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Vancouver, Canada

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Couples Therapy: Advancing the Profession

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Vancouver is a city with a rich heritage of family therapy and is a wonderful setting for bringing together hundreds of presenters from scores of countries to share and learn about ways of dealing with both familiar and new problems experienced by couples and families. Besides the professional opportunities, Vancouver is the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics, and offers many site seeing, cultural and historical activities.

Come to Vancouver in 2012 and help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of IFTA!
Earn 22 hours of continuing education, and another 6 hours if you attend Pre-Congress!



Sue Johnson is a clinical psychologist, researcher, professor, author, popular presenter and one of the leading innovators in the field of couple therapy. She has an active media presence.

Sue is one of the originators of Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFT), a powerful, tested intervention to help repair and build strong loving bonds. She has received numerous honors for her work, including the Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Couple and Family Therapy Award from AAMFT, the Research in Family Therapy Award from AFTA, and is an invited Fellow of the APA.

Among the many books she has authored and co-authored, one of her recent books is: *Hold Me Tight, Seven Conversations for a Lifetime of Love* (Little Brown, New York, 2008).



John Gottman is world renowned for his work on marital stability and divorce prediction, involving the study of emotions, physiology, and communication. He was recently voted as one of the Top 10 Most Influential Therapists of the past quarter-century by the PsychoTherapy Networker publication. His 30 years of breakthrough research on marriage and relationships has earned him numerous major awards. He is the Executive Director of The Relationship Research Institute.

Julie Gottman is a licensed Clinical Psychologist, recently named Washington State Psychologist of the Year. She has been a frequent guest on radio and TV talk shows. Julie is co-founder and Clinical Director of The Gottman Institute, and Clinical Director of The Relationship Research Institute. In addition to other books she has authored, Julie co-designed a curriculum for couples suffering from effects of poverty titled, *Loving Couples Loving Children*. Julie has a private clinical practice on Orcas Island, where she conducts intensive therapy and retreats for individuals and couples, specializing with abuse and trauma survivors, and cancer patients and their families.



John Banmen is internationally known as an author, therapist and educator. His training programs take him to over a dozen countries in Asia, Europe, South America and North America. Dr. Banmen was recently, for four years, honorary Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong and was on faculty at the University of British Columbia for 21 years. He is currently the Director of Training for the Satir Institute of the Pacific.

Dr. Banmen is founding president of the BC Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and former board member for AAMFT, as well as the BC Psychological Association, and IFTA.

John's recent books are *Applications of the Satir Growth Model* (2006), *Satir Transformational and Systemic Therapy* (2007) and *In Her Own Words* (2008).



Florence Kaslow will open the 2012 Congress and help us celebrate IFTA's 25th Anniversary. She was the founding and first president of IFTA and served on its Board for 16 years. Her distinguished career includes being Past President and on the editorial boards of many important organizations that have influenced the history of Family Therapy. She has conducted workshops in over 50 countries.

Currently Florrie is President of Kaslow Associates, a consulting firm; Director of the Florida Couples and Family Institute; and a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Dr. Kaslow is co-author of *Painful Partings: Divorce and Its Aftermath* (New York: Wiley, 1997) with Dr. Lita L. Schwartz. Most recently she wrote a chapter for the *Handbook of EMDR and Family Therapy Processes* (co-edited with F. Shapiro and L. Maxfield, Wiley, 2007).

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Moderator: Doug Sprenkle

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