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2017 World Family Therapy Congress — March 15 – 18, 2017

IFTA's 25th World Family Therapy Congress: IFTA 30th Anniversary

Two outstanding clinicians familiar with the therapeutic needs around the world will keynote the 2017 World Family Congress provided by the International Family Therapy Association Congress in Malaga, Spain. Meeting at the Ilunion Hotel in Malaga, March 15 – 18, 2017, hundreds of systemic therapist from over 25 countries will be attending the Congress. There is still time to submit and proposal and to register right now.

KEY DATES FOR 2017 CONGRESS

- **NOW -** Call for Proposals Open
- **Sept. 30 -** Deadline for Proposals
- **October 20 -** Hotel Early Bird Ends

Working with Asylum Seekers and Migrants

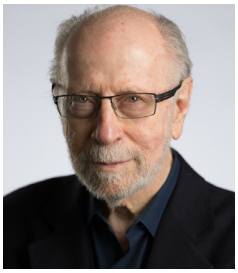
This year's Pre-Congress will focus on: the mental health needs of refugees, assessment in emergency setting, case work examples from the field, and self-care of the workers

Cansu Alözkan Sever

Wednesday, March 15, 2017
10:00 - 16:00

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

The keynote presenters for the 25th World Congress include two world reknowned leaders in the field of family therapy. Speaking in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of IFTA will be its Founding President Florence Kaslow.



Celebrating the theme, International Family Therapy: 30 Years of Change will be Carlos Sluzki, MD. Well known to therapists around the world for his work, Dr Sluzki brings an international view of the field and its development.

Desiree Seponski Become IFTA Treasurer

Desiree Seponski

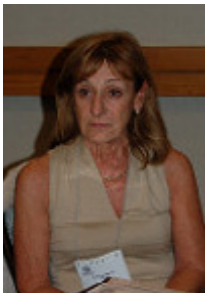
Desiree Seponski, Ph.D., USA, was elected Treasurer of the International Family Therapy Association, effective July 1, 2016. She will serve a three-year term ending June 30, 2019. All officers are elected by the Board of Directors. Seponski succeeds Sibel Erenel, Turkey, who retired from the Board on June 30

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

Changes annual occur on the IFTA Board of Directors As 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 open positions for Members-at-Large in the Class of 2019 and the following three people were elected: Ozge Alkanat, PhD, Turkey; Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, MS, Canada; and Anibal Torres, PhD, USA, were elected.

Alkanat and Torres are serving their initial three-year terms and can serve another other three years if reelected, in 2019. Maki-Banmen is serving her second three-year term.



Ruth Casabianca
IFTA President

Warwick Phipps
IFTA President-Elect

Ozge Alkanat

Kathlyne Maki-Banmen

Anibal Torres

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)

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

2014-2017, Term Ends June 30, 2017
Dorothy Becvar, PhD, USA
Joyce Ma, PhD, Hong Kong
Warwick Phipps, PhD

2015-2018, Term Ends June 30, 2018
Reggie Berger, PhD, Switzerland
Desiree Seponski, PhD, USA
Tamura Takeshi, MD, Japan

2016-2019 Term Ends June 30, 2019
Ozge Alkanat, PhD, Turkey
Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, MS, Canada
Anibal Torres, PhD, USA

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Jordal Appointed Editor of Journal of Family Psychotherapy

Dr. Christian Jordal

Christian Jordal has been named as the next editor of the Journal of Family Psychotherapy (JFP) by the Executive Committee of the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA). Dr. Jordal is a professor in the MFT program at Drexel University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA) and will begin his duties on January 1, 2017 succeeding the Founding Editor, Terry Trepper.

Dr. Trepper, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Purdue University, began his duties as Editor of JFP in 1990. The Journal was first published in 1985 by Hawoth Press; it was a guest edited journal and was called the Journal of Psychotherapy and the Family. In 1990, when Dr Trepper became the editor, it became a regular submission journal and its title was changed to the Journal of Family Psychotherapy. It became the official journal of IFTA in 1998 and in 2008 Taylor and Francis became the publisher.

"Over the years, due to Terry's skillful leadership, JFP became a significant journal in the field of family therapy," remarked William C. Nichols, Chair of the Editor Search for the IFTA Publications Committee. We wish Dr. Jordal every success as the second editor of JFP, said Dr. Casabianca, President of IFTA.

Commission Acredits African Family Therapy Training Program

Pan African Christian University (PACU) became the first family therapy education and training program in Africa to be accredited by the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). "We were delighted to receive an application from an African university family therapy training program," said Dr. Dorothy Becvar, Chair of IACSTE. "This is the first program to apply from the continent of Africa," she remarked.

The Commission held a meeting during the 2016 World Family Therapy Congress in Waikoloa, Hawaii, in March. PCAU, like the other accredited degree programs, met the standards set by the Commission. To further encourage universities to apply for accreditation, the Commission held two workshops at the Hawaii World Congress regarding the accreditation process.

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 (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.

We now have 1000 Group Members in the IFTA Group !

IFTA also has a LinkedIn (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.

Go to the IFTA Congress website at: www.ifta-congress.org and click here for past congress photographs.

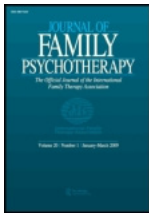
Enjoy seeing images from the past conferences in Hawaii (2016), Kuala Lumpur , Malaysia (2015), Panama City, Panama (2014), Orlando, Florida (2013); Vancouver, Canada (2012); Holland (2011); Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010), Portoroz, Slovenia (2009); Porto, Portugal (2008). Photographs from Congresses 2006 – 2001, go to smugmug : 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: Pam Lessing)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2017 World Congress Website Open

You can find the 2017 Congress website at: http://www.ifta-congress.org/. The website will contain contains all of the information necessary for registration, abstract submission, and other details for 2017 Congress planning.

Submit Your Proposal NOW - Deadline is September 30
The deadline for the 2017 Congress Proposals is earlier than ever in order to evaluate and respond to presenters earlier than in the past. If you are in an academic context, please be mindful that the deadline may occur before you return to school. Submit your proposal now!



Journal of Family Psychotherapy Online

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

If you are a new member or renewed member, your IFTA subscription to JFP will be forwarded to Taylor and Francis quarterly. WATCH for an email from Taylor and Francis regarding how to access JFP.

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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SHANGHAI STUDENT EXCHANGE

IN FAMILY THERAPY, COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK

AUGUST 8-20, 2016

You are invited to join an international professional and cultural program to Shanghai China. The goal of this exchange program is to explore issues relevant to counseling, psychology, marriage, and family life in China, including traditional and innovative methods of intervention. Our group will meet with our professional counterparts and fellow graduate students in Shanghai. We will also meet with participating hospitals, community counseling agencies, associations and professionals.

During the trip we will share information, develop relationships, and foster a bilateral cultural exchange of ideas. We hope that you will be actively engaged as both a presenter, and a learner. Participants must apply and be approved for participation. Contact us by email for application materials. Space is limited.

The program cost per participant is $2500 USD.

Please contact Dr. John Miller (exchange leader) at jkmillertoo@gmail.com or **jkmillertoo@yahoo.com.**

Research Request

Have you ever googled your clients? Is it ok to be friends with your clients on social media sites? Are clients talking about social media in therapy?

Researchers at Drexel University are looking for couple and family therapists to participate in a study examining social media in couple and family therapy clinical practice. If you are interested please visit the Couple and Family Therapy Social Media Research to complete the 5-7 minute survey.

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Málaga, Spain

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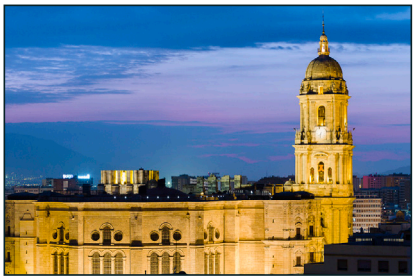


The 25th World Family Therapy Congress and the 30th Anniversary of IFTA will be held 16 - 18 March 2017 in Malaga, Spain. We invite you to join colleagues from around the world at the Congress' Hotel LUNION, near Malaga's Cathedral.

The 2017 Congress theme, "International Family Therapy: 30 Years of Change" celebrates the evolution of family therapy around the world. The Congress, like all IFTA Congresses, will also feature many approaches to a variety of problems and ways of coping with them. The congress aims to help heal hurting couples and families in various cultures.

Call For Proposals

OPEN NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30

Proposals are sought for the 2017 IFTA World Congress in the following categories:

- Brief Presentations (25 minutes)
- Lectures (45 minutes)
- Workshops (60 minutes)
- Poster Displays

The Official Language

of the meeting is English. All abstract submissions must be in English.

Workshops can be presented in English or Spanish.

Proposal Information:

http://ifta-congress.org/docs/GeneralGuidelines.pdf
http://ifta-congress.org/docs/StudentGuidelines.pdf

Submit a Proposal:

www.ifta-conference.org

Students must send proof of student status (scan of student ID) to info@ifta-congress.org to receive a Promo code in order to register as a student.

More Information: www.ifta-congress.org

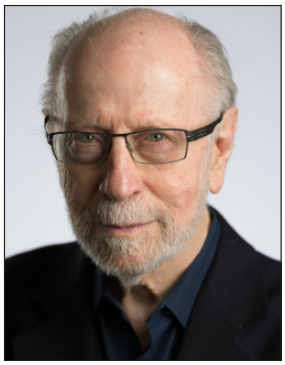
Official Venue of the 2017 IFTA World Congress

ILUNION HOTEL

Paseo Maritimo Antonio Machado, 10, 29002
MÁLAGA, SPAIN

PRESENTERS

Florence Kaslow
Founding IFTA President



Carlos Sluzki