



INTERNATIONAL
Integrative Psychotherapy Association

Security, Reliability, Compassion: The Essence of Integrative Psychotherapy

Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 8-10 2025

International Integrative Psychotherapy Association
(IIPA)

12TH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 8

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome to the Conference Prof. Gregor Žvelc, PhD (Slovenia) Conference Chairperson
9:15 – 9:30	Welcome from the IIPA president Sally Openshaw (UK)
9:30 – 10:15	Keynote Address by Assist. Prof. Maša Žvelc, PhD (Slovenia)
10:15 – 11:00	Keynote Address by Sally Openshaw (UK) President of IIPA Laughter and Humour in the Therapy Room and the Impact on Security, Reliability and Compassion
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment Break 
11:30 – 12:15	Keynote Address by Prof. Richard G. Erskine, PhD (Canada) <i>When and How Did I Become a Developmentally-based, Relationally- Focused Integrative Psychotherapist</i>
12:15 – 13:00	Keynote Address by Carl Nassar, PhD (US) The Psychotherapist, the Client, and the Culture: Exploring the Unexplored Cultural Domain of the Self
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break 



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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 8

14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 1 Anthony Jannetti (USA) <i>Difficult Clients, Never! Change your Treatment Plan? Yes!</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # FR	Workshop 2 Ghislaine Le Pape (New Caledonia) <i>The Practice of Compassion and Self-Compassion for the Client and the Integrative Therapist</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # SP	Workshop 3 José Manuel Martínez (Spain) <i>The Co-Creative Meeting of Two Subjectivities in Integrative Psychotherapy</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # IT	Workshop 4 Nunzia di Prisco (Italy) <i>Reliability and Protection for the Integration of Traumatic Experiences</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # IT	Workshop 5 Maria Assunta Giusti (Italy) <i>Security, Reliability, Compassion: The Essence of Supervision in Integrative Psychotherapy</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 6 John Hallett, (Canada) <i>What 50 Years of Practicing Psychotherapy Have Taught Me</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM: Grand Hotel Union Hall	Paper Presentation and Round Table Discussion (see next page)



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PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

14:30 – 18:00 ROOM: ENG ONLY	<p>Paper 1 Gregor Žvelc (Slovenia) <i>Evidence-based Processes of Change in Integrative Psychotherapy</i></p>
	<p>Paper 2 Dražen A. Šumiga (Slovenia) <i>The Philosophical and Phenomenological View of Integrative-Relational Psychotherapy: Introduction to the Humanism of Levinas and Fromm</i></p>
	<p>Paper 3 Eva Benda and Maša Žvelc (Slovenia) <i>Integrative Psychotherapist's Self-regulation During Therapy and Prevention of Empathic Distress: A Qualitative Research</i></p>
	<p>Paper 4 Timotej Glavač (Slovenia), Richard G. Erskine (Canada) and Gregor Žvelc (Slovenia) <i>Facilitative and Hindering Factors in Integrative Relational Group Process: A Qualitative Research</i></p>
	<p>Paper 5 Hülya Üstel Eleviş (Türkiye) <i>The Integration of Attribution Theory with Integrative Therapy Methods and Theory</i></p>
	<p>Paper 6 Ioana-Eva Cădariu (Romania), Clifton Watkins Jr. (USA), and Loredana-Ileana Vişcu (Romania) <i>Supervision Instruments: The Supervision Pyramid</i></p>
	<p>Roundtable Discussion Integrative Psychotherapy: An Evidence-Based Approach</p>
18:30	Welcome Party 



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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 9

9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 7 Marye O'Reilly-Knapp (US) <i>Our Responsibility as Therapists</i>
9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 8 Gregor Žvelc and Maša Žvelc (Slovenia) <i>Caring for the Caregiver: Self-Compassion Processing for Psychotherapists in Distress</i>
9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # FR	Workshop 9 Lison Robichon-Bussièrè (France) <i>What if my Symptom was Useful?</i>
9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # SP	Workshop 10 Amaia Mauriz-Etxabe (Spain) <i>Tigers, Witches, Dragons and Other Monsters: The Path of the Inner Hiding Place</i>
9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # IT	Workshop 11 Maria Luisa De Blasio (Italy) <i>Safety, Reliability, Compassion: an Exploration of Transference and Countertransference Through the Body</i>
9:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 12 Elena Gens (Russia) and Elena Stankovskaya (Spain) <i>Safety and Security: Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Aspects</i>
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK 



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14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 13 Richard G. Erskine (Canada) <i>Shame, Envy and Loneliness in Psychotherapy</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG ONLY	Workshop 14 Bob Cooke (UK) <i>Integrative Relational Process</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 15 Ruth Birkebaek (UK) <i>Building Compassion and Security by Decoding Clients Unconscious Communication</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # FR	Workshop 16 Thierry Clugéry (France) <i>When Integrative Psychotherapy Meets the Contributions of Jacques Lacan in the Treatment of Addictions</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 17 Maruša Zaletel Tekavc (Slovenia) <i>The Essence of Integrating Nature into Integrative Psychotherapy and Supervision</i>
14:30 - 18:00 ROOM # IT	Workshop 18 Daniela Danovaro (Italy) <i>Security, Reliability, and Compassion to Support the Narrative of Origins in the Adoptive Family</i>
20:00 Location: Grand Hotel Union Hall	GALA DINNER 



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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 10

09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG/IT	Workshop 19 Carl R. Nassar (US) and Maria Luisa De Blasio (Italy) <i>The Unexplored Cultural Dimension of the Self</i>
09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 20 Sally Openshaw and Ian Richards (UK) <i>Working Compassionately with Clients who have Moved From Viewing Pornography to Committing Online Sexual Offences</i>
09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 21 Amaia Mauriz-Etxabe (Spain) and Richard G. Erskine (Canada) <i>Creating Security and Reliability in Relational Group Process</i>
09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # ENG	Workshop 22 Katarina K. Valentini (Slovenia) <i>The Role of Compassion and Empathic Attunement When Working with Narcissism</i>
09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # FR	Workshop 23 Annie Dufreney (France) <i>The Journey From Individual to Group Therapy with Integrative Psychotherapy</i>
09:00 – 13:00 ROOM # IT	Workshop 24 Silvia Allari (Italy) <i>Reading the Body in Psychotherapy and the Developmental Wounds</i>
13:00 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK





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14:30 – 15:15 ROOM #	Keynote Address by John Hallett (Canada)
15:15 – 15:45 ROOM #	Closing Speech by Carol Merle-Fishman (US) Embracing the Challenge of Compassion
15:45 – 17:15 ROOM #	Certificates and Awards
17:15 – 18:15 ROOM #	Closing Ceremony: Some Well-deserved Recognitions