Dear colleagues,

The IAFMHS Board of Directors and the 2014 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) are pleased to invite you to attend the 14th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, to be held from June 19-22, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services meeting brings together clinicians and scientists from around the world in the area of forensic mental health and related disciplines (e.g., psychiatry, psychology, criminology, law). The meeting occurs on an annual basis and showcases symposia, papers, and posters addressing topics in all areas of mental health and law. The strengths of the Association include its practical focus, its respect for both responsible care and protection of safety, and the impressive diversity of its membership. A quick perusal of the Association’s website (www.iafmhs.org) and its journal makes clear that IAFMHS provides a forum for sharing information and experience about best practices in forensic mental health that is not restricted by professional or national boundaries.

This year, we have an exciting programme planned which highlights both empirical and practice-based proposals that involve new and emerging topics within the themes of this year’s conference: Trauma, Violence, and Recovery: Risk and Resilience across the Lifespan. Clinicians and researchers in attendance have the opportunity to report and discuss their findings in an atmosphere conducive to frank yet amicable exchange. This occurs across all levels via plenary sessions, workshops, posters, and dedicated sessions.

Please visit our local website at www.iafmhs2014.ca for further information, including details on registration for the conference, post-conference workshops, hotels and transportation options. Please note that conference delegates are responsible for their own registration, transportation and accommodations costs.

I look forward to seeing many of you this summer in Toronto!

Sincerely,

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