



November 5, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to *2017 International Summit on Suicide Research* sponsored by the International Academy of Suicide Research and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to be held at the beautiful Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, Nevada. We hope that this meeting will continue to provide a forum for all investigators working in suicide research to present their latest data, exchange new ideas, and discuss ongoing developments. Further, we aim to bring together investigators working in diverse areas of research, from molecular geneticists to epidemiologists and interventions researchers, to generate new interdisciplinary approaches to the problem of suicide and suicidal behavior. It is our hope that each participant will come away from this meeting energized with an appreciation of the breadth of the work being conducted in our field. Importantly, with your help, we hope to mentor, support and encourage young investigators who are the future of our research endeavors.

This year's meeting includes plenaries, oral presentations, and posters covering a breadth of topics and with **participation from over 30 countries**.

We are particularly pleased to present to you two poster sessions, which will take place on Monday and Tuesday at 11:30 AM. We believe that these events should be both informative and entertaining, and we encourage all meeting participants to attend and interact with the poster presenters, as well as meet with other colleagues.

This conference would not be taking place without the efforts of many individuals. In particular, the Organizing Committee would like to thank Kelly Phy and Tori Swinehart of Parthenon Management Group, as well as our Scientific Advisory Committee for their continual, invaluable work in all aspects of the planning and preparation of the meeting.

We hope that you will also have some time to enjoy the excitement of Las Vegas. If there is anything we can do to make your visit a more enjoyable one, please let us know.

Sincerely,



**Yeates Conwell, M.D.**  
Co-Chair



**Gil Zalsman, M.D.**  
Co-Chair

## ABOUT THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT ON SUICIDE RESEARCH

### *New Horizons for Suicide Research: From Genes to Communities*

This 2017 International Suicide Research Summit will bring together suicide researchers studying topics ranging from neurobiology and genetics to prevention and intervention. All suicide researchers and those interested in learning about the most cutting-edge evidence are invited to attend and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to network and interact. In addition to plenary sessions with preeminent suicide researchers and symposia, the meeting will include a mentoring program, poster sessions, and workshops addressing methodological issues particular to suicide research, such as assessment of suicidal behavior, strategies for research on low base rate outcomes, use of proxy measures, and maintaining the delicate balance between ethical and methodological concerns.

#### **Conference Co-Chairs:**

**Yeates Conwell, M.D.**

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**University of Rochester Medical Center**

Professor of Psychiatry

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2. Participants will be able to describe methodological and ethical challenges in research design for studies where the outcome of interest is suicidal ideation and behavior.
3. Participants will be able to enumerate the most recent neurobiological, genetic, psychological and social evidence related to suicidal behavior.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



International Academy  
of Suicide Research

The International Academy for Suicide Research is an organization that promotes high standards of research and scholarship in the field of suicidal behaviour by fostering communication and co-operation among scholars engaged in such research.

The Academy's official publication is the Archives of Suicide Research. This is a peer-reviewed journal published by Taylor & Francis.

The Academy holds annual scientific and business meetings. These have been held in conjunction with conferences such as the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour, and the American Association of Suicidology.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.suicide-research.org/>.



**American  
Foundation  
*for* Suicide  
Prevention**

Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.

AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health by engaging in the following core strategies:

- Funding scientific research
- Developing public education
- Advocating for public policies in mental health and suicide prevention
- Supporting survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide in our mission

Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, and with a public policy office in Washington, D.C., AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states with programs and events nationwide. Learn more about AFSP in its latest Annual Report, and join the conversation on suicide prevention by following AFSP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [You Tube](#).

## SUMMIT SPONSORS

The Summit would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following companies whose corporate support has contributed to the overall quality of this meeting:

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The Summit would like to thank our 2017 Exhibitors. Please stop by the Promenade Foyer to visit the booths.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention  
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## AWARDS

**The Morselli Medal** is awarded every two years by the International Academy for Suicide Research (IASR) to an individual who has made an outstanding and important lifetime contribution to the study of suicidal behaviour and/or suicide prevention. This is the Academy's most distinguished award and is intended to be a "lifetime achievement" award. The Award is named in honour of Enrico Morselli, late of the University of Genoa School of Medicine who is regarded as being the first scientific, statistically informed epidemiologist in suicidology.

### 2017 Winners of the Morselli Medal



**Victoria Arango, Ph.D.  
Columbia University, USA**

**Victoria Arango** was born in Colombia and received her PhD in Neuroscience from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NYC. In 1985, while at Cornell University Medical College, she pioneered anatomical studies in the brain of suicides, which she continued at the University of Pittsburgh and then in the Department of Psychiatry and the NYS Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University. She holds the rank of Professor and is the co-director of the Division of Molecular Imaging and Neuropathology. Dr. Arango's research examines brain neurotransmitter alterations in individuals who died by suicide and the effect of alcohol dependence and mood disorders on those systems. Her biochemical studies are complemented by molecular biology and neuroanatomical morphometric studies. Dr. Arango has published extensively on the neurobiology of suicide and has been continuously funded by the NIH and other Foundations for the last 30 years. She received the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Research Award in 2010. Dr. Arango is a Fellow of the International Academy of Suicide Research. She has played leadership roles in other prominent scientific organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and the Society of Biological Psychiatry.

## AWARDS

### 2017 Winners of the Morselli Medal (cont.)



**Diego De Leo, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., FRANZCP,  
AO  
Griffith University, Australia**

Emeritus Professor Diego De Leo was the Director of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) from 1997-2015. Professor De Leo is Past President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention and Past President of the International Academy for Suicide Research, and past and current chair of number of different committees. He has been the world leading researcher in suicide research and prevention over several decades; he has designed and advised suicide prevention activities, projects and programs around the world, including his contribution to the World Health Organization. He was in the network of consultants for the revision of ICD-10 (ICD-11) and DSM-V (Non-Suicidal Self-Injury). His work has been acknowledged with a number of different awards. In 2013, he was appointed as an Officer in the

General Division of the Order of Australia, awarded for “distinguished service to medicine in the field of psychiatry as a researcher and through the creation of national and international strategies for suicide prevention”.

Outputs of Prof De Leo’s research activities have been presented in over 700 publications, including over 350 peer-reviewed articles, 170 book chapters and 40 volumes. His Scopus Hindex is currently 44. Prof De Leo is currently the Editor in Chief of the Crisis - The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, and an editorial board member of journals Suicide & Life Threatening Behavior, Archives of Suicide Research, Suicidology Online and Advancing Suicide Prevention. He is also Associate Editor of BMC Public Health, and Regional Editor of Behavioral Medicine and a member of the editorial boards of several other journals.

### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) 2017 Young Investigator Travel Awardees**

**Ewa Czyz, Ph.D.**  
Post-Doctoral Fellow  
University of Michigan

**Becky Mars, Ph.D.**  
Senior Research Associate  
University of Bristol

**Melissa Pearson, Ph.D.**  
Trial Manager  
University of Edinburgh

**Clement Zai, Ph.D.**  
Project Scientist  
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

## AWARDS

### **Archives of Suicide Research Best Paper of the Year Awards**

#### ASR Best Paper of the Year 2015:

*How Parental Reactions Change in Response to Adolescent Suicide Attempt*

Greene-Palmer, F. N., Wagner, B. M., Neely, L. L., Cox, D. W., Kochanski, K. M., Perera, K. U., & Ghahramanlou-Holloway, M. (2015). How parental reactions change in response to adolescent suicide attempt. *Archives of suicide research*, 19(4), 414-421.

#### ASR Best Paper of the Year 2016:

*Are There Linguistic Markers of Suicidal Writing That Can Predict the Course of Treatment? A Repeated Measures Longitudinal Analysis*

Brancu, M., Jobes, D., Wagner, B. M., Greene, J. A., & Fratto, T. A. (2016). Are There Linguistic Markers of Suicidal Writing That Can Predict the Course of Treatment? A Repeated Measures Longitudinal Analysis. *Archives of Suicide Research*, 20(3), 438-450.

## IASR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

There are three categories of IASR members: Junior members, Regular members and Fellows of the Academy.

**Junior members** are individuals engaged in suicide research under the direction of a mentor. Examples are postdoctoral trainees, doctoral or masters students. The duration of a junior membership is limited to 3 years at the end of which they will automatically be considered for regular membership.

**Junior members:**

- pay no dues
- have free access the electronic version of the journal
- are invited to the meeting
- receive the IASR newsletter
- are eligible for IASR Star Awards

**Regular members** are individuals who are engaged in ongoing research on suicide, either directly or as advisers, reviewers or consultants in an academic institution or equivalent.

Regular membership dues:

1 year: \$125 USD

3 years: \$325 USD (15% reduction)

**Regular members:**

- receive a print copy of the journal
- have access the electronic version of the journal at no charge

**Fellows of the Academy** are individuals who have established a reputation as significant contributors to knowledge in the field of suicidal behavior. This is exemplified by directing and designing innovative research, making significant contributions to the peer reviewed literature and providing guidance to trainees and developing scientists. Fellows are appointed from among existing regular members or de novo from the scientific community.

**Criteria for membership in the Academy:**

The person should be an outstanding and internationally recognized researcher in the field of suicidology as indicated by publications in peer review journals.

The research need not necessarily be empirical research, but can include theoretical, ethical or legal research work.

Should be highly recommended by peers.

No history of scientific misconduct.



## IASR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### **Application procedure for membership in the IASR:**

The applicant should submit an updated curriculum vitae along with letters of nomination from two (2) current full members.

Please use the online forms on the right, or send your application material by mail to the IASR Secretary – Treasurer, Dr. Annette Erlangsen, at the following address:  
[secretary@suicide-research.org](mailto:secretary@suicide-research.org).

All materials received will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, and the applicant will be notified by letter of the Academy's decision.

If your application is accepted, you will be sent a link to pay your membership dues.

## EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER FORUM

The International Academy of Suicide Research (IASR) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention are committed to fostering the development of Early Career Researchers (ECRs), such as graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and junior faculty, within the field of suicidology, and are planning an exciting and valuable program for ECRs at the upcoming 2017 International Summit on Suicide Research in Henderson, Nevada on November 5-8. The ECR forum was one of the most talked about aspects of the 2015 program and we are excited to offer it again to those who wish to participate!

Inaugurated at the 2013 IASR meeting, the forum pairs ECRs with established senior investigators based upon their shared research interests. This year, mentors and mentees will meet at a special breakfast on Monday, November 6. For this event, we have organized an exciting research speed-networking event, at which ECRs will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one to a variety of senior investigators, and each ECR will be matched up with a specific mentor to meet with later in the conference. We are also delighted to announce that Maria Oquendo, M.D.,Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania) will be giving the ECR keynote talk and passing on her invaluable advice for those starting out in the field of suicidology.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## MEETING INFORMATION

### Registration

#### **El Viento Promenade- Lobby Level**

Sunday 11:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Monday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM

### Speaker Ready Room

#### **El Viento III – Lobby Level**

Sunday 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Monday 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Summit WiFi

Network ID: summit17

PIN: summit2017

## CONFERENCE EVALUATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

### **Meeting Evaluation:**

All meeting attendees are encouraged to complete an online evaluation of the meeting.

**Attendees who are requesting CME or CE credit for the meeting are required to complete the evaluation.** This form is available online only. You may complete the evaluation online as well as apply for CME or CE credits at [www.SuicideResearchSummit.org](http://www.SuicideResearchSummit.org). All evaluations must be complete by December 12, 2017.

### **Continuing Education:**

**The 2017 IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research is jointly sponsored by Amedco, the International Academy of Suicide Research, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.**



### **Satisfactory Completion**

Participants must complete an evaluation to receive a certificate of completion. Your chosen sessions must be attended in their entirety. Partial credit of individual sessions is not available. If you are seeking continuing education credit for a specialty not listed below, it is your responsibility to contact your licensing/certification board to determine course eligibility for your board requirement.

### **Physicians:**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Amedco and the International Academy of Suicide Research (IASR) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Amedco is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION (CONT.)

Amedco designates this live activity for a maximum of 21.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **Psychologists:**

This course is co-sponsored by Amedco, IASR, and AFSP. Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Amedco designates this live activity for a maximum of 22.25 hours.

**Target Audience:** This course is designed for psychiatrists, psychologists and other professionals working to reduce the number of suicides that occur each year. There are no prerequisites for this course.

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