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WFTC Conference News

Weather- New York: Tuesday, Cloudy skies. High 72F and low 61F. Wednesday, Chance of light rain showers. High 74F and low 62F

Tuesday Wednesday



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We know them for their hard work, but these conference attendees know how to play hard too!

DON'T FORGET THE 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!

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

All presentors that have made paper presentations are asked to bring a copy of it to the hospitality desk in the Lenox ballroom for inclusion in the conference published proceedings. The proceedings will be mailed to all registrants after the conference.

Conference Tee Shirts Limited Number Available

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



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.

Lost & Found is located at the Information Desk in the Lenox ballroom

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"GIVE ME THE NIGHT...."

B.B. Kings, New York: As the time for parting draws closer, excitement is in the air and talk of the WFTC Conference's closing extravaganza held at the B.B. King Blues Club and Grill is everywhere. While our delegates attended plenarys and workshops for three days and held serious conversations about services around the world, being together has brought a spirit to the heart, a smile to the face and when the music starts, movement to our feet.

Music, the universal language, brings people

together like nothing else and Dr. King's Motown Review called us to jump up and break loose on the dance floor. The internationally recognized salsa music trombone icon, Jimmy Bosch, added to the mood and spirits.

Dancing like no one was watching, our community realizes that its mind, body and soul have been touched by this conference. It is well known that a balance of work, play, compassion, and intellect are needed for people to heal and our delegates are no exception.

It's Been Great!

It's been an honor to have you all as our guests.

It's hard to say how we learned more - from the many excellent presentations, or by talking to everyone near the coffee service. Either way, there was an incredible amount of information around these hotel halls. It would be great if every staff member of every therapeutic community could join us for these conferences. Of course that's not possible, but we hope you return home invigorated and ready to pass your new ideas along to your colleagues.

Although we apologize for the weather, from what everyone has said, that didn't stop you from experiencing the city and having a good time. We heard about people venturing everywhere from Central Park, to Greenwich Village, and the Harley Café. New York really does have something for everyone, and we hope you found what made your visit just what you wanted!

We're so glad you could be with us for this conference, which was so special because of all of you.



Representatives from the Casa de Paz in Brazil - Took a "yellow cab" to SOHO toured Chinatown, Little Italy walked to Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Times Square in the evening - "by far one of the most incredible and beautiful places...the energy and diversity here... felt as if though the heart of the world is beating in this place!"



Delegate from Phoenix Haga in Norway - Saw the performance of "The Concept", which he found to be extremely moving. He later found a Harley Davidson shop and bought t-shirts and sweaters for his son and nephew and could not resist buying one for himself!



Delegate from Venezuela Libre de Drogas - Went to the Brazil Fair on 6th Avenue then shopping and more shopping on Fifth Avenue!!



Delegates from Self Enhancement Life Foundation in the Philippines - Took a train to Brownsville, New York to play a round of Golf!!!



Delegate from Seagulls Flight Foundation Inc. in the Philippines - Attended the performance of the play, "The Concept" at the WFTC headquarters on 40th St. "loved The Concept because it gets the message of substance abuse across in a non-threatening way!"



Delegate from Su Casa in New York - Took a rest!

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For Your Information

Submissions for the International Journal of Therapeutic Communities are warmly welcomed: tcj@nottshc.nhs.uk. Inquiries to : jan.lees@nottingham.ac.uk

If you are interested in "Draft Quality Standards for Addiction TCs", please contact Deepa Shah: +44 207 977 6698 or e-mail: dshah@cru.repsych.ac.uk

The Concept

Although many people who attended yesterday's presentation of THE CONCEPT have experienced it before, this theatrical presentation of life in a Therapeutic Community, continues to evoke an incredible emotional response in them, as well as in those who experienced it for the first time. Anthony Slater, President of EFTC "related" as to the impact The Concept had in the development of the early TCs in Europe. The message never grows old, TCs provide a road to recovery.



Anthony Slater(Bottom left) with Cast of The Concept



Martien Kooyman embraces a Concept Cast Member after the moving performance.



The Concept Cast in action during the performance.

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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