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ICSA 2013 Annual Conference

Manipulation, Abuse, and Maltreatment in Groups

Trieste, Italy
July 4–6, 2013

July 3rd – Preconference events

The International Cultic Studies Association (**ICSA**) is conducting its 2013 Annual International Conference jointly with SOS Abusi Psicologici, Exit S.C.S. Onlus, and Info-Secte/Info-Cult.



The conference will be held in **Trieste, Italy** at the [Stazione Marittima](#) (Molo Bersaglieri, 3 - 34124 Trieste) from Thursday, July 4, 2013, through Saturday, July 6, 2013. There will be three pre-conference events on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Trieste is considered to be one of the less-known jewels of Italy. The city overlooks the Adriatic Sea and is less than one hour from Venice or the stunning Adriatic coastline.

Attendees and speakers at past conferences have been diverse, including academicians, researchers, helping professionals, former and current group members, families, attorneys, clergy, educators, and others. More than 100

speakers will present in English and/or Italian.

In addition to numerous other sessions, two topic tracks are planned in English. One track will examine various aspects of the question "Are there cultic aberrations in the Catholic Church?" Contributors will include priests and other clergy, researchers, mental health professionals, and other individuals discussing specific examples of cultic aberrations.

A second track will examine the subject of "Human Rights, the Law, and New Religious Movements: Finding a Balance." This track will examine relevant human-rights documents, free-speech issues, how NRMs' religious freedom has been abused, how NRMs have abused the human rights of members and nonmembers, and how press reports and popular prejudices can harm current and former NRM members and their families. A closing discussion will attempt to define the parameters of balanced public policy that respects religious freedom and the free speech and other rights of members and former members of NRMs. Participants will include law professors, attorneys, researchers, mental health professionals, and others.

Other sessions in English will cover a wide variety of topics relevant to manipulation, abuse, and maltreatment in groups, including some themes that will have practical benefits for families and/or former members of groups. Links to information on sessions (abstracts), speaker biographical sketches, and hotel resources can be found above the title of this flyer.

Registration Form

Pre-conference events on Wednesday, July 3rd are free to conference registrants. They include a researchers' workshop (9 am – 12 pm), a workshop on education (2 – 5 pm), and an orientation for former group members (7 – 9 pm). Mail/fax/e-mail this form to ICSA, PO Box 2265, Bonita Springs, FL 34133, USA. Phone: 1-305-393-8193. Email: mail@icsamail.com. Italian citizens should register through SOS Abusi Psicologici: <http://italia.icsa.name/>.

No. People	Item	Fee (After March 31, 2013)	Calculate Amount Due
	Member 2 or 3-day fee per person (member and immediate family)	\$175 (USD)	\$
	Nonmember 2 or 3-day fee per person (includes ICSA print membership) ***	\$250 (USD)	\$
	One-Day fee per person - members or nonmembers- check day: Thursday [] Friday [] Saturday []	\$125 (USD)	\$
	Full-Time Student Registration	\$60 (USD)	\$
	"Civitate for Friends" – tour of city founded by Julius Caesar (includes bus, greeting by Mayor of town, food, and visit to winery) – Sunday, July 7th. Register by June 4 to guarantee place.	\$50 (USD)	\$
	Attending pre-conference events? Check. [] Research [] Education [] Ex-member		\$0.00
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