



**IAFP**

International Association  
for Forensic Psychotherapy

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference  
20 - 22 March 2014  
Zeist, Utrecht, The Netherlands**



We kindly invite you to participate in the 23rd Annual Conference of the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy that will take place in spring 2014 in the heart of the Netherlands and will cover various topics under the umbrella of the theme:

**Understanding Justifications and Excuses of Criminal Behavior**

The field of forensic mental health is under the microscope of therapists and under the camera of the media. Within this field public and personal issues are rivals. Confidentiality in the therapist's room is often not respected in the court room, while the offender has a central position in the court room as well as in the therapist's office. From the legal point of view and from the mental health perspective distinct approaches and mechanisms serve to understand the offender's criminal behavior.

**The association**

The IAFP is an international organization which brings together professionals from many countries, services and agencies who are involved in the development and the application of the psychotherapeutic understanding and treatment of offenders.

## **The keynote speakers, already confirmed**

Prof.dr. Paul Verhaeghe, University Ghent, Belgium  
Dr. Leticia Castrechini, University of Tübingen, Germany  
Dr. Francesco Spadaro, Catania, Italy

## **For whom**

The conference (21 and 22 March 2014) in Zeist, the pre-conference tour (20 March 2014) and the post-conference sessions in Amsterdam (23 March 2014) are relevant for (forensic) psychotherapists, (forensic) psychologists, (forensic) psychiatrists, mental health professionals, legal professionals.

## **Goals**

The conference aims to provide professionals in forensic mental health in general and forensic psychotherapy in particular with clinical, practical, theoretical and scientific information from an international perspective and within different jurisdictions. The exchange among forensic therapists and legal professionals is a key focus. Also those in training for the aforementioned areas of practice and knowledge are welcome.

## **Register now**

To register for the congress by visiting this link <http://www.zonderzorg.nl/pages/nl/iafp/registration>. For Dutch participants (psychiatrists and psychologists) accreditation has been requested and is pending.

## **Venue**

The conference will take place at  
Hotel Theater Figi, The Round 2, 3701 HS Zeist; P.O. box 5, 3700 AA Zeist  
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For congress delegates a reduced rate is available. If you make a reservation at hotel Figi please mention that you are a congress delegate of the IAFP.

## **Call for abstracts**

We seek proposals for contributions to the program related to the abovementioned 2014 congress theme. For the plenary as well as the parallel sessions we welcome oral presentations, symposia, case conferences, master classes, film-sessions, discussion groups and large group meetings. (A specialized bookshop will also be present.)

Some further suggestions for topics are:

Continuity and discontinuity  
Cognitive distortions and defense mechanisms  
Entitlement  
Revenge – retaliation – retribution  
Therapeutic cohesion versus governmental policy  
Professionalization in forensic psychotherapy  
The dark side of man and women  
Coercion and forensic psychotherapy  
Forensic psychotherapy and total institutions  
Budgetary constraints within forensic mental health  
Art, history and forensic psychotherapy  
The role of complexes in forensic psychotherapy  
Mediation, restorative justice and empowerment  
Therapeutic jurisprudence and citizenship  
International comparison of therapeutic approaches  
Confidentiality and media

**Submission deadline:** *December 15, 2013*

The IAFP Board and the 2014 local organizing committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the 23rd IAFP conference. Proposals for contributions such as papers and symposia presentations can be send to: [info@zonderzorg.nl](mailto:info@zonderzorg.nl)

### **Optional pre- and post congress activities**

Three sessions before and after the conference are supplementary to the program. An additional fee will be charged.

A      Excursion to a forensic psychiatric hospital (tbs-hospital) and to a long stay facility  
***Thursday 20 March 10.00 - 16.30 hours***

A full day meeting on two different forensic mental health locations where the Dutch tbs-measure is applied. In the morning we will visit a tbs-hospital where different kinds of in-patient and out-patient forensic treatment programs are used.

After lunch we will have a guided tour on the premises of a long stay facility.

At both locations we will be informed by staff members and patients about their experiences with the programs.

B      Special guided tour on violence, insanity, eroticism and fire in Dutch art history in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam.

***Sunday 23 March 11.00 - 13.30 hours***

Each year, the recently fully renovated Rijksmuseum creates a first impression for hundreds of thousands of people: they get a first impression of the museum as they stare a real Rembrandt 'in the eye' and get a taste of history. But it does not end there. The Rijksmuseum will continue to dazzle art and history lovers, and play an important role in contemporary society. Art and history are not merely a thing of the past and the Rijksmuseum is a modern museum - a museum where unique events take place, non-stop. This is true in particular for

crucial issues within forensic mental health practice ranging from violence, insanity, eroticism to fire. We will see different historical and art stages of them.

C Criminological guided walking tour in the Amsterdam red light district

*Sunday 23 March 14.30 - 17.00 hours*

We will be shown around in the lively area of the city of Amsterdam and see modern and historical sites in downtown Amsterdam. Drug abuse, organized crime and prostitution have their own subcultures in this neighborhood. Relevant critical criminological and ethnographical information will be presented especially for therapists dealing with clients in their offices.

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