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Second Announcement



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 Congresses 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 analyze 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 assisted 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 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.

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Francesco Campione
IATS President

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8 June

- 9.00 a.m. People attending reception
- Aula Magna** Plenary Session
- 14.00 p.m. Francesco Campione (Italy)
Opening Ceremony
- 15.30 p.m. Alfonso Reyes Zubiria (Mexico)
IATS History: from E. Kubler-Ross to nowadays Thanatology
- 16.30 p.m. Michel Fromaget (France)
Good Death and Spirituality
- 17.30 p.m. Coffee break
- 18.00 p.m. Marina Sozzi (Italy)
History on the "Good Death" idea
- 21.00 p.m. Public meeting
"Good Death and Religions"
(with representatives for many religions)

9 June

Aula Magna

- 9.00 a.m. Ivo Quaranta (Italy)
Anthropology of Euthanasia
discussant
- 10.00 a.m. Sandro Spinsanti (Italy)
Living will and good death
discussant
- 11.00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.30 p.m. David Lester (Usa)
Can suicide be a good death?
discussant
- 12.30 a.m. Discussion

Aula Magna

- 14.00 p.m. **GOOD DEATH, HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE**
Chairman: Danila Valenti (Italy) and Giovanni Zaninetta (Italy)
- 14.30 p.m. Introduction
Stephen Connor (Usa)
Good Death and Hospice
- 15.00 p.m. Walter Rombout (Usa)
Support of the caregivers in palliative care: necessary to reach a good death?
- 15.30 p.m. **Round table discussants:**
Francesco Campione, Luigi Grassi, Elena Marri, Massimo Monti, Rodolfo Passalacqua, Andrea Rossi, Danila Valenti, Giovanni Zaninetta, Furio Zucco.

Aula Absidale

- 14.00 p.m. **GOOD DEATH AND FUNERAL PROFESSIONS**
(in cooperation with Centro Studi Oltre)

Fritz Roth (Germany)
"Good Death" and funeral rituals

The central element of the funeral ceremony: the coffin.
Symbolic value and tangible evidence of respect

Legislative innovations, professional training and development of the ethical concepts in the funeral director profession

Operator burnout

Aula Magna

- 21.00 p.m. Public meeting
Presentation of a bill on Euthanasia and "attenuate" suicide

10 June

Aula Magna

- 9.00 a.m. Robert Neimeyer (Usa)
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 Klass (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 Colusso, Livia Crozzoli Aite, Francesco DeFalco, Mauro Ercolani

Aula Absidale

- 14.30 p.m. **GOOD DEATH AND FUNERAL PROFESSIONS**
(in cooperation with Centro Studi Oltre)
- The new funerary legislation**
- The farewell institutions**
- The cremation**
Tradition, Rituals, Technology
- The cemeteries: a new way to deal**

Aula Magna

- 21.00 p.m. Public meeting
Presentation of a national network for psychosocial help for bereaved people

11 June

Aula Magna

- 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 Balmer (Usa)
Psychological help for children who lost a family member traumatically (murder, suicide, sudden accident)
discussant
- 12.30 a.m. Discussion

Aula Magna

- 14.00 p.m. **Thanatology in Italy: training methods and future view**

Aula Absidale

- 14.00 p.m. **Free work session**

Aula Magna

- 18.00 p.m. Francesco Campione (Italy)
Closing Ceremony
- 21.00 p.m. **Gala dinner and show**

During days 9 and 11 (in the afternoon) professional seminars for nurses, medical doctors and psychologists will be organized.

LECTURERS

LESLIE BALMER

Leslie Balmer, PhD., C. Psych., is a partner with Fleming Alcock Vigna Balmer, registered psychologists, in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. She has over twenty years of experience in the assessment and treatment of children, adolescents, and adults in a variety of settings.

She consults to a number of organizations and school boards regarding trauma and bereavement issues. Dr. Balmer specializes in working with trauma victims who have suffered the death of a loved one through accident, suicide, or murder; with children, adolescents, and adults who are living with a life-threatening illness or have lost a loved one through illness. Dr. Balmer incorporates art, games, and play into her treatment of children. She has published articles on childhood and adolescent bereavement. Dr. Balmer has lectured and facilitated training workshops on bereavement issues in Canada, the U.S., and Europe, and is a member of the Iwg (International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement).

FRANCESCO CAMPIONE

He is a doctor specialised in Medicopsychology. He is the founder and director of the Rivista Italiana di Tanatologia (Italian Journal of Thanatology) (ZETA). He co-ordinates the "Service of Psychological Aid in situations of crisis, separation and mourning" at the Department of Psychology of the University of Bologna. He is the founder of the Institute of Thanatology and Psychological Medicine, the leader in thanatological training in the health field. He is one of the founder members of the IATS (International Association of Thanatology and Suicidology), of which he is President. He directs the Master on "Thanatology and Crisis Psychology" at University of Bologna. He is member of IWG (International Workshop Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement). He is the chairman of the Cultural Association RIVIVERE whose aim is to help those who have suffered a terrible blow and must find a way to rebuild their lives, through a network of psychological assistance and self-help being set up throughout the country. His main publications in the Thanatology field are: "Contro la morte - Psicologia ed Etica dell'aiuto ai morenti" (CLU EB, Bologna, 2003), [*Against Death - Psychology and Ethics of dying patients help*]; "Il deserto e la speranza - Psicologia e Psicoterapia del lutto" - (Armando Editore, Roma) [*The desert and hope - Psychology and Psychotherapy of mourning*]; "Rivivere - L'aiuto psicologico nelle situazioni di crisi" - (CLU EB, Bologna, 2000); [*Psychological help in crisis situations*].

STEPHEN CONNOR

Stephen R. Connor, Ph.D. is Vice President, Access for End-of-life Care, Research, and International Development at the National Hospice and Palliative in Alexandria, VA. He has worked continuously in the hospice movement since 1976 as the CEO of four different hospice programs. In addition to being a hospice

and association executive, he is a researcher and a licensed clinical psychologist with private practice experience. His areas of research interest include: bereavement and health, denial in the terminally ill, outcome and performance measurement in end of life care, and evidence based care of dying. He is a former JCAHO hospice surveyor and a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement. Dr. Connor has chaired the NHPCO Standards and Accreditation, and Research Committees as well as the NHPCO Medical Guidelines Task Force. He has published a large number of journal articles, reviews, and book chapters on issues related to the hospice movement and care of dying patients and their families. His main book is: "Hospice: Practice, Pitfalls, and Promise", (Taylor and Francis, 1998).

LYNNE ANN DESPELDER

She is an author, counselor, and a professor of psychology at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. She is certified in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement by the Association for Death Education and Counseling. Her writing in the field includes: "*The Last Dance: Encountering Death and Dying*" (7th edition). Lynne is a member of ADEC, the International Work Group in Death, Dying and Bereavement and is on the international editorial board of "*Mortality*".

STEPHEN FLEMING

Dr. Fleming is a professor in the Department of Psychology at York University in Toronto. The author of numerous book chapter, articles, and presentations on the grief experience of children, adolescence, and adults, Dr. Fleming has lectured in Canada, the United States, and Europe. In addition, he has been an expert witness in litigation involving trauma, he consults with numerous hospices and palliative care programmes, and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the psychology of death at York University. Dr. Fleming currently sits on the editorial board of the journal *Death Studies*. In 1993, he was the recipient of the Noah Thorek Award for outstanding volunteer contribution to the Bereaved Families of Ontario; in 1998, Dr. Fleming received the Clinical Practice Award for outstanding contribution to clinical Thanatology from Association for Death Education and Counseling; and, in February, 1999, he was the recipient of the Dr. Beatrice Wickett Award for outstanding contribution to mental health in education in Ontario. He currently sits on the board of directors of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement. In addition to his academic appointment, Dr. Fleming has a private practice in Brampton, Ontario.

MICHEL FROMAGET

He is professor at the University of Caen (France) and researcher in Anthropology.

He is author of many publications on death and dying, the most important concerning the reflection on Funeral Rituals, Death

Education, and Death versus Spirituality. His Theoretical perspective is called "Tripartite (body, soul and spirit) Anthropology".

DENNIS KLASS

Dennis Klass is Professor of Religious Studies at Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. He has been active in the study of death, dying and bereavement since 1968 when he was an assistant in the famous Death and Dying Seminar led by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross at the University of Chicago Hospitals. He is on editorial board of Death Studies, Omega and Journal of Death and Dying and he is member of IWG.

He is author of many books like: "Parental Grief: resolution and solace" (Springer, 1988); "Spiritual Lives of Bereavement parents" (Brunner- Mazel, 1999); "The need to know: how to teach children about death" (Prentice-Hall, 1979) and he is the co-editor, with Phyllis Silverman and Steven Nickman of "Continuing Bonds: New Understandings of Grief" (Taylor-Francis, 1996).

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.

DAVID LESTER

He is Professor of Psychology at Richard Stockton College of Pomona, New Jersey (USA) and director of Center for the Study of Suicide, Blakwood, New Jersey.

He is one of the most important Suicidologist of the world and he is on editorial board of many important review of Thanatology and Suicidology (Crisis Intervention, Illness, Crisis and Loss, Chinese Journal of Mental Health, Giornale Italiano di Suicidologia, Archives of Suicide Research, Omega, Suicide Life-threatening Behavior, Crisis, Death Studies, Studies in aggressiveness and suicide). He is author of many articles and many important books like: "Fixin'to die" (Baywood, 2003); "Mass Murder" (Nova scienze, 2004); "Suicide and Holocauste" (Baywood, coming soon).

JANICE NADEAU

Dr. Janice Winchester Nadeau is a marriage and family therapist, psychologist and master's prepared nurse. She has been active in the death and dying field for 25 years as a hospice nurse, college faculty, researcher, psychotherapist and author. Janice is a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. In the 1980's she was the recipient of a four-year National Institute of Health grant to study the impact of loss on families. In 1996 Dr. Nadeau won the Sage and National Council on Family Relations Book Award for Families Making Sense of Death, published in 1998. She is an invited member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement. In 2000 she received The Distinguished Service to Families Award from the Minnesota Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Most recently, she was invited to serve on a Scientific Advisory Panel on Bereavement at the Center for the Advancement of Health in Washington, D.C.. Dr. Nadeau is in private practice in Minneapolis at Minnesota Human Development Consultants. She

is a frequent speaker locally, nationally and internationally on the subjects of loss, grief, mid-life, and marriage and family issues.

ROBERT NEIMEYER

He is a professor and Director of Psychotherapy in the Department of Psychology, University of Memphis, where he also maintains an active clinical practice. Since completing his doctoral training at the University of Nebraska in 1982, he has conducted extensive research on the topics of death, grief, loss, and suicide intervention. He has published 18 books, including *Meaning Reconstruction and Experience of Loss* (American Psychological Association), *Lesson of Loss: A Guide to Coping* (Brunner Routledge), and *Dying: Facing the Facts, and Treatment of Suicidal people* (both with Taylor and Francis). The author of over 200 articles and book chapters, he is currently working to advance a more and adequate theory of grieving as a meaning-process, both in his published work and through his frequent professional workshops for national and international audiences.

Neimeyer is the Editor of the respected international journal, *Death Studies*, and served as President of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (1996-1997). He presently serves on the American Psychological Association's Task Force on End-of-Life Issues, where he is helping implement a research and practice agenda for psychology in this critical area. In recognition of his scholarly contributions, he has been granted the Distinguished Research Award (1990), the Distinguished Teaching Award (1999), and the Eminent Faculty Award (2002) by the University of Memphis, elected Chair of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement (1993), designated Psychologist of the Year by the Tennessee Psychological Association (1996), made a Fellow of the Clinical Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association (1997), and given the Research Recognition Award by the Association for Death Education and Counseling (1999). Neimeyer currently serves on the Scientific Advisory committee of the Grief Research Program of the Center for the Advancement of Health, and the Evaluations and Outcomes Committee of Last Acts, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

IVO QUARANTA

He is Professor of Body and Cultural Anthropology at Bologna University, and Medical Anthropology at Milano-Bicocca University. In the last period he studied socio-economic and political processes related with AIDS diffusion in Africa. He is promoting an interesting reflection about the anthropological perspective on euthanasia.

WALTER ROMBOUTS

He is Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Cedric Hele-institute, Flemish institute for psychosocial oncology and he is Clinical Psychologist at the oncology department of the University Hospital at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. He teaches Bereavement-care at the Postgraduate inter-university Education in Palliative Care for medical doctors in Flanders. He

coachs for a project to establish bereavement-care in Flanders. He is a member of IWG, International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement and he is author of many important publications on different psychosocial themes in palliative care.

FRITZ ROTH

Fritz Roth lives and operates in Germany; he is owner of a funeral home and member of IWG, International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement.

DONNA L. SCHURMAN

Donna L. Schuurman received the Doctorate in Counseling from Department of Education at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, USA in 1990. Since 1991 she has served as Executive Director of the Dougy Center for Grieving Children and families in Portland, Oregon, and became National Director in 2004. Dr. Schuurman led the association for Death Education of the Association for eight years. She is a member of the International Work Group on Death and Dying (IWG), and is the author of "Never the same: Coming to Terms With the Death of a Parent", (St. Martin's Press, NY).

MARINA SOZZI

She is Director of the A. Fabretti Foundation in Turin (Italy). As Historian, she studies the evolution of "Mentality" and published in particular on Death's conceptions during French Revolution "Il sonno e la memoria [*Sleep and Memory*] (Torino, 1999), on Funeral Rituals in modern and contemporary age "La scena degli addii [*Farewell scene*] (Turin 2000); "Perfezione e finitudine [*Perfection and Ending*], (Turin 2004).

SANDRO SPINSANTI

Educational background: psychology degree from "La Sapienza" University (Rome) and theology degree from the Pontificia Università Lateranense. Subsequently, he specialised in moral theology at the Accademia Alfonsiana.

Work experience: He taught medical ethics at the faculty of medicine at the Catholic University in Rome and bioethics at the University of Florence. He directed the International Family Study Centre in Milan and the Department of Human Sciences at the Fatebenefratelli Hospital in Isola Tiberina (Rome). He founded and currently directs the "Istituto Giano per le *medical humanities* e il management in sanità" (Rome). A member of the National Committee for Bioethics from 1991 to 2001, he is Chairman of the Bioethics Committee of the Ospedali Riuniti in Bergamo, of the Modena provincial Ethics Committee and of the Bioethics Committee in Reggio Emilia. He is actively involved in the ethical and deontological training of health operators. He has developed a bioethics diploma for nurses, now in its eighth edition, proposed by the Istituto Giano. In 1993 he founded the magazine *L'Arco di Giano*, which he headed up to 2000. In 2001 he founded the magazine *Janus* (published by Zadig, Rome), that he currently directs.

Most recent publications: "Le ragioni della bioetica" (Cidas,

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

1980-1982: Training at the Prevention Suicide Center (Director: Dr. Norman L. Farberow).

1985: Training at Elisabeth Kübler-Ross Center.

1988: Foundation of Asociación Mexicana de Tanatología (18 Noviembre) (AMTAC).

1988-1999: President of AMTAC.

1991-2004: National Representative of International Association for Prevention of Suicide.

1990-2000: Founder President of IATS (International Association of Thanatology and Suicidology).

Teacher on AMTAC degrees since 1990.

Teacher on Thanatology in many Hospital Departments since 1992.

Founder and President of the Colegio de Tanatólogos de México (2001).

Teacher on Thanatology on Telemedicine degrees (National program for Mexico).

Founder and President of Asociación Mexicana para el Estudio y Prevención del Suicidio y del Suicida (2004).

Teacher in the Master program on Clinical Thanatology (Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas).

2002: Author of "Curso Fundamental de Tanatología, en 4 tomos: "Persona y Espiritualidad" "Depresión y Angustia" "Acercamientos Tanatológicos al Enfermo Terminal y su Familia" "Suicidio". (Texts for Degrees and Master programs).

Author of the book: "... ¡No puedo más! (Bereavement grief).

IATS Vice-president for south America (2002).

Founder and Editor of "Revista Internacional de Tanatología y Suicidio" (2001).

CALL FOR PAPERS

- The Congress is of interest to:

thanatologists, religious ministers, medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, pedagogists, teachers, nurses, social workers, lawyers, sociologists, ethnologists, anthropologists, 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 Scientific Committee. Presentations must be submitted in Italian and English, as text files in MS word format, supplied as a floppy disk or as an e-mail attachment, and sent to:

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All works should contain the following information:

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- abstract;
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- full mailing address (including telephone, fax and e-mail).

- Main topic:

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- Abstracts deadline:

March, 2005

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- I.A.T.S. Members	€ 300,00
- Non Members	€ 320,00
- Groups (minimum 10 persons)	€ 220,00
- Students	€ 120,00

- Daily Fee	€ 100,00
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Registration fee includes: participation in the congress, opening ceremony, kit with the official programme and abstracts, coffee breaks, closing ceremony, participation certificate and simultaneous English - Italian translation during the scientific programme.

Cancellations and refunds: cancellations received by the Organizing Secretariat within May 15, 2005 will give entitlement to a 50% refund. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after that date.

E.C.M. credits (number to be defined) will be granted.

The following cultural events concerning the main topic will be organized:

- Photographic exhibition: "Funeral Art in Emilia Romagna, from the Age of Etruscan to the present day"
- Guided tour to the monumental Cemeteries of Bologna and Ferrara
- Tour of Ravenna