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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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Dear RC46 Members,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Madrid. We are very grateful to our Spanish hosts – particularly Lorenzo Navarrete, Laura Diaz and Fernando de Yzaguirre - for selecting the meeting place and taking care of all the important details that make it possible for us to hold this conference in Madrid.

Program. I am attaching a copy of our latest program. Thanks go to Tina Uys and her program committee for developing and constantly updating the program. You will receive a final copy of the program when you arrive at the conference in Madrid. (There may be additional changes and rooms will need to be added to the schedule - particularly for the last day.)

Spanish participants. While this is a meeting of the ISA's RC46, many of the participants in our conference are not members of RC46 and are only affiliated with one or two groups of Spanish clinical sociologists. (We hope that you will encourage our Spanish colleagues to join RC46.) According to Fernando de Yzaguirre, there has been a lot of clinical sociology activity, during the last nine months, in Madrid:

The professional association of sociologists has created a commission of clinical sociology. This commission has 40 people and has created three working groups: one in life stories, one in mediation, and one in road safety. The coordinator of the commission is Fernando de Yzaguirre, who now is enrolled in a master's program (M2-TPIO) in clinical sociology at Paris-VII. The other group is in the Department of Social Psychology, Faculty of Politics and Sociology at the Complutense University. This Department has organized, together with the association mentioned earlier, a Clinical Sociology Seminar led by José Ramon Torregrosa. This seminar brought together 20 people and has held two meetings - on 18 December 2012 and 29 January 2013. Moreover, Alicia Garrido (Professor in the Department of Social Psychology) and

Fernando de Yzaguirre, have organized a Clinical Sociology course at the summer school of the Universidad Complutense (July 2013). The teachers will be Jacqueline Barus Michel, Vincent de Gaulejac, José Ramon Torregrosa, Joelle Bergere, Lorenzo Navarrete and Carlos Castillo Mendoza.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to not only learn about the work of our members but to learn about clinical sociology activities in Spain. Because so many people wanted to be involved in this conference, we have many sessions but they are, unfortunately, quite short. We hope that the sessions will start conversations that you will continue during breaks, at meals and after the conference.

Session locations. Please note that most of our sessions (during the first three days) will be in an auditorium. We are adapting the auditorium so that there will not be a table barrier between presenters and the audience. We also are trying to minimize the problem of poles in the room by having the speakers at the front of the stage area.

A note for session chairs. Thanks to all of you who have agreed to be chairs of the sessions. Among your concerns will be to see that presenters are rather close to audience members (people can see each other, no barriers between people); help people understand each other (as we may have at least three different languages in a room); engage everyone in the room in an interesting conversation/discussion; and make absolutely sure that your session ends early or on time. Unfortunately, we can't have sessions go beyond the posted times as we will then have no chance for informal conversation as well as coffee breaks and we would shorten the times of the sessions that follow. If you have questions about your role as chair, please feel free to contact either Tina Uys tuys@uj.ac.za or Jan Marie Fritz jan.fritz@uc.edu

A note for presenters. We expect up to 60-70 people will be attending each session. Presenters are urged to bring information in more than one language to share with the group and those who speak more than one language will hopefully volunteer to help with translation. Some sessions may have the presenters talk about their papers. (Hopefully, nobody actually will read a paper or a section of a paper.) Other sessions may be much more conversational. The session on Courses and Programs in Clinical Sociology (on Sunday afternoon), for instance, will ask presenters to speak very briefly about their topics (e.g., program, course, accreditation) and their remarks should include at least a comment or two to those who may be building programs and/or putting courses in place. We then will open the discussion to all the participants to discuss their experiences and either ask for or give advice. All sessions will include audience members in some way (e.g., discussing, asking questions, giving comments/advice). Two sessions that certainly will involve the participants are the Mini-Training/Workshops – “Wakeful Inquiry” will be held on Monday evening and “A Psycho-Physical Approach for Creative Interventions” will be on Tuesday evening.

If you are a presenter and would like to know more about how your session will be run, please contact your chair. A new membership list also is attached to this email message that gives contact information. Laura Diaz says the whole building has wi-fi and there are moveable projectors and audiovisual equipment. If you need more information about available technology for your session, please contact Laura Diaz at madridconference@colpolsoc.org

Presenters are encouraged to attend many/most sessions not only to see how the sessions are run, but also to take part in the continuing conversation. A presenter who only shows up for her/his own session will find it difficult to contribute to continuing conversations and help us create a community of scholar-practitioners.

Membership, Executive Board and Committee meetings. Please plan to attend the RC46 business meeting on Monday morning. That meeting will be held in the auditorium and should be attended by everyone. If you are a board member or regional representative, you also should attend the meeting of the board. If you are on a committee or are a regional representative, please note that these groups will meet during the RC46 meeting. The board meeting will be held in a smaller room in the Residence (Aula nr 1 or 2)... not in the auditorium. The meetings of committees and the regional representatives will be held in a corner of the dining hall. There will be a sign in the dining hall that indicates a particular area belongs to a committee or group of regional representatives and, when these groups are meeting, they should not be interrupted.

Hotel, registration fee and travel. If your name is included in the program, make sure that you have confirmed your participation with Laura Diaz madridconference@colpolsoc.org. If you are staying at the Residence (where the meeting will be held), Laura needs to know this immediately. If you are staying elsewhere, please let her know that as well.

The registration fee for the meeting is 12 euros. **All those presenting and attending (even if only part of the meeting) must pay the full fee of 12 euros.** There are a few exceptions. For instance, spouses of presenters who are not sociologists may elect to pay a fee of 5 euros to allow the spouse to attend the reception and presentation of her/his spouse or 12 euros to attend sessions at any point during the conference. A person who comes for only one day of the conference – and is not on the program – may elect to pay a daily fee of 5 euros. The latter pricing will only be available for up to five people a day. The last day of the meeting is open to the public and no charge will be made to those attending the sessions on the last day. (Any presenter listed on the program – including those who only are presenting on the last day – must pay the full registration fee of 12 euros.) Members of RC46 who are not living in Spain may pay the registration fee in advance or they can pay it on arrival at the Residence. Members of the Spanish clinical sociology groups must pay the registration fee in advance of the meeting. (Any listed presenter who does not pay the registration fee, is not to attend or present at this conference.)

What is the best way to get to the Residence? If you arrive at the airport, you can take a taxi to the Residence. According to Laura, the total cost will be about 30 euros to get to the

Residence. (There is no fixed price, but it probably will be around 20-25 euros plus a fixed airport supplement of 5.50 euros.) You also could take the subway from the airport (Barajas). The subway map can be found at <http://prs.metromadrid.es/metro/mapametrofull.asp> The Residence is located between Canal and Islas Filipinas. Another possibility is to take an Express bus. The Express bus takes about 15 minutes to get to the city center. It costs 5 euros and the stop is Cibeles. From there you can take bus number 2 to go to the Residence.

Laura says that you can buy a “metrobus” ticket which is a 10-trip ticket that can be used on the subway and buses. It costs 12.20 and can be purchased in the subway stations. (She mentioned something about having to pay an extra 3 euros from the airport.) Laura also says you can pay directly at a subway station or to the driver of a bus. She says that a single ticket on the bus will cost 1.50 and on the subway it will be about 1.70 (depending on the distance you are traveling).

Book Exhibit. There will be a book exhibit the first three days of the conference. If you have published a book that relates to clinical sociology, it can be exhibited for sale or display. Please send the book(s) and flyers about the book(s) to Professor Lorenzo Navarrete; Colegio de Ciencias Politicas y Sociologia (ColPolSoc); Calle Ferraz 100; 28008 Madrid, Spain. The telephone number, in case you need to provide it, is 91-5473480. (Please send a cover letter with your submission that indicates the materials are for display at the RC46 Clinical Sociology conference.)

...And don't forget to submit a session proposal or your ideas for a presentation for Yokohama in 2014. The deadline is February 28. Details about what needs to be proposed are in our January 22 newsletter, (It can be found on the ISA website under RC46). If you have questions, please contact Tina Uys, RC46 Vice President at tuys@uj.ac.za

We look forward to hearing your presentations in Madrid!

Sincerely,



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