



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

Headline Presenters Announced for 2014 World Family Therapy Congress 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 Izmir, Turkey, March 5-8, 2014. Heading the list of several hundred other presenters are Gonzalo Baicgaue, 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 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



Gonzalo Bacigalupe, EdD, MPH

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 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

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Ruth Casabianca, PhD Selected As IFTA President-Elect

Long-time member and former officer of the International Family Therapy Association, Ruth Casabianca, PhD, of Argentina, recently came back in a new role when selected by the IFTA Board of Directors as President-Elect. She will serve in that position from July 1, 2013, until July 1, 2015, when she will assume the role of President for two years. Following her presidency, she will subsequently serve two years as Past-President. The new president-elect announced her vision for IFTA in the following terms:

“For a long time now, I have been part of IFTA where I have been engaged in different roles. To me, IFTA means two things: It is the place where I have met colleagues and friends who are concerned about the development of family therapy and other human systems; it is also where different cultural viewpoints and positions can be exchanged with a view to the future.”



Ruth Casabianca, PhD

“Today the world needs that we respect diversity, help each other and share our scientific knowledge and experiences in order to find solutions to our different problems. Day after day, conflicts between the rich and the poor and between the educated and trained and those who cannot access education.”

“This beloved organization has the mission and the power to foster mutual agreement, dialogue and support, so that these goals may come true.”

“I belong to a far-away country located in the ‘end of the world’; this has motivated me to wish to collaborate as the President-Elect of this organization, thus making my humble contribution to the achievement of these objective.”

Casabianca certainly is no newcomer to IFTA and family therapy—internationally or locally.

An outstanding contributor to family therapy and related areas, she served as a member-at-large of the IFTA Board of Directors in 2002-2003 and as Recording Secretary in 2003-2006 and was a leader in establishing the scientific program for the 2010 World Family Therapy Congress in Buenos Aires. Currently in her home country of Argentina, she is professor of marriage and family therapy specialization in cognitive therapies, Catholic University, Santa Fe; professor of family psychology, specialization in family law, School of Family Law, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe; professor of systemic and strategic therapies, master in systemic therapy, Universidad del Aconcagua, Mendoza; professor of marriage and family therapy, doctorate in psychology, Universidad el Flores, Buenos Aires; and a member of the Editorial Committee of *Revisita Argentina de Psicologia Clinica* and a member of the Editorial Committee of *Sistemas Familiares y otros Sistemas Humanos*. Along the way, she has found time also to be Director of the School of Psychology, 2001-2006, Catholic University of Santa Fe; Catholic University of Santa Fe, President of the Board, 2004 to the present; and Founder and Director of the Family and Brief Therapies Institute of Santa Fe, Argentina; 1982 to the present. Her recent professional activities also include two books (2009 and 2012) and journal articles on dialogues among therapies about stepfamilies, childrens’ anxieties as interactional behaviors, and couples therapy in the postmodern and current Argentine culture; and research articles, papers, and presentations at several international conferences on trauma and resilience, single parent families, family psychology, and family therapy in Argentina.

Casabianca’s election was part of a “domino effect” among the officers of IFTA. She replaced President-Elect Lee Bowen, PhD, USA, who became President for a two year term, replacing Fatma Torun Reid, MS, Turkey, who moved into the Past-President slot, replacing William Nichols, EdD, USA, who rotated off the board. The other officers, Recording Secretary David W. McGill, PhD, USA, and Treasurer Sibel Erenel, MS, Turkey, will continue in office.

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Stan Tatkin, PsyD

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.

Cigdem Kagiticbasi, PhD
Autonomous Related-Self and Culture

Kagiticbasi’s theory of Family Change and Autonomous-Related Self will be presented along with its implications for well-being across cultures. She explains:

Autonomous and relatedness often have been construed as conflicting. This conceptualization is to a large extent a reflection of the Western individualistic worldview. Indeed autonomy and relatedness are basic needs, therefore, they should be compatible. Such compatibility is evidenced by cross-cultural studies from the non-individualistic “Majority World” contexts.”

Currently professor of psychology at Koc University in Istanbul and founder and vice-president of ACEV



Cigdem Kagiticbasi, PhD

(Mother-Child Education Foundation), her work includes both theoretical and policy-oriented research and application in the areas of family, parenting, human capacity development, and the self in cultural context. She has a lengthy list of books and other publications in both English and Turkish and has been highly honored professionally in Turkey and internationally in the USA, and elsewhere around the world.

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. For IFTA members on 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 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).

See You & Your Friends In Action & at Play at IFTA Conferences!

Photographs of IFTA’s World Family Therapy Congresses are available for viewing. There is an easy way to access the photographs on the web.

Either go to the IFTA Congress website at: www.ifta-congress.org and go to the About on the menu bar. Click on About and then select Past Congresses from the drop down menu. 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.C. (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)

Membership Information

2014 World Congress Website Open

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.

Key Dates for Turkey Congress:

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| August 30 th | Deadline for Proposals |
| November 30 th | Early Registration Ends |

IFTA's Board of Directors Changed for 2013-2014

The Board of Directors of IFTA looks rather different after changes brought about as of July 1st.

Lee Bowen, PhD, USA, moved into the president's slot, replacing Fatma Torun Reid, MS, Turkey, who completed her term as president and became past-president, replacing William C. Nichols, EdD, USA. Who rotated off the board. Bowen, a longtime participant in IFTA World Family Therapy Congresses and congress chair, as well as a former director of a family therapy master's degree program, will serve a two-year term, ending June 30, 2015. Argentinian Ruth Casabianca, PhD, joins



Lee Bowen, PhD

the board as president-elect.

Two other new members of the board of directors are Kathlyne Maki Banmen, MA, Canada, who was elected to a three-year term (2013-2016), and Warrick Phipps, PhD, South Africa, who was named to fill an incomplete term (ending June 30, 2014). Maki-Banmen, currently assistant director of training, Satir Institute of the Pacific Surrey, BS, Canada, and program leader, (Satir) family training in Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Chinma, Singapore, Thailand, India, Israel, Turkey, Slovak Republic, and Czech Republic.

Two other members-at-large—John Lawless, PhD, USA, and Martine Nisse, MS, France, were reelected to a second three-year term (2013-2016). Lawless.

Co-chair of the recent World Family Therapy Congress in Orlando, Florida, and chair of the forthcoming world family therapy congress in Turkey, has been active in other professional associations and in studying and emphasizing diversity in family therapy education and supervision. Nisse, director of Centre de therapie des Buttes-Chaumont, Paris, has participated in preparing professionals in Russia and Romania and in developing new networking practices, as well as contributing to establishing the first European master's program on the systemic approach to psychology with the universities of Brussels, Krakow, Rome, Barcelona, and Athens.

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Submit Your Proposal NOW - Deadline is August 30

The deadline for the 2014 is earlier than ever in order to evaluate and respond to presenters earlier than in the past. If you are in an academic context, please be mindful that the deadline may occur before you return to school. 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.

Online Membership Renewal Tips

When renewing online, some members have had their credit card declined because of mistakes in entering the information. Click here for some helpful tips for online credit card applications.

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Fatma Reid, MS

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Women in India: The Need for Public Consciousness, Social Equality, and Effective Law Enforcement

Shobha Pais, PhD, LMFT

As a family therapist I believe in my responsibility to advocate issues of social justice, diversity, human rights, and systemic changes within the community. In December 2012, I visited India in the midst of a horrific case of rape in the capital city of New Delhi that peaked the country's interest. A 23-year-old physiotherapy student and her male companion were viciously raped by a group of men on a moving bus. After several days in hospitals in India and Singapore, she finally succumbed to her injuries. Since then numerous other assault and rape incidents with women and children have made the national news.

Under the Indian Penal Code crimes against women include rape, kidnapping and abduction, homicide for dowry, torture, molestation, sexual harassment, and the importation of girls. India, which has more than 1.3 billion people, recorded 24,000 cases of rape last year, a figure that has increased by 25 percent in the past six years. In 2012, New Delhi, also known as the crime capital recorded an increase of 17% cases of rape since the previous year. With a woman raped every 20 minutes and the conviction rate among the lowest in the world (no more than 26%), India's criminal justice system has failed women who are sexually assaulted. Several factors are important to the issue of crime against women. With one of the lowest female-to-male population ratios in the world because of sex-selective abortion and female infanticide (914 women for every 1000 men, and 32 million fewer women than men according to the United Nations), there is continued dominance of men with fewer women to voice their concerns or prove their value to society. Steep decline of the quality of governance, poor rates of conviction, inept police with failure to collect evidence properly, poor coordination between the police and prosecutors, and an extremely slow and overburdened criminal justice system are among the numerous structural issues.

Violence against women is inherently a dominant feature of patriarchal, feudalistic society, where women are necessarily objects to be owned and controlled. Such violence seems to intensify as structures of

traditional patriarchy merge with the evolving structures of capitalist patriarchy. With liberalization of economic policies in the early 1990's along with the wake of capitalism and consumerism there seems to be as Vandana Shiva (eco-feminist and political activist) believes a connection between the growth of violent, undemocratically imposed, unjust and unfair economic policies and the growth of crimes against women.

So why is this issue significant? Rather than simply expressing disgust at an incident of rape, can we debate about the degraded status of women and challenge their exploitation? Whether these discussions happen at the kitchen, in small groups, or through organized processes, raising social consciousness consistently and shifting social attitudes about oppression in general is crucial. Revising legislation along with robust law enforcement will be important. Clearly establishments such as the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have more work to do. Nonetheless, despite slow changes Indian women have made some notable strides: a lower maternal mortality rate, increased literacy rate, and a significant increase of women in the workforce.

In the recent decade western media has portrayed India for its economic boom: establishment of western corporations, computer tech industry and outsourcing firms providing a big boost to income for the younger generation. Because of the size of population, India is a growing economic market with a generation of young adults having significant disposable income and earning more than their parents have ever before. Yet with about 75% of the population living on less than two US dollars a day, poverty and rapidly rising social inequality plague India's society. Moving forward India will have to pay close attention to creating and operating an effective legal, social and economic environment to improve lives of all marginalized people including women.

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Celia Falicov and Sal Minuchin Interview at the 2013 World Congress in Orlando.



Michael Ungar at the 2013 World Congress in Orlando.