



2nd International Festival of Family Therapy

Children on the edge - Cultural Dilemmas for Helping Professionals

June 7-8-9, 2012

Seraphicum University Rome – Italy

Since the '70s, technological advances along with economic and social changes are shrinking the world, but also making it more complex and today's children are getting lost.

Healthy connections within the family are substituted by pathological dependencies, such as alcohol, drugs, eating disorders as well as internet addiction, increasing the risk of depression and suicide.

Many adolescents and younger children left without a father's presence are dealing with physical and emotional violence in the peer group, as bullying, particularly dangerous for them when they are "culturally or sexually different".

As economic upheavals plunge so many families into deep poverty, leading many to migrate to foreign countries, often children and adolescents are abandoned or left to fend for themselves. They are forced to navigate the family's new environment and negotiate the friction between the cultures of their home countries and their newly adopted lands.

In a different way, children and adolescents of privilege may live in a world in which they are both overprotected and left to learn about the world mostly from the electronic media.

At a time when children may be more vulnerable than ever, the professionals who work with them need to hear their voices and learn their language to find new ways to bring them and their needs back into focus in family work, in mental health agencies and programs and in schools.

All who work with children and families as family therapists, social workers, child protective workers, psychologists and psychiatrists, as well as cultural mediators and school teachers need to identify and address diversities of values, traditions and social contexts. But initially, professionals must understand and resolve their prejudices within themselves, authentically opening, identifying and managing their own cultural ambivalences.

This conference is meant to bring together the latest scientific senses and studies as well as creatively-based experiences on work with children and adolescents at the edge. These are the children facing special difficulties in their growth in the western world and in emerging countries. At the same time, the gathering aims to inspire and encourage professionals to work creatively on behalf of their youngest clients.

To that end, clinicians will be asked to show their work with families. Innovative approaches to child and family work will be featured. Furthermore, the conference will be organized in a way to encourage a high degree of interaction among attendees and presenters and to open discussion on frontiers of systemic work they are doing in many different parts of the world.

Program

THURSDAY JUNE 7TH, 2012

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. general information and introduction

Maurizio Andolfi - Children on the edge: a new challenge for family therapists.

11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 1° Plenary Chair: Lars Brok, Holland

Peter Fraenkel, Ph.D., Director, Center for Work and Family, Ackerman Institute for the Family; Associate Professor, The City College of the City University of New York, U.S.A.

Collaborative and creative practices for re-constituting, re-vitalizing, re-specting and re-humanizing traumatized and marginalized children and families.

Froma Walsh, clinical psychologist, Prof. Emerita, University of Chicago, Co-Director, Chicago Center for Family Health The University of Chicago, U.S.A.

In the wake of traumatic loss: a family systems approach for youth recovery and resilience.

Michael La Sala, Ph.D. LCSW, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Rutgers The State University of New Jersey , U.S.A.

Gay children on the edge: helping them find their way home.

language spoken: English (simultaneous translation will be provided)

1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. lunch & poster sessions

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. workshops

4:30 p.m.-5 p.m. break

5 p.m.-7:15 p.m. 2° Plenary Chair: Noga Rubinstein Nabarro, Israel

Ellen Yee-man Ma, Psy.D., clinical psychologist, Hong Kong

Use of family-based relational approach to work with child sexual abuse among Chinese families.

David Denborough, Dulwich Centre, Adelaide, Editor in Chief Journal of Narrative Therapy of Community Work, Adelaide, Australia

Enabling children who have experienced hardship to tell their stories in ways that make them stronger.

John S. Rolland, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago, Co-Director, Chicago Center for Family Health, U.S.A..

Mastering family challenges with childhood illness: an integrative model.

language spoken: English (simultaneous translation will be provided)

FRIDAY JUNE 8TH, 2012

9:15 a.m.-11 a.m. brief sessions

11 a.m.-11.30 a.m. break

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. sub-plenaries

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m. lunch & poster sessions

3 p.m.-5 p.m. sub-plenaries

5 p.m.-5.30 p.m. break

5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. workshops

SATURDAY JUNE 9TH, 2012

9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3° Plenary Chair: Mary Hotvedt, U.S.A.

*Adalberto Barreto, Prof. of Community Health, Medical School of Universidade Federal do Ceara, Brazil

Art as a way to rebuild what poverty has destroyed.

**Eia Asen, psychiatrist, clinical director of Malborough Family Service, Visiting Professor at University College, London

Cutting Edge Interventions with children at risk in multi-problem families.

***Eliana Gil, Ph.D., Gil Center for Healing and Play, Director Starbright Training Institute, Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.

The use of play therapy in the assessment and treatment of traumatized children.

language spoken: *French, **English, ***Spanish (simultaneous translation will be provided)

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. break
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. workshops
1.30 p.m.-3.p.m. lunch
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. workshops
4:30 p.m.-5 p.m. break

5 p.m.-7:15 p.m. 4° Plenary Chair: Rick Pluut, Holland

*Jorge Villar, Director Educativo Terapéutico de la Fundación Juntos con los Niños (Juconi), Puebla, Mexico

The forgotten ones: helping adolescents who have lived on the street to integrate a healthier notion of family.

**Mustafa Qossoqsi, Palestinian clinical and educational psychologist, family psychotherapist, Israel

Intercultural psychotherapy with adolescents and political violence.

***William Davis, Youth Tutor (Maori), Bill Peace, Social Services Manager (Samoan) and Nicole Robertson (Australian), Clinical Manager STRIVE Community Trust, Auckland, New Zealand.

Adolescents on the edge- an intergenerational approach to working with young Maori and Pacific Island Teenagers in New Zealand.

language spoken: *Spanish, **Italian, ***English (simultaneous translation will be provided)

A guide to the meeting events

Plenary sessions consist of invited presentations that feature the main themes of the Conference and represent salient current and/or controversial issues in the field.

Sub-plenaries are longer presentations by two speakers or teams with significant expertise paired on a related topic.

Workshops are experiential events designed to show the work of one/two presenters through videos and exercises.

Brief presentations gather several speakers (generally two or three) to give mini-presentations on their clinical work or research activity. Presentations are broadly grouped by a common theme and are facilitated by a chair.

The Poster sessions features researchers and therapists using poster illustrations to present their work in an informal setting conducive to in-depth discussion.

Main topics

- 1) Children of privilege/Children in deprivation
- 2) Children "in the system": stolen or helped?
- 3) Children caught in culture clash and gender discrimination
- 4) Children caught by racism, prejudice and sectarianism
- 5) Abuse, neglect and effects of domestic violence on children
- 6) Different forms of self-destructiveness in children
- 7) Children and loss
- 8) Children alone in emigration
- 9) Children in new family forms
- 10) Peer group and school: resources/problems
- 11) Creative & transformation tools for children at risk

Call for papers

We accept abstracts for sub-plenaries, workshops, brief presentations and poster sessions in English, Italian, Spanish & French.

Send abstracts (not more than 1 page) to the attention of Maurizio Andolfi, President of the Conference at the following e-mail address:
andolfiinternational@accademiapsico.it

Deadline for abstracts : March 1st, 2012

Acceptance by March 30th, 2012

Invited Speakers



Eia Asen

Cutting Edge Interventions with children at risk in multi-problem families.

Children are particularly at risk in families that operate on the margins of society or are socially excluded, be that because of migration backgrounds, educational failure, chronic mental health issues, parental delinquency or a combination of all these. A multi-level intervention model is presented on how to work with these families in their homes, on streets and in neighborhoods, in schools, as well as in clinical and Social Service settings.



Adalberto Barreto

Art as a way to rebuild what poverty has destroyed.

In the chaotic context of the favela, young children and adolescents are the most exposed to several risk factors, as drug addiction, domestic violence, abandonment, prostitution, etc.

In this situation the Movement of Community Mental Health (MISMEC) has been intervening for 25 years by utilizing art as a way of promoting health, reducing post-traumatic stress, increasing self-esteem and reconstructing links through community therapy.

Art allows positive expression of feelings and emotions and can also provide opportunities for youth entering into the job market. Through art labs for emotional expression, young people build up new connections, discover personal and cultural resources and receive social recognition with painting, design and theatre.



David Denborough

Enabling children who have experienced hardship to tell their stories in ways that make them stronger.

How can we enable children to speak of their experiences of hardship in ways that make them stronger?

How can we listen for and elicit children's special skills and knowledges?
How can we strengthen children's relationships with their friends, families and communities?

This presentation will introduce a number of key narrative principles in relation to responding to children who have experienced hardship. It will include stories and songs from work in Uganda, Zimbabwe and Australia. And it will convey how even in the hardest of circumstances it is possible to enable children who have been through very difficult experiences to make contributions to the lives of others.



Peter Fraenkel

Collaborative and creative practices for re-constituting, re-vitalizing, re-respecting, and re-humanizing traumatized and marginalized children and families.

Despite their positive intentions, international aid organizations, social services and mental health agencies typically provide help in a top-down fashion in which professionals are the sole experts, inadvertently dehumanizing and disempowering the people they serve. In contrast, when professionals view kids and families as the experts on their situation, and as collaborators in strengthening their sources of resilience, kids and families regain a sense of self efficacy and self respect. Based on 20 years of work in the areas of incest, homelessness, domestic violence and immigration trauma, I will present examples of collaborative and creative practices that help kids and parents strengthen their emotional connections, increase their expressiveness, recover a sense of life purpose and regain a sense of humor and dignity.



Eliana Gil

The use of play therapy in the assessment and treatment of traumatized children.

There are many challenges in assessing and treating traumatized children who may feel unable or unwilling to engage verbally in therapeutic dialogue. What children can do is speak with behavior and with play and metaphor. This workshop will discuss the

valuable role of play therapy integrated with a solid foundation of trauma theory. Participants will have opportunities to have a look at children's art, sand trays, and puppet stories as well as learn about how to view and utilize metaphors.



Ellen Yee-man Ma

Use of family-based relational approach to work with child sexual abuse among Chinese families.

Child sexual abuse in families is not just to be understood at the individual level as a personal trauma, but also regarded as a relational trauma with a systemic perspective. Familial child sexual abuse has long been a taboo in Chinese society within which therapists as well as families face challenges at different levels of intervention. In this presentation, the impact of disclosure and abuse on children and families as well as the complexities faced by therapists in a Chinese context in terms of the legal and social system, culture, beliefs and values would be highlighted. The principles of a family-based relational approach that help therapists to navigate through the complex interplay of factors that these families bring to therapy would also be discussed with case illustrations.



Michael La Sala

Gay children on the edge: helping them find their way home.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) children face the unique challenges of stigma, rejection, even violence at the hands of their peers, their families and the societies in which they live. In the U.S. and elsewhere, intolerance of homosexuality has left these children vulnerable to assault and murder, as well as mental health problems, addictions and suicide. All who care about the well-being of children need the skills to help these vulnerable kids feel safe and strong. During this presentation, participants will learn 1) the challenges LGBT youth face and how to help them build resilience, 2) how to help parents adjust to the news that a son or daughter is LGBT so

that families can be a resource for their children and 3) how to identify and diminish the structural and institutional oppression of LGBT youth.



William Davis, Bill Peace and Nicole Robertson

Adolescents on the edge - an intergenerational approach to working with young Maori and Pacific Island teenagers in New Zealand.

For Maori and Pacific Island cultures whanau (family) wellbeing remains central to individual decision making. European colonization and recent cultural migration continues to erode the inter-connectedness that has sustained families and we see more young people fall through the gaps, as their parents and grandparents struggle to negotiate a fragmented society. STRIVE Community Trust adolescent school program draws from traditional Maori values and ways and re-establishes the importance of whakawhanaungatanga (inter-connectedness) between family members, staff, adolescents and community to alter the life trajectory of our people.



Mustafa Qossoqsi

Intercultural psychotherapy with adolescents and political violence.

In the international literature there are not yet many references about psychotherapeutic work in which the therapist and the patient have different cultural backgrounds and their cultural differences might be used as a defense from both sides.

What happens when the therapist belongs to a minority group in relation to the patient's? What happens when the therapist is an Arab-Palestinian and the patient is a Jewish adolescent both living within the long term

and unsolved Israeli-Palestinian context? How does each confront such cultural and political differences, and how can each rise beyond their own subjectivity in such a destructive reality?



John S. Rolland

Mastering family challenges with childhood illness: an integrative model.

Childhood and adolescent illness and disability can have a devastating impact on family life. Dr. Rolland's widely recognized Family Systems-Illness Model provides a psychosocial map to help families navigate the experience of illness over time. His resilience-oriented approach integrates the psychosocial demands of various kinds and phases of illness with individual and family developmental challenges, multigenerational legacies and beliefs. Clinical guidelines address key issues, such as: facilitating communication, resolving parental conflicts, living with uncertainty and threatened loss, well-siblings, adherence & power struggles and treatment decisions. Cost-effective service delivery applications in different clinical settings, including use of preventive family consultations, psychosocial checkups and brief interventions will be discussed.



Jorge Villar

The forgotten ones: helping adolescents who have lived on the street to integrate a healthier notion of family.

Through presenting different cases, the presentation will explore the notion of family in Mexican children and adolescents who opted to live on the street following the loss of their mothers who emigrated to the U.S.A. leaving them in the care of other family members in towns with high incidences of migration to the U.S.A., child trafficking and prostitution. It will describe the therapeutic accompaniment and the eco-systemic work with their families of origin and/or reference which the Juconi Foundation has developed to help these adolescents form a constructive identity and internalize a healthier working model of family.



Froma Walsh

In the wake of traumatic loss: a family systems approach for youth recovery and resilience.

Traumatic death and loss of significant family members can be devastating for children and adolescents, fuelling emotional, behavioral, and relational problems and substance abuse. Such losses are all too common in poor and marginalized communities. In contrast to predominant individual therapy models with trauma and bereavement, Dr. Walsh will present her resilience-oriented family systems approach for clinicians to facilitate key family processes that nurture youth recovery and resilience. She will offer practice guidelines and case illustrations with complicated bereavement challenges in the loss of a parent, caregiver or sibling; in situations of violent death (e.g. domestic or community violence); ambiguous loss (e.g. a missing loved one); painful family separations; unacknowledged, stigmatized death (e.g. suicide, HIV/AIDS); and major disasters. In strengthening family resilience, the struggle to heal from loss can yield unexpected personal and relational transformation and positive growth.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Languages

The official languages of the conference are Italian, English, Spanish and French. Simultaneous translation will be provided for plenaries and consecutive translation for workshops, sub-plenaries and brief presentations.

The auditorium can accommodate 700 people, special simultaneous translation rooms are provided.

Conference Venue

Seraphicum University – Via del Seraphicum n. 1 – Rome



On the line Metro B (www.atac.roma.it) from the main train station, Termini, 11 stops – 20 minutes, get off at LAURENTINA stop (last one), 5 minutes walking distance from Seraphicum University.



Registration fees

Early registration (before February 1 st , 2012)	300 Euros*
Regular registration (before May 1 st , 2012)	350 Euros*
Late registration (after May 1 st , 2012)	400 Euros*

*In the registration fee are included three Mediterranean lunches and two coffee breaks a day.

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No refunds after May 20th, 2012

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Hotels (****/*****)

√ Hotel Mediterraneo****superior – V. Cavour, 15 - tel. +39 06 4884051 www.bettojahotels.it – mediterraneo@bettojahotels.it

Headquarter of the conference, 5 minutes walking distance from main train station, Termini. Roof garden restaurant, art déco, buffet breakfast included

Double room single use 180€

Double room 200€

√ Hotel Radisson***** - V. Filippo Turati, 171 - tel. +39 06 444841

www.radissonblu.com/eshotel-rome

Super elegant modern hotel, near the coloured intercultural market Esquilino, in front of main train station, Termini, super buffet breakfast included

Double room single use 200€

Double room 225€

√ Grand Hotel Palatino**** - V. Cavour, 213/m - tel. +39 06 4814927

info@hotelpalatino.com - www.hotelpalatino.com

2 minutes walking distance from line B metro stop CAVOUR, walking distance from Fori Imperiali and Colosseum. Three nights minimum stay - breakfast included

Double room single use 180€

Double room 210€

Triple room 240€

√ Hotel Genova**** – V. Cavour, 25 – tel. +39 06 476951

direzione.genova@remarhotels.com – www.remarhotels.com

5 minutes walking distance from main train station, Termini, next door to Hotel Mediterraneo – breakfast included

Single room 140€

Double room single use 155€

Double room 195€

Triple room 275€

For a minimum stay of 3 nights, if Sunday is included, 50% off on the Sunday fee.

Hotels (***)

∨ Hotel Villa del Parco – V. Nomentana, 110 – tel. +39 06 44237773 www.hotelvilladelparco.it – info@hotelvilladelparco.it

Very nice, small, elegant and comfortable, next to the Accademia, far from the conference venue. All rooms have private bath, breakfast is included, air conditioning.

Single room	95€
Double room single use	105€
Double room	125€

∨ Hotel Colosseum – V. Sforza, 10 – tel. +39 06 4827078
www.hotelcolosseum.com – info@hotelcolosseum.com

Very nice hotel on the Esquilino Hill with a beautiful panoramic terrace, it is only 3 minutes walking distance from the metro stop Cavour.

Single room	120€
Double room single use	148€
Double room	165€

∨ Casa San Bernardo – V. Laurentina, 289 – tel. +39 06 5407651
www.casasanbernardo.it – info@casasanbernardo.it

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Double room	70€
Triple room	102€

∨ Dormitory Seraphicum University – Via del Serafico, 1 – tel. +39 06 515031 portineria@seraphicum.org – www.seraphicum.org

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