

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

14:00 - 17:00 Registration for Congress

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08:30-09:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Oh My Goodness! How Did I Get Here...Again? Decreasing Recidivism in Patients with Schizophrenia	Room 1
<p>Ⓢ Christine Donalds-Rose - USA Noel Rose - USA</p> <p>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.</p>	45 min
Youth at Risk: Why Families Matter	Room 3/4
<p>Ⓢ Judith Landau - USA</p> <p>Youth experience major behavioral health challenges. Attachment to family and culture of origin correlate with reduced risk-taking behaviors, stress, and trauma. Evidence-Based Transitional Family Therapy studies, clinical vignettes and practical techniques will illustrate the benefits of building positive attachment by targeting individuals, families and communities as the focus of change.</p>	45 min
Cross Cultural Kids and The "Forgotten Minority": Implications for the Family Therapist	Room 5
<p>Ⓢ Lucinda West - USA</p> <p>This presentation will increase awareness of Cross Cultural Kids (CCKs), and more specifically Third Culture Kids (TCKs). With an increasingly mobile world, the number of TCKs is growing. When TCK families move back to their home country they may attend counseling, so it is important to understand their special needs.</p>	45 min
Parental-Growth and its Clinical Implications for Family Therapists: A Mixed-Methods Study	Room 9
<p>Ⓢ Sebastian Perumbilly - USA William Boylin - USA</p> <p>"Parental-growth" is a clinically significant topic for psychotherapists. Most of the parenting literature focuses on behavioral outcome on children. Using a mixed-methods design, this research-study examines key-components of parental-growth from the perspectives of parents from the United States (n=214); and discusses its clinical implications for couple and family therapists.</p>	45 min
A Spirituality Of Presence Helping Clients Find Meaning And Purpose Through Loss And Trauma	Room 10
<p>Ⓢ Geraldine Kerr - USA</p> <p>Presence has been described as one the most therapeutic gifts a therapist can provide for a client (Geller & Greenberg, 2012). Presence, an emptying out and bracketing of self (Clarkson, 1997) represents specific steps. Therapist presence mirrors divine Presence, moving beyond loss to find meaning and purpose (Walters, 2001).</p>	45 min
Solution-Focused Time Travel	Room 8
<p>Ⓢ Alexey Mikhalsky - Russian Federation</p> <p>We present a therapeutic technique for working with life events in a solution-focused way, applying to marital and couples therapy. The discussed method can be classified as an integrative therapeutic approach based on postmodernist and constructivist methodology as well as on the previous findings in Russian psychology and consulting practice.</p>	20 min
An Exploratory Study On The Sexuality Establishment Of Female Studying In Religious Uni-Sex School And The Resultant Implication For Sexuality Education	Room 8
<p>Ⓢ Ka Yan Karen Chan- Hong Kong</p> <p>Exploration on how experiences of receiving education in religious uni-sex school help shape the views of sexuality among the women was conducted. The resultant impact correlates positively with the interviewees' acceptance of the unitary concept towards sex instilled by school and possible implication for future sexuality education had been mentioned.</p>	20 min
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Treating Children's Trauma Using EMDR in a Family Context	Room 1
<p>Ⓢ Marshall Lyles - USA</p> <p>Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) has become a mainstay in the treatment of trauma. This workshop will aid participants in understanding how EMDR can be integrated with family-based play and expressive arts therapy when working with children and families affected by trauma.</p>	45 min
Practicing What We Preach: The Systemic Impact and Ethics of Therapist Self-care	Room 2
<p>Ⓢ Kevin C. Garrett - USA</p> <p>Family Therapists (FTs; clinicians, educators, and supervisors) often talk with clients, students, and supervisees about the importance of self-care. So, why do FTs continue to struggle with personal self-care? Participants will learn about and discuss barriers to self-care, dangers of not practicing self-care, self-care resources, and plan customized self-care regimens.</p>	45 min
Seeing Through a Systems Lens Clearly	Room 3/4
<p>Ⓢ Martha Laughlin - USA Kate Warner - USA</p> <p>Learning to do systemically informed therapy that is guided by systemic theory but is not restricted by a model that requires "seeing" in a particular way can be difficult and confusing. This presentation offers a clear and concise relational orientation that provides an easy framework for working with clients.</p>	45 min
A Multi-generational Approach to Treatment for Adolescent and Young Adult Substance Use	Room 5
<p>Ⓢ Gale Saler - USA</p> <p>Adolescent/young adult substance abusers present unique challenges. This workshop will provide an overview of challenges, importance of early intervention, parenting pitfalls, honoring independence/maintaining boundaries, etc. Presentation uses Evidence-Based, Best Practice ARISE® Comprehensive Care with Intervention as a vehicle for professionals to adapt their approach to meet family system needs.</p>	45 min

Innovations In The Delivery Of Culturally Informed Family Therapy Within The Public Health System		Room 10
Ⓞ Maite Mena - USA	This presentation includes: 1) the rationale for the treatment we developed - Culturally Informed and Flexible Family Based Treatment for Adolescents, 2) two innovations (adaptive manualized treatment and integration of technology) to assist with intervention delivery, and 3) data on the efficacy of the intervention with Hispanic/Latino adolescents and families.	45 min
Genealogy and Identity in the Central American and Caribbean Diaspora		Room 7
Ⓞ Mirna Carranza - Canada	A part of the SSHRC funded project "Rights for Children and Youth: Strengthening Collaboration in the Americas", this presentation speaks to how young people are responding to the challenges of bi-cultural identities in contemporary times. It interrogates current understandings of family in the transnational economy and modalities of clinical intervention.	20 min
An Intervention for Young Mothers and Their Children Experiencing Homelessness		Room 8
Ⓞ Natasha Slesnick - USA	Mothers experiencing homelessness with young children in their care not only contend with homelessness, substance use, victimization and mental health struggles, but also must meet the multiple and varied needs of their children. This study examined mother and child outcomes associated with an intervention integrating housing and supportive services.	20 min
The Subjective Experiences of First-Time Chinese Parents' Transition to Parenthood		Room 8
Ⓞ Amy Wan - Hong Kong	This qualitative study examines the subjective experiences of first-time Chinese parents across their transition to parenthood, the causes of conflicts and their needs through in-depth interviews. Results indicated a need for education and counselling for the couples with regards to the impact of having a child on their marital relationship.	20 min
10:15-10:45	Refreshment Break	
10:45-11:30	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Talking across borders: the UK Association for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice (AFT)		Crombie B Suite
Ⓞ Shan Tate - United Kingdom	Family and systemic psychotherapists from key organisational roles in the UK will share and reflect on the development of family therapy in the UK, including an overview of training, registration, publications and creative practice. Delegates are invited to join in discussion, ask questions and issue challenges.	45 min
Songs in Therapy – Not Only for Music Therapists: Neuroscience, Music & Family Therapy		Room 1
Ⓞ Beth Nemes - Israel	Childhood songs enable clients to tap into unconscious memories, activating the body memory. Musical neuroceptions raise awareness to childhood yearnings and habitual survival stances. This holds new opportunities to appreciate and respect childhood experiences and resources, and recruit internal resources to promote personal growth, congruence and changes in present life.	45 min
Eight Criteria for Quality in Systemic Practitioner Research		Room 2
Ⓞ Gail Simon - United Kingdom	These criteria offer a framework for demonstrating quality in systemic practice research based on post-positivist qualitative methodology. The eight criteria integrate systemic practice theory, activity and values. Distinctions are made between practitioner research and research about practice.	45 min
Gray Divorce: Splitting Up Later In Life		Room 3/4
Ⓞ Linda Hershman - USA	While divorce rates in many countries have leveled out or declined since the 1990s, one demographic is experiencing a surge in divorces. Known as "gray divorce," couples aged 50 and older are choosing to dissolve decades-long unions. This presentation will explore unique reasons for and challenges of late-life divorce.	45 min
Art-Based Genograms in Family Therapy: Sharing Family Stories, Finding Places for Change		Room 5
Ⓞ Deborah Schroder - USA	This workshop will explore the deeply meaningful use of Art-Based Genograms in family therapy. Together we will create art-based genograms and experience the depth of meaning present in symbols and metaphor. Intergenerational beliefs, and ancestral strengths and challenges, are visible as the traditional genogram squares and circles become images.	45 min
What You See is Not What it is: Functional Dialectic System Approach		Room 9
Ⓞ Moshe Almagor Tikotzki - Israel	The FDS approach is a short - term -focused therapy The approach is based on three suppositions: A. Behavior is goal-directed and functional. The goal is satisfaction of basic needs provided by the system. Meaning of behavior is best elucidated by Hegelian dialectics. Thus, the problem is actually the solution.	45 min
Point of View Matters: Celebrating the 100th birthday of John H. Weakland - Family & Brief Therapy Pioneer		Room 10
Ⓞ Wendel Ray - USA	2019 marks John Weakland's 100th birthday. An important contribution of Weakland's & MRI colleagues was outlining why and how Point of View matters – it is not a matter of IF but HOW therapist biases influence therapy / supervision. Implications to systemic practice of therapist biases will be explored.	45 min
The Role of Common Factors in Pivotal Moments in Couple and Family Therapy		Room 7
Ⓞ Birce Bingöl - Turkey	This brief session is about in session experiences that clients and couple and family therapists view as pivotal. Ten CFT therapists and thirteen clients were interviewed in order to understand what moments are reported as pivotal and what factors play a role in creation of these moments. Contributing author: Nilüfer Kafescioglu, Ph.D.	20 min
Working with Abused Children in Bolivia: Changes in Empathy and Self-Efficacy		Room 8
Ⓞ Michele Smith - USA	Mission trips are opportunities to get resources to areas that have great need and provide support to the community being served. Altruism is associated with greater well-being, but are there other benefits? This study examined changes in empathy and self-efficacy in a group working with abused children in Bolivia.	20 min

Improvistional Theatre And Family Therapy: Practice And Possibilities		Room 8
Ⓢ Matthew Selman - United Kingdom	This presentation explores the use of improvistional theatre training exercises in therapeutic work with couples and families. The rationale is described along with current practice and example of exercises.	20 min
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Utilizing Sex Positivity as a Model for Sexual Assessment with Couples		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Shannon Dermer - USA Molli Mercer - USA Nicole Randick - USA	Couple therapy tends to be dominated by a sex negative approach rather than a sex positive approach. Sex positivity is a model that highlights the right to pleasure, eroticism, positive attitudes toward sexuality, and engagement in a variety of consensual, responsible sexual behavior free from fear, shame, and guilt.	45 min
The Use of Sculpting in Therapy: Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy		Room 1
Ⓢ Jennifer Nagel - Canada	This experiential workshop will explore the use of sculpting to externalize the internal dynamics of what is going on within an individual, couple, or family in their relationships with themselves and others.	45 min
Systematic Model of Intervention in High Conflict Post-Marital Child Alignment/Rejection		Room 2
Ⓢ Robert Colby - Canada	Intervention of the REACH Team focuses on understanding the personal and family history of individual family members in order to facilitate resolution in high conflict marital break-up where children become drawn into the conflict. Interventions that incorporate the historical personal dynamics can facilitate the family in refocusing on resolution.	45 min
Making Meaning of Motherhood: An Investigation of Mothers Raised by Grandparents		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Rebecca Sheffield - USA	Families in which grandchildren are raised by grandparents is a growing family form. Little is known about impacts on parental identity. This presentation provides results of a phenomenological study that investigated perceptions of the role of motherhood by women raised by grandparents. The presentation will explore implications for family therapists.	45 min
Islamic Psychology As An Applied Theory		Room 5
Ⓢ Heather Laird - USA	This session presents the theory of change, the role of the therapist, key concepts, interventions and treatment utilizing an Islamic Psychology. This is helpful in learning how to be a competent therapist for treating the Muslim population. Muslims make up almost 2 billion people of the world's population (roughly 25%).	45 min
Role-Play And Skills Development		Room 7
Ⓢ Mo Yuen Han - Hong Kong Chiu Man Sze - Hong Kong	This study was about a social work degree program for social work students to develop core skills in client-centered therapy, solution-focused therapy and structural family therapy. Role-plays, based on scenarios designed by the students, were recorded as video and played within workshop's presentation. Peers and tutor provided feedback on role-plays.	20 min
The Patterns Of Mutual Recovery Between Persons With Psychiatric Disability And Their Caregiver Under The Strength-Based Family Intervention		Room 7
Ⓢ Li-yu Song - Taiwan	This study aimed to explore the patterns of mutual recovery among the persons with psychiatric disability and their caregiver after receiving the Strength-based family intervention. The results revealed two major types: "Mutual bonded spiral recovery" and "accompanied mutual recovery". A close and harmonious relationship was conducive to the mutual recovery.	20 min
Teletherapy Guidelines		Room 8
Ⓢ Lois Paff Bergen - USA Joanni Sailor - USA	Internet therapy created questions for regulators in the United States. Therapists need to consider how to ethically and legally provide teletherapy services. This presentation will provide information related to the delivery and regulation of teletherapy services developed by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards for our stakeholders.	20 min
Expansion Of Family Therapy Services Within The Iwk Systems Of Care		Room 8
Ⓢ Rosalind Woodworth - Canada Amy Jones - Canada	The IWK Health Centre provides family therapy services in various settings and to different intensities. An overview will be provided of services offered, as well as recent adaptations to meet the needs of families in a more flexible manner. Training and peer supervision within the program will also be explored.	20 min
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Countries As Families: Systemic Conceptualization And Treatment Plan For Different Countries Across The Globe		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Judith Kellner - USA Martine Nisse - France Yudum Soylemez- Turkey	Countries, just like families, are systems that have interactional patterns that transmit across generations. In this panel, Turkey, United States and France will be explored from a systemic perspective and similarities, differences and ideas for collective growth will be discussed.	45 min
Expressive Therapy Techniques for Working With Adolescents Impacted by Shame		Room 1
Ⓢ Daniel Sweeney - USA	Shame is an intense systemic emotional state based on the distortion that one is fundamentally flawed. Adolescents experiencing shame need a therapeutic experience that is nontoxic. Expressive therapies (art, sandtray, drama) provide a kinesthetic experience and therapeutic distance that helps adolescents process shame and experience abreaction in a safe environment.	45 min
Integrating Neuroanalysis, Neurofeedback and Marriage and Family Therapy on the Cutting Edge of Mental Health Treatment		Room 2
Ⓢ Jeff Schutz - USA	This presentation provides innovative yet practical insights into how Neuroanalysis and Neurofeedback may be used as complementary treatment modalities to enhance Marriage and Family Therapy interventions.	45 min

Online MFT Students' Experience in Professional Identity Development		Room 3/4
Linna Wang - USA Sage Jaurequi - USA	Online MFT students will share their perceptions and experiences of what hinders or contributes to their professional identity development process; if/how the lack of face-to-face interaction impacts the process, and if/how the in-person residency component of the online program alleviates the impact of lack of in person interaction.	45 min
Responding to Risk Collaboratively		Room 5
Ⓢ Philip Messent - United Kingdom	In this workshop we will explore ideas about how we can respond to 'risk' in ways that are relational and contextual, open and collaborative, and appreciative of the strengths and perspectives our colleagues, our clients and their families.	45 min
Cultural Humility in the Supervisor- Supervisee Relationship: Working with Emerging LGBTQ culture in the African Context		Room 9
Ⓢ Amos Alumada Keya - Kenya Anne Wambugu - Kenya	This workshop seeks to address the emerging issues of LGBTI culture in the African context within the supervisor-supervisee relationship. The phenomenon of LGBTI culture is increasing in the African context and cannot be ignored by mental health providers.	45 min
Self-Care For Therapists: Using Creativity To Explore Self-As-Therapist		Room 10
Ⓢ Jennifer Patterson - Portugal	How we show up in the treatment room, hold space with the client, and take care of ourselves within the context of self-as-therapist help us to stay present. This workshop will demonstrate via an experiential exercise (no art skills needed!) how creativity can benefit our self-care process.	45 min
Understanding Caregivers and Patients with Chronic Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer		Room 7
Ⓢ Lucinda West - USA	This program will increase knowledge for couple therapy with women diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer. The term metastatic and these patients are misunderstood. While terminal, patients are living longer due to research and invention of new treatment options; yet, they face mortality on a regular basis.	20 min
Views and Attitudes Toward Relationships that Start Online		Room 7
Ⓢ Dilsah Ece Eren - Turkey Selenga Gurmen - Turkey	Online platforms are being increasingly used as a venue to find romantic partners. Yet, there is controversy around relationship expectations, maintenance, and satisfaction. Empirical investigation of attitudes towards online dating and how it differs from other meeting styles in terms of relationship satisfaction may inform therapists when working with clients.	20 min
Factors Contributing To A Healthy Family Functioning Among Women Living In Communities With High Level Of Violence		Room 8
Aida Jimenez - Puerto Rico Aysha Concepción-Lizardi - Puerto Rico Jose Martinez - Puerto Rico	This presentation explores how attachment styles, psychological symptoms and sociodemographic variables affect family functioning. The sample consisted of 122 poor Puerto Rican women over the age of 21 who had children between the ages of 6 to 12 years old, living in marginalized communities.	20 min
Processing Moral Injury through Therapeutic and Spiritual Collaboration in Caring for War Veterans		Room 8
Kelly O'Lear - Germany	This presentation discusses collaboration between therapy and faith in caring for those dealing with moral injury in military veterans. It defines moral injury, provides current research on the topic, and encourages local solutions of how to aggregate counselors and clergy in caring for those displaying moral injury in civilian communities.	20 min
15:15-15:45	Refreshment Break	
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Supporting "Family" During and After Divorce in Therapy		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ M. Selenga Gürmen - Turkey	Therapy with divorcing/newly divorced families may be challenging as it requires different approach with special intervention areas. Research guides practitioners on processing negative emotions and restructuring of the system while protecting well-being of family members, especially children. This workshop offers research-informed strategies for therapists who work with this specific population.	45 min
Engaging Spirituality Journeys in Family Therapy		Room 1
Ⓢ Hugo Kamyra - USA	How do we as clinicians engage our personal journeys in our work in family therapy? How do we connect to our spirituality in this endeavor? This presentation will offer some ways to incorporate and harness our spirituality in our clinical work.	45 min
Attachment: Family Therapists Partnering with Schools and Communities		Room 2
Robert McKinney - USA Elisabeth Bennett - USA Hannah Brinser - USA Brennan Champaign - USA Dana Cram - USA Venette Melo - USA	Every child needs a foundation of secure belonging; sadly, not all children find this at home. This presentation provides a knowledge base and hands-on application for therapists when partnering with school personnel and community leaders to create conditions for children to develop healthy attachment styles and thereby promote healthier families.	45 min
Metaphors in Healing Stories and Stories that Heal		Room 3/4
Ⓢ William Scott - USA	The therapist as an audience, empowers clients to become author-ities, and more involved in the construction of their own healing stories while also using metaphor and storytelling principles to construct and share stories that heal. Key elements of narrative practice will be shared which create space for transformative, client-generated metaphors.	45 min
A New 'U' in Systemic Bereavement: Undigestible Grief, Embodied Stories, Spirituality & CMM		Room 5
Ⓢ Tracey Jane Johnston - United Kingdom Peter Robinson - United Kingdom	Possibilities Psychotherapy Centre aims to present systemic bereavement therapy findings, whilst using the Co-ordinated Management of Meaning (CMM) as an interactional model to help therapists consider grief as a relational process, with an emphasis on stories of spirituality and grief, reflexivity and explorations of embodied and 'undigestible' grief processes.	45 min

Multiple Family Group Intervention For Chinese Families Of Children With Dyslexia		Room 9
Tak-Mau, Simon Chan - Hong Kong	Multiple family group intervention, with reference to the key concepts of narrative practice, for those Chinese families will be demonstrated with live episodes. This presentation will focus on the intervention process of how to foster the family agency and identity, with pre- and post- intervention episodes to demonstrate its effectiveness.	45 min
Building Bridges For Children Through Divorce: Past, Present, Future		Room 10
Ⓢ Geraldine Kerr - USA	Family systems become destabilized through divorce. Relationships, rules, roles, and routines disintegrate into chaos which children have neither knowledge nor comprehension to understand. Therapists who help divorcing parents become aware of Relational Ethics (Boszormenyi-Nagy & Ulrich, 1981) simultaneously help build bridges between parents and their children's pasts, presents, and futures.	45 min
Parental and Professional Value Mismatch in Child Risk and Protection		Room 7
Ⓢ Yochay Nadan - Israel Netanel Gemara - Israel	This paper identifies several of the mismatches at play when professionals encounter families belonging to diverse groups and assess risk for children. Two minority groups in Israel were studied. Findings indicate discrepancies between parents' and professionals' perceptions as well as their implications for the relationship between professionals and parents.	20 min
Challenges Of Developing The Professional Identity Of The Family Therapy Profession In Sudan Analytical Descriptive Study		Room 7
Makia Himat - United Arab Emirates	The study aims at identifying the challenges that prevent the development of the professional identity of family therapy in Sudan. The study uses the analytical description method and relies on the available information about family therapy services in the academic context and the current practice .	20 min
Experience of Grandchildren Facing In-law Conflict between Mother and Paternal Grandmother		Room 8
Ching Chi Maria Assunta Ho - Hong Kong	Literature lacks the perspective of grandchildren in facing adult's inter-generational conflicts. Using a qualitative research design, this study examined the subjective experiences and impacts of grandchildren coping in-law conflicts between mother and paternal grandmother living together and discussed the clinical implications for family counselling and intervention on inter-generational families.	20 min
Differentiation Of Self And Relational Ethics: Bridging The Gap Between Nagy & Bowen		Room 8
Mercè Rived-Ocaña - Spain	"Differentiation of Self and Relational Ethics are the core elements used to explain the differentiation process. The exploration of their connection and its comparison in clinical and non-clinical populations could allow us a deeper understanding of how they operate within the family of origin and other significant relationships.	20 min
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The Development of Parenting Coordination in South Africa and Child Participation		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Lynette Roux - South Africa	Internationally, parenting coordinators are increasingly being appointed in high conflict divorces to resolve disputes. This process provides constructive quick resolution to issues cost effectively. Inclusion of children in this process can be helpful but needs to be done with skill and caution. This process and ethical dilemmas will be discussed.	45 min
Navigating Complexity in Feedback Informed Systemic Therapy		Room 1
Ⓢ Robert van Hennik - Netherlands	Van Hennik and Hillewaere will invite workshop participants to explore how they can create a dialogical space, open for improvisation and collaborative learning and navigate creatively towards meaningful goals of family members. Presenters created a fluid therapy manual, substantiated by practice based research and responsive to the complexity of life.	45 min
Avoiding a Deficit Perspective in Understanding the Family System		Room 2
Ⓢ Alli Cipra - USA	This presentation will focus on the importance of understanding the family system as it is rather than how it "ought" to be. In many approaches and in general research, family systems are discussed, evaluated, and treated from a deficit perspective.	45 min
Chameleon Families: Adaptations, Changes And Challenges Of Gay Male Parenthood		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Dr. Carlos Temperini - Brazil	This study analyses discourses about gay male families in the Brazilian and American contexts. The theory is based on Bowlby, Winnicott and Badinter studies to discuss the importance of parenthood in infant and child development, besides a reflection on "the myth of motherhood" and their impact on gay male parenting.	45 min
Sexual Development and The Talk: Not just about the Birds and the Bees		Room 5
Ⓢ Anita Mehta - Canada Sarah Burley - Canada	The development of sexual identify is influenced by family. The sex talk has evolved from a discussion of birds and the bees to include gender identities, sexual orientation, pornography, and consent. This presentation addresses healthy sexual development and provides tools for working with families and couples on issues of sexuality.	45 min
The Tools for Hope: Exploring the Architectures of Hope		Room 9
Ⓢ Sue Robinson - United Kingdom Gill Kind - United Kingdom	The workshop will give a brief overview on the futures 3Horizons method as developed by futurists Curry and Hodgeson (2009). It will use the ideas of agitators, orchestrators and innovators to hold conversations about hope.	45 min
Mindfulness As An Embodied Relational Resource In Couple And Family Therapy		Room 10
Edgardo Morales - Puerto Rico	We will examine how mindfulness, understood as present centered embodied relational presence, can be used by psychotherapists in couple and family therapy to expand their creativeness and sensitivity and help create an accepting, playful and open interactive space that can engender life affirming possibilities in the lives of its participants.	45 min
Spiritual And Existential Literacy In Family Therapy Practice		Room 7
Ⓢ Åse Holmberg - Norway	What is needed for family therapists to develop spiritual and existential literacy in their practice? This workshop presents a theory with seven perspectives based on a PhD constructivist Grounded Theory study with 12 clients and fifteen systemic family therapists in Norway. A tool for practice, education, supervision and further research.	20 min

Social Construction Of Mate Preferences In Young Indian Adults		Room 7
Ⓢ Sarayu Chandrashekar - India Malavi Madhusudan - India	Many Indian families consider marriage to be a definitive life cycle stage. In this paper, the authors propose an assessment model (MAIME) for clinicians to help their Indian clients deconstruct their culturally-shaped mate preferences, as not having these expectations met can result in significant relationship distress.	20 min
An Attachment Model To Understand Family Dynamics: A Case Study Of An Adopted Child		Room 8
Ⓢ Sylvia Martinez - Puerto Rico	The impact of abandonment during early childhood in the development of the human being and the possibilities of transformation through adoption will be discussed. Research has evidenced the importance of attachment in human relationships. Researchers and theorists have developed models to understand the impact of attachment in development.	20 min
Emotional And Social Benefits For Mothers And Children: Play Therapy And A Second Language		Room 8
Chiemi Chiba - Japan Stacy Clause - USA	We discuss a mother and infant support program, and present a case study from both Japanese and American researcher vantage points, examining the "norms" of language, interaction and the social benefits of early second language input. We explain the use of interactive toys that set the stage for practicing social skills and exchanges.	20 min
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The Story of Systemic Education in Kenya: An Ongoing Saga		Crombie B Suite
Anne Wambugu - Kenya Evangeline Willms Thiessen - Canada Amos Alumada Keya - Kenya	In 2003, a collaboration between two visionary women and their respective institutions, PAC University in Kenya and TWU-ACTS in Canada, birthed the first systemic psychotherapy education programme in Kenya. From a BA, to an MAMFT and recently a PhD; come hear about the intercultural process, programme implementation and therapeutic impact.	45 min
Family Based Practices and the (Un)holy Trinity of the Medical Model, RCTs and New Public Management		Room 1
Ⓢ Rolf Sundet - Norway	Practices within collaborative relationships with families who have not been helped by prior treatment opened up manners of acting and thinking in response to the constraint given by governmental guidelines and injunctions. A new liturgy within mental health was identified. The workshop will present and discuss implications of this.	45 min
Multiple Layers Of The Trainee Therapist A Reflective Experiential Process Utilizing Graces & Genograms		Room 2
Roy Farquharson - United Kingdom Sam Petrie - United Kingdom	As part of the MSc in Systemic Family Therapy in Scotland trainees are given the task to create a multi-layered genogram developed over the academic year. This workshop will share this innovative reflective experiential process, outlining the theory and application, sharing trainees learning and experience in an interactive format.	45 min
Trans-Inclusive Narrative Couple's Therapy		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Josh Boe - USA	Worldwide, lesbian, gay, and bisexual inclusive therapy practices have become more pronounced. Few family therapists receive training focused on the needs of transgender individuals and families. This presentation aims to provide a global perspective related to transgender issues and offer a critically informed, narrative framework when working with transgender couples.	45 min
The Complexity of Listening in Family Therapy Practice		Room 5
Ⓢ Peter Rober - Belgium	By no means listening is obvious, especially in family therapy practice. By definition a family therapy session in a multi-actor dialogue and the therapist needs his/her whole body (ears, eyes and heart) to be present with the family members and to hear their stories.	45 min
Usefulness And Limitations of Family Therapy in Working with High Conflict / IPV Cases		Room 9
Chung-ming Chan - Hong Kong	Based on the clinical work with a couple, this lecture presents the complexity of high conflict couple or intimate partner violence (IPV) cases and the challenge to mental health professionals as well as family therapists.	45 min
From Hierarchical Model to Growth Model		Room 10
Ⓢ Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey	Growing up in a hierarchical world sometimes leads people towards a hierarchical expectation in therapy as well. The family members or sometimes even the family therapist might get stuck in hierarchy. In this workshop, the participants will experience how hierarchical and growth model differ from each other in family therapy.	45 min
Change In Work Functioning From Pre- To Post-Treatment In Feedback-Informed Cft In Norway		Room 7
Ⓢ Rune Zahl-Olsen - Norway	A presentation of change in work functioning from pre- to post-treatment in feedback-informed CFT. Measures on depression, couple distress and family functioning and improvement on these measures were used to predict work functioning at pre and post-treatment. The findings support and challenge the systemic theory. Clinical implications discussed.	20 min
Relationships Impact The Establishment and Maintenance of Breastfeeding		Room 7
Andreja Poljanec - Slovenia	The process of breastfeeding establishment and maintenance is influenced by various factors, including psychological factors. We were interested in how relationship mother – grandmother/life partner/health professionals impact the establishment and maintenance of breastfeeding, as well as how they influence the emotional serenity of the mother at breastfeeding.	20 min
Family Reconstruction As An Experiential Learning Tool For Family Therapists		Room 8
Simon Bloomfield - Sweden Cecilia Örnemark - Sweden	Family reconstruction is a three-generational intervention to reconnect with one's family roots and to widen understanding of present relations formed by family stories. It gives opportunities to learn from the past and make for new choices. In Sweden it is a mandatory experience in qualifying as a family therapist.	20 min
A Case Study Of Extreme Self-Harming, The Blurred Line Of Psychosis Or Psychopathology		Room 8
Ⓢ Barry Viljoen - South Africa	This case study, attempts to highlight the manifestation of the double bind, presenting itself within the psychiatric setting. Taking place during the process of differentiation from the family of origin.	20 min

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Constellation Exercises For Supervision: Bringing Somatic Intelligence To Reflective Practice	Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Roger Lowe - Australia Systemic constellation work brings a felt sense of bodily and spatial awareness to clinical supervision. It works in a language of intuition, gaze, direction, and proximity, adding to the richness of reflective practice. This experiential workshop will guide participants through a series of structured exercises aimed at illuminating these dimensions.	45 min
Optimizing Supervision through Innovative Technologies	Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Andrea Wittenborn - USA Sailaja Subramaniam - USA In this workshop, we will demonstrate a new off-the-shelf technology with the capacity to dramatically improve live and video supervision. We will also share findings from a recent study that tested the efficacy of implementing the new technology in a couple and family therapy clinic.	45 min
Conquering Client Feedback Jitters: Build A Bridge And Get Over It!	Room 1
Ⓢ Khadijah Bhutto Ramirez - USA Mary Bozigian - USA This workshop addresses common therapist reservations related to incorporating Feedback Informed Treatment (FIT) into clinical practice with adults and children. FIT can improve client outcomes, retention rates, and length of treatment. Participants will demonstrate competency in the three I's of FIT and learn to integrate evidence-based measures with confidence.	45 min
Self-Harm In Adolescence: A Systemic-Attachment Perspective	Room 2
Ⓢ Ramón Karamat Ali - United Kingdom Adolescents who suffer from depression or anxiety often engage in self-injurious behaviours (i.e. self-harm). During this workshop Dr Ram KA will introduce an interactional perspective on approaching this phenomenon. He will present a systemic-attachment framework which will assist family practitioners formulate and treat adolescents and their families.	45 min
Strengthening the Self of the Therapist in Times of Distress & Despair : The Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy	Room 3/4
Ⓢ Sibel Erenel - Turkey This workshop aims to support the therapist's self-growth, increase the therapist's awareness about own resources, internal processes and to reach congruence and create peace within; to be the source of hope and strength in times of distress. Participants will experientially learn The Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) tools.	45 min
Man's Best Friend and Therapist? Using Animals in Couple Therapy to Heal Attachment Wounds	Room 5
Ⓢ Andrea Rodrigo - USA This presentation will explore current research on human, couple, and animal attachment bonds and will explore how Animal Assisted Therapies (AAT) in conjunction with couple's therapy models may assist in the reparation of couple attachment bonds.	45 min
Relationally-Focused Addiction Treatment: Creating a Group Process	Room 9
Ⓢ Eugene Hall - USA As rates of substance abuse increase in the U.S., so does the need for effective, broad-based systemic treatment of addiction. This workshop details the development and implementation of a relationally-focused group process for the treatment of substance abuse in inpatient settings. Research, clinical, and organizational implications will be discussed.	45 min
EFT - Couple Therapy and Trauma: Stage 2 and 3 in Treatment	Room 10
Ⓢ Judith Kellner - USA EFT focuses on creating bonding experiences between couples in the session. Each partner needs to get in touch with their vulnerable emotions to be intimate with each other in the present. Trauma history complicates it. I will present 3 different videos of therapy sessions that accomplishes this goal.	45 min
Building Integrated Teams To Address Mental And Behavioral Health Needs In Rural Primary Care	Room 7
Ⓢ Mike Olson - USA A practice transformation program to coordinate and integrate team-based mental/behavioral health in rural primary care was developed. The presentation will describe how rural medical clinics partnered with a family medicine residency program and a HCO to build more effective teams, including medical family therapists and other mental health professionals.	20 min
Family-of-Origin Functioning, Couple Relationship Quality, Differentiation and Anxiety	Room 7
Ⓢ Kübra Akar - Turkey Nilüfer Kafesçioğlu - Turkey The aim of this study was to investigate the mediating role of differentiation and anxiety on the association between family of origin (FOO) functioning and couples' relationship quality. Participants are 150 married individuals. Measures included questionnaires about FOO experiences, romantic relationship quality, differentiation of self and anxiety.	20 min
Relational/Individual Measures in Spanish, French and Chinese: Translation Quality and Availability	Room 8
Roy Bean - USA Presentation will describe an evaluation of key measures of couple/family relational health and individual well-being. Over 150 relevant constructs (e.g., couple conflict, anxiety) have been investigated for the most-commonly utilized measures and these measures evaluated for quality of translations into three of the most-commonly spoken languages (Spanish, French, Chinese).	20 min
Faith Positive Therapy: Comparisons of Implicit and Explicit Faith Interventions	Room 8
Teressa Wilcox - USA A literature review of faith based Marriage and Family Therapy interventions and treatments. A presentation exploring treatment outcomes between implicit and explicit faith based interventions.	20 min

Lecture: Can The Disparate Collection Of Systemic Psychotherapies Be United In Common Cause?		Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Richard Mc Kenny - United Kingdom	Disparate systemic psychotherapy models have come to be understood as connected together historically, via an evolutionary metaphor, with underlying theoretical assumptions and common mechanisms of change denied. I propose a new paradigm that challenges this view. Some consequences for theory, practice and research will be introduced.	45 min
LGBTQ+ Individuals and Spirituality		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Faith Wonbin Jung - USA	In this workshop, the presenter will discuss negotiating the intersection of sexual and religious identities, religious traumas that LGBTQ+ individuals face in religious environments, LGBTQ+ individuals' sexual identity development in a heteronormative religious environment and clinical implications as to how to honor religious LGBTQ+ individuals' stories in practice.	45 min
Integrative Services; an International Perspective		Room 1
Ⓢ Kathryn Whittaker - Cayman Islands Khadajah Bhutto - USA Naveen Jonathan - USA Wayne Conron - Australia Susan Mary Benbow - United Kingdom Sarayu Chandrashekar - India M. Selenga Gürmen - Turkey Sarah Hejps - United Kingdom Zeynep Zat - England	Understanding the collaborative efforts of our international colleagues globally assists the therapeutic community in many ways. This understanding helps to bring awareness to community therapists, incorporating a local culture perspective. From entering into therapy to medical and community referrals, including rehabilitation services are significant aspects of whole person treatment.	45 min
Creating Reality Through Language: Paul Watzlawick & the MRI Brief Therapy Team		Room 2
Ⓢ Wendel Ray - USA Theresa Dronet - USA	Paul Watzlawick, and MRI Brief Therapy Center colleagues Dick Fisch and John Weakland, made influential contributions to the interactional view of human behavior and creation of brief therapy. Using rare video and audio recordings Watzlawick's contributions the pragmatics of human behavior, interactional/radical constructivist theory, and brief therapy will be presented.	45 min
Family Therapy and an Adult with Asperger Syndrome		Room 3/4
Joyce Lai Chong Ma - Hong Kong Lily Xia - Hong Kong Joanne Chi Yan Wong - Hong Kong	This presentation would share our clinical experience in helping a Chinese family of a father with HFA in Hong Kong, who was depressed, became withdrawn and disconnected from his wife and the two children after a bankruptcy resulted from high-risk stock trading.	45 min
Creative Approaches to Difficult Situations: Speed Dating Style		Room 5
Robert McKinney - USA Elisabeth Bennett - USA Dana Cram - USA Semarn Singh - USA Rubjoyt Sing - USA Sara Swanson - USA McKenna Paulson - USA Hannah Brinser - USA	Rejuvenate your practice using creative techniques when working with difficult cases. This presentation involves a brief informative theoretically grounding PowerPoint followed by rotations in speed-dating format through difficult cases during which small groups conceptualize and develop creative interventions to fit each case using materials provided. Fun! and immediately applicable.	45 min
Contemplative End-of-Life Care: New Possibilities for Systemic-based MFTs		Room 9
Evangeline Willms Thiessen - Canada Anne Wambugu - Kenya	The World Health Organization (1990) called for palliative/end-of-life care to be included in every country's health services. From an MFT certified "Thana(death)doula" perspective, a systemic, culturally sensitive approach for the dying and their families will be presented. Conversations will explore new possibilities for MFTs in a multidisciplinary care team.	45 min
A Systemic Perspective Of Clinical Practice With Entrepreneurs And Their Families		Room 10
Ⓢ Catherine Egenes - USA Lorien Jordan - USA	Entrepreneurs experience major barriers to success, placing them at risk for mental, social, and emotional stress. This lecture presents central topics on the wellbeing of entrepreneurs and their families through case studies, research, personal and clinical experiences to assist therapists in developing the language and knowledge to work with entrepreneurs.	45 min
First, Second And Higher Order Marriages. Population, Distribution, And Divorce. A Prospective Study		Room 7
Ⓢ Rune Zahl-Olsen - Norway	A presentation of a prospective cohort study with yearly follow up of all two sex marriages in Norway from 1981 until 2013 (N=774 725). An in-depth analysis of population, distribution, and divorce in four different constellations of first, second and higher order marriages.	20 min
Helping American Working Families Cope with Adversity Through Class-Aware Therapy		Room 7
Karen Mackie - USA Patrica Goodspeed Grant - USA	We employ clinical case material to illustrate and organize our discussion of how social class dynamics constrain opportunities for successful coping in the presence of unanticipated losses and economic stressors in US families today. Class-related strengths that family therapists can encourage to support family and community resiliency are also identified.	20 min
Making it Home: An Exploration of the lived experience of Third Culture Kids		Room 8
Ⓢ Jacqueline Mack-Harris - USA Robin Felix - USA	A discussion about what it is like to be a Third Culture Kid (TCK) and what psychotherapists can do to treat the distressed TCK. TCK is the name given to one who "has spent a significant part of his or her developmental years outside of the culture of the parents.	20 min
Effects of Trauma and Life Adversities on Latinx Immigrants' Family Functioning		Room 8
Ⓢ Daniel Cooper - USA	The purpose of this study was to test the effects of life adversities and trauma on family functioning among Latinx immigrants in the US. Results revealed a significant negative association between exposure to adversities and family functioning. Implications for clinical assessment and treatment of trauma will be discussed.	20 min

10:15-10:45	Refreshment Break
10:45-12:00	Plenary Address: The Family Process Institute Distinguished Lecture

Transforming Life Narratives: Context, Connection, Genograms, Legacies and Having A Sense Of Home		Fleming Auditorium
Monica McGoldrick - USA	This presentation will be about the key dimensions for assessing human problems and evolving healing solutions. Genograms are the core mapping tool of this work. A genogram is a map of who you belong to. This presentation will focus on viewing each person in the context of his or her cultural background, social class, gender and sexual orientation, family history, life cycle trajectory, and multiple identities in terms of interests, affiliations, and values.	
12:00-13:30	Conference Lunch	The Gordon School of Dancing Montrose
13:00-14:15	Poster Session	Bodye Suite
Change in Couple Therapy a proposal of Generic Indicators of Change for Couple Therapy		P 1
Diana Rivera-Ottenberger - Chile	A naturalistic observation conducted of episodes and change moments in diverse couple's therapies, aimed at discovering the episodes and change moments in relationship during sessions of couple's therapies. The study methodology considered the structure and sequence of Consensual Qualitative Research	
Video Feedback Intervention to Enhance Parental Reflective Function in Primary Caregivers of Inpatient Psychiatric Children: A Pilot Feasibility Trial		P 2
Fanny Leyton - Chile	The objective of this study is to implement a Video Feedback (VF) intervention to enhance Parental Reflective Function in primary caregivers of inpatient psychiatric children. Because there is no published research using VF with parents of children with severe psychopathology and in hospitalized context, this study is a pilot study.	
Systemic Consultation in Child and Family Early Help Services		P 3
Matthew Selman – United Kingdom	This poster describes a systemic consultation based service for front line staff in a 0-19 years early help child and family service in the United Kingdom. The model of practice is shared with reflections and evaluation of the initial six months of implementation.	
A Qualitative Study Exploring African-American Lesbian Mothers' Family Experiences Using Both an Intersectionality and a Risk-Resilience Framework		P 4
Brie Radis - USA	To generate an understanding of perspectives of lesbian African-American parents from an urban area on well-being, risk, and protection; explore reasons for risk and what parents need to protect members their families, and their community; and to identify strategies to support lesbian-parenting families; and to inform professionals.	
It's Not Just A Dog: The Role Of Companion Animals In The Family's Emotional System		P 5
Cassandra Leow - USA	This study explored the role of companion animals in the family's emotional system through the lens of Bowen Family Systems Theory.	
The Father's Experience: Raising a Child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder		P 6
Jacob Sandoval - USA	This research looks at the relationship between fathers and their Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosed child(ren). Available research currently focuses on the whole family, or mothers alone. This qualitative, phenomenological study is a step toward filling the gap in research.	
The Brightest Star in the Universe		P 7
Lauren Mckenna - USA	People are consumed with swiping right or left on dating apps. Attempting to match their social exceptions with a life partner. It's easier to find the north star than a match. This presentation will explore the science of star constellation and how to help clients navigate in finding the one.	
Power Shift Within a Couple's Journey Through Addiction		P 8
Carly Brack Marketto - USA	Addiction impacts both individuals and their intimate partners. Recovery from addiction is difficult and the power dynamics of the couple can play a role in this process. This grounded theory study explores how power shifts through the recovery process.	
Dementia: The Relational Web		P 9
Susan Mary Benbow - United Kingdom	People living with dementia (PwD) live in a web of family and other relationships. Care plans rarely address relational support. A qualitative study, involving interviews with PwD and family carers, concluded that family counseling/ therapy has a potentially vital role to play, with likely benefit to all concerned.	
Isomorphism in the Cambodian Context: A Situational Analysis of the Therapeutic Process		P 10
Lorien Jordan - USA	This poster presents a situational analysis of the isomorphic processes between therapeutic, governmental, and research systems in Cambodia. Findings indicate that therapists in Cambodia experience stigmatization in the larger culture and a lack of governmental support, which creates isomorphism of marginalization between clients and therapists.	
Desiree Seponski - USA		
Trafficking in Cambodia: The Accessibility of Mental Health Resources For Survivors		P 11
Amber Kelley - USA	Previously reported Cambodian trafficking statistics have been questioned due to lack of empirical evidence. This study, a survey of randomly selected national sample of Cambodian adults, examines personal and filial reports of trafficking. Availability and accessibility of mental health resources in areas where trafficking has occurred is also presented.	
Desiree Seponski - USA		
Disaster Preparedness Among Cambodian-Laotian Immigrants in the Gulf Coast of Alabama: Systemic Considerations		P 12
Desiree Seponski - USA	Social inequalities among ethnic minorities and immigrants in the US have made preparations for disasters more arduous for these people. Using qualitative methods, this study explores how Cambodian and Laotian immigrants in the Gulf Coast of Alabama perceive and prepare for impending environmental challenges. Findings and possible interventions are discussed.	
Denise C. Lewis - USA		

<p>How Are You Doing Back Home?: Subjective Experience Of Those Who Remain Behind When A Significant Other Migrates Erick Senior - Puerto Rico Kathia Peña - USA Marleen Maldonado – Puerto Rico</p>	<p>This presentation explores the subjective experience of people who have remained in their country of origin while experiencing a separation from a significant other due to migration. The sample consisted of 215 Puerto Rican participants whose significant others had migrated during the last year. Systemic emerging themes will be discussed.</p>	<p>P 13</p>
<p>Enmeshment in Military Families Alexus Hamilton – USA</p>	<p>Researchers often combine two separate processes in regard to enmeshment: closeness, which promotes a secure attachment and mutual cohesion; and intrusive over involvement, which promotes dysfunctional maladaptive strategies and patterns. However, for military families, enmeshment can be a necessary tool to keep the family together.</p>	<p>P 14</p>
<p>Black Emerging Adults' Experiences Of Ethnic-Racial Socialization Messages From Diverse Sources Denzel Jones – USA Sarah Daniels - USA</p>	<p>This study focuses on social influences on Black ethnic-racial identity (BRI) development. Results indicate that (1) immediate family and friends are the most influential agents to youths' BRI development and (2) Black emerging adults tend to recall racial pride and egalitarian messages more prominently than racial barrier and negative messages.</p>	<p>P 15</p>
<p>Answering the Call of Duty: Violent Video Games and Family Therapy Denzel Jones – USA Sarah Daniels - USA</p>	<p>This poster focuses on interactions between violent video games, aggression, differentiation, and felonious behavior. It will also outline considerations for psychotherapists working with families where one or multiple members engage this popular hobby. Research indicates that there is no causal link between violent videos, violent behavior, aggression, and felonious behavior.</p>	<p>P 16</p>
<p>Relationship Between Female Perpetration And Childhood Trauma Maryann Holt – USA Ginny Piletere - USA</p>	<p>This study explores the relationship between diverse childhood experiences (ACE's) and female perpetration of violence. Adverse childhood experiences are traumatic or stressful events. This study further investigates what ACE's female perpetrators have experienced and how those ACE's have contributed to females perpetration of violence against their partners.</p>	<p>P 17</p>
<p>Couple Therapists' Coupledness Beliefs, Romantic Relationship Experiences and Experiences in Therapy Sedef Oral – Turkey Senem Zeytinoglu Saydam - Turkey</p>	<p>Main purpose of this qualitative study is to gain deeper understanding into the reciprocal impact of therapists' social location, own experiences in romantic relationships, beliefs about coupledness and conducting couple therapy. This poster presents findings and clinical implications of the study.</p>	<p>P 18</p>
<p>How the Positive Functioning of the Spousal System Affects Burnout Rates Amongst Licensed and Vocational Ministers within a Church Setting Samuel Baney – USA Mitch Pohl - USA</p>	<p>This study sought to determine whether the optimal functioning of the spousal system could effectively reduce the effects of reported burnout for persons engaged in ministerial work within a church setting. Results of the study have demonstrated that there is not a significant correlation between levels of spousal support and increased or decreased levels of burnout for those engaged in ministry. Results also indicated a strong need to explore the hesitancy towards and resistance of clergy to engage in research related to burnout, in order to more effectively conduct future research intending to reduce burnout amongst clergy.</p>	<p>P 19</p>
<p>The Impact Cochlear Implants Have On Adult-Children Of The d/Deaf And Hearing Community Nicole Harlan – USA</p>	<p>The purpose of the research is to examine how cochlear implants have an impact on the social and relational experiences the hearing-impaired adult and their family members have. Subsequently, the qualitative interviews examined how their relationships were developed and made different by the cochlear implants.</p>	<p>P 20</p>
<p>A Supervisee's Experience Of Flexible Formats Of Couple And Family Therapy Supervision Jeffrey McCrossin – Canada Marjorie Rabiau - Canada</p>	<p>This poster will describe the experience of a Canadian supervisee in a couple and family therapy clinic. A visual model of flexible formats of supervision (from live to delayed case consultation) will be proposed to support decision making for methods of supervision intervention.</p>	<p>P 21</p>
<p>'Attachment Injuries' from the Lens of the Therapist: A Qualitative Study Nikita Oberoi – India</p>	<p>In-depth interviews were conducted with 10 therapists with the aim of exploring their understanding of the EFT-based concept of attachment injuries. The data was subjected to thematic analysis and was also used to construct items for a scale being developed to assess attachment injuries in married individuals.</p>	<p>P 22</p>
<p>Children, Youth and Adult Drawings of Mental Health Stigma in Multi-ethnic Communities Ana Jimenez - USA</p>	<p>This qualitative study examined the drawings of children, youth and adults that participated in a mental health "stigma reduction arts program" in Orange County, California. Preliminary data will discuss the various themes collected from the drawings; and a comparative analysis of children, youth, and adults from various multi-ethnic communities.</p>	<p>P 23</p>
<p>Understanding Domestic Violence In Peru: A Critical Ethnographic Study Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes - USA</p>	<p>Twenty Peruvian women survivors of domestic violence (DV) participated in this study. The purpose of this study was to explore Peruvian women's voices, experiences, and perceptions related to DV, and explored the following themes: Power and control, family and social support, socio political system, and resistance.</p>	<p>P 24</p>
<p>Is Social Connection a Common Protective Factor for Wellness? Jessica Lenington – USA</p>	<p>Is Social Connection a Common Protective Factor for Wellness? This work will (1) review the last several decades of quantitative research, (2) summarize the collective findings, and (3) present ideas for future directions and best practices.</p>	<p>P 25</p>

An Ambivalent Compassion: Are Commuter Therapists In Crisis?	P 26
Asmaa Alotaiby - USA	Commuting for work is contemporary challenge in different professions. In recent years, there have been a growing number of therapists who have begun to commute long distance to reach out marginalized clients, with all the success being evident, yet commuters do experience unique challenges.
Where's God in Your Genogram?	P 27
Sarah Causey - USA Daniel Stillwell - USA	Genograms are a classic and powerful tool in the family therapist's toolbox. Using a case to illustrate, this poster will demonstrate how depicting God, bodies of faith, sacred values, and meaning-making processes on a genogram allows the client to grow through deep interpersonal and intergenerational issues.
Supporting Families with Children Experiencing Grief and Loss	P 28
Hannah Brinser - USA	Grief experienced during youth is associated with familial, social, and mental health difficulties. Mental health professionals have an opportunity to be a source of knowledge for families. Effects of loss on the family system, protective and risk factors, interventions and techniques, types of loss, and social support will be discussed.
Gay Male Couples: The Counseling Experience, Mandates, and Professional Implications	P 29
Brennan Champagne - USA	This poster presentation adopts a conceptual approach, through published, peer-reviewed literature to help attendees understand the experience of gay male couples in counseling, our mandates as counselors, and professional implications. Ultimately, this poster proposes a phenomenological study to better understand the counseling experiences of this population.
Supporting Families: Children Who Have Experienced Neglect	P 30
Nikki Durstling - Canada	Neglect is proven to be the most prevalent form of child maltreatment. Children can experience abnormalities in the structure of the brain, altered stress response systems, abnormal physical development, as well as cognitive and executive functioning delays. Effects on the developing brain, protective factors, recognition, and interventions will be discussed.
Attachment and Trauma-Focused Integrative Therapy for Clinicians Working with Adoptive and Foster Families	P 31
Sarah Swanson - USA	This presentation outlines an integrative model of assisting adoptive and foster families to form secure-attachments with children from trauma. Focusing on a unique blend of trauma informed therapies, clinicians will be provided with methods for empowering caregivers to create meaningful parent-child relationships based on a secure bond and trauma-based psychoeducation.
"Stop Making Sense" Report From A Randomized Text Design Study	P 32
Rolf Sundet - Norway	An experimental attempt at contesting an epistemological position is presented. By not trying to ascribe new meaning to utterings, nor providing space for the marginalized, we have systematically destroyed meaning in a text. Using a randomized text design, we have provided space for non-meaning within the mental health discourse.

14:30-15:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Workshop: Hypothesising-Circularity-Neutrality: A Polysemous Reading Of A Classic Paper	Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Richard Mc Kenny - United Kingdom Raphael Cadenhead - United Kingdom	Accounts of the development of the Milan team's ideas emphasise their early psychiatric and psychodynamic trainings, their later work a counterpoint to these influences. We propose that Selvini Palazzoli's Catholic faith is central to her therapeutic innovations, and essential to understanding the Milan model within a 'paradigm of gifts'. 45 min
Family Therapy Evolution in Four National Contexts: Our Past, Present and Hopes for Future (Part 1)	Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Tatiana Glebova - USA Monica McGoldrick - USA Anikó Pogary - Hungary Emoke Tarján - Hungary	We will explore family therapy evolution in Hungary, Russia, Turkey and the USA, looking at where we have come from, where we are now and where we hope to go in the future. We will use Gaudí's artistic work as an illustration of and inspiration for principles of our profession. Other contributing presenters include: Fatma Arici-Sahin and Ibrahim Keklik. 45 min
Keep the Experience First: Bridging the Gap between Spirituality & Emotion Focused Therapy	Room 1
Ⓢ Michelle Engblom-Deglmann - USA	Given the highly relational and often spiritual nature of Emotionally Focused Therapy, removing the spiritual-self of therapists of faith from therapy is often impossible, and should instead be integrated in a thoughtful and intentional way. This presentation, through an experiential process, will examine how this can be accomplished. 45 min
Family Therapist Augmented Program For Physicians In Training	Room 2
Barbara Hernandez - USA Edward Tagge - USA	This presentation describes an 8-year program of family therapy augmented education for medical students, residents and physicians in a medical arts university. An overview of successful programs and initiatives will be described as well as steps family therapists can take to create a similar role in local clinics and hospitals. 45 min
Integrating Matters of Faith in the Practice of Family Therapy	Room 3/4
Ⓢ Jake Johnson- USA	Domestic violence is an international health crisis, causing trauma and pain worldwide. Factors that contribute to family violence include social norms and laws, as well as relational modes like anger, control, and entitlement. This workshop will discuss how therapists can identify and address these factors in treatment. 45 min
Global and Relational Factors that Contribute to Domestic Violence	Room 5
Ⓢ Jason Whiting - USA	Domestic violence is an international health crisis, causing trauma and pain worldwide. Factors that contribute to family violence include social norms and laws, as well as relational modes like anger, control, and entitlement. This workshop will discuss how therapists can identify and address these factors in treatment. 45 min
Family Therapy, The Crucial Component in Recovery From Dual Disorders	Room 9
Ⓢ Constant Mouton - Netherlands	When treating dual disorders (addiction plus another mental illness), early family involvement has been found to improve entry into treatment rates and several other outcomes. The presentation describes the impact of integrating Family Therapy focused on increasing family resilience, into an existing evidence-based treatment model for addiction in the Netherlands. 45 min

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Jazzing with the 'Mirrors of Possibility': Co-Creating Magic Moments in Couple Therapy		Room 10
<p>Ⓢ Peter Robinson - United Kingdom Tracey Jane Johnston - United Kingdom</p>	The workshop presents the 'Mirrors of Possibility' metaphor, a recently developed relationally reflexive, multi-faceted method for 'playfully jazzing' with systemic issues in couple therapy. The method facilitates re-positioning and the collaborative construction of multiple possibilities, rich descriptions of difference, and the emergence of transformative experiences.	45 min
A Family Therapy Intervention For Couples After Prostate Cancer Surgery		Room 7
<p>Ⓢ Liz Forbat - United Kingdom</p>	This paper will describe a clinical manual to guide systemic therapy for couples affected by prostate cancer. The paper also reports data from a randomised control trial and feasibility/acceptability data testing the new model.	20 min
Findings Of An Auditory Hallucination Simulation On Families Of Voice Hearers		Room 7
<p>Ⓢ Martha Mason - USA</p>	Shared are findings from a study which explored the use of a simulated auditory hallucination experience as an effective psychoeducational method to increase family support during client treatment for Schizophrenia. It addresses how important family support is to treatment, and how we can better engage families in treatment efforts.	20 min
Fair Practice: Gender And Tribe Discrimination In The Medical Practice		Room 8
<p>Asmaa Alotaiby - USA</p>	Do women face difficulties and lack of support in the workplace compared to men, are they perceived less competent, or less motivated in medical practices. Despite of the significant number of women in medical practices, it is still male dominant and higher positions are lead by men.	20 min
Improvisational Theatre And Family Therapy: Practice And Possibilities		Room 8
<p>Ⓢ Matthew Selman - United Kingdom</p>	This presentation explores the use of improvisational theatre training exercises in therapeutic work with couples and families. The rationale is described along with current practice and example of exercises.	20 min
15:30-16:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)		
Socioculturally Attuned Family Therapy		Crombie A Suite
<p>Ⓢ Teresa McDowell - USA Carmen Knudson-Martin - USA</p>	Presenters share core principles for Socioculturally Attuned Family Therapy. They explain how this approach can be applied across family therapy models to promote relational equity. They highlight the importance of connecting societal systems and power dynamics and offer a transtheoretical framework for encouraging transformational, 3rd order change.	45 min
Family Therapy Evolution in Four National Contexts: Our Past, Present and Hopes for Future II		Crombie B Suite
<p>Ⓢ Tatiana Glebova - USA Monica McGoldrick - USA Anikó Pogary - Hungary Emoke Tarján - Hungary</p>	We will explore family therapy evolution in Hungary, Russia, Turkey and the USA, looking at where we have come from, where we are now and where we hope to go in the future. We will use Gaudí's artistic work as an illustration of and inspiration for principles of our profession. Other contributing presenters include: Fatma Arici-Sahin and Ibrahim Keklik.	45 min
Power Dynamics In Therapeutic Relationships: Lessons Learned From Immigrant Therapists		Room 1
<p>Ⓢ Alba Nino - USA</p>	As people, we have different social locations (race, gender, etc.) Consequently, we have experiences of privilege and/or oppression. These affect the power dynamics in therapeutic relationships. We will learn from immigrant therapists' testimonies how these dynamics manifest clinically, how obstacles can be handled, and how to use our power wisely.	45 min
The Role of Systemic Oppression on Family Dynamics and Therapy		Room 2
<p>Ⓢ LaVonya Bennett - USA Kim Stewart - USA</p>	Psychological literature has begun to explore the role of identity-based discrimination and systemic oppression on psychological well-being. However, the implications for this burgeoning research remains underdeveloped in its practical applications in family therapy. This presentation conceptualizes the role of insidious trauma (identity-based trauma) for marginalized communities within family therapy.	45 min
Integrating EMDR and the Metaframeworks perspective to Heal Psychological Trauma in Couples		Room 3/4
<p>Ⓢ Diana Mille - USA Anibal Torres Bernal - USA</p>	This presentation provides an innovative and in-depth look into the integration of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and a seldom considered and carefully crafted family systems modality, namely the Metaframeworks Perspective, to heal trauma in a systems paradigm.	45 min
Positioning Change - Changing Position		Room 5
<p>Ⓢ Simon Burton - United Kingdom Benedicte Schilling - United Kingdom</p>	Without awareness of ourselves as tools for creating change, we can become an obstacle to any change to take place. It is so easy to get stuck and stay stuck. The ability to change our position and maintain good therapeutic relationships can make all the difference.	45 min
Use of Self; Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy		Room 9
<p>Ⓢ Linda Jane Lucas - USA</p>	Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) uniquely encompasses the intrapsychic and interactive components of therapy. STST therapists practice therapeutic levels of competence, confidence, and congruence. Use of Self of the therapist involves trusting intuition to guide the therapeutic process, recognizing and resolving triggers within the therapist.	45 min
My Faith Matters!		Room 10
<p>Ⓢ Angela Cherubin - USA</p>	We have been taught to keep faith and spiritual beliefs out of the therapy room. When a client brings up their faith I feel crippled and unable to relate, even though I might resonate with them. How do we include spirituality and faith in the therapy room?	45 min
Individual, Relational and Familial Factors in Change Over Time of Newlyweds' Adjustment Genealogy and Identity in the Central American and Caribbean Diaspora		Room 7
<p>Ⓢ Nilufer Kafescioglu - Turkey</p>	This presentation is about a longitudinal study with 252 newlywed couples conducted to understand the associations between their individual, relational, familial factors, and changes in dyadic adjustment over time. The presentation will include discussion of how newlyweds' marital adjustment changes and clinical implications that can be concluded from the findings.	20 min

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Invisible Wounds: Attachment Injury as Crucible for Attachment Related Issues in Couples**Room 7**

Ⓢ Nikita Oberoi - India

Qualitative data collected from married individuals dealing with attachment injuries was analysed so as to capture the lived experience of these phenomenon. With a secure attachment bond being the foundation of a healthy marriage and over-all well-being, the need to pay keen attention to attachment-related issues will be expounded.

20 min

16:15-16:45

Refreshment Break

16:45-18:00

Plenary Address: Imelda McCarthy**Co-Creating Fifth Provinces Or Islands Of Support In These Times Of Social Crises****Fleming Auditorium**

Imelda McCarthy - Ireland

We are at a time of social, financial and ecological mis-alignment at this point in our experiences of living on our planet. From her own experience, Imelda, over the years, has come to appreciate and know the importance of solidarity and communities of support (Fifth Provinces) professionally and personally. When we were building the field of family therapy this was true and it is more so called for at this time of contraction (of money services, treatment possibilities, etc.) and rising inequalities. She will also talk about the importance of systemic reflexivity in coming to know, 'who we choose to be and what we stand for' together with the consequences of our (inter-)actions for our own and our client's contexts and ecologies. She will also suggest that meditation practices can play a big role in helping us to achieve equanimity in our lives and work.

19:00-21:00

Film Festival**Film Festival Scholarship Fund Raiser****Fleming Auditorium**Wendel Ray - USA
Theresa Dronet - USA

A film festival A "live" look at the birth of Systemic Family Therapy: A festival featuring "live" examples taken directly from the Don D. Jackson Archive Collections

COST: Professionals, \$10 ----- Students, \$2

Saturday, March 30, 2019

08:00 - 15:00

Registration for Congress

08:30-09:15

Workshops (45 min.)**Engaging Families in Child Trauma Treatment****Crombie A Suite**

Ⓢ Susan McConnaughy - USA

Widely-used, evidence-based child trauma treatment models view the possibilities of engaging parents and families in the child's recovery in very different ways. Family therapists can draw from these models a variety of useful evidence-based treatment strategies parents and families can use to help their children recover from trauma.

45 min

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words: A Snapshot To Understanding The Various Use Of Genograms**Crombie B Suite**Deborah Watson - USA
Ashley Cosentino - USA
Lauren McKenna - USA

The genogram has extended well beyond its origins as a family evaluation tool. As an assessment and intervention it continues to be broadened and expanded. In this interactive workshop participants will learn about the multitude of uses of genograms as an assessment and intervention in different models and contexts.

45 min

Breakthru Approach - Turning Obstacles into Opportunities for Teenagers and Young Adults Who Learn Differently**Room 2**

Phoebe Long - Malaysia

This paper offers a practical framework to handle stress and support children and teenagers who "learn differently" using the Breakthru Approach. It is a dynamic collaborative process between parents and individuals who learn differently to unlock the innate ability, turning obstacles into opportunities and enhance the potential for learning.

45 min

Pathfinders – the Open Path Method - Collaborative Therapy**Room 3/4**Reinhold Schäfer - Denmark
Anja Katharina - Denmark
Jytte Gandløse - Denmark
Staffan Røijien - Denmark

"The workshop presents the Open Path Method developed with youngsters (age 15 - 25, psychological vulnerabilities or drug abuse): 1. Subject guided group sessions 2. In-session-collaboration between client, social worker and external consultants by using reflection loops 3. Stepped care setup: social work - therapy Workshop includes reflective participant's involvement"

45 min

The Ethos and Ethics of Global Family Therapy**Room 5**

Ⓢ John Miller - China

Western originating family therapy has become increasingly popular in Asian contexts. International scholars are discussing the intricacies of exporting complex clinical models to Eastern cultures. What parts can be meaningfully transplanted to another cultural context? What strategies are uniquely indigenous? These and related topics will be explored in this presentation.

45 min

Open Dialogue in Context**Room 9**Ⓢ Nobuhiko Asai - Japan
Catherine Thorley - United Kingdom

We come from different parts of the globe having met In Helsinki on Open Dialogue training. We aim to give you a flavor of what Open Dialogue is and its application in different contexts. We will also discuss how it has affected us both personally and professionally.

45 min

STAA Assessment: Sex Therapy with African Americans**Room 10**Sarayu Chandrashekar - India
Anike Adekoya - USA
Malavi Madhusudan - India

The authors propose a treatment/assessment model that combines narrative therapy, timeline techniques and adapted themes from the Intersystems approach to help MFTs better collaborate with African American couples presenting with sexual concerns in therapy. This model can be adapted for use with clients of the African diaspora worldwide.

45 min

Clinical Work with Couples Experiencing IPV: Finland, Great Britain, and U.S.**Room 7**Ⓢ Sandra Stith - USA
Juha Holma - Finland
Juha Metelinen - Finland

In this workshop, we discuss how research from Great Britain, Finland and the U.S. has influenced our work with couples who have experienced partner violence. We highlight the importance of creating safety, building on strengths, and encouraging dialogue among couples. We emphasize the value of international learning and research.

45 min

Practicing Evidence Based Treatment In Evidence Based Ways		Room 8
Ⓢ Thomas Sexton - USA	Systematically monitoring the process and outcomes of treatment become one of most important emerging areas of research and development in Family Therapy. Measurement-Feedback systems provide an opportunity to significantly improve the translation of good practices into community settings, improve outcomes and move the field forward.	45 min
09:30-10:15 Workshops (45 min.)		
The Therapeutic Use Of Digital Arts To Decrease Mental Health Problems Among Latino Youth		Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Ana Jimenez - USA	This study examined the nature of a community-based therapeutic arts program in California that utilized Digital Arts to decrease mental health problems of low income Latino Youth. The study aimed to uncover the benefits of this innovative approach and discuss the main themes identified by the participants in this study.	45 min
Global Collaborations in Family Therapy Training		Crombie B Suite
Cadmona Hall - USA Anne Wambugu - Kenya	Cross cultural collaboration has become easier as the ability to reach across the globe and connect via technology has improved. Various strategies utilized to develop culturally competent and socially just training opportunities across three training programs in Kenya, Canada and the USA will be discussed.	45 min
Clinical Supervision from a Carl Whitaker Perspective: A Supervisor-Supervisee Dialogue		Room 1
Ⓢ William Boylin - USA Sebastian Perumbilly - USA	Carl Whitaker's Symbolic Experiential Family Therapy was a unique contribution to systemically-focused psychotherapy. The presenters, as university faculty, will identify, illustrate and appraise Whitaker's contribution and its contemporary relevance for clinical supervision. Discussion will include Whitaker's concepts such as the person-of-the-therapist, the use of creativity and the absurd, and existentialism.	45 min
Investigating Systems of Power in Clinical Work: Avoiding Complicity and Lessening Domination		Room 2
Ⓢ Megan Murphy - USA Rebecca Harvey - USA	Therapists can investigate power differentials in therapy or ignore them and risk complicity in systems of domination and oppression. This workshop outlines how to identify patterns of power in sessions and provides suggestions for therapists to address power in session that invite clients to ways of interacting which lessen domination.	45 min
Understanding Functional Neurological Symptom-Disorder From an Integrative Interactional Approach: A Case Study		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Linda Dennis - New Zealand Warwick Phipps - South Africa	Functional neurological symptom disorder, formerly known as conversion disorder and hysteria, draws on reductionist philosophy that has limited value for family therapists. A case study will be presented that highlights these limitations and demonstrates how the application of the integrative interactional approach provides new opportunities for therapeutic healing.	45 min
Accreditation Process for Marriage and Family Therapy Training Programs		Room 5
Ⓢ William Hiebert - USA John Lawless - USA	Members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will provide information for programs desiring accreditation as well as answer questions from programs already accredited.	45 min
Assessing Marital Viability: The True Love Question		Room 9
Russell Brethauer - USA	This workshop presents of model of assessing marital viability based upon the premise that bilateral true love is the key experience in enduring, healthy marriages.	45 min
Ambiguous Loss & Families Affected by Mental Illness		Room 10
Ⓢ Anna Bohlinger - USA	In this workshop, participants will use a U.S. based sample to understand how parents of children affected by mental illness conceptualize the diseases in their own and family lives, understand how these parents experience ambiguous loss, and construct and enact hope in their own, their families', and their community lives.	45 min
Scale Development in the Area of Couple Therapy: The Case of Attachment Injuries		Room 8
Ⓢ Nikita Oberoi - India	This presentation looks at the issues involved in developing a scale to assess the construct of attachment injuries, in a collectivist society. The need for such a scale, the steps involved, and preliminary findings from the first phase of the study will be discussed.	45 min
10:15-10:45 Refreshment Break		
10:45-11:30 Workshops (45 min.)		
Aging and Mental Health in America: A Study of Brief CBT with Older Adults		Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Kimberly Stewart - USA LaVonya Bennett - USA	A patient-randomized clinical trial was conducted at two VA Medical Centers to evaluate the effectiveness and implementation potential of an integrated brief cognitive behavioral therapy in primary care settings. This presentation examines the feasibility of using bCBT among older adults and discusses implications for families of aging individuals.	45 min
Families and Addictions: Forgiveness as a Powerful Clinical Tool		Crombie B Suite
Camino-Gaztambide Richard - USA Eunice Malave de Leon - USA	Addictions are complex behaviors that have a profound impact on the individual, family, and society. Forgiveness can transform negative emotions for oneself or others to achieve or sustain recovery. The purpose of the workshop is to offer the clinical underpinnings that can facilitate the implementation of forgiveness in practice.	45 min
On the Nature of Difference and Inequality in Therapeutic Practice		Room 1
Malcolm Robinson - Australia Catherine Sanders - Australia	Inequality is one of the major 21st century challenges, manifest in the unequal relationship between the 'citizen-consumer-client' and the institutions of the state as they appear in therapeutic practice. BowerNote is a family-systemic protocol for conceptualizing and managing political, problem and psychological inequality in that process.	45 min
Change-Focused Therapy (CFT) of Depression & The Concept Of De-Contracting the Contract with Depression		Room 2
Noga Nabarro (Rubinstein) - Israel	Persistent moderate depression, is definitely a buffaloing problems in systemic therapy. Even long term psychiatric drugs treatments fail to terminate them. The presenter will demonstrate her concept of The Contract with Depression and unfold in video the process and CFT techniques of intervening to De-Contract the contract in Family Therapy.	45 min

Ⓢ These presentations have been CE approved

Attachment vs. Differentiation in Couple Therapy		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Adam Fisher - USA	This workshop will explore attachment and differentiation in treating couple distress. Divergence, convergence and integrative possibilities among the models and the broader theories will be explored. Examples of key models rooted in each theory will be given, along with specific strategies.	45 min
Counseling Couples and Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)		Room 5
Amy Williams - USA Kelsey Pringle - USA	Presenters will describe individual and systemic developmental processes that impact and are impacted by SUDs and identify systemic impacts of SUDs. This information will be synthesized to inform case conceptualization, theoretical perspectives, and intervention selection and applied to the treatment of common concerns among couples and families impacted by SUDs.	45 min
Blinded by Privilege: A Critique on the Multicultural Application of The Satir Model		Room 9
Ⓢ Rachel Miller - USA Eunice Makunzva - USA	Positions of privilege create blind spots in the development of theory. The Satir model is no exception. This lecture will explore integrating outside concepts and components to provide a pathway for addressing and healing wounds of societal oppression and issues of social justice within a Satir Model framework.	45 min
Antisocial Personality Disorder: An Interactional Approach		Room 10
Ⓢ Marjorie Moolman-Nel - South Africa Warwick Phipps - South Africa	The interactional approach assumes that how individuals interact determines the nature and quality of their mental health. Antisocial personality disorder is associated with challenging, rigid, and often harmful patterns of interactions. Therefore, clinical consideration is given to this disorder as well as the treatment considerations from an interactional approach.	45 min
Promoting International Immersion in Marriage and Family Therapy Programs Around the World		Room 7
Ⓢ Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes - USA Sebastian Perumbilly -USA	Presenters will share their experiences conducting international courses as faculty members with an international immersion component with MFT students from U.S. universities. Using an ecological framework, participants will learn the main components of developing, conducting, and delivering an international course, and the preparation involved in pre-departure, immersion, and post-travel stages.	45 min
Re-visioning the "Supervisory Working Alliance" and Cultural Issues in Supervision: Using the IPscope		Room 8
Ⓢ Jeff Chang - Canada Monica Sesma-Vasquez - Canada Ka Man Cheang - Singapore	The IPscope, developed by Dr. Karl Tomm and colleagues, provides a relational conceptualization of human behavior. The presenters will illustrate how systemic supervisors can use interpersonal patterns IPs to conceptualize the supervisory working alliance, to assist supervisees to track family interactions, and provide an opening to reflect on cultural issues.	45 min
11:30-13:00	Closing Lunch	Bodye Suite
13:15-14:00	Workshops (45 min.)	
The Use Of Sound Healing To Enhance Family Cohesion		Crombie A Suite
Mixel Ventura - USA Ana Jimenez-Hami - USA	The present qualitative study examined the nature and benefits of Sound Healing at a community-based family wellness program as a therapeutic intervention among youth with special needs and their parents.	45 min
Co-Creating Fifth Provinces with Imelda McCarthy		Crombie B Suite
Ⓢ Imelda McCarthy - Ireland	Following from her keynote address, Imelda will lead a meditation exercise showing how to open ourselves to our basic interconnected Being as an important resource in building Fifth Provinces (communities of support and sanity) in our lives and work.	45 min
How Many?! Working with Polyamorous Client Systems		Room 1
Ⓢ Daniel Stillwell - USA	The family unit is changing. More and more couple and family systems are opening their boundaries to include other committed partners. This workshop will discuss various polyamorous systems and how systemic therapists are uniquely suited to work with them. Specific poly-friendly interventions and culturally sensitive strategies will be discussed.	45 min
Different Brain – Same Yearnings		Room 2
Ⓢ Corrinna Douglas - Canada	With the evolution of therapy, the greatest gift we can offer our clients is change...change in how we facilitate therapy. This workshop will focus on children and families who are impacted by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Autism, and will offer distinctive therapeutic strategies that accommodates unique brain functioning.	45 min
Rituals Of Cleansing And Repossession: An Africentric Approach To Treatment Of Moral Injury		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Augustine Nwoye - South Africa	This paper discusses the types of rituals of cleansing and repossession available in African cultural traditions for treating the moral injury of returnee child soldiers in contemporary Africa.	45 min
Family Therapy as a Politics of Practice		Room 5
Ⓢ Glenn Lerner - Australia	The paper situates family therapy in the contemporary politics of evidence-based practice. It explores how family therapists can best preserve the uniqueness, spontaneity and creativity of the therapeutic encounter. Dialogic and interactional exercises will invite participants to contribute their own thoughts about family therapy as a politics of practice.	45 min
Solution Focused Brief Therapy: The Art of Useful Responses		Room 9
Ⓢ Elliott Connie - USA	The Solution Focused Approach should be understood as an eloquent dance between the client responses and the professionals questions. This means, the professionals responsibility is to ask questions that are likely to produce client responses that lead towards change.	45 min

Understanding Teen Eating Disorders: Meeting New Demands for Multifaceted Family Interventions		Room 10
Ⓢ Cris Haltom - USA	In the world of complex eating disorders in adolescents, treatment providers are asked to use multifaceted treatment approaches with an emphasis on family support and family interventions. This presentation uses case stories to bring to life factors that inform choosing and using leading evidence-based family treatments for eating disorders.	45 min
First-Generation Indian-American Undergraduates' Grief after Death of Grandparent(s) in India		Room 7
Ramya Avadhanam - USA	Components during the bereavement process such as loss of expectations, traditions, and culture (Price, 2011) may contribute to mental health challenges for the South Asian population and are often overlooked (Tummala-Narra, 2013). This presentation will include dialogue regarding results from a proposed study presented at IFTA 2016 in Malaga, Spain.	45 min
14:15-15:00	Workshops (45 min.)	
Cross Over Therapy For Siblings Incest		Crombie A Suite
Ⓢ Martine Nisse - France Samuel Rassinon - France	Siblings Incest is a common form of incest. For minor's safety rights and safety context we recommend to create a multi focal setting with two separate family therapy spaces, until it will be possible to invite entire family. Steps of Cross Over Therapy inspired by systemanalytical approaches will be explained.	45 min
Sensate Focus With Same-Sex Couples		Room 1
Ⓢ Natasha Finney - USA	Presenters will provide a historical overview of the sensate focus intervention. Presenters will introduce an adaptation of the intervention for the treatment of same sex couples experiencing sexual issues. Presenters will provide a case application highlighting the utilization of sensate focus with a lesbian couple experiencing sexual issues.	45 min
Improving The Situation For Children By Strengthening The Quality Of Parents Couple Relationships. Colaboration Between Family Counseling Servises And Child Health Centers Provides A Sthrengtened And Earlier Offer To Parents With Yong Children		Room 2
Marianne Bie - Norway	A pilot project in Norway from 2015-2019 has tried out various forms of cooperation between Family counseling servises and Child health centers to improve secure bases for children. The trial shows very positive results. Marital relationship as a theme. The experiences will be presented.	45 min
Going global: Training sensitive Systemic Therapists in an interconnected world		Room 3/4
Ⓢ Deisy Amorin-Woods - Australia	This presentation addresses the pressing need to respect cultural diversity in an increasingly varied and evolving globalised world. This will look at attending to "culturally sensitive and responsive" approaches in the training and development of systemic therapists as it applies to education, clinical supervision and service provision.	45 min
How Has L.o.v.e., A Global Leadership Approach, Helped Refugees And Immigrants?		Room 5
Jacqueline Tome - USA	While working with global executive leaders, Jacqueline Tome created a leadership approach for goal achievement. She has been applying the same concept when working with immigrants and refugees successfully. This interactive workshop will show you how to use the L.O.V.E. model for effective personal and professional goal achievement.	45 min
Only Connect: The Body And Mind, Working Across Contexts		Room 9
Claire Dempster - United Kingdom Louise Rocks - United Kingdom	The history of western medicine has frequently divided experiences of body and mind, locating both in culturally specific ways. Claire and Louise will be presenting their work, using case and other examples to demonstrate why a Family Therapy approach helps address this dualism and might lead to better outcomes.	45 min
Beyond Victoria Climbié And Baby P.: Ecological Alternatives To Child Abuse Referral		Room 10
Ⓢ Aysha Concepcion-Lizardi - Puerto Rico Luis Raúl Sánchez-Peraza - Puerto Rico	The community based non-profit organization Familias CAPACES Inc., will present its approach for an empathic, trustworthy and responsible child abuse case referral within the family and community contexts. This approach will be proposed as an alternative to prevent the numbness among the health professionals that could lead to children fatalities.	45 min
Brief Strategic Family Therapy: Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Change		Room 7
Ⓢ Silvia Kaminsky - USA Olga Hervis - USA Jose Szapocznik - USA	Brief Strategic Family Therapy® (BSFT®) is an empirically validated model for treating youth ages 6–18 presenting with externalizing and/or internalizing symptoms. BSFT® is notable as an evidence-based model specifically designed for diverse cultural populations. This workshop will present its systemic, diagnostic and restructuring elements via didactics and videotaped demonstrations.	45 min
The Act of Joining		Room 8
Ⓢ Åse Ljungqvist Svantesson - Sweden Gun Drott-Englen - Sweden	It is crucial to be able to make both the baby and the parents, as well as the adolescent and the parents feel confident in therapy. So the act of joining is central all through the therapy. Focus will be on the parallels in the act of joining through childhood and adolescence. Video clips from therapy sessions illustrates our presentation.	45 min
15:00-16:00	Closing Refreshment Break	
16:00	Congress Ends	