Good Death and Bereavement

June 8-9-10-11, 2005
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have the honour to invite you to participate in the VI International Congress of I.A.T.S. (International Association of Thanatology and Suicidology) which will take place, for the first time, in Italy. Our last Congress, which took place in Mexico City and Stockholm listed among the participants many thanatologists (from USA, Latin America, Europe, Asia). We hope this event will continue to offer the opportunity to meet and to discuss important issues.

On this occasion we have chosen a topic of great depth and impact: Good Death and Bereavement. Each participant, thanks to world-wide contributions (U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Belgium, Finland, U.K., France, India, Croatia, Serbia, Cuba, Uruguay, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Brazil, etc.), will be able to analyse the topic of a “good” death from his point of view and culture.

For example, trying to answer to crucial questions:

I. Can euthanasia or suicide be considered good deaths?
II. In what way is death at home or in a Hospice better than death in a hospital?
III. What does a good death mean to people in bereavement?
IV. Can a child’s death be a good death?
V. Is it possible to consider “good” a death when a terminal ill patient is asked without talking about death?

I hope you will be able to join us, especially in this moment when in Italy Thanatology and Suicidology have become a major issue and since the current problem of hospices has become of great social importance and the suicide (and euthanasia) is no longer morally condemned, but still remains a cause of complicated mourning. Furthermore awareness about the necessity to assist bereaved people is strongly increasing and the University of Bologna (Department of Psychology - Helping Service for bereaved people) is promoting an educational and supporting NETWORK FOR BEREAVED PEOPLE.

Francesco Campione
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### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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From the good death to the good grief: loss and the reconstruction of meaning

discussant

10.00 a.m. Lynne Despelder (Usa)
Culture and Gender: Diversity in Dying, Death and Bereavement

discussant

11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m. Dennis Klats (Usa)
Asian Ancestor Rituals and Western Grief

discussant

12.30 a.m. Janice Nadeau (Usa)
Good Death and Complicated Mourning

discussant

Aula Magna
14.00 p.m. BEREAVED PEOPLE ASSISTANCE: SELF HELP VERSUS PROFESSIONAL HELP

Introduction: Al Strickland (Usa)

Coping with Loss: The Healing Power of Music

Round table discussants: Francesco Campione, Enrico Cazzaniga, Luigi Colussi, Lilia Crozzoli Aite, Francesco DeFalco, Mauro Ercolani

Aula Magna
18.00 p.m. Closing Ceremony

21.00 p.m. Gala dinner and show

11 June

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9.00 a.m. Stephen Fleming (Usa)
New data on child and adolescent death

discussant

10.00 a.m. Donna Schurmann (Usa)
Good Death and Parents loss

discussant

11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m. Leslie Balrmer (Usa)
Psychological help for children who lost a family member traumatically (murder, suicide, sudden accident)

discussant

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Aula Absidale
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During days 9 and 11 (in the afternoon) professional seminars for nurses, medical doctors and psychologists will be organized.
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STEPHEN FLEMING
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In the last few years Klass has turned his research toward the cross-cultural study of grief, especially on how cultural rituals manage continuing bonds with the deceased.

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Roma, 1999) [The reasons behind bioethics; “Chi ha potere sul mio corpo?” (Paoline, Milano 1999) [Who has the power over my body?]; “Bioetica e nursing. Pensare, riflettere, agire” (McGraw-Hill, Milano, 2001) [Bioethics and nursing. Thinking, contemplating, acting.]; “Chi decide in medicina?” (Zadig-Roma, 2002) [Who are the decision-makers in the world of medicine?]; “Scelte etiche ed eutanasia” with Francesca Petrelli (Paoline, Milan 2003) [Ethical choices and euthanasia].

ALBERT LEE STRICKLAND
Albert Lee Strickland is a writer whose professional interests have focused on death-related topics since the late 1970s. He is co-author of the college textbook, The Last Dance: Encountering Death and Dying (first published in 1983 and now in its seventh edition). In 1989, he received the Service Award from the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) for his contributions as editor of that organization’s Forum Newsletter, and in 2003 he received ADEC’s Award for Contributions to Death Education. Reflecting a lifelong involvement in music, he has created and performed musical concerts featuring themes of loss and death expressed in traditional American gospel and blues music, with recent performances in Australia, Germany, Hong Kong, Canada, and the United States. He is a member of the Authors’ Guild and of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement.

ALFONSO REYES ZUBIRIA
CALL FOR PAPERS

• The Congress is of interest to:
thanatologists, religious ministers, medical doctors,
psychiatrists, psychologists, pedagogists, teachers, nurses,
social workers, lawyers, sociologists, ethnologists,
atheologians, voluntary services, funeral directors,
undertakers, insurance companies and to anyone else who
has to deal with death.

Presentations will last 10-15 minutes plus 5-10 minutes for
questions and will be selected and approved by the
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- title of presentation;
- type of presentation (workshop or poster);
- abstract;
- full name and surname of the author;
- full mailing address (including telephone, fax and
e-mail).

• Main topic:
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• Abstracts deadline:
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