

## Headliners for IFTA's 24th World Family Therapy Congress

### Interpersonal Interactions and Therapeutic Change

Two outstanding clinicians, Karl Tomm and Takeshi Tamura, will present the plenaries at the 2016 World Family Congress in Hawaii March 30 – April 2, 2016. Both 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:



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## Keynote Presenters



Takeshi Tamura  
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Karl Tomm  
M.D.



Judith Kellner  
Ph.D.



David McGill  
Ph.D.





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# Plenary Speakers



## Karl Tomm, M.D.

*“Bringing Forth Patterns of Interpersonal Interaction to Enable Therapeutic Change*

As family members, we inevitably drift into patterns of recurrent interaction that often support wellness, but could inadvertently foster pathology. Therapists who develop the perceptual and conceptual skills entailed in distinguishing these patterns become empowered to work more systemically. The ‘IPscope’ will be offered as a heuristic tool to enable therapists in recognizing these patterns and use them to guide their clinical work with families in therapy.

[Read about Karl Tomm](#)

## Takeshi Tamura

*“Family Therapy: the East Meets the West”*

Family therapy practice needs to include wider cultural context. Social withdrawal or Hikikomori syndrome has been so widely spread among young people in Japan and East Asia for the last 30 years. It relates to the value of Eastern culture which emphasizes interdependence, group harmony and parent/child relationship all through the family life cycle. The solution of the Western culture is to achieve differentiation of the individual out of the enmeshed relationship. The Eastern culture produces alternative solution of connectedness and integration.



[Read about Takeshi Tamura](#)

### Workshop I Introduction to Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFT)

This Pre-Conference will offer an introduction to Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples (EFT), an evidence-based approach to couple treatment. The EFT model emphasizes the importance of attachment in relationship distress that results from threats to safety, security and closeness.  
[Read more....](#)

### Pre-congress Workshops



Judith Kellner

[Read about  
Judith Kellner](#)



David McGill



Takeshi Tamura

### Workshop II International Case Consultation: Facilitating Cultural Competent Supervisors

Culture provides value system in our personal and family lives; such as structure, life cycle, role and communication pattern in the family. This workshop will offer a safe container for participants to share their unique culture of themselves and their own cases, and to reflect from different perspectives. [Read more....](#)



### **Dorothy Becvar, Ph.D.**

#### ***“The Supervisor as Mentor”***

This workshop will consider the distinctive issues that are critical to effective supervision mentoring. The focus of this workshop will be on the development of meaningful, collaborative supervisory relationships with an emphasis on creating contracts, acknowledging cultural, gender, and socioeconomic issues, and managing legal and ethical issues.

[ [Read about Dorothy Becvar](#) ]



### **Jake Johnson, Ph.D.**

#### ***“Writing for Publication in Marriage and Family Therapy”***

This workshop will focus on how to be successful in writing for publication in the field of marriage and family therapy. Particular attention will be paid to navigating the process of publication as well as current scholarly trends in MFT.

[ [Read about Jake Johnson](#) ]



### **Fred Piercy, Ph.D., Convener**

#### ***“International Meeting of Editors and Publishers of Journals of Couple, Family and Divorce Therapy/Psychology”***

This meeting will again be a wonderful opportunity to get to meet your editor colleagues from many countries, to discuss common issues and concerns, and perhaps plan for mutual editorial based projects. Editors and editorial board members are welcome. Contact Fred Piercy regarding your attendance.



# Accreditation Commission

Created as a semi-autonomous body under the auspices of the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA), the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) focuses on the development and implementation of quality standards for programs around the world that provide systemic therapy education and training. These standards are created

to enhance the development of professionals who will be qualified to provide systemic therapy for individuals, couples, and families in the communities in which they live and work.

The Commission will be holding two separate workshops for programs interested in accreditation

## IACSTE Commissioners



John Lawless



Lois Paff Bergen

### “International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) Workshop I”

In this workshop members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will provide an overview of the Commissions history and goals as well as the standards and requirements that must be met in order to be designated as an accredited program.



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Warwick Phipps

### “International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) Workshop II”

In part II of this workshop members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will focus on the process of completing an application for accreditation. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance relative to specific aspects of the application process.

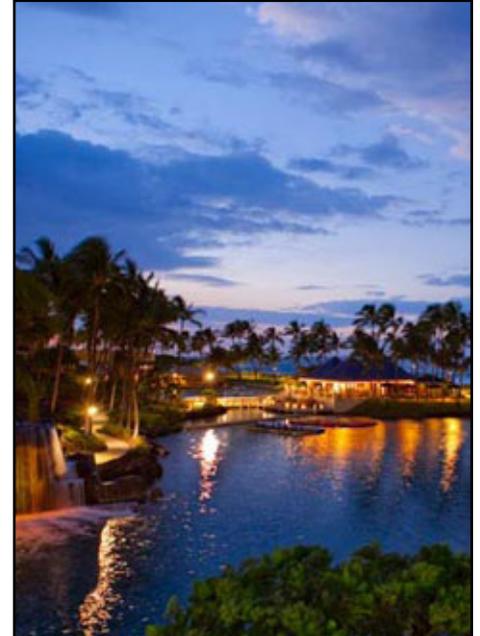


Dorothy Becvar



Robert Stahmann

# Hilton Waikoloa Village Congress Headquarters



Experience the Hilton Waikoloa Village, a unique resort in Waikoloa set in 62 oceanfront acres of the exclusive Kohala Coast on Hawaii Island. Just 20 minutes north of Kona International Airport, this Waikoloa resort features tropical gardens with waterways, exotic wildlife and a museum walkway with Asian and Polynesian artwork. Travel around the resort on trams and canal boats or stroll the garden paths. Enjoy recreational amenities including two championship golf courses, eight tennis courts, three swimming pools, dolphin encounters, and watersports in the lagoon.

Book your room.

## Official Congress Language



The official language of the meeting is English. Presentations (Posters, Briefs, Lectures, Workshops, and Panels) are to be presented in English.

### **Title: Toward a 21st Century Medicine Synergy: Five Element Medicine meets Family Therapy**

Date: April 3, 2016

Schedule: 9:00 to 4:30

Location: Hilton Waikaloa

Cost: \$175

Registration: Phone Shelly at (US) 360-752-9569

More information: [holistic-psychiatry.net](http://holistic-psychiatry.net)

Presenters: Larry Freeman MD

David Ford L.Ac

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