

We kindly invite you to participate in the 23rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy that will take place in spring 2014 in the heart of the Netherlands and will cover various topics under the umbrella of the theme:

UNDERSTANDING JUSTIFICATIONS AND EXCUSES OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

The field of forensic mental health is under the microscope of therapists and under the camera of the media. Within this field public and personal issues are rivals. Confidentiality in the therapist's room is often not respected in the court room, while the offender has a central position in the court room as well as in the therapist's office. From the legal point of view and from the mental health perspective distinct approaches and mechanisms serve to understand the offender's criminal behavior.

The association

The IAFP is an international organization which brings together professionals from many countries, services and agencies who are involved in the development and the application of the psychotherapeutic understanding and treatment of offenders.

For whom

The conference (21 and 22 March 2014) in Zeist, the pre-conference tour and other sessions (20 March 2014) and the post-conference sessions in Amsterdam (23 March 2014) are relevant for (forensic) psychotherapists, (forensic) psychologists, (forensic) psychiatrists, probation officers, mental health professionals, legal professionals.

Goals

The conference aims to provide professionals in forensic mental health in general and forensic psychotherapy in particular with clinical, practical, theoretical and scientific information from an international perspective and within different jurisdictions. The exchange among forensic therapists and legal professionals is a key focus. Also those in training for the aforementioned areas of practice and knowledge are welcome.

Venue

The conference will take place at Hotel Theater Figi, Het Rond 2, 3701 HS Zeist; P.O. box 5, 3700 AA Zeist, Phone +31 (0)30 692 74 00, Fax +31 (0)30 692 74 68
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For congress delegates a reduced hotel rate is available. If you make a reservation at hotel Figi please mention that you are a congress delegate of the IAFP.

Keynote speakers

- Dr. Leticia Castrechini, Tübingen, Germany - The promotion of a transitional space in which to overcome transference issues when treating personality disorders
Dr. Lesley Lothstein, USA - The Corporate Bureaucracy of the Catholic Church as a Major Contributor to the Priest Sexual Abuse of Minors Scandals: or Justification and Excuses of Criminal Behavior on a Huge Scale
Prof. dr. Francesco Spadaro, Catania, Italy - Human, all too human: the communications of criminal patients
Prof. dr. Abram de Swaan, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands – t.b.a.
Prof. dr. Paul Verhaeghe, University Ghent, Belgium - Our problem with authority and its effects on criminality

Among the speakers, already confirmed

Loes Bovenschen, Antoinette Alberink, Lydia van der Ham, Trees Bijvoet, Carol Wismeyer, NL; Rachel Cohen, UK; Lydia Dalhuisen, NL; Ronald Doctor, UK; Thecla Doll & Philip Jonkers, NL; Elisabeth Eurelings-Bontekoe, NL; Lisa Firestone, USA; Ellen Gunst, B; Niels Haberman, D; Christoff Hanzig, D; Teunis van den Hazel, NL; Bradley Hillier, UK; Reena Kapoor, USA; Frans Koenraadt, NL; Karel 't Lam, NL; Marieke Liem, USA/NL; Leslie M. Lothstein, USA; Carine Minne, Ire; David Millar, UK; Antoine Mooij, NL; Anne Motz, UK; Moeneke Nijkamp, NL; Titus van Os, NL; John Schlapobersky, UK; Marcel Schmeets, NL; Pleun van Vliet, NL; Karl Weilbach, Sw; Jochem Willemsen, Gent, B; Martin Witnitzer, NL; John Woods, London, UK; A. Williams, UK; Jessica Yakeley, UK.

Register now

To register for the congress see www.zonderzorg.nl/iafp For Dutch participants (psychiatrists and psychologists) accreditation has been requested and is pending.

Fee

Conference fee for delegates is € 445,-, for members of the IAFP € 395 and for students € 345,-. For the pre and post congress activities and for the congress diner additional fees are applicable.

Call for abstracts

We seek proposals for contributions to the program related to the abovementioned 2014 congress theme. For the plenary as well as the parallel sessions we welcome oral presentations, symposia, case conferences, master classes, film-sessions, discussion groups and large group meetings. (A specialized bookshop will also be present.)

Some further suggestions for topics are:

Continuity and discontinuity

Cognitive distortions and defense mechanisms

Entitlement

Revenge – retaliation – retribution

Therapeutic cohesion versus governmental policy

Professionalization in forensic psychotherapy

The dark side of man and women

Coercion and forensic psychotherapy

Forensic psychotherapy and total institutions

Budgetary constraints within forensic mental health

Art, history and forensic psychotherapy

The role of complexes in forensic psychotherapy

Mediation, restorative justice and empowerment

Therapeutic jurisprudence and citizenship

International comparison of therapeutic approaches

Confidentiality and media

Submission deadline: *December 15, 2013* **Extended until January 30, 2014**

The IAFP Board and the 2014 local organizing committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the 23rd IAFP conference. Proposals for contributions such as papers and symposia presentations can be send to: info@zonderzorg.nl

Optional pre- and post- congress activities

Three sessions before and after the conference are supplementary to the program. An additional fee will be charged.

A-1 Excursion to a forensic psychiatric hospital (tbs-hospital) and to a long stay facility

Thursday 20 March 10.00 - 16.30 hours

A full day meeting on two different forensic mental health locations where the Dutch tbs-measure is applied. In the morning we will visit a tbs-hospital where different kinds of in-patient and out-patient forensic treatment programs are used.

After lunch we will have a guided tour on the premises of a long stay facility.

At both locations we will be informed by staff members and patients about their experiences with the programs.

A-2 Masterclass on the message from forensic psychotherapists for schoolteachers

Thursday 20 March 13.00 - 16.00 hours

A-3 Masterclass on child killing, the contribution of forensic mental health for police officers

Thursday 20 March 13.00 - 16.00 hours

B Special guided tour on violence, insanity, eroticism and fire in art history in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

Sunday 23 March 11.00 - 13.30 hours

Each year, the recently fully renovated Rijksmuseum creates a first impression for hundreds of thousands of people: they get a first impression of the museum as they stare a real Rembrandt 'in the eye' and get a taste of history. But it does not end there. The Rijksmuseum will continue to dazzle art and history lovers, and play an important role in contemporary society. Art and history are not merely a thing of the past and the Rijksmuseum is a modern museum - a museum where unique events take place, non-stop. This is true in particular for crucial issues within forensic mental health practice ranging from violence, insanity and eroticism to fire. We will see different historical and art stages of them.

C Criminological guided walking tour in the Amsterdam red light district

Sunday 23 March 14.30 - 17.00 hours

We will be shown around in the lively area of the city of Amsterdam and see modern and historical sites in downtown Amsterdam. Drug abuse, organized crime and prostitution have their own subcultures in this neighborhood. Relevant critical criminological and ethnographical information will be presented especially for therapists dealing with clients in their offices.

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