



International Association for Suicide Prevention Regional Symposium in the Caribbean

22 May – 25 May 2013, Paramaribo, Suriname

Suicide Prevention in Rural Caribbean

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to welcome you to the first International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) Regional Symposium to be held in Paramaribo, the beautiful and historic capital of Suriname. Suicide is a major and growing mental and public health problem in almost all rural areas in the Caribbean. The Symposium is being organised by IASP and the Institute for Graduate Studies and Research (IGSR), part of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname. IGSR is involved in research and programs concerning the prevention of suicide.

The Regional Symposium will embrace two events,
each covering two days of lectures, discussions and seminars:

**May 22nd and 23rd
May 24th and 25th**

**Suicide Prevention in Suriname: a national symposium
Restricting Access to the Means of Suicide–Pesticide: a regional overview**

This Symposium aims to provide local participants with an update on suicide research and prevention in Suriname. Regional participants will have the opportunity to explore and analyse the latest knowledge and developments on preventing suicide by restricting access to very lethal means such as pesticides.

There will be ample opportunity to discuss these findings and how to adapt evidence based research into suicide prevention activities in Caribbean cultures.

Chairman of the Symposium: Prof. Dr. Tobi Graafsma, Leysweg 86 Paramaribo, Suriname.

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Venue: Institute for Graduate Studies and Research, Paramaribo
Workshop website: <http://www.iasp.info/suriname/index.php>
Deadline for submission: 31 March, 2013