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Suicide Research and Prevention Without Borders

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 2021 International Summit on Suicide Research sponsored by the International Academy of Suicide Research and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The Summit will be held October 24-27, 2021 on a state-of-the-art virtual platform. The virtual meeting will be presented live for US and European participants with recordings available to those outside of those time zones. An emphasis will be placed not only on the opportunity to share data virtually, but also on opportunities for attendees to connect with each other for informal discussions and connection.

This meeting will bring together suicide researchers studying topics ranging from neurobiology, epidemiology and genetics to assessment, intervention and prevention. 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. Workshops will cover topics such as assessment of suicidal behavior and risk, strategies for research on low base rate outcomes, use of technology and proxy measures, approaches to facilitate inclusion of underrepresented populations, study design options that produce robust and reliable results, and guidance for the safe inclusion of individuals at high-risk for suicidal behavior.

The organizing team is hard at work planning a meeting that will 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.

We look forward to seeing you virtually!

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Science of the Summit

The 2021 Summit Organizing Committee has assembled a number of invited symposia sessions and plenary sessions on a range of timely, relevant topics in suicide research with talks by leading researchers in the field. The Committee is pleased to share the below confirmed sessions for the 2021 Summit.

The rest of the program will be comprised of symposia, oral, and poster presentations that will be selected from a pool of submitted proposals from researchers all over the world. Each proposal will be peer-reviewed by the Summit Program Committee and only the best will be selected to ensure a high-level, well-balanced program.

We look forward to sharing more details of the program once confirmed on our website: SuicideResearchSummit.org.

Plenary Session Topics

Perspectives on the Future of Suicide Research

- ◆ Ethical and Safety Issues Related to Randomized Clinical Treatment Trials, EMA and Passive Data Collection
- ◆ Hard Truths About What We Know Works For Suicide Prevention– What Does Work?

Prediction of Acute Suicide Risk

- ◆ Factors Controlling Transition From Suicidal Ideation To Suicidal Attempt
- ◆ Continuous Passive Monitoring: Turning Promise Into A Clinical Tool

Suicide Risk and Prevention During the COVID-19 Pandemic

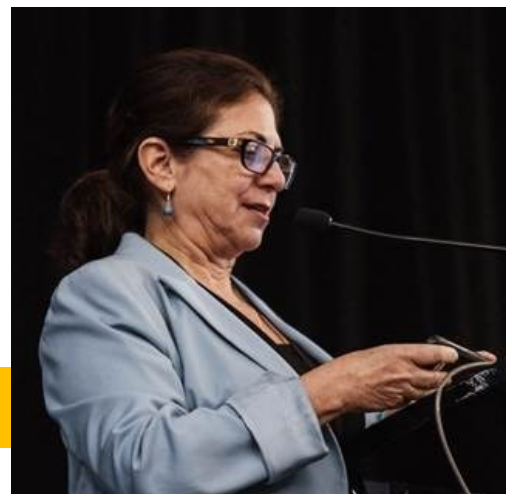
How the NIMH Impacts Suicide Prevention: Translating Funded Research Into Healthcare Policy and Clinical Practice to Lower Suicide Rates

System Level Suicide Prevention

- ◆ Selected Treatment And Intervention For Self-Harming Patients In Secondary Health Care System In Norway
- ◆ Lessons from the U.K Suicide Prevention Efforts

New Understanding of the Neurobiology of Suicide

- ◆ New Neurobiologic Imaging Findings Related to the Stress Diathesis Model of Suicidal Behavior
- ◆ Inflammation and Suicidal Behaviour



Invited Symposia Session Topics

Brain Function, Behavior and Decision-Making

- ◆ The Cognitive Neuroscience of Suicidal Behavior: Where Are We?
- ◆ Decision-Making and Suicide: A Neural Computation Perspective
- ◆ MRI Studies of Suicidal Behavior and Mood Disorders
- ◆ fMRI Studies of Suicidal Activities in Mood Disorders

Suicide in Under-Served Populations

- ◆ Suicide Among Refugees - A Mockery of Humanity
- ◆ Suicide in International Migrants and Refugees
- ◆ Suicide in Muslim Countries
- ◆ Suicide Among Black Youth

Suicide, Illness, and Pain

- ◆ Suicide in Mood Disorders & Psychosis
- ◆ Preventing Suicide in the Severely Mentally Ill Children
- ◆ Physical Disorders and Suicide: Maximizing the Use of Registries to Prevent Suicide
- ◆ A Tale of Two Pains: Pain Tolerance and Self-Harm, Chronic Pain and Suicide

Genetics and Epigenetics

- ◆ GWAS of Suicide Attempt in Psychiatric Disorders – Findings from Psychiatric Genomics Consortium
- ◆ Epigenetics of Suicidal Behavior
- ◆ Genetics and Individual Suicide Risk Factors
- ◆ Aggression and Suicide: New Data on Genetics from Spain

Invited Symposia Session Topics (cont.)

Media, Social Media, and Suicide

- ◆ Suicide and the Internet
- ◆ Media and Suicide: Building the Evidence Base
- ◆ Cyberbullying and Suicidal Behavior Among Adolescents
- ◆ Digital Websites for Suicide Prevention

Big Data, Registry, and EHR in Suicide Research

- ◆ Development and Implementation of Suicide Risk Prediction Models for Healthcare Settings
- ◆ Machine Learning and Suicidal Behaviors
- ◆ Natural Language Processing Approach to Detect Suicidal Behavior from Electronic Medical Records
- ◆ Catalonia Suicide Risk Code Epidemiology Study

Implementation Science and Suicide Prevention Strategies

- ◆ Zero Suicide Implementation in Statewide Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics
- ◆ Pesticides and Suicide Prevention in Developing Countries
- ◆ Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM): Challenges in the Design and Evaluation of Universal Suicide Prevention Programs for Adolescents
- ◆ Universal Health Coverage for Mental Disorders

Suicide Prevention Across the Lifespan

- ◆ Cognition and Decision-Making Across the Lifespan
- ◆ Promises of DBT in Preventing Suicide and Self-Harm
- ◆ Predicting Risk of Suicide and Improving Prevention in Adolescents
- ◆ Suicide Among Chinese Rural Elderly

Populations and Systems Based Approaches to Suicide Prevention

- ◆ Research Supporting Suicide Prevention Approaches in Health Systems
- ◆ Systems Thinking in Collaborative, Community-Based Suicide Prevention: Bridging the Gap Between Communities of Research and Practice
- ◆ Interventions to Limit Suicide by Self-Poisoning
- ◆ Suicidal Behavior Among Veterans

Bereavement and Impact of Suicide on Others

- ◆ Complicated Grief and Posttraumatic Growth Among Suicide Survivors
- ◆ Exposure to Suicide in the Population
- ◆ fMRI Studies of Grief in Suicide Survivors
- ◆ Suicide and Sudden Death Bereavement in Australia



Continuing Education

Continuing Education Credits will be available for physicians (AMA) and Psychologists (APA) for the 2021 Summit.

Preliminary Schedule of Events



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN US EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Sunday, October 24

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Plenary Session
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Break
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Concurrent Symposium Sessions
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Plenary Session
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Concurrent Oral Sessions
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Virtual Welcome Reception

Monday, October 25

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Special Session
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Concurrent Symposium Sessions
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Plenary Session
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Concurrent Oral Sessions
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Plenary Session
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Poster Session I
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Funding Mechanisms Session

Preliminary Schedule of Events (cont.)

Tuesday, October 26

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Concurrent Symposium Sessions
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Plenary Session
10:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Early Career Researcher Forum
12:00 PM – 12:15 PM	Break
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Concurrent Symposium Sessions
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Poster Session II

Wednesday, October 27

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Plenary Session
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Concurrent Symposium Sessions
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Concurrent Oral Sessions
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies and Awards

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