:15-10:45** Recess/Break

**10:45-11:30** Presentations/ workshops

**11:45-13:00** Lunch Break

**13:00-13:45** Presentations/ workshops

**14:00-14:45** Closing Plenary:

**The Family Process Institute Distinguished Presentation:**

**“The Impact of Authoritarian Regimes on Families...  
and on Therapists”:**  
*Carlos Sluzki, M.D.*

- **Master of Ceremonies:**  
*John Lawless, Program Chair*
- **Welcome to the 2018 Congress:**  
*Ruth Casabianca, IFTA President*

**15:30 -16:00** Closing Reception

**16:00 (4:00p.m.)** Congress Ends

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**9:00 - 11:00 Pre-Congress and Conference Registration**

**9:00 - 12:00 International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education**

Board Room

**10:30 - 12:00 Pre-Congress Workshop Starts**

Working with Asylum Seekers and Migrants

*Cansu Alözkan - USA*

Reports show that 65.3 million people left their homes due to conflict in 2015 (UNHCR, 2016). Increasing numbers underline the need for tailoring mental health and psychosocial interventions for people on the move. This workshop aims to introduce mental health needs of refugees and MHPSS practices from the field.

Waiting Area

**12:00 - 13:00 Lunch**

**13:00 - 16:00 Pre-Congress Workshop Continued**

Working with Asylum Seekers and Migrants

*Cansu Alözkan - USA*

Continued

Waiting Area

**14:00 - 17:00 Registration Open**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**7:00 - 17:30 Registration Open**

**8:30 - 9:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)**

Engaging Religious Family Therapy: A Model for MFT Training

*Loren Townsend- USA*

Models of spiritually integrated therapy typically focus on universal elements of human spirituality. This can obscure the active power of religious particularity in family narratives, problems and broader relational contexts. This workshop offers a collaborative reflective process to help MFT students constructively engage specific religious narratives and practices in therapy.

Gibralfaro

45 min

The Meaning Behind the Practice: Mindfulness in Family Therapy Practice and Research

*Anibal Torres Bernal - USA*

*Diana Mille - USA*

Mindfulness practices are grounded in a set of assumptions that present challenges to Western cultural norms and contemporary MFT paradigms. Unfortunately, therapists often utilize mindfulness without comprehension of the constructs that underlie it. Thus, this workshop will explore the theoretical basis for mindfulness and how it relates to MFT theories.

Alcazaba

45 min

Filial Therapy: An Evidence-Based Family & Parenting Intervention

*Daniel Sweeney - USA*

Filial therapy is a parent training program focused upon building the parent-child relationship utilizing play therapy skills. It is focused on training parents to be therapeutic change agents. It has been used effectively with multiple diverse parent/child populations. Learn the foundations of filial therapy, research, and practical application.

Malagueta

45 min

The Genogram as a Cultural Diversity Bridge

*Faith Deveaux - USA*

In family therapy, cultural background is an important, yet too frequently overlooked aspect of exploration. This presentation focuses on the use of the trainees' own genogram preparation and group presentation. The genogram is shown as a vehicle for illuminating the value of culture and cultural diversity across families.

Waiting Area

45 min

Navigating Societal Marginalisation in the Context of Therapy. What Place Do Personal, Political and Spiritual Values Have in the Consulting Room with Refugee Young People and Does This Extend Beyond the Therapy Room?

*Máire Stedman - UK*

Is it possible to construct narratives across cultures? • Significance of a trusting relationship • Cultural and spiritual influences facilitating or hinder coping • What are models of engagement that most facilitate therapeutic change& where do concepts such as PTSD, spirituality and culture-bereavement fit in the context of collaborative self-empowering practice?

Coracha

45 min

Intimate Relationship Experiences of Female Adults from Divorced Families and Services in Hong Kong

*Tsoi Mei Yip - Hong Kong*

Parental divorce has been linked to immediate and long-term impacts on children. This research looks into parental divorce and its impact on intimate relationship of adult female and services for divorced family in Hong Kong.

Consula

20 min

The Dimensionality of the Differentiation of Self

*Zeev Appel - Israel*

*Arie Cohen - Israel*

The major objective of the present study was to suggest a systematic definitional framework for the differentiation of the self-domain, and to develop a questionnaire for empirical measurement of the level of interpersonal differentiation between members of a couple.

Consula

20 min

Using a Spiritually- Focused Biopsychosocial Spiritual Model in Chemical Recovery

*Michele Smith - USA*

*Beda Roberts - USA*

Many chemical recovery models include a spiritual component as part of reaching and maintaining sobriety. Some models focus on not using alcohol or drugs and not necessarily on total recovery. This presentation outlines a spiritually-focused biopsychosocial model with a goal of chemical, spiritual, emotional, physical and family-relational recovery.

Verdiales

20 min

Challenges of Raising a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder from A Systemic Perspective

*Aida Jimenez - Puerto Rico, USA*

The purpose of this qualitative study was to explore parents' perspective of living with a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from a systemic and ecological framework. This study underscores the need to consider relevant and important microsystems in the design, assessment, and study of treatments for persons with ASD.

Verdiales

20 min

**9:30 -10:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)**

Families Living with Autism: Clinical Implications for Couples, Caregivers and Siblings

*Mudita Rastogi - USA*

Using a film clip of interviews participants will explore strengths and challenges faced by families with a child diagnosed with autism. Attendees will learn about the needs articulated by family members, ambiguous loss, grief, sibling and couple subsystems, and larger systems, while integrating cultural and religious beliefs of these families.

Gibralfaro

45 min

The Therapeutic Use of Songs In Apartheid South Africa <i>Augustine Nwoye - South Africa</i>	The unspeakable psychological damages inflicted on the oppressed majority in apartheid South Africa was met with various methods of attempted alleviation, including the use of therapeutic songs. The purpose of this presentation is to highlight these songs, and to explore the foundations of their therapeutic potency.	Alcazaba 45 min
Youth Drawings of Mental Health Stigma <i>Ana Jimenez-Hami - USA</i>	Research has shown that an effective intervention for reducing mental health stigma is through the use of art. The purpose of this presentation is to explore the effect of drawings, as an expressive intervention in reducing mental health stigma with youth from diverse multi-ethnic communities.	Malagueta 45 min
Mindfulness Tools in Schools and Homes: Opportunities, Benefits and Challenges <i>Stefanie Haug - USA</i> <i>Ingeborg Haug - USA</i>	Mindfulness approaches are receiving growing attention in mental health and education. This workshop will review a number of school-based mindfulness programs and interventions, their benefits and constraints, provide examples and interactive exercises demonstrating implementation, as well as discuss the desirability of family education and involvement.	Coracha 45 min
Post-divorce Adjustment <i>Aysegul Sayan - Turkey</i>	In this study, it is aimed to determine the predictors of post-divorce adjustment and it's dimensions with it's course in a Turkish population. With participation of 504 divorcees, multiple linear stepwise regression analysis findings were reported.	Consula 20 min
The Threat of Amorphous Parenthood on the Sustainability of Blended Families <i>Cheli Bolless - Israel</i>	Very frequently, couples of blended families face crisis in their relations as a result of amorphous parenthood boundaries. In my presentation I would like to share the holistic treatment approach which I am using in such cases and the lessons from that experience.	Consula 20 min
Family Interaction with Ecosystems in Chinese families of Children with Mental Health Needs <i>Hannah Wai Ming Ho - Hong Kong</i>	Families of children with mental health needs are embedded in a wider socio-cultural context and they have to interact with various ecological systems such as medical system, education system and social welfare system in the help-seeking process. This presentation aims at introducing these interactional pathways in Hong Kong.	Verdiales 20 min
Family Stress and Adaptation of Low Income Families <i>Cecilia Cracco - Uruguay</i> <i>María Luisa Blanco - Uruguay</i>	Family stressors, resources, cohesion, flexibility, communication, coping strategies and family satisfaction were studied in a sample of 546 families of different socioeconomic status. Descriptive analyzes, correlational and multilevel studies were made to determine which variables of family dynamics and socio-economic context are associated with increased accumulation of stressors.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>10:15 - 10:45 Recess Break</b>		
<b>10:45 - 12:00 Welcome &amp; Opening Plenary</b>		
The Evolution of Family Therapy Around the World: 30th IFTA Anniversary Speaker and Founding President <i>Florence Kaslow Ph.D.</i>	Florence Kaslow will open the 2017 Congress and help us celebrate IFTA's 30th Anniversary. She was the founding and first president of IFTA and served on its Board for 16 years. Her distinguished career includes being Past President and on the editorial boards of many important organizations that have influenced the history of Family Therapy. She has conducted workshops in over 50 countries.	Picasso I & II
<b>12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break</b>		
<b>13:30 - 14:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Multicultural Identity Development <i>Noah Gagner - USA</i> <i>Daniel Cooper - USA</i>	National trends suggest an increasing prevalence of multicultural couples and families. This workshop illuminates the complex experience of identity development within current cultural, political, and social contexts. Common factors that contribute to difficulties in identity development and the implications for MFTs working with these couples and families will be explored.	Gibalfaro 45 min
Social Workers' Training Needs in Courts <i>Noraha Alsowayan - Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Rawan Alfayez - Saudi Arabia</i>	This study aimed to explore the training and skills requirements for social workers in courts through therapeutic theories and models. Moreover, the study also examined the administrative necessities which are essential for their field, in addition to providing a proposal for a training program for court-related social work amenities. This is a descriptive with a sample of 195 social workers. The complete census method was used to select the sample from all regions in Saudi Arabia. A questionnaire was implemented as a principle method for collecting data.	Alcazaba 45 min
Prescribing Rituals, Humor, and Metaphor in Systemic Therapy Part I <i>Joel Bergman - USA</i>	This workshop shows how prescribing rituals, humor, and metaphors is used in systemic therapy with families, couples, and individuals. "Only in the Kitchen" shows an edited DVD of an initial consultation with a young couple married for less than two years who has problems with their parents and each other.	Malagueta 45 min
Clinical Strategies for Involving Families in Substance Addiction Treatment <i>Sebastian Perumbilly - USA</i>	Research confirms that involving families in substance addiction treatment enhances treatment outcome. However, few studies address how this can be done. Based on qualitative research, this presentation addresses the benefits, and challenges associated with involving families in treatment, and outlines innovative clinical strategies to enhance treatment outcome.	Waiting Area 45 min
Competency Based Family Therapy Training using the Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Training: A Model from Turkey <i>Sibel Erenel - Turkey</i>	This presentation is on a competency based family therapy program using the Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy which is approved by European Family Therapy Association (EFTA). It is hoped that it can be a model for countries where family therapy is still developing.	Coracha 45 min
Emotion Regulation as a Moderator of Attachment and Relationship Quality in Newlyweds <i>Nilufer Kafescioglu - Turkey</i>	This study examined the moderating effect of different emotion regulation strategies on the relation between attachment and relationship quality in couples. Results revealed two significant interaction effects for wives' outcomes. Implications for couple therapy will be discussed in light of these findings.	Consula 20 min



Family Therapy with Moslem-Arab Families: The Utilisation of Conjoint Forgiveness Therapy to Heal the Wounds of Parental Maltreatment <i>Itzhak Lander - Israel</i>	This paper explores family therapy with Moslem-Arab families. Its focus is on the delineation of the author's clinical work to promote forgiveness in Bedouin families in Israel where there has been a parentally inflicted attachment wound. Implications for family therapy with Moslem-Arab families are considered.	Consula 20 min
Emerging Presence of Bodybuilding Culture, Its Implications on Mainstream Society, and What This Means for Therapists <i>Ben-Gassendi St. Juste - USA</i>	The use of social media has caused a surge in bodybuilding culture. It has gained popularity as a glamorous sport and one within which seemingly any person can participate. This presentation will help foster understanding of bodybuilding lifestyle, its implications, and prepare therapist for challenges in working with this population.	Verdiales 20 min
The Influence and Involvement of Extended Family in Family Therapy: Different Stages of Divorce <i>M. Selenga Gürmen - Turkey</i>	Extended family plays significant role on family adjustment throughout divorce process. Yet, to date, there is no empirical investigation of how extended family is included in therapy. The current study attempted to fill this gap by exploring how extended family is included in family therapy during different stages of divorce.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>14:30 - 15:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
The Correlation Between Socially Prescribed Privilege and Social Responsibility: Towards a Just Approach to Psychotherapy <i>Logan Cohen - USA</i> <i>Pearl Wong - USA</i>	We invite you to join us for a historical and global journey through the theoretical foundations of a "just approach to psychotherapy" as we embrace affirming dialogue and provide essential tools for incorporating the fundamentals of this approach into your own practice of systemic psychotherapy.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Prescribing Rituals, Humor, and Metaphor in Systemic Therapy Part II <i>Joel Bergman - USA</i>	This workshop shows how prescribing rituals, humor, and metaphors is used in systemic therapy with families, couples, and individuals. "Only in the Kitchen" shows an edited DVD of an initial consultation with a young couple married for less than two years who has problems with their parents and each other.	Malagueta 45 min
What the Tech? Utilizing Technology in MFT Training and Professional Development <i>Kacy Mixon, PhD, LMFT - USA</i> <i>Lee Smith, M.S, LMFT - USA</i>	No matter where one is in their clinical development, the presence and need for technology is ever-growing. This presentation will introduce three successful ways technology has been infused into MFT training and professional development to promote clinical growth and evolving clinician/supervisor needs.	Waiting Area 45 min
The Significance of Family Therapy in an Aging Society <i>Toshiyuki Watanabe - Japan</i> <i>Masashi Adachi - Japan</i> <i>Satoshi Takahashi - Japan</i>	Japan's elderly family support is one of the models of developed countries that aging proceeds. We want to discuss the support of the elderly and their families in Japan in this presentation. Three Japanese presenters will report on the techniques and theories of family therapy to elderly family.	Coracha 45 min
Caregivers' Understanding and Responses to their Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Symptoms <i>Zinhle Mthombeni - South Africa</i> <i>Augustine Nwoye - South Africa</i>	This study investigated the understanding and approaches of Black South African caregivers to securing a cure for a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder symptoms. Four dominant themes emerged which centred on the frustration that both indigenous and western methods yielded little benefits.	Consula 20 min
Attachment in Context: Cultural Responsiveness & Training of Attached-based Therapy Models <i>Shruti Poulsen - USA</i> <i>Robert Allan - USA</i>	The presentation focuses research that explored importance of context on therapists' attachment experiences, and need for culturally responsive practices. This project examined therapists' experience of using attachment-based approaches – e.g., Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) – in relational therapy, and their experiences of the attachment-based therapy training.	Consula 20 min
Evolving Needs of Fragile Families in Accessing Healthcare: A BPSS Model <i>Veronica Kuhn - USA</i>	Workshop will describe longitudinal dyadic research testing the biopsychosocial-spiritual (BPSS) model applied to healthcare utilization behaviors of fragile families. Results from this research provide further evidence to support the inclusion of mental healthcare in biomedical health services and the need for relationship interventions between parents to improve BPSS factors.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break</b>		
<b>15:30 - 16:00 Board of Directors</b>		
<b>15:45 - 16:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Comfort Always: Finding Commonalities Between Evidence-Based and Person Centered Services <i>Linna Wang - USA</i> <i>Marcia Michaels - USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova - USA</i>	This presentation examines clinicians' experience when working with minority and immigrant populations given the competing demands for compliance to evidence-based practice while desiring to take a person centered approach. We explore possibilities to reconcile the different demands by focusing on "future evidence" that is meaningful and valid to clients.	Gibralfaro 45 min
A Roadmap for Couple Therapy: Integrating Systemic, Psychodynamic & Behavioral Approaches <i>Arthur Nielsen - USA</i>	Using case illustrations, the presenter will summarize his recent book on couple therapy. The lecture will describe the research-tested interventions used by the three main approaches to couple therapy (systemic, psychodynamic, and behavioral/educational) and show how to sequence and integrate them depending on the problems that couples present.	Alcazaba 45 min
The Cultural Consideration of Child Custody and Care Arrangement Assessment of the Chinese Families with Overseas Context <i>Chung Yeung Martin Lau - Hong Kong</i>	The cultural difference plays an important role in the framework of the assessments for the cross-border dispute on child custody and care arrangement. The adoption of western assessment framework in the local Mainland Chinese families and its cultural consideration especially on the understanding of attachment would be examined.	Malagueta 45 min

Marital Conflict Resolution: A Proposed Psychoeducational Intervention for Couples <i>Adriana Wagner - Brazil</i>	This is the psychoeducational program for couples called "Couple Life: Sharing the challenge", which aims to promote marital health through expanding the strategy range used in coping with their everyday conflicts and to promote marital quality. The program characteristics and outcomes of the interventions already undertaken will be discussed.	Waiting Area 45 min
African American Women, the Cost of Resiliency, and the Negative Connotations Surrounding Therapy <i>Kierra Banks - USA</i>	African American women, the cost of resiliency, and the negative connotations surrounding therapy Short: Studies suggest that African American women are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. In order to support development and begin to build rapport within this underserved demographic, this workshop aims to enhance awareness and understanding of how depression and anxiety affects Black women while exploring vertical and horizontal stressors.	Coracha 45 min
Creating models for Mental Health Urgent Care <i>Heather Laird - USA</i>	This presentation proposes a sustainable model for the creation of mental health urgent care systems to address the urgent and nonemergent needs of those who need mental health care.	Consula 20 min
Pathways from Parental Acceptance-Rejection to Marital Satisfaction <i>Nagme Gör - Turkey</i> <i>Ipek Senkal Ertürk - Turkey</i>	The aim of this study is to investigate the mediator role of emotion regulation difficulty and conflict resolution styles between parental acceptance-rejection and marital satisfaction. The sample of this study consists of 238 married individuals. The results of this study will be discussed in the light of relevant literature.	Consula 20 min
Addressing Power-Sharing Between Couples in Couple Therapy Research: A Scale Development <i>Fatma Arici Sahin - Turkey</i>	The purpose of this presentation is to introduce the "Power-Sharing Scale in Couple Relationships" developed in-line with feminist models by the presenters in Turkey. The scale's psychometric properties and its use in couple therapy as well as the cultural context affecting its properties will be discussed.	Verdiales 20 min
Medical Family Therapy: Case Reports on Children with Physical Illness <i>Hiroimi Tsujii - Japan</i>	Medical Family Therapy (MFT) provides high quality health care with less cost(Reiss-Brennan, et al, 2016). In Japan, however, MFT is not fully recognized nor practiced in medical institutions. This presentation shows how MFT was applied to a child's case and discusses the implications for its future development.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>16:45 - 17:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Providing Psychological and Legal Support to the Sibling Bond: An Emerging Necessity in Contemporary Family Contexts. <i>Stéphanie Haxhe - Belgium</i>	In modern societies, children are faced with vulnerable parents. In this context, the sibling bond appears more than ever as a potential source of support and long-term stability. There is a crucial need for laws and public policies developed in order to protect and understand this specific bond.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Supervision Collaboration in MFT Training: University and Agency Best Practice Guidelines <i>Rebecca Cobb - USA</i> <i>Amy Morgan - USA</i>	This presentation will review best practice guidelines for MFT supervision collaboration. The presenters will share their own experience as university and agency supervisors, highlighting factors that allowed them to be a successful collaborative team. Emphasis will be placed on navigating ethical dilemmas and supporting student interns through clinical critical incidents.	Alcazaba 45 min
Integration of Family Therapy and EMDR: Panic Disorder Case <i>Emre Konuk - Turkey</i> <i>Zeynep Zat - Turkey</i>	Throughout the presentation the main aim is to show that family therapy interventions are effective in the treatment of symptoms such as anxiety, losing control, having a heart attack, "going crazy", and depersonalization, avoidance of particular places or situations from which escape might be difficult (or embarrassing).	Malagueta 45 min
A Phenomenology: Understanding Grief of First Generation Immigrant Indian Undergraduate Students in the United States after the Death of a Grandparent Abroad <i>Ramya Avadhanam - USA</i>	Research has widely shown that the experience of bereavement can have many profound emotional health consequences for those surviving a loss (Stroebe & Stroebe, 1987). The proposed study will investigate first generation Indian immigrant undergraduate students' grief process as it relates to the loss of a grandparent in India.	Waiting Area 45 min
A Home By Any Other Name? Exploration of an Adolescent Inpatient Unit Through a Systemic Lens <i>Hannah Sherbersky - UK</i>	Hannah, a family therapist, Senior Lecturer and Programme Lead for an innovative project developing evidence based training for inpatient staff at the University of Exeter (UK), presents her doctoral research that examines how an adolescent inpatient unit operates as a system and whether the unit is considered to be 'home'.	Coracha 45 min
Intergrating Theoretical and Practical Modalities in Healing Trauma: BFS Therapy and EMDR <i>Diana Mille - USA</i> <i>Anibal Torres Bernal - USA</i>	Research recognizes EMDR as the first line of treatment for healing trauma. Unfortunately, the pervasiveness of trauma statistics suggests the need for more comprehensive, effective and diverse clinical and theoretical modalities to heal trauma. Thus, this presentation will explore the Integration of Bowen Family Systems Therapy and EMDR.	Consula 20 min
Counselors' Comfort with Discussing Emotional Intimacy and Their Own Fear of Intimacy <i>Kenika Holloway - USA</i>	This presentation focuses on the correlation between counselors' own fear of intimacy and their comfort in discussing emotional intimacy with their clients. Since, unmet emotional needs in relationships is a common issue, counselors who struggle with self-assurance with discussing intimacy concerns can potentially impact the growth of their clients.	Consula 20 min
Psychological Symptoms in Adolescents from Brazil: The Role of Family Conflict and Coparenting <i>Clarisse Mosmann - Brazil</i>	Adolescents from Brazil participated in a quantitative investigation that evaluated relationships between negative coparenting dimensions and parent-child conflict on psychological symptoms. Data enlightened the importance of family coparental triangulation and conflict between the adolescent and their mother to the explication of psychological symptoms. Clinical implications are discussed.	Verdiales 20 min
Peace through Congruent Living <i>Anna Maria Low - Singapore</i>	"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Virginia Satir (1916-1988) in her book, The New Peopemaking, sees it as - Peace Within, Peace Between and Peace Among. I will present Virginia's 8 essentials of Congruent Living as a way to Peace.	Verdiales 20 min

**17:45 - 18:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)**

<p>The GrowthModel - Creating Changing Dialogues <i>Marianne Grønbaek - Denmark</i></p>	<p>The GrowthModel is a frame for creating good dialogues about changes that engage all participants into the changing language. The GrowthModel is structured to handle feelings and challenging conversations. We have more than 20-year's good experience with the GrowthModel.</p>	<p>Gibralfaro 45 min</p>
<p>A Therapeutic Model of Working with Self Internalized and Couple's Mutual Homophobia <i>Eli Sharon - Israel</i></p>	<p>Relationship between same sex partners is essentially based on closeness and intimacy in the absence of the traditional social and family constraints. Self-internalised homophobia blocks intimate interpersonal relationship. It has to be dissociated to accomplish close relationship.</p>	<p>Alcazaba 45 min</p>
<p>Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT): Premises, Implementation and Supporting Research <i>Alba Nino - USA</i></p>	<p>This will be an overview of the Person-of-the-Therapist-Training (POTT). POTT is a model that aims to enhance therapists' effectiveness by helping them use different aspects their personhood. We will discuss POTT's premises, implementation in academic settings, and research supporting its positive effects.</p>	<p>Malagueta 45 min</p>
<p>Técnicas de Terapia Focalizada en las Emociones (TFE): Aprendiendo a usar PRISSSL para acceder a las emociones y necesidades de apego de los clientes <i>Lola Fatás García - Spain</i> <i>Amaya Arana Rivero - UK</i></p>	<p>El objetivo de este taller es que los participantes conozcan y experimenten PRISSSL, la herramienta no verbal del modelo TFE para ayudar a los clientes a conectar con sus emociones y expresar sus necesidades de apego. Se explicará detalladamente la técnica con ejemplos y se practicará en role play.</p>	<p>Waiting Area 45 min</p>
<p>Violence Against Children: The Inter-Sectionality of Intervention Approaches <i>Hugo Kamya - Uganda</i></p>	<p>How do we begin to engage in discourse on violence especially as it affects children and families? This presentation will examine violence against children in families. Family therapy as community intervention will be explored in the African context. Attention will be given to the insidious nature of violence.</p>	<p>Coracha 20 min</p>
<p>The Dynamic Dance Between Compassion and Empathy: The Boundaries In and Between Us <i>Pearl Wong - USA</i> <i>Logan Cohen - USA</i></p>	<p>Psychotherapists dance in multiple contexts with our clients. We will consider how our initial fixed attachment patterns may damage the intercultural messages we may be sending to our clients. The shared dance urges us to foster an ecosystem of empathy as we evolve in our professional work.</p>	<p>Consula 20 min</p>
<p>The Effectiveness of Applying Strengths Perspective in Family Treatment for Promoting the Recovery of Persons with Psychiatric Disability and Their Family Caregiver <i>Li-yu Song - Taiwan</i></p>	<p>This study aimed to enhance the recovery of persons with psychiatric disability and their family caregiver. It was a three-year intervention and outcomes were evaluated. In the presentation, I'll depict the process of Strengths-based family treatment, and the recovery outcomes of the dyad.</p>	<p>Consula 20 min</p>
<p>Cross Cultural Couples and Shared Trauma: Implications for Dual Trauma Treatment <i>Maxine Notice - USA</i></p>	<p>Cross cultural couples experience greater risk of social stigma, aggression and violence throughout their relationships due to social injustices experienced at multiple systemic levels. The purpose of this presentation is to develop understanding of current research on cross cultural couples, and explore best treatment practices for couples within this demographic.</p>	<p>Verdiales 20 min</p>
<p>Rethinking Transnational Ties in South African Emigrant Families <i>Maria Marchetti-Mercer - South Africa</i></p>	<p>This paper will examine the impact of emigration on South African family life, especially on the elderly left behind, to illustrate how transnational relationships may be experienced. I will discuss some ways in which South African families maintain relational ties through the use of technology.</p>	<p>Verdiales 20 min</p>

**19:30 - 20:30 Welcome & 30th Anniversary Reception**

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**Friday, March 17, 2017**

**8:00 - 17:30 Registration Open**

**8:30 - 9:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)**

<p>Taming the Dragon: Integrating Mental Health and Substance Recovery <i>Khadijah Bhutto Ramirez, M.A., LMFT - USA</i></p>	<p>This presentation will integrate mental health and substance use disorder recovery. Participants will examine personal biases, stereotypes, reinforcing family systems, and basic recovery tools from a systemic perspective. Participants will also apply recovery specific family roles to form treatment strategies for families recovering from substance use and mental health disorders.</p>	<p>Gibralfaro 45 min</p>
<p>The Evolution of Family Therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the Past 30 years, Part 1 <i>Tatiana Glebova - USA</i> <i>Emoke Tarjan - Hungary</i> <i>Fatma Arici Sahin - Turkey</i> <i>Monica McGoldrick - USA</i> <i>Nydia Garcia Preto - USA</i></p>	<p>This presentation will explore the development of family therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the past 30 years, discussing the unique social, political and cultural contexts that influenced the evolution of the field in each country and comparing it to the development of family therapy in the U.S.</p>	<p>Alcazaba 45 min</p>
<p>Keeping Couples Together: Conjoint EMDR Psychotherapy for Couples <i>Lisa Johnson - USA</i> <i>Margaret "Peggy" Moore - USA</i></p>	<p>Johnson and Moore will describe theoretical underpinnings of using Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) with partners present, provide guidelines for evaluating appropriateness for case selection and implementation with Video examples of the Safe Place exercise, coaching couples through discussions, and EMDR processing of historical trauma with partner providing Bilateral Stimulation.</p>	<p>Malagueta 45 min</p>
<p>How Long Do I Have to Wait to See You? Stories of Loss and Stories of Hope <i>Viviana Azar - USA</i> <i>Teresa Tudder - USA</i></p>	<p>The dreams and challenges that Central American families experience as they immigrate to the United States. An integrative approach that includes trauma informed models of therapy and family therapy to work with families and their children that experience attachment disruptions as a result of long term separation from their parents.</p>	<p>Waiting Area 45 min</p>



Systemic Resilience Among Couples During Significant Life Events <i>Daniel Stillwell - USA</i> <i>Susan Perkins - USA</i>	Resilience research for individuals has been growing, and researchers are beginning to articulate resilience in family systems terms. This workshop will discuss how couples resilience is similar to and different from the family model, focusing on implementing culturally sensitive, practical theory when working with couples in life transitions or trauma.	Coracha 45 min
Historical Development of Supervision Knowledge <i>Mo Yuen Han - Hong Kong</i>	This presentation discussed the development of knowledge in social work supervision throughout histories. Themes or trends of supervision were identified. The 2000s were, for the most part, as supervision was affected by different forces. A multi-faceted approach to knowledge building was being advocated.	Consula 20 min
Service Learning in a Marriage and Family Therapy Program: The Unexpected Benefits <i>Jennifer Lambert-Shute - USA</i> <i>Lana Kim - USA</i>	Service Learning is a stepping stone for becoming regionally aware of the clients students will be working. Regardless of a social location or economic status, Service Learning creates opportunities to become immersed in the local culture which fosters a greater application of theory and increases skills for working with clients.	Consula 20 min
Predizendo a Infidelidade Conjugal <i>Patricia Scheeren - Brazil</i>	Este estudo verificou os preditores da infidelidade em homens e mulheres casados. Os participantes responderam um questionário do relacionamento, Escala de Ajustamento Conjugal e Escala Triangular do Amor. Os resultados mostram variáveis contextuais e do relacionamento como maiores predictoras de infidelidade.	Verdiales 20 min
Orthopaedic Trauma, Depression, and Family Support <i>Michele Smith - USA</i>	Depression has been shown to be an independent predictor of functional status after an injury in general trauma patients. Links between psychosocial stressors and recovery from trauma also affect outcome. This study outlines risk factors for depression after orthopaedic trauma, including perceived lack of social support and employment status.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>9:30 -10:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Understanding and Working with the "Hook Up Culture" <i>Gabrielle Carey - USA</i>	Sexuality is evolving how Western Society has embraced the shift with accepted new views of "Social Norms". Adolescents have increased promiscuous and adventurous behaviors. This presentation will discuss the misconceptions of the Hookup Culture with providing a framework to systemically address sexuality exploration difficulties causing disruption within their social context.	Gibralfaro 45 min
The Evolution of Family Therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the Past 30 years, Part 2 <i>Tatiana Glebova - USA</i> <i>Emoke Tarjan - Hungary</i> <i>Fatma Arici Sahin - Turkey</i> <i>Monica McGoldrick - USA</i> <i>Nydia Garcia Preto - USA</i>	This presentation will explore the development of family therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the past 30 years, discussing the unique social, political and cultural contexts that influenced the evolution of the field in each country and comparing it to the development of family therapy in the U.S.	Alcazaba 45 min
How Do Early Career Mental Health Professionals Learn to Work with Gender and Sexual Minority Clients: What is Competence? <i>Ariana Lozano - USA</i> <i>Louise Head - USA</i>	This lecture presentation will present the results of a semi-structured interview study with a grounded theory approach that explores how early-career mental health professionals learn to work with clients who identify as gender and sexual minorities and how they learn to define clinical competence with this population.	Malagueta 45 min
Systemic Treatment of Comorbid Medical and Sexual Concerns <i>Jennifer Connor - USA</i>	When sex is problematic, it can reduce a relationship's vitality and intimacy. Presenters will describe a systemic treatment approach for comorbid medical and sexual health concerns. A case study of vulvodynia will be utilized for discussion. Building resiliency in relationships through the Sexual Health Model will be explored.	Waiting Area 45 min
Does Family Therapy Have a Place in the Developing World? Learning From Experience <i>Philip Messent - UK</i>	Family Therapy has evolved largely in Western contexts in which it forms a part of complex and overarching services. This workshop will invite participants to consider what relevance or usefulness family therapy may have in developing world countries where such services are limited in scope and this approach very unfamiliar.	Coracha 45 min
Self-injurious Behavior Indicators within Suicidal Ideation Youth Populations <i>Amy Budd - USA</i> <i>Steven Jella - USA</i>	Self-injurious Behaviors continue being a prevalent issue among youth and often associated with persons experiencing suicidal ideation. The examinations of contextual dynamics that make up the mental health state and propensity for SIB can contribute more robust understandings of youth factors of distress in relation to SIB and SI.	Consula 20 min
Reflecting Teams and Couples' Hope <i>Robert Allan - USA</i> <i>Misti Klarenbeek-McKenna - USA</i>	This research aimed to answer the question: what is the impact of a reflecting team (RT) on hope in couple relationships and what aspects of the RT process does a couple report as contributing to hope in their relationship? Using a mixed methods approach, presenters will report research findings.	Consula 20 min
Preparing Professional Counselors to Partner with Family Therapists as a Collaborative Systems Change Initiative <i>Karen Mackie - USA</i>	Inter-professional teams in embedded clinical settings can introduce family therapists to professional counselors. This presentation shares with family therapists how counselors integrate systems perspectives with their training in life course development to create strength based collaborative interventions for clients and effective partnerships with other mental health specialists.	Verdiales 20 min
Obesity is a Family Affair: The Need for Family Systems Thinking in Obesity Interventions for Children <i>Patricia Goodspeed-Grant - USA</i>	Obesity is frequently shared by family members. The family of origin is where functions of food are first experienced. Family mealtimes can be stressful or peaceful, which in turn influences how children experience the meaning of food and eating. Systems interventions that involve the family have shown some promise.	Verdiales 20 min

**10:15 - 10:45 Recess Break****10:45 - 11:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)**

Blending Family Therapy Modalities: Creating Structure through Play <i>Anita Mehta - Canada</i> <i>Sarah Burley - Canada</i>	This presentation describes the family of a girl who presents as oppositional and defiant. An integrative approach using Theraplay® and structural family therapy was used to create a treatment plan. Video recordings from sessions will be used to demonstrate therapeutic interventions of Theraplay® and structural family therapy approaches.	Gibraltar 45 min
A Solution-Focused Approach to Heartbreak and the Broken-hearted <i>Paula Boros - USA</i> <i>Isibel Moreno - USA</i>	This workshop will explore a working definition of heartbreak and ways in which Marriage and Family Therapists can identify common signs of heartbreak in the therapeutic conversation. Through a Solution-Focused Brief Therapy lens, the workshop will survey interventions and techniques that therapists can utilize while working with the brokenhearted.	Alcazaba 45 min
Training to the Program "Couple Life: Sharing the challenge" <i>Mariana G. Boeckel - Brazil</i> <i>Adriana Wagner - Brazil</i>	This workshop aims to introduce the "Couple Life: Sharing the challenge" Program, which focus on expanding the strategies used in dealing with marital conflicts. Implementation of the program will be described and experienced by participants. The results on the program's effectiveness will also be presented.	Malagueta 45 min
School-Based Family Counselling (SBFC): A Changing Model in School and Family Counselling <i>Gertina J. van Schalkwyk - China</i>	In this presentation, I discuss the SBFC model exploring its application and implications for providing child and family counselling both in and outside the school settings. I will report on both individual cases and findings from research for a changing model for family counselling of expats and migrant populations.	Waiting Area 45 min
Teddy Bear Therapy: Bringing the Family System into Play Therapy <i>Warwick Phipps - South Africa</i>	Teddy Bear Therapy—as developed by Charl Vorster—involves the therapist and child telling a story about a teddy who experiences the same problem and family context as the child. Together they explore how to help the teddy bring about changes in the teddy's family, thereby, facilitating change systemically.	Coracha 45 min
The U.S. Mothers' Perspectives on the Meaning of Parents' Personal Growth <i>Sebastian Perumbilly - USA</i>	Parenting literature often focuses on parental strategies that promote positive behavioral outcome for children, but ignores key aspects of parents' personal growth. This presentation examines nine core components of parents' personal growth as a unit of analysis, and sheds light on critical factors that influence parenting processes.	Consula 20 min
My Narrative vs. Theirs? <i>Kierra Banks - USA</i>	As therapists, we are not infallible and can become prone to falling into the snares of dominant discourses. This workshop aims to promote thought, provocative conversations, and stimulate healthy discussion of the drawbacks of social media and its effects on the "safe zone."	Consula 20 min
The Beginning of Systemic Family Therapy in Thailand <i>Nida Limsuwan - Thailand</i>	Family therapy is the extremely limited psychological treatment modality in Thailand. We introduce systemic idea and practice to my colleagues including adult and child psychiatrists, nurses, psychologists and occupational therapists in my workplace. In addition, we established "Family Clinic" as a special clinic in our psychiatric outpatient unit.	Verdiales 20 min
Helping Families Cope with Neurological Disability <i>Charlotte Kahn - USA</i>	A family member's neurological deficits and disabilities resulting from brain damage change prior family relationships. Family therapy can be helpful in overcoming the crisis and managing ongoing relationships. Vignettes illustrate some problems and possible systemic and dynamic interventions.	Verdiales 20 min

**11:45 - 13:00 Lunch Break****12:30 - 13:30 Poster Session**

Lived Experience and Feeling of Childfree Couples in Hong Kong: A Qualitative Study <i>Man Hon Chung - Hong Kong</i>	In-depth interviews were conducted with 4 pairs of local childfree couples, and the research objectives were 1. To understand the experience of the childfree couples; 2. To understand their experience of others' reactions to their choice; and 3. How childfree construct their meaningful lives.	P1
A Test of Family Systems Therapy for Substance Using Mothers and Their Children <i>Natasha Slesnick - USA</i>	Family therapy can address stressful parent-child interactions leading to better long-term outcomes. In this randomized clinical trial, women in family therapy showed better substance use outcomes than those in the non-family therapy control, and change in mother-child interaction was linked to changes in substance use.	P2
Treatment Effects for Prostituting Women Engaged in Family Systems Therapy <i>Aaron Murnan - USA</i> <i>Laura Cully - USA</i>	Family therapy offers a unique opportunity to improve mother-child interactions and maternal outcomes among prostituting women and their children. In this study, prostituting mothers receiving family therapy showed greater reductions in substance use and depressive symptoms, as well as better mother-child interactions, than women in a control group.	P3

Self-injurious Behavior Indicators within Suicidal Ideation Youth Populations <i>Steven Jella - USA</i> <i>Amy Budd - USA</i>	Self-injurious Behaviors continue being a prevalent issue among youth and often associated with persons experiencing suicidal ideation. The examinations of contextual dynamics that make up the mental health state and propensity for SIB can contribute more robust understandings of youth factors of distress in relation to SIB and SI.	P4
Invariance by Interviewer Gender in the Measurement of Internalized Stigma <i>Carly Goodkin - USA</i>	This poster presentation presents the results of a measurement invariance model fit to data gathered from Sri Lankan war and tsunami affected widows. A model of 2 constructs of internalized stigma was fit to two groups, one of widows interviewed by male interviewers and another group interviewed by female interviewers.	P5
Clinical Management of Severe Cases in Systemic Family Therapy in Multidisciplinary team - Report of an Experience <i>Claudia Leiceand - Brazil</i> <i>Daniela Rothschild - Brazil</i>	Description of experience developed by working with family therapy, in a public service which takes care of children and adolescents with severe mental disturbs, in a day hospital. The therapy, with limited time to be done, integrated in a multidisciplinary team act, demonstrated good and lasting results.	P6
The Significance of Family Therapy Training to Yogo Teacher <i>Kazuko Iwasaki - Japan</i> <i>Toshiyuki Watanabe - Japan</i> <i>Takeshi Tamura - Japan</i>	In Japan, Almost yogo teachers were in trouble in the corresponding to the collaboration with other stuffs and the family problems.JAFT supervisor Dr.Tamura did the group supervision to Yogo teacher, and could get good effects.	P7
Living Renal Transplantation and Family System <i>Toshiyuki Watanabe - Japan</i>	Family therapist was join the Living Renal transplantation team with Biopsychosocial model. The mood of Recipients and Donors significantly improved. The divergence of FACES scores between donors and recipients were reduced , and the Family type changed from midrange type and extreme type to Balanced type after RTx.	P8
Urban Refugees: Lives in Limbo <i>Joyce Baptist - USA</i> <i>Emel Genc - Turkey</i>	This study investigated refugees' experiences of being 'in limbo' in a country that does not provide them with legal status or protection as they await resettlement. Themes -- constant fear/trauma, routine extortion/entrapment, and living on the outskirts have implications for professionals working with refugees with multiple resettlements.	P9
Couple and Family Therapy Student Burnout <i>Jennifer Vallin - USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova - USA</i>	This literature review will summarize existing knowledge on burnout in clinical training programs to gain a better understanding of what couple and family therapy graduate students are experiencing, the impact on career longevity and will concluded with recommendations for discussions of self-care and burnout during supervision and graduate studies.	P10
Parentification in the Family of Origin and Clinician Development <i>Jennifer Vallin - USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova - USA</i>	This poster presentation will summarize contextual therapy and existing knowledge on parentification as it relates to the effects on clinician development. Recommendations for self-of-the therapist work and supervision based on the existing literature will be provided.	P11
Community Violence and Impact on Mother-Child Attachment <i>Aysha Concepción - Puerto Rico</i> <i>Aida L. Jimenez - Puerto Rico</i>	Exposure to violence is associated with negative health consequences to children. However, little is known of the impact of community violence on parent-child attachment. The purpose of this presentation is to present preliminary data on the effects of community violence on the attachment of children ages 6 to 12.	P12
The Monadnock Region System of Care Grant: A Phenomenological Exploration of Families' Experiences of the Mental Health System of Care in the Monadnock Region <i>Maxine Notice - USA</i> <i>Karmen Smith - USA</i> <i>Seon Kim - USA</i>	Limited access to mental healthcare agencies and incongruencies between programs and the needs of families, creates gaps between the intent of programming and the experience of the community they serve. Researchers explored families' experience of the mental healthcare system to elevate their voice and empower their partnering with policy makers.	P13
Termination of A Romantic Relationship: Predominant Feelings in Young Adults <i>Eliana Piccoli Zordan - Brazil</i> <i>Mariash Piccoli Zordan - Brazil</i>	The objective of this study was to investigate the experience of young adults after the termination of a romantic relationship. Participants were 30 adults, 13 men and 17 women, all between the ages of 20 and 25, residents of a small city in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.	P14
Divorce: Transition to Post-conjugality and to Co-parenting <i>Mariash Piccoli Zordan - Brazil</i> <i>Eliana Piccoli Zordan - Brazil</i>	This qualitative, descriptive and exploratory research aimed at understanding the repercussions of divorce and its implications for the new family reality, the creation of new roles as ex-spouses and the relations between parents and children. The participants live in a medium-sized municipality in the south of Brazil.	P15
Beyond Cultural Competency: Exploring Your Developmental Edge <i>Desiree Seponski - USA</i> <i>Ashley Davis - USA</i>	Research has demonstrated that family therapists can overlook contextual issues in therapy. This poster presents reflexive questions that invite therapists' awareness of their developmental edges. Methods and strategies are presented that incorporate peer-reviewed research to assist therapists in adopting a culturally responsive therapeutic stance.	P16
Culturally Responsive Training: International Settings and Non-Native Trainers <i>Desiree Seponski - USA</i> <i>Ashley Davis - USA</i>	In family therapy's global expansion, it is vital to understand the experiences of student-therapists abroad. This responsive evaluation explores Cambodian student-therapists' experience of therapy training by non-Cambodians. A number of training issues emerged which will be discussed and implications for future training will be addressed.	P17
Couples Infidelity: Why Brazilian Men and Women Cheat? <i>Patricia Scheeren - Brazil</i> <i>Adriana Wagner - Brazil</i>	This study describes the reasons for men and women being unfaithful. The results show 3 dimensions of reasons for infidelity: individual, relationship and context. For men and women the relationship/partner dissatisfaction was the major reason for infidelity. These findings highlight the importance of considering infidelity as a relational phenomenon.	P18



Adherence to Family Teletherapy Treatment in a Rural Unit of Family Health Services in Southern Brazil <i>Patricia Scheeren - Brazil</i>	This research aims to investigate adherence to Family Teletherapy in a rural location. Twelve sessions of weekly online family therapy mixed with monthly face to face sessions were offered. Results demonstrate adherence to online treatment. Online therapy can be a very effective method to care for families in rural areas.	P19
MFTs and Social Justice <i>Noah Gagner - USA</i>	Across the geopolitical landscape, we as therapists are met directly, and/or systemically, with the effects of global civil wars, mass immigration, acts of prejudice and racism, and political rhetoric. This poster will present a social justice orientated framework for beginning/early career therapists navigating these forces.	P20
Mental Health Scholars' Perceptions of Systemic Evidence-based Treatments with Latinos/as <i>Daniel Cooper - USA</i>	This study examined mental health scholars' perceptions of the effectiveness of systemic evidence-based treatments (EBTs) with Latino/a families living in the United States. Semi-structured interviews were analyzed using thematic analysis and results as well as implications for research and clinical practice will be discussed.	P21
Parents' Personal Growth: A Literature Review and Suggested Clinical Framework <i>Sebastian Perumbilly - USA</i>	This research poster presents a critical review of current literature on parenting, and highlights the importance of focusing on parents' personal growth in therapy. A clinical framework to define parents' growth is offered along with practical guidelines to help clinicians assess parents' personal growth.	P22
Critical Factors in Substance Addiction Treatment: Asian Indian Perspectives <i>Sebastian Perumbilly - USA</i>	While substance addiction treatment research largely focuses on the developed world, treatment programs from the developing world seldom get international attention. This poster focuses on features of substance addiction treatment programs in India; and Indian clinicians' (n=112) perspectives on critical factors in addiction treatment.	P23
Marital Dissatisfaction in Women Victims of Intimate Partner Violence <i>Mariana G. Boeckel - Brazil</i>	This study aims to assess marital dissatisfaction among women victims of intimate partner violence (IPV). The findings clearly indicated that the violence and mental health impacted on marital satisfaction. Understanding the factors that contribute to marital dissatisfaction of IPV victims can underscore the implicated variables in the IPV phenomenon.	P24
Use of ICT on the Family Functioning of a Sample of Puerto Rican Adults <i>Stephen González - USA</i>	Technology has changed the way people communicate, a phenomenon more keenly observed throughout the last decades. Little is known of the impact the use of ICT has on family functioning. The objective of this quantitative study was to explore the perceptions that family members have on ICT on their family.	P25
The Utility of Short-Term Trauma-Focused Family Therapy: A Case Series <i>Olga Birklin - USA</i>	This case series highlights family therapy techniques utilized in 3 child and adolescent family therapy cases, all of which showed improvement when trauma-focused treatment was incorporated into previously obstructed family work.	P26
Family Therapy for Patients with Progressing Cognitive Decline: A Study of Ambiguous Loss and Stages of Grief <i>Jonathan Wai - USA</i> <i>Margarita Kats - USA</i> <i>Christipher Aloezos - USA</i>	Ambiguous loss is a relational disorder that can commonly occur in families that have a member suffering from any form of cognitive decline. We present a case series exhibiting the dynamic issues that arise in conducting family therapy with a dyad where one member has a clear decline in function.	P27
<b>13:30 - 14:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Enhancing Psychiatric Nurses' Competence in Family Care: An Outcome Study of Family Therapy Training in Hong Kong <i>Joyce Lai Chong Ma - Hong Kong</i>	This presentation describes a family therapy training program for psychiatric nurses in Hong Kong and reports on its outcome. The results of the study have shown that the psychiatric nurses (n =17) have had positive changes in terms of knowledge and skills in family assessment and family treatment.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Have You Seen My Childhood? Understanding Grief in Adopted Children Across the Lifespan <i>Karmen Smith - USA</i>	Adoptees and foster children from various backgrounds struggle with feelings of grief and loss throughout their life due to absent parents and frequent displacements. The purpose of this presentation is to help family therapists assist in the reduction of suffering throughout the developmental years of the children in this population.	Alcazaba 45 min
Resurrecting Co-Therapy: Considerations for Engaging in Therapeutic Partnerships <i>Jake Johnson - USA</i> <i>William Hiebert - USA</i>	In this presentation, we will discuss the history of co-therapy in the field of family therapy, unpack the potential benefits and drawbacks of working with a co-therapist, and offer various considerations for contemporary therapeutic partnerships.	Malagueta 45 min
Understanding Obesity in the Context of Family and Society: A Systems Perspective <i>Dorothy Becvar - USA</i>	The focus of this workshop is on the worldwide obesity epidemic. With a relational perspective and an awareness of the logic of behavior in context participants may increase their understanding of the impact of various system levels in their efforts to work effectively with clients dealing with obesity.	Waiting Area 45 min
Re-thinking Traditional Families in Modern Settings: Transformation of Roles and Expectations <i>Özge Alkanat - Turkey</i>	Case conceptualization of a family will be presented, with a focus on its development in a context where traditional and modern contexts intertwine. The transformation of roles and expectations of family members, the role of therapy and the therapist, and interventions that served to be effective will be discussed.	Coracha 45 min

Social Justice Considerations for Clinicians Working with LGBTQ+ Families <i>Louise Head - USA</i>	This brief presentation illustrates how LGBTQ+ families are frequently structured in ways that help them to resist minority stress and explores how clinicians can affirm the unique strengths and challenges that LGBTQ+ families navigate.	Consula 20 min
Outsider Witness Group' As a Means for Professional Growth Among Family Therapy Trainees: An Exploratory Study <i>Yochay Nadan - Israel</i>	In the proposed brief presentation, findings from an exploratory qualitative study dealing with the contribution of participation in "Outsider Witness Group" (OWG) (White, 2007) to the professional growth of family therapy trainees will be presented and discussed.	Consula 20 min
The Relevance of Emotionally Focused Relationship Therapy for South African Black Couples <i>Elmien Lesch - South Africa</i>	This study investigated the relevance of the Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFT) model for Black South African couples by (i) exploring the usefulness of EFT principles to conceptualise these couples' relationship functioning; and (ii) exploring South African low-income couples' experiences of the HMT relationship enhancement psycho-education workshop.	Verdiales 20 min
Upbringing and Socialization: The Relational Imprint in the Learning of the Interactions and the Thinking <i>Jorge Fernández Moya - Argentina</i>	Relational imprints in clinical evaluation are the result of single or repetitive meaningful facts that, in similar circumstances, reactivates in the here-and-now the same thoughts, feelings and actions of the past. These imprints act as relational proposals that require adjust to acquire proper levels of functionality.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>14:30 - 15:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Every Schoolboy Knows That Fish Don't Fly But All Birds Do - Epistemology Revisited - Towards a Pure Process Model of Therapy <i>Wilfred Lax - Australia</i>	Since Bateson published "Every Schoolboy Knows", theory has advanced significantly; however much psychological thinking retains outdated Newtonian concepts. This paper examines epistemological implications of new scientific theory and its impact on systemic thinking. Concepts from physics are explored which may illuminate patterns in human behaviour and assist therapy.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Creating Resiliency in Families and Children in the American Muslim Community <i>Heather Laird - USA</i>	This presentation examines a sustainable model created for families and children in the American Muslim Community through using techniques of resiliency psychoeducation. This model demonstrates the ability to reduce stigma toward mental health and mental illness in Muslim communities through the use of genograms, psychoeducation and applied clinical exercises.	Alcazaba 45 min
Recursos del consultante, cuáles son y cuándo usarlos <i>Ruth Casabianca - Argentina</i>	Presentaremos un modelo práctico para la identificación y el uso de recursos de consultantes. Exhibiremos ejemplos sobre cómo introducir la conversación sobre recursos desde el principio de la entrevista.	Malagueta 45 min
Workshop on the use of Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) Techniques in Therapeutic Sessions. Learning about RISSSC <i>Amaya Arana Rivero - UK</i> <i>Lola Fátas García - Spain</i>	Participants will learn and practice RISSSC techniques; that are core non verbal EFT skills. Using RISSSC, therapists can encourage and guide their clients into a deeper engagement with his or her emotional experience. Working in small groups, participants will be able to experience and observe these techniques.	Waiting Area 45 min
Can a problem be a solution? <i>Moshe Almagor - Israel</i>	Functional-dialectic-system (FDS) approach views pathological behavior as an adaptive attempt to solve a more threatening problem. FDS uses dialectical thinking to uncover the functional aspect of behavior in a systemic context. This allows for a quick second-order change, a positive perceptual change, and an effective therapeutic outcome.	Coracha 45 min
Quantitative Research Design on Cuban Immigrant Families in South Florida <i>Nelson Perez - USA</i>	This work presents a quantitative research design that proposes the study of psychosocial factors, based on an investigation carried out with Cuban immigrant families between 1996 and 2002 in South Florida, USA. A structural equation modeling strategy was employed, making possible a complex and systemic analysis of the related variables.	Consula 20 min
A Modified Delphi Study on Common Training Barriers and Solutions for Mental Healthcare Professionals in Saudi Arabia <i>Reham Gassas - Saudi Arabia</i>	This presentation aims to present the research findings from a modified Delphi study about the mental healthcare professionals in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The results will report on the items that received the expert endorsement as challenges regarding availabilities of professionals, services, and training barriers in the country.	Consula 20 min
Effects of Multigenerational Trauma Exposure on Children and Parents <i>Judith Siegel - USA</i>	This study examined the well-being of 2,282 families with young children in Shanghai, China, comparing marital satisfaction, parenting experiences and the children's internalizing, externalizing and somatic symptoms in families whose parents had been exposed to potentially traumatic events with families whose extended family members had not been.	Verdiales 20 min
Beyond the Therapy Room: MFT Practices in Community Settings <i>Leslie A. Anderson - USA</i> <i>Desiree M. Seponski - USA</i>	The practice of marriage and family therapists in community settings is gaining support from stakeholders as they recognize the impact of treatment. However, clinicians face challenges in implementing practices in non-traditional settings. This presentation will examine these challenges and explain the implications for marriage and family therapy training programs.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>15:30 - 16:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Technology in the Middle: Examining a Couple Using the Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy <i>Sibel Erenel - Turkey</i> <i>Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey</i>	The aim of this workshop is to examine the impacts of technology use between couples using the Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy (STST). Throughout this workshop, a couple facing issues due to technological misuse will be addressed from the Satir Model perspective.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Family Therapy Training in Bangladesh: Coordinating Across Cultures <i>Sabiha Jahan - Bangladesh</i> <i>Zahir Uddin - Bangladesh</i> <i>Glenda Fredman - UK</i>	We present our journey of the first introductory family therapy training in Bangladesh: our collaboratively creating a context for the training; the education programme; developing systemic couple and family practice with ongoing supervision across continents. Our stories illustrate how we are using the training in our personal and professional lives.	Alcazaba 45 min

A Tool for Connection: Using the Person of the Therapist Model in Emotionally Focused Therapy <i>Senem Zeytinoglu Saydam - Turkey</i> <i>Alba Nino - USA</i>	In this workshop, the presenters aim to create a roadmap for the therapists interested in working from an EFT perspective for using the POTT model as a tool to enhance their connection to their clients and effectiveness of their interventions.	Malagueta 45 min
Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Working with Moral Injury <i>Kacy Mixon - USA</i> <i>Lee Smith - USA</i>	Moral injury, or the "damage done to one's...moral compass when that person perpetrates, witnesses, or fails to prevent acts that transgress their own moral and ethical values" ( <a href="http://moralinjuryproject.syr.edu/about-moral-injury/">http://moralinjuryproject.syr.edu/about-moral-injury/</a> ), is far from new but is gaining needed acknowledgement.	Waiting Area 45 min
The ARISE® Model: The Role and Relevance of Family and Family Therapy in the Origin, Prevention and Treatment of Addiction <i>Judith Landau - USA</i>	The ARISE® Model offers Evidence-Based, Best Practice family-focused Interventions at individual, group, family and community levels that mobilize the support system to be an effective agent of survival and long-recovery for individuals, families and communities.	Coracha 45 min
Emotionally Focused Narrative Couples Therapy: An Integrated Model to Healing from Child Sexual Abuse <i>Valerie Maxey - USA</i> <i>Desiree Seponski - USA</i>	This presentation will outline an integrated model of Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy and Narrative Therapy to maximize resilience in the clinical treatment of couples in which one or both partners identify as an adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse.	Consula 20 min
Familias fragilizadas en Uruguay: perspectiva sobre el consumo problematico en uno de sus miembros <i>Bettina Delisante - Uruguay</i> <i>Maria Luisa Blanco - Uruguay</i>	Investigación cualitativa sobre la representación que las familias tienen sobre el uso problemático en uno de sus miembros en tratamiento en la ciudad de Montevideo-Uruguay en el marco de la investigación "Características de las familias en contextos de América Latina", coordinado por el CCR-FIUC (universidades de Brasil, Colombia, Chile, Paraguay y Uruguay).	Consula 20 min
How My Own Pre-Death Experience Prepared Me to Work with Terminal Clients: Rethinking Life in the Process of Dying <i>Jacqueline Tome - USA</i>	Jacqueline Tome is going to share her own pre-death experience, when she was 18 years old, how it has changed her life, and helped prepare her to work with terminal clients. She will also discuss about the challenges of working in this area with families from different cultures.	Verdiales 20 min
<b>16:15 - 16:45 Coffee Break</b>		
<b>16:45 - 17:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Pretreatment Counseling Expectations as Predictors of the Therapeutic Alliance <i>William Boone - USA</i>	This presentation examines the process by which outpatient mental health clinics assign clients to therapists and its negative impact on the therapeutic alliance. Moreover, it highlights the importance of the therapeutic alliance and explores alternative ways of mitigating the risk of premature termination in therapy.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Building Resilience in Young Adults: A Collaborative Approach <i>Judith Landau - USA</i>	The multi-generational family stories of secrets and survival will greatly enhance the clinical efficacy of intervention and help create a model for long-term recovery and systemic resilience. Dr. Landau reveals her evidence-based research to support these findings.	Alcazaba 45 min
Growing behind the Screen: Advantages and Disadvantages of Technology on Child Development <i>Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey</i>	In the recent years, research on internet and computer technologies has noticeably increased. Although ICT has provided several advantages, its disadvantages on development is one of the argument topics. Throughout this workshop, impact of screens (TV, computer, tablet, smart phone) on child development will be discussed from a theoretical perspective.	Malagueta 45 min
Chasing the Rainbow: Counseling Parents of members of the LGBT Community <i>Adrienne White - USA</i> <i>Kenika Holloway - USA</i>	This presentation will address and identify the ambiguous losses and grief related interventions to help bridge the gap between clinicians and parents of the trans-gendered persons.	Coracha 45 min
Emerging Technologies & Families: Adaptation of SETF/ETEF© to the Portuguese Population <i>Joana Carvalho - Portugal</i>	According to changes that ICTs are causing in everyday family life and the inexistence of an instrument to measure it, Emerging Technologies & Families Survey (Bacigalupe, 2011) is being adapted to the general population, specifically with Portuguese families (N=573 individuals). Is expected to add a contribution to family therapists' works.	Consula 20 min
Helping Through Memories and Family: Lived Experience of Transgender Crisisline Volunteers <i>David Bowers - USA</i>	How do transgender volunteers on a crisis-line for the trans community make sense of memories of experiences with family of origin through the prism of experiences with callers to the crisis line? Using Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis this researcher finds convergent and divergent themes of struggle and resilience.	Consula 20 min
<b>17:30 - 18:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Using Therapeutic Cards in Marriage and Family Therapy <i>Nevin Dölek - Turkey</i>	Therapeutic cards are set of pictures and images that belong to an extended family of accessories for creative therapy. Images in therapeutic cards assist us in expressing and articulating events. During this workshop different ways of using therapeutic cards will be demonstrated.	Gibralfaro 45 min



Change-Focused Interventions in Families with Suicidal Adolescents <i>Noga Nabarro Rubinstein - Israel</i>	In this workshop I share an intervention model with families of suicidal adolescent from a Change Focused Therapy <sup>™</sup> (CFT) perspective. I demonstrate how to uncover key element of family suicidal dynamics and hypnotic communication and create multilevel changes for health. Audience will be involved through video clips or live simulations.	Alcazaba 45 min
Ethics, Digital Systems and Therapy in the Internet Age <i>Richard Stotts - USA</i>	As clinicians rely heavily on digital systems and electronic health records to interact with patients and colleagues, cyber security risks create ethical and legal concerns. This presentation will address ways to mitigate cyber risk.	Malagueta 45 min
Integrating Expressive Arts in Family Therapy Clinical Work and Training <i>Beth Nemesh - Israel</i>	Expressive arts contribute to an array of developmental, interactional, and social objectives. Implementing expressive arts in family therapy translates neuroscientific knowledge into techniques, addressing diverse family objectives. This workshop demonstrates collaboration and use of expressive arts in family therapy, addressing the training and advanced competencies necessary for acquiring professional expertise.	Waiting Area 45 min
The Art of Therapy: Listening Beyond Words <i>Lana Kim - USA</i> <i>Jennifer Lambert-Shute - USA</i>	The art of therapy requires the ability to practice the nuanced paralinguistic skills of noticing, attuning, and intuiting another's experience. This presentation will discuss how one family therapy training program teaches their interns to learn to connect and attend to another's experience, beyond the use of words.	Coracha 45 min
<b>Saturday, March 18, 2017</b>		
<b>8:00 - 14:00 Registration Open</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Helping the Helper: Analyzing the Effects of Clinical Supervision on Levels of Burnout <i>Dr. Adrienne D. White - USA</i>	This presentation will evaluate and identify the unique relationship between the symptoms of burnout, using the Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI), and supervision styles, using the Supervisory Style Inventory (SSI) among marriage and family therapist in training.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Oh My Goodness! How Did I Get Here...Again? Decreasing Recidivism in Patients with Schizophrenia <i>Christine Donalds-Rose - USA</i> <i>Noel Rose - USA</i>	Recidivism in patients with schizophrenia breaks the hearts of those who love them. Presenters will share their personal experience with participants to show how collaborative care between patient's support systems and clinical support systems can greatly enhance life-long adherence to wellness thereby decreasing future relapses of loved ones.	Alcazaba 45 min
IACASTE Information Session <i>Dorothy Becvar - USA</i>	Members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education will provide information for programs desiring accreditation as well as answer questions from programs already accredited.	Malagueta 45 min
Terapia Centrada en las Emociones. Herramientas para el terapeuta de pareja y familia. <i>Amaya Arana Rivero - UK</i> <i>Lola Fátas García - Spain</i>	Presentamos herramientas de TCE que los terapeutas pueden combinar para contener despliegues de afecto negativo, mejorar la conexión afectiva y el apego seguro; validación, ciclos negativos, trabajo con diadas, uso de emociones del terapeuta, distinción entre emociones primarias y secundarias, mapa de intervención y recreaciones.	Waiting Area 45 min
Family Therapy in Asia <i>Takeshi Tamura - Japan</i> <i>Joyce MA Lai-chong - Hong Kong</i> <i>David McGill - USA</i> <i>Toshiyuki Watanabe - Japan</i>	Family therapy in Asia has been widely spread over the last 30 years. Synthesis and integration movement had emerged in the last ten years in Asian region. Asian Academy of Family Therapy was first established in Hong Kong. The next conference will be held in Tokyo in November 2017.	Coracha 45 min
Panel: Writing for Family Therapy Journals <i>Fred Piercy - USA</i> <i>Christian Jordal - USA</i> <i>Joyce Baptist - USA</i> <i>Glenn Larner - Australia</i>	Participating editors include: Glenn Larner, Family Process; Christian Jordal, Journal of Family Psychotherapy, Joyce Baptist, Journal of Feminist Family Therapy, and Fred Piercy, Journal of Marital and Family Therapy	Consula 45 min
<b>9:30 -10:15 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
POSITIONING - A question of taking and giving positions <i>Marianne Grønbaek - Denmark</i>	Positioning thinking: Taking Positions in the Conversation - Taking Position in the Organization. It is all about Semantic Polarities: A mind Blowing tool in creating dialogues.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Family Therapy in the "Majority World": Creating and Adapting Models to Fit Non-Western Contexts <i>John Miller - China</i>	Most models of family therapy were developed in the West, where only 15% of the world's population reside. We will explore the utility of adapting Western family therapy for "majority world" contexts where over 85% of the Earth's population reside. Several case examples from Asia will be discussed.	Alcazaba 45 min
The Integrative Interactional Approach: A Cornerstone in Family Therapy <i>Warwick Phipps - South Africa</i>	The integrative interactional approach assumes that how we relate determines the quality of our wellbeing: Effective interaction leads to enhanced wellbeing and ineffective interaction the opposite. This integrative approach incorporates a person-centred way of engaging relational systems and noting of circular communication patterns within the context of the problem.	Malagueta 45 min
Family Therapy Training in at King Abdelaziz Medical City - Saudi Arabia: Success, Challenges, and Future Direction <i>Omar Al-Modayfer - Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Reham Gassas - Saudi Arabia</i>	The aim of this presentation is to provide an overview of a decade of experience in delivering family therapy workshops at King Abdelaziz Medical City in Saudi Arabia. This presentation will highlight cultural adaptation, as well as the success, challenge, and the future of the profession in the country.	Waiting Area 45 min
Marital Therapy: Couples Finding Purpose, Meaning and a Sense of Spirituality Between Them <i>Geraldine Kerr - USA</i>	Teaching Intentional Dialogue (Hendrix, 1988) allows systemic marital therapists to help couples move from "I" to "we" in marital relationships. It is mutual giving to the relationship that creates a sense of meaning or "we-ness", a third entity in marriage; the relationship itself (Hargrave, 2000).	Coracha 45 min

Editors and Publishers Meeting: International Journals of Relationships, Family Therapy and Family Psychology <i>Christian Jordal - USA</i>	In this meeting, Editors of relationship, family therapy, and family psychology journals will discuss individual and global issues related to journal publication, including but not limited to marketing, management, and current publication trends. Journal publishers are also welcome.	Consula 45 min
<b>10:15 - 10:45 Recess Break</b>		
<b>10:45 - 11:30 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
The Personal Professional: Reflections on the Use of Self in Family Therapy <i>Jake Johnson - USA</i>	In this presentation, information will be provided regarding how various schools of family therapy conceptualize the use of self in therapy. Strategies for effective use of self in therapeutic settings and important precursors to use of self in family therapy will also be discussed.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Training Practitioner-Researchers: Challenges, Possibilities, and Strategies <i>Susan Perkins - USA</i> <i>Daniel Stillwell - USA</i>	Presenters will review history of practice and research in MFT, summarize systemic demands, and explore the practitioner-researcher gap. Ideas and strategies for training MFTs to blend research with practice will be discussed. Strategies include use of published research, EBPs, and primary research of one's own clinical work.	Alcazaba 45 min
Integration of Family Therapy and EMDR: Panic Disorder Case <i>Emre Konuk - Turkey</i> <i>Zeynep Zat - Turkey</i>	Throughout the presentation the main aim is to show that family therapy interventions are effective in the treatment of symptoms such as anxiety, losing control, having a heart attack, "going crazy", and depersonalization, avoidance of particular places or situations from which escape might be difficult (or embarrassing).	Malagueta 45 min
The Gift of Proximity: Lessons Learned from In-Home Therapy Services <i>Carolina Utz - USA</i>	Learn the intricate dynamics of in-home therapy services through the experience gained from working with families of adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System. We will explore the topics of safety, social justice, gangs, human trafficking, and self-care. Attendees will receive different therapeutic skills to promote hope and change.	Waiting Area 45 min
Afectaciones de víctimas y excombatientes del conflicto armado en Colombia y tránsito hacia el post-conflicto desde las narrativas y el diagnóstico relacional familiar <i>Rocio Venegas Luque - Colombia</i>	Las comprensiones y elaboración de un modelo para la evaluación eco- sistémica relacional de familias, derivan de reflexiones teóricas y experiencia en el trabajo con víctimas y excombatientes del conflicto armado Colombiano. La evaluación/intervención apunta a cambio de primer orden.	Coracha 45 min
<b>11:45 - 13:00 Lunch Break</b>		
<b>13:00 - 13:45 Workshops (45 minutes) and Consecutive Brief Sessions (20 minutes)</b>		
Importance of Social Work Role with Special Education Students <i>Abdulaziz Abdullah Aldakhil - Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Mansour Aldehaiman - Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Iqbal Saleh Alhujaylan - Saudi Arabia</i>	Importance of social work role with special education students in Primary Integrated Schools in Riyadh, from the perspective of principals and special education teachers. The sample consisted of 177 individuals. It aimed to: - Clarify the actual and expected role of the social workers role with special education students, their families, and other students toward their special education peers. - Identify whether there is a statistically significant difference between the principals and teachers perspective of the actual and expected role of the social worker.	Gibralfaro 45 min
Human Systems Therapy: Significant Outcomes After Thirty Five Years of Development <i>Nicholas Paritsis - Greece</i>	The first research work using HTS realized at 1982, presented at 1987, and then the author has been invited to be a founding member of EFTA. HST is based on general systems principles and cybernetics. The core interventions use a large number of techniques, where researches showing a high effectiveness.	Alcazaba 45 min
Attachment Based Family Therapy, The First Session <i>Magnus Ringborg - Sweden</i>	Attachment based family therapy, ABFT, is an empirically supported manualised therapy for depressed and suicidal adolescents. The workshop will show in roleplay step by step how the first session is conducted.	Malagueta 45 min
Rapid Resolution Therapy; and Introduction <i>Katheryn Whittaker - USA</i>	Rapid Resolution Therapy is a revolutionary psychotherapeutic approach to resolving emotional and behavioral difficulties. There are dramatic improvements in thoughts, feelings and behavior. This presenter will give an overview of RRT, providing examples of why it's an important approach with families suffering from trauma and other mental health issues.	Waiting Area 45 min
<b>14:00- 14:45 Closing Plenary</b>		
The Impact of Authoritarian Regimes on Families... and on Therapists <i>Dr. Carlos Sluzki</i>	Helping refugee families to regain their identity after escaping from authoritarian regimes abroad is a noble quest, frequently embraced by therapists. However, it is a very different predicament to live oneself under a dystopian authoritarian regime – a trend that is expanding worldwide at an alarming rate. That context has a short- and long-term deleterious effect on the population, therapists included. Ethical and pragmatic question abound: How to retain freedom under oppression? How to preserve our capacity to think critically, act coherently, and how to help our patients to do the same? This presentation will ground the relevance of those questions through experiences, both lived and told.	Picasso I & II
<b>15:00 - 16:00 Closing Reception</b>		
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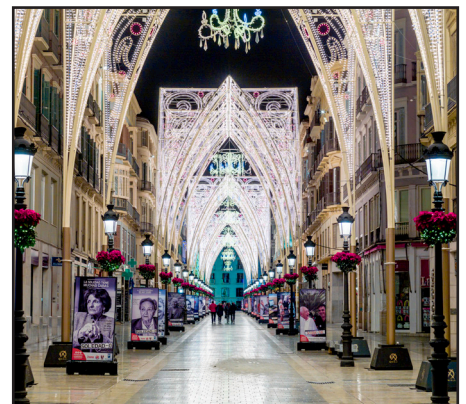
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More information about accreditation can be obtained at the Saturday Workshop, March 18, 8.30 AM - 9.30 AM. The Standards and Application for accreditation are available at: [ifta-familytherapy.org/EducationAndTraining.html](http://ifta-familytherapy.org/EducationAndTraining.html)

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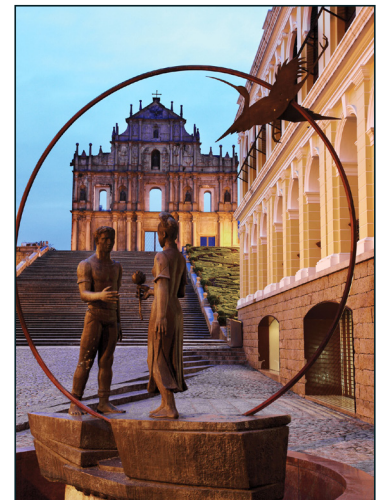
## KEYNOTES



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Joyce Ma



## FEATURED PRESENTERS



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John Banmen



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Susanna Ip

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