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WFTC Conference News

Weather- New York: Thursday, Mostly cloudy. High 77F & low 60F. Friday, Mostly cloudy. High 78F & low 62F. Saturday, Cloudy with drizzle. High 76F and low 64F.



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New York City Times Square all lit up

CONFERENCE BULLETIN BOARD

The Conference Organizers in coordination with the Sheraton Hotel have developed an organized and comfortable environment for the WFTC Conference.

In the event, however, of changes to our schedule, such as room or time changes, please check your Conference Bulletin Board for information.

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE

No cell phones, blackberries, pagers, etc. may be turned on when you are in any of the Plenary sessions! These devices interfere with the microphones and translation systems. Out of courtesy, they should be put on "mute" setting in ALL conference sessions and events as well.

Seating at the Technical Assistance workshops will be limited. Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Schedule Changes

CANCELLED: The TA session "Assessing and Building chemical Dependency Counselor Skills in a TC (Saturday, 4-5:30pm)

Information Desk

If you have any conference related questions (such as who's presenting in what room) take them to the two Information Desks located on the second floor, one in front of the Metropolitan Ballroom and the other in the Lenox Ballroom.

Want information on local attractions, restaurants, Broadway shows or museums? The Hospitality/Information desk is prepared to help you with those questions, too.

The Lenox Ballroom will be open for networking throughout the Conference, and the poster sessions will be held here as well. We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference and to New York!

LOCAL 12-STEP PROGRAMS

Information about local 12-step programs will be available at the information desks

Conference Business Office

Located in the Liberty 1 room on the third floor, the Conference Business Office offers presenters a place to fine tune their presentations. Equipped with three computers with CD and DVD capability, color printer, scanner and technical assistance, this office is the perfect space to convert materials or make last minute changes.

Copies can be made here for only 5 cents per page. Need help with your power-point presentation? Want to include hand-outs for your workshop? If you are a Conference Presenter just come on in and we will help you look your best.

NOTE: Internet access is NOT available at the Conference Business Office - see Hotel services for this.

CEU Units

In your conference bag you will find a workshop attendance sheet and instructions on how to claim Continuing Education credits (CEU's) for the workshops you attend.

The Conference News

The WFTC Conference Newsletter is your link to the Conference organizers. Obtain your copy every morning and check it for schedule changes and reminders of events. We will highlight special events being held at the conference and introduce you to the people, places and things that make the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities a true global movement.

Your Conference Newsletter goes great with breakfast!

Gala Reception United Nations

The WFTC Opening Reception will be held Friday, Sept. 1st at the United Nations. The symbol of global cooperation and good will, the UN sits overlooking the East River and New York City's skyline. A Buffet dinner in the Delegate's Dining Room and outside patio will initiate the spirit of community, the essence of the TC. *Transportation from the Sheraton will be provided.*

You MUST be registered for this event in advance, and bring identification with your photograph on it to be admitted.

RAFFLE

A Raffle at a Conference? The WFTC and Member countries have contributed prizes to be awarded to delegates at this year's conference!

1st Prize - full registration and hotel accommodations for one person at the next WFTC Conference to be held in Kunming, China in 2008 (compliments of the China Conference hosts).

2nd Prize - full registration for one person at the next WFTC Conference to be held in Kunming, China in 2008 (compliments of the China Conference hosts).

3rd Prize - two 3rd prize winners of an MP3 recorder/player.

What's the catch?

You have to be there to win.

Raffle tickets will be given out and drawing for these prizes will be held at the Closing Ceremony Tuesday morning. See you there!

Friends of Daytop

Odyssey House & Outreach Project



Odyssey House Run for Your Life 5K Fun Run - 2 Mile Walk on September 23, 2006
For details, go to INFORMATION DESK

New York Welcomes

New York: A warm welcome to New York, the greatest city in the world, is extended to WFTC participants by Daytop and the organizing committee of the WFTC World Conference. As hundreds of global TC practitioners and allied professionals converge upon the Big Apple for the 23rd World Conference, excitement is high and the event promises to provide learning opportunities for everyone involved in the modern TC.

This year's conference offers a Scientific Program covering four distinct tracks: 1) The Therapeutic Community-The Original Concepts and their Challenges, 2) Evolution of the Modern TC, 3) Management and Administration, and 4) Beyond TC Treatment: Prevention and Intervention in Family and Community.

A New Experiential dimension. This year Technical Assistance Workshops have been added to the conference. These are practical Workshops with special emphasis on implementation of new therapeutic techniques. They will include examples, demonstrations and discussion to aid the practitioner in integrating these techniques into their own programs.

The results of research and clinical projects will be presented at the Scientific Poster Sessions. They will be displayed in the Lenox Ballroom from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm throughout the conference, and authors

will be available for questions during the afternoon breaks from 3:30 to 4:00 pm.

We expect delegates from 50 nations at this Conference. There will be many opportunities to get new perspectives on established clinical practices, as well as introduction of new information and opportunities for growth.

THE VENUE. New York is a perfect host for any conference with its tapestry of culture and multitude of opportunities for music, art, social, culinary and scenic pleasures. Some of our more notable venues have asked us to extend good wishes for a memorable and rewarding conference. Among them are:

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY: "Welcome WFTC, we both keep our torches lit to light the way to freedom."

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING: "Ok, King Kong may have made it all the way to the top, but may I suggest you make it to the observation deck...and by the way, welcome to my city."

BROADWAY DECIDED TO SING ITS MESSAGE: "Start Spreading the News"...the WFTC Conference will be a New York, New York Event!

WFTC and its Organizing Committee believes in the power of community and prays that once again our "family" reunion is joyful and rewarding.

Who's Who?

For additional questions, you can identify Conference Staff by the navy blue and red tees. Blue shirts mean the wearer is Conference staff. Red shirts mean that staff member is bi-lingual. They will wear a ribbon indicating which languages they speak.



Conference Tee Shirts

We will be selling **white** Conference tee shirts to delegates at cost of \$10 each. They come in M, L, XL, and a few XXL. These can be purchased at the Registration desk.

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Simlab & its staff are happy to contribute to this important conference. Simlab applauds you all for the significant work you are doing, and wish you a fruitful assembly and enjoyable visit to New York