



## 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.

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### 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



Celebrating the theme, International Family Therapy: 30 Years of Change and celebrating IFTA's 30th will be its Founding President Florence Kaslow, Ph.D. and 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.

## Gloria Baldwin Schultz appointed to Board

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Gloria Baldwin Schultz

With Desiree Seponski elected to the IFTA position as Treasurer, her position as a IFTA Board Member at Large is vacated. According to IFTA Nomination policy, the runner up, Gloria Baldwin Schultz (Canada), in the last election joins the Class of 2018 and completes Dr. Seponski's term.

## IFTA & SOCIAL NETWORKING

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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 over a 1000 Members of 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](mailto:iftasecretariat@aol.com)).

## Exciting Pre-Congress Tours

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The Pre-Congress tours begin on Monday with Gibraltar, Tuesday to Tangier, Morocco, and on Wednesday there is a choice between the Málaga City Tours or a tour to Granada.



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## Certified Family Therapist Announcement

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In an effort to continue its mission to meet the needs of family therapists around the world, the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) has created pathways for recognition of individuals who have met the education and training requirements established by the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education and Training (IACSTE).

Certified Family Therapist is a new clinical designation approved by the IFTA Board of Directors in 2014 and is designed to provide certification for family therapists who 1) currently operate in several countries simultaneously, 2) provide consultation or supervision in several different countries, or 3) who reside in countries without any professional certification.

The Certified Family Therapist designation is built on the standards established by the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education and Training (IACSTE). This new certification is open to individuals from different academic and clinical backgrounds. The application varies based on the country of residence of the therapist and the level of family therapy certification in that country.

Those desiring recognition may come from countries where:

1) there is certification or licensure that is similar to IACSTE's standards (such as in the USA or Canada and other countries)

2) licensure or certification doesn't exist in applicant's country but whose training mirrors the IACSTE Standards

The Certified Family Therapist designation is separate from membership in IFTA and a therapist may or may not be a member of IFTA. Certification is renewable every three years and the fees for the certified status are based on the applicant's country of residence with the fees established based on the three-tier United Nations grid used by IFTA for determining membership fees.

Therapists world wide may apply to become a Certified Family Therapist by meeting the standards established by the International Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). Interested parties should go to Certified Family Therapist Application.

## Association Information

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### **2018 World Congress Website Opens in May**

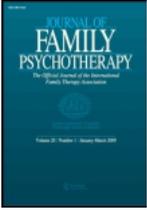
You can find the 2018 Congress website at: <http://www.ifta-congress.org/>. The website contains all of the information necessary for registration, abstract submission, and other details for Congress planning.

### **Proposal Deadline for 2018 World Congress is Sept. 30, 2017**

The deadline for the 2018 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!

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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### **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](http://www.tandfonline.com). Please contact Taylor and Francis for any difficulties in accessing the JFP: [onlineaccesshelp@taylorandfrancis.com](mailto: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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## Accreditation Commission Announces Second Tier Advanced Status

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The International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education and Training (IACSTE) has announced that it will now be offering two levels of accreditation for marriage and family therapy training and education programs. The new classification system has two tiers: Tier 1 for Primary Training Programs and Tier 2 accreditation for Advanced Training Programs.

Tier 1 Accreditation is based on the demonstration that a program meets the minimum standards set forth by the International Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). Programs desiring to apply for recognition at this level should go to Tier 1 Application.

Tier 2 Accreditation is based on the demonstration that a program meets more advanced standards set forth by the International Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE). Programs desiring to apply for recognition at this level should go to Tier 2 Application.

In speaking about this new level of accreditation, Dr. Becvar, Chair of the Commission said, "These advanced Standards serve to identify training programs that have a higher level of training while, at the same time, providing the basic or primary programs a model to work toward as family therapy develops in their own countries."

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Standards and Applications are available on the IFTA website. We are ready to begin receiving Tier 2 applications, said Dr. Dorothy Becvar, adding, "Several programs have already expressed an interest."

## In Memoriam

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### **Wallace Denton, Ph.D.**

Dr. Wallace Denton, 88, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2016. Wallace was the founding director of the marriage and family doctoral program at Purdue University and served as head of what is now the department of Human Development and Family Studies. He trained many PhD students who went on to become faculty at other universities and assume other positions of leadership. His professional contributions to the profession of family therapy were recognized with multiple awards and honors. He was the author of six books with three being book club selections. After 30 years at Purdue he eventually retired to Athens, GA. In 2011 he published his memoirs, *The Long, Long Winding Road*. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Juanita Holt Denton; son Wayne (Pam) Denton; daughter, Susan (Jim Beall) Staley; grandchildren, Owen, Sam, Amanda and Aaron; great-grandchildren, Sydney, Fred, Emma and Noah. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 14 at 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens. Donations in memoriam can be made at Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, P.O. Box 48857, Athens, GA 30604. Online condolences may be offered at [www.bernsteinfuneralhome.com](http://www.bernsteinfuneralhome.com). Bernstein Funeral Home and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

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# Málaga, Spain

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## REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017 WORLD FAMILY THERAPY CONGRESS

[www.ifta-congress.org](http://www.ifta-congress.org)

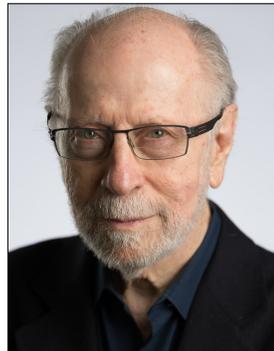
The 25th World Family Therapy Congress and the 30th Anniversary of IFTA will be held 15 - 18 March 2017 in Malaga, Spain. We invite you to join colleagues from around the world at the Congress' Hotel LUNION, near Malaga's Cathedral.

### PRESENTERS



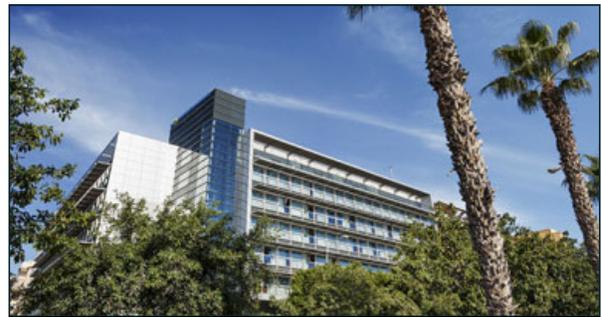
**Florence Kaslow**

Founding IFTA President



**Carlos Sluzki**

### Official Venue of the 2017 IFTA World Congress



## ILUNION HOTEL

Paseo Marítimo Antonio Machado, 10, 29002

MÁLAGA, SPAIN

More Information: [www.ifta-congress.org](http://www.ifta-congress.org)

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

#### Working with Asylum Seekers and Migrants

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

Standard Pre-Congress Pricing:  
- \$70 (if registered for the conference)  
- \$120 (not attending the congress)



**Cansu Alözkan Sever**

### FEATURED PRESENTERS

#### The Evolution of Family Therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the Past 30 years



**Chair:** Tatiana Glebova

**Other Presenters:**  
Emoke Tarjan,  
Fatma Arici-Sahin

**Discussants:** Monica McGoldrick  
& Nydia García Preto



This presentation will explore the development of family therapy in Russia, Hungary and Turkey over the past 30 years, discussing the unique social, political and cultural contexts that influenced the evolution of the field in each country and comparing it to the development of family therapy in the U.S.



#### Prescribing Rituals, Humor, and Metaphor in Systemic Therapy



Joel S. Bergman, PhD is a former Senior Faculty Member of the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy in New York City, where he is also in private practice. He is a Supervisor of Psychotherapy in the psychology doctoral programs at Yeshiva University and CUNY. He is author of Fishing for Barracuda: Pragmatics of Brief Systemic Therapy (W.W.Norton), an Approved Supervisor and Fellow of AAMFT and a frequent workshop leader well-known for his lively, humorous, and creative approaches to individual, couple, and family therapy.