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Headliners for IFTA's 23rd World Family Therapy Congress Announced: Great East-West Sharing In 2015

Four outstanding clinicians and will keynote the 2015 World Family Congress provided by the International Family Therapy Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, March 2015. All of the quartet 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. They are, with their topic of presentation:

Wai-Yung Lee, PhD

"Changing Traditions and Systemic Therapy: Dangers and Opportunities for Families."

She is an Associate Professor and [photo]
Founding Director of the Hong Kong
University Family Institute, as well as Clinical Director and
faculty member of the Minuchin Center for the Family in New
York, NY, USA. Much of her work has been devoted to
correcting the many myths regarding Asian Chinese families
while developing a framework for to culturally relevant
approach in different contexts. Her most recent publication,
featured in *Family Process*, compared how couples negotiate
their differences among five different Asian regions,
including Japan, Korea, Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong
Kong. Sr. Lee has co-authored three books with Salvador
Minuchin.

John Banmen, Ph.D.

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

John Banmen, an internationally known as an author, therapist and educator, has provided training programs have in dozens of countries in Asia, [photo] Europe, South America and North America. He is the author is several books on Satir and the Satir model including *Satir Transformational and Systemic Therapy* (2007) and *In Her Own Words* (2008). Dr. Banmen was the founding president of the British Columbia (Canada) Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and was recently, for four years, honorary Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong. He is the Director of Training for the Satir Institute of the Pacific (Vancouver).

Judith Landau, MD, DPM

“The ARISE Model: A Cross-cultural Approach For Enhancing Family Connectedness, Engagement, Prevention, And Treatment In The Face Of Trauma And Addiction”

Child, family, and community psychiatrist, and formerly Professor of Psychiatry, and [photo] Director of the Division of Family Programs at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Dr. Landau is currently President of Linking Human Systems and the LINC Foundation, in Boulder, Colorado, USA. In addition to widespread consultation with many organizations, for more than 30 years she has worked with substance abusers and their families, directing programs that interface with 12-step programs, recovery, community, and mental health service.

Co-founder of the ARISE Intervention, she has presented at more than 200 conferences and lectured in more than 100 countries on five continents. She is a former IFTA President.

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Kathlyne Maki-Banmen, MA

“The Essence of Therapeutic Change”

An experienced teacher who worked as a Parenting Group Leader and as a Severe Learning Disabilities Teacher in Canada before getting into the field of family therapy, Kathlyne Maki-Banmen has excelled in Professional Development Training in Hong Kong, Singapore, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, India, Thailand, the USA, and Canada. She has been in private practice as an individual, couple, and family therapist since 1995 at Delta Psychological Services, and worked as a Counselor for Suicide Prevention and also as a Learning Assistance Teacher in public school systems. A leading proponent of Satir Transformative Therapy, she is Training Director of the Satir Institute of the Pacific.