INVITATION

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSCULTURAL PSYCHIATRY IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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Invitation

Europe is experiencing one of the most significant influxes of migrants and refugees in its history. Pushed by civil war and terror and pulled by the promise of a better life, hundreds of thousands of people have fled the Middle East and Africa, risking their lives along the way. More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as countries struggle to cope with the influx and creating division in the EU over how best to deal with resettling people. The vast majority arrived by sea but some migrants have made their way over land, principally via Turkey and the Balkan countries.

In a rapidly changing world, psychiatry faces numerous challenges. In response to these rapid societal changes, psychiatry needs to be prepared to meet the challenges of migration, acculturative change and acculturative stressors. Transcultural psychiatry focuses on the study of all these phenomena. In a rapidly changing world, the culture of psychiatry itself is also changing, from a more medically constricted perspective to a more inclusive scientific approach integrating the perspectives of the social sciences, public health and public policy, along with medicine and its related clinical disciplines.

That is why we invite you to learn about these developments and to discuss their implications in this conference – the Second International Conference on Transcultural Psychiatry in Central/ North European Countries. We will discuss the characteristics of rapid culture change over the past two decades, theoretical and practical issues related to the mental health care for migrants, migrants’ access to appropriate mental health and social services, coping with stigma and social exclusion, intercultural marriage and its implications, culture change within psychiatry and health care more broadly, and a number of other related subjects.

The conference objective is to enable presentations by experienced researchers, clinicians and policymakers from a number of European countries, as well as those from countries around the world.

The long-range goal of the conference is the greater cultural integration of immigrants and refugees in all countries, along with the reduction of stigma related to migration and minority status in all countries.

Artur Broclawski (PL, DE), Solmaz Golsabahi-Broclawski (A), Marianne Kastrup (DK), Hans Rohlof (NL), Ron Winroth (USA), Kees Laban (NL), Ewa Straszewska (PL), Ewa Dobiala (PL), Krystyn Czerniejewski (PL)
Programme Outline

What is scheduled so far

**Snezhanka Dimitrova** – *positive psychotherapist, master-trainer of positive and transcultural psychotherapy, President of Bulgarian association of positive psychotherapy, Bulgaria*

- Positum approach to misunderstandings between parents and adopted children of different ethnic origin. Presenting a case of psychotherapeutic practice.

**Anna Hakiel** - *Master Applied Psychology, Master Positive Transcultural Psychotherapist Berlin/ Krakow/ Wroclaw*

- Shame as a crucial mediator in building therapeutic relationship, inclusive transcultural society and in peacebuilding processes.
- Case analyses of individual and group work with refugees living in Berlin.
- Workshop: Positive Psychotherapy’s application to work with Syrian refugees.

**Ewa Dobiala**- *psychiatrist, certified psychotherapist of Polish Psychiatric Association; psychotherapist and trainer of positive and transcultural psychotherapy, Poland*

- Migration and transcultural psychiatry in Poland.
- Workshop: Positive Psychotherapy and its application to multicultural family system.

**Wieslaw Cubala**- *psychiatrist, University Clinical Center - Hospital Medical University of Gdansk - Department of Mental Disorders and Neurotic*

- Current issues in Polish Psychiatry- Problems and Challenges

**Marianne C. Kastrup** – *psychiatrist*

- To what extent are ethical guidelines dependent on culture

**Hans Rohlof**- *psychiatrist*

- Psychotherapy with migrants

**Stefanka Tomcheva** - *positive psychotherapist, master-trainer of positive and transcultural psychotherapy, Bulgaria*

- Adolescent between the two shores. Presenting a case of psychotherapeutic practice.

**Mimoun Azizi** – *psychiatrist, University Oldenburg*

- Posttraumatic stress disorder as a result of war and flight: Development, maintenance and comorbidity – an overview

**Kees Laban** – *psychiatrist, De Evenaar North Netherlands Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry*

- Suicidal behaviour among asylum seekers in the Netherlands; prevalence, background and prevention.
Stefan Mennemeier - positive psychotherapist, Balint-Group Leader, Kassel

- Workshop with Ewa Dobiałła A: To make aware of the members personal view of human mankind B: exercises to support a resources focused view of human mankind
- Workshop Transcultural Balint-Group
- The concept of the 5 Basic affects under aspects of bonding stability and symptom-control within the transcultural positive Psychotherapy

Ibrahim Özkan – psychologist, Asklepios Kliniken Göttingen

- Workshop: Methods in trauma therapeutic works with migrants

Workshops and Symposia

This meeting will be used to introduce new ideas and concepts.
- Main language: English, Polish

The workshops aim to deepen a topic or a question in the common conversation (90 minutes). A symposium consist of four short presentations à 20 minutes, which will be discussed subsequently. Proposals for a workshop or symposium should consist of a working title, a brief abstract (approximately 500 characters) and the name of the organizing people and their functions.

Deadline for submission is 15.01.2017

Abstract Topics
Abstracts on any topic related to asylum seekers and refugees; psychiatric and psychotherapy transcultural medicine will be considered. Abstracts should base on work that provides new information. Abstracts will be reviewed by the International Scientific Program Committee

- Anxiety Disorders and Somatoform Disorders
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Classification of Mental Disorders
- Cultural Psychiatry
- Depression
- Emergency Psychiatry
- Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry
- Ethics and Psychiatry
- Education and Training
- Incorporating Cultural Issues in Education for Ethical Practice
- Mental Health Care and Mental Health Policies
- Migration and Mental Health of Immigrants
- Pain and Treatment Options
- Personality and Personality Disorders
- Philosophy and Psychiatry
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
- Prevention of Mental Disorders
• Promotion of Mental Health
• Psychotherapy
• Personal, National and Collective Memory

• Practical Strategies for Providing Culturally Sensitive, Ethical Care in Developing Nations
• Suicidality and Suicide Prevention
• Training in Psychiatry
• Teaching Ethics in Religious or Cultural Conflict Situations: a Personal Perspective
• Women, Gender and Mental Health

Cancellation Policy
Cancellation requests made in writing (e-mail) will be accepted, up to 14 days prior to the conference opening date, and will be reimbursed 50% of registration fee paid after this date, no reimbursement is possible.

Conference Information

Venue
Hotel Nadmorski ****, Ul. Ejsmonda 2, 81-409 Gdynia
www.nadmorski.pl, hotel@nadmorski.pl

Accreditation
Accreditation for medical participants has been asked.

Registration:
• until 15 Jan 2017, 150 €
• speaker, 100 €
• special country fee: 80 €
  (only for residents of Ukraine, Belr aus, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania)
• student registration: 60 € (must be accompanied by student identification card)
• one day: 100 €

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