

Attraction, Avoidance and Dependence: What is Love?

November 2-4, 2017
Conference
Lake Zemplínska Šírava, Slovakia

The conference focuses on equipping counselors, pastoral care providers, therapists and concerned individuals to care and give appropriate support to women and men who struggle with unwanted sexual attractions and related behaviors. The deeper issues are: attachment and self-development, relational wounds and identity, looking for meaning and purpose in one's life. At a time when our Western cultures emphasize that "anything goes" the IFTCC offers a refreshing, revitalizing approach to healthy intimacy and sexuality.

Thursday, 2nd November 2017

From 16:00 **Registration**
18:00-18:45 **Supper**
19:00-19:15 **Welcome**
19:30-21:00 **Unwanted Female Same-Sex Attraction – Introduction**
Janelle Hallman
21:00-21:30 **Booths open**

Friday, 3rd November 2017

07:45 **Breakfast**
08:30-10:00 **Unwanted Female SSA – Clinical and Developmental Issues**
Janelle Hallman
10:00-10:30 **Coffee break**
10:30-12:00 **Unwanted Female SSA – Treatment Possibilities**
Janelle Hallman
12:00-14:00 **Lunch**
14:00-15:30 **Unwanted SSA in Men: A General Counseling Outline**
Stefan Schmidt
15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:30

Workshops

1. Male Strugglers – Relationships with Women
Jens Fredrik Brenne
2. How Psychodrama can Help Men and Women who Struggle with Unwanted SSA
Mike Davidson
3. Preventing Sexual Problems in Youth
Szymon Grzelak
4. Helping Parents of Sons and Daughters who Struggle with SSA
Janelle Hallman
5. How Christian Communities can Support Strugglers
Richard Oostrum
6. Representing Gender Affirming Positions in a (Media) Debate
Espen Ottosen
7. Schema Therapy for Counselors who Work with Male Strugglers
Stefan Schmidt
8. LGBT – What Does the Research Say
Christl Vonholdt
9. Helping Those Who Struggle with Pornography
Phil Poeschl

18:00

Supper

19:30-21:00

The New Politics of Sex

Stephen Baskerville

21:00-22:00

Booths open

Saturday, 4th November 2017

07:45

Breakfast

08:30-10:00

Workshops repeated

10:00-10:30

Coffee break

10:30-12:00

Sexual addictions

Dominik Batthyány

12:00-12:30

Closing remarks

12:30 -14:00

Lunch

14:00

END of Conference

Conference language: English

Registration / Information: Please submit the completed registration form by email to conference@iftcc.org, by fax, or by post (see below).

Conference Fees **Early Bird** (before Sept. 30th 2017) **Regular**

Double Room: 120 € 140 €

Single Room: 140 € 160 €

Fees include: conference participation fee, accommodation and all meals as indicated.

Due to donors we are able to offer a few partial scholarships. If you are in need of a scholarship, please contact us.

Cancellation Fee:

Cancellation after October 15, 2017 shall amount to 30% of the participation fee.

Conference Place: Lake Zemplínska Šírava

In order to choose your accommodation, please see the registration form.

About the speakers

Stephen Baskerville, Ph.D., B.A. (USA): Professor of Government at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville and past president of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children. He currently serves as a Fulbright Scholar at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, and before that at the Russian-American Studies Center at the Russian National University for the Humanities in Moscow. His research interests include international social and family policy, political ideologies, religion and politics, and international religious freedom. www.phc.edu/faculty/skbaskerville

Dominik Batthyány, Dr. (AT): Psychotherapist, specialist in behavioral addictions, Vienna.

Jens Fredrik Brenne (NO): Theologian, prison chaplain in Oslo, president of Til Helhet. www.tilhelhet.no

Mike Davidson, Ph.D. (UK): Director of Core Issues Trust supporting individuals with unwanted same-sex attractions. He is a serving board member of the Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity (ATCSI) and current chair of the International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC). www.core-issues.org

Szymon Grzelak, Ph.D. (PL): Psychologist, president of the Institute for Integrated Prevention and vice-president of the Homo Homini Charles de Foucauld Foundation. www.archipelagooftreasures.eu

Janelle Hallman, Ph.D., LPC (USA): Psychotherapist, licensed professional counselor and director of Janelle Hallman & Associates in Denver. Author of the book *The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction: A Comprehensive Counseling Resource*. www.janellehallman.com

Conference organizer

The International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC)
Dr. Mike Davidson (UK) | Dr.med Christl Vonholdt (GER) | Jens Fredrik Brenne (NO)

About the IFTCC

The IFTCC supports dedicated providers of services to individuals seeking change of their unwanted relational and sexual behaviors, attractions and patterns. It works to preserve the rights of clients to access such services, and of providers to offer services. It advocates for scientific integrity and research objectivity. Its anthropological approach is based on a Judeo-Christian understanding of the body, marriage and the family.

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Richard Oostrum (NL): Much of his spiritual journey out of a life as an active homosexual to becoming a married man and father was about the struggle to surrender: surrender of shame, isolation, defenses, victim identity, secrecy – and to learn to trust.

Espen Ottosen (NO): Theologian at the Norwegian School of Theology, information manager at the Norwegian Lutheran Mission and former CEO of Lunde Forlag. He is a frequent writer in *Aftenposten*. He was one of 70 founders of the Christian think tank *Skaperkraft*.

Phil Poeschl (AT): Founder and director of the nonprofit organization Safer Surfing and chairman of the LoveIsMore ministry. Since 2012 Safer Surfing is also working with the Ministry for Family Affairs in Austria to support teacher education around Internet safety. www.safersurfing.eu

Stefan Schmidt (GER): Qualified social worker and experienced counselor at the Institut für dialogische und identitätsstiftende Seelsorge und Beratung, wuestenstrom e.V. in Germany. The Institute offers counseling for those struggling with sexual and identity issues and trains Christian and secular counselors. It maintains pastoral support groups in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. www.wuestenstrom.de

Christl Ruth Vonholdt, Dr. med. (GER): Pediatrician. Former Director of the German Institute for Youth and Society (DIJG). Executive Director of the International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC). www.dijg.de