28TH WORLD CONGRESS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

New Discoveries and Technologies
in Suicide Prevention

JUNE 16-20, 2015, MONTRÉAL, CANADA

JOINT CONGRESS:

CASP/ACPS
Canadian Association
For Suicide Prevention

AQPS
Association québécoise
de prévention du suicide

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

UNION NATIONALE POUR LA PRÉVENTION DU SUICIDE
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CENTRE DE RECHERCHE ET D'INTERVENTION SUR LE SUICIDE ET L'ÉUTHANASIE
UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL
Dear friends and colleagues,

I am honoured that for the first time in IASP history, the Centre for Research and Intervention on Suicide and Euthanasia and the city of Montréal have been chosen to host the IASP World Congress on a second occasion. The 28th IASP World Congress is shaping up to be an exciting event with an acclaimed international scientific committee already planning many special programme activities. Please mark the dates and do not hesitate to let me know your thoughts about how to make this event as enriching, exciting and fulfilling as possible.

This congress will bring together researchers, practitioners, helpline workers, programme planners, graduate students and persons concerned with suicide bereavement, from a range of disciplines around the world. This is a joint congress with the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention and the Québec Association for Suicide Prevention, and is sponsored by the World Health Organization. The official languages are English and French (the official language of the Province of Québec) and there will be simultaneous translation of all plenary and a selection of parallel sessions, with a possibility of sessions in Spanish as well. The congress theme, New Discoveries and Technologies in Suicide Prevention, focuses on presenting cutting-edge research and clinical insights from the beginning of the 21st century. However, as in all IASP Congresses, a full range of topics will be covered, from the latest discoveries in biology and genetics, to culturally sensitive prevention practices and suicidology and the arts. An official call for papers, symposium and workshop proposals will be available in January 2014 on the congress website, www.iasp2015.com.

June is a wonderful month to visit our beautiful city. The weather is generally pleasant, the days are long and the city’s outdoor cafés and festival atmosphere are blooming. We have reserved a range of hotels within a 10-minute walk from the congress venue, from luxury hotels to student residences, all at surprisingly low guaranteed rates, including breakfast and free internet. We look forward to welcoming you with a diverse programme to stimulate the mind, as well as great food and entertaining social events for the body and soul. We pride ourselves for our warm and personal hospitality. Your suggestions are welcome. I look forward to collaborating with a wonderful team to create an interesting congress programme, and also for the opportunity to share the experience of this fabulous city with you.

Best regards,

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

IASP is a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing suicidal behaviour, alleviating its effects and providing a forum for academics, mental health professionals, crisis workers, volunteers, suicide survivors, community, national and international organizations. The organization is in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and its members extend over fifty countries.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Situated at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQÀM), CRISE was founded in 1997 by Brian Mishara, Professor of Psychology at UQÀM. CRISE fosters multidisciplinary research on suicide prevention in collaboration with practitioners, organizations and programme planners and facilitates knowledge transfer and application to improve suicide prevention and reduce its negative consequences. Over 20 researchers work with over 40 collaborating organizations in research, as well as train graduate students in several disciplines (see www.crise.ca). Members of CRISE and our partners are looking forward to welcoming the congress visitors in the spirit of sharing knowledge and the experience of the wonderful city of Montréal.
The 28th World Congress of the IASP will be held on the campus of the Université du Québec à Montréal in the heart of the exciting Latin Quarter of downtown Montréal. All congress hotels are within a 10 minute walk of the congress venue. The main activities will be held in the Judith-Jasmin Pavilion, located on the historic site of the old Saint-Jacques church, with architectural elements of the church’s Neo-Gothic style integrated into the modern central campus building. We have negotiated special guaranteed low rates in surrounding hotels, all with breakfast and free internet. Although we expect the congress activities to be so interesting that there will be much temptation to remain at the venue, the neighborhood outside is replete with outdoor cafés and bars, a plethora of enticing restaurants and a variety of musical and cultural venues, all within a few minutes walk. And, we are a 15 minute walk from the historical “Old Montréal” area along the waterfront.
Montréal’s unique lifestyle, authenticity, multi-lingual environment, European accents of culture, history, and architecture are matched in equal measure by great food and fun. Besides the fascinating cultural and entertaining events we are planning during the congress, we will be organizing unique opportunities to connect conference participants in an informal way with Montréal residents with shared interests. More details will be provided in future announcements.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **January 30, 2014**
  Second announcement and call for papers, symposia and workshops
- **October 17, 2014**
  Deadline for proposals for symposia and workshops
- **January 4, 2015**
  Deadline for submission of abstracts for oral presentations and posters
- **February 13, 2015**
  Deadline for early bird registration fee
- **June 10, 2015**
  Deadline for regular registration fee
- **June 15 & 16, 2015**
  Pre-conference workshops – Onsite registration
- **June 16, 2015**
  Congress opening ceremony and reception
- **June 20, 2015**
  Closing ceremony
YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SOLICITED

The Congress organizers are keen to hear from potential participants with their suggestions on how we can make this congress as interesting and fruitful an opportunity as possible for all who attend. We are looking at providing special “tracks” or themes throughout the congress for special interest groups, ranging from neurosciences to cultural anthropology, from hospital treatment to volunteer helplines, with a particular theme on suicide prevention with aboriginal populations. A unique feature will be the emphasis on new discoveries in research and practice and the congress showcase of new technologies in suicide prevention. You are invited to communicate with the congress organizers and scientific committee to share your thoughts and suggestions on how to make this congress the most enlightening and enjoyable ever.