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It's our pleasure to announce the call for abstracts has re-opened for the 10th International Conference for the <u>International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR)</u>: "Mental health, mass people displacement and ethnic minorities".

The conference will take place between the **26th-29th September 2017** in the city of Novi Sad in Serbia.

While the event is targeted at psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors and other support workers, the conference also aims to build the capacity of researchers, advocates, journalists, students and other individuals working in the field of refugee support, civil society and community development.

The first two days of the event from the 26th-27th September will consist of capacity building workshops which will allow participants to attend sessions that best suit their area of practice and interest. The final two days of the event, from the 28th-29th September, will involve an international conference.

The capacity building workshops will focus on:

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- * Creative therapies in trauma healing
- * Neurofeedback and biofeedback therapies
- * Providing services to women (mothers, older women and vulnerable women)
- * Supporting the supporters: developing a supervision system to support the counsellors and front line workers who are working directly with displaced people; promoting self-care, and implementing an effective reporting system
- * Providing services to returnees from the EU; particularly Roma returnees, with special emphasis on supporting children belonging to returnee families
- * Providing culturally-appropriate integration programs and education to refugee or migrant children
- * Addressing migrant health issues in order to manage public health concerns; e.g. risk of spread of TB, malaria, scabies, lice, etc.
- * Addressing the needs of often overlooked groups; particularly single males

The international conference themes are:

- * The impact of the refugee experience on the physical and mental health of the individual and the community
- * Providing services to unregistered people; aligning the efforts of civil society and local authorities to provide assistance
- * Ethical dilemmas in providing mental health care to asylum seekers
- * The impact of radicalisation in the West on community perceptions of refugees

The ISHHR Secretariat is looking for abstracts that relate to the aforementioned themes. Once received, abstracts will be reviewed by ISHHR's Scientific Committee members who will select the papers most appropriate for the event. If selected, you will be invited to present your work at the event, or have your work published in conference material.

To submit an abstract, visit the ISHHR website and upload your abstract through the <u>submis</u> <u>sion portal</u>

The call for abstracts will close on Friday the 31st of March 2017.

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Note: we will be offering partial sponsorship of attendance costs to select individuals interested in attending the ISHHR Conference; submission of an abstract is a requirement to be considered for sponsorship.

Any questions regarding the submission of abstracts, or about the ISHHR Conference in general should be sent to coordinator@ishhr.com

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to receiving your abstracts!

Best regards, Ms Georgia Regan ISHHR Coordinator

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