

“Training, education and support for professionals and all those working with and on behalf of families”

Details of this conference and how to register will be available on the ICCFR website www.iccfr.org at the end of 2008 but look out on the website for information during the Autumn period.

If you are interested in offering a workshop in the topic area, or if you want further information or have questions please contact one of those identified below as soon as possible (deadline for workshop proposals is 30 September 2008).

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The International Commission on Couple and Family Relations ICCFR

The Commission was established in 1953 by the International Union of Family Organisations (IUFO/WFO). Its annual international conferences are dedicated to making an innovative and contemporary contribution which addresses the issues and challenges couples and families face throughout the world. Its extensive international membership includes organisations and individuals involved in couple and family therapy, relationship education, social work, mediation, psychology and psychiatry, research, social policy, family courts and the law, and family organisations. As a result the Commission sustains a groundbreaking interdisciplinary dialogue about couple and family relations and the support provided for them by the professions.

ICCFR Mission Statement

ICCFR-CIRCF believes that stable flourishing communities are based on thriving couple and family relations. The Commission dedicates itself to the advancement and world-wide dissemination of knowledge about those relationships, and to activities promoting their well-being. It provides an international forum in which individuals and organisations can engage in dialogue about the issues and challenges couple and family relations face, and about the means by which the related professions can collaborate in responding to them.



THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON COUPLE AND FAMILY RELATIONS

56th International Conference

In collaboration with

North American Family Organization (NAFO)

Policy and Practice - developing and implementing training and education programmes for all who work with couples and families.

**Québec, Canada
17 – 19 June 2009**



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International Conference Sherbrooke 16th – 19th June 2009

To compare existing training programmes in Quebec, in Canada and around the globe, to research results and effectiveness, to consider how they can be improved in the best interest of families

There is great concern throughout the world about the problems that couples and families have to contend with. This concern is shared between Governments and those whose task it is to provide the levels of support for those who need help.

This conference will therefore have a focus on those who provide that help. The training and continuing professional development that workers in this field require has become more complex over the decades. It is our hope that the Conference will provide a forum for sharing best practice and new initiatives so that workers are well equipped to deal with the complex matters they face.

A range of keynote presentations from different parts of the world, backed up by workshops that will allow participants to discuss, learn and share experience and skills. Training cannot be an end in itself, but ignoring it as part of the solution in family support is short-sighted and unhelpful.

Conference programme

- keynote presentations by internationally recognised experts
- Among the sub-topics to be addressed will be:
 - Family mediation
 - Training, education and support for those who lead youth on their summer holidays or free time
 - Training, education and support for parents
- workshops offering the chance to explore topics in more depth
- study group sessions developing international, multidisciplinary perspectives on conference topics and participants' interests
- The conference language will be French & English; interpretation will be provided in the plenary sessions and facilitation in some of the workshops
- A mixture of cultural events and informal entertainment will make up the social

Pre Conference Day

In addition, as a request from Sherbrooke University, a scientific day will be held exploring the Conference theme on the 16 June 2009. Members and non-members of the ICCFR will be welcome.

Conference Venue

The 2009 ICCFR conference will be held at Sherbrooke University campus. The city of Sherbrooke is situated on the south east of Quebec province very near to the US border and 150 kilometers from Montreal.

Sherbrooke University is very well known with 36000 students.

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Participation

Individuals and organisations involved in couple and family counselling and therapy, family organisations, research, social policy, family-related legislation and legal processes, relationship education, and the provision of welfare services are invited to participate in the conference.