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## Dear Colleagues

The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) is dedicated to preventing suicidal behaviour, to alleviate its effects and to provide a forum where academics, researchers, mental health professionals, crisis workers, volunteers and suicide survivors can interact. Venues for the last five biennial international congresses of IASP have been Venice, Adelaide, Athens, Chennai and Stockholm. Contributions at these congresses have provided a major interdisciplinary impetus globally to prevent suicide and to enhance international collaboration in suicide research and prevention. Today, there is a growing awareness on all continents about the enormity of the problem of suicide and the need to strengthen preventative efforts. For the first time this congress will now be held in Africa and we are very excited by this development.

Accordingly, it is our pleasure to announce that the 23rd IASP Congress will take place in Durban, South Africa, on September 12-16, 2005. The overall theme for this congress is 'Scaling the Summit. Preventing Suicidal Behaviour in Diverse Cultures'.

We are pleased to inform you that several internationally renowned organisations in the field of suicide research and prevention have agreed to support this prestigious congress. The congress' International Scientific Committee, comprising renowned professionals in their respective areas, will provide a programme of the highest international standard representing ongoing work in the field of suicidology from across the world. A wide range of topics and themes will be included with particular emphasis on appropriate representation of speakers and inter-disciplinary communication in suicide prevention in diverse cultures. Not only will the international character of the congress be emphasised, but we look forward to presenting work done on suicide prevention within the Africa region.

The congress and secretariat organisers will be responsible not only for the congress itself, but also for providing you with social arrangements that will include opportunities to experience the beautiful scenery and exciting wildlife of South Africa.

We look forward to welcome you to Durban in September 2005. Please come and join us.

**Professor Lourens Schlebusch**  
Congress President

**Professor Lars Mehlum**  
IASP President

**Mrs Sue Thönell**  
LifeLine International

# Important Addresses

Congress Website: [www.interaction.nu.ac.za/IASP\\_2005](http://www.interaction.nu.ac.za/IASP_2005)

## Congress Secretariat Registration/Accommodation

InterAction Conferencing  
XXIII Congress of The International  
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## Congress Venue

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The Golden Mile, Durban beachfront.

IASP International Website: [www.iasp1960.org](http://www.iasp1960.org)

## IASP Board 2003-2005

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## Supporting Organisations

- Federation of Inochi No Denwa (FIND)
- International Federation of Telephone Emergency Services (IFOTES)
- KwaZulu-Natal Managed Care Coalition, South Africa
- Lifeline International
- Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA)
- Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA)
- School of Family and Public Health Medicine (Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)
- South African Depression and Anxiety Support Group
- South African Family Practitioners Association
- South African Medical Association (SAMA)
- Samaritans of UK and ROI
- South African Society of Psychiatrists
- World Health Organisation (WHO)
- World Psychiatric Association (WPA)

## Organising Committee

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Shireen Noor Mohamed	:	Durban, South Africa
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Prenisha Ramballi - (PA)	:	Durban, South Africa
Professor L Schlebusch - (Chair)	:	Durban, South Africa
Sue Thönell	:	Johannesburg, South Africa
Naseema B Vawda	:	Durban, South Africa

## Scientific Topics/Themes

- Potentially Life-threatening Conditions (Cancer, HIV-AIDS) and Suicide
- Suicide in the Elderly
- Schizophrenia and Suicide
- The Nürnberg Alliance Against Depression
- Ssri's and Snri's and Suicidality: State of the Art
- Spirituality and Suicide
- Bridging the Gap between Suicide Research and Policy
- Suicide in Adult Men
- Suicide in Adult Women
- National Suicide Prevention Strategies: How do we Evaluate them?
- Support and Services for Families and Significant Others Bereaved by Suicide
- Suicide, Culture and Cultural Issues
- Gender Differences in Suicidal Behaviour
- Suicide Bombers and Suicide Terrorism
- The Internet and Suicide
- Philosophical Aspects of Suicide
- Intervention and Treatment Programmes for Suicide Attempters
- Media Guidelines and Suicide Prevention
- Alcohol and Suicidal Behaviour
- Genetics and Suicide
- Neurobiological Aspects of Suicide
- Community-based Approaches to Suicide Prevention
- Youth Suicide: Research and Treatment Advances
- Helplines and Other Low Threshold Resources
- Volunteers in Suicide Prevention
- Reducing Access to Suicide Methods
- Suicide Prevention and the Work Place
- Traumatic Stress and Suicide
- Suicide Risk in the Gay and Lesbian Population

## Who Should Attend

- Doctors/Psychiatrists/Psychologists
- Health Care and Related Planners
- Members of the Public and the Medical and Other Fraternities who Have an Interest in Suicide Prevention
- Practitioners in the Field of Suicidology
- Researchers in Suicidology and Related Issues



Zulu dancers perform for tourists in the Valley of 1000 Hills.

# General Information

## Congress Venue

The Congress venue is the International Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa. This is a modern state of the art facility which has won several international and national awards for its venues and service.

## Durban

Durban invites you to the XXIII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP). Apart from being South Africa's most popular domestic tourist destination, it is also Africa's number one conference and incentive destination. Durban has all the First World facilities, necessary infrastructure and a proven track record to host international events and conferences of any nature while being poised for year-round tourism – it's a highly successful mix of first world technology and facilities with an African spirit.

## Climate

KwaZulu-Natal experiences hot summers and mild winters in the low lying coastal areas. In September the weather is generally sunny and temperate with average temperatures between 15°C and 25°C.

## Language

The official conference language is English. Efforts will be made to organise parallel sessions in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian or appropriate languages spoken in Africa.

## Abstracts, Programme, Registration, Accommodation & Second Announcement

The Second Announcement and Call for abstracts will be distributed in September 2004. It will include a guideline for abstracts, the preliminary programme, registration and accommodation forms. Abstracts will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee and assigned to appropriate sessions, workshops or poster presentations.

Should you be interested in further information, please fill in the attached reply card and mail, fax or post it to the Congress Secretariat.



## Cultural Programme

KwaZulu-Natal, also known as the Kingdom of the Zulu, is the most diverse of the nine provinces in South Africa, both culturally and geographically. It boasts a long, sub-tropical coastline, lakes and rivers, game reserves, rolling African bushveld country and the steep uncompromising slopes of the mighty Drakensberg Mountain Range. Durban has so much to offer, whether you want a trip to the beach, a hike in the Drakensberg Mountains, or a visit to one of our many spectacular Game Reserves, Durban has it all.

A comprehensive cultural programme will be arranged for participants and accompanying persons. A detailed programme and pre- and post- congress tour options (both local and national) will be provided in the Second Announcement.

## IASP

The International Association for Suicide Prevention was founded in Austria in 1960. IASP brings together professionals and volunteers from over 50 countries, representing all continents. IASP is a non-governmental organisation officially affiliated with the World Health Organisation as the key organisation concerned with suicide prevention. For more information, please visit the IASP homepage: [www.iasp.info](http://www.iasp.info)

The First and Second Announcement will also be available on the congress website. The address is <http://www.interaction.nu.ac.za/IASP2005>

## Important Deadline Dates

- Deadline for response to 1st announcement: Friday, 28 August 2004
- A deadline date for a discounted early registration fee will be given in the 2nd announcement which will be sent out in September 2004
- A deadline date for the submission of abstracts will also be given in the 2nd announcement.

# IASP 2005 Conference Reply Card

Please send me more information on the IASP 2005 conference in Durban

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- YES** I am interested in attending the IASP 2005 conference and would like to receive further information.