

SIXTH JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
"ALIKE/DIFFERENT: NAVIGATING THE DIVIDE"
Cophorne Harbourside Hotel,
Auckland, New Zealand
August 3-5, 2012

Dear friends and colleagues,

Attached you will find the registration form for the Sixth Joint International Conference that will take place at the Cophorne Harbourside Hotel in Auckland. Please fill it out and, along with a personal check or money order addressed to **International Conference**, send it by the end of April to our treasurer, Michael O'Loughlin at **15 Laurel Drive, New Hyde Park, NY, 11040, USA**.

For those registering in New Zealand, please pay by internet : contact is **Dale Wiren**: email dalewiren@xtra.co.nz. Net pay details : 02 0110 0029568 000 Please send fees by mid-June - there are limited places for this conference. Finally, for those registering from Australia, you can choose to send the registration form and the payment to either Michael O'Loughlin or Dale Wiren.

As noted in the Registration Form, the fee for conference participants is \$ 350 in US dollars and for guest nonparticipants \$ 225 (in US dollars). The fee for conference participants includes access to all paper presentations, all coffee breaks, Friday and Saturday dinner events, Saturday and Sunday lunches and the Sunday evening closing cocktail party. The guest nonparticipant option is for family members and friends who will not attend panel presentations. It covers the cost for the Friday and Saturday dinner events and Friday and Sunday cocktail hours, but does not include Saturday and Sunday lunch and coffee breaks.

In terms of accommodations, we have reserved 40 rooms at the Cophorne Hotel for three nights (August 3-5) but you can extend your stay for the same rate for any night before the 3rd or after the 5th. The rate for a standard room is \$119 in New Zealand dollars which translates to about \$ 105-110 in US dollars. Breakfast is not included. The rate for breakfast is 18 NZ dollars per person. You can upgrade the rooms to superior for a daily rate of 139 New Zealand dollars. To book your accommodations go to www.cophorneharbourcity.co.nz use the drop down box and enter the group code, which is: joint6

The conference will open on Friday evening with a dinner and the Keynote Address by Sarah Calvert, a member of the Aotearoa New Zealand Chapter of the IARPP, a Pakeha (non-Maori, usually, but not exclusively, of European descent) and Trudy Ake, a Maori service provider and consultant. After dinner there will be a small group activity

designed to promote personal involvement in the conference topic, "Alike/Different: Navigating the Divide".

Saturday promises to be a day packed with many stimulating panels. This year's Saturday evening event will take place at a restaurant in Fisherman's Wharf, a short water taxi distance from the hotel that will involve music and the iconic Bruce Mason Play "End of the Golden Weather". On Sunday, we plan to hold a roundtable discussion on the similarities and differences in psychotherapy practices in New Zealand and North America.

Over the next weeks we will be collecting information on possible travel destinations in New Zealand, and also possible arrangements to fly to Auckland directly or with a stop-over in Fiji on the way to or on the way back. We will make that information available to you by the end of March and send it along with the conference schedule. For further assistance with holiday-in-New Zealand queries, please feel free to contact either **Margy** at: margins@ihug.co.nz, or **Sarah** at: calverts@iconz.co.nz. They may be able to help you, more specifically, to what you require - or/and put you in touch with relevant others. You may also like to look at the 'Personal Welcome' pfd file, which the NZ IARPP Chapter Organising Committee put together for you.

There will be many opportunities throughout the conference weekend to have both formal and informal exchanges with colleagues from the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. We look forward to sharing this conference experience with you. We are confident that it will be as stimulating and engaging as our previous five conferences.

Sincerely,

Lori Bohm
Margy Pearl
Michael Stern

Rebecca Curtis
Rhonda Sternberg
Brent Willock

Michael O'Loughlin
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