



# World Family Therapy Congress e-News

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## Great Selections, Variety of Topics at the 2016 World Family Therapy Congress

Great choices and opportunities to encounter international leaders were available--and seized upon—at the latest World Family Therapy Congress in Waikoloa, Hawaii. All of the plenary session presenters also appeared in workshops and other presentations, giving attendees a rare opportunity to get a depth introduction to their clinical and theoretical orientations and work.

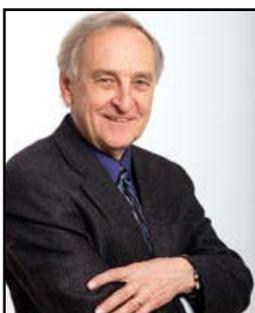
### Hawaiian Welcome Reception

The Welcome and Opening Congress Plenary began with the traditional Hawaiian Welcome by presenting leis to the Congress officers and the Plenary Speakers. The Welcome was given by Glenn Pressel, President of the Hawaii Division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). Pressel was assisted by other officers of the Hawaii Division, Stephanie Elliot and Joy Quick.



At 6.30 PM, there was a traditional Hawaiian Welcome and Blessing Ceremony arranged by the Hawaii Division of AAMFT. The performance included two dancers and a narrator/singer. Following the Blessing Ceremony, a traditional Hawaiian buffet was served.

### KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Karl Tomm



Takeshi Tamura

The keynote presenters for the 24th World Congress included leaders from both the East and the West. Dr. Karl Tomm from Canada led off the plenary addresses on Thursday focusing on “Patterns of Interpersonal Interaction to Enable Therapeutic Change.” “Family Therapy: East Meets West” was the Closing Plenary address by Dr. Takeshi Tamura from Japan.

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## Subplenary Workshops Presented Varied Themes

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

#### ***“The Supervisor as Mentor”***

presented on the topic of “The Supervisor as Mentor” focused on the development of meaningful and collaborative supervisory relationships.



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

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

focused on how to be successful in writing for publication in the field of marriage and family therapy.



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

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

convened the “International Meeting of Editors and Publishers of Journals of Couple, Family and Divorce Therapy/Psychology.” The workshop is an opportunity to meet fellow editor colleagues from many countries, to discuss common issues and concerns.

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## Accreditation Commission

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The International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) held two workshops and a Commission Meeting during the World Congress.

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.

The first workshop focused consisted of an overview of the standards and requirements for accreditation. The second workshop explored the process of accreditation and various issues surrounding the accreditation process.

During the Congress, the Commission also met to review an application for accreditation.

# WAIKOLOA LUAU



On Friday night, over 70 individuals attend the Legends of Hawai'i, the Big Island Story, which brings to life the ancestral songs (mele) and dance (hula) that retell the epic stories of Hawai'i and her remarkable people.

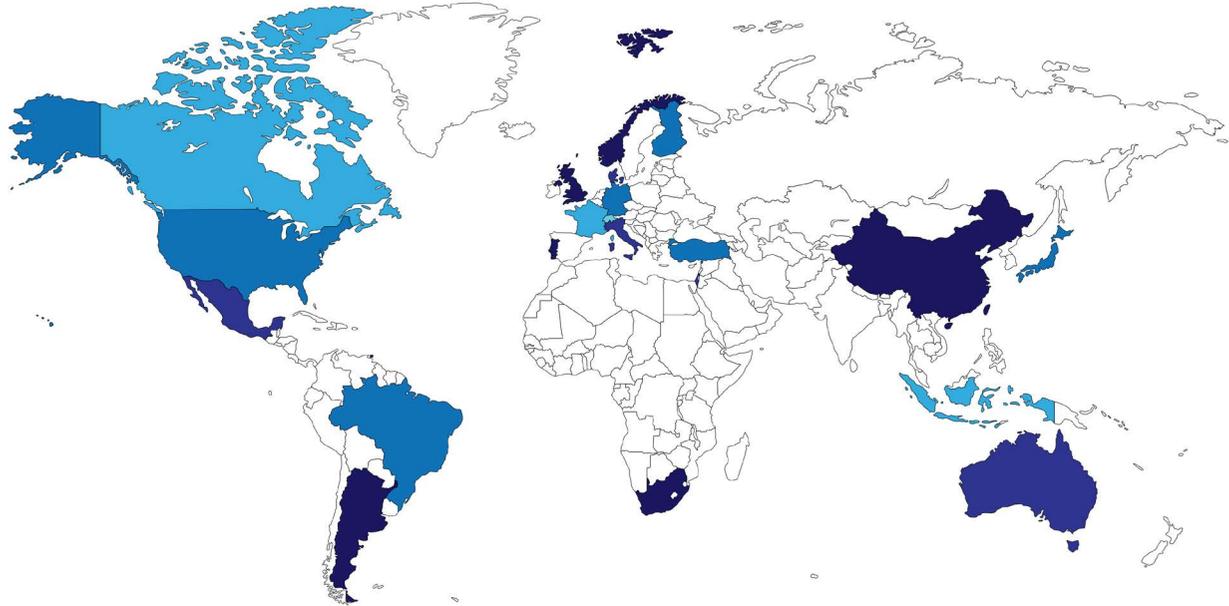


The event featured both a traditional Hawaiian pig roast and a cultural show involving music and dance from Hawaii.



# Hawaii Congress Drew Therapists from 24 Countries

Three hundred people attended the 24th World Family Therapy Congress in Waikoloa, Hawaii in March. With 24 countries represented, the attendees came from around the world including Asia, Africa, Europe, South and North America. Twenty-nine percent of the attendees were students.



## 2016 Congress Evaluations Show Positive Reactions

### Overall Satisfaction

- 94% of attendees would recommend this conference to others.
- 78% of attendees plan to attend this conference in the future.
- 94% were very satisfied or satisfied with their conference experience.
- 82% of attendees were very satisfied or satisfied with the content of the presentations.
- 80% of attendees were very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of the facilities.



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25th World Family Therapy Congress and 30th Anniversary of IFTA

# Málaga, Spain

March 16 - April 18, 2017



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.

## Official Venue of the 2017 IFTA World Congress



## ILUNION HOTEL

Paseo Marítimo Antonio Machado, 10, 29002  
MÁLAGA, SPAIN

## Proposal Information:

<http://ifta-congress.org/docs/GeneralGuidelines.pdf>

<http://ifta-congress.org/docs/StudentGuidelines.pdf>

## Submit a Proposal:

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

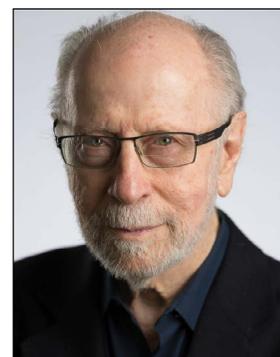
Students must send proof of student status (scan of student ID) to [info@ifta-congress.org](mailto:info@ifta-congress.org) to receive a Promo code in order to register as a student.

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



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