



2014 World Family Therapy Congress — March 5-8, 2014

Keynoters at 2014 World Family Congress to Focus on “Technology, Families, and Effective Therapy”

Three major plenary speakers, who will focus on different aspects of the conference theme of “Technology, Families, and Effective Therapy, have been announced for the International Family Therapy Associations’ forthcoming World Family Therapy Congress, scheduled for Panama City, Panama, March 5-8, 2014. Heading the list of several hundred other presenters are Gonzalo Baicgaupe, EdD; Stan Tatkin, PsyD; and Cigdem Kagitcibasi, PhD.

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, EdD, MPH *Emerging Technologies, Family & Psychotherapy: Beyond Control & Toward Curiosity.*

Bacigalupe describes his presentation as follows: “Information technologies are an unavoidable and often indispensable dimension of our family and community life. Families communicate and engage through the use of an evolving set of emerging technologies. The adoption of these technologies, however, tests our ability as psychotherapists and citizens to understand how families are embracing and challenged by them. In this presentation, I explore some of the challenges and critique the usual discourse about technology that changes from a nostalgic assessment of family life without them to the utopian idea that these technologies will help us to resolve quickly some difficult social dilemmas. The talk is based on a critical review of the literature, my own empirical research on the impact of technology, and clinical situations in which technology is protagonist of family difficulties and therapeutic work. Questions I intend to answer include: What are the untapped opportunities for therapeutic interventions that embrace technology in the therapy session? How do we frame our conversations about technology in ways that invite collaboration rather than diagnostic labels or the need for control?”

Professor of the Master of Science Program in Family Therapy Program at the University of



Gonzalo Bacigalupe, EdD, MPH

Massachusetts
Boston and
Ikerbasque
Research Professor
at the Duesto Stress
and Resilience
Research Team,
his most recent
research focuses
on the impact of
emerging media
on families and
includes developing
a transnational
collaboration to

investigate the adoption of emerging technology by families. His research has included transnational families and couples, political and family violence, refugees and immigrants’ health and disparities, e-health, and social technologies. He is president-elect of the American Family Therapy Academy.

Stan Tatkin, PsyD *Wired for Love: A Psychobiological Approach to Couples*

Developer of A Psychobiological Approach to Couple Therapy® (PACT), and author of *Wired for Love: How Understanding Your Partner’s Brain and Attachment Style Can Help You Defuse Conflict and Build a Secure Relationship*, Tatkin will provide a brief introduction to the PACT approach to couple therapy. A bottom-up, body oriented method for working with implicit memory systems in primary attachment relationships. The presentation will focus on the importance of using somatoaffective techniques for discovering and treating problems related to attachment history, arousal dysregulation, and social-emotional deficits. Clinical video



Stan Tatkin, PsyD

examples that demonstrate methods for accessing nonverbal information implicit in microexpressions and micromovements and for effectively using that information in the therapy session will be provided.

Tatkin, a clinician, researcher, and teacher, developed the PACT® approach

to couples work from a fusion of neuroscience, attachment theory, and arousal regulation for the purpose of training mental health professionals to use this method in their clinical practice and has taught the approach in several locations in the USA and internationally in Australia, Canada, Spain, and Turkey. He has a clinical practice in California, is an assistant clinical professor in the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, and teaches and supervises medical residents at Kaiser Permanente. His private practice, which formerly specialized in treating adolescents and adults with personality disorders, more recently has dealt with psycho-neurological theories of human relationship, and integrating principles of early mother-infant attachment with adult romantic relationships.

Pre-Congress Intensive Family Therapy Certificate Program

There will be two Pre-Congress Intensive courses on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

1. OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY THERAPY

• Wednesday, 5 March 2014 • 9 AM - 5 PM
Instructor: Dorothy S. Becvar, Ph.D.

This course provides a survey of the family therapy field, including its epistemological roots and both seminal and current approaches to clinical practice. Participants are introduced to a systems theoretical perspective at the levels of first-order and second-order cybernetics as well as to the distinctions between modern and postmodern orientations to therapy. In addition to consideration of the many models of family therapy, also addressed are the

dynamics of families and the impact of cultural, structural, and other contextual variations. The course includes didactic instruction, large and small group discussions, video presentations, and role plays or other simulations, as all are invited to engage actively in the teaching/learning process.

Certificate: Upon completion of this all-day course, participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance signifying that they have completed a one-day Intensive Family Therapy Course approved by IFTA.

Enrollment: Register for attendance on the [congress web site](#).

Dorothy Becvar is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Marital and Family Therapist with 30 years of experience in both academia and private practice. She received both her MSW and her PhD from Saint Louis University and is currently serving as Editor of Contemporary Family Therapy: An International Journal.

She has published extensively and is the author of the books *Families that Flourish: Facilitating Resilience in Clinical Practice* (Norton, 2007).

With her husband, Raphael J. Becvar,

she has co-authored four books: *Family Therapy: A Systemic Integration* (Allyn & Bacon, 7 editions), *Pragmatics of Human Relationships* (Geist & Russell, 1998), *Hot Chocolate for a Cold Winter's Night: Essays for Relationship Development* (Love Publishing, 1994), and *Systems Theory and Family Therapy: A Primer* (University Press of America, 1982, 1999). And she is co-editor, with William Nichols, Mary Anne Pace-Nichols and Augustus Napier, of the *Handbook of Family Development and Intervention* (Wiley, 2000).



Dorothy Becvar

2. THE PACT MODEL

• Wednesday, 5 March 2014 • 9 AM - 5 PM
Instructor: Stan Tatkin, Psy.D., MFT

This workshop explores how early attachment patterns are somatically imprinted onto the development of the brain and nervous

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Janine Roberts, PhD, and Merli López Rodríguez *Systemic Therapy with Families and Children Working in the Streets in Ecuador and Mexico*

Over the last twenty years, two JUCONI (Together with the Children) centers have developed and very successfully implemented a four-stage framework for working with marginalized and excluded families. They break multigenerational cycles of poverty and lack of access to education and get kids off the streets and back in school. The clinical leader from JUCONI Ecuador (Merli López Rodríguez) will explicate these four stages as well as creative strategies for engaging families in therapeutic work. Janine Roberts, who has trained therapists for both JUCONI Ecuador and JUCONI Mexico for over a decade will describe key processes in entering organizations to do trainings including: shadowing staff, delivering topics on demand, moving in and out of the role of facilitator and participant, entering into the trainings from different vantage points within an organization, and designing activities with an eye to how they will impact work relationships of staff and clients.

Dr. Janine Roberts is Professor Emerita at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, past president of AFTA (American Family Therapy Academy), & an Associate Editor for Family Process. Dr. Roberts has presented nationally and internationally for decades and has lived, worked, and traveled in more than 60 countries beginning with Kuwait in 1963. Among other awards, she has received two Fulbrights and the Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice from AFTA. She is the author of *Tales and Transformations: Stories in Families and Family Therapy* (Norton Press, 1994); coauthor of *Rituals for Our Times: Celebrating, Healing, and Changing Our Lives and Our Relationships* (Jason Aronson, 1998); and coeditor of *Rituals in Families and Family Therapy* (2nd edition Norton Press, 2003), as well as some sixty articles and book chapters, and a book of poems, *The Body Alters* (2009). Merli López Rodríguez is the clinical leader part

of the JUCONI (Together with the Children) team in Ecuador that has developed and implemented a four-stage framework for working with marginalized and excluded families. Merli López will explicate stages as well as creative strategies for engaging families in therapeutic work.

Merli López Rodríguez hace parte del Equipo de Fundación Junto con los niños - JUCONI – Ecuador (www.juconi.org.ec), liderando al equipo técnico que atiende directamente a los niños, niñas y sus familias desde el 2002 hasta la actualidad. Ha participado como ponente en los congresos internacionales de JUCONI México en 2010 y 2012.

Janine Roberts, PhD, describirá procedimientos claves cuando haga entrenamientos para las organizaciones por la primera vez.

Dos participantes de la organización JUCONTI (Juntos con los Niños) han desarrollado e implementado una estructura de cuatro etapas para trabajar con una margen mínima y excluyendo familias. Merli López Rodríguez, experta líder del Ecuador, explicará las cuatro etapas y estrategias creativas para incluir familias en el trabajo terapéutico.



Janine Roberts, PhD (left)

Merli López Rodríguez (right)

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system and how to interpret the consequent somatic responses. The PACT methodology utilizes a bottom-up versus a top-down approach to psychotherapy focusing on very fast, often surprising interventions in order to access implicit systems as revealed in micro-expressions and micro-movements in the face and body, respectively. Attendees will learn to analyze moment-to-moment variations and shifts in affect and arousal and will learn to therapeutically stage interventions that will trigger arousal and implicit somatoaffective experience and memory. This workshop, intended for psychologists, psychiatrists, MFT/LCSWs, and other health professionals interested in romantic primary relationships.

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International Family Therapy Association's 23rd World Family Therapy Conference

March 10-14, 2015

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Salvador Minuchin (left)

Celia Falicov (right)

New Year's Gift from IFTA

As a New Year's Gift from IFTA, Experience this live **in-person** interview of [Salvador Minuchin](#) at the 2013 World Family Therapy Congress: ***An Encounter Between Two Old Friends: Salvador Minuchin and Celia Falicov***

IFTA & Social Networking

The use of social networking sites, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are part of the world and IFTA has group pages on them. Over 350 therapists from around the world are now members of the IFTA International Family Therapy Association page.

For IFTA members on Facebook ([Facebook](#)) there is an IFTA Group. To join, search "International Family Therapy Association." Once you are on the IFTA group page, click on the link to join. The list is moderated so once you make a request, you will be approved by the group moderator.

IFTA also has a LinkedIn ([LinkedIn](#)) group. Similarly, search for the "International Family Therapy Association" group and request to become a member. As a member of the IFTA groups you can send messages to other IFTA members and network with people from around the world. If you have any questions about the site or the program contact the IFTA Secretariat (iftasecretariat@aol.com).

Key Dates for Malaysia Congress, March 10 - 14, 2015

Opens March 5, 2013 - Call for Proposals

August 30, 2014 - Deadline for Proposals

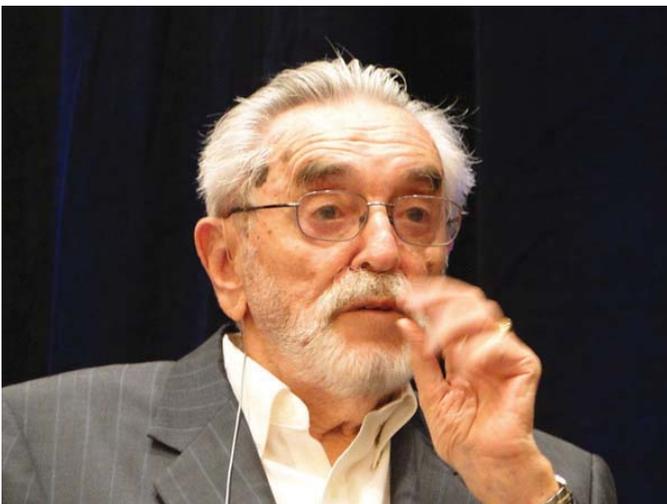
November 30, 2014 - Early Registration Ends

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Go to the About on the menu bar. Select from among the choices under Congress Photos. Clicking on any of the years will take you directly to the conference photo site at: smugmug

Enjoy seeing images from the past conferences in Orlando, Florida (2013); Vancouver, Canada (2012); Holland (2011); Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010), Portoroz, Slovenia (2009); Porto, Portugal (2008); Iceland (2006); Washington, D.zC. (2005); Istanbul, Turkey (2004); Bled, Slovenia (2003); Porto Alegre, Brazil (2001). Copies of many of the images are also available through our IFTA photographer, Pamela R. L. Lessing (e-mail: Pam_Lessing)



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Membership Information

2014 Panama World Congress Website Open for Registration

You can find the Congress website at: <http://www.ifta-congress.org/>. The website contains all of the information necessary for registration, abstract submission, and other details for Congress planning.

Submit Your 2015 Proposal NOW for Malaysia - Deadline is August 30

The deadline for the 2015 is earlier than ever in order to evaluate and respond to presenters sooner. If you are in an academic context, please be mindful that the deadline may occur before you return to school in the fall. [Submit your proposal now!](#)

Journal of Family Psychotherapy Online

Taylor and Francis' online site houses IFTA's Journal of Family Psychotherapy. The new site can be accessed at www.tandfonline.com. Please contact Taylor and Francis for any difficulties in accessing the JFP: onlineaccesshelp@taylorandfrancis.com. JFP is avail to members as part of their membership fee and is only available online.

Online Membership Renewal Tips

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If you are searching for someone to share you hotel room at the 2014 World Family Therapy Congress, make a request on our IFTA Facebook page. To do so, sign into Facebook and search "International Family Therapy Association." Request to join the page and when your request has been granted, post a notice on the page.