AT THE CROSSROADS

Future directions in sex offender treatment

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Antwerp, BE

WHAT?

can't-miss-event with top of the bill speakers!

recent developments and future directions in sex offender research and practice

preconference workshops on assessment and treatment skills

special attention to female, juvenile, violent, online, and mentally disordered sex offenders

FOR WHO?

practitioners and researcher in wide range of disciplines (e.g. psychologists, psychiatrists, criminologists, and social workers) involved in forensic mental health, policy and criminal justice

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!

present your work during the poster sessions!
don't forget to submit your abstract before 31st of January 2016!

More info?

Check out our conference website
http://kasiauzieblo.wix.com/atthecrossroads

Or contact us on
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See you in Antwerp!

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Conference Aims

University College Thomas More, University Forensic Centre and NL-ATSA host an 2-day international conference in Antwerp, together with top of the bill keynote speakers on the topic of sex offender assessment and treatment. This unique can't-miss-event will give the opportunity to European researchers and practitioners to get an update on the most recent developments in sex offender research and practice. Prior to the conference, two workshops will be offered. These preconference workshops focus on an in-depth training of important assessment and treatment skills.

During the first day of the conference, a selection of highly regarded experts will discuss recent developments in the (risk) assessment of sex offenders and how these developments might influence the treatment programs. On the second day, we invite the participants to actively take part in 2 workshops on various subgroups of sex offenders: female sex offenders, sex offenders with intellectual disabilities and severe mental disorders, online sex offenders, juvenile sex offenders and violent sex offenders. All workshops are led by international experts. In the afternoon, current treatment programs will be critically analyzed and future directions will be proposed.

The conference is aimed at a wide range of disciplines (e.g. psychologists, psychiatrists, criminologists, social workers) involved in forensic mental health, policy and criminal justice.

Active participation

Both researchers and professionals are given the opportunity to exhibit their studies, study designs or clinical cases on related topics during two poster sessions. Don't forget to submit your abstract before the 31st of January 2016!

All details can be found on the conference website:
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Conference partners

University College Thomas More

Thomas More is the largest university college in Flanders, offering over 30 Dutch-taught bachelor degree programs in the province of Antwerp. The department of Applied Psychology is the largest department of the University College. With a unique 2-year post-graduate course on Forensic Psychologial Assessment and Counseling, a diverse year-round training program, and a research unit organized around a wide range of forensic-related topics (e.g. psychopathy, sexual deviance, police interviewing, and stalking), the department aims to stimulate evidence-based practice with offenders and victims. Prof. Kasia Uzieblo (Thomas More, UGent) is the coordinator of the forensic research unit and co-coordinates the current conference with colleagues from UFC and NL-ATSA. Prof. Kasia Uzieblo and her colleague Tine Vertommen are the core members of the organizing committee of this conference.

University Forensic Centre

The University Forensic Center (UFC) is the Flemish expert and support center for the treatment of sex offenders. The UFC provides support and advice to the social services in prisons, the probation officers working with sex offenders, and the forensic counselors in the 13 specialized outpatient treatment centers in Flanders. The support consists of ethical advice, scientific information, research, organization of workshops and conferences and logistic support. The UFC team consists of 1 director/psychiatrist, Prof. Dr. Kris Goethals, 1 psychiatric trainee, 3 psychologists, a criminologist and a secretary. Besides providing support, UFC is also an outpatient treatment center with a yearly caseload of about 120 persons with sexual deviant behavior. The center has gained expertise in the study of Routine Outcome Monitoring and the hormonal treatment of paraphilias.

NL-ATSA

NL-ATSA, with Wineke Smid as current president, is an organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual offenses. The organization focuses on both primary prevention through education and support for potential perpetrators and victims, as well as on secondary and tertiary prevention programs through risk assessment and treatment of known perpetrators. NL-ATSA aims to disseminate objective international knowledge on and professional experience with sex offenses and sex offenders in both the Netherlands and Belgium. To this end, NL-ATSA organizes conferences, symposia, training sessions, working groups and advisory groups. In addition, NL-ATSA wants to share knowledge and experience of Dutch-speaking researchers and professionals with the international field through workshops and presentations at international conferences and participation in international collaborations. NL-ATSA is affiliated with the International ATSA-organisation (Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers).

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

15-16 March	2-day Static-Stable-Acute workshop (in Dutch) *Wineke Smid & Jan Willem van den Berg*
16 March	1-day workshop Treating Sexual Offenders *Bill & Liam Marshall*
17 March	
9.30 am	Opening remarks
10.00 am	Definitions and classifications of sexual deviant behavior: do they matter? *Luk Gijs*
11.00 am	*Coffee break*
11.30 am	The understanding and treatment of sex offenders: A neurobiological perspective *Anthony Beech*
12.30 am	*Lunch break and poster session I*
1.30 pm	The state of the art in the assessment of sexual preferences *Rainer Banse*
2.30 pm	Risk Assessment: What is it and where is the field headed? *Leslie-Maaike Helmus*
3.30 pm	*Coffee break*
4.00 pm	About a Beard and a Razor: Connecting risk assessment to treatment intervention *Wineke Smid*
5.00 pm	*Reception*
7.00 pm	*Conference Dinner*
18 March	Females who sexually offend: developments in psychological knowledge *Theresa Gannon*
WORKSHOPS	Can we teach these kids to dance? A developmental treatment approach addressing sexual behavior problems in youth *Kevin Creeden* Offenders with mental disorders / ID *Liam Marshall* Child Pornography Offenders *Kelly Babchishin* Assessment and Utilization of Change information from Risk Reduction Agents with Sexual and Violent Offenders *Mark Olver*
9.30 am	**Workshop Session I**
10.30 am	*Coffee Break*
11.00 am	**Workshop Session II**
12.00 am	*Lunch break and poster session II*
1.00 pm	Introducing a multi-level prevention program *Emily Rothman*
2.00 pm	Should medication be used to treat sex offenders? Current evidence and its implications *Conor Duggan*
3.00 pm	*Coffee break*
3.30 pm	Elements of effective sex offender treatment and current outcome data *Bill Marshall*
4.30pm	Closing remarks *Anthony Beech*

Prices

Main conference	2 days	1 day
Early Bird	€220	€130
Early Bird for partners*	€200	€110
After 11th January 2016	€240	€150

Pre-conference workshops	2 days	1 day
Risk assessment	€180	
Treatment		€90

Full option	4 days	3 day
Pre-conference workshop Risk assessment + conference	€380	
Pre-conference workshop Treatment + conference		€290

* Discount prices for 'partners' (valid until 11.01.2016):

- ✓ Students and lecturers Thomas More (incl. the postgraduate Forensic Psychological Assessment & Counseling),
- ✓ Students from outside Thomas More (legitimation required!),
- ✓ BAPS-, B^2TP - VVKP-, and NL-ATSA-members (membership will be checked),
- ✓ UFC-partners of the collaboration agreement (partnership will be checked),
- ✓ Those registering with min. 5 colleagues from the same organization.
  Note that the head of the department needs to submit a signed request with the names of all attending colleagues

Accreditatie voor Belgische magistraten (IGO) en artsen (RISIV) werd aangevraagd

Accreditatie voor Nederlandse beroepsverenigingen kunnen door de deelnemer zelfstandig aangevraagd worden

Conference venue

Thomas More Sanderus
Molenstraat 8, 2018 Antwerp, Belgium
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We look forward to welcome you at our conference!