

Report from the SPR International Conference

In 21 – 24th June 2006, I attended an International Conference in Glasgow, which was organized by the scientific, multidisciplinary, international Society for Psychotherapy Research (SPR). SPR has been organizing international conferences since 1970. Under the umbrella of the SPR, leading psychotherapists and researchers from various countries and continents has been promoting research in psychotherapy and related disciplines.

With regard to my responsibilities in European Family Therapy Association (EFTA), I did my best to inform the delegates of the SPR conference about the forthcoming 6th Congress of the European Family Therapy Association and 32nd Association for Family Therapy and Systemic Practice UK, which is taking place in Glasgow in October 2007. Thanks to local co-organizers of the SPR conference, particularly Jo-anne Carlyle and Margaret Pettifer, I could use different means for informing the delegates. First of all, the announcement of the EFTA Congress appeared in the first Newsletter that was issued during the conference. Many copies of the EFTA Congress were available at the registration site in Pollock Halls. I attended two symposia on family therapy research where I directly invited the attendees about the EFTA Congress. I also directly spoke with two presenters from the United States, Myrna Friedlander and Gary Diamond, and Valentin Escudero from Spain, whom I invited and asked for sharing this information with their colleagues.

In my view, spreading the news about EFTA congress in SPR conference was important as family therapy seemed to be on the margin of interest there despite the fact that research in family therapy has increased. Hopefully my effort will make a difference and we will meet with many family therapists and members of SPR in Glasgow.