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Over Two Thousand Psychoanalysts Expected in Chicago for Biennial Congress

CHICAGO (June 15, 2009) – Uniting the world’s leading psychoanalysts for the first time in the windy city, the International Psychoanalytical Association’s 46th Biennial Congress is coming to Chicago from July 29 to August 1, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. The introduction of the incoming IPA president, psychoanalyst, distinguished author, Professor Charles Hanly, from Toronto Canada, makes the Congress’s North American location particularly convenient for American and Canadian psychoanalysts, candidates, mental health professionals, and academics.

“This IPA Chicago Congress brings together experts from the international community to explore the root causes of human psychological suffering and its cure, as new research and clinical findings confirm the effectiveness of psychoanalytic therapy”, says Professor Hanly. “German scientists recently reviewed 34 research studies and concluded that psychoanalytic therapy demonstrated most effective long term treatment results” (NY Times, Oct. 1, 2008).

The 46th Congress of the IPA is a three-and-a-half-day interdisciplinary event with more than 150 sessions open to everyone interested in psychoanalysis – practitioners, students, IPA members, and non-members. Pre-Congress events run from July 27 – 29, for small clinical working groups for IPA members and IPA candidates only. **A media conference will be held at the Hyatt on Wednesday, July 29th from 10 a.m. CST to 11 a.m. CST.**

The conference, whose theme is “Psychoanalytic Practice,” will offer a rich array of panels, some of which include:

- Psychology of the stock market
- Research in the treatment of ADHD children
- Psychoanalytic treatment for severely disturbed adolescents
- The Many Faces of Violence in The Films of David Cronenberg
- Masculinity and Femininity in the Films of Almodóvar
- The Community of Schools Project on Peaceful and Academically Strong Schools

The Soldier’s Project is another newsworthy panel featured at the Congress. Designed to provide easy access to mental health services to those who would ordinarily not have access to treatment, the Project offers free, confidential, and unlimited treatment to anyone connected to the conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan.

“Psychoanalytic practice has changed enormously in the last hundred years” said Abel Fainstein, Congress Program Committee chair. “In Chicago various ways of practicing psychoanalysis and understanding psychoanalytic patients will be debated and discussed.”

Current IPA President, Cláudio Laks Eizirik, will host the congress with keynote addresses by the outstanding Chilean clinician and researcher, Juan Pablo Jiménez, on therapeutic change, by the American master clinician, scholar and humanist Warren Poland, on psychoanalytic inquiry, and by one of Europe’s leading clinicians, the profoundly literate Italian analyst, Antonino Ferro, on clinical strategies.

Admission to the entire Congress starts at \$410 for psychoanalytic candidates in the United States who book online. One, two, and three-day tickets are also available. IPA Members receive a discount from the non-member rate. Tickets for fulltime students/medical residents are also available online for \$85 a day. To register for the Congress or learn more about the event, visit www.ipa.org.uk/congress. **A media conference will be held at the Hyatt on Wednesday, July 29th from 10 a.m. CST to 11 a.m. CST.**

International Psychoanalytical Association

The IPA is the world’s primary accrediting and regulatory body for psychoanalysis. Its mission is to assure the continued vigor and development of psychoanalysis for the benefit of psychoanalytic patients. It works in partnership with its 70 constituent organizations in 33 countries to support its 12,000 Members. For more information about the IPA or the IPA Congress, please visit www.ipa.org.uk.

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