

IAC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008

COUNSELLING: A MEANS OF BRIDGING DIFFERENCES

30th June – 7th July 2008



**Malta Association for the
Counselling Profession
(MACP)**



**International Association
for Counselling (IAC)**



**University of Malta
Department of Psychology &
University Counselling Unit**

PROGRAMME

Monday 30th June

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| 09.00 | IAC Executive Committee Meeting |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 15.00 | IAC Executive Committee Meeting |
| 18.30 | Transfer to Mdina to meet MACP executive council.
Mdina at leisure. |
| 20.00 | Dinner at Ciapetti's Mdina |



Tuesday 1st July

- 09.00 IAC Executive Committee Meeting
- 12.30 Lunch
- 15.00 IAC Executive Committee Meeting
- 18.30 Transfer to Siggiewi for dinner hosted by MACP



Wednesday 2nd July

- 08.15 Registration
- 09.00 International Research Seminar
- The International Research Seminar offers the opportunity to develop and participate in research projects in collaboration with colleagues from around the world. The development of projects that are consistent with the research agendas of UNESCO, ILO, WHO, and other international organizations will be considered.*
- Coordinated by Professor Courtland Lee and Professor Tim Bond*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 International Research Seminar
- 16.00 First Meeting of Young Persons' Group
- The Young Persons group will be animating the plenary session on Friday afternoon*
- 18.30 Transfer to Tarxien for visit to Tarxien Prehistoric Temples
- 20.00 Dinner (Fenkata) at Tix restaurant.
- The Fenkata (Rabbit meal) is the Maltese national dish.*



Thursday 3rd July

08.00 Registration for Workshops

09.00 Workshops

Workshop 1

Ethical Issues for Counsellors in a Small State
Professor Tim Bond, University of Bristol

Workshop 2

Writing for Publication
Professor Courtland Lee, University of Maryland

Workshop 3

Ancient Celtic Sensory Awareness/ New Zealand Maori Stories and Awareness
Professor Michael O'Connor, University of Seattle, Professor Angus MacFarlane, University of Waikato

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Afternoon Workshops

Workshop 4

Becoming Aware of my Body Language
Beatriz Brinckmann, Argentina

Workshop 5

Communities Respond
Jennifer McMahon and Malcolm Hedley

Opening Ceremony IAC Conference 2008

17.30 Registration

19.00 Dance 1 - Boadicea

19.05 Welcome Speech by Mr Dione Mifsud, MACP President

19.10 Introduction by Prof Courtland Lee, IAC President

19.20 Address by Prof Juanito Camilleri, Rector, University of Malta

19.25 Official Opening by Hon. John Dalli, Minister for Social Policy

19.30 Keynote Speech by Prof. Barbara Herlihy, University of New Orleans

The Power of One: Building Bridges toward Social Justice in Post-Katrina New Orleans

- 20.00 Discussion
- 20.15 Dance 2 – Explosive
- 20.20 Housekeeping News
- 20.30 Reception



Friday 4th July

- 08.00 Registration
- 09.00 Keynote Speech by Hilde Rapp, Co-Director Centre for International Peacebuilding

Bridging the differences that Block us from Addressing Issues of Climate Change: Exploring the Role of Counsellors.

Discussion
- 10.00 Break
- 10.30 Working Groups Session No 1

There will be four working groups. These groups will meet three times during the conference. This will give them ample time for discussion and engagement with the theme of the group. A report will be drawn up during the final group session and subsequently presented to the U.N. after the conference.

Working Group 1 - **Bridging Counselling, Education and Work**

Andrew Azzopardi	Career Guidance for Persons with Disability
John Bartolo	Il-Quccija. What Did You Pick Out On Your First Birthday

Gergana Rakovska & Andrea Szilagyi	The Role of Growing Counselling Profession in Eastern Europe. Bridging the Gap Between Education and Labour Market
Despina Sidiropoulou-Dimakakou; Ekaterini Argyroplouou & Drosos Nikos	Development of Career Decision Making Skills: A Pilot Intervention Program for High School Students

Working Group 2 – **Children in Crises**

Herlihy Barbara. & Watson, Zarus	Children in Crisis: Implementation of a Collaborative Model for Meeting the Mental Health and Medical Health Needs of Children in Post-Katrina New Orleans
Ruth Falzon & Maud Muscat	Does the PSD Processing Experience Facilitate Moving on to Counselling?
Simona Trip	The Efficiency of a Rational Emotive Behavioral Program for Children and Adolescents

Working Group 3 - **Counselling and Inclusion**

Deryl Bailey	Imaginable Outcomes: Charting the Educational and Life Trajectory for ALL Students
Franceanne Borg & Vivien Cassar	An Anecdotal Presentation of Stories Used as Tools in a Primary School Setting as a Means of Bridging the Psychosocial and Educational Domains
Ruth Falzon & Stephen Camilleri	Dyslexia and the Maltese Counsellor
Liubov Ivankina & Margarita Vorobieva	Psychological Assistance in University

Working Group 4 – **Clients in Crises**

Charmaine Agius Ferrante	Counselling Parents of Disabled Children – Breaking the News and Ongoing Support
Silvia Galea	The Journey – Building Bridges of Hope
Damian Spiteri & Leon David Madden	The Role of Inter-Professional Collaboration at the Pre-Counselling Stage in a Rehabilitation Programme for Substance Abusers

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00 Plenary - **Young Persons and Diversity**

Opening Speech by Ms Carmen Zammit, Commissioner for Children

Counselling: A Means of Bridging Differences

Second Meeting of the Young Persons' Group

Discussion

15.30 Plenary Presentation - **Contextual Differences in Counselling**

Alfred Darmanin	Ambiguties in Counselling Clients from a Traditionally Catholic Culture (The Malta Experience)
Kathryn Hunt	Are there differences in the perceived brief play therapy training needs and post training benefits for counsellors working therapeutically with vulnerable children in Kenya, East Africa, depending on geographical location and subsequent cultural and tribal groupings
Meera Kapadia	Has European Psychological Theory Crossed its Boundaries? ...The Hairdryer Theory

Sue Webb

Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf: Counselling and Registration in
Aotearoa, New Zealand

17.00 European Association for Counselling (EAC) Executive Council Meeting

18.45 Transfer to Żejtun for Maltese Cultural Evening

As part of the Conference activities there will be the hosting of a cultural evening at Żejtun Gardens on Friday 4th July. The programme of the evening is as follows:

19.30 Meet at Sant' Ang Square for tour by Żejtun Mayor

20.30 Paul Curmi Dancers

21.00 Folk Song Medley

21.10 Għannejja – Maltese Traditional Singing

21.30 Hallel Dance

21.40 Folk Song Medley

21.40 Maltese Food

22.00 Dancing away with the DJ Tony Cilia



Saturday 5th July

08.00 Registration

09.00 Keynote Speech by Ms Micheline Sciberras, Director General of
Education (Student Services)

Educating the Heart: Counselling in Schools

Discussion

10.00 Break

10.30 Working Groups Session No 2

- 12.30 Break
- 14.00 Working Groups Session No 3
- 15.45 Plenary Presentation – **Bridging Borders and Class**

Nancy Arthur	Barriers to Social Justice in Career Development Practice
Beth A. Durodoye	Power, Privilege and Money: Bridging Social Class in Counselling
Mika Haritos-Fatouros	Counsellors Without Frontiers: Psychosocial Intervention After Physical Disasters
Michael Hutchins & Judy Lewis	Bridging the Economic Divide through the American Counseling Association's Advocacy Competencies

- 17.30 IAC General Meeting
- 20.00 Official Conference Gala Banquet



Sunday 6th July

- 08.00 Registration
- 09.00 Keynote Speech: Dr Katrine Camilleri
- 09.45 Plenary Presentations – **Bridging Different Approaches in Counselling; Counselling and Mental Health**

Roberta Attard & Daniel Mercieca	The Great Communication Divide: The Use of Play in the Child-Parent-Counsellor Triad
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Michaela Buck	Crossing the Border: Training Programme in Client-Centred Therapy
Kim Etherington	Life Story Research as a Bridge Between the Contexts of Therapy and Research
John Vella	The Shadow: Recognition or Denial? Implications for Counselling and Counselling Training

Elaine Dutton	An Evaluation of Interaction between the Counselling Setting and Theoretical Constructs Used in a Series of Health-Management Sessions.
Ruth Falzon & Maud Muscat	The Growth of PSD in Malta
Rebecca Gray	The Dynamics of Shame: Implications for the Counsellor when Working in Drug and Alcohol Treatment Settings

- 09.45 Third and Final Meeting of the Young Persons' Group
- 11.00 Break
- 11.30 Reports from Working Groups
- 12.30 Presentation of 2009 Conference and Final Thoughts on 2008 Conference
- 13.30 Official Closing of Conference by Hon. Dolores Cristina, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport
- 18.30 Transfer to Valletta
Free time at Upper Barrakka Gardens
Walk through Valletta
Dinner at D'Agostino Valletta
Valletta by Night



Monday 7th July – Gozo Cultural Tour

A fantastic full day outing to Malta's sister isle and a chance to chill out. Includes a visit to Ggantija Prehistoric Temples, Dwejra and the Citadel. Lunch will be included.

08:00	Leave hotel	
09:00	Ferry	
09.30	Coach Pick-UP	
10.00	Ggantija Ta' Kola Windmill	
11.30	Coffee Break at Xaghra	
12.00	Calypso Cave	
13.00	Maltese Lunch at UGC Courtyard	
14.30	Xlendi	
16:30	Dwejra	
20.00	Option 1	Ferry home
	Option 2	Meal in Gozo and leave really late to Hotel
	Option 3	Ferry to Malta. Organised meal in Malta

