

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		Foyer Ballroom A
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	45 min
Using Sandtray in Supervision to Enhance Therapist Awareness		Ballroom B
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.	45 min
Resolving PTSD, Sexual Trauma and Child Abuse		State 1 - 2
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.	45 min
Introducing Family Therapy and Systems Practice Education in Cambodia		Ballroom A
Bernhild Pfautsch - Cambodia Pot Channika - Cambodia	This presentation highlights the use of live therapy as a primary teaching modality in countries where there are little to no formal education for counselors. The use of live therapy and live supervision has proved invaluable to these communities where the education and training of counselors has become increasing needs.	20 min
The Narrative in the Service of Reconstruction of the Self: Marital Relationships		Ballroom A
Zeev Appel - Israel Arie Cohen - Israel	Workshops 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.	20 min
The Case for Engaging Children in Family Therapy with their Substance Using Mother		Altitude
Natasha Slesnick - USA	Approximately 11% of U.S. children live with one or more substance abusing parents, but children are not often included in their parents' treatment plans. In this presentation, research findings underscoring the power of family systems therapy to improve outcomes for both mother and child will be offered.	20 min
Divorce Contract in the Safe – Upside Down Therapy		Altitude
Cheli Bolless - Isreal	Sometimes, a signed divorce agreement opens an opportunity to marriage reconstruction. Couples that had signed a divorce contract were forwarded to family therapy that was successful and the marriage was saved. I referred also cases of couple therapy that went nowhere to divorce lawyer and back to treatment.	20 min
09:30-10:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)		
Conjoint Family Therapy – The Don D. Jackson and Virginia Satir Collaboration		Foyer Ballroom A
Wendel Ray - USA David Hale - USA	In 1961 Don Jackson & Virginia Satir asserted there is a relationship between the patient's symptom & family interaction, stating the extent a therapist "believes" in family therapy determines how this orientation is conveyed to the patient. This workshop will explore the profound meaning of Satir & Jackson's statement.	45 min
Reaching and helping clients with Same Sex Attraction in conservative-religious communities		Botan
Bryan Shen - Singapore	In conservative-religious communities, individuals who find themselves with homosexuality can be deeply hidden. Acquiescence to traditional marriages or entering religious institutions are common, not without consequences. This lecture describes a combined systemic and clinical approach to reaching and helping such clients among Catholics in Thailand and Philippines.	45 min
The personal professional: Reflections on the use of self in family therapy		Ballroom B
Jake Johnson - USA	In this presentation, information will be provided regarding how various schools of family therapy conceptualize the use of self in therapy. Strategies for effective use of self in therapeutic settings and important precursors to use of self in family therapy will also be discussed.	45 min
A Step Towards Better: Using Floor Marker Constellations in Family Therapy Supervision		State 1 - 2
Roger Lowe - Australia	Floor marker constellations are a creative experiential method for resolving supervision dilemmas. Rectangles of paper are positioned on the floor to represent important elements in a dilemma, and a combination of movements and sentences are used to illuminate dynamics and achieve resolution. Audience members will participate in a live demonstration	45 min
Single Parents Household Families, 20 years later		State 3
Ruth Casabianca - Argentina	Actual social position of Single Parents Household Families will be discussed, in relation to some variables that have been already evaluated 20 years ago. Current research shows that the social support to these families, and the social meaning given to them, are relevant to their functioning.	45 min

Theme Song for Change: Using Music to Enhance Resources		Ballroom A
Michael Reiter - USA	This presentation demonstrates how family therapists can utilize clients' choices of a theme song as a way to enhance their personal resources. The presenter will explain the ideas of this technique as well as provide several case examples taken from work with individuals, couples, and families.	20 min
When Systemic Theory Meets Institutions: Strategic Interventions in the Prison System		Ballroom A
Theresa Dronet - USA	Findings on a systemic approach to mental health delivery in a maximum security prison. Due to poor access to mental health care, a prison was under litigation to restructure the delivery of services. A systemic therapist designed a strategic intervention that reduced violence by 80% in the unit.	20 min
The influence of religious practices on relationship functioning: Clinical implications		Altitude
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA 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.	20 min
Experiences of graduate students enrolled in a social justice program and the 2016 United States presidential election		Altitude
Seon Kim - USA	This qualitative study explored marriage and family therapy students in a social justice school experience with the 2016 presidential election. Study results revealed a sense of injustice regardless of participant's political stance, confirming literature underscoring issues of social dominance, subjugation, and associated fear and anxiety mechanisms.	20 min
10:15-10:45	Recess/Coffee Break	
10:45-12:00	Welcome & Opening Plenary	
The Development of Family Therapy in China: Its Impact on Therapy, Research and Education		Ballroom A
Zhao Xudong, M.D.	Dr Xudong Zhao, M.D., 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 duties at Tongji, he is President of the Mental Health Center of Pudong New Area, affiliated with Tongji University. Dr. Zhao is also the Director of the Department of Psychosomatic Medicine at Shanghai East Hospital, 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.	
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-14:15	Presentations/Workshops	
Evolution of Family Therapy in Thailand: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow		Foyer Ballroom A
Dr. John Lawless - USA Dr. Parichawan Chandarasiri - Thailand Dr. Palisara Thommachot - Thailand Dr. Yongyud Wongpiramsarn - Thailand Dr. Umaporn Trangkasombat - Thailand	Co-Moderators Dr. John Lawless and Dr. Parichawan Chandarasiri will lead a panel family therapists from Thailand discussing the Evolution of family therapy in their country.	45 min
Filial Piety, a legacy of Confucianism has become problem to family therapy in modern China		Botan
Chung Ping Wong Ip - Hong Kong	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.	45 min
Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy with a Borderline Personality Disorder Partner: A case study		Ballroom B
Aida Jimenez - Puerto Rico	This presentation will discuss a couple treatment using Emotion Focused Couples Therapy when one of the partners has Borderline Personality Disorder. We will discuss the overall principles of EFCT applied to the case, and the techniques used to unfold key emotions and to prime new responses from the couple.	45 min
Relational Ethics As The Heart of The Matter - Children, Divorcing Parents, and Contextual Family Therapy		State 1 - 2
Geraldine Kerr - USA	Divorce reflects rapidly changing, conflicted contexts. Relational ethics (Boszormenyi-Nagy and Ulrich, 1981) places relationship itself at the heart of ethical value. Relationships are processes without end. Contextual therapists embolden parents toward respectful, reciprocal, interactive processes, safeguarding love and trustworthiness between them and their children in relationships that are unending.	45 min
Engaging parents in group sessions		State 3
Michelle Koay - Singapore	This presentation explores the benefits of engaging parents of adolescents in group sessions within a school setting. This is a prevention and education strategy to engage parents, where sessions provide a safe environment for parents to share their thoughts and feelings about their role as parents and their parenting skills.	45 min
Migration, technology and care: Changing family dynamics		Ballroom A
Maria Marchetti-Mercer - South Africa	This presentation will focus on the experiences of a South African Deaf migrant and her family in order to explore ways in which technology may enable and promote care, but may also obscure embodied realities which are core to the human experience and to aspects of care within a family.	20 min

Use of Family Camp in Multi-Family Group for Chinese Families of Adolescents with ADHD in Hong Kong		Ballroom A
Wing Ka Lo - Hong Kong	This presentation aims to share the preliminary results and introduce the use of family camp in Multi-Family Group with Chinese families of adolescents with ADHD in Hong Kong. Discussion will be made on the use of natural environment in healing family relationship for Chinese families of adolescents with ADHD.	20 min
Reflecting team: The possibility for change. The experience from RAMA Family Clinic (Thailand)		Altitude
Suchawadee Pongthanawisuth - Thailand Nida Limsuwan - Thailand	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.	20 min
Evaluating Systemic Functioning of Families with a Cancer Patient: Are we doing enough?		Altitude
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. There main purpose is to discuss the implications of culturally adapting Bowen's concepts to Hispanic families with cancer patients.	20 min
14:30-15:15	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Indian Perspectives on Facilitators and Barriers in Treating Substance Use Disorders		Foyer Ballroom A
Sebastian Perumbilly - USA	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.	45 min
The couple relationship and the romantic ideal in the 21st century: East meets West?		Botan
Angela Abela - Malta	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.	45 min
MFT Supervision in Asia		Ballroom B
Young Ju Chun - Korea Takeshi Tamura - Japan Joyce Lai-Chong Ma - Hong Kong	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.	45 min
Practical, Legal, and Ethical Issues for Working Effectively with High Conflict Divorced Families		State 1 - 2
William Northey - USA	In the interactive workshop, participants will explore the challenges presented in intervening systemically with parents engaged in harmful and cantankerous post-divorce interactions. 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.	45 min
Attachment Based - Cognitive Behavioral Systemic Therapy (AB-CBST)		State 3
Keith Sutton - USA	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.	45 min
15:15-15:45	Recess/Coffee Break	
15:30 - 18:00	Board of Directors	
15:45-16:30	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Interplay between systemic and art family therapy in an inpatient setting for adolescents		Foyer Ballroom A
Isabelle Feijo - Australia	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.	45 min
The application of meditation of the Satir Model in the Group Counseling and Therapy		Botan
Jane Huang - China	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.	45 min
3 P.L.A.Y. to breakthrough for Families With Teenagers Who Learn Differently		Ballroom B
Mei Wah Long - Malaysia Li Li Koh - Malaysia	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.	45 min
International Experience of Network Supervision of Pluridisciplinary Team in Case of Incest		State 1 - 2
Martine Nisse - France	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.	45 min

High-conflict parents in mediation: An analysis of dialogues, sources to conflict and implications for practice	State 3
Odd Arne Tjersland - Norway	45 min
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.	
Clients' Perspectives on Therapy That Builds Family and Personal Harmony	Ballroom A
Patricia Tan - Singapore	20 min
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.	
LGBT Identification & Relationship Quality in a Study of Family-Supported PTSD Treatment for Veterans	Ballroom A
Kimberly Stewart - USA	20 min
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.	
16:45-17:30 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Use of Words, Metaphors and Silence	Foyer Ballroom A
Nesteren Gazioglu - Turkey	45 min
Ceyda Tahincioglu - 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	Botan
Tatiana Glebova - USA	45 min
Natalia Bolotina - Russian Federation	
Natalia Kravtsova - Russian Federation	
Gera Kopytova - Russian Federation	
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.	
Brief Strategic Couple Therapy with A Young Couple Presenting with Emotional Affair, Alcoholism and Sexual Frustration	Ballroom B
Kevin Wong - Hong Kong	45 min
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.	
Creativity through collaboration	State 3
Anita Mehta - Canada	45 min
Sarah Burley - 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.	
SBIRT Why Culture, Context, and Attitudes Matter: Lessons Learned from Rural Appalachia	Ballroom A
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA	20 min
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.	
Engaging Spirituality in Family Therapy: Personal Journeys	Ballroom A
Hugo Kamyra - USA	20 min
How do we as clinicians engage our personal journeys in our work in Family Therapy? How do we connect to our spirituality in this endeavor. This presentation will offer some ways to incorporate and harness our spirituality in our clinical work.	
17:45-18:30 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
How can we assess our clients with several therapeutic theories, attitude and knowledge in the practice of family therapy?	Botan
Nobuhiko Asai - Japan	45 min
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	Ballroom B
Umberta Telfener - Italy	45 min
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	State 1 - 2
Deisy Amorin-Woods - Australia	45 min
Lyndon 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	State 3
Heather Laird - USA	45 min
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	Ballroom A
Kiran Arora - USA	20 min
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.

Ballroom A

20 min

19:00 - 21:00

Welcome Reception

Altitude

Friday March 9, 2018

08:00-17:30

Registration Hours

08:30-09:15

Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Developments and Dilemmas in Family Treatment of Sibling Sexual Abuse

Foyer Ballroom A

Chaya Possick - Israel

This presentation will introduce on a new typology for assessing sibling sexual abuse/inappropriate 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.

45 min

An Indigenous and Systemic Intervention with Domestic Violence in Hong Kong – A Practitioner’s View

Botan

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.

45 min

International Case Dialogue: Social Anxiety and School Phobia among Asian Youth

Ballroom B

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.

45 min

Harmonizing work and family: Working with career mothers- An Asian American Study

State 1 - 2

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.

45 min

Putting Cultural Humility into Practice: The Use of Brokers and Consultants in MFT

State 3

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.

45 min

The relationship between depressive mood and mother-child attachment: A study on Puerto Rican women

Ballroom A

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

20 min

Advanced Medical Technology, Ambiguous Loss, and Support for Family of Children with Serious Illness

Ballroom A

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.

20 min

Education and training problems facing family counselors and therapists in the UAE (An analytical study)

Altitude

Makia Himat - United Arab Emirates

The study aims highlighting obstacles of education, training of UAE family therapists. It 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

20 min

If Turkey was a family: Assessment and treatment plan for a country dealing with a crisis

Altitude

Yudum Soylemez - 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.

20 min

09:30-10:15

Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Experiential Teaching Strategies to Enhance CFT Education

Foyer Ballroom A

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.

45 min

Accreditation Process for Marriage and Family Therapy Training Programs

Botan

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.

45 min

Mental Health Screening in Coordinated and Integrated Primary Care: Lessons Learned		Ballroom B
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.	45 min
Engaging Teenagers in Family Therapy		State 1 - 2
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.	45 min
Bridge Research and Public Mental Health Workforce Development		State 3
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.	45 min
The Household Production of Health: A Case Study of Mental Health Utilization in Cambodia		Ballroom A
Monysakada 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.	20 min
Towards an indigenized external supervision approach in China		Ballroom A
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.	20 min
MFT Education Online: Effective Strategies to Enhance Student Learning		Altitude
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.	20 min
Parenting Stress in Families of Children with and without ADHD in China, Xi'an		Altitude
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.	20 min
10:15-10:45	Recess/Coffee Break	
10:45-11:30	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Family Therapy with Young Adults with Serious Mental Illness: The Ackerman Relational Approach		Foyer Ballroom A
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 decreasing emotional reactivity and by promoting healthier behavioral functioning.	45 min
Virginia Satir & the First Family Therapy Training Program—Honoring Satir's 100th Birthday		Botan
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.	45 min
Is it possible to work with the whole family when Family Violence has been identified?		Ballroom B
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.	45 min
Family Therapy Training Around the World		State 1 - 2
John Lawless - USA	Moderator, John Lawless, will discuss 'Family Therapy Around the World' with panelists from the various family therapy associations.	45 min
Use of family therapy in alcohol and drug addiction center using integrative care model		State 3
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 alcohols and drug addiction center will be utilized to illustrate and discuss the usefulness.	45 min

Use of Systems Theory in Business and Organizations

Ariane Ladd - USA

Systems theory that has wisely guided work with families is also a 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.

Ballroom A

20 min

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

Systems theory that has wisely guided work with families is also a 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.

Ballroom A

20 min

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.

Altitude

20 min

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.

Altitude

20 min

11:45-13:00

Lunch Break

12:30-13:30

Poster Session

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 - China

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.

The Effects of Family Counseling and Educational Experience on the Deconstruction of Traditional Family Discourse among the unmarried mothers in Korea

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 deconstructing traditional family discourse and the change of family relationship through family counseling and education experiences of unmarried mothers in Korea. Implications for policy and practice for the unmarried mothers in Korea were discussed.

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.

Integrated and holistic mental health services for adoptive children and their families

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.

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

Tatiana Glebova - United States

Natalia Kravtsova - Russian Federation

Natalia Bolotina - Russian Federation

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.

Factors of professional development of family therapists in the Far East of Russia

Marina Elinevskaya - Russian Federation

Gera Kopytova - Russian Federation

Marina Novikova - Russian Federation

Natalya Kornilova - Russian Federation

This poster presents results of the study investigated the factors of personal and professional development of system family therapists in the process of their education and training in the program implemented during the last fifteen years on the basis of the Far Eastern Family Therapy Association (Vladivostok, Russia).

Positive Family Features for Fostering Youth Development in Cambodia

Sovandara Kao - 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.

The Impact of Graduate School on Marriage and Families

Ashley Roth - USA

Graduate school is a stressful time of life that can have a major impact on an individual's relationships. This qualitative study examines the impact of graduate school on marriage, generalizing about the impact of graduate stress and potential methods for building resilience are presented.

13:30-14:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

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

Anna Marie Low - Singapore

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.

Foyer Ballroom A

45 min

Content analysis of couple therapy research in Greater China: critical review and forward		Botan 45 min
Tak-Mau Chan - Hong Kong Forward Fung Chin - Hong Kong Matthew Chi-ming Ho - Hong Kong Victor Chi-yuen 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		State 1 - 2 45 min
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 Chinese Family Therapy Model: Practical Techniques and Strategies		State 3 45 min
Xudong Zhao - China	Systemic Family Therapy is a useful therapeutic model for Chinese families. Chinese therapists have merged systemic family theories and traditional Chinese approaches to mental health leading to new and novel methods in clinical settings. In this workshop, Dr. Zhao will demonstrate some of these novel practices using video recordings of his clinical cases.	
A new projective questionnaire assessing family differentiation through drawn circles		Ballroom A 20 min
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		Ballroom A 20 min
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		Altitude 20 min
Antionette Edmonds - USA Shatoyia Falls - 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		Altitude 20 min
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.	
14:30-15:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)		
The Family Therapy Through the Lens of Different Therapeutic Modalities		Botan 45 min
Dr. John Lawless - USA Dr. Parichawan Chandarasiri (Ann) - Thailand Dr. Sirirat Ularntinon - Thailand Dr. Assawin Narkpongphun - Thailand Dr. Nawanant Piyavhatkul - 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		State 1 - 2 45 min
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		State 3 45 min
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		Ballroom A 20 min
Yaorui 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 grandparents 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		Ballroom A 20 min
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.	

Working with Latina/o Families in the Current Political Climate		Altitude
Daniel Cooper - USA	The present study interviewed 13 Latina/o mental health scholars implementing evidence-based interventions within their communities. Results highlighted challenges to working with Latina/o families in the current socio-political context. Recommendations for implementing evidence-based mental health interventions with immigrant families facing discrimination are discussed.	20 min
Noah Gagner - USA		
The effect of parental incarceration on eating and sleeping habits of adolescents		Altitude
Lauren Booker - USA	Examining the relationship between eating and sleeping and family food and housing security could help facilitate warning signs for risk factors of these children developing physical and mental illnesses. Food and housing insecurity has been more associated with unstable care giving situations during maternal incarceration.	20 min
Bahiyyah Muhammad - USA		
15:30-16:15	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
An Evaluation of the Development of MFT Competencies and the Influence of the Supervisory Relationship		Foyer Ballroom A
Jay Burke - USA	Practicum is an essential part of MFT training in developing core clinical competencies. This study examined core competency evaluation data from practicum supervisors of 224 MFT students. Additionally, student evaluations of supervisors were reviewed to determine the impact of the supervisory relationship on the development of MFT clinical competencies.	45 min
Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) from a Systemic Perspective. A Clinical Case		Botan
Larissa Ernst - Belgium	This presentation provides a synopsis of the conceptualisation of DID from a systemic perspective, the Integrative Interactional Approach specifically. This case shows the profound work that emerged through applying family therapy principles to individual psychotherapy.	45 min
Sian Green - South Africa		
Navigating Societal Marginalisation in Therapy: An exploration of the Journey of Unaccompanied Refugee Young People and their Therapist		State 1 - 2
Máire Stedman - United Kingdom	Is it possible to construct narratives across cultures? Significance of trusting therapeutic relationship. Cultural & spiritual influences facilitating or hinder coping. What are models of engagement that most facilitate therapeutic change & where do concepts such as PTSD spirituality and cultural-bereavement fit in the context of collaborative-self-empowering practice?	45 min
What's in the Dance? The Art of Integrative Interactional Couple Therapy		State 3
Warwick Phipps - South Africa	Couple Therapy is challenging, involving intense conflict, emotions, and power struggles. Drawing on the integrative interactional approach, the therapist identifies ineffective, hurtful, and destructive patterns of interaction: the couple's interactional "dance." The art of Integrative Interactional Couple Therapy is to help facilitate a more effective, constructive, and helpful interactional dance.	45 min
The Influence of Family Cohesion and Communication During Pregnancy on Postpartum Work Family Conflict among American New Parents		Ballroom A
Gwyneth-Ann Kim Choo - Singapore	This study aimed to investigate factors such as family cohesion, communication and social support during pregnancy on postpartum work family conflict among a U.S sample of new parents. Regression analyses indicated female gender and less children in the family were the more robust predictors of work family conflict at postpartum.	20 min
Navigating the Emic or "Insider" Self: Lessons from Exploring War Trauma and Resettlement		Ballroom A
Likie Dwanyen - USA	Navigating emic perspectives is salient when engaging in research or clinical practice with families in culturally specific contexts, particularly as a community "insider." This presentation will highlight strategies to attend to "the emic", while drawing on the presenter's experience conducting research as an insider to Liberian-specific war and resettlement experiences.	20 min
Military Couples' Marital Experiences When One Member Has A Diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder		Altitude
Brenda McGregor - USA	This presentation is to report 5 major themes found in a transcendental phenomenology study explored the lived experiences of 5 military couples in which one spouse had a diagnosis of bipolar disorder and one spouse had military experience with at least one combat deployment, and their clinical implication.	20 min
Linna Wang - USA		
Solution Focused Sex Therapy: Working with Couples who Experience Non-Chronic Sexual Difficulties		Altitude
Jung Wonbin - USA	This presentation will discuss a solution-focused approach to sex therapy when working with couples who experience non-chronic sexual difficulties.	20 min
16:15-16:45	Recess/Coffee Break	
16:45-17:30	Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)	
Preparing and Transitioning to In-home Therapy for Marriage and Family Therapists		Foyer Ballroom A
Leyna Vo - USA	The MFT literature documents the need to provide in-home service to address therapy barriers for minority populations. However, MFTs experience transitioning to in-home therapy is overlooked. Understanding this adjustment will prepare MFTs providing in-home therapy. Suggestions for supporting MFTs' transition to in-home therapy will be provided.	45 min
Liang-Ying Chou - USA		
Application of Family therapy in mental hospital of Hong Kong, are there any conflicts with treatment culture?		Botan
Kwok Hung Siu - Hong Kong	Family therapy is promoted in a mental hospital of Hong Kong for many years. Increased professions accepted this treatment model. Problems and difficulties were encountered during application and training. My experience and feedback from service users will be shared. Strategies to overcome those difficulties will be suggested.	45 min

A Post-Modern Phenomenon?! Research Method Confronts Philosophy: Story with a Happy Ending	State 1 - 2
David Bowers - USA	45 min
Although many therapists embrace a post-modern understanding in clinical work, many research methodologies have not shed their modernist trappings. In this session, participants will have an opportunity to reflect on challenges around belief and method, and be introduced to a methodology which this researcher has found helpful.	
Filial Piety, a legacy of the Confucian tradition is a problem in family therapy in Asian families	State 3
Wong Ip Chung Ping - Hong Kong	45 min
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	Ballroom A
Zephon Lister - USA	20 min
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.	Ballroom A
Narumi Taniguchi - Canada	20 min
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.	

17:45-18:30 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

Outcomes Research for TOGETHER: A Couples' Model to Enhance Relationships and Economic Stability	Botan
Mariana Falconier - USA	45 min
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.	
Family Therapy in the "Majority world" Creating and Adapting Models to Fit Non-Western Contexts	State 1 - 2
John K. Miller, Ph. D. - USA	45 min
Most models of family therapy were developed in the West, where only 15% of the world's population resides. This presentation will explore, with case examples, the utility of adapting Western family therapy for "majority world" contexts where over 85% of the Earth's population reside. John Miller is a Professor at Fudan University in Shanghai, as well as an adjunct Professor at the Royal University of Phnom Penh in Cambodia. He is a past Fulbright Senior Research Scholar to China (2009-2010) and the founder of the Sino-American Family Therapy Institute (SAFTI). He has recently published several articles and a book chapter on subjects related to the presentation.	
Training and Supervision of Beginner Couple Therapists: Guidelines from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, India	State 3
Anisha Shah - India	45 min
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	Ballroom A
Wing Ka Lo - Hong Kong	20 min
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	Ballroom A
Kris Hull-Houghton - USA	20 min
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.	

Saturday March 10, 2018

08:00 - 14:00 Registration Hours

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

Evaluation of a "Parent as Consultant" Model in the Design of Family Resilience Workshops	Foyer Ballroom A
Kenneth Miller - USA	45 min
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	Botan
Wendel Ray - USA	45 min
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	Ballroom B
Sebastian Perumbilly - USA	45 min
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”	State 1 - 2
Cadmona Hall - USA	45 min
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	State 3
Tatiana Glebova - USA	45 min
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.	
The influence of religious practices on relationship functioning: Clinical implications	Ballroom A
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA	20 min
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.	
Effectiveness of an Alcohol Relapse Prevention Program Based on the Satir Model in Alcohol-dependent Women	Ballroom A
Soontaree Srikosai - Thailand	20 min
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.	

09:30-10:15 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

A conceptualization of intimate partner violence in the Hong Kong Chinese families	Foyer Ballroom A
Chung-ming Chan - Hong Kong	45 min
Based on a practice research on the manifestation and interplay of cultural, interpersonal and intra-psycho 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	Botan
Elizabeth Bennett - USA	45 min
Tin Weng Mak - USA	
James Ellis - USA	
Cynthia Messier - USA	
Katie Rosenberger - USA	
Mollie Pierce - 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	State 1 - 2
Ofra Shalev - Israel	45 min
Prof. Nehami Baum - 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?	
Social Justice Training in Geropsychology: A Critical Review of Literature and Pedagogies	State 3
Kimberly Stewart - USA	45 min
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	Ballroom A
Michael Reiter - USA	20 min
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	Ballroom A
Kenneth Miller - USA	20 min
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.	

10:15-10:45 Recess/Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:30 Workshops (45 min.) and Consecutive Brief Section (20 min.)

The Rise and Fall of Psychiatry (And What it Means for Psychotherapy)	Foyer Ballroom A
Jonathan Sedarati - United Kingdom	45 min
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?	
Snap Parenting: Teenagers in the Age of Social Media	Botan
Dr. Adrienne D. White - USA	45 min
Dr. Karen Rowland - USA	
Dr. Kenika Holloway - 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.	

Theoretically Grounded Creativity in Family Therapy		Ballroom B
Elizabeth Bennett - USA Tin Weng Mak - USA James Ellis - USA Alexander Day - USA Cynthia Messier - USA Katie Moret - USA Conne Guerrero - USA Alexis Roberts - USA	Family therapists are educated and trained across essential theoretical approaches from the historical Structural to the currently booming Emotionally-Focused model. This presentation is designed to increase creativity in the application of theory to meet the family's strengths, limitations, and preferences thus increasing the family's potential for success.	45 min
Youth and Adult Drawings of Mental Health Stigma in Multiethnic Communities		State 1 - 2
Ana Jimenez-Hami - USA	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.	45 min
The family that prays together, stays together: The role of prayer on child rearing practices		State 3
Jessica Stephen Premo - USA Zephon Lister - 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.	45 min
The experiences of Bedouin-Arab women within child marriage: Implications for therapists helping couples heal from early marriage		Ballroom A
Itzhak Lander - Israel	This research gives voice to Bedouin-Arab women within child marriages. Participants underscored how loss of childhood, premature and traumatic sexual and pregnancy experiences, and exploitation severely impacted the development of marital relations. Implications for therapists working with couples experiencing the negative sequelae of early marriage are suggested.	20 min
Sociometric analysis of the child's bonds for adoption		Ballroom A
Susana Oliveira - Brazil	In a child care institution, the nature of bonds of 20 children was studied, with the aim to promote interventions to favor their relational development. They presented difficulties of self recognition, of dyads and triads formation, etc. After interventions, was observed more affective circularity. These changes prepare them to adoption.	20 min

11:45 - 13: 00 Lunch Break

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

Couples, Pre-Marital Counseling, and Exercise?		Foyer Ballroom A
Ben-Gassendi St. Juste - USA	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.	45 min
The last dance: The impact of transvaginal mesh implants for women and their partners		Botan
Deisy Amorin-Woods - Australia	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.	45 min
A two-factor model for teaching couple therapy integration		Ballroom B
Jac Brown - Australia	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.	45 min
Investigating the influence of Family Factors on Infant Parenting Approaches during One Year Postpartum Period among United States Parents		State 1 - 2
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.	45 min
The Road to Restoration: Mending Our Broken Homes One Family at A Time		State 3
Angela Cherubin - USA	We all come from dysfunctional families. Part of the problem is that we coexist with unidentified and unaddressed issues. This workshop will discuss the root of the issue and how to move beyond the dysfunction using some aspects of the Bowen Family Theory approach.	45 min

10:45-12:00 Welcome & Opening Plenary

Family-centred practice for Chinese families of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a Chinese context		Ballroom A
Joyce Ma, Ph.D.	Dr. Joyce 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.		

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

16:00 Congress Ends