

## From the Kauppi Campus

### -News from WAIMH Central Office

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Dear colleagues,

The next WAIMH World Congress will take place May 29<sup>th</sup>- June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in Prague with the central theme of Infant Mental Health in a Rapidly Changing World: Conflict, adversity and resilience. The organizing process of our next World Congress is both challenging and inspiring as the joint Israeli - Palestinian Local Organising Committee works together with the WAIMH Central Office in Tampere and the Professional Congress Organiser Guarant in Prague, mostly via video connection. The Local Organising Committee has taken on itself the challenging task of bringing a bit of the Middle East sounds, voices, stories, and pictures to Prague. The social program of the Congress will be a wonderful mixture of Middle East and Czech hospitality and culture.

### World Congress in Prague 2016

Based on the feedback from WAIMH 2014 Edinburgh Congress we have made some changes to the structure of the program. We wish to encourage the submission of abstracts on both scientific and clinical projects, and therefore we have created an abstract structure more fitting to clinical submissions for you to use. The Program Committee also received positive feedback concerning the Brief Oral Presentation (BOP) sessions, and thus the BOPs were added to the submission categories.

The plenaries for the World Congress will address different aspects of early trauma, possibilities for intervention and early development of empathy. Each plenary lecture will also have a short commentary with the aim of complementing theory based plenary with a clinical point of view and vice versa. We hope to create fruitful discussions between participants

from different disciplines and cultures throughout the Congress. The plenary presenters will be introduced to you in our forthcoming Congress newsletters, and we will also give you highlights on the program as we come closer to the Congress.

### Abstract submission

The online abstract submission system has been open since the launching of the Call for Papers, and we warmly encourage you to submit your work, both clinical and scientific and to join us in creating an interesting and rich Congress program for our 15<sup>th</sup> WAIMH World Congress. The dead line for submissions is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Read the Call for Papers and submit your abstract: LINK to be added: <http://waimh2016.org/>

### WAIMH Awards

Nominate an exceptional infant mental health professional for one of the awards that WAIMH will announce at the World Congress. LINK to be added.

### WAIMH materials

WAIMH Central Office would be happy to send you any materials promoting WAIMH and the 2016 World Congress in Prague. Please send the office an inquiry, so that we can post you materials, or ask for electronic materials (e-mail [office@waimh.org](mailto:office@waimh.org)). You can also share information from the WAIMH website more easily than earlier since we have added sharing tools to each web page.

### Membership

Please renew the WAIMH membership for the year 2015. Go online to the website of the association: [www.waimh.org](http://www.waimh.org).

There are two separate categories: the student (45 USD) and professional (75 USD) memberships. As a WAIMH member, you have the privilege of ordering the Infant Mental Health Journal at a special rate.

The rates differ according to your country: USA 50 USD, Canada 52.50 USD (including tax) and International orders 62.50 USD. All journal subscriptions are also including access to the online IMHJ at the Wiley. A new popular form of getting access to the journal is the online only option, which is available for members worldwide at the fee of 40 USD.

Please, contact the Central Office of the association, if you need guidelines or support for the membership renewal ([office@waimh.org](mailto:office@waimh.org)).