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Dangers and Opportunities for Families**

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Plenary and Featured Speakers



Wai-Yung Lee Ph.D.

“Working with Asian Chinese Families”

While Asian Chinese share a very family-oriented culture, psychotherapeutic approaches in Asia are mostly focused on individuals. In this presentation, Dr. Wai Yung Lee will demonstrate how family therapy can be conducted with families from different Chinese regions, including Shanghai, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Using video segments of live family interviews, she will explain the therapeutic process by presenting a variety of problems in each region: a young girl with an eating disorder in Shanghai, a woman with mental illness in Taiwan, and children with psychosomatic problems in Hong Kong.



Judith Landau M.D.

“The ARISE Model”

The ARISE Model is a cross-cultural approach for enhancing family connectedness, engagement, prevention, and treatment in the face of trauma and addiction. Using a compassionate Invitational Intervention®, the ARISE Model® is a three-phase process which is a Continuum of Care that leads your loved one into appropriate treatment and recovery. The addicted individual is invited to join the process right from the beginning with no surprises, no secrets, no coercion, and absolute respect and love. ARISE introduces the addicted person and the family to a new life of recovery and healing. The individual does not need to hit bottom before getting help.



Kathlyne Maki-Banmen M.S.W.

“The Essence of Therapeutic Change”

The Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) is unique in encompassing both the intrapsychic and interactive components of therapy. The process taps the universal yearnings and spiritual essence of individuals within their personal family and social systems and helps them work towards a sense of responsible wholeness. Intrapsychic change, therefore, not only occurs in clients' behaviour, cognition and affect but in their sense of Being. With transformational change, clients experience more of their true essence and release the negative impacts they have held. Intrapsychic transformational change makes family members become more willing to make new connections, accept differences, and release reactive feelings, perceptions and expectations that have kept them from being open to each other.



John Banmen Ph.D.

“Happiness for Many or Fear No Reason: Using the Satir Model”

Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) has long been known for combining intrapsychic and interactive components of therapy. Virginia Satir believed that there were spiritual yearnings in all human beings which evolved and were experienced within the family. The session will demonstrate how people can release negativity and experience themselves and their family in positive ways. By making new connections and accepting differences, people can find new avenues of experiencing each other and bring happiness to their lives.



Maurizio Andolfi M.D.

“Adolescents' Violent Behavior and Fathers' Absence: How to Intervene”

Adolescence is a critical stage of development with a lot of misunderstanding and prejudice inside families, schools and helping professions. In this presentation, violent behavior, bullying, and self-destructiveness in adolescence will be explored from a systemic-developmental perspective. The absence of the father has a long history in many disadvantaged families and multicultural social contexts, but is also a relevant issue in wealthy families with the increasing number of divorces, single parents and step-families. The risk of father's absence and lack of commitment for young kids is very high. Often professionals and institutions don't include fathers in their treatment programs. They focus on the mother-child.

Featured Panelists



Johnben Loy, Ph.D., LMFT, moderator of the two panels on systemic training in Asia, is a clinical fellow and approved supervisor of the AAMFT. He is the founder and clinical director of Rekindle Centre for Systemic Therapy and Rekindle Academy in Malaysia. He is working on developing evidence-backed and contextually-relevant systemic therapy education for Southeast Asia.



Linna Wang, Ph.D., born and raised in China, is a faculty member and Systemwide Program Director of Couple and Family therapy MA and Psy.D. Programs of Alliant International University. Her researches focus mostly on diversity related issues in MFT education, and identifying and utilizing indigenous healing mechanism.



Joyce L. C. Ma, Ph.D., Professor and Chairperson, Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is the Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor of AAMFT. She has published 5 books and over 80 academic papers at venues with significant impact and visibility.



Kok-Mun Ng, Ph.D., is Professor of Counselor Education at Oregon State University. He is licensed to practice counseling in Texas and North Carolina. His research interests include cross-cultural issues, supervision and counselor education, emotional intelligence, internationalization of professional, attachment theory, and couples and family issues. Dr. Ng has published many peer-reviewed journal articles.



Shin-Ichi Nakamura, M.D., is the Director of the Nakamura Psychotherapy Institute, in Tokyo, Japan. Dr. Nakamura was a Founding Member (1983) of the Japan Association of Family Therapy, and Vice President and Member of the Consortium of Institutes on the Family in the Asian Regions (CIFA). A member of the American Family Therapy Association and the Academy of Family Therapy (Hong Kong), he is the General Manager of the Asian Center for Therapeutic Assessment.



Mee-Gaik Lim, Ph.D., has been teaching marriage and family therapy classes for over 20 years in US. She has administered preventive education grants for community agencies and schools. Grant programs focused on building effective parenting and discipline skills, working with resistant children/teens, etc. Research focus includes building strong families, marital satisfaction, and clinical supervision.



Timothy Sim, Ph.D., has focused his main research and practice interest over the past decade to developing culturally sensitive family-based treatment in Asian contexts, particularly for the Chinese family that is in a constant flux. He has been involved in child and adolescent health-related behavior research, with a particular focus on the family dynamics of adolescent drug abusers, as well as pathological video game use among children and adolescents. In the wake of the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, he has been working closely with international and Chinese experts across disciplines in developing practice, policy and research projects in disaster interventions.



Susanna Wong Ip, Ph.D., M.P. H., M.A., has been a teacher, therapist and supervisor for over 10 years in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Macau. Susanna is the director of Bethel Counseling Center, professor of Bethel Bible Seminary in Pastoral Counseling. She advocates mental health education and low cost counseling to the under-privileged and she is active in community services. Susanna is also a writer. She has authored four books with Dr. Eddie Chan on the application of Satir model in family therapy, intimacy and treating emotional disorder cases.

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Welcome to the Congress

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to beautiful, colorful Kuala Lumpur and the International Family Therapy Association's 23rd World Family Therapy Congress!

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

The 2015 theme, Changing Traditions and Systemic Therapy: Dangers and Opportunities for Families, focuses on embracing change while living in a world of tradition. This Congress seeks to employ technology and new modes of communication. We live simultaneously in "one world" and many worlds. Thus, family therapy is rapidly becoming a mutual, interactive process in which we learn new ways from colleagues from many lands. Communicating and networking among over 300 therapists from over 40 countries during this congress will provide professional contacts and information to support the exchange of knowledge and the growth of family therapy across the globe.

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

Lee Bowen

Lee Bowen, Ph.D., President

What is IFTA?

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted December 2005

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

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

IFTA Membership

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

JOURNAL OF FAMILY PSYCHOTHERAPY

As a member of IFTA you will receive a subscription to the Journal of Family Psychotherapy. This is the official journal of IFTA and is sent to you electronically as part of your membership fee and is available online.

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

The online International Connection newsletter provides you with updates about the organization and additional articles written by members worldwide.

RESEARCH E-NEWS FORUM

A Members Only Research E-News Forum is sent quarterly highlighting research in marriage and family therapy.

WORLD FAMILY THERAPY CONGRESSES

A special World Congress discounted registration fee is available every year for members attending the annual World Family Therapy Congress. Networking is one of the highlights of an IFTA Congress; many 2014 Congress attendees said, "the best networking congress ever!"

IFTA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

An IFTA Member Directory is available to members only by request.

IFTA and IFTA CONGRESS WEB SITES

IFTA maintains a web site that contains information on upcoming World Family Therapy Congresses, Association information, news, and occasional articles.

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

This membership is for the professional mental health practitioner. Whether you are in a private practice, work for an agency, or would just like to learn more about family therapy from an international perspective, memberships are available for one, 3 or 5-years with a discount for multiple year memberships.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student members are currently enrolled in programs leading to a graduate degree or post-graduate certificate in marriage and family therapy or a related mental health field.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

An institutional membership allows family therapy clinics or hospitals or academic departments to become a member of IFTA. This membership allows up to 3 professionals to be included in the Institution at a discount.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

This one time fee of \$1000 provides membership benefits as long as the member desires.

BECOMING A MEMBER

You may become a member of IFTA by credit card through the IFTA web site application: <https://www.ifta-familytherapy.com/application/> You may also contact the Secretariat for a fax application form

International Accreditation Commission for Systematic Therapy Education

Created as a semi-autonomous body under the auspices of the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA), the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) focuses on the development and implementation of quality standards for programs around the world that provide systemic therapy education and training. These standards are created to enhance the development of professionals who will be qualified to provide systemic therapy for individuals, couples, and families in the communities in which they live and work.

More information about accreditation can be obtained at Workshop #1 on Thursday, March 12, at 16.30-17.30. The Standards and Application for accreditation are available at:

<http://www.ifta-familytherapy.org/EducationAndTraining.html>

Program at a Glance

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

15:00 - 19:00 Registration

15:00 - 18:00 Board of Directors

Thursday, March 12, 2015

07:00-17:30 Registration Hours

08:30-9:30 Brief Sessions

9:45-10:30 Presentations/workshops

10:30-10:45 Recess/Break

10:45-12:45 Plenary Session:

Wai-Yung Lee Ph.D.

Working with Asian Families

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:00 Brief Sessions

15:15-16:00 Presentations/workshops

16:00-16:30 Refreshment Break

16:30-17:30 Presentations/workshops

16:30-18:45 Featured Presentation

John Banmen Ph.D.

Live Demonstration: A Live Therapy Session Using the Satir Model. This session will be conducted by an individual using a translator. A question and answer session will follow.

17:45-18:45 Presentations/workshops

Friday, March 13, 2015

07:30-18:00 Registration Hours

08:00-9:00 Brief Sessions

9:15-10:45 Plenary Session:

Judith Landau M.D.

The Arise Model

10:45-11:00 Recess/Break

11:00-12:00 Poster Session

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:45 Presentations/workshops

14:00-14:45 Presentations/workshops

15:00-15:45 Presentations/workshops

15:45-16:15 Refreshment Break

16:15-17:15 Presentations/workshops

16:15-18:00 Featured Presentation and Panel

Maurizio Andolfi M.D.

Adolescents' Violent Behavior and Fathers' Absence: How to Intervene

Moderator: Johnben Teik-Cheok Loy Ph.D.

Panelists: Kok-Mun Ng Ph.D., Mee-Gaik Lim Ph.D., and Linna Wang Ph.D.

State of Systemic Training in Asia: The perspective of Trainers Who Live and Work Outside of Asia

18:30-22:30 Congress Cultural Event

Saturday, March 14, 2015

08:00-13:00 Registration Hours

8:30-9:00 Brief Session

9:15-10:15 Presentations/workshops

Featured Panel: Takishi Tamura, Young Ju, Hao-We and Wai Yung

Family Therapy in Asia

10:30-11:15 Presentations/workshops

11:15-11:30 Recess/Break

11:30-13:00 Plenary Session:

Kathlyne Maki-Banmen M.A.

The Essence of Therapeutic Change

13:00-14:15 Lunch Break

14:15-15:15 Presentations/workshops

14:15-16:30 Featured Panel

Moderator: Johnben Teik-Cheok Loy Ph.D.

Panelists: Joyce Ma Ph.D., Susanna Wong Ip Chung Ping Ph.D., Timothy Sim Ph.D., and Shin-Ichi Nakamura M.D.

State of Systemic Training in Asia: The perspective of Trainers Who Live and Work In Asia

15:30-16:30 Presentations/workshops

16:45-17:15 Congress Closing

17:15-17:30 Closing Refreshments

17:30 (5:30 PM) Congress Ends

2016 IFTA Conference Program

Wednesday, March 11th

12:00 - 14:30 Executive Committee Meeting

Mayang Sari 3

15:00 - 18:00 Board of Directors Meeting

Mayang Sari 3

Thursday, March 12th

8:30 Briefs (2 consecutive 25 minute presentations)

Room

Cyber Sexual Activities and Depression among Johorian Juvenile Delinquent as Danger and Opportunity in Family

Mayang Sari 1

Harisa Hawafi -Malaysia

This study examined the relationship between cyber sexual addiction and depression level among Johorian Juvenile Delinquent. An ex post-facto research design was adopted. The results showed there was a positive relationship between cyber sexual activities with depression level. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.

Islamic Spiritual Hypnotherapy for Sexually Abused Children

Mayang Sari 1

Sofiyyah Low -Malaysia

The main purpose of this study was to understand the experience of Spiritual Hypnotherapy with Sexually Abused Children. The qualitative research methodology, was selected since it was deemed the most appropriate for the study. In-depth interview sessions were carried out, with each session ranging from 45 to 90 minutes. Each interview were video recorded, transcribed verbatim and analysed using Nvivo. Results of the study are expected to contribute for more effective practices of helping the sexually abused children through Islamic Spiritual Hypnotherapy. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.

What Is and When to Use Single Session Family Therapy in Acute Psychiatric Settings

Mayang Sari 2

Wayne Conron -Australia

This presentation will discuss the theoretical underpinnings of Single Session Family Therapy (SSFT) and what a session may look like. It will then outline development of this work in acute psychiatric settings. Successful and less successful sessions will be discussed. The presentation will conclude some criteria for successful outcomes.

Communication of Genetic Risk Information Within Families: How Can Systemic Family Therapy Be of Help?

Mayang Sari 2

Álvaro Mendes -Portugal

The challenges faced by families living with inherited conditions while communicating about genetic risk information are explored. Considering family dynamics and the ethical boundaries around genetic information, we reflect on how systemic family therapy concepts and interventions may assist genetic services in helping families to discuss genetic risk information.

Experiencing Near Death or Life Threatening Illness: Lessons for Positive Living

Starhill 7

Madhu Kasiram -South Africa

Near Death Experiences and receiving a positive HIV diagnosis have several commonalities but also differences. This presentation examines this topic as evidence, based on 2 related research projects.

Seeking Views of Children and Young People – Social Work Research on Children in a Chinese Context

Starhill 4

Hannah Ho -China

Mooly Wong -China

One of the key issues of children research is the imbalance of power between researcher and children. In this presentation, the research methods of two newly conducted studies will be illustrated how to minimize this imbalance of power. Researchers' reflexivity on utilization of power in children research will be examined.

Peace Within, Peace Between and Peace Among

Starhill 4

Anna Maria Low -Singapore

I present briefly, Virginia Satir's ideas that "the world is a family of nations, make up of people like you and me. Creating peace in the world strongly resembles making peace in the family". I believe that as family therapists, we are peacemakers.

"Who am I?" Third Culture and Hidden Immigrant Experiences

Starhill 5

Elise Cole -USA

Common experiences and challenges third culture kids and hidden immigrants face will be discussed including current research on the impact of third culture experiences on social relationships, identity development, cultural adjustment, and help seeking behaviors. Additionally, assessment suggestions will be shared along with a discussion of therapeutic recommendations.

Family Resilience in Normal and High Risk Pregnant Women

Starhill 5

Hüdayar Cihan Güngör - Turkey

This study aimed at comparing how normal and high risk pregnant women cope with the stress. As a result of the content analysis, we came up with three different categories: social resources, spirituality and positive outlook. Various comparisons have been conducted between normal and high risk pregnant women.

Systemanalytic Approach to Incest : To Change or Not To Change

Starhill 6

Martine Nisse -France

A major issue for many psychotherapists in France. In a paradoxical attempt to protect themselves, in resonance with the desperate feelings of abused children – most professionals block opportunities for growth for incestuous families. We will share how to use resonance (M Elkaïm) to achieve change for families.

Sameness & Differences in Family Therapy Training in Different Cultures using Satir Model

Starhill 6

Sibel Erenel -Turkey

Kathlyne Maki-Banmen - Canada

Anna Maria Low -Singapore

This panel will explore how Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy training is effective in different cultures. The panelists are trainers who have worked many years in countries where family therapy is developing. Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, Sibel Erenel, Anna Low will share experiences of working in Asia, Middle-East, Europe, and Canada highlighting sameness and differences.

Laugh When It Is Serious

Mayang Sari 4

Katia Tikhonravova - United States

The separation among communities and individuals leads to serious consequences; like prejudice, feelings of mistrust and danger, which prevents partnerships and opportunities for growth. Like yawning, laughter is contagious. Creating fun and entertaining experiences could be among the best ways to deliver a message about diversity, acceptance, and love.

An Approach to Family Resilience and the Key Processes for its Promotion

Mayang Sari 4

Ainhoa Diez Sanz -Spain

The communication sheds some light on the concept of family resilience, discussing the empirical evidence for it and suggesting some key processes for its promotion.

9:45 Presentations (45 Minutes)		Room
Emergent Treatment Issues in Chinese Families of Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Who Experience Child and/or Parent Maltreatment in Hong Kong	<i>Joyce Lai Chong Ma -China</i> The purpose of this presentation is to describe the common patterns of family interactions discerned from a clinical sample of Chinese families of children with ADHD seeking help because of child and/or parent maltreatment and to identify emergent therapeutic issues critical in family assessment and treatment.	Mayang Sari 1
The Positive Effect Relationship Model The observation of negative effects on each individual in couples therapy is the main cause of communications difficulties.	<i>Johannes Kelder -Australia</i> Positive Effect Relationship Model Negative emotions are the cause of communications difficulties. When the subconscious perceives negative emotions it creates tension and the expression of tension. PERM is a cognitive, emotional and behavioral approach to therapy that gives understanding to what thinking, feelings and behaviors creates tension.	Mayang Sari 2
Families in Transition - Transitions in Families	<i>Ann Buysse -Belgium</i> Transitions change the family dynamics. A model of how family transition relates to decreased quality of life is tested. Implications based on longitudinal analysis (N > 2000 families) include supporting well-informed trajectory decisions, alternative ways of dealing with conflict, reorganization of parental role and work-life balance.	Starhill 7
Writing for Publication in Marriage and Family Therapy	<i>Jake Johnson-USA</i> This workshop will focus on how to be successful in writing for publication in the field of marriage and family therapy. Particular attention will be paid to navigating the process of publication as well as current scholarly trends in MFT.	Starhill 4
State of the Art in the Integrative Interactional Approach to Family Therapy	<i>Warwick Phipps- South Africa</i> Integrative interactional therapy is a recent development in family therapy that integrates the systems, humanistic, and communication approaches. Based on the work of the late Charl Vorster, it incorporates a new psychodiagnostic procedure known as interactional pattern analysis (IPA). The IPA yields a truly relational/circular diagnosis of interactional psychopathology.	Starhill 5
Catalyst for Change: A Case for Community Collaboration	<i>Nazeema Bassir Marican - Singapore</i> <i>Eliarani Kanak Rajah - Singapore</i> Following a two year project working with multistressed families living in Interim Rental Housing in Singapore, an exploratory study examining intervention(s) that were crucial in increasing these families' stability was conducted. Utilizing a mixed method approach, the study revealed that multisystemic collaboration was critical in increasing families' stability.	Starhill 6
The Clinical Playground: Incorporating Playfulness into Therapist Training	<i>Helen Reynolds -USA</i> How does playfulness in the training setting influence the work of trainee therapists? How can playfulness be incorporated and what are its benefits? This presentation considers the role and impact of playfulness in the relationship between supervisor and supervisee, and how this influences the relationship between supervisees and their clients.	Mayang Sari 4
10:30-10:45 Refreshment Break		
10:45 - 12:45 Plenary		Ballroom
Working with Asian Families	<i>Wai-Yung Lee -China</i> While Asian Chinese shares a very family-oriented culture, psychotherapeutic approaches in Asia are mostly focused on individuals. In this presentation, Dr. Wai Yung Lee will demonstrate how family therapy can be conducted with families from different Chinese regions, including Shanghai, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Using video segments of live family interviews, she will explain the therapeutic process with a variety of presenting problems in each region: a young girl with eating disorder in Shanghai, a woman with mental illness in Taiwan, and children with psychosomatic problems in Hong Kong.	
12:45-14:00 Lunch Break		
14:00 Briefs (2 Consecutive 25 minute presentations)		Room
Aging, Migration and the Burden of Care	<i>Maria Marchetti-Mercer - South Africa</i> This paper explores the experiences of South African families with aging parents who have had a child/children emigrate from the country. This departure profoundly impacts upon the family dynamics as well as placing the burden of care of elderly parents upon the members of the family left behind.	Mayang Sari 1
Couple Therapy Training: Applying a Integrative Psychotherapy Meta-model	<i>Jac Brown -Australia</i> I will present a model for training couple therapy students incorporating both the common elements of therapy as well as the specific ingredients. Common skills which include neutrality and mutual engagement with both partners and specific skills presented through a meta-model will form the basis of the presentation.	Mayang Sari 1
Feminist-Informed Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy as Treatment for Eating Disorders	<i>Candice Maier -USA</i> Emotionally focused therapy (EFT) for couples is a compelling framework for treating couples where one partner has an eating disorder. A feminist approach to EFT offers the possibility of adding to the knowledge base of etiological factors that contribute to the development of eating disorders.	Mayang Sari 2
The Family's Experience of Elderly Patients with Delirium	<i>Lia Fernandes -Portugal</i> Delirium is a complex neuropsychiatric syndrome, common in elderly hospitalized patients. It can be a psychologically traumatic experience for the patients and their family/caregivers. This study aims to identify delirium symptoms as perceived by family, as well as the different interventions that can alleviate psychological distress in these careers.	Mayang Sari 2
The Impact of the Ministry of Justice New Divorce Regulations on the Welfare of Women and Children	<i>Mansour Aldehaiman -Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Nasser Aloud -Saudi Arabia</i> <i>Abdulaziz Aldakhil -Saudi Arabia</i> This presentation will discuss the impact of the Ministry of Justice in Saudi Arabia's new regulations. This presentation will discuss the impact of such regulations on the well-being of divorced women and their children.	Starhill 7

Family Therapy for Persons Struggling with Schizophrenia in Maintaining Employment in Korea: Based on Stress-Diathesis Theory and MRI's Meta Communication Theory		Starhill 7
<i>Choonhee Lee -Korea (Rep. of)</i>	This study investigates the efficiency of family therapy as an intervening method in aiding persons diagnosed with schizophrenia struggling to maintain employment, and their family members.	
Family Therapists' Adult Attachment Styles and the Therapeutic Alliance		Starhill 4
<i>Yusmarhaini Yusof -Malaysia</i>	Interviews with therapists of different attachment styles were conducted to explore the relationship between their adult attachment styles and their perceptions of the therapeutic alliance. A framework analysis was employed and responses were compared according to 'secure' and 'insecure' attachment styles. Therapists differed in their emotional connections to family members.	
The Significant of Malay Songs with Romantic Lyrics on Hierarchy of Love: Implication on Couple Counselling		Starhill 5
<i>Nor Azwahanum Nor Shaid - Malaysia</i>	In this study, it will discuss how romantic lyrics can affect respondents' hierarchy of love. The aim of this study is to examine the hierarchy of love among students by using a set of questionnaire consists of romantic lyrics from several songs. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.	
Habla Mi Idioma? (Do You Speak My Language) An Exploratory Review of Working Systemically With People From Diverse Cultures		Starhill 5
<i>Deisy Amorin-Woods - Australia</i>	This study explores systemic work with CaLD clients, a neglected topic, yet 'central' to the social and emotional well-being of a multicultural society. There is pressing need to consider a multi-dimensional focus which recognises the 'multiple voices' and 'multi-storied' nature of working with culture in multicultural Australia.	
APIML The Analytic Framework For Modeling Dyadic Effects Between Couples		Starhill 6
<i>Neda Deylami -Malaysia</i>	This study describes an analytic model for obtaining a comprehensive view for interdependence data. APIM is one of the standard dyadic designs that analyze data from dyads in which the behavior's, perception's and emotion's person effect and are affected with only each other member of dyad. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.	
Developing a Competent Therapist: The Use of Self in Supervision and Therapy		Starhill 6
<i>Pei Li Yeo -Malaysia</i>	The use-of-self is a concept that has significant impact in therapy and supervision. This session is about understanding the self using the Satir's Iceberg Metaphor and highlighting Haley's Isomorphism as systemic supervisor also need to focus on the interrelational similarities between therapy and supervision.	
Some Characteristics of Japanese Couple Communication in Comparison With Other Asian Regions		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Shin-Ichi Nakamura -Japan</i>	In our comparative study of couple communication in five Asian regions, our Japanese data showed marked differences especially in the style of argument. It seemed very difficult to identify overt verbal fighting in Japanese couple. I will consider the cultural back ground of our Japanese communication style.	
Birth Order in the Family: Implications of Parental Differential Treatment on Children		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Ikechukwu Uba -Malaysia</i>	This paper examines the implication of parental differential treatment of children based on birth order and argues that eldest children benefit from their parents' love and care. The writing suggested that African and Asian parents preferred authoritarian parenting. Finally, the review noted the cultural specific nature of parenting style. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.	
15:15 Presentations (45 Minutes)		Room
P.L.A.Y: A Practical Coaching Strategy for Families With Children Who Learn Differently		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Mei Wah Phoebe Long - Malaysia</i>	PLAY is a practical coaching strategy that aims to revive the natural family system for parents and caregivers of children with learning difference. A case study of a nine-year-old child demonstrates how the simple principles of PLAY can be effectively applied to bring hope to children and families.	
Chinese Children's Subjective Experiences of Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in Hong Kong: The Co-construction of Meanings in Multiple Family Group		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Erica S. F. Wan -China</i> <i>Joyce Lai Chong Ma -China</i> <i>Julia Lo Wing Ka -China</i>	Chinese children's subjective experiences of Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in Hong Kong are seldom explored. This presentation presents findings of a qualitative study on the meanings of ADHD co-constructed by the children and their parents in the Multiple Family Group. The implications for clinical practice are discussed.	
Family dynamics viewed against the backdrop of the interaction between family and larger system in China		Starhill 7
<i>Chung Ping Wong Ip -China</i>	What happened in the larger systems have caused certain adaptive behaviors in the family system. This presentation will look at how some adaptive social holons have created blockage in communicating and handling problems in marriage and family in China.	
Strategies for Working with Couples Raising Children on the Autism Spectrum		Starhill 4
<i>Jake Johnson -USA</i>	Couples raising children with autism spectrum disorders face unique barriers in their attempts to promote healthy marriages/intimate partnerships. In this lecture, key challenges to fostering vibrant relationships among these couples will be highlighted, and marriage and family therapy-informed interventions for addressing these challenges will also be provided.	
Utilizing Therapeutic Children's Literature to Promote Change		Starhill 5
<i>Rana Banaja -USA</i>	This presentation explores the use of children's books as a therapeutic tool in therapy practice emphasizing the development of bibliotherapy. This presentation will also discuss the creation of a specific children's book titled "o" The Owl by the presenter to highlight therapeutic topics.	
Visual Techniques as a Part of the Family Therapy Training		Starhill 6
<i>Tarja Koffert -Finland</i>	The presentation is based on experiences of using photographs and phototherapeutic techniques during Family Therapy Training for Specialized Level and Family Therapy Training for Advanced Level . The training courses were arranged at the University of Turku, Center for Extension Studies.	
Evidence Based Treatment on the Effectiveness of Human Systems Therapy Through Four Control Research Trials		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Nicholas Paritsis -Greece</i>	Human Systems Therapy is based on general systems principles, applicable at many human systems levels. Evidence based treatment is realized through control research trials on a) reducing psychotic symptoms in young schizophrenics b) eliminating hashish use in adolescents c) developing skills in profound retarded adults d) upgrading high school students.	

16:00-16:30 Refreshment Break		
16:30 Presentations (60 Minutes)		Room
Featured Presentation: A Live Therapy Session Using the Satir Model		Starhill 3
<i>John Banmen -Canada</i>	This session will be conducted by an individual using a translator. Dr.John Banmen will conduct a therapy session with an individual using the Satir Model. The interviewee will be an individual Chinese person and the session will be using translation. A question and answer session will follow. Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) has long been known for combining intrapsychic and interactive components of therapy. Virginia Satir believed that there were spiritual yearnings in all human beings which evolved and were experienced within the family. The session will demonstrate how people can release negativity and experience themselves and their family in positive ways. By making new connections and accepting differences, people can find new avenues of experiencing each other and bring happiness to their lives.	
Challenges and Opportunities in Intercultural Relationships		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Reenee Singh -USA</i>	Intercultural and interfaith relationships provide unique opportunities for couples, parents and families in negotiating difference. In this workshop, I will draw on experiential exercises, research findings, case vignettes and extracts from popular media to illustrate some of the challenges, dilemmas, opportunities and resiliencies for intercultural couples and their practitioners.	
A Family Affair: Using Action Methods To Create Change		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Norma Lord -USA</i>	Participants will engage in action methods related to creating change in family systems. Modalities will include role reversal, doubling and surplus reality from a psychodramatic perspective.	
<i>Jeanie Low -USA</i>		
<i>Maria Marchetti-Mercer - South Africa</i>		
Changing Models in Family Therapy: School-Child-Family Interconnectedness		Starhill 7
<i>Gertina J. van Schalkwyk - China</i>	We introduce School-Based Family Counseling as a useful integrated model combining school and family counseling in a broad systems approach. As a culturally sensitive model, this model, combined with the Collage Life-story Elicitation Technique, help establish professional partnerships to address the different interfaces of child, school and family.	
<i>Maria Marchetti-Mercer - South Africa</i>		
"If Only It Is ADHD" - Enlarging the Therapeutic Cricle, an Integrative & Systemic Approach When Working with Adolescents Afflicted with "The Problem" called ADHD.		Starhill 4
<i>David Hong -Austria</i>	David finds working from a developmental framework and the emphasis on the competence of the child and the resources of the family and community is more conducive to change as well as a liberating experience for the family. Through the use of case studies, participants will be able to grasp and appreciates what makes intervention effective.	
Sex, Love, and Intimacy: Strategic Interventions for Divorce Prevention and Global Mental Health		Starhill 5
<i>Josiane Bonte Apollon -USA</i>	Couples' mental health, family structure, and children's wellbeing are at risk with divorce worldwide. This presentation will explore how strategic interventions may interrupt couples' distress and reestablish sex, love, and intimacy from a systemic framework to promote general happiness and	
<i>Alix J.M. Apollon -USA</i>		
Interactional Pattern Analysis: Advancing Psychodiagnosis in Family Therapy		Starhill 6
<i>Warwick Phipps -South Africa</i>	Interactional pattern analysis is a psychodiagnostic procedure pioneered by the late Charl Vorster. It enables the systematic description of circular processes, which are examined in the context of the client's presenting problem. Although adding structure and clarity to diagnosis, it does not limit the choice of treatment procedure employed.	
Website Best Practices and Strategy		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Douglas Tschopp - USA</i>	This workshop will focus on current best practices in website development. Come and learn how to make the web work for you. Topics include content strategy, digital trends, search engine optimization, usability and responsive web design. Use the Q & A to draw from this business expert's experience.	
17:45 Presentations (60 Minutes)		Room
The Psyche and The Soma - A Satir-Based "Body Parts Party" for Diagnosis of a Brain Tumour		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Robert Silverberg -Australia</i>	"The Psyche & the Soma" is a group therapy method assisting early diagnosis. A multidisciplinary team used the Body Parts Party indicating a combined physical-psychological pattern. After early detection in Group Therapy, a cerebellopontine angle brain tumour was diagnosed by a Neurosurgeon. A twenty-year followup revealed permanent remission.	
<i>Sandra Neil -Australia</i>		
Shifting Attitudes of "Respect" From Adults to Children in a Hierarchial Society: Lessons in a Community Outreach		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Sudha Kudva -Malaysia</i>	Drawing from my experience gained through play therapy with children and counseling with adults, I have been offering workshops on "respect" to parent and child-workers, to subtly shift "unhealthy hierarchical attitudes" when interacting with children. I share my learning lessons in reaching out to our Asian communities in Malaysia.	
Intimacy in Tug of War: Israel, Malaysia and Taiwan Couples with Issues on Sex and Cyber Affairs		Starhill 7
<i>Wentao Chao -Taiwan</i>	Gender discrepancy is a common theme among couples. This panel explores how the tension between genders in Issues of sex and cyber affairs may manifest in couple therapy, by presenting cases from Israel, Malaysia and Taiwan respectively, and discusses how therapists can work with couples in respective social-cultural contexts.	
<i>Wai Sheng Ng -Malaysia</i>		
Refining Rituals: A 6-dimensional Model for Assessment and Design		Starhill 4
<i>Chitra Subrahmanian - Switzerland</i>	The Presenter will introduce a template for assessing and designing Rituals in order to harness their power and utility in our lives, while modifying their potential to reinforce negative behaviours, patterns and experiences. Participants will learn to collaboratively decode existing ritual practices, identify solutions and design new rituals from scratch.	
Raise Your Kids With L.O.V.E : An Effective Parenting Model for Multicultural Families		Starhill 5
<i>Jacqueline Tome -USA</i>	Using rituals from different cultures, development theories, play therapy and filial therapy techniques, the parenting program model LOVE prepares parents to create a positive relation with their children throughout their lives. With this interactive workshop, participants will learn techniques to use with their clients to become better parents.	

Source of Pain, Source of Strength: Transgenerational Trauma and Resilience in Family Therapy

Starhill 6

*Tatiana Glebova -USA**Korlany Chhun -USA*

Presentation will summarize existing literature and research on transgenerational trauma and resilience transmission conceptualized within a family systems paradigm. Relevant clinical assessment tools and interventions will be illustrated by two cases of immigrant families from different backgrounds with a focus on transgenerational trauma and the current functioning of young adults.

Friday, March 13th**8:00 Briefs (2 consecutive 25 minute presentations)****Room****Keep Connection and Support with Separating Family**

Mayang Sari 1

*Xiaohong Deng -China**Xiaoqiu Hu -China*

As more Chinese move to cities, families don't live together anymore. In the past, several generations usually lived together, history and cultural tradition connected very tightly. Now families need to find new ways to maintain the household structure and connection and also need to adjust energy to adapt to challenge.

Family Centred Practice on Child Protection: a Supervision Model for a Welfare Agency in Hong Kong

Mayang Sari 1

*Mooly Wong -China**Monica Yau -China*

A supervision model on how to build up the capacity for family centred practice at a welfare organization rendering out-of-home care service in Hong Kong will be introduced.

The Culture of Peace: A Way to End Violence in Brazilian Schools

Mayang Sari 2

Carlos Temperini -Brazil

Based on assumptions of the systemic thought, this research is a proposition to implement a method to eradicate the violence in Brazilian schools, promoting a culture of peace, applying the principles of the restorative justice, considering the four pillars of education in the XXI century as per Dellors report.

Homoparental Adoption and Childhood: The Brazilian Media Analysis.

Mayang Sari 2

Carlos Temperini -Brazil

This study describes content about gay and lesbian families that was published in a Brazilian newspaper between the years of 2000 - 2012, to comprehend the social construction of childhood and debate about homoparental adoption. The treatment given to the homoparental adoption questions were much more controversial than discussed. Co-authored by Rosa Maria Stefanini de Macedo

Studying Parentification as Lived Experience: Making a Case for Qualitative Research

Starhill 7

Nivida Chandra - India

Parentification is the role reversal between parent and child, and could lead to emotional abuse. Through a critique of current literature and using preliminary findings, this paper aims to provide evidence that qualitative approaches must be employed to gain a deeper, holistic understanding of the phenomenon as a lived experience.

Marital Dysfunctions in the Nigeria Context: Causes and Effects

Starhill 4

Grace Idowu - Malaysia

This study presents insight exploratory opinions of married adults' personal experiences on marital issues, particularly focusing on how deep love in marriage can sometimes turn to hatred. Findings pointed at infidelity and lack of attention as the culprits while frequent communication and trust served as keys to a successful marriage. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.

Application of the Satir Model in Family of Patients with Schizophrenia in Thai Culture

Starhill 4

*Nawanant Piyavhatkul -**Thailand**Suvanna Arunpongpaial -**Thailand*

A study comparing effectiveness of family therapy based on the Satir model vs. family psychoeducation on family function, self-esteem, depressive symptoms, the social functioning and severity of symptoms in families with patients with schizophrenia. Both interventions produced positive results, but the family therapy group had more significant results.

Serving Individuals and Family with Disabilities in the Court Setting

Starhill 5

*Nasser Aloud -Saudi Arabia**Ibrahiem Alothman -Saudi**Arabia*

The research aims to identify the current disclosure of the most important services, and equipment that should be available in the courts with disabilities from the perspective of the employees of the courts setting in Saudi Arabia.

Meaning of Interaction: Using Local Wisdom to Develop Family Intervention in Indonesia

Starhill 5

Kartika Dewi -Indonesia

This research reveals the meaning of family interactions based on local wisdom and Indonesian society today. Furthermore, this research explains the shift in the meaning of family interaction and intergenerational benefits. The findings are used to develop family interventions based on local wisdom that can be used by practitioners.

Gender Differences in Terms of Relationship Between Family-of-origin Experiences and Marital Adjustment

Starhill 6

*Soudabeh Ghoroghi -**Malaysia*

This study sought to gender differences in relationship between family-of-origin experiences and marital adjustment. Using a web-based survey, 220 randomly selected married postgraduate students completed survey questions online. The result established the relationship between variables, but did not show any significant difference based on gender. Siti Aishah Hassan both co-authored and was present for this presentation.

Hierarchy of Love in Human Relation from Quranic Language: Implication for Marriage, Couple and Family Counseling

Starhill 6

*Siti Aishah Hassan -**Malaysia*

We propose the hierarchy of love in human relation from the Quranic perspective. Focusing on the kinds of love between couples and romantic love we differentiate between pure love and adulterated love according to Islamic perspectives. It discusses love as a factor for marital satisfaction and divorce.

Exploring the Association Between Sexual Well-being and Life Satisfaction Among Malaysian Women

Mayang Sari 4

Avis Ng - Malaysia

A Study of sexuality and life satisfaction among Malaysian Women is conducted to explore whether Malaysian Women associate sexual satisfaction as a major part of overall life satisfaction.

Help the Students Receive More Success in Chinese Gaokao Using Satir Mode

Mayang Sari 4

Qiang Wang - China

The author has the experience of Chinese Gaokao (The university entrance exam) consultation which have continued for more than 10 years, especially the significant results in supporting and helping students after using Satir Mode. He summarized these to share with 2015 World Family Therapy Congress to contribute his strength.

The ARISE Model*Judith Landau -USA*

The ARISE Model is a cross-cultural approach for enhancing family connectedness, engagement, prevention, and treatment in the face of trauma and addiction. Using a compassionate Invitational Intervention®, the ARISE Model® is a three-phase process which is a Continuum of Care that leads your loved one into appropriate treatment and recovery. The addicted individual is invited to join the process right from the beginning with no surprises, no secrets, no coercion, and absolute respect and love. ARISE introduces the addicted person and the family to a new life of recovery and healing. The individual does not need to hit bottom before getting help.

10:45-11:00 Refreshment Break**11:00-12:00 Poster Session****Foyer of Mayang Sari****1-4****Family Therapy Practices in the Field of Social Work in South Korea***Sunin Shin -Korea (Rep. of)*

This research focuses on identifying the current family therapy practices of the workers in four main settings of social work in South Korea: mental health, school social work, child care, and community welfare service centers. Case load, desire for skills improvement, and effectiveness of and impediments to practice were studied.

Qualitative Research on Family Therapy Practiced by Mental Health Social Workers in Korea*Dawoon Heo -Korea (Rep. of)**Jo Kyoungsook -Korea (Rep. of)**Sunin Shin -Korea (Rep. of)*

This research investigates the effectiveness and impediment factors for family therapy in the Korean mental health field through in-depth interviews with mental health social workers on their family therapeutic interventions, and proposes a plan to facilitate family therapeutic interventions in the area of mental health social work.

Perspectives on Inter-Cultural Dating Among Young Adult Foreign Residents in South Korea*Jody Lee -Korea (Rep. of)**Young Ju Chun -Korea (Rep. of)**You Young Dal -Korea (Rep. of)*

A qualitative examination of factors that affect intercultural dating relationships in South Korea and possible ramifications for the therapeutic process.

Infrastructure of Family Therapy in South Korea*Young Ju Chun -Korea (Rep. of)**Gyung-Ran Hwang -Korea (Rep. of)**Yoon-Min Bae -Korea (Rep. of)*

To cope with the variety of different family problems, Integrative infrastructure of family therapy has been established in public and private sectors. This poster introduces the current status of infrastructure of family therapy in South Korea focusing on both public and private centers, and examines the future directions.

The Prospect of Couples in the Child Care Period*Moe Onojima -Japan*

The present study is intended to consider and make a suggestion for couples in the child-care period to deal with specific problems of the period. Loads of the couples are increasing in Japan. To search a good method, the study surveys research about the issues.

An Analysis of How Teachers Are Responding When Grief Goes to College*Denise LaBarge -USA*

An online survey was administered to higher education teachers (n=160), at three universities, to determine their awareness of students' grief, and how they are responding to support students experiencing these issues. The study also addressed the need for a course for higher education teachers on grief and loss.

The Effect of Child Care Support Services on the Isolation of Motherhood*Minami Kinouchi -Japan*

It has been demonstrated in various researches the isolation of motherhood causes parenting stress. I'd like to focus attention on promoting resilience in child care reduces parenting stress of mothers. This study reveals how effective the child care support services on the isolation of motherhood.

Working with Lesbian Couples in Taiwan: Adaptation and Evaluation of "Hold Me Tight"*Wang-Chieh Huang -Taiwan*

In this poster presentation, the researchers will present the development of a culturally adapted group intervention for lesbian couples in Taiwan, followed by a detailed description of major research findings. Qualitative feedback from participants to enhance clinical practice will be summarized. Clinical implications specific to the population will be provided.

Further Cross-Cultural Validation of the Russian Version of the Relational Ethics Scale*Tatiana Glebova -USA*

The purpose of this study was further cross-cultural validation of the Relational Ethics Scale (RES; Hargrave, Jennings, & Anderson, 1991) previously translated into Russian. Findings from the Russian sample data are compared with the results of the US validation and interpreted within the contextual theory framework.

Transgenerational Trauma Amongst Second-Generation Cambodian-Americans*Korlany Chhun -USA*

This qualitative study seeks to find how second-generation Cambodian-Americans perceive transgenerational trauma of their parents' experiences during the genocide and Khmer Rouge regime. In-depth interviews will be conducted to explore participants' experiences and meanings related to their parents' trauma. The data will be analyzed utilizing grounded theory.

Recipes With Smiles: An Intergenerational Initiative to Promote Culture and Learning*Liliana Sousa -Portugal*

Recipes with Smiles is an intergenerational project developed in Aveiro, Portugal. It was designed to bring together children and seniors in cooking activities to enhance intergenerational learning and relationships; and to create a recipe book including a compilation of knowledge and memories on culinary heritage to promote local identity.

Intergenerational Toy Library: 1, 2, 3... Let's Play Again?*Liliana Sousa -Portugal*

Intergenerational toy library (1, 2, 3... Let's play again?) is an intergenerational initiative, developed in Aveiro, Portugal, that brings young children and older people together. The aim is to create an intergenerational toy library, conceived as an intergenerational place with resources and tools for games and playing.

A Process Model for How Couples Raising Children on the Autism Spectrum Negotiate Intimacy

Jake Johnson -USA

Empirical literature regarding experiences of intimacy among couples raising children on the autism spectrum suggests some very divergent outcomes. This presentation details the results of a study conducted to explain the disparities in the literature through the development of a process model for how couples raising autistic children negotiate intimacy.

Toward International MFT Accreditation

Daniel Stillwell -USA

IFTA is initiating an accreditation process for Family/Systemic Therapy training programs. This presentation shows how it is better suited than the COAMFTE process for international accreditation, depicts what we know about the both processes, opportunities for success, and obstacles still yet to overcome. Cultural and contextual issues are highlighted.

The Role of Internal Family Models on Obesity: A Pilot Study on Eating Practices and Behaviour Patterns in a Sample of Puerto Rican Families.

*Carlos Morales-Rodríguez -
Puerto Rico
Aida Jimenez -Puerto Rico*

This study assessed the role of internal family models on obesity, reported attachment experiences and its effect on eating behaviours and calculated BMI. Participants reported that both positive and negative attachment experiences influenced eating behaviours and obesity.

The Influence of Family and Social Media in the Perception and Construction of the Ideal Body Weight Among Obese Individuals: A Qualitative Perspective

Aida Jimenez -Puerto Rico

The present study is a phenomenological qualitative research design that focuses in exploring the meaning construction of the ideal body image of obese people. In addition, we explored the influence of the family on participant's body image and weight management.

Unpacking challenges of Korean American immigrant youth and their families in USA

*Seung Yun Kim -Korea (Rep. of)
Hyemin Lee -Korea (Rep. of)*

International migration has increased considerably in the past few decades, posing unique challenges and opportunities for families and professionals. This poster will present results from two qualitative studies of Korean American immigrant youth and youth experts, especially pertaining to their unique challenges, needs, and some practical recommendations for professionals.

Culturally Responsive Supervision in Cambodia: A Responsive Evaluation

*Desiree Seponski -USA
Lorien Jordan -USA*

This poster explores how Cambodian therapists and non-Cambodian supervisors experience Western models of supervision. The overarching category of Need for Culturally Responsive Supervision suggests that failing to consider the themes of location, cost, time, methods of learning, communication, clear requirements, and power imbalances greatly hindered the supervision.

Student Driven Evaluation: Using Qualitative Action Design to Engage Undergraduate Students Toward Department Change

Dania Gonzalez -USA

This research employed a qualitative action design using students in training as the researchers and participants in developing a school climate assessing protocol for the Undergraduate Family Therapy/Psychology/Criminal Justice (DUP) training department in order to provide feedback and recommendations for future implementation.

Managing Caregiver Stress through Psychosocial Enhancement in Discharge Planning

*Prabha Techna Miti -
Singapore*

Family caregivers are instrumental in caring and enabling their loved ones cope and age in place in the community. However, they often experience caregiving stress that impact their well-being, family relationships, hospital readmissions and length of stay.

Saying Goodbye and Moving On

*Prabha Techna Miti -
Singapore*

The Medical Social Service (MSS) Department surveyed 54 HCWs (doctors, nurses and allied health therapists) about their responses and coping upon their patient's demise. The results showed that many emotionally affected HCWs did not receive adequate closure and support upon the demise of their patients.

Relational Correlates to Nonsuicidal Self-Injury, Eating Disorders, and Substance Abuse

Anna Bohlinger -USA

This study reports on associations and predictive relationships between relationship quality in different domains and nonsuicidal self-injury, eating disorders and substance abuse. A sample of 300 high school American, mid-western high school students was used. Many significant associations were found, but predictive associations were few. Implications are discussed.

Mothers' Conceptualizations of Mental Illness in Their Children

Anna Bohlinger -USA

This qualitative study reports on the ways mothers' conceptualize mental illness when they have children who live with it. Mental illness was either a problem to be solved (an unchanging metaphor) or an enemy to be contended with (a changing metaphor). Implications for research and clinical work are discussed.

The Effect on the Development of Emotion Regulation by Family Interactions that Invalidate the Child's Negative Emotions: A Research Project in the USA and Japan

Mii Okawara -Japan

The problem of emotion dysregulation caused by family interactions that invalidate the child's negative emotions may be universal. However the manner may differ from one culture to another. The specific cultural features of the Japanese parenting communication were clarified by a research project in the USA and Japan.

Marital Processes in a Newlywed Sample

Candice Maier -USA

This study explored associations among perceived fairness, marital distress, and depression. We found that wives' fairness was associated with their husbands' distress at Time 2, and that husbands' fairness at Time 2 was associated with their wives' depression at Time 3. Findings suggest support for addressing perceived fairness with couples.

The Use of Sandtray Therapy with Adoptive Families

Marshall Lyles -USA

This poster will feature descriptions and pictures of sandtray creations by adoptive families moving through different phases of attachment-based therapy. The use of sandtray therapy will be supported as attachment-friendly and trauma-informed.

The Role of Hijab in Reducing Individual, Familial, and Social Vulnerability

Khodabakhsh Ahmadi -Iran

The aim of this study was to determine the role of Hijab in Reducing Individual, Familial, and Social Vulnerability.

Determination of Predictive Factors of Marital Burnout in Wives

Khodabakhsh Ahmadi -Iran

It has been well established that marital satisfaction lies in cultural and psychological perspectives. So, it varies between different cultures. The aim of this study is to extract the important factors that had impacts on marital burnout in typical Iranian families.

Stateless Family Problem and Education Deprived Children

Seyed Mohammad Ghorashi -Iran According to the Iranian civil law, children who were born by Iranian women with foreign husbands are not Iranian. They have suffer hard situations. For instance stateless children are prevented from education. We study this problem to advise Iranian government and parliament.

Deconstructing the myths of adoption disruption: focusing on adoptive families

Maite Aurrekoetxea Casaus - Spain The research deconstructs the myths regarding adoption disruption and sheds some light on various key aspects related to adoption disruption

The Effects of Pornography on Family Life

Ahsha Vaksalla Rajan - Malaysia Pornography is being defined as sexual explicit material initially to arouse sexual interest or present erotic pleasure. Pornography can be in any media and it may be legal or illegal, (Diamond, 19951). Many researchers in various field such as social scientists, clinical psychologists and biologists has stated that there are powerful negative effects of pornography. This contributes to family life.

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 Presentations (45 minutes)

Room

Therapy with Muslim Couples a Malaysia Perspective

Mayang Sari 1

Azah Yazmin Yusof - Malaysia Having a certain amount of knowledge about Islam and the Syariah may be useful in counselling Muslim couples. An overview of the syariah legal system in Malaysia and areas of the syariah law that affect the family institution will be discussed as well as certain Islamic terminology will be explained.

Autism in Love: The Evolution of a Documentary

Mayang Sari 2

Ira Heilveil -USA This presentation will discuss the evolution of a new documentary film from its inception as a blog post to a full-length documentary. Excerpts will be shown from the compelling film, which follows five individuals, all of whom received the diagnosis of autism, in their pursuit of romantic love.

Gender Survivors: Male to Female Journeys Across the Lifespan

Starhill 7

Carolina Utz -USA Five clinical examples will be used to illustrate how transgender clients navigate challenges at different developmental stages. This lecture will present practical ways to foster healthier relationships and diminish uncertainty and fear among family members.

Providing Systemic Couple's Treatment, with Only One Partner Present

Starhill 4

Jay Burke -USA Traditional, system approaches to Couple's Therapy require that both members of the relationship sub-system be present for treatment. This presentation details an approach that utilizes systemic concepts for providing couple's treatment, even when only one partner is available or willing to participate in psychotherapy.

Understanding the Pathway of Help-Seeking of Malay/ Muslim Survivors of Spousal Violence in Singapore

Starhill 5

Adisti Binte Jalani - Singapore Little is known of how and what factors govern Malay/Muslim survivors' decisions in accessing help in Singapore. This exploratory study shows that considerations of risk and severity of their abuse and experience of support received in context of their familial, cultural and societal identities affect their help-seeking decisions.

Artistry in Engaging Multi-Stressed Families: The Singapore Experience

Starhill 6

Sudha Nair -Singapore This qualitative study examines artistry used by helping professionals at PAVE, a specialist centre for family violence, to engage hard-to-reach families, with intergenerational patterns of dysfunction, in the therapeutic process. Using an eco-structural approach, the study highlights creative practices that helped families enhance their coping capacities.

Reflecting Team Approach to Restore Hope and Construct Optimistic Outcomes in Couple and Family Therapy

Mayang Sari 4

Mee-Gaik Lim -USA The session will focus on using a reflecting team approach to implement systemic change and construct healthy ways of communication among family members. A variety of intervention techniques will be utilized to highlight inner strengths, attributes, and resources to help couples and families relate in complementary and constructive manner.

14:00 Presentations (45 Minutes)

Room

Advancing Family Therapy through Technology and Data Analytics

Mayang Sari 1

William Northey -USA This workshop will explore the how in advances in technology, real-time feedback, and the use of data analytics are being used to advance MFT. Examples of the use of cutting edge of technology to improve training and delivery of family therapy services will be reviewed.

P.L.A.Y: A Practical Coaching Strategy For Families With Children Who Learn Differently

Mayang Sari 2

Mei Wah Phoebe Long - Malaysia PLAY is a practical coaching strategy that aims to revive the natural family system for parents and caregivers of children with learning difference. A case study of a nine-year-old child demonstrates how the simple principles of PLAY can be effectively applied to bring hope to children and families.

Collaborative Approaches to Engaging Families For Positive Child Welfare Outcomes: Case Studies From a Singapore Community-Based Child Protection Specialist Agency

Starhill 7

Koh Shi En Grace -Singapore This study seeks to explore collaborative approaches in engaging children and families referred to HEART@Fei Yue, a Singapore-based Child Protection Specialist Centre. They include a) Family Group Conference, b) Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) c) other culturally-adjusted family-focused and child-centric tools.

Ng Sook Wai -Singapore

Reconstructing Singapore Malay Narratives: A Spiritual, Sociopolitical and Cultural Interviewing Framework For Working With Families in Poverty

Starhill 4

Elizabeth Quek -Singapore Low income Malay families face systemic, significant challenges and discriminatory practices in Singapore. We developed a useful and accessible interviewing framework for helping professionals to engage with families about these issues.

Shaikh Mohamed Bamasri -Singapore

Parentification –Challenges From Within, Culture Shock Impacting Family Traditions

Starhill 5

Rahat Chowdhury -Australia In collective cultures parentification is a tradition of pride, which could be challenged as a parenting weakness, when families face cultural shock. Migratory experiences lead to changes in family dynamics, impacting on traditional parenting norms. Hence, parents face unexpected scenarios challenging their authority, for which they lack coping skills.

The Use of Music and Art to Enhance Family Cohesion Among Latino Families At-Risk of Mental Health Problems		Starhill 6
<i>Ana Jimenez-Hami –USA</i>	The present study aims to uncover the meaning creative expressive treatments such as music and art has on Latino Women at-risk of developing mental health problems. Preliminary qualitative data will be discussed on the phenomenological effect of music and art on family cohesion and well being of this population.	
MANDARIN TRANSLATION-Chinese Children's Subjective Experiences of Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in Hong Kong: The Co-Construction of Meanings in Multiple Family Group		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Erica S. F. Wan -China</i>	Chinese children's subjective experiences of Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in Hong Kong are seldom explored. This presentation presents findings of a qualitative study on the meanings of ADHD co-constructed by the children and their parents in the Multiple Family Group. The implications for clinical practice are discussed.	
<i>Joyce Ma -China</i>		
<i>Julia W.K. -China</i>		
Field Trial Outcome of Proposed DSM-5 and ICD-11 Parent Child Relational Problem Criteria		Starhill 3
<i>Marianne Wamboldt -USA</i>	Criteria for Parent-Child Relational Problem were proposed by an international work group and tested in the format of the DSM-5 field trials with 133 parent-child dyads. Weighted prevalence in psychologically symptomatic children was 34%. Interclass kappa for agreement between clinicians was .58, indicating good inter-rater reliability.	
15:00 Presentations (45 Minutes)		Room
Family Therapy With Depressed Adolescents as a Process of Social Sharing of Emotion		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Jan De Mol -Belgium</i>	Emotion elicits the Social Sharing of Emotion (SSE) (Rimé, 2009). SSE postulates that emotion regulation is by definition an interpersonal process. SSE includes socio-affective and cognitive modes. A family therapy model was developed in which interventions focus on how clients themselves can facilitate SSE modes in their social contexts.	
The Impact of New Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) Over Childrens' and Families' lives in Argentina		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Ruth Casabianca -Argentina</i>	The results achieved from a 180 sample of parents and teachers regarding the perceived impact of ICTs over different areas in the children's lives aged 6 to 12 will be presented. Positive and negative aspects are analyzed regarding individual, social and family relationships.	
Parents Trapped in Separation Conflicts: Challenges for the Professional and Ideas to Overcome Them		Starhill 7
<i>Odd Arne Tjersland -Norway</i>	What are the underlying differences when parents enter into war about solutions for children and how can these differences be addressed by the professionals? The presenter – an experienced mediator and couple therapist – bases his reflections upon a study of high conflicts couples in mediation. A video illustration will be used.	
Tune in to Children's Voices in Child Protection Work		Starhill 4
<i>Sook Wai Ng -Singapore</i>	A caseworker learns to tune in to the 'voice' of children through their playful and thoughtful expressions to understand their difficulties and to guide the work with their caregivers in child protection work.	
Successful Family Management of Childhood Asthma		Starhill 5
<i>Frederick Wamboldt -USA</i>	Asthma is one of the most common chronic childhood illnesses and is associated with many adverse outcomes including missed school and parental/family stress. Research from our team will be presented that highlights the challenges that families face and ways for families to successfully cope with and overcome these challenges.	
Working With International Students – A University Counsellor's Reflections on How International Education Impacts Families, For Better Or For Worse		Starhill 6
<i>Lu-Chin Fong -Australia</i>	This presentation will look at the impact on families who send their children overseas for education, in particular at the financial burden and changes to the family dynamics that can occur and the challenges these children face while studying and when attempting to reintegrate upon graduation.	
MANDARIN TRANSLATION-Reflecting Team Approach to Restore Hope and Construct Optimistic Outcomes in Couple and Family Therapy		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Mee-Gaik Lim -USA</i>	The session will focus on using a reflecting team approach to implement systemic change and construct healthy ways of communication among family members. A variety of intervention techniques will be utilized to highlight inner strengths, attributes, and resources to help couples and families relate in complementary and constructive manner.	
15:45-16:15 Refreshment Break		
16:15 Presentations (60 Minutes)		Room
Featured Panel: State of Systemic Training in Asia: The Perspective of Trainers Who Live Outside of Asia		Starhill 3
<i>Johnben Teik-Cheok Loy - Malaysia</i>	This panel discussion is part of two panels in which panelists discuss the state of systemic therapy training in Asia. In this panel, trainers who reside outside of Asia share their work in Asia and their perspectives on the state of systemic training as well as future directions for Asia.	
<i>Kok-Mun Ng -USA</i>		
<i>Mee-Gaik Lim -USA</i>		
<i>Linna Wang -USA</i>		
The Use of Metaphoric Cards in Couple Therapy		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Pei Li Yeo -Malaysia</i>	Counseling couples can be fun and need not be stressful and tense. The use of TANDOO metaphoric cards can help facilitate discussion of sensitive topics for couples. Participants will experience the fusion between the use of projective technique and conventional therapy based on Reality Therapy approach in couples work.	
Opportunities in Intergenerational Ambivalence: "Differentiation of Self" in the Parent Adult-Child Relationship		Mayang Sari 2
<i>So Wa Ngai -China</i>	This workshop will share the research findings of the process of adult children in developing and managing their ambivalence towards their parents over the course of life. Six types of parent-child dynamics were identified as sources of ambivalence. Five stages are highlighted as participants' attempts to manage their ambivalence.	
Building a Therapeutic Relationship with Black Youth Engaged in Delinquent Behavior		Starhill 7
<i>DeAnna Harris-McKoy -USA</i>	Due to the disproportionate contact with the justice system, Black youth are more likely to come involuntarily to therapy. Youth perceptions of therapy and therapists' perceptions of delinquency are barriers to building a therapeutic relationship. Contextual therapy will be used to discuss assumptions and techniques in working with this population.	

Motivational Interviewing: A Practical Application for Special Populations		Starhill 4
<i>Katheryn Whittaker -USA</i> <i>Jay Burke -USA</i> <i>Khadijah Bhutto Ramirez -USA</i>	This presentation offers an overview of how to use Motivational Interviewing when addressing specific addiction populations in treatment. Specific steps on how to use this treatment approach with clients dealing with addiction including specific issues such as sexual addiction, eating disorders and working with couples will be offered.	
Featured Presentation: Adolescents' Violent Behavior and Fathers' Absence: How to Intervene		Starhill 5
<i>Maurizio Andolfi -Italy,</i> <i>currently lives in Australia</i>	Adolescence is a critical stage of development with a lot of misunderstanding and prejudice inside families, schools and helping professions. In this presentation violent behavior, bullying, and self-destructiveness in adolescence will be explored from a systemic-developmental perspective. The absence of the father has a long history in many disadvantaged families and multicultural social contexts, but is also a relevant issue in wealthy families with the increasing number of divorces, single parent and step-families. The risk of father's absence and lack of commitment for young kids is very high. Often professionals and institutions don't include fathers in their treatment programs. They focus on the mother-child.	
A Group Therapy Method For Healing Family Abuse: Can the Leopard Change His Spots?		Starhill 6
<i>Sandra Neil -Australia</i> <i>Robert Silverberg -Australia</i>	This group psychotherapy method for healing abuse describes types of traumatic abuse, representing: the Man, the Child, the Family, the Self, and Tools of Abuse. The group process resulted in the transformation of the emotional signature of a adult man who wishes to never repeat family patterns of abuse.	
Executive Coaching and Corporate Social Responsibility: How Systemic Theory Can Be Applied to Global Change		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Jacqueline Tome -USA</i>	Coaching was seen in the past as a tool to help professionals who underperformed; now it has been widely used and recognized as an effective tool to support important decision makers. Learn how you can make meaningful social global impact as an executive coach.	
17:30 Presentations (60 Minutes)		
On Becoming a Family: Shifting Roles and Challenges Facing Couples as They Transition to Parenthood		
<i>Fatma Reid - Turkey</i>	This interactive workshop will focus on the effects the birth of a baby will have on a couple as they assume a new role as parents, their adaptation to changing gender expectations, life styles, and relationships with friends and family members.	
18:30 Departure for Evening Cultural Event		
Saturday, March 14th		
8:30 Briefs (25 minute presentations)		Room
Advancing Family-centered Care in Adults' Mental Health		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Erica S. F. Wan -China</i> <i>Ka Yan Ho -China</i>	This presentation discusses findings from an exploratory study to examine social workers' perspectives on factors that affect the implementation of family-centered care to adult mental health practice in Hong Kong. Recommendations on facilitating the implementation of family-centered care for adults with mental health issues are outlined.	
The Relationship Between Obesity and Adult Attachment in a Puerto Rican Sample		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Aida Jimenez -Puerto Rico</i>	This study assessed the relationship between family history and adult relationship attachment on weight status of individuals who are married or cohabitating. The participants were predominantly overweight and obese.	
Spirituality: A Key Factor When Working With Muslim Mothers of Special Needs Children		Starhill 7
<i>Mursel Azar-Nassiry -USA</i> <i>Marcia Michaels -USA</i>	Muslims represent 23% of the world's population yet they underutilize mental health services. Mistrust and discrimination present barriers that can be removed by engaging the whole person in therapy, especially their spirituality. This presentation focuses on the importance of spirituality when working with Muslim mothers with special needs children.	
Long-term Low-income Households: Insufficient Management or Management of Insufficiency?		Starhill 6
<i>Liliana Sousa -Portugal</i>	This study explores these households' difficulties and strategies of family financial management, taking both the perspectives of household's members and professionals. Main findings suggest that: professionals consider that these households show insufficient management strategies; while household's members report struggling to manage insufficient resources.	
Experience of Engaging with Malaysian Families with Child Mental Health Client		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Fairuz Nazri Abd Rahman - Malaysia</i>	Stigma against mental illness is strong in Malaysia and local child & adolescent services are limited. This speaker presents a case series describing experiences engaging with 3 families with child mental health clients. Approaches to enhancing engagement with families are discussed.	
9:15 Presentations (60 Minutes)		Room
Considerations for Conducting Culturally Responsive International Family Therapy Research		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Desiree Seponski -USA</i> <i>Lorien Jordan -USA</i>	This workshop discusses the steps and challenges of conducting culturally responsive family therapy research in an international context. Considerations to be discussed include setting parameters, shifting between being responsive to participant and researcher needs, maintaining positive relationships during culture shock, and working with other international scholars through cultural misunderstandings.	
You Want to Bring Who? Utilizing Family Strengths to Enhance Substance Abuse Treatment		Starhill 7
<i>William Northey -USA</i>	This interactive session will focus on ways that families can be engaged in substance abuse treatment, which can range from providing information to families to utilizing interventions shown to decrease the problematic use of substances. Opportunities for case consultation and a discussion of challenges when engaging families will be included.	
Exploring the Development of Contextually-Relevant Family Therapy Education for Malaysia		Starhill 4
<i>Johnben Teik-Cheok Loy - Malaysia</i> <i>Niccole Loh -Malaysia</i> <i>Jeremy Lim -Malaysia</i>	Core competencies, empirically supported treatments, and common factors represent recent developments and debates in MFT in North America. Through presentation and dialogue with participants, this workshop explores how Western advances can be evaluated to inform the development of family therapy education that is contextually relevant for Malaysia.	

Family Therapy in Asia		Starhill 5
<i>Takeshi Tamura -Japan</i> <i>Young Ju Chun -Korea (Rep. of)</i> <i>Wai Yung Lee - China</i> <i>Hao-Wei Wang -Taiwan</i>	Family therapy organizations in Asian region got together and established “Asian Academy of Family Therapy” in 2013. Four representatives from Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan will share their experience of family therapy practice, training and research issue in their social context, and discuss directions for the future.	
International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE)		Starhill 6
<i>William Hiebert -USA</i> <i>John Lawless -USA</i>	This workshop will explore various family therapy preparation programs around the world, both academic and clinical. The workshop will use IFTA's Family Preparation Guidelines.	
Systemic Approach in the Supervision and Family Therapy		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Ilze Norman -Sweden</i>	In this Clinical Training I am going to present some of the most important issues within the Systemic Family Therapy and Collaborative Practice.	
10:30 Presentations (45 minutes)		Room
Ecomaps Beyond Assessment		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Udhia Kumar -Singapore</i>	Traditionally Ecomaps were used as a tool for the assessment of the family’s situation in relation to physical systems. This presentation will expand on its use beyond assessment. It will demonstrate the incorporation of post modernist Family Therapy models to inform the use of the tool.	
Does MFT Models Travel Well Internationally? Inter/Intra Cultural and Research Implications		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Linna Wang -USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova -USA</i>	Does globalization provide the second chance for imperialism? This presentation summarizes the literature that cautions unexamined exportation of Western culture based theories and models to non-Western cultures, and provides some guidelines and suggestions based on existing literature and research principles.	
Utilizing Integrative Family Therapy as a Treatment Modality with Suicidal Depressed Adolescents Who Presented at Emergency Department at a Major Teaching Hospital in Sydney, Australia.		Starhill 5
<i>David Hong -Australia</i>	When young people presents to emergency department with suicidal attempts following relational and or familial crisis, the opportunities to view the young person’s “suicidal message” from a systemic framework creates a therapeutic opportunity to enter the family system. Through the use of case studies and raw data the author will share the clinical implications and systemic impact of this approach on early intervention and service provision.	
Forms and Functions of Sequence Observed during Couple Conflict in Middle-Aged. –Comparing Clinical and Non-Clinical Japanese Data by Applying Conversation Analysis-		Starhill 6
<i>Sho yabugaki -Japan</i> <i>Shin-Ichi Nakamura -Japan</i>	The purpose of this study is to reveal both forms and functions of sequence observed during couple conflict in Japanese middle-aged. Also, to show both similarities and differences between clinical and non-clinical data is the purpose of this study.	
MANDARIN TRANSLATION-Family Dynamics Viewed Against the Backdrop of the Interaction Between Family and Larger System in China		Mayang Sari 4
<i>Susanna Wong Ip Chung</i> <i>Ping -China</i>	What happened in the larger systems have caused certain adaptive behaviors in the family system. This presentation will look at how some adaptive social holons have created blockage in communicating and handling problems in marriage and family in China.	
11:15-11:30 Refreshment Break		
11:30-13:00 Plenary		Starhill 3
The Essence of Therapeutic Change		
<i>Kathlyne Maki-Banmen - Canada</i>	The Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy Model (STST) is unique in encompassing both the intrapsychic and interactive components of therapy. The process taps the universal yearnings and spiritual essence of individuals within their personal family and social systems and helps them work towards a sense of responsible wholeness. Intrapsychic change, therefore, not only occurs in clients’ behaviour, cognition and affect but in their sense of Being. With transformational change, clients experience more of their true essence and release the negative impacts they have held. Intrapsychic transformational change makes family members become more willing to make new connections, accept differences, and release reactive feelings, perceptions and expectations that have kept them from being open to each other.	
13:00-14:15 Lunch Break		
14:15 Presentations (60 Minutes)		Room
Featured Panel: State of Systemic Training in Asia: The Perspective of Trainers Who Live and Work in Asia		Starhill 3
<i>Johnben Teik-Cheok Loy - Malaysia</i> <i>Joyce Ma -China</i> <i>Susanna Wong Ip Chung</i> <i>Ping -China</i> <i>Timothy Sim -China</i> <i>Shin-Ichi Nakamura -Japan</i>	This panel discussion is part of two panels in which panelists discuss the state of systemic therapy training in Asia. In this panel, trainers who reside in Asia share their work as well as their perspectives on the state of systemic training as well as future directions for Asia.	
Sameness & Differences in Family Therapy Training in Different Cultures using Satir Model		Mayang Sari 1
<i>Sibel Erenel -Turkey</i> <i>Kathlyne Maki-Banmen - Canada</i> <i>Anna Maria Low -Singapore</i>	This panel will explore how Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy training is effective in different cultures. Panelists are trainers since many years in countries where family therapy is developing. Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, Sibel Erenel, Anna Low will share experiences of working in Asia, Middle-East, Europe, Canada highlighting sameness and differences.	
Social Withdrawal and Internet Addiction Among Youths in Korea and Japan: Cross-cultural Case Consultation.		Mayang Sari 2
<i>Takeshi Tamura -Japan</i> <i>Young Ju Chun -Korea (Rep. of)</i> <i>David McGill -USA</i>	Two family therapy cases from Korea and Japan will be presented and shared with the audience. The discussion topic will be a) cross cultural perspective on the influence of modern technology to the youngsters and their family life, and b) how to support these families.	

Using Figure Constellations in Supervision: A Demonstration and Discussion

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Roger Lowe -Australia

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The Effectiveness of Marital Skill Training Based on Gottman's Model on Marital Adjustment and Relational Beliefs (Brief)

Mayang Sari 4

Saba Khazeni -Iran (Rep. of)

Based on three decades of research on divorce in Iran, researchers have found relational beliefs and adjustment have important role in couple's conflicts and involve in their divorce. This study aims to apply Gottman's model to decrease the chance of divorce through modification of relational beliefs and adjustment.

Family Resource Centre – The Transition Bridge (Brief)

Mayang Sari 4

Geok Bee Chew -Singapore

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15:15-15:30 Closing Refreshment Break

15:30-16:00 Congress Closing

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