

The XXVII World Congress of  
**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION**

*Preventing suicidal behaviour on five continents –  
Innovative treatments and interventions*



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RADISSON BLU PLAZA HOTEL  
**OSLO/NORWAY**



**IASP OSLO 2013**

## DEAR COLLEAGUES,

we are delighted to invite you to attend the XXVII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention which will take place in Oslo, Norway between the 24th and 28th of September 2013. The congress will be organized by the National Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention at the University of Oslo in collaboration with IASP, supported by the Norwegian Directorate of Health and sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO). We aim to provide you as delegates with a rich scientific programme highlighting the latest developments in suicidological research and prevention. Innovation is a key word to us as organizers of this major event. The enormity of the problem of suicidal behaviour world wide calls for creative and courageous efforts to bring new ideas and new knowledge into practical work in effective approaches of treatment and intervention. We will provide delegates with ample opportunities to share their own experiences and take part in formal and informal discussions over a wide range of topics. A rich social and cultural programme and an opportunity to experience the flavour of Oslo and Norway with its many touristic attractions will hopefully make your conference experience complete.

**Set aside the dates in your calendar now and join us for the XXVII World Congress of the IASP in Oslo in September 2013!**

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## IASP

The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) is a non-profit organization for those interested and working in the field of suicide prevention. The organization functions as a network for individuals (clinicians, scientists, crisis workers and volunteers, people who have lost family members and loved ones to suicide) and community, national and international organizations. The organization is in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) and its members extend over 50 countries. IASP is with WHO the instigator of the World Suicide Prevention Day, which takes place each year on the 10th of September.

### The main objectives for IASP are:

- 1 To raise awareness of the problem of suicide and suicidal behavior at a global level.
- 2 To provide a common platform for all representatives engaged in the field of suicide prevention and crisis intervention to share and exchange knowledge, skills and experiences and develop collaboration.
- 3 To encourage the interchange of acquired experience, knowledge and skills in various countries and regions for effective action.
- 4 To facilitate the wider dissemination of the basics of effective suicide prevention to key stakeholders.
- 5 To promote the establishment of national organizations for suicide prevention.
- 6 To facilitate the wider dissemination of the fundamentals of effective suicide prevention to professional groups and to the general public.
- 7 To promote programmes of research, especially those that can be pursued through international joint cooperation.
- 8 To develop a forum in which suicide prevention strategies are developed, implemented and evaluated and the results disseminated.

## THE IASP WORLD CONGRESS IN OSLO

The XXVII World Congress of the IASP will be held in Oslo, the capital of Norway, September 24th to 28th 2013. Norway launched its first National strategy for suicide prevention in 1994, a strategy that has since been revised two times. Supported by national and regional authorities, many suicide preventive initiatives and activities have taken place over this time span and suicidological prevention, research and development have a good basis in institutions, clinical practice and the NGO and volunteer sector in Norway. A national centre for suicide research and prevention (NSSF) and five regional centres (RVTS) throughout the country provide research, expert advice and teaching to support the National strategy.

## NSSF - HOST ORGANIZER IN OSLO

The NSSF was established at the UiO in 1996 by prof. Lars Mehlum, and its main goals are research, education and dissemination of knowledge. In addition to a wide range of clinical and epidemiological research studies the centre operates a masters programme in suicide prevention, therapist training in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, specialized courses in clinical suicidology, several websites and the peer reviewed journal *Suicidologi*. NSSF is an experienced conference organizer of many national and international conferences and seminars on suicide research and prevention over the last 15 years.



## THE VENUE

The venue for the XXVII World Congress of the IASP is the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel located in the heart of Oslo city. This 37 floor hotel with nearly 700 rooms and suites is a regular host of large-scale conventions and is situated next to the metro central, the Oslo Central Railway Terminal and the Airport Express Train terminal (with service to Oslo's main Airport Gardermoen every 10 minutes) and metro central and regularly hosts large-scale conventions. A wide range of other hotels at all price levels are located within walking distance from the venue.

## SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Throughout the conference we will provide delegates with a variety of social and cultural experiences. For those interested a range of pre- and post conference tours may be arranged through the conference bureau.

## IMPORTANT DATES

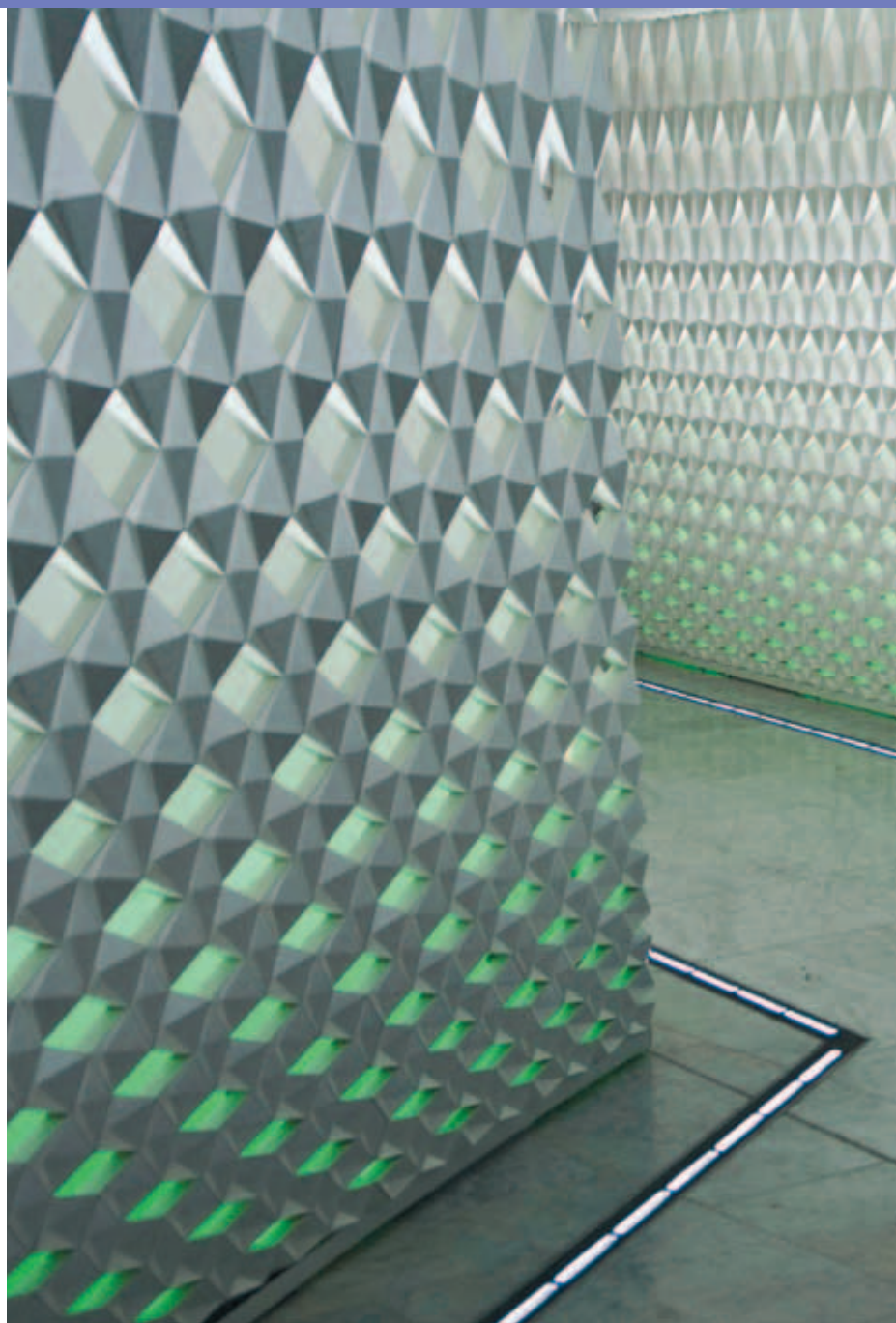
September 30th 2012	Second Announcement and Call for Papers
March 31st 2013	Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
September 24th 2013	Congress Opening

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