# INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA MEETINGS VIII

**Mental Health in War and Peace** 

1<sup>st</sup> Announcement



5-7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014 www.ruhsaltravma2014.org



## 8<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA MEETINGS

8th International Psychological Trauma Meetings will take place in Istanbul on 5-7 December 2014 in Istanbul.

We are going through the years that wars and conflicts tires and wears the country and the people of the region. Conflicts, disappearances, deaths, migrations are events that negatively affect mental health. The common features of these events occur deliberately at the hands of human beings and are spread over a long period of time. It's known that long-term social traumas affect the community mental health adversely. Many problems associated with traumatic stress may appear and continue.

Our country and our region unfortunately is located in a area that many of long term traumas has been experienced. These persistent problems and their effects seem to continue for years. The efforts of capacity building for mental health and human rights workers are required in order to reduce the harmful effects of these traumatic events. We need to increase our knowledge and experience together with different disciplines and fields of expertise as mental health and human rights workers. International Psychological Trauma meetings aim to provide us such an added value with the participation of different disciplines with different topics.

We aimed to discuss the war, violence, consequences and causes with various aspects within the framework of this enrichment. We tried to emphasize resolution methods. Besides social resolutions and community mental health interventions, individual approaches to mental health problems is a main topic. We have designed to share all developments from psychotherapy to biological treatment within a rich frame.

On one hand, we are going through a period during which intensified clashes, increasingly important internal and external migration movements occur, while some provinces experience changes of social structure which might increase alienation and discrimination. Women, children and aged people are also known to be more vulnerable in this context. International Psychological Trauma meetings will allow us to discuss different aspects of the war, conflict, including the refugee.

It is clear that our participation and contribution being aware of the importance of sharing information and experiences will provide real benefits for the people and communities in difficult situations. We would like to invite you to contribute the meetings in order to create a significant enrichment.

Sincerely,

### **ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS**

Human Rights Foundation of Turkey,
Istanbul University, Istanbul Faculty of Medicine, Forensic Medicine Department
Kocaeli University Psychological Trauma and Disaster Studies Unit,
Norwegian Medical Association

Psychiatric Association of Turkey Psychological Trauma and Disaster Psychiatry Working Unit

Society of Forensic Medicine Specialists
Turkish Psychological Association Trauma Unit,
Turkish Medical Association

### **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

### A. Tamer Aker

(Kocaeli University Psychological Trauma and Disaster Studies Unit)

A. Ufuk Sezgin

(Turkey Psychological Association)

Bjorn O. Hoftvedt

(Norwegian Medical Association)

**Burhanettin Kaya** 

(Turkish Medical Association)

Metin Bakkalcı

(Human Rights Foundation of Turkey)

Sahika Yüksel

(Human Rights Foundation of Turkey)

Şebnem Korur Fincancı

(Istanbul University, Istanbul Faculty of Medicine, Forensic Medicine Department)

**Taner Yılmaz** 

(Psychiatric Association of Turkey)

Ümit Ünüvar

(Society of Forensic Medicine Specialists)

### SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andreas Maercker

Ayşen Coşkun

Ayşe Devrim Başterzi

Ayten Zara

Babur Yusufi

Banu Yılmaz

Bedirhan Üstün

Cem Cerit

**Christian Prost** 

Ebru Toksov

Elif Kırmızı Alsan

Eline Thorfleifsson

Fmin Önder

Feride Aksu

Feyza Çelik

Halis Ulas

nalis Olaş

Hamide Ünal Hira Selma Kalkan

Ilgin Gökler Danışma

Işık Karakaya

la alı Cavil

Jack Saul

Mehmet Zihni Sungur Mowadat Hussain Rana

Mustafa Sercan

Nadir Arıcan

**Nora Sveaass** 

Nuray Karanci

Önder Kavakçı

Önder Özkalıpçı

Öznur Acicbe

Pınar Önen

Rasit Tükel

**Roderick Orner** 

Sezai Berber

Soren Buus Jensen

Stuart Turner

Susan Klein

Şahika Şişmanlar

Tanık Tuba Akyüz

Tunç Alkın

Ulrich Schnyder

Ümit Biçer

Vedat Şar

Vincent lacopino

Yüksel Baykara Acar

### **MAIN TOPICS**

### INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK OF WAR

- · Intergenerational transmission of war and peace
- Forms of nonviolent resistance against war
- The peace process and conflict resolution
- War, immigration and asylum
- · Human rights and law in war
- · Truth, justice and the reconciliation of trauma
- Social trauma
- Collective coping methods in ongoing war
- · War and art
- · War and media
- From violence to war; understanding the destructiveness
- Life impulse, death impulse; eros and thanatos
- Understanding the war in the context of mental theory
- Alienation and war
- · The origins of discrimination and effects on mental health

### TRAUMATIC MENTAL FRAMEWORK OF WAR

- · War and Grief
- · The effects of war on soldiers and civilians
- · Neurobiological effects of chronic trauma
- The role of social peace for remediation of the psychological effects of trauma
- Diagnostic criteria in the historical process from war Neurosis to post traumatic stress disorder;
- Trauma and memory
- Trauma and posttraumatic growth
- Diseases associated with psychological trauma in the context of gene interactions environment

### MENTAL PROBLEMS AND HEALTH SERVICES ON WAR

- Military psychiatry
- · War and health care workers
- · Consequences of war on public health
- · People with severe mental problems and treatments in disaster environments
- · Treatment approaches in psychological trauma diseases
- Psychosocial support and psychotherapy on mental trauma and related problems
- · Being woman, child, old or disabled in the environment of war

### **GENERAL INFORMATIONS**

Congress Venue: Ortaköy Princess Hotel, Ortaköy

Please visit for detailed information www.ruhsaltravma2014.org

Congress Language: Turkish and English. Simultaneous translation will

be provided in both languages.

**Crediting:** Meeting will be credited by Turkish Medical Association

REGISTRATION TYPE REGISTRAION FEE

Specialist Doctor 225 TRY
Trainee 175 TRY
Student 100 TRY
Company Representative 225 TRY

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

# Congress Date: 5 - 7 December 2014

We are waiting for your suggestions regarding the content of meeting (Panel Working Group, Posters, Oral Presentation) until **May 1, 2014** 

### CONTACT

For the Scientific Issues info@ruhsaltravma2014.org

For Congress Registration & Accommodation

ruhsaltravma2014@flaptour.com.tr



# **Symposium Secretariat**

flap

T: 312 454 00 00 F: 312 454 00 01

ruhsaltravma 2014@flaptour.com.tr 441. Cadde No: 1 Birlik, Çankaya / Ankara ruhsaltravma 2014.org