



## **World Federation for Psychotherapy 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Psychotherapy**

**Co-Sponsored by the Critical Incident Stress Management Section of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security, City University of New York Graduate Center, and the Association of Women Psychiatrists**

**June 4-6, 2026**

**Venues: United Nations Headquarters & City University of New York Graduate Center**

### **Call for Proposals**

**Conference Theme: “Psychotherapy, Mental Health and Human Rights- Caring for Vulnerable Populations, Healthcare Professionals, and Humanitarian Relief Workers”**

#### **Scientific Co-Chairs:**

Asher Aladjem (USA); Sohail Ali (USA); César Alfonso (USA); Chaimaa Aroui (Morocco); Moussa Ba (USA); Dilip Jeste (USA); Alma Jimenez (Philippines); Amine Larnaout (Tunisia); Goran Mijaljica (Sweden); Helene Nissen-Lie (Norway); Daniela Polese (Italy); Nik Ruzyanei Nik Jaafar (Malaysia), Ekaterina Sukhanova (USA).

The World Federation of Psychotherapy is now accepting proposals for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Psychotherapy, being held at the United Nations Headquarters and City University of New York Graduate Center in New York, NY June 4 – 6, 2024. All proposals must be submitted no later than **October 1, 2025, 11:59 PM US-Eastern time.**

## **SUBMISSION TYPES:**

### **Symposia:**

Each symposium will be of 90 minutes duration with 2 co-chairs and 4 speakers. One of the co-chairs may also be a speaker. Speakers will limit their presentations to 15 minutes to allow for audience participation moderated by co-chairs. Symposia must address at least two of the congress topics.

WFP Member societies are encouraged to submit symposia. Please use the "**Member Society Symposia**" submission choice if submitting on behalf of a WFP Member society.

Proposals should be initiated by the chair, and the chair will be asked to add the remaining co-chair and 4 participants, a 250-word abstract describing the symposium, 3 Educational objectives, and 2-3 references. Only one abstract per symposium is required and individual presenters do not need to submit individual abstracts.

### **Individual Papers:**

15 minutes presentation of research findings or a clinical topic. Your paper will be placed with others thematically or by topic.

Proposals must be submitted by the presenter, and the submitter will be required to enter a 250-word abstract, 3 Educational objectives, and 2-3 references.

### **Posters:**

Posters are submitted in either the research or clinical track. Poster abstracts should be a concise description of results, findings and conclusions of a psychotherapy research study, or an illustrative clinical case or case series. Accepted posters will be displayed electronically.

Posters must be submitted by the presenting author, and should include a 250-word abstract and co-authors.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Language:**

English is the official language of the conference

### **Power Point Presentations:**

Presenters are encouraged to organize their talks accompanied by power point slides. Slides are helpful for symposia and paper presentations. Bring your slides in portable memory sticks and email yourself back-up copies.

### **Presentation Ethics/Informed Consent:**

*Informed Consent must be obtained for all clinical case presentations. **You must mention that the patient(s) in the case report(s)/ presentation(s)/poster gave informed consent.** Additionally, you may disguise case material to protect confidentiality, but not as a substitution for informed consent.*

### **Punctuality:**

Presenters and chairs are expected to be punctual and adhere to the published timetable/schedule.



Chairs will help presenters adhere to the allotted time.

**Registration:**

*All presenters are expected to register for the conference and pay registration fees according to the sliding scale published in the conference website. Please note that on-site registration will not be allowed, and all presenters must pre-register by the specified deadline.*

**Young Investigator Awards:**

*Ten Young Investigator Awards will be presented by the President at the Closing Ceremony of the World Congress.*

Each of the ten winners will be awarded waived registration fee and a stipend of \$1,000 USD. The stipend is meant to cover travel expenses and will be given retroactively within one month after the conclusion of the congress. These awards are reserved for early-career clinicians (within 7 years of completion of training-Masters, Ph.D., or residency training). The awardee must be the first author of the poster and be physically present at the congress. Those to be considered will have to apply for the awards when submitting the abstract and adhere to the submission deadline. The jury will be made up of at least three members of the scientific committee.

**Policies and Guidelines for Poster Presentations:**

Ideally, your poster should be self-explanatory so that you are free to supplement and discuss particular points when asked. The poster session provides an opportunity for informal discussion, but this becomes more difficult if you are obliged to explain the basics of your poster to each viewer.

There may only be one presenter for each poster and the presenter must be an investigator on the research study and included among the authors listed on the abstract submission.

Posters must report only findings of the research. No advertising or product identification by brand name is allowed. Generic names of drugs should be used throughout the poster.

Paper Handouts are discouraged but electronic communication encouraged.

**The Poster Layout:**

- Posters will be displayed electronically on flat screens as part of a continuous .pptx file loop. Each poster will remain visible for 10 minutes before the next slide (poster) rotates to appear on the screen. Several screens will be placed in a large hallway and presenters will be given specific times to stand next to their posters/screens to interact with the audience.
- The abstract should be incorporated as part of the poster.
- Bear in mind that your illustrations will be viewed from distances of one meter or more. All lettering should be visible to most viewers without discomfort.
- It helps the viewer if you can indicate (by numbers, letters, or arrows) a preferred sequence that might be followed in studying your material.
- Try to keep everything simple, avoid overly ornate presentations. Font size may vary but avoid using multiple fonts. Block coloring can be useful here to add emphasis and clarity. Preferably, captions should be brief and labels few but clear.



## **Congress Topics:**

1. Caring for Refugees, Displaced Persons and Asylum Seekers
2. Stigma and Discrimination
3. 2SLGBTQIA+ affirmative psychotherapies
4. Caring for Survivors of Natural Disasters
5. Caring for Survivors of Torture and Terrorism
6. Climate Change
7. Suicide Prevention
8. Human Rights
9. Women's Rights
10. Children's Rights
11. Bioethics
12. Psychotherapy with the Medically Ill
13. Psychotherapy with Persons with Disabilities
14. Psychotherapy with Persons with Sensory Impairment
15. Psychotherapy with persons living with HIV
16. Caring for Humanitarian Relief Workers
17. Prevention of Burnout and Moral Injury
18. Caring for Healthcare Professionals
19. Trauma-Focused Psychotherapies
20. CBT
21. Third-Wave Therapies
22. Psychoanalysis and Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
23. Motivational Interviewing
24. Interpersonal Therapy
25. Supportive Psychotherapy
26. Mindfulness
27. Humanistic Therapies
28. Hypnosis
29. EMDR
30. Ketamine and Psychedelic Assisted Psychotherapy
31. Brief Psychotherapies
32. Group Psychotherapy
33. Balint Groups for Healthcare Professionals
34. Family and Couple Therapy
35. Psychosocial Therapies
36. Computer-Assisted Therapies
37. Tele-psychotherapy
38. Culturally Adapted Psychotherapies
39. Combined/integrated Psychotherapies
40. Psychotherapy Outcomes
41. Psychotherapy Research
42. Psychotherapy and Neuroscience
43. Parent-Infant Psychotherapy
44. Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents
45. Psychotherapy in Late Life
46. End-of-Life and Palliative Care Psychotherapies
47. Psychotherapy and Primary Care
48. Psychotherapy, Culture and Society
49. Religion and Spirituality
50. Psychotherapy and Public Health
51. Liaising with NGOs to Promote Mental Health
52. Psychotherapy at the Workplace and Employee Assistance Programs
53. Psychotherapy and Student Mental Health
54. Delivering Psychotherapy in Underserved Areas of the World

## **Contact/Submission:**

To submit, go to <https://wfp.societyconference.com/> and click “Submissions”. Create an account or log into an existing account, then click “Access My Dashboard” to start/edit an existing submission. For system instructions, [click here](#).

If you have system-related questions, please contact the Congress Organizers [wfp2026@parthenonmgmt.com](mailto:wfp2026@parthenonmgmt.com). For scientific-related questions, please contact César Alfonso, M.D. via email: [cesaralfonso@mac.com](mailto:cesaralfonso@mac.com)

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