10th Conference
of the World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling
July 8 - 12, 2012 - Antwerp, Belgium

Conference theme:
Working with anxiety: From symptom to self

Anxiety is a central phenomenon in human existence. It is a part of our emotionality, a source of personal development and a signal of our existential condition. Anxiety is an important research domain for psychotherapy.

The Conference will provide a forum for the presentation of research and clinical work related to issues of anxiety, from a humanistic-existential point of view. We equally invite all researchers, theoreticians, trainers and supervisors to involve themselves in depth in anxiety research.

We also invite all therapists, particularly Ph.D. candidates, to present at the conference their anxiety-related case material. We encourage them to focus on the personal existential/therapeutic meaning of anxiety and to develop a personal meaning of anxiety that can be shared with their colleagues.

Program outline:
Keynote speakers:
Neurobiology and anxiety: Implications for psychotherapy. Marcel Schmeets.

The different hotels (*** and ****) are located in a few steps away from the meeting venue. Antwerp is also known as a city of painters, whose great names include 17th century icons as Rubens, Jordaens, Van Dyck and contemporary artists such as Luc Tuymans, Lucien den Arend and Wim Delvoye. A rich cultural life includes many museums and theatres. Antwerp is perfect for shopping. Dries van Noten, Walter Van Beirendonck, Sophie Veerbeek, Paul Dierick, Pieter Goetvinck, Ellen Gunst, Myriam Jennen, Paul Renders (Scientific Committee), Germain Lietaer, Greet Vanaerschot, Nele Stinckens, Kurt Verbeeck and Lisbeth Neven (Chair).

Antwerp is the economic heart of Belgium, it has a port of international importance and is the main rail and road hub of the country.

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Further information:
The Call for Papers including the call for workshops, panels, papers, workshops, round table discussions and further debate will be sent out in September 2011.

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Conference venue:
The 10th Conference of the World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling is located in Antwerp, at the University of Antwerp, division for research and education, Campus Biesteland, Library, Division of Psychology.

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