



Dear IASP member,

In just a few days, two major events in the life of IASP will take place. Firstly, the World Suicide Prevention Day 2005 (see www.iasp.info) will be held on September 10th. The International launch will be made both in Durban, South Africa and in Cairo, Egypt. Most importantly, however, is that a huge number of national and local activities for the Day have been planned all over the world. Under the motto "Prevention of suicide is everybody's business" we promote this day as a way of expanding the societal basis for suicide prevention, realizing that suicide cannot be prevented through interventions from the health service and other professional agencies alone. More involvement is needed from every sector of society. We wish you all great success with the WSPD 2005 and would be very interested to have your feedback and experiences reported at www.iasp.info.

The other major event taking place shortly will be the XXIII IASP World Congress in Durban, South Africa. An innovative and rich scientific programme has been prepared for all delegates who have registered for the conference and we know that our local hosts, professor Lourens Schlebush and Executive Director Sue Thonell, have worked hard to make this not only a scientific event but a true African adventure to all of us. The Executive Committee and the Organising Committee welcome you all to Durban on September 13th.

This will be my last news bulletin for you in the capacity of president of IASP. It has been a true privilege to serve you and the organization over these past years. We have an extremely important cause to fight for, and we have extremely resourceful and competent members.

This is why I have great expectations for a continued growth of IASP in years to come, both in terms of the strength of the association and the contribution we should make to society. Fortunately, I know that IASP will be in the best of hands when the next president and board take over next month. They will have my wholehearted support.

Lars Mehlum
President



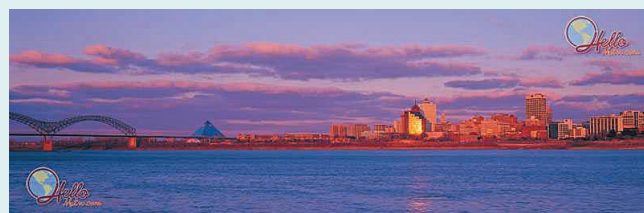
Welcome to
The IASP Congress
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA 13 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2005



THE FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR Survivors of Suicide Attempts

Health Professionals, Clergy and Laity
October 19-21 2005, Memphis, Tennessee

The purpose of this conference is to focus national attention on the continuing needs of people who have experienced suicide attempts, and for the first time, to bring them together with those in the forefront of medical research and therapeutic techniques.



Download the conference brochure:
www.oassis.org/events/conf-brochure-05.pdf
Register for the conference at: www.oassis.org

10th September 2005

World Suicide Prevention Day

"Prevention of suicide is everybody's business"

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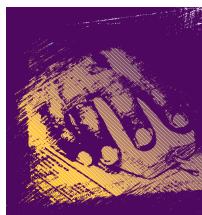
AN INITIATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION (IASP)
CO-SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO)



Australia outlaws using internet incite suicide

People who use the Internet to incite others to commit suicide or teach them how to kill themselves face fines of up to A\$550,000 (\$430,000) under tough new laws passed in Australia

Using the Internet to counsel or incite others to commit suicide or to promote and provide instruction on ways to do it has been outlawed but the new laws were not designed to stifle debate about euthanasia, Justice Minister Chris Ellison said. "These offences are designed to protect the young and the vulnerable, those at greatest risk of suicide, from people who use the Internet with destructive intent to counsel or incite others to kill themselves," Ellison said in a statement. Individuals convicted of such offences face a fine of up to A\$110,000, while corporations face a fine of up to A\$550,000.



Use of the Internet to organize suicide pacts emerged as a grim problem for Japan last year, with dozens of Japanese killing themselves in Internet-linked group suicides. Helping someone to commit suicide is illegal in Australia but there has been a long-simmering debate about euthanasia.

Dr Philip Nitschke shot to fame in 1997 when he helped four people die in the Northern Territory, where the practice was briefly legal before the national government stepped in to overturn local laws.

CANBERRA (Reuters) -

FROM GREENLAND TO CAUCASUS, FROM URALS TO IBERIA SUICIDE EUROPE SAMOUBIYSTVO EVROPE OT GRENLANDII DO KAVKAZA, OT URALA DO IBERII

Dear Colleagues,

we are pleased to invite you to participate in the

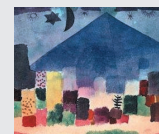
11th European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour

"Suicide in Europe: From Greenland to Caucasus, from Urals to Iberia"

Where? Portorož, Slovenia
When? 9–12 September 2006
Info? Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Slovenia
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The Aeschi Working Group
Meeting
the suicidal person



THE THERAPEUTIC APPROACH TO THE SUICIDAL PATIENT:
NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

4th Aeschi Conference 1. – 4. march, 2006 Effective treatments for suicidal individuals: What are the common pathways?

Hotel Aeschi Park, Aeschi, Switzerland

The biennial Aeschi Conference is a forum to discuss and share new developments in the treatment of suicidal patients.

The Aeschi Working Group is an international group of clinicians and researchers, who strongly believe that new, patient-oriented models of understanding and treating suicidal patients must be developed.

For the 4th Aeschi Conference, again outstanding therapists and researchers will join the Aeschi Working Group in this effort. The educational methods will include lectures, panels, discussions, and interactive workshops. Video recorded interviews will be shown and therapeutic principles discussed. With a limited number of participants (60) the Aeschi conferences offer a unique and creative working atmosphere where knowledge and experience can be shared.

SPEAKERS/WORKSHOP DIRECTORS

- Michael Bostwick (USA)
- Wayne Fenton (USA)
- David A. Jobs (USA)
- Marsha M. Linehan (USA)
- John T. Maltzberger (USA)
- James Rogers (USA)
- M. David Rudd (USA)
- Jeremy Holmes (UK)
- Mark Williams (UK)
- Antoon A. Leenaars (Canada)
- Konrad Michel (Switzerland)
- Israel Orbach (Israel)
- Richard A. Young (Canada)
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Further information on the program and registration:

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the website of IASP
www.iasp.info

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