



IFTA's 20th Anniversary Congress



XVI World
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Congress

Transformation and Globalization: Family Therapy in the 21st Century

March 26-29, 2008 | Porto Palacio Hotel | Porto, Portugal



Call for Abstracts

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Family Therapy Association, it is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the World Family Therapy Congress in Porto, Portugal March 26-29, 2008. At this, our 16th World Congress, we have decided to examine the role that family therapy plays in the transformation of families throughout the world.

The World Family Therapy Congress has a rich history of bringing together the greatest clinicians from the field, and in Porto we will continue this worthy tradition. In addition to showcasing the preeminent thinkers and scholars in family therapy, we will also probe the complexities of family life and the human condition and consider the crucial role that family therapy plays.

We expect Porto to be one of our most successful congresses ever and have made sure that the locale and venue provide ample opportunities for learning, sharing, and networking. We hope that in addition to attending the congress, that you will consider being a speaker. The call for abstracts is available on the congress website.

We hope that you can join us in Porto and will assure you that your time at the congress will be well spent. Having the rare opportunity to interact with people who share your passion for family therapy from around the world is truly an extraordinary experience. One we can tell you from our experience, you will always treasure.

See you in Porto,

William F. Northey, Jr.
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& Scientific Committee
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Chamber of Associations

The Chamber of Associations (COA) is comprised of representatives from the world family therapy associations and organizations with the goal to foster collaboration, develop shared views, and network with colleagues from around the globe.

The inaugural meeting of the COA will be held in Porto and we are expecting a spectacular turnout. If you are the president, general secretary, executive director or designated representative of a national or regional family therapy association, we cordially invite you take part in this groundbreaking meeting. We expect that their will be opportunities to exchange views about how we may better serve families in the communities in which we live and improve the quality of family therapy worldwide.

We hope that you can join us in Porto to share your ideas with people who share your passion for family therapy.

For further details please refer to the website.

IFTA Outstanding student/new professional abstract award

IFTA is glad to announce that starting its 20th Anniversary Congress in Porto, Portugal it will grant an Outstanding Student/New Professional Abstract Award of Euro 700 to the presenting author of the most outstanding abstract for family therapists who are still in training or have recently graduated (less than 2 years from conferment of terminal degree).

The selection will be made by the Scientific Committee and the prize will be presented at the congress.

For Application instructions please refer to the website.

Important dates

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts:

October 31, 2007

For Application Instructions Please refer to the Web-site.

Abstracts should be sent through the website:
www.paragon-conventions.com/ifta2008

Early registration:

December 9, 2007. For a detailed list of Categories and for Registration information please refer to the website.

IFTA Membership

We invite you to become an IFTA member and benefit from the reduced registration fee to the meeting. To learn more about IFTA and to apply for membership, please refer to

<http://www.ifta-familytherapy.org>

or contact the IFTA General Secretary William Hiebert at

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Wednesday, March 26

08:00 – 15:00	Pre Conference Workshops
16:00 – 17:00	Opening Ceremony
17:00 – 18:00	Opening Plenary Session
18:00 – 20:00	Opening Reception

sponsored by:



Saturday, March 29

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary III
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Seminars or Sub-Plenary Sessions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Workshops
14:40 – 15:40	Workshops
15:40 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	Brief Sessions

Thursday, March 27

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary I
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Sub-Plenary Sessions
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Workshops
14:40 – 15:40	Workshops
15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Brief Sessions

Friday, March 28

09:00 – 10:30	Plenary II
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Workshops
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch/Poster Sessions
13:30 – 14:30	Brief Sessions
14:40 – 15:40	Workshops
15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Sub-Plenary Sessions

* Subject to changes

Topics

1. Family Therapy
2. Couple/Marital Therapy
3. Group Therapy
4. Children
5. Adolescents
6. Aging/Elderly
7. Abuse & Violence
8. Education & Supervision
9. Substance Misuse/Abuse
10. Mental Illness
11. Trauma/Death/Loss/Grief
12. Culture/Race/Ethnicity
13. Spirituality

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT before OCTOBER 31, 2007

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Constance Ahrons

Dr. Ahrons is a renowned expert on the impact of divorce on families and the author of a number of highly praised publications, including *We're Still Family* and *The Good Divorce*, and co-author of *Divorced Families*. Dr. Ahrons is Professor Emerita from the Department of Sociology and former Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Doctoral Training Program at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles. She is also a Senior Scholar and founding Co-chair of the Council on Contemporary Families.

Maria Emilia Costa

Professor Costa is a full professor in the department of Psychology and Educational Sciences and president of the Institute of Psychological Intervention and Human Development at Porto University. She coordinates several post-graduate and doctoral programs in family systems and psychotherapeutic processes and has a vast experience in clinical practice. Professor Costa is the author of several publications, including *Looking for Intimacy and Conflict: A Systemic Analysis*. Her present research interests include intimacy, divorce, family and sex therapy.

Valentín Escudero

Professor Escudero is a Professor of Psychology and Director of the family intervention postgraduate program at the University of La Coruña (Spain), and visiting professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium). He is certified as psychotherapist and family therapist and currently serves as Vice President of the Spanish Association for Family Therapy Research (AEIDTF). Professor Escudero is the author of over 20 journal articles and most recently has published (with Myrna Friedlander and Laurie Heatherington) *Therapeutic Alliances in Couple and Family Therapy*.

Lynn Hoffman

Ms. Hoffman is one of the leading thinkers and practitioners in the field of family therapy and systems theory. She received the AAMFT Lifetime Achievement Award for Distinguished Contribution. Ms. Hoffman has presented at hundreds of conferences, workshops, panels, in the U.S. and abroad, over the past 40 years. She is the author of *Techniques of Family Therapy* (with Jay Haley), *Foundations of Family Therapy*, *Milan Systemic Family Therapy* (with Luigi Boscolo, Gianfranco Cecchin, and Peggy Penn), *Exchanging Voices*, and most recently, *Family Therapy: An Intimate History*.

Rosa Maria S. Macedo

Dr. Macedo is the Director of the Family and Community Nucleus, a Professor in the Department of Clinical Psychology, and Director of the Family and Couples Therapy training program Pontifical Catholic University in São Paulo, Brazil. She is the founding member of the Associação Brasileira de Terapia Familiar (ABRATEF) and Associação Paulista de Terapia Familiar. Dr. Macedo is the author of many publications including *Psicologia e Instituição* (Psychology and Institutions), *Terapia Familiar no Brasil* (Family Therapy in Brazil), and *Psicologia na Comunidade* (Psychology in the Community) with Carmen Moré.

Esther Perel

Ms. Perel is a licensed marriage and family therapist and consultant who specializes in cultural identity, cross cultural relations and ethnic and religious intermarriage. She also serves on the faculty at Columbia University's International Trauma Studies Program. Fluent in eight languages and a popular media commentator, Ms. Perel has been featured by The Washington Post, The New Yorker, Vogue, the Oprah Winfrey Show, CBC News, CNN, and many others. Ms. Perel is the author of *Mating in Captivity: Reconciling the Erotic and the Domestic*, which has received numerous accolades.

Daniel Sampaio

Dr. Sampaio is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Lisbon and the Lisbon Medical School. He is the founder and first President of Sociedade Portuguesa de Terapia Familiar (Portuguese Family Therapy Association). Dr. Sampaio is a prolific author with numerous publications to his name, including *Vagabundos de nós* (Vagabond of Us), which has been adapted for the theater, *A Arte da Fuga* (The Art of the Escape), *Ninguém Morre Sozinho* (Nobody Dies Alone), and most recently *Lavar o Mar* (To Cultivate the Sea).

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