

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

XVIII INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF PSYCHOANALYSIS 2014
17-19 September, 2014 Kaunas, Lithuania

Psychoanalysis, Trauma and Severe Mental Disorders



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An event organized by International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies (IFPS).

Hosting societies:

- **Kaunas Society for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (Lithuania)**
- **Therapeia Society (Finland)**
- **Institutt for Psykoterapi (Norway)**

In present days a rising part of the patients met in clinical practice display problems going deeper than the neurotic level and consequently there has been increasing need for the development of new methods and theoretical conceptualizations to deal with them. The XVIII Forum is aimed at presenting new developments in the psychoanalytic understanding of trauma and severe mental disorders. While highly regarding theoretical discussions and the findings of research, we also want to put a special emphasis on and stimulate the clinical exchange between analysts from different parts of the world. Psychoanalysis was born in the consulting room and in its development it has always been contingent on the continuous exchange between theoretical reflection and clinical practice. At the XVIII Forum, we want to put the clinic in a central position. In keeping with the best traditions of the IFPS, we aim to stimulate discussion between different strands of psychoanalytic thought and believe this can best be achieved through an emphasis and focus on the clinical exchange.

The topic of the conference is 'Psychoanalysis, trauma and severe mental disorder'. Through the different presentations we aim to elucidate recent developments in the treatment and psychoanalytic understanding of psychosis and other severe mental disorders. As a concept, trauma offers a fruitful vantage point in trying to understand the etiology and development of severe mental disorders. Looking at the particular developmental problems ending in a psychotic breakdown or personality structures insufficient to deal with the exigencies of life, accumulated traumatic development, frequently cutting through generations and sometimes reaching from the societal level deep down into the individual psyche, can often be found. Severe non-treated trauma can result in the impairment of the individual's capacities to deal with internal conflicts and disrupt the regulation of affects. Keeping in mind the clinical focus of the Forum we have invited papers about the treatment of schizophrenia, the implementation of transference focused psychotherapy in the treatment of severe personality disorders, the traumatic background of forensic patients and the treatment of trauma as well as papers on the early interaction and attachment theory. Through symposia and workshops we want to highlight the work of pioneers, who have made significant contributions to the understanding of severe mental disorders and psychotic breakdown, but also focus on treatment-issues to be found in the psychotherapies of severe mental disorders. The evolving views on the patient-therapist-relationship and the study of transference and counter-transference-phenomena are also points of interest for the conference. In order to make for a deeper understanding of the requirements of the treatment of severe mental disorders, we also want to put forward and discuss recent developments within the field of psychotherapy-research.

Confirmed speakers:

Horst Kächele	Sverre Varvin
Michael Ermann	Sandra Buechler
Françoise Davoine	Marco Conci
Jean-Max Gaudillière	Juhani Ihanus
Klaus Hoffmann	Maurizio Peciccia
Miguel Angel Torres	Susan Kavalier-Adler
Sonia Gojman de Milán	Juan Flores

Suggested topics:

The contributions of the early pioneers on psychoanalysis and severe pathologies – Ferenczi, Fromm-Reichmann, Sullivan, Searles, Benedetti but also Bion, Lacan, Winnicott, Kernberg; problems of symbolization in severe disorders; dreams and psychosis; bodily representation of psychic conflicts; technical issues – transference, counter-transference, interpretation and resistance - encountered in the treatment of severe disorders; the treatment of trauma; violence and destructiveness; violent patients; sexuality and perversion; treatment of severe pathology – current status of research; neuro-psychoanalytic understanding and severe pathology.

Call for papers and symposia proposals:

Individual papers which can be presented in 20-25 minutes, symposiums, posters and workshops connected to the title of the Forum. Papers for plenary presentation may have a presentation time for 50 minutes. **Within the second week of February 2014**, abstracts in English should be sent:

- to the chairman of the scientific program committee Agnar Berle agnar-b@online.no and
- to the vice-president of the Forum Jan Johansson jan.johansson@pp2.inet.fi

We welcome proposals for self-supported symposia for the consideration by the Scientific committee. Some of the symposia might be presented as plenary events. However, it should be noted that, due to time and space limitations, it might not be possible to accommodate all such proposals in the program. Symposia proposals should include:

1. Overall symposium abstract including title
2. Names and individual titles of the speakers involved

Symposium organisers will be notified in due time regarding the inclusion of their proposal in the final program.

The Benedetti-Conci Prize for IFPS-Candidates

At the Forum, a prize for the best paper presented by a candidate-member on the topic of the Forum will be awarded. The prize of **1000 \$** is kindly provided for by dr Marco Conci. The receiver of the award will be decided by the prize-committee consisting of Agnar Berle, Marco Conci, Aleksandras Kulak and Christer Sjödin.

Project coordinators:

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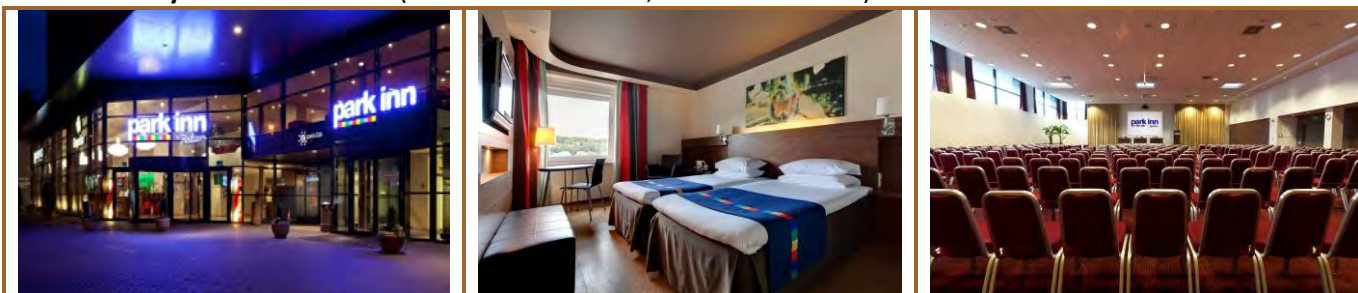
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Conference venue:

Hotel Park Inn by Radisson Kaunas (K. Donelaicio Str. 27, Kaunas LT-44240)



The XVIII International Forum of Psychoanalysis 2014 will be held at the Conference centre of 4 star Park Inn by Radisson Kaunas Hotel, located in the heart of Kaunas city, Lithuania.

This hotel's location is an ideal base for exploring the country's second-largest city. Near the walkway Laisves Aleja (literally Liberty Boulevard or Liberty Avenue), the hotel is in short distance from a variety of cultural and historic attractions in Kaunas. Visitors can spend an afternoon browsing artwork at the M.K. Ciurlionis National Museum of Art, taking in the collection of 3,000 devils at the unusual Devils' Museum or examining historical artifacts at the Vytautas the Great War Museum. Alternatively, local theatres, places of historical interest such as Kaunas Castle and family attractions like the Aleksotas Funicular Railway are accessible by car. Navigating the city is easy via the hotel's links to Kaunas public transportation.

Gala dinner venue

Raudondvaris Castle Orangery (Pilies takas 1, LT-54127, Raudondvaris village, Kaunas district)



The XVIII International Forum of Psychoanalysis 2014 Gala Dinner on September 18 will be held at the Raudondvaris Castle Orangery, Raudondvaris village, Kaunas district.

Raudondvaris Manor is a Gothic-Renaissance gentry residence, located in the eponymous town of Raudondvaris, Lithuania. The complex consists of the castle, subsidiary buildings, an orangery and the stables. All the buildings are surrounded by a park. Various concerts, festivals, exhibitions and other events take place here today.

About Kaunas, Lithuania



Kaunas City is the second largest town in Lithuania, an attractive centre of business and industry as well as science, studies and culture. It was the provisional capital of Lithuania, famous for its colorful history, cozy parks, remarkable and wonderful Old Town and interwar spirit. Kaunas is an important university city with over 35,000 students studying in seven colleges and universities. The Jewish community had an important role in the life of Kaunas and Lithuania from its origin in XV century. Lithuania was a centre of Litvaks; many famous Jewish people lived and created there. More about Kaunas and Lithuania at the website www.ifps-forum2014.com

Social activities:

Kaunas is located in the central part of Lithuania 100 kilometers from the capital Vilnius and in the central part of Eastern Europe with very easy and comfortable access by plane, car or train what makes it good starting point for exploring this region. Several excursions will be offered for the participants by organizing company around Kaunas and other interesting places in Lithuania (capital of the country Vilnius, Jewish heritage, health resort Druskininkai, sea shore resort Nida). For more information visit website www.ifps-forum2014.com or contact conference secretariat.

Travelling and accommodation:

Several hotels provide special prices for accommodation of the participants of the Forum. For the list of the hotels and travelling suggestions please visit the web-page of the Forum. If you need assistance or advice about accommodation or travelling to Kaunas please contact conference secretariat.

Register now!

Make sure to secure your place for this event now. On-line registration is now open! Please, visit Forum website: www.ifps-forum2014.com

If you need assistance with registration please contact conference secretariat.

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