2018 IFTA World Therapy Congress

Bangkok, Thailand
March 8 – 10, 2018
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the beautiful Bangkok and Thailand! This is the International Family Therapy Association’s 2018 World Family Therapy Congress.

This is another of those rare and wonderful opportunities in which we can renew ourselves and enrich our practice skills in family therapy. The goal for the congress, in a larger sense, is the same as it as been since IFTA was founded in 1987: Advancing family therapy worldwide by promoting research, education, sound practice, and promoting international cooperation. We hope that this Congress facilitates an exchange of knowledge and ideas that support the health and well-being of families and other human systems. The Congress provides magnificent opportunities for face-to-face sharing of ideas and networking with colleagues from various parts of the globe.

The 2018 Congress Committee decided to go without a theme this year, inviting family therapists to explore both new and familiar ways to assist families.

We live simultaneously in “one world” and many worlds. Thus, family therapy is a mutual, interactive process in which we learn new ways from colleagues from many lands. Communicating and networking among over 250 therapists from over 25 countries during this congress will provide professional contacts and information to support the exchange of knowledge and the growth of family therapy in many countries.

We hope you will share and learn about dealing with old, familiar problems and new, unfamiliar challenges we may not have faced previously.

Warwick Phipps
Warwick Phipps, Ph.D.
President

IFTA: Celebrating 30+ Years

The International Family Therapy Association was an outgrowth of the East-West Bridging Congress conducted in Prague in 1987 with Virginia Satir and Donald Bloch as the Honorary Vice Presidents. After two years of organizational work including creating a Founding Board of Directors, with Virginia Satir on the Founding Board, IFTA launched its first World Family Therapy Congress in Dublin, Ireland, 1989.
What is IFTA?

IFTA is the professional association for those interested in the field of marriage and family therapy throughout the world. As such, it is the only organization that provides unity for therapists from east to west, respecting traditional approaches and embracing the tradition of tomorrow.

Mission Statement

Adopted December 2005

The cornerstone of every society is the family. With the support of its members, the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) provides international conferences to promote, strengthen and improve the quality of family therapy, the quality of relationships within families and to promote well being and peace within our world.

IFTA, working in a collaborative spirit with other professionals and organizations around the world who share its mission, also promotes continuing education for family therapy professionals in the development of international quality standards for marriage and family therapists in order that they may better assist families in the communities in which they serve.

Conference Code of Conduct

World Family Therapy Congresses are a unique meeting place for the world-wide family of family therapists. The Congress Board desires that the experience of this congress be one of the highlights of your year.

As we look forward to another exciting congress, we want to remind everyone that the World Family Therapy Congress is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of factors such as sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, or religion.

Harassment may take a variety of forms and in a variety of environments, including in-person or online. Attendees asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediate. If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the congress organizers may take any action they deem appropriate, from warning the offender to expulsion from the congress. If you are being harassed or notice that someone else is being harassed, please contact a member of conference staff immediately. Their names and pictures are listed in the Congress Program.

Congress staff will be happy to help participants contact hotel/venue security or local law enforcement, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the conference. We value you, your safety and your attendance.

We expect all conference participants to be professional, considerate, respectful and collaborative, Please silence mobile devices during presentations, do not interrupt others who are speaking, and avoid using shared wifi/bandwidth to download large files. DO NOT RECORD ANY LIVE DEMONSTRATION THERAPY WORKSHOPS.

We appreciate your help in making the World Family Therapy Congress among very best it can be.
Plenary Speakers

Zhao Xudong, M.D.
"The Development of Family Therapy in China: Its Impact on Therapy, Research and Education"

Dr. Zhao is Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology and Director of the Division of Medical Humanities at Tongji University School of Medicine in Shanghai, China. In addition to his dues at Tongji, he is President of the Mental Health Center of Pudong New Area, affiliated with Tongji University.

Involved in many professional associations, Dr. Zhao is Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Association of Mental Health and President of its Section for Psychotherapy and Psychological Counseling. He is also Vice-president of the Psychosomatic Medicine Section of the Chinese Medical Association, Vice-president of the World Council of Psychotherapy, and Executive board member of the Urban Mental Health Section of the World Psychiatry Association.

Joyce Ma
“Family-centred practice for Chinese families of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a Chinese context”

Dr. Ma, Ph.D., a professor of marriage and family therapy in the Department of Social Work at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, has a long-held interest in multiple family therapies. She recently published an article on multiple family therapy with Chinese families whose children had attention deficit hyperactive disorder. Her recent work was just published in Family Process.

A member of the IFTA Board of Directors since 2011 and now the President-Elect (2019-2021), she is also co-director of the Academy of Family Therapy (Hong Kong). Dr. Ma is a Clinical Fellow of Asian Academy of Family Therapy and a Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Featured Speakers

Anna Low
John k. Miller
Wendel Ray
Susanna Wong Ip
David Hale
Program at a Glance

Wednesday March 7, 2018

14:00-17:00 Registration for Congress

Thursday March 8, 2018

07:00-17:30 Registration Hours
08:30-09:15 Presentations/Workshops
09:30-10:15 Presentations/Workshops
10:15-10:45 Recess/Break
10:45-12:00 Welcome & Opening Plenary:

The Family Process Institute's Distinguished Presentation:
“Family-centred practice for Chinese families of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a Chinese context”
Joyce Ma, Ph.D.

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break
13:30-14:15 Presentations/Workshops
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15:15-15:45 Coffee Break
15:45-16:30 Presentations/Workshops
16:45-17:30 Presentations/Workshops
17:45-18:30 Presentations/Workshops
19:00-20:30 Welcome Reception

Friday March 9, 2018

08:00-17:30 Registration Hours
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10:15-10:45 Recess/Break
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11:45-13:00 Lunch Break
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Saturday March 10, 2018

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10:15-10:45 Recess/Break
10:45-11:30 Presentations/Workshops
11:45-13:00 Lunch
13:00-13:45 Presentations/Workshops
14:00-14:45 Closing Plenary:

Family Therapy in the “Majority world” Creating and Adapting Models to Fit Non-Western Contexts
John K. Miller, Ph. D. - USA

15:00-16:00 Closing Reception
16:00 (4:00 pm) Congress Ends
Wednesday March 7, 2018

14:00-17:00 Registration for Congress

Thursday March 8, 2018

07:00 - 17:30 Registration Hours

08:30-9:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Cultural Encounters in Clinical Supervision: The Supervisory Dyad
Karen Quek - USA
Culturally competent supervisory practices recognize the dominant discourses within a given society and their positive and negative effects. This workshop addresses three cultural components: supervision as a process for interacting with multiple cultural contexts; supervision manages multicultural conversations; supervision encourages examining of supervisors’ and supervisees’ own cultural background and biases.

Using Sandtray in Supervision to Enhance Therapist Awareness
Marshall Lyles - USA
This workshop will discuss the use of sandtray in supervision. After reviewing the supporting material from research and neuroscience, participants will see illustrations of implementing sandtray into supervisory goal setting, case conceptualization, and person-of-the-therapist exploration in individual and group formats.

Introducing Family Therapy and Systems Practice Education in Cambodia
Bernhild Pfautsch - Cambodia
The presentation will share about the Cambodian experience of starting clinical training in Family Therapy and Systemic Practice at the Royal University of Phnom Penh and the journey to discover relevant cultural and contextual features of family therapy education in Cambodia. Financial and human resources for mental health and counseling services are scarce in Cambodia which calls for feasible forms of service delivery. We will report on our first steps to align Family Therapy and Systemic Practice education with the prevalent ecological system to equip future therapists with culturally and contextually fitting therapeutic skills and treatment tools.

The Narrative in the Service of Reconstruction of the Self: Marital Relationships
Zeev Appel - Israel
Worksops on couple of relations are conducted in several prisons in Israel. This study examines the meaning for the participants of the narratives that develop in these workshops, and discusses the influence of the conditions of the setting, and the messages delivered in the workshops.

The Case for Engaging Children in Family Therapy with their Substance Using Mother
Natasha Sleznick - USA
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Reaching and helping clients with Same Sex Attraction in conservative-religious communities
Bryan Shen - Singapore
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Reflecting team approach is widely used in family therapy in Western countries; however, there are few empirical researches, especially in Eastern countries such as Thailand. The family clinic at Ramathibodi Hospital, Bangkok, has conducted a descriptive study to find whether reflecting team approach is compatible with the context in Thailand.
**Evaluating Systemic Functioning of Families with a Cancer Patient: Are we doing enough?**
Nicole Vélez Agosto - Puerto Rico

Although researchers have suggested the importance of family interventions when an individual has cancer, few studies have focused on the systemic functioning and narratives of the families—especially on minority groups. The main purpose is to discuss the implications of culturally adapting Bowen's concepts to Hispanic families with cancer patients.

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<td>Despite great advances in addiction-treatment-research, only about eleven-percent of the patient population seeks treatment. Using a mixed-method research design, this Indian study focused on identifying key facilitators and major barriers in patients’ treatment-seeking. Various strategies are discussed to promote treatment-seeking, and to remove barriers.</td>
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<td>The focus of the workshop will be on the current meanings of love, intimacy and sexuality between couples in East and West. Reference will be made to the different layers of meaning that couple therapists have to grapple with as they listen to couples about their most intimate relationships.</td>
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<td>Joyce Lai-Chong Ma - Hong Kong</td>
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<td>The profession of Marital and Family Therapy (MFT) in some Asian regions has been rapidly growing during the last decade, and thus, the demand for the MFT supervision also has increased accordingly. This presentation focuses on specific issues of MFT supervision in Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan respectively.</td>
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<td>In the interactive workshop, participants will explore the challenges presented in treating refractory adolescents. In addition to reviewing the various methods for assisting high conflict couples, participants will consider the role that systemic therapists can play in delivering these interventions.</td>
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<td>Attachment Based - Cognitive Behavioral Systemic Therapy is an integrative model, integrating Family Systems, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy, and Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing. Through the attachment relationship of the therapeutic relationship, using a collaborative, post modern approach, the therapist treats systems, to create lasting change.</td>
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<td>Mike Olson - USA</td>
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<td>Opportunities for MFTs in medicine continue to expand as healthcare reform moves toward prevention and team-based, multi-disciplinary care of patients. This presentation will review both state-wide and local projects (funded at the state and national level) that have focused on bringing mental/behavioral health together in the medical/primary care of patients.</td>
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<td>Wan-Juo Cheng - Taiwan</td>
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<td>This case aimed to explore the social relation organizing activities of the battered woman and her service providers, and further explicate ruling relations through texts. The results provided alternative views of resistance, and explicited how institutional ideologies excluded actual needs of the woman and relational factors she considered important.</td>
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<td>Isabelle Feijo - Australia</td>
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<td>This presentation demonstrates the interplay between weekly systemic family therapy and art family therapy in a Sydney (Australia) based psychiatric inpatient setting for treatment refractory adolescents.</td>
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<td>As what Ms. Virginia Satir said: “Meditation stimulates the use of the right brain. It is a way using our intuition to bring more possibilities and changes.” In this presentation, you can experience and have a glimpse at the use of it in group counseling and therapy.</td>
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<td>The 3 P.L.A.Y. to Breakthrough helps parents and caregivers revive natural family system through practical and flexible approach with the core base of educational kinesiology, reflexes integrations and language intention that nurture the best of their teenagers who learn differently.</td>
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<td>We supervise pluri disciplinary teams from countries in rapid evolution to best understand issues of sexual abuse, to prepare change in the law and offer new model of treatment for incestuous families. We will share this deep experience showing universality of resistance to change and both hope to obtain change.</td>
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<td>The presenter will describe international patterns and conflict-driving sources found in an observational study of 38 high-conflict parents in mediation. Furthermore, he will describe some of the mediation approaches that seemed most constructive in assisting these couples in the direction of an agreement. Video illustration will be used.</td>
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Clients’ Perspectives on Therapy That Builds Family and Personal Harmony
Patricia Tan - Singapore
Our theory of family harmony explains how therapists helped disharmonious families find relational harmony without sacrificing personal harmony. Clients perceived that therapists who built family and personal harmony (1) were helpful professionals, (2) had expertise, (3) encouraged collaborative conversations, (4) were more involved than usual, and (5) were collaborative-experts.

Investigating the Influence of Family Factors on Infant Parenting Approaches during One Year Postpartum Period among United States Parents
Koh Yee Woen - Singapore
204 US parents were recruited to an online survey during one year postpartum. Family factors were important predictors of parenting approach at 1 year postpartum. In particular, low family communication and high work family conflict were found to be associated with discipline and anxiety parenting approach.

Use of Words, Metaphors and Silence
Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey
Words, metaphors and the use of silence are the main tools of a therapist. This workshop will invite the participants to explore silence, to practice the use of words and to create metaphors.

Genius loci: Development of systemic family therapy in the Russian Far East
Tatiana Glebova - USA
This presentation reviews the evolution, current status and future of systemic family therapy in the Russian Far East. The presenters, professionals who established family therapy training programs, discuss how the Western approaches were transformed in the local cultural context and adapted to fit the needs of resident families.

Creativity through collaboration
Anita Mehta - Canada
Co-therapy is a creative way to approach family therapy. This workshop will define and describe co-therapy, providing examples of its use with families. Video footage will demonstrate its effectiveness and the use of small groups and role-play will allow for active use of the strategies presented.

Brief Strategic Couple Therapy with a Young Couple Presenting with Emotional Affair, Alcoholism and Sexual Frustration
Kevin Wong - Hong Kong
We present the application of Brief Strategic Couple Therapy to the therapeutic change of a young couple presenting with emotional affair, alcoholism and sexual frustration. A clinical case is illustrated the importance of a second-order change to allow the system to shift into a new level of homeostasis.

SBIRT Why Culture, Context, and Attitudes Matter: Lessons Learned from Rural Appalachia
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an evidence-based practice used for addressing problematic substance use. In this session, attendees will learn why culture, context, and attitudes are important when working with substance misuse based on findings from a SBIRT initiative in rural Appalachia.

How can we assess our clients with several therapeutic theories, attitude and knowledge in the practice of family therapy?
Nobuhiko Asai - Japan
Some therapists limit their experiences to only utilizing the psychotherapy methods of their liking. But it’s important to continue to think of how we should be as professional therapists. In this presentation, I’ll introduce some theories and assessment based on several therapies that can be used with family therapy.

Different voices: the evolution of the Milan model
Umberta Telfener - Italy
The presenter intends to show the main evolution of the Milan model after the death of Luigi Boscolo and Gianfranco Cecchin. The teachers of the Milan school have continued proposing a second-order process with some specific features that will be considered in detail with case examples.

Working with an integrative systemic approach of health: The WHOLE is greater than the sum of its parts
Deisy Amorin-Woods - Australia
This presentation explores the application of collaborative care between two complementary health professions, family therapy and chiropractic which acknowledges the complex inter-relationship of mind and body within a systemic scaffold.

Moving Toward Defining an Islamic Psychology
Heather Laird - USA
The results of the working conference on moving toward defining an Islamic Psychology that took place in February 2018 and the University of Southern California are discussed to help clinicians understand both the definition of Islamic Psychology and how this can be utilized to treat Muslim clients.

Sikh Families in Family Therapy
Kiran Arora - USA
Sikhs are caught between maintaining their unique identities and negotiating with the demands of the western world. Historic and experiences of discrimination, particularly after 9/11 go unnoticed. This presentation will provide a framework for working with Sikh families while taking considering their sociopolitical reality of racism and religious discrimination.

Common Issues for Family Therapy in China
Xiaohong Dai - China
I am a full-time counselor practices in a private practice and a psychiatric. I draw a conclusion of the common issues in Chinese family therapy basing on my experience from my clinical work.
Developments and Dilemmas in Family Treatment of Sibling Sexual Abuse
Chaya Possick - Israel
This presentation will introduce on a new typology for assessing sibling sexual abuse/ inappropiate sexual behavior as well as a number of guiding principles that address current therapeutic dilemmas in family therapy for sibling sexual abuse in light of the changing social context and discourse surrounding child sexuality.

An Indigenous and Systemic Intervention with Domestic Violence in Hong Kong – A Practitioner’s View
Chung-ming Chan - Hong Kong
This lecture presents the journey of combating intimate partner violence in Hong Kong – the society’s awakening to the problem in the 1990s and subsequent pooling of multidisciplinary efforts in addressing the problem at different levels and development of mandates and strategies for intervention.

International Case Dialogue: Social Anxiety and School Phobia among Asian Youth
Takeshi Tamura - Japan
Young Ju Chun - Korea
Youm Eun-Sun - Korea
Three senior therapists present adolescent cases. The typical problems are depressed mood, social anxiety, school refusal, social withdrawal (hikikomori), sustained unemployment, game addict, and parent abuse. The typical family dynamics are rigid couple system, anxious mother projecting her negative emotions, and peripheral father. The therapist restructures the rigid family system.

Harmonizing work and family: Working with career mothers- An Asian American Study
Kandice Hsu - USA
Liang-Ying Chou - USA
This workshop explores the connection career mothers have with their internal strengths, and introduces an Internal Growth Perspective that highlights the process of how meaning is created to support their role as career mothers. Guidelines on using a connection-building approach in working with career mothers will also be discussed.

Putting Cultural Humility into Practice: The Use of Brokers and Consultants in MFT
Leslie Anderson - USA
Collaborations between marriage and family therapists (MFTs) and cultural brokers and consultants help to bridge cultural gaps in the therapist-client relationship that might otherwise serve as a barrier to effective treatment. These efforts by MFTs demonstrate an acknowledgement of limited knowledge and encourages cultural humility.

The relationship between depressive mood and mother-child attachment: A study on Puerto Rican women
Aida Jimenez - Puerto Rico
Carlos Morales - USA
Many adult caregivers and children living on low social economic neighborhoods have been identified at high-risk for negative health consequences and insecure attachment styles. The proposed study aims to focus on the relationship between depressive mood and attachments styles in a sample of Puerto Rican women caregivers.

Advanced Medical Technology, Ambiguous Loss, and Support for Family of Children with Serious Illness
Hiromi Tsujii - Japan
Advancements in medical technology can save more lives of children with serious illnesses. Some of their families, however, are faced with making difficult decisions and suffer from subsequent complications. The clinical value of family therapy approach from the perspective of Ambiguous Loss (Boss, 2006) will be discussed with case presentation.

Social policy aimed at strengthening the presence of counseling and family therapy - (analytical study)
Makia Himat - United Arab Emirates
The study aims highlighting obstacles of education, training of UAE family therapists. It is based on the methodology of social survey. collecting data by interviewing therapists. The results indicate there are problems facing family therapists due to the lack of academic and training programs, and the lack of qualified staff.

If Turkey was a family: Assessment and treatment plan for a country dealing with a crisis
Yudum Soyfemez - Turkey
Tuba Aydin Erol - Turkey
Countries, like families, are systems that have intergenerational themes, communicational patterns, structural factors, coping strategies which determine the way they function. In this seminar, Turkey would be conceptualized as a family, going through tough times. Genogram would be used to explore Turkey’s critical life events, concurrent stressors, resilience.

Experiential Teaching Strategies to Enhance CFT Education
Cadmona Hall - USA
The purpose of this presentation is to highlight a specific teaching strategy that actively facilitates CFT students self-exploration as a critical component of grief education. Specific exercises will be discussed where CFT students understanding is filtered through the trainees life experiences and in relationship to the clients they serve.

Accreditation Process for Marriage and Family Therapy Training Programs
William Hiebert - USA
John Lawless - USA
Members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will provide information for programs desiring accreditation as well as answer questions from programs already accredited.
**Mental Health Screening in Coordinated and Integrated Primary Care: Lessons Learned**
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA
Zephon Lister - USA
The USPSTF found that screening can improve the identification and treatment of mental health (MH) and substance use conditions in primary care. This workshop will discuss best practices for MH screening, how to assess and address barriers, and share lessons learned from research and implementation of primary care MH screening.

**Engaging Teenagers in Family Therapy**
Gun Kristina Drott Englen - Sweden
Building Alliance and Engaging Teenagers in Family Therapy. Engaging even the identified patient in family therapy is crucial to be able to make both the teenager and the parents be confident in family therapy. Focus will be on alliance building, illustrated with video clips from family therapy sessions.

**Bridge Research and Public Mental Health Workforce Development**
Linna Wang - USA
This workshop presents the research that identified the leadership and managerial training needs of managers who were trained as MFTs, as well as the effort to secure government grant to provide leadership and managerial skill training to fulfill the needs in the community.

**The Household Production of Health: A Case Study of Mental Health Utilization in Cambodia**
Mohnysakada Phal - USA
Denise Lewis - USA
When examining health-seeking behaviors of families in developing countries, we must view social and cultural factors as health determinants. This brief presentation uses the Household Production of Health (HHPH) framework to investigate how Cambodian families understand mental health problems and make decisions to seek treatments in the context of poverty.

**Towards an indigenized external supervision approach in China**
Mo Yuen Han - Hong Kong
A study conducted in China to explore the characteristics of dual supervision approach. Themes were identified include: roles, education, reflection and integration, developmental orientation, context and barriers. Four areas namely educational, developmental, reflective and contextual that are essential for supervising Chinese social workers.

**MFT Education Online: Effective Strategies to Enhance Student Learning**
Yulia Watters - USA
William Northey - USA
The session will focus on innovative adaptive technologies, advancements in delivery methods, and the use of interactive video to enhance student learning in online or hybrid family therapy training programs. Participants will join groups lead by thought leaders to consider these contemporary educational opportunities.

**Parenting Stress in Families of Children with and without ADHD in China, Xi’an**
Si Yang - Hong Kong
Parenting stress may impede the function of parenting. In families of children with ADHD, parents were in a high level of parenting stress. Factors impacting parenting stress were analyzed from four domains: child, parent, interpersonal, and environmental. Findings were also compared with families of typically-developed children in China, Xi’an.

**Family Therapy with Young Adults with Serious Mental Illness: The Ackerman Relational Approach**
Mary Brewster - USA
Lois Braverman - USA
The onset of a serious mental illness in a family member is a crisis for the entire family. This presentation uses videotapes to demonstrate how therapists using the Ackerman Relational Approach help family members develop skills to reduce symptom relapse by increasing emotional reactivity and by promoting healthier behavioral functioning.

**Virginia Satir & the First Family Therapy Training Program—Honoring Satir’s 100th Birthday**
Wendel Ray - USA
David Hale - USA
When psychiatrist Don Jackson founded The Mental Research Institute (MRI), he invited Virginia Satir to be Director of the Family Therapy Training Program. Drawing from 123 surviving audio recordings of family therapy interviews, teaching seminars, lectures, print documents and photos, Satir’s pioneering teaching of Conjoint Family Therapy will be presented.

**Is it possible to work with the whole family when Family Violence has been identified?**
Margaret Hodge - Australia
The “Keeping Safe Together” demonstration project being implemented in Melbourne, Australia is an intensive whole of family approach addressing the needs of victims, survivors and men who are using violence. This whole of family intensive case management model is framed around a trauma informed lens using a strength based approach.

**Resolving PTSD, Sexual Trauma and Child Abuse**
Katheryn Whittaker - USA
Freedom from the pain of sexual trauma continues to be sought-after worldwide. This presentation provides a brief overview historically of child abuse, sexual trauma, and PTSD, and will introduce a therapeutic technique that incorporates cognitive hypnosis and the therapeutic skill of joining; more widely known as Rapid Resolution Therapy.

**Use of family therapy in alcohol and drug addiction center using integrative care model**
Seon Kim - USA
The purpose of this presentation is to explore the current trend in the utility of family work in addiction treatment. Outcomes data collected from one of the nationally acclaimed alcohol and drug addiction center will be utilized to illustrate and discuss the usefulness.

**Use of Systems Theory in Business and Organizations**
Ariane Ladd - USA
Systems theory that has wisely guided work with families is also powerful in enhancing organizational functioning. Relevant businesses are utilized to show how systemic concepts operate and influence productivity. Marriage and family therapists can broaden their influence by applying principles to assist organizations in achieving their goals and objectives.
Clinical Outcomes and Medical Compliance of Children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder and Parents’ Life Congruence after Attending A Psychoeducational Program based on the Satir Model
Soontaree Srikosai - Thailand
Parents who have a child with ADHD have no peace of mind which is related to clinical problems of children. The psychoeducation approach needs to improve knowledge and understanding of child care, including helping parents to positive internal change.

Assessing and Treating the Family System: Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders
Jamie Banker - USA
Current perinatal illness assessment tools tend to focus on symptoms and do not always include the systemic and family context in which symptoms present. This presentation illustrates the use of the perinatal genogram in providing a broader systemic assessment and destigmatizing treatment for the family. A clinical example is provided.

Sit-in the session: the evolving journey of learning family therapy as a co-therapist
Lili Xia - Hong Kong
Lai-chong Ma - Hong Kong
Co-therapy has been a common practice in family therapy as a treatment modality and a training strategy. It’s evidenced as a relatively safe and gradual process of the therapist becoming a competent solo therapist. This study reveals the co-therapist’s evolving role as his/her involvement and experiences increase throughout the process.

Analysis of answers in semi-structured projective questionnaire and relationship between social functioning by Text Mining
Shuichi Watanabe - Japan
We analyzed the answers concerning the family and its relationship in semi-structured projective questionnaire in patients visited our psychiatry department to clarify the relationship between the usage of words and social functioning by Text Mining. The family relationship was the key of social functioning for patients with mental problems.

Maternal Acceptance and Child Outcomes among Mothers Reporting Intimate Partner Violence
Laura Cully - USA
Substance-using mothers reporting intimate partner violence (IPV) and their children are an understudied population. In this cross-sectional study, women who experienced IPV reported lower maternal acceptance and higher child problem behaviors than mothers with no IPV history. This relationship was further influenced by frequency of maternal substance use.

Family Functioning, Health Representations and Quality of Life in Type 1 Diabetes Adolescents
M.Graça Pereira - Portugal
This study addresses how dissimilarity in health representations regarding type 1 diabetes between parents and adolescents and school support impact the relationship between family functioning and quality of life. The moderated moderations showed the dissimilarity regarding consequences and identity of diabetes were significant. Implication for family therapy are addressed.

Relation between parent sociality and employment in patients with Intellectual Disability
Nobuyuki Takeuchi - Japan
We investigate relation between employment and parents’ sociality (SOFAS). We adopted 17 patients who could be confirmed working state and parents’ SOFAS and under 70 full scale IQ. Our results showed that parents’ sociality is a one of fact to employment of patients with Intellectual Disability.

Community-Based Lay Counseling Interventions for Couples in Beijing
Christine Lau - Hong Kong
A couple relationship needs assessment was conducted in China, and the highest rated topics were reported. A study was also conducted of the efficacy of the participants in a couple counseling training program. Results showed that their hope in helping couples increased after the training.

Process of Therapeutic Change among the Unmarried Mothers in Korea-A Grounded Theory Approach-
Gyeong-Ran HWANG - Korea
Song Jeong-Suk - Korea
Deok-Kyung BAE - Korea
Young-Ju Chun - Korea
The purpose of this study is to explore the process of therapeutic changes in family relationship of unmarried mothers who experienced family therapy and provide the basic counseling data to improve their family relationship, utilizing the grounded theory.

Japanese programs for autistic adults and their families: Learning to be an independent and unique adult
Chiemi Chiba - Japan
Autism spectrum adults often have difficulty transitioning from school or university settings to the workplace, I will discuss activities in two Japanese programs for ADHD adults and their families that focus on training in social activities and self-awareness.

Treating moral injury in military-service-professionals: An ethnographic study
Sebastian Perumbilly - USA
Using an ethnographic research design, this study explored how moral injury (MI) in military-service-professionals can be treated by using the Soldier’s Heart Transformational Model (Tick, 2014) within the context of a psycho-spiritual-retreat in Vietnam in December 2016.
Core-components of parental-growth from the perspectives of Indian and U.S. parents

Sebastian Perumbilly - USA

Parenting literature often ignores key aspects of parents' personal growth and its clinical implications. Using a mixed-methods research design, this study focuses on the perspectives of Indian and U.S. parents, and systematically examines key components of parental-growth and discusses clinical implications for couple and family therapists.

The Spiritual and Religious Strengths of African American Couples: An SFT Approach

Leslie Anderson - USA

Marriage and family therapists influenced by the Solution-Focused model of therapy can use this strengths-based approach to build on the spirituality and/or religiosity of some African-American couples in therapy. This poster presentation emphasizes this cultural aspect as a strength and provides practical guidelines to addressing spirituality/religiosity in therapy.

The impact of parenting on child mental health among children of prostituting mothers

Aaron Murnan - USA

Ample evidence suggests that children's mental health is strongly related to their mother's parenting. In this study, children of prostituting mothers experienced less parental monitoring and worse mental health functioning compared to other children. Furthermore, promotion of children's psychological autonomy by mothers was related to higher child mental health functioning.

Positive Family Features for Fostering Youth Development in Cambodia

Sovandara Kao - Cambodia
Sortia Ann - Cambodia

The Department of Psychology at Royal University of Phnom Penh conducted a survey with 1591 high school students from rural and urban areas investigating the influence of the family on development of youth considering the Positive Youth Development Framework, particularly family external assets as features of family coexistence.

ICT- Intensive Contextual treatment

Jenny Apoy Söderdahl - Sweden
Timo Seifert Hougaard - Sweden
Eva Höglund - Sweden

The more problems a family shows, the more interventions they get from society for instance school, social service, health care and others. The ICT-team on the Island of Gotland/Sweden is a living example of a contextual family therapy which helps the adolescent, the family and the families context.

Perception of Connection: Building Attachments Through the Lens of Technology

Ashley Roth - USA

As children grow and seek autonomy, away from their secure base, are attachments in the technological age created the same way? Or have new technology-based interactions created a false sense of connectedness? Attachment theory is utilized to examine the growing concern of text type interactions in youth and their families.

Sexual dysfunction among young adults seeking help at a psychological center in Russia

Natalia Kravtsova - Russian Federation
Natalia Bolotina - Russian Federation
Tatiana Glebova - United States

This poster presents findings and clinical implications of the study investigated a degree and types of sexual dysfunction in a clinical sample of 28 young adults (15 women and 13 men) seeking professional help at a psychological center in Russia.

Becoming More Fully Human: Peace Within, Peace Between and Peace Among

Anna Marie Low - Singapore

Foyer Ballroom A

At one of her workshops toward the end of her career, Virginia Satir (1916-1988) said, “I'm working now for something called - Becoming More Fully Human – so that we can bring together all of this information and make it a part of ourselves. I think peace in the world has to do with peace in the human being. My peace work is Peace Within – meaning harmony. Peace Between – meaning congruence. And Peace Among – meaning that everyone out there can be valued.” In this presentation I will share my picture of, “bring together all of this information”, that Virginia Satir referred to, plus suggestions for how we can “make it a part of ourselves”, and for what? Hopefully, for world peace. Anna Low is the founding President of the Satir Centre (Singapore). She has served as a Board Member of the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) and is its current Recording Secretary. Anna is a Clinical Member of the Satir Institute of the Pacific and was a recipient of the Satir TST Leadership award in 2011 for her leadership and contribution to the development of the Satir Model in Singapore. Anna obtained her Degree in Accountancy from the National University of Singapore and Masters degree in Counselling from the University of South Australia. She has also received extensive training in the Satir Model as a therapist, clinical supervisor and trainer. Anna is a Master Clinical Member and Approved Clinical Supervisor with the Singapore Association for Counselling and is also a Registered Social Service Professional in Singapore.
Content analysis of couple therapy research in Greater China: critical review and forward

Tak-Mau Chan - Hong Kong
Forward Fung Chin - Hong Kong
Matthew Chi-ming Ho - Hong Kong
Victor Chi-juen Lau - Hong Kong

278 referred journal articles were identified as the research of couple therapy in Greater China, and the authorship, practice area, target of practice and research method were the key analysis in this study. Critical comments and discussion on the development of the region, gender and article types were discussed.

The Impacts of Technology on Adolescence

Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey

Use of technology is sometimes pointed out as a problem in family session. Especially the families with adolescents point out technology as a scape goat. Throughout this workshop the systemic effects of technology (esp. internet and social media) will be examined and a family sculpt will be demonstrated.

A new projective questionnaire assessing family differentiation through drawn circles

Ora Peleg - Israel

This study validates a new inventory of satisfaction with family differentiation through drawn circles (SFI-R). Examination of the psychometric properties of the instrument indicated that it was reliable and valid. In addition, SFI-R was positively associated with other family inventories, and negatively associated with trait anxiety.

Developing Cultural Competencies in Clinical Training

Ayse Ciftci - USA

In this presentation, I will focus on: 1) brief summary of cultural competency movement in education and training in the US , 2) diverse conceptualization of multiculturalism outside of the US, 3) critical need to have a culturally-relevant model to train culturally competent therapists.

Therapist Expectations: Burnout and Supervision

Antionette Edmonds - USA

This presentation will also discuss the importance of receiving supervision and feedback weekly to prevent burnout. According to Kanz (2001), mental health professionals who are not adequately supervised tend to have lower personal job satisfaction (p. 198.)

Theoretical Applications to Parent-child Acculturation Gaps in War-Affected Families

Lekie Dwanyen - USA

Acculturation gaps are common in immigrant and refugee families, and have the potential to impact conflict and cohesion in parent-child dyads (Birman, 2006). This presentation will discuss applications of family development and symbolic interactionism theories to understand parent-child acculturation gaps, as well as clinical implications of utilizing these theoretical frameworks.

Editors and Publishers Meeting, International Journals of Relationships, Family Therapy and Family Psychology

Christian Jordal - USA

In this meetings, editors of relationship, family therapy and family psychology journals will discuss individual and global issues related to journal publication, including but not limited to market, management and current publication trends. Former editors and journal publishers are also welcome.

The Family Therapy Through the Lens of Different Therapeutic Modalities

Dr. John Lawless - USA
Dr. Parichawan Chandarasiri (Ann) - Thailand
Dr. Sirirat Ularntinon - Thailand
Dr. Asawin Narkpongphun - Thailand

Co-Moderators Dr. John Lawless and Dr. Parichawan Chandarasiri will lead family therapists from Thailand discussing family therapy through the lenses of different therapeutic modalities.

How to Work with the Professional Genogram with students and in Therapy

Umberta Telfener - Italy
Nevena Calovska - Serbia

Time and space constitute cornerstones of psychological wellbeing, representing two important coordinates of human condition. How to utilize in the professional genogram will be offered in engaging participants in reflecting upon its implementation in their lives and in working systemically with students and in therapy.

Working with Cambodian-Americans and Transgenerational Trauma: A Narrative Approach

Korlany Roche - USA

Utilizing a narrative therapy approach, this presentation will focus on specific interventions, techniques, and clinical considerations when working with second- and third-generation Cambodian-Americans and transgenerational trauma. Due to the lack of research within this population, further exploration is required to provide clinicians with foundational knowledge for treatment.

Influence of Grandparenting to Family System in China

Yaoai Hu - China

In modern Chinese family, the phenomenon of grandparenting become more and more common. Grandparenting can release parents pressure, but also makes the family more prone to the interpersonal conflicts and grandparent's generations' over-involved to the nuclear family. My presentation will discuss this special phenomenon in differentiation and intergeneration transmission perspectives.

Contemporary Single Young Women in the Chinese Context: Family Lifecycle Implications

Jing Gai - China

This presentation will explore the lives of single young adult women living alone in the contemporary mainland Chinese context, through the lenses of the family lifecycle and Bowen Systems Theory.
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**Filial Piety, a legacy of the Confucian tradition is a problem in family therapy in Asian families**

Wong Ip Chung Ping - Hong Kong

Presentation in Mandarin

Cultural differences between East and West may be confusing goals in family therapy. Filial Piety, a legacy of the Confucian tradition, highly regarded as a virtue in the traditional Chinese family, is suspected of reasons to depression, anxiety, and aggression.

**Meta-Analysis of Risk Markers for Elder Abuse**

Zephon Lister - USA

This is the first meta-analysis to examine mental health risk markers for elder abuse. Results revealed that Depression, Alcohol use, Anxiety, Loneliness, Stress, and Mental/Psychological health were moderately associated (r's = 19.- 33) with elder victimization. These results will inform clinicians/agencies who serve and protect potential victims of elder abuse.

**Factors that affect MFT supervision outcomes of racially diverse supervisees in the U.S.**

Narumi Taniguchi - Canada

This presentation discusses what factors affect supervision outcomes for MFT supervisees of color and white supervisees. Results indicate that overall supervision outcomes are better when supervisors demonstrate multicultural competency. Examining the factors affecting improvement of clinical skills and multicultural skills separately, we found differences between the two groups of supervisees.

**LGBT Identification & Relationship Quality in a Study of Family-Supported PTSD Treatment for Veterans**

Kimberly Stewart - USA

This presentation will disseminate the results of an analysis on LGBT Veterans’ family and supportive others. The larger study (Project HomeFront) focused on the impact of family support in Veterans’ adherence to PTSD treatment. Implications for family therapy practice and research will be discussed.

**Snap Parenting: Teenagers in the Age of Social Media**

Dr. Adrienne D. White - USA

Dr. Karen Rowland - USA

In a world of snapchat and Instagram: parents today have to be more mindful than before of what their teens are being exposed to from the comforts of their own home. This presentation delves into the influences of social media on the modern family’s systemic development and innovative parenting techniques.

**Outcomes Research for TOGETHER: A Couples’ Model to Enhance Relationships and Economic Stability**

Mariana Falconier - USA

Reported are preliminary outcomes from TOGETHER, a model to enhance couple relationships and economic stability among low-income families. A randomized control trial assessed TOGETHER’s effectiveness on relationship functioning and economic stability. Significant relationship outcomes were found for women, but not men; nor were significant economic stability outcomes found.

**Training and Supervision of Beginner Couple Therapists: Guidelines from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, India**

Anisha Shah - India

Beginner couple therapists’ conceptual skills can develop very rapidly in any clinical training program but their behavioral skills for conducting conjoint sessions often stray away from conceptual anchor in theories. Guidelines discovered over 25 years of training and supervision of beginner couple therapists will be shared in this program.

**Therapeutic Changes of Multi-Family Group perceived by Chinese Families of Child with ADHD**

Wing Ka Lo - Hong Kong

This qualitative study revealed the perceived changes in Chinese families of children with ADHD after attending MFG in Hong Kong. Findings suggested that MFG is helpful in improving parent-child relationships, and the therapeutic group context co-created by MFG leaders and families played an important role in initiating changes.

**Human Trafficking: An International Hidden Epidemic**

Kris Hull-Houghton - USA

Jacqueline Tome - USA

In this short presentation, you will learn signs and symptoms to identify human trafficking internationally and clinical interventions to use with survivors. You will also receive referral information on resources in helping individuals who have been trafficked.

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**Saturday March 10, 2018**

**Evaluation of a “Parent as Consultant” Model in the Design of Family Resilience Workshops**

Kenneth Miller - USA

Susan Miller - USA

Presenters will report results of a study in which parents of children diagnosed with low-incidence disabilities were invited to a university-based “Parent Roundtable” to evaluate and inform the design of a planned workshop to promote resilience in families with a child diagnosed with a low-incidence disability.

**Don Jackson’s Technique for Hearing, Seeing & Changing Family Interaction**

Wendel Ray - USA

David Hale - USA

Psychiatrist Don Jackson’s clinical skill was legendary. This workshop will reveal Jackson’s technique for “hearing” & “seeing” beyond content, and instead apprehend what transpires at the level of process. Specific skills will be taught for how see and change patterns in here and now interaction in the present moment.
Addressing moral injury in military service members through family therapy

Sebastian Perumbilly - USA
Military service members are often irreversibly changed by combat zone experiences. As clinicians, how do we best understand and treat all of war’s invisible wounds to a soldier’s heart, family relationships, and community? This workshop will present a holistic and comprehensive view for healing the wounds of war.

“Challenging Racism in Family Therapy: Training Students to work Effectively with African American Families”

Cadmona Hall - USA
Training culturally informed healers is key to providing the ethical and responsible family therapy African American clients deserve. This presentation provides tools for addressing racism in the lives of African American clients. Socially just therapeutic strategies that liberate rather than constrain and oppress clients will be presented.

East Meets West: The Practice of Contextual Therapy with Theravada Buddhist Families

Andrea Rodrigo - USA
This presentation will discuss the similarities and differences between Buddhism and the contextual therapy theory. The presenters, a practicing Buddhist and a contextual therapist, will deliberate on the application of contextual therapy methods to therapeutic work with Theravada Buddhist families.

Effectiveness of an Alcohol Relapse Prevention Program Based on the Satir Model in Alcohol-dependent Women

Soontaree Srikosai - Thailand
Currently existing alcohol relapse prevention programs do not specifically address factors of alcohol relapse in women that may lead to rapid relapse and more frequent re-admission. This study examines the effectiveness of an alcohol relapse prevention program based on the Satir Model.

The influence of religious practices on relationship functioning: Clinical implications

Zephon Lister - USA
This study examines the relationship between prayer, personal devotion and family worship and marital functioning in the areas of relationship satisfaction, emotional attunement, conflict resolution, and beliefs about roles in the relationship. Implications for clinical assessment and use of couples’ religious practices for clinical intervention will be discussed.

A conceptualization of intimate partner violence in the Hong Kong Chinese families

Chung-ming Chan - Hong Kong
Based on a practice research on the manifestation and interplay of cultural, interpersonal and intra-psychic factors, a conceptualization of the men’s violence in intimate relationship in the Chinese families is developed. The conceptualization provides a useful framework for designing intervention and treatment for the men and their partners.

Treating Couples Through the Lens of Attachment

Elizabeth Bennett - USA
Humans are hardwired for attachment to another. Childhood attachment patterns often develop into the healthy or unhealthy attachment patterns of adult couple relationships. Attendees will learn to recognize, assess, and apply techniques that developing secure attachment patterns in couples to increase effectiveness in treating a wide variety of couples’ issues.

“His, hers, ours:” Constructing a joint social network in the transition to matrimony among young Modern Orthodox Jewish couples in Israel

Ofra Shalev - Israel
The couple interaction with family and friends makes a large contribution to the development of the relationship. The study focused on the process of network overlap among newlyweds Jewish couples in Israel. The research question was: How are the separate social networks overlap in a unique cultural and religious context?


Kimberly Stewart - USA
LaVonya Bennett - USA
The field of family psychology is prime for more providers specializing in geropsychology. Training opportunities within this specialty are limited, and unique challenges exist for this demographic. This presentation addresses the need for social justice training in geropsychology, reviews existing pedagogical approaches to training, and offers new suggestions for implementation.

Solution-Focused Sculpting

Michael Reiter - USA
This brief presentation provides a description of a technique that integrates aspects of Solution-Focused therapy with Satir’s family sculpting. Solution-focused sculpting will be presented with examples of its use with individuals, couples, and families.

Using Parents as Consultants to Identify Strategies for Promoting Family Resilience

Kenneth Miller - USA
Susan Miller - USA
Presenters will report results of a study in which parents of children diagnosed with low-incidence disabilities participated in focus groups to discuss critical needs following the diagnosis and to identify strategies for promoting parent and family resilience.

The Rise and Fall of Psychiatry (And What it Means for Psychotherapy)

Jonathan Sedarati - United Kingdom
It has been decades since the ideological battle to define ‘abnormality’ was won by psychiatry. Today, being diagnosed ‘mentally ill’ is now ‘the norm, not the exception’ (Schaefer, et al., 2017, p. 220). How did this happen? And why did a recent UN report advocate abandoning the prevailing bio-medical paradigm?
The Arts is a creative and powerful way to reduce mental health stigma. We present the drawings of 200 youth and adults from multi-ethnic communities. Preliminary data will discuss the various themes collected from the drawings, and a comparative analysis of youth, adults and the various communities.

The family that prays together, stays together: The role of prayer on child rearing practices

Jessica Stephen Premo - USA

This study examines the relationship between prayer and parental child-rearing practices among families living in the Caribbean. Implications for clinical assessment and use of family religious' practices for clinical intervention will be discussed.

For a long time now research has shown a positive correlation between exercise and mental health. Since, exercise/fitness has been incorporated, in many ways, into various aspects of life in creative ways. This interactive workshop will give an overview about how exercise is being used in pre-marital counseling.

Exploring systemic work with women with mesh implants following the far-reaching effects on them and their relationships. Given its growing incidence there is need to explore the multilayered effects of this practice in order to increase understanding as well as to develop approaches in working sensitively with this group.

Recent developments in an integrative framework for teaching couple therapy within a two-factor model that encompasses the four dimensions of love, intimacy, sex, and power; within the iceberg framework which identifies depths of analysis including behavior, feelings, meaning, beliefs, affect, and self. Examples will be provided.

11:45 - 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 - 13:45 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

14:00 - 15:00 Closing Plenary

15:00 - 16:00 Closing Reception - Coffee Break

16:00 Congress Ends
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A free subscription to the Journal is part of membership in IFTA. For more information, contact the IFTA General Secretary: wjhiebert@aol.com.

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COST:
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More information about accreditation can be obtained at the Workshop, Friday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. The Standards and Application for accreditation are available at: http://www.ifta-familytherapy.org/MFTaccreditation.html

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Presenters

Dorothy Becvar
Bill Northey

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