It is very encouraging that the report has been translated in all 6 UN languages, and regional launches have already been held in Mexico with representatives from Spanish speaking countries, and in Cairo, with representatives from Arabic speaking countries, with more regional events to be held in 2015. Also, on World Suicide Prevention Day, the dissemination of the report was an integral part of the activities in all 6 WHO regions.

The report provides guidance in developing and implementing national suicide prevention programs taking into account the different stages at which a country is, i.e. countries where suicide prevention activities have not yet taken place, countries with some activities, and countries that currently have a national response.

What is the current global status of suicide prevention?

As part of the report, in 2013, the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the Department of Mental Health of the World Health Organisation (WHO) initiated a global survey on suicide prevention to ascertain what information exists on national strategies and activities in this area. Ninety countries returned a completed questionnaire (response: 57%). According to WHO regions, the highest proportion of completed questionnaires was 64% in the South East Asian Region, and the lowest proportion was 38% in the African Region. In nearly two thirds (61%) of the responding countries, suicide was perceived to be a significant public health concern.

In 31% of the countries a comprehensive national strategy or action plan was adopted by the government. Among the countries that did not have a national strategy, a number of suicide prevention activities were carried out in just over half (52%) of the countries, which included training on suicide risk assessment and intervention (38%), training for general practitioners (26%), suicide prevention training for non-health professionals including first responders, teachers and journalists (37%).

A unique contribution of this survey was that for some regions across the world, such as the Eastern Mediterranean and African Region, where previously information on suicide prevention activities was limited or absent, new information was obtained. For example, in 40% of the responding countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region a training programme on suicide assessment and intervention for GPs was available, and in 20% of the countries in this region, training programmes were available on suicide prevention for non-health professionals. Reported challenges in developing and implementing national suicide prevention programmes included criminalisation of suicide (25 countries), insufficient resources, ineffective co-ordination, lack of enforcement of guidelines, limited access to surveillance data on suicide and attempted suicide, and lack of independent evaluations.

Next steps

Amongst the many symposia, workshops and sessions at the upcoming IASP World Congress in Montreal, WHO in collaboration with IASP will provide a platform for experts who contributed to the WHO Report, to discuss next steps, in particular provision of guidance for the implementation of recommended initiatives and actions as outlined in the report. In addition, a workshop will be held to facilitate feedback from country representatives and discussion on benefits and challenges in progressing the implementation of the report’s actions in countries across the world.

Brian Mishara and I look forward to meeting you in Montreal!

Ella Arensman, PhD

Links:
28TH WORLD CONGRESS
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New Discoveries and Technologies in Suicide Prevention

JUNE 16-20, 2015, MONTRÉAL, CANADA
Interview with Brian Mishara, Chairperson, Organizing and Scientific Committees, IASP World Congress 2015

1. The theme for the symposium is ‘New Discoveries and Technologies in Suicide Prevention’. What was the thinking behind choosing this theme?

Past congresses have always involved presentations of new discoveries, there has inevitably some recycling of old material. By emphasizing new discoveries the esteemed scientific committee had the task of developing an interdisciplinary programme that highlights new research and practices in all areas of suicidology. Persons working in the area of suicide prevention, researchers, and those concerned with persons bereaved by suicide are increasing finding that the internet and new technologies, such as smart phones and text messages, are becoming the primary source of help seeking. There will be several “tracks” with thematic activities throughout the meeting. For example, we will have an extensive workplace track as well as one on new technologies-helplines. Befrienders Worldwide will be holding an international helpline meeting the afternoon of the 20th and the 21st, with participants from around the world attending the IASP Congress beforehand.

4. What would be advantages for young researchers to attend the Congress?

This is an amazing opportunity for young researchers to meet others from around the world who are working on similar topics. We will be repeating the successful "Lunch with Experts" sessions which provide informal opportunities to get feedback and interest with world renowned leaders in the field. In addition, our local graduate students are planning informal activities to share experiences and meet other students attending the meeting.

5. Are there any parts of the plans for the Congress and/or pre-conference that you are particularly excited about?

The problem I will have, which is both exciting and challenging, is choosing among the many activities that interest me. In order to facilitate opportunities for attending as many sessions of interest as possible, we will be having a model where there will be a time block with parallel plenary activities to choose from. Personally, I am excited about some of the cutting edge interventions using new technologies. However, I have always found that one of the most exciting aspects is meeting the people I have been reading about, making new friends and catching up with colleagues.

6. The Biennial Congress is a big undertaking, how are preparations going?

We have been surprised by the tremendous number of proposals for presentations that we have received. We have accepted over 600 individual presentations and are waiting for final confirmations from all presenters before undertaking the daunting task of making a schedule where there is a diversity of topics and themes addressed in each time slot.

7. This will be a bilingual conference, how will this be implemented?

Although French is the official language of Quebec, most people in Montreal understand English. We will have simultaneous translation of all plenary sessions, as well as a sample of the parallel sessions. We are organizing the activities so that, to the extent resources allow, English speakers will be able to attend French sessions and vice-versa.

8. There are a variety of social events that focus on Canadian Arts and Culture, during the Congress as well; what do you hope the delegates will learn about Canada from these events?

We have numerous activities that highlight Canadian and Quebec arts and culture. For example, the venue for the activities where sessions on survivors, postvention and persons bereaved by suicide, is the large central Design Studio room, where there will be a photography and visual arts exhibit on the theme of loss by suicide, open to all congress participants.

The Fine Arts Museum reception is in a gorgeous space with private access to the impressive Rodin exhibit that will open the night before. This exhibit will likely be sold out, so registering for the congress may be one of the only ways to see it! The Friday, we have our gala banquet in the restored ballrooms of the historic Windsor, formerly a classic Canadian Railways luxury hotel. Everyone who registers for the entire congress is invited, with the banquet included for students, volunteers and survivors. Thanks to a generous subsidy, we will be able to live beyond our means for one night, beginning with a complete open bar and hot hors’oeuvres, followed by a local gourmet meal, entertainment and dancing. We will be writing to all registrants to choose from the banquet menu in late April. On the free night, Wednesday, the international French music festival, Les franco-folies, will have several free outdoor concerts a few minutes walk from the congress site.

9. What is Montreal like in June?

June is Festival season in Montreal with the streets teeming with outdoor cafes and restaurants. Weather is warm, with a chance of rain. In June, everyone seems to be outdoors exploring the city’s different neighborhoods. The congress venue at UQAM is in the heart of the Latin Quarter, with about 100 restaurants within a 15 minute walk, and historic old Montreal and the waterfront is a few minutes away.

It isn't so much a matter of targeting new groups, but more a matter of expanding representation from groups that have been underrepresented at past meetings. Native aboriginal peoples will be represented from Canada and several other countries. An international circumpolar research group will be attending and conducting symposia. There will be a much greater presences of persons with lived experiences who are participating actively in the programme, and we will have the most extensive series in any IASP congress of “survivor” activities concerning persons bereaved by suicide. There will be several “tracks” with thematic activities throughout the meeting. For example, we will have an extensive workplace track as well as one on new technologies-helplines. Befrienders Worldwide will be holding an international helpline meeting the afternoon of the 20th and the 21st, with participants from around the world attending the IASP Congress beforehand.

With the launch of the first WHO World Report on Suicide in September, 2014, we have seen increased mobilisation worldwide in developing suicide prevention programmes and strategies. Shenkar Saxena, Director of Mental Health for WHO, will be presenting at the opening of the congress and there will be many activities where people who want to advance suicide prevention using evidence based practices, will find information and support. This congress can make a big difference at many different levels, by inspiring young researchers and workers, encouraging best practices in suicide prevention and providing a open exchange of refreshing ideas and discoveries.

3. What is the Organizing Committee doing to target new groups to come to the Congress?

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The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) provides awards for those who have contributed significantly to the field of work with survivors of suicide, and nominations can be made by any member of IASP. Members of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) are invited to nominate suitable persons for the Farberow Award. It is for the person who in the view of the award committee has contributed significantly to the field of work with survivors of suicide. Nominees do not necessarily have to be IASP members. The criteria for selection are:

- Has been actively involved in the establishment and operation of bereaved by suicide/survivor programs;
- Has demonstrated national leadership in the area;
- Has contributed to the research and evaluation of such programs;
- Will continue to be involved in this important area of work.

DEARBOREW AWARD CHAIRPERSON:
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Please send your nomination directly to Frances Law, Chairperson of the Farberow Award Committee, and attach a brief summary (CV) of why your nominee is deserving of the Award. DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

THE RINGEL SERVICE AWARD

was instituted in 1995 and honours the late Professor Erwin Ringel, the founding President of the Association. This award is for distinguished service in the field of suicidology, and National Representatives of IASP can make nominations. National Representatives of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) are invited to nominate suitable persons to receive the Ringel Service Award. Nominees do not necessarily have to be IASP members. The criteria for selection are:

- Actively involved in the practice of suicide prevention and crisis intervention and its dissemination;
- Acknowledged as a national initiator or leader in the field;
- Suicide prevention and/or crisis intervention should be the main portion of his/her work.

RINGEL SERVICE AWARD CHAIRPERSON:
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DE LEO FUND AWARD

honours the memory of Nicola and Vittorio, the beloved children of Professor Diego De Leo, IASP Past President. The Award is offered to distinguished scholars in recognition of their outstanding research on suicidal behaviours carried out in developing countries. Members of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) are invited to nominate suitable persons for the De Leo Fund Award. It is for the person who in the view of the award committee has contributed significantly to developing suicide research in a developing country. Nominees do not necessarily have to be IASP members. To be eligible for the De Leo Fund Award, candidates should demonstrate the following criteria:

- Be born in a developing country;
- Have performed their research in a developing country;
- Be a young/mid career researcher (no more than 20 years from graduation), with a prevailing interest in research in the field of suicide;
- Be able to demonstrate, through publications in internationally indexed journals, their competence in the field of suicide;
- Not to be a current nominee for any other IASP Award.

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The Stengel Research Award

The Stengel Research Award is awarded for outstanding active research with at least 10 years of scientific activity in the field, as evidenced by number and quality of publications in internationally acknowledged journals. The award committee has contributed significantly to the field of work with survivors of suicide, and nominations can be made by any member of IASP. Members of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) are invited to nominate suitable persons for the Stengel Research Award. Nominees do not necessarily have to be IASP members. The criteria for selection are:

- Outstanding and active researcher with at least 10 years of scientific activity in the field, as evidenced by the number and quality of publications in internationally acknowledged journals.

STENGEL RESEARCH CHAIRPERSON:
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DEADLINE: 31 March 2015
Suicide and attempted suicide in India present a huge public health issue. Whilst exact figures of suicide in India are hard to determine the WHO estimates that in 2012 suicides in India accounted for the highest number of suicides worldwide, at a rate of 21.1 suicides per 100,000 of population (World Health Organisation, 2012; Patel et al., 2012). Despite this currently only 0.06% of the health budget is spent in the area of mental health.

As of December 2014, Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which criminalises attempted suicide in India has been overturned. Efforts of de-criminalisation which date back as far as the 1970s are now complimented by the Mental Health Care Bill as well as India’s first National Mental Health Policy (Ranjan et al., 2014; Patel et al., 2012). This progressive and decisive step represents a move by the Indian Government towards understanding and tackling suicide in an appropriate and effective way.

This significant shift from a ‘legal’ to a ‘medical’ perspective regarding attempted suicide will present a challenge from a policy perspective as it requires access to mental health care for all those with attempted suicide (Ranjan et al., 2014). There is now also a need to develop a national framework for suicide prevention as part of a multi-faceted approach to suicide prevention.

To conclude whilst the overturning of Section 309 is commendable and a leap in the right direction towards showing compassion and care for people who attempt to die by suicide it needs to be followed by the effective public health measures to ensure that the Indian government can truly work to decrease the numbers of people attempting and dying by suicide in India on an annual basis.


World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) was celebrated for the first time in 2003. In Uruguay this celebration has been ever improving since the IASP World Congress of 2009.

Suicide prevention plans must always be evidence-based, with background research to support each area of the action plan. Also it is necessary that persons from any country and population can actively participate in suicide preventions plans. The WSPD is a very important opportunity to celebrate the participation of people across the globe in suicide prevention. Global participation illustrates the value of considering cultural identities and also improves social inclusion in suicide prevention.

In October 2014 in Montevideo, professionals, volunteers, patients and survivors rode bikes and disseminated brochures to the public along the way. These brochures informed people about resources available to them including helplines and emergency rooms. In rural areas (Young, Treinta y Tres) survivors organized activities with songs, candles and they made cards according to WSPD.

Dra. Silvia Peláez, President of ASULAC/Director Último Recurso

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were,
As well as any manner of thy friends,
Or of thine own were,
Any man’s death diminishes me.
Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

MEDITATION XVII, Devotions upon Emergent Occasions
John Donne
Launched by the University of Oxford and healthtalk.org, a new online resource to support parents and carers who have discovered their child is self-harming. The resource is based on detailed video and audio interviews with parents whose children self-harm, covering topics such as the impact on the family, how to support their child, treatment options and advice for other parents. It includes video, audio and text extracts from interviews with 39 family members of young people who have self-harmed between ages 12 and 25 years.

Parents of young people who self-harm can feel alone and isolated, and may struggle to find help and support. Now they can become better informed and feel less alone by visiting healthtalk.org to watch interviews with other parents in the same situation.

They can learn about the family impact of self-harm: this can include feelings of guilt, shame and anger; problems with siblings and other family members; and having to decide whether to tell others about the self-harming behaviour. This resource also provides information for parents and carers on what to expect from hospitals, schools and mental health services, including individual families’ experiences with the health-care system. The information contains useful insights for clinicians and others who work in mental health or with parents and families. It will also be valuable as a teaching resource.

The website is freely accessible and can be found at: http://healthtalkonline.org/peoples-experiences/mental-health/self-harm-parents-experiences/topics

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Professor Øivind Ekeberg Receives the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav

On January 20th 2015, Professor Øivind Ekeberg was honoured with appointment to Knight 1st Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav. Professor Ekeberg receives this prestigious award for his outstanding efforts in medicine and society.

Professor Ekeberg has been an active researcher in suicidology for over 30 years, having co-authored the Norwegian textbook of suicidology. From the 1990’s onwards, as The Norwegian Directorate of Health Professor Ekeberg developed a Suicide Prevention Programme for Norway. Professor Ekeberg has been a Treasurer of IASP (1995-1999); National Representative for Norway (2001-2005) and Election Committee Chair between 2002 and 2013. In 2013 he received the Ringel Service Award for these many years of work in suicide research and prevention.

Øivind Ekeberg is a professor at the Department of Medical behavioural sciences at the University of Oslo and senior psychiatrist at the Department of Acute Medicine, Oslo University Hospital. He remains actively involved in clinical services including providing services following the 2004 tsunami in South Asia as well as having been actively involved in providing clinical services in the aftermath of the two sequential terrorist attacks in Norway (July, 2011).

His other contributions for the society were mainly as a member of Bærum Municipal Board and Akershus County Council and as the head of the local chess club for children and youth for ten years. The world champion in chess Magnus Carlsen began his career in the club where he was an active member for four years.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Become a Facebook Fan of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP)

www.facebook.com/IASPInfo

World Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity for all sectors of the community - the public, charitable organizations, communities, researchers, clinicians, practitioners, politicians and policy makers, volunteers, those bereaved by suicide, other interested groups and individuals - to join with the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the WHO to focus public attention on the unacceptable burden and costs of suicidal behaviours with diverse activities to promote understanding about suicide and highlight effective prevention activities.

Those activities may call attention to the global burden of suicidal behaviour, and discuss local, regional and national strategies for suicide prevention, highlighting cultural initiatives and emphasizing how specific prevention initiatives are shaped to address local cultural conditions.

Initiatives which actively educate and involve people are likely to be most effective in helping people learn new information about suicide and suicide prevention.

Examples of activities which can support World Suicide Prevention Day include:

- Launching new initiatives, policies and strategies on World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10th
- Holding conferences, open days, educational seminars or public lectures and panels
- Writing articles for national, regional and community newspapers, blogs and magazines
- Holding press conferences
- Securing interviews and speaking spots on radio and television
- Organizing memorial services, events, candlelight ceremonies or walks to remember those who have died by suicide
- Asking national politicians with responsibility for health, public health, mental health or suicide prevention to make relevant announcements, release policies or make supportive statements or press releases on WSPD
- Holding depression awareness events in public places and offering screening for depression
- Organizing cultural or spiritual events, fairs or exhibitions
- Organizing walks to political or public places to highlight suicide prevention
- Holding book launches, or launches for new booklets, guides or pamphlets
- Distributing leaflets, posters and other written information
- Organizing concerts, BBQs, breakfasts, luncheons, contests, fairs in public places
- Writing editorials for scientific, medical, education, nursing, law and other relevant journals
- Disseminating research findings
- Producing press releases for new research papers
- Holding training courses in suicide and depression awareness
- Joining us on the official World Suicide Prevention Day Facebook Event Page https://goo.gl/b2Z2brt
- Supporting suicide prevention 365 days a year by becoming a Facebook Fan of the IASP https://goo.gl/zkiONX
- Following the IASP on Twitter (www.twitter.com/IASPInfo), tweeting #WSPD or #suicide or #suicideprevention
- Creating a video about suicide prevention
- Lighting a candle, near a window at 8 PM in support of World Suicide Prevention Day, suicide prevention and awareness, survivors of suicide and for the memory of loved ones. Find “Light a Candle Near a Window at 8 PM” postcards in various languages at: https://goo.gl/9lctEn
- Participating in the World Suicide Prevention Day - Cycle Around the Globe http://goo.gl/c3dyG

#suicide
#suicideprevention
#WSPD

Picture by Erik Holt.
This is the third annual event. Last year, individuals and organizations across the world cycled, and in some cases walked, to raise suicide prevention awareness. The total distances reached was almost four times the circumference of the planet or a total of 121,963.3 miles or 196,282 kilometers!

Following last year’s success, IASP is again this year hosting Cycle Around the Globe for World Suicide Prevention Day.

Again, the challenge is to collectively cycle the circumference of the globe, 40,075 km or 24,900 miles, and to have participants cycling on every continent. We are hoping, though, to exceed last year’s distances. Please join us; it does not matter how far you can cycle; every kilometer or mile will help and there are no limits, you can cycle at home, in the gym or outdoors.

This activity is all about the global community spreading awareness of the importance of suicide prevention. This year’s theme for World Suicide Prevention Day is Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives and brings to awareness that by reaching out help can be found.

You may wish to take this opportunity to raise money for your local or national suicide prevention charity or similar organization. A sponsorship form will be made available to help you collect donations. If you wish to donate to IASP, all donations would be gratefully received.

An Official Participant label, which can be printed off and attached to your top whilst you are cycling, and a Certificate of Participation, which you can also print and fill in once you have completed your cycle will also be made available on our website. Please check https://www.iasp.info/wspd/cycle_around_the_globe.php. This is a great opportunity to spread the word of suicide prevention. We will have WSPD banners and Light a Candle postcards in many different languages on our website www.iasp.info/wspd, which can be printed and handed out, as well as lots more information on World Suicide Prevention Day.

World Suicide Prevention Day - 10 September, 2015 Cycle Around the Globe

World Suicide Prevention Day 2014 was marked in Afghanistan by an assembly held at the Ministry of Women’s Affairs in coordination with the Ministry of Public Health, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Population Fund.

In Afghanistan, 4466 cases of self-poisoning and 707 cases of self-immolation were registered in central hospitals and 4136 cases of self-immolation from 30 provinces were reported, including 166 confirmed suicides, between the start of 2014 and WSPD 2014.

There is a scarcity of reliable data on suicide in Afghanistan and “the majority of reported cases of suicide and suicide attempts in Afghanistan are women”, Dr Annette Robinson of the United Nations Population Fund confirmed.

WHO Country Representative Dr Rik Peepenkorn emphasized that “surveillance and reporting on suicides and suicide attempts needs strengthening to devise effective interventions”.

Following the speeches from the representatives of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, the Ministry of Public Health, WHO, EU Delegation of Cooperation and United Nations Population Fund, a panel discussion was held regarding strategy for suicide prevention in Afghanistan.

Dr Rik Peepenkorn of WHO affirmed “policy and legislative actions are needed to prevent suicide, together with awareness raising of suicide as a public health problem in Afghanistan” and Dr Najia Tariq, Deputy Minister of Health Care Services for the Ministry of Public Health detaileded the Ministry’s programme for suicide prevention which designed “together with the Mental Health Department, includes training for psychosocial counselors, professional capacity building on mental health and also establishing psychosocial counseling centers and life skills programmes for schools”.

September 10, 2015 Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives
The Crisis Centre Resource Centre (CRES) was officially opened in Paris, France as of April 2012. This Centre was established following collaborations between three French associations (Association Recherche et Rencontres, Groupement d’Études et de Prévention du Suicide and Union Nationale pour la Prévention de Suicide) who recognised the need for a centre which would harbour national and international documents on suicide prevention suicidology and self-destructive behaviours.

This pioneering Centre is located in the Centre Psychothérapique Spécialisé (Popincourt). This Centre Popincourt is a crisis center open to the public, dedicated to the struggle against isolation and suicide prevention, particularly for elderly people. The CRES itself is officially registered with the World Health Organization (WHO). The Centre boasts a library of 340 books on suicide and self-destructive behaviors, written in 13 different languages, involving authors of 29 different nationalities. This library also includes a number of archives, proceedings, specific journals and audiovisual materials. All resources have been registered in a database available on the internet accessible to the public, particularly for scientific researchers, the media and public authorities.

The CRES centre is of huge benefit as it makes research on suicidology accessible to all, it promotes research and research dissemination in the area of suicidology, it supports research in the area in France in particular and it facilitates collaboration between associations worldwide in the area of suicide prevention.

To access the catalogue of information available by CRES please log on to: cresuicidologie.docressources.fr

Vanda Scott OBE completed her time as Development Consultant for IASP at the end of 2014. The IASP Executive Committee is delighted to announce that she has agreed to take on the voluntary role of International Adviser. The IASP Executive Committee would like to thank Vanda for her years of devoted service to IASP and for her continuation with IASP.
The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) announces the launch of its new video series, **SPARK Talks: Suicide Prevention, Innovation, and Action**. SPARK Talks are Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic, and Knowledgeable videos from leaders involved in suicide prevention. Each innovative leader describes a new development in the field that can have an impact on suicide, and issues a call to action.

- **Jerry Reed**, PhD, Director of the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) inspires us to look through a lens much broader than just mental health.
- **John Draper**, PhD, Executive Director of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network, urges us to care for people in the way which they want to be cared for.
- **Michael Hogan**, PhD, independent advisor with Hogan Health Solutions LLC, announces it is time to ask for healthcare to be made safer in relation to suicide.
- **Ken Norton**, LICSW, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in New Hampshire, encourages us to promote healing and reduce risk after a suicide.

The SPARK Talk videos and associated resources can be found at [http://sparktalks.sprc.org](http://sparktalks.sprc.org).

SPRC invites you to:
- **Spark conversation** by sharing video via social media, newsletters, and websites, or by showing them as part of a presentation.
- **Spark innovation** by using videos and associated resources to inform your own suicide prevention efforts.
- **Spark action** by submitting your success story via the SPARK Talks website.

**The following are also options you can use for Facebook and Twitter:**

**Facebook:** Suicide prevention leaders Jerry Reed (Suicide Prevention Resource Center), Michael Hogan (Hogan Health Solutions LLC), John Draper (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline), and Ken Norton (NAMI New Hampshire) describe new developments and directions in the field in SPRC’s new SPARK Talks: Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic, & Knowledgeable videos. [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/)

**Twitter:**
Spark conversation with @SPRtweets new SPARK Talks videos of leaders in suicide prevention [https://twitter.com/search?q=%23suicideprevention](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23suicideprevention) leaders - watch & share your own ideas! [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/).

We need to look through a lens much broader than just mentalhealth. Jerry Reed in new SPARK Talk video [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/).

We've got to bring care to people in the way that they want it. John Draper in new @SPRtweets SPARK Talk video [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/).

It's time to ask for health care to be made suicide safe. Michael Hogan in new @SPRtweets SPARK Talk video [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/).

We need to promote healing & reduce risk after a suicide. Kenneth Norton in new @SPRtweets SPARK Talk video @NAMI_NH [http://sparktalks.sprc.org/](http://sparktalks.sprc.org/).
7th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention

May 18 Wed. - 21 Sat., 2016
Tokyo Convention Hall
5F Tokyo Square Garden, 3-1-1 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo

President Yukio Saito Board Chairperson, Japanese Association for Suicide Prevention
Secretary-General Chiaki Kawanishi, Board of Director, Japanese Association for Suicide Prevention

Invitation to 6th TRIPLE i Conference:
Intuition, Imagination and Innovation in Suicidology
1 – 2 June 2015, Piran (Slovenia)

We are pleased to invite you to the 6th TRIPLE i Conference: Intuition, Imagination and Innovation in Suicidology, which is an international conference, organized annually in Slovenia.

The size and place of the conference allow us to create a friendly environment for fruitful discussions between distinguished experts and young and perspective suicidologists or other eager professionals.

Students, professionals, scholars, practitioners and others interested in the topic of suicidal behaviours from different fields and different parts of the world are invited to join the conference.

Participants are also invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations at the conference. Please find all the information at our website zivziv.si/triple-i-2015.

Let the TRIPLE i be an opportunity to express and practice your intuition, imagination and innovative ideas in suicidology!

Warm welcome! Prijazno vabljeni!

Prof. Diego De Leo
Dr. Vita Poštuvan

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