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Special Interest Group on Postvention Newsletter

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Greetings All!

As you would be aware it has been some time since an IASP Postvention Task Force Newsletter has been available. In that period there have been several activities which further promote the issue of postvention and positive changes to increase awareness of suicide bereavement. The Postvention Task Force was reorganised by the IASP Board and a Special Interest Group was proposed at the XXVI IASP World Congress in Beijing China in September 2011. The Special Interest Groups offer an umbrella opportunity for the community for the IASP community of members, researchers, professionals, lay people and volunteers to focus deeply on a specific aspect of suicide and suicide prevention. The Special Interest Group also serves as an umbrella for Task Forces. This group has particular focus on postvention - suicide bereavement and is chaired by Karl Andriessen (Belgium) and co-chaired by Sean McCarthy (Ireland). In addition a recent Postvention Taskforce has been established to provide Postvention symposia/workshops at IASP Conferences. This Taskforce is chaired by John Peters (England). A Postvention Newsletter Task Force is also to be established and interested persons are invited to contact Karl Andriessen for further information.

These activities are part of several changes including a refurbishment of the Newsletter to enable even more opportunities for contributions, information sharing and collaboration. Previous features such as a Survivor Story, a leading article, biographies and up to date research news will continue with additional opportunities such as descriptions of recent publications, events relevant to postvention, examples of good postvention practice and letters to the editors as proposed inclusions. Importantly, as readers, your suggestions about what other issues, subjects or stories are welcomed as we further develop ways to more effectively communicate with each other, our stakeholders and those beyond the postvention field who may be able to contribute to the wider community of survivors and those who in any way seek to help them.

IASP President Lanny Berman reminds us that suicidal behaviour is a major public health problem across the world with approximately one million people dying by suicide each year. For every suicide death there are many more affected including immediate and extended family members, close friends, and associates. The crisis and tragedy endured through suicide can often be deeply felt within entire communities. With one death by suicide occurring every forty seconds across the world, many more people are experiencing the tragedy of suicide loss every minute of every day. This Newsletter remains dedicated to providing an opportunity for both survivors and researchers to share their knowledge, experience and vision with each other as we seek to make a difference in the lives of those bereaved by suicide. Please join us....

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Editor

Next Edition: Contribution from a Farberow Award winner , Survivor Story, World Suicide Day Postvention Activities, New Research – Publications & Opportunities, Training News, Conferences & Events and much more..

Conferences & Events

3-6 September, 2012 Tel Aviv, Israel

[14th European Symposium of Suicide and Suicide Behavior](#)

Integration of different perspectives



10 September, 2012

[World Suicide Prevention Day](#)

Suicide Prevention across the Globe: Strengthening Protective Factors and Instilling Hope



29 November - 2 December, 2012 Chennai, India

[5th Asia Pacific Regional Conference](#)

Suicide Prevention in the Asia Pacific: Barriers, Boundaries and Beyond



24-28 September, 2013 Norway, Oslo

[XXVII IASP World Congress](#)

Preventing suicidal behaviour on five continents - Innovative treatments and interventions



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