8th World Congress of Psychotherapy

Life and Love in the 21st Century
From the Intimate Encounter to Embracing the World

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Life and Love in the 21st Century: From the intimate encounter to embracing the world

The 8th World Congress of Psychotherapy, under the auspices of the World Council for Psychotherapy (WCP), is organized this year by the French Federation of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis (FF2P) at the Maison de l’UNESCO in Paris, with the collaboration of the French League for Mental Health and the Françoise Minkowska Centre.

This international event is regularly held throughout the world (in 2013, it was held in South Africa, and in 2011 it was held in Australia). It brings together the leading experts of the various fields of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis from all continents; previous editions have also shown that all other specialties of the humanities are present.

«Life and Love in the 21st Century: From the intimate encounter to embracing the world» is the theme to be developed during the 8th World Congress of Psychotherapy. You will find the argument immediately following this presentation.

La Maison de l’UNESCO was chosen as the hosting residence for the Congress because this great place of «intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind» is well in line with the themes of universalism and humanitarian benevolence that the organizers wished to promote.

The Congress will take place over 5 days with 9 plenary lectures, 180 oral presentations of 20 minutes each, distributed over five halls, lecture theaters and workshops. Communication through posters will be presented in ongoing consultation by the participants. The scientific committee will select and arrange the presentations according to their thematic relevance.
« Conflicts arise in the human mind and it is in the human mind that they can be resolved. ” »

Extract from the Acceptance speech by the Venerable Prayudh Payutto for the 1994 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 8th world congress of psychotherapy that will be held in Paris, France from the 24th to the 28th of July 2017, at MAISON DE L’UNESCO.

This world congress of the World Council for Psychotherapy, that the French Federation of Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis and its partners, the French League of Mental Health (LFSM) and the Minkowska Center, have the great honor of organizing, is conceived within the exceptional framework of this century of globalization. This global era questions our psychotherapeutic practices, their theoretical foundations and is also the meeting point between psychotherapy and different anthropological, sociological, epistemological, and ethical representations.

Sharing and exchanging both our hopes and our practices is the goal of this congress. It will also aim to lay the foundations for a common ground for all future practices of listening to psychic suffering, psychological distress and psychiatric disorders of individuals.

The World Council for psychotherapy wants to take into account the rich history of the great changes that have affected mankind in his or her relation to the world, so that we may engage in a global debate, above and beyond our respective national practices.
The aims of this congress focus on several paradigmatic axe:

- Life must remain stronger than destructive violence
- Love is always the foundation of our humanity and our interpersonal, social, and familial relations
- The fight against psychological distress and psychiatric illness is both a humane and ethical duty
- The exceptional meeting of many specialists in psychotherapy, from five continents is a humanistic necessity in order to include all the different types of psychotherapy from all the modalities, so that there may be a rich exchange of experience and ideas.

Psychotherapy is recognized as an inevitable and effective way to treat mental disorders and alleviate the mental suffering of patients. However, it is also an important determinant for the evolution of the human being and the human way of thinking.

Psychotherapy also contributes to the creation of social connection by releasing the individual from the fear of the other and also fear of him or herself.

Affirming our freedom, our identity, our values and the professionalism of our profession is also a powerful civic and political act in the current global context.

We are counting on your presence.

In the pleasure to meet you in Paris on July 24th, 2017!

Pr Alfred PRITZ
President of the WCP

Dr Pierre CANOUÏ
Président of the FF2P
NGO since May 2003, the WCP aims to:

- promote psychotherapy in all continents of the world (in accordance with the Strasbourg Declaration)
- be responsible for the conditions of patients of psychotherapy (charter of the WCP)
- cooperate with national and international organizations to take stock of conflicts and maintain peace
- create an International Centre for information on psychotherapy
- access to advisory status as an NGO of the UN
- establish guidelines that are both ethical and international
- support all efforts to achieve and maintain human rights
- create task forces on specific topics
- promote the exchange of training programs worldwide
- support its members around issues that affect psychotherapy

It is with this philosophy that every three years a world congress is organized:
- the last was held in South Africa in Durban where 42 countries were represented
- the 6th and 5th world congresses were respectively held in Australia and China and they gathered nearly 1,000 individuals
- the 4th was held in Argentina and the first three, which were held in Austria in Vienna have each welcomed 3000 to 4000 people.

Prof. Dr Alfred Pritz,
President of WCP
The FF2P was created in May 1995 to bring together the different psychotherapeutic and psychoanalytic fields in France. It includes nearly 60 organizations - training organizations and associations - representing twenty psychotherapeutic methods grouped into five main categories: psychoanalytic, humanistic, cognitive-behavioral, systemic and integrative.

The FF2P’s mission is not only to promote psychotherapy as a specific discipline, but also to contribute to public information and protection of users. This ethical and deontological imperative is at the heart of the action of the FF2P and all its audience.

All associations of the categories mentioned above and training organizations approved by the FF2P meet these criteria.

The FF2P is a member of both the European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP) which collects 120,000 practitioners in 41 countries and the World Council of Psychotherapy (WCP).

The FF2P is the only organization in France authorized to issue the European Certificate of Psychotherapy (CEP) *

*The CEP, established by the EAP in 1997, aims to establish strict criteria for the practice of psychotherapy and to establish a high level of training.
A pioneer in many fields, the French League for Mental Hygiene, recognized as having public interest in 1922, became the French League for Mental Health in 1996. Since its founding in 1921 it has been a crossroads of ideas and research. In addition to its own activities - studies, research, conferences, publication of a magazine, a documentation center as well as training for social and paramedical personnel, and the creation of specialized departments and associations with the aim of preventing psychological problems, it has also dedicated itself to:

- Promoting reflection on the influence of the environment on the psychological state of individuals
- Facilitating the understanding of situations and interactions in a confrontational and increasingly complex society
- Providing assistance to psychologically fragile individuals to avoid shifting to larger problems.

Dr Roland Coutanceau,
President of the French League of mental health
« Man is made to research mankind »

This quote by Eugene Minkowski, founder of the association originally dedicated to his wife Françoise Minkowska, summarizes better than anything else, the life and work of the author. A well-recognized physician and philosopher, he spent his whole trying to better understand the individual in his uniqueness and in his entirety to better treat him. In continuation of his work and thought, the association is committed to caring, teaching, training and exchanging knowledge.

It is in this spirit that the Françoise Minkowska Center was born in 1962. This state establishment, created to ensure the reception of all migrants and refugees in need of mental health care, has not deviated from that goal in over fifty years of activity and is now recognized both nationally and internationally.

The Françoise Minkowska Center provides transcultural psychiatric consultations centered on the person. He introduced to France the concept of cultural competence.
TOPICS OF THE CONGRESS

1. LOVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY
2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC SCHOOLS FROM 1780 TO THE PRESENT
3. PSYCHOTHERAPY AS SCIENCE AND ART
4. CULTURAL PSYCHOTHERAPY
5. PSYCHOTHERAPY AS A PROFESSION AND ITS ROLE IN SOCIETY
6. PSYCHOTHERAPY AND MEDICINE
7. PSYCHOTHERAPY IN SPECIAL AREAS
8. LAW REGULATIONS OF THE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC PROFESSION
9. PSYCHOTHERAPY AND RESEARCH- EXISTING MODELS AND PERSPECTIVES

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- Dr Boris CYRULNIK (France), psychiatrist, neuropsychiatrist, ethologist
- Guy CORNEAU (Canada), psychoanalyst, lecturer and author
- Pr Hector FERNANDEZ-ALVAREZ (Argentina), psychologist and psychotherapist
- Marie-France HIRIGOYEN (France), psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, systematic family therapist
- Dr Thierry JANSSEN (Belgium), surgeon and urologist who became a psychotherapist, teacher and author
- Julia KRISTEVA (France), psychoanalyst and writer
- Pr Driss MOUSSAOUI (Morocco), psychiatrist and honorary member of the World Association of Social Psychiatry
- Pr Juan-David NASIO (France), psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and writer
- Pr David ORLINSKY (USA), cofounder of The Society for Psychotherapy Research, and creator of The International Study of Development of Psychotherapists
- Pr Norman SARTORIUS (Switzerland), president of the Association for Improvement of Mental Health Programmes
- Bertrand VERGELY (France), philosopher and teacher
- Pr José T. THOMÉ (Brasil), psychiatrist and psychotherapist
- Dr Irvin YALOM (USA), psychiatrist, psychotherapist, essayist and novelist (interactive video conference)
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- € 700 from January 1, 2017
- € 850 from March 1, 2017

For students less than 26 years and emerging countries listed below *:
- € 350 before January 1, 2017
- € 450 from January 1, 2017
- € 550 from March 1, 2017


LANGUAGES
All plenary sessions will benefit from simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, French and Russian.
The choice of languages may be extended depending on the importance of foreign delegations.

LOCATION OF CONGRESS
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