



# World Family Therapy Congress Newsletter

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## Great Beginning to 2013 World Family Therapy Congress

Once again, in 2013, the World Family Therapy Congress opened with a powerful and popular event. Family therapy pioneer Salvador Minuchin was interviewed by Celia Jaes Falicov in “A Talk Between Old Friends.” Minuchin discussed what he has—and is—learning and what he likes about family therapy: “The performance. It’s like play.” and such ideas as the need for the therapist to change so that the client can change, and overcoming errors from early beginning ideas in the field.



Celia Falicov and Sal Minuchin Interview

### **Michal Ungar:** Pre-Congress Keynoter, Plenary Presenter, Super and Clinical Leader

Family therapists had wonderful and plentiful opportunities to learn about resilience and intervention with children, adolescents and families from internationally active and renowned professor, researcher clinician, and author Michael Ungar at the 2013 World Family Therapy Congress. He was a keynoter at the pre-congress research workshop, a plenary presenter the following night with an excellent offering on how families and communities thrive, and a clinical workshop leader on the Super Saturday program dealing with “resilience building instead of problem treatment.





## Celia Falicov Shares on Transnational Families and Introducing Culture into Therapy

International expert on issues facing families that migrate into new cultures and introducing culture into family therapy Celia Jaes Falicov shared valuable insights for comprehension and skilled clinical interventions in a powerful plenary presentation titled “Living with Two Hearts: Separation and Reunification in Transnational Families” at the 2013 World Family Therapy Congress. She drew upon her own migratory and transnational experiences for the plenary presentation as well as for a Super Saturday clinical workshop offering.



Celia Falicov and Sal Minuchin



### Pre-Congress Research Forum At 2013 World Family Therapy Congress

Connections between research and practice got close attention in a Pre-Congress Research Forum at the 213 World Family Therapy Congress. Participants included Michael Ungar, Peter Fraenkel, William Northey, Jerry Gale, and Wayne Denton, Panel and audience interaction was facilitated, and during lunch tales were organized by research/practice themes so that attendees could focus on particular aspects of the dialogue. During afternoon tracks attendees selected either research or practice sessions which had 45 minute presentations with 30 minutes of discussion following.

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### International Stars Featured in Super Saturday Clinical Workshops

Clinical Workshops at the 2013 World Family Therapy Congress featured a rare collection of international stars. Attendees could choose among Florence Kaslow, *The Many Challenges of Changing Clinical Populations*; Judith Landau, *Interventions and Treatment Strategies for Adolescent and Young Adult Substance Abusers and Their Parents*; Celia Falicov, *One Size Doesn't Fit All: Using the MECA Approach to Introduce Culture in Family Therapy*; and Michael Ungar, *Resilience Building Instead of Problem Treatment: A Social Ecological Approach to Intervention With Children, Adolescents, and Their Families*.



Michael Ungar



Celia Falicov



Judith Landau



Florence Kaslow

## Orlando Congress Draws Therapists from Many Countries

Over 350 people attended the 21st World Family Therapy Congress in Orlando FL in February. With over 30 countries represented, the attendees came from around the world and from many continents including Asia, Africa, Europe, South and North America. Thirty nine percent of the attendees were students.

## 36 Countries Represented

