



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

17th International Congress
for the Psychological Treatments
of the Schizophrenias and
other Psychoses

”Psychological Therapies for
Psychoses in the 21st Century
Influencing Brain, Mind
and Society“

ISPS Croatia: 16th School of
Psychotherapy of Psychoses
31st May - 04th June 2011
Dubrovnik, Croatia

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WELCOME

Welcome to ISPS's 17th International congress for the psychological treatments of the schizophrenias and other psychoses.

Due to the increasing interest in the psychology of the psychoses, ISPS has decided to organise international congresses every two years.

That is why we are welcoming you to the wonderful city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, just two years since the last congress, i.e. from 31st May to 4th June 2011.

A HUNDRED YEARS OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PSYCHOSES

Following Emil Kraepelin's (1896) essential breakthrough in classification of psychotic disorders, Eugen Bleuler (1911) understood that deep splits in the functioning of human psyche plays one of the the basic roles in psychotic disorders.

In the year of our congress in Dubrovnik we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the term "schizophrenia" which has become so present in our everyday life. This is the occasion to put the question – what will we as professionals succeed in creating during the next hundred years?

Through the last half of the 19th century and the whole 20th century many exceptional researchers and illustrious minds were dedicating their professional lives to foster notions about the important elements from biological, psychological and social spectra that could bring about psychotic disturbances. Nevertheless it remains not clear enough what causes difficulties in the psychological and social functioning of patients with psychotic disorder.

Many authors, accepting the biological and cognitive theories, give priority to the disturbance of the thinking process and its content, followed by concomitant difficulties in affectivity, interpersonal relationships, the feeling of the self, will, and psychomotor activity. These difficulties include social disturbances, insufficient self-care, and disruption of the quality of life, which make important reflections on everyday functioning.

Other discuss the influence of early stages of development in the appearance of psychosis. It is proven that some early experiences become impressed in memory. During that development, the interactions with the environment are multiplied and transformed until a certain level of maturity is reached. In this way, the experience of oneself and one's environment is gradually established. Intrapsychic and interpersonal dynamics become progressively filled with both cognitive and affective elements. It is assumed that these processes were disturbed during early developmental phases, and could be improved through comprehensive bio-psycho-social treatments.

MIND IN BRAIN

A century ago Freud was criticised for his convictions that at the roots of all human psychological functioning there are neurophysiological processes. Due to modern neuroscientific discoveries developed especially in the last three decades, the functioning of the brain and “mind-in-brain” point of view is clarifying many questions. But at least as an inspiration we may ask is “schizophrenia” just a scientific delusion? Many possible answers are waiting for the researchers from biological, psychological and social fields to clarify the question.

MEETING OF MINDS IN DUBROVNIK

Nowadays we have at our disposition many therapeutic approaches that enable persons with psychosis to remain in the stream of everyday life as anybody else. Here we are coming to ISPS in Dubrovnik, professionals from diverse sides of the world, to expose and exchange the experiences and knowledge we use in trying to help people with psychosis, their families and other their human environment.

What would be the best approaches that would bring recovery and empowerment of people functioning on psychotic levels?

We, organisers of this 17th ISPS congress, decided to propose to our colleagues and friends, the topic of PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES FOR PSYCHOSES IN THE 21TH CENTURY – INFLUENCING BRAIN, MIND AND SOCIETY.

It is not by chance that Dubrovnik was chosen as a meeting place in 2011, because of the tradition of the town to serve as a crossroads for world advanced thinking. ISPS Croatia has succeeded to gather every year here in Dubrovnik colleagues who are applying psychological therapies for psychoses in the frame of reference of the comprehensive bio-psycho-social treatments of people with psychoses. Here we have regular exchange with our neighbouring colleagues from Slovenia, Greece, Italy and other European countries, and receiving guest-lecturers from Boston to Singapore.

DUBROVNIK - A World Heritage Site

We do hope that in Dubrovnik you will find the rich history of a city – an independent republic for more than thousand years, a World cultural heritage under UNESCO protection, with the warm and elegant atmosphere of a Mediterranean city with its unique charm. The beautiful Dalmatian coast will add to the excitement of the visit. We believe that the Dalmatian gastronomy will please you, as well. And we do hope that many airline connections, as well as highways connecting Dalmatia with the European highways network, as well as ferries from Italy across Adriatic, will facilitate your presence in Dubrovnik. The variety of accommodation possibilities will be at your disposition, too.

See you soon at the Dubrovnik ISPS International congress,
31st May – 4th June 2011

On behalf of the organising and scientific committees

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THEMES AND TOPICS

- Models of psychosis: structure and phases of illness and cure
- Neuroscience, body-mind-brain theories and psychosis
- Philosophy and ethics related to treatment of psychosis
- Phenomenology, psychodynamics and socio-cultural theories of psychosis
- Subjectivity, identity, self and psychotic crises
- Trauma, PTSD, and psychosis
- Stress, vulnerability and premorbid personality of persons with psychosis
- New perspective on the development of psychosis
- Risk factors, development and psychosis
- Prevention relapse and readmission of psychotic disorders
- Psychotherapy and recovery for psychotic disorders
- Psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioural, interpersonal and other forms of individual and group psychotherapy of psychosis
- The importance of the relationship in the treatment of psychosis
- Integrated, assertive and psycho-educational treatment programmes for people with psychosis
- Service models: acute units, in- and outpatient units, day centres and community service for people suffering from psychosis
- Crises centres for people suffering from psychosis and rehabilitations alternatives to hospitalisation (including users' perspectives)
- Psychopharmacological and psychosocial interventions in psychosis
- Treatment adherence to medication and psychosocial methods in therapeutic approach to people with psychosis
- Psychosis and treatment of the whole family
- Psychoeducational groups
- Process and outcome research for patients with psychosis
- Cultural and spiritual impact on treatment of psychosis
- Narratives and first person accounts of people with psychosis
- Psychology of psychoses
- Psychodynamic understanding of forensic patients with psychosis
- Transcultural understanding of patients with psychosis
- The role of group conductor(s) in group psychotherapy of patients with psychosis
- The role of supervision of comprehensive treatment of psychoses

- Comprehensive treatment of psychosis in child and adolescent psychiatry
- Comprehensive treatment of psychosis with child and adolescent patients
- Comprehensive treatment of psychosis with adult patients
- Comprehensive treatment of psychoses with old age patients.

IMPORTANT DATES

Congress Dates:	31st May (plenary session in the afternoon) – 04th June 2011
Pre-congress:	31st May The space is open to workshops in English (more instructions are following) ISPS Croatia will organize: “16th ISPS Croatia school of Psychotherapy of Psychoses” Focus on: “Supportive psychodynamic psychotherapy for persons with psychotic disorders” (spoken language Croatian)
15th November 2010	Deadline for other abstract, posters and workshops submission
09th January 2011	Deadline for low registration fee
01st May 2011	Deadline for early registration fee

REGISTRATION

Entitlements

Delegates’ registration (members and non-members) would include:

- Participation in the Scientific Programme
- Final Programme & Abstract Supplement
- Coffee Breaks & Lunches
- Welcome reception

Workshop registration would include:

- Participation in the Pre-Congress Workshops
- Coffee Breaks & Lunches

One day registration would include:

- Participation in the Scientific Programme
- Final Programme & Abstract Supplement
- Coffee Breaks & Lunches

The Registration fee per person would be formed on low, early and regular or on-site basis for:

ISPS members	Before 09th January 2011	440,00 €
	Between 09th January and 01st May 2011	550,00 €
	After 01st May 2011	620,00 €
Non-members	Before 09th January 2011	540,00 €
	Between 09th January and 01st May 2011	590,00 €
	After 01st May 2011	670,00 €
Members of family and Patient Association	Before 09th January 2011	270,00 €
	Between 09th January and 01st May 2011	320,00 €
	After 01st May 2011	390,00 €

Pre-Congress Workshops 31st May 2011

(not included in the Symposium Registration) 100,00 €

Social programme:

Welcome reception	31st May 2011 (included in the Symposium Registration)	
Gala Dinner	02nd or 03rd June 2011	60,00 €

Cancellation and refund policy:

Deadline for registration is 15th April 2011

* Cancellation of registration is possible in written form only to the fax number +385/52/217-644 or e-mail: registration@isps2011.org

* Cancellation penalties from 15th April till 1st May 2011 amounts 50% of the total amount for registration costs.

* If registration is cancelled after the 1st May 2011 total amount for registration will be charged.

Payments would be remitted by Credit Card or Bank Transfer.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress Venue

The Congress programme would take part in the Congress Venues of the: Valamar Lacroma Resort**** and Valamar Dubrovnik President**** (www.valamar.com). The sites for the Congress programme are in the walking distance (300m). There is no need for the regular Shuttle service for participants between the hotels to the Congress Centre.

Welcome to Dubrovnik newest treasure and largest conference and spa hotel in the region. The Valamar Lacroma Resort is an astounding model of 'archinature' – a harmony of 21st century styling in a gorgeous natural environment. Nestled in glorious seclusion amidst the lush greenery of the Babin Kuk peninsula, the ultra-modern resort sets the standard for Croatian hospitality. Spectacular sea views and stylish interiors are just the foundations of what is truly an awe-inspiring resort. Comfortable rooms and luxurious suites provide beautiful vistas of the Elaphiti Islands and Mediterranean woodland. Providing a memorable gastronomic experience is high on the list of priorities for the Valamar Lacroma Resort.



Congress Facilities:

- Main Congress Hall 1000 seats (can be divided in 4 rooms of 250 seats)
- 4 Workrooms 50, 50, 60, 60 seats

Superb facilities, gourmet cuisine and a stunning location close to the intriguing old town of Dubrovnik make the Valamar Dubrovnik President Hotel the perfect base from which to enjoy a complete Mediterranean experience. Spectacular views over the verdant beauty of the Elaphiti islands come as standard from a peaceful peninsular setting above its own white pebble beach. Generously sized rooms with contemporary decor provide a fresh, spacious interior while large private terraces maximise the splendour of the surroundings.

Congress Facilities:

- 5 Workrooms 68, 68, 68, 90, 144 seats

Argosy Hotel*** 3 Workrooms 70, 70, 70 seats

Tirena Hotel*** 1 Workroom 70 seats

Valamar Dubrovnik President



Valamar Lacroma Resort



Argosy Hotel



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel rooms in different categories would be reserved located by the Symposium venue. It is anticipated that the hotel situation will be very tight during the Congress. It is, therefore, advisable to reserve rooms as early as possible. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Initially, for the Symposium purposes would be available in Hotel Valamar Lacroma Resort, Hotel Valamar Dubrovnik President a total of 400 rooms.

Group Registration and Group Hotel Reservation would be possible.

RATES

Hotel Valamar Lacroma Resort** and Hotel Valamar Dubrovnik President******

Single room	173,00 €
Double or Twin room	215,00 €

Argosy Hotel***

Single room	105,00 €
Double or Twin room	153,00 €

HALFBOARD supplement per day / person:

Hotel Valamar Lacroma Resort	17,00 €
Hotel Valamar Dubrovnik President	17,00 €
Argosy Hotel	10,00 €

The rates for other categories would be provided for the following hotels (all on walking distance < 1 km):

4****	Hotel Uvala, Grand Hotel Park
3***	Tirena Hotel, Vis, Vis 2, Commodore Hotel
2**	Hotel Adriatic

All above mentioned rates are per room per night and include breakfast and taxes, except half board supplement - per day/person.

Cancellation and refund policy:

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TRANSPORTATION

The city of Dubrovnik has a reliable network of public transportation including buses and the Taxi service.

Airport - City

Dubrovnik International Airport is located 20 kilometres from the city centre (www.airport-dubrovnik.hr)

Buses from the Dubrovnik Airport leave shortly after the arrival of aircrafts on all Croatia Airlines scheduled flights. The Airport Bus goes directly from Dubrovnik Airport to Dubrovnik main Bus station (Harbour Office Terminal) and takes 25 - 30 minutes. Buses from Dubrovnik to the Dubrovnik Airport leave 90 minutes before the departure of aircrafts on scheduled Croatia Airlines flights.

A one way Bus fare between the airport and the city is approximately € 5.

A Taxi fare between the airport and the city centre is approximately between € 30 and € 35.



DUBROVNIK - THE ADRIATIC PEARL

Dubrovnik is a medieval city on the Croatian side of the Adriatic coastline and a treasure-trove of cultural-historical monuments that were created throughout its thousand-year existence. In the past, it was a City-Republic, and alongside Venice one of the most famous cultural-economic centres on the Mediterranean.

In more recent times, it has become the center of modern cultural and tourist events: a city of summer festivals – an international parade of top musical and theatrical achievements, a city of museums and galleries. These values have turned Dubrovnik into a place that offers a rich selection of various experiences and excitement, but also a complete holiday in a quiet and calming, mild Mediterranean ambience and wonderful seaside landscapes.



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