



Call for Papers: ICSA Annual Conference

Theme: Recovery From Cults and High-Control Groups

Dallas, Texas

June 30, 2016—July 2, 2016

The [International Cultic Studies Association \(ICSA\)](#) is conducting its 2016 Annual International Conference jointly with [Info-Secte/Info-Cult](#) of Montreal in Dallas, Texas. The conference will take place from June 30 through July 2, 2016 (preconference workshops on Wednesday June 29). The conference will address the needs and interests of ICSA's four main constituencies: former group members, families, helping professionals, and researchers.

Attendees and speakers at past conferences have been diverse, including academicians, researchers, helping professionals, former and current group members, families, clergy, educators, and others. Individual presenters at ICSA's annual conference will have 30 or 45 minutes for paper delivery and discussion, depending upon how many speakers we put in a particular time block. Panel organizers have 90 minutes for the panel. It is recommended that no more than four people speak on a panel.

ICSA is firmly committed to freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Consistent with these values, ICSA's policy with regard to conferences has been to encourage a wide range of viewpoints. Opinions expressed are those of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views of ICSA's directors, staff, or supporters.

The Conference Committee is especially interested in submissions pertinent to the conference theme. However, the Committee will consider proposals on all aspects of the cult phenomenon, including victims' perspectives, psychological and social manipulation, religious fanaticism, terrorism, law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and legal, social, and public-policy aspects of manipulation and victimization.

Proposal abstracts should be in English and should succinctly describe the question(s) to be explored, the purpose of the paper/panel, the method(s) used, and the results or conclusions that are expected or have been found.

Panel organizers for the ICSA Annual Conference please send the following:

1. Panel title
2. Participants' names, e-mail addresses, affiliations, street addresses, phone number(s) and biographical profiles, if one does not already exist at www.icsahome.com/elibrary/peopleprofiles (under 200 words)
3. Paper titles
4. An abstract (300 words maximum) for each paper and/or an abstract for the panel as a whole.

Individual presenters for the ICSA Annual Conference please send the following:

1. Your name, email address, affiliation, street address, phone number(s), and a biographical profile, if one does not already exist at www.icsahome.com/elibrary/peopleprofiles (under 200 words)
2. Paper title
3. An abstract (300 words maximum)

Submission Deadline: October 15, 2015

Send your proposal to the Conference Committee: mail@icsamail.com ◇ ICSA, P.O. Box 2265, Bonita Springs, FL 34133, USA ◇ Phone: 1-239-514-3081 ◇ Fax: 1-305-393-8193.