

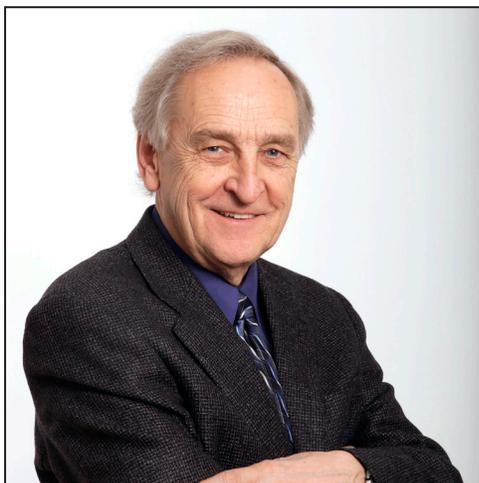


2016 World Family Therapy Congress — March 30 – April 2, 2016

IFTA's 2016 World Family Therapy Congress to be held in Kona, Hawaii

Two outstanding clinicians will keynote the 24th World Family Congress in Kona (Big Island), Hawaii March 30 – April 2, 2016. The theme of the Congress is: Interpersonal Interactions and Therapeutic Change. The two keynote speakers are highly experienced family/systemic therapists who are familiar with therapeutic and needs around the world. Meet them if you have not or become reacquainted if you already know them.

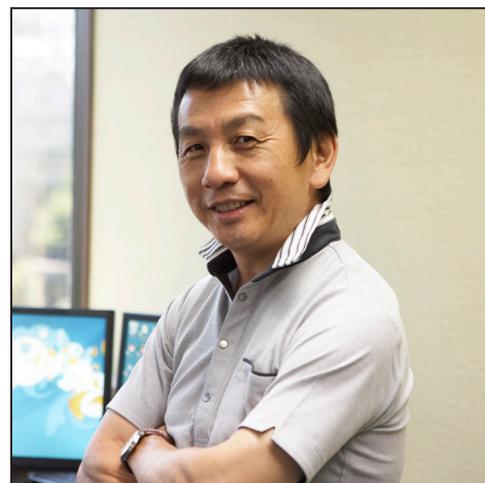
Karl Tomm, MD



A Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Calgary, Dr. Tomm founded the Family Therapy Program in 1973. Well known in the field of Family Therapy, Dr. Tomm's work has been in clarifying and elaborating new developments in systems theory and clinical practice. For many years he was at the forefront of a new approach to therapy that emerged from systemic, constructivist, and social constructionist ideas.

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Takeshi Tamura, MD, PhD



A child and adolescent psychiatrist working in Tokyo, Japan, Dr. Tamura is known for his recent work on a current problem with teenagers characterized by social withdrawal (Hikikomori in Japanese). Dr. Tamura received his M.D. in medicine and his Ph.D. in psychiatry from the University of Tsukuba and his M.Sc. in Family Therapy from Birkbeck College, University of London.

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Key Date for the Izmir Intensive Institute:
Early Bird Registration ends July 31

Key Dates for the Hawaii Congress:
Open Now - Call for Proposals
August 30 - Deadline for Proposals
September 30 - Early Registration Ends

Warwick Phipps Becomes President-Elect



Warwick Phipps, PhD, South Africa, was elected President Elect of the International Family Therapy Association, effective July 1, 2015. He will serve a two-year term ending June 30, 2017 and will serve as IFTA's president from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors.

Phipps succeeds Fatma Reed, Turkey, who retired from the Board on June 30 as Past-President. She served as president-elect, president and then past-president ending 6 years in office.

The complete Board of Directors, as of July 1, 2015 consists of:

President

Ruth Casabianca, PhD, Argentina (2015-2017)

President-Elect

Warwick Phipps, Ph.D., South Africa (2017-2019)

Past-President

N/A

Recording Secretary

Anna Low, MSocScc, Singapore (2014-2017)

Treasurer

Sibele Erenel, MSW, Turkey (2013-2016)

It Happens Every Year: Changes to the IFTA Board of Directors

Changes annually occur on the IFTA Board of Directors. The members complete their terms and rotate off the board and new faces appear or are not reelected after serving one three-year term. This time there were three positions open for Members-at-Large positions a in the Class of 2015-2018. Reggie Berger, PhD, Switzerland; Desiree Seponski, PhD, USA; and Takeshi Tamura, MD, Japan, PhD, Japan were elected.

Berger, Seponski and Tamura are serving their initial three-year terms and can serve another other three years if reelected in 2018.

The lineup of Members-At-Large now stands as follows:

2013-2015, Term Ends June 30, 2016

John Lawless, PhD, MPH, USA
Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, MS, Canada
Martine Nisse, MS, France

2014-2017, Term Ends June 30, 2017

Dorothy Becvar, PhD, USA
Joyce Ma, PhD, Hong Kong
Warwick Phipps, PhD, South Africa

2015-2018 Term Ends June 30, 2019



Reggie Berger, PhD,
Switzerland



Desiree Seponski, PhD,
USA



Tekeshi Tamura, MD,
Japan

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IFTA & Social Networking

The use of social networking sites, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are part of the world and IFTA has group pages on them. For IFTA members on Facebook there is an IFTA Group. To join, search “International Family Therapy Association.” Once you are on the IFTA group page, click on the link to join. The list is moderated so once you make a request, the group moderator will approve you. The IFTA group now has 847 members. IFTA also has a LinkedIn group. Similarly, search for the “International Family Therapy Association” group and request to become a member. As a member of the IFTA groups, you can send messages to other IFTA members and network with people from around the world.

If you have any questions about the site or the program contact the IFTA Secretariat (iftasecretariat@aol.com).

Play at IFTA Conferences!

Photographs of IFTA’s World Family Therapy Congresses are available for viewing. There is an easy way to access the photographs on the web.

Quick links:

[Flickr 2015 IFTA Congress in Kuala Lumpur](#)
[SmugMug 2015 IFTA Congress in Kuala Lumpur](#)

Go to the IFTA Congress website at: www.ifta-congress.org and go to the About on the menu bar. Click on About and then scroll down and select Past Congresses. Select from among the choices under Congress Photos. Clicking on any of the years will take you directly to the conference photo site at: flickr or smugmug.

Enjoy seeing images from the past conferences in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2015), Panama City, Panama (2014), Orlando, Florida (2013); Vancouver, Canada (2012); Holland (2011); Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010), Portoroz, Slovenia (2009); Porto, Portugal (2008); Iceland (2006); Washington, D.C. (2005); Istanbul, Turkey (2004); Bled, Slovenia (2003); Porto Alegre, Brazil (2001). Copies of many of the

images are also available through our IFTA photographer, Pamela R. L. Lessing (e-mail: prls@aol.com)

2015 Intensive Institute Website Open

You can find the Institute website at: ifta-institute.org. It contains all of the information on the Institute and the Ancient Medicine Tour, among other optional tours. Early Bird Registration ends July 31.

2016 World Congress Website Open

You can find the Congress website at: www.ifta-congress.org. The website contains all of the information necessary for registration, abstract submission, and other details for Congress planning.

Submit Your Proposal NOW - Deadline is August 30

The deadline for the 2016 is earlier than ever in order to evaluate and respond to presenters earlier than in the past. The Congress is using a rolling acceptance process which means that proposals are evaluated during the summer and early fall rather than waiting until after the deadline. If you are in an academic context, please be mindful that the deadline may occur before you return to school. Submit your proposal now!



IFTA President, Ruth Casabianca, addressing attendees at 2015 Kuala Lumpur Congress.

Membership Information

Journal of Family Psychotherapy Online

Taylor and Francis' online site houses IFTA's Journal of Family Psychotherapy. The new site can be accessed at www.tandfonline.com. Please contact Taylor and Francis for any difficulties in accessing the JFP: onlineaccesshelp@taylorandfrancis.com.

Online Membership Renewal Tips

When renewing online, some members have had their credit card declined because of mistakes in entering the information. Click here for some helpful tips for online credit card applications.



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Sex and Attachment – Conference Theme in NYC Last Month

“Sex and Attachment: Coming Together” was the theme of a symposium held at the New York Center for Emotionally Focused Therapy last month. According to the New York Times (July 5, 2015), the event drew 400 clinicians and featured workshops on polyamory, sex-therapy interventions and compulsive sexual behavior, among the topics presented. Amy Sohn, writing for the Times, reported on some of

the ideas of Esther Perel, Suzanna Lasenza, and Tammy Nelson among others. Her article on the conference can be read it is entirety here.

Ontario AMFT and IFTA Co-Sponsor October Conference

The Ontario Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (OAMFT, Canada) and the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) are co-sponsoring the 2015 International Conference in Toronto, Canada October 15 – 17, 2015. The theme for the conference is Global Family and Systemic Therapy in an Era of Dis-ease.

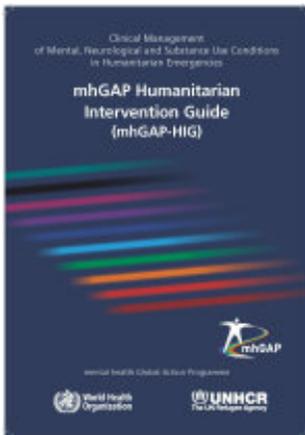
Among the confirmed keynote speakers at the conference are Desiree Seponski, a new IFTA board member, along with Ken Welburn, Jann Dierrick, Mila Vukov and David Pare. The Saturday theme is Collaborating for Global Mental Health with Dr. Seponski speaking of Family and Systemic Therapy – A Global Perspective.

Dr. John Lawless, IFTA's World Congress Program Chair, is participating in the planning of the conference. “This is the first co-sponsored conference that IFTA has participated in for many years,” remarked Dr. Lawless, “and it is a pleasure to be part of this global conference in Canada.” For more information on the 2015 International Conference, please visit this link.



2015 Kuala Lumpur Congress.

Mental Health Gap Humanitarian Intervention Guide



Number of pages: 68
Publication date: 2015
Languages: English
ISBN: 978 92 4 154892 2

The United Nations announced recently that a new guide has been created to address the growing needs of millions of adults and children suffering from mental health problems in humanitarian emergencies around the world arising from natural disasters, disease outbreaks and armed conflicts. The new Mental Health Gap Humanitarian Intervention Guide is aimed at non-specialist health workers so that they can better identify, assess and manage mental health needs details.

Overview

Adults and children affected by emergencies experience a substantial and diverse range of mental, substance use, and neurological problems.

The GAP Humanitarian Intervention Guide contains first-line management recommendations for mental, neurological and substance use conditions for non-specialist health-care providers in humanitarian emergencies where access to specialists and treatment options is limited. It is a simple, practical tool that aims to support general health facilities in areas affected by humanitarian emergencies in assessing and managing acute stress, grief, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosis, epilepsy, intellectual disability, harmful substance use and risk of suicide.

This new tool is an adaptation of WHO's GAP Intervention Guide, a widely-used evidence-based manual for the management of these conditions in non-specialized health settings.

Karl Tomm, Continued From Page 1

This approach is collaborative rather than hierarchical; he emphasizes therapeutic conversations to deconstruct problems and to co-construct healing and wellness. Dr. Tomm has organized many workshops, conferences, and seminars at the University of Calgary. In addition to conducting numerous workshops throughout North America and in Europe, Australia, Asia, and South America, he has also published extensively in the international family therapy literature.

Dr. Tomm has been on the editorial boards of several family therapy journals and in 2006, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Family Therapy Academy.

Takeshi Tamura, Continued From Page 1

A board member of the Japan Association of Family Therapy and Chief of its International Committee and a board member of the Asian Academy of Family Therapy and Chief of its International Committee, Dr. Tamura has presented at many IFTA congresses. IFTA has been a home ground for all his professional life. He has become culturally sensitive in his clinical and research process as a result of being raised in Japan, completing high school and living with a family in the USA, and being trained in Europe.

In Memorium

Family Therapist and IFTA President Dr. Lee Duke Bowen, Jr. Deceased



The current President of the International Family Therapy Association, Lee Duke Bowen, Jr., PhD, passed away on February 27, 2015, in a hospital in Forsyth, Georgia, USA after an extended illness. He died four months short

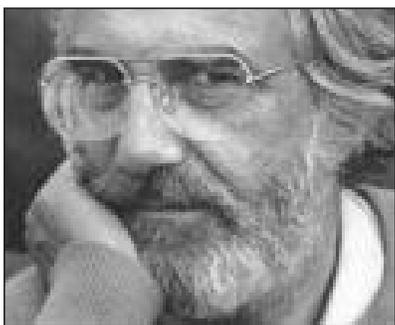
of completing his term. Born January 20, 1955, he was predeceased by his parents L. D. Bowen and Sara Stuckey Bowen. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Laura M. Bowen, who also is a clinician, a

sister, and a number of other relatives. After receiving his PhD degree from one of the pioneering doctoral program in marriage and family therapy at the Florida State University, he joined the faculty of Mercer University School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in Macon Georgia. He was Director of the Master of Family Therapy Program from 1900—2008. He was Director of Counseling at the Mercer University School of Medicine Campus at the Memorial Hospital in Savannah, Georgia, from 2007—2013, before retiring due to his health in 2013.

Dr. Bowen's services to the field of family therapy included not only his presidency of IFTA but also several years of participation in IFTA World Family Therapy Congresses, where he made regular presentations but also assisted his fellow faculty members to attend and participate. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), chair of the AAMFT ethics committee, and also was appointed by the Georgia Governor to serve on the Georgia Board of Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, which licenses practitioners in three fields.

Former IFTA President William Nichols said, "We have lost not only a leader and contributor to the field, but I also have lost far too early a trusted and dependable friend." Speaking of working with Lee, General Secretary William Hiebert remarked, "Lee's insightfulness, common sense and great sense of humor made him a natural leader."

Donald A Bloch, MD **IFTA Pioneer** By Carlos Sluzki, MD



Donald A. Bloch, MD, a pioneer, innovator and synthesizer in the field of family therapy and a major driver of key institutions in our area of interest, died on

September 18th at the age of 92 in Brooklyn, NY.

Dr. Bloch had a long and distinguished career of over 50 years. He has been a founder, of many ideas, systems and cultures. Early in his career Dr. Bloch has been a member of the committee that created the major player in the field of research, the National Institute of Mental Health.

From 1971-1990 he was the Director of the Ackerman Family Institute. Under his leadership, the Institute inaugurated an expanded clinical training program, developed a large family therapy clinic housed at the Institute and initiated a series of projects aimed at creating new approaches to particularly difficult clinical problems.

He was a charter member and for four years President of the American Family Therapy Academy, and recipient of many honors, including awards and honorary memberships in many professional organizations.

In the 1980s, after a tenure of eight years as Editor in Chief of Family Process, dean of the journals in the field of family therapy, he founded and edited the journal Family Systems Medicine, now known as Families, Systems & Health. In the 1990s, he was the major force in creating what is now the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association. Through these decades and since, Dr. Bloch has steadfastly drawn on his systems expertise to help bridge the mind-body gap and pursue a more humane, egalitarian and interdisciplinary healthcare

Dr. Bloch has been also a major player in establishing international bridges between American and European family therapy organizations—in fact, helping many countries to develop such organizations. Last but not the least, he was the organizer of the pioneering and multitudinous 1987 East-West Family Therapy Bridging Conference that saw the birth of the International Family Therapy Association.

Carlos Sluzki said, "Don Bloch was a generous mentor, a creative thinker, and a kind and wise man that touched countless lives as a keen therapist, a guide and inspiration as teacher and leader in the field, and a warm friend." William Hiebert, IFTA General Secretary, commented about a video interview he conducted with Don about the founding of IFTA, "What a rich tapestry of interactions Don wove as he spoke of the evolution of the East-West Bridging Conference and the development of IFTA."

1st IFTA Intensive Institute Izmir, Turkey October 2-3, 2015



The 1st IFTA Intensive Institute will be held October 2 -3 of 2015 in Izmir, Turkey. We invite you to join colleagues from around the world at the Swissotel Grand Efes, a five-star hotel in the heart of Izmir by the Aegean Sea.

The Intensive Institute is designed to allow practitioners the opportunity to spend an entire day with a master presenter and clinician. For this first Institute, the presenters will be:



Peter Fraenkel

Peter Fraenkel, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, The City College of New York; Director, Ackerman Institute's Center for Work and Family; and is in private practice in New York City, specializing in couple and family therapy. Dr. Fraenkel is the author of Sync Your Relationship,

Save Your Marriage: Four Steps to Getting Back on Track (2011, Palgrave-Macmillan), co-author of The Relational Trauma of Incest: A Family-Based Approach to Treatment (2001, Guilford Press), and author of numerous publications on time, technology, work and family; collaborative community-based programs for homeless families and families that have survived domestic violence; integrative approaches to couple and family therapy; and child sexual abuse. Dr. Fraenkel received AFTA's 2012 award for Innovative Contribution to Family Therapy.



Monica McGoldrick

Monica McGoldrick, MA, MSW, PhD (Hon), is Director of the Multicultural Family Institute in Highland Park, NJ and on the Psychiatric Faculty at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She has a BA from Brown University, an MA in Russian Studies from Yale University, and an MSW and an Honorary

Doctorate from Smith College. A fourth generation Irish American, married to a Greek immigrant, her closest emotional connection while growing up was to her African American caretaker, Margaret Bush. Knowing little about her roots while growing up, Dr. McGoldrick through her family therapy work came to believe deeply in the importance of connections to family and cultural history. She is internationally known for her writings and teachings on topics including culture, class, gender, the family life cycle, loss, family patterns (genograms), remarried families, and sibling relationships. Her books include—The Changing Family Life Cycle, 4th ed. in press; Ethnicity and Family Therapy, 3rd ed; Genograms: Assessment and Intervention, 3rd ed; Living Beyond Loss, 2nd ed; Re-visioning Family Therapy: Therapy, Race, Culture and Gender in Family Practice, 2nd ed; and The Genogram Journey: Reconnecting with Your Family, to be published by WW Norton, Fall, 2010.

How to Register for IFTA Intensive

http://www.ifta-institute.org/register_for_institute.php

More Information

<http://www.ifta-institute.org>

IFTA's XXIV World Family Therapy Congress Kona, Hawaii March 30 - April 2, 2016



The 24th World Family Therapy Congress will be held March 30 - April 2 2016 in Kona, Hawaii. We invite you to join colleagues from around the world at the Congress Hotel, the Hilton Waikoloa Village, a four-star hotel tropical resort on the Big Island of Hawaii.

The International Family Therapy Association was an outgrowth of the East-West Bridging Congress conducted in Prague in 1987. Since that time, IFTA's goal has been the same: Advancing family therapy worldwide by promoting research, education, and sound practice while promoting international cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and ideas that support the health and well-being of families and persons around the world.

**CALL FOR
PROPOSALS**

Open **April 1, 2015** until **August 30, 2015**
Plan NOW to present at next year's Congress!