Call for Proposals
IFTA 24th World Family Therapy Congress

30 March – 2 April 2016 in Kona, Hawaii, USA

Students Proposal Guidelines
Student Proposals are open to graduate students seeking a degree in family therapy or systemic therapy or a concentration in couple and family therapy. Documentation of current graduate student status must accompany the proposal submission.

Faculty Advisors: While it is customary for graduate students to list their faculty advisor in academic conferences, in this congress you are requested to stand on your own and be the main presenter. There is a place to enter your Faculty Advisor's name in the Proposal Submission form. IN ANY CASE, DO NOT LIST YOUR ADVISOR AS A PRESENTER UNLESS HE OR SHE IS PRESENTING WITH YOU AND REGISTERING FOR THE CONGRESS.

Proposals are sought for the 2016 IFTA World Congress in one of the following categories: Brief Presentations, Lectures, Workshops, Panel Presentations, and Poster Displays. Plenary and Sub-Plenary addresses will reflect

the Congress theme, "*Interpersonal Interactions and Therapeutic Change..*"

Applicants are encouraged to give consideration to the Congress theme when submitting abstracts, however, additional themes will be considered.

Applicants should submit a proposal with a title of no more than 90 words and a short but thorough description of the presentation in 50 words or less. The short description will appear in the Congress program. In addition, include a longer description of your presentation of 350 words or less. The longer description will appear in the World **Congress Program Book**

Proposal Deadline: *September 30, 2015*

Brief Presentations (20 minutes in length), presented in groups of three in a session, are facilitated by an assigned moderator and delivered to comparatively small groups. Where possible the three presentations are grouped under a common theme. Presentations are invited on clinical work, social policy, social justice, family therapy education, training, supervision, research, theory. (Limited to two presenters per presentation.)

Lecture Presentations (45 minutes in length), presenters will have the opportunity to share their work with colleagues in some depth. The lecture format is intended to focus on content and is primarily didactic with minimal audience participation. Topics for lecture presentations may

consist of clinical work, research, theory, family therapy education and training, supervision, social policy, and social justice. (Limited to two presenters per presentation.)

Workshop Presentations: (45 minutes in length), presenters will have the opportunity to share their work with colleagues in some depth. The workshop format is intended to be interactive, with emphasis on experiential exercise and/or small group discussion in addition to some lecture. Proposals for presentations on clinical work, research, theory, family therapy education and training, supervision, social policy, and social justice are invited. (Limited to three presenters.)

Panel Presentations: (45 minutes in length), presenters will have the opportunity to share their work with colleagues in some depth. The panel format is intended to focus on content with presentations by panelists, group discussion among panelists and, and may allow for questions from audience. Proposals for presentations on clinical work, research, theory, family therapy education and training, supervision, social policy, and social justice are invited.

  When submitting a Panel Presentation, please submit as a 45 minute presentation. In the beginning of the long description, please indicate that this is a panel presentation with the names of all the panelists. It is important to note that Panel Presentations are limited and are coordinated based upon topic, interest, and space.
(Limited to three participants; one who serves as

moderator and no more than two others who make presentations as panelists.)

Poster Display: (Limited to four presenters) Posters feature the work of researchers or other effective work in the field of family therapy. For example, (1) quantitative or qualitative research involving couples or families; (2) interventions with families or couples in larger systems; (3) family therapy training programs, supervision, or initiatives; or (4) larger system interventions. At the Congress, a poster number will be assigned and placed on each poster display in order to help attendees identify each display from a list of all posters. At an assigned time, presenters will stand by their poster so they can discuss their topic with interested Congress attendees. We recommend that presenters have a 2-page handout to provide. Poster size and dimensions: Posters should be approximately 92 cm (36 in) wide x 122 cm (48 in) high. Posters should be no smaller than 70 cm (28 in) x 70 cm (28 in) and no larger than 92 cm (36 in) wide by 122 cm (48 in) high. Consult Poster Instructions and Submission. ***Presenters must be present at the Congress to have their name and poster display title published in the Congress materials.***

Proposal Submission
Proposals must be submitted using the online form on www.ifta-congress.org. The boxes on the online form limit the text length for the presentation Title (<90 characters including spaces), the Short Description (<50 words), and the Long Description (<350 words).

Acknowledgements

Presenters will receive an email to acknowledge receipt of their proposal. After proposals are reviewed, presenters will receive an e-mail to acknowledge the Status of their proposal, defined as follows.
· Accepted: Proposal will be part of the Congress Program, contingent upon presenter Registration.
· Wait Listed: Proposal is not accepted at this time, but is being placed on a "waitlist" and may be accepted upon the condition that an opening becomes available in the Congress Program.
· Rejected: Proposal is not accepted.

Please note: Only the lead presenters receives the confirmation and any other information relevant to the Congress. As a lead presenter, it is your responsibility to inform the other presenters of any information from the Congress Event Office.

Audio Visual Equipment: Requirements should be described for showing PowerPoint presentations or video with sound. Presenters are expected to bring a laptop computer to use audio visual equipment.

Contact Information: Needed for each person who plans to present the presentation. If there is more than one presenter, the person listed first will be considered the main presenter.