

# XX IAGP CONGRESS

2018 MALMÖ  
SWEDEN

## **RIISING TIDES OF CHALLENGE AND HOPE: HEALING IDENTITY, IN SOCIETY, GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

IAGP invites colleagues and friends from all over the world to join us in Malmö, Sweden, in 2018

The Congress is planned at a time when we hear almost daily about a suicide attack or an act of violence somewhere around the world. Wars and warlike situations are ongoing and recurrent. There are now more refugees than ever before. In 2015 the UN estimated 65 million displaced people in the world.

The world we grew up in – post WW II - is changing dramatically and often violently. We as group psychotherapists and group processors are being called to bring our expertise to help us all cope with these Rising Tides and to instill 'realistic hope'.

### **About the congress**

We hope the Congress will be a place for mutual learning: how do cultural assumptions develop and how can actively working with them transform social tensions? From a global perspective there is no 'us' and 'them'. We live in one world. The congress will offer key-note speakers, plenaries, seminars, workshops and research presentations and participatory research. The LatinSchool offers an exciting base for making international contacts and working together enabling us to acknowledge and accept our differences.

### **About iagp: [www.iagp.com](http://www.iagp.com)**

IAGP, The International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes, is a world-wide network of professionals involved in the development and study of group psychotherapy and group process as applied to clinical practice, consultancy, education, scientific studies and socio-cultural settings. IAGP's goal is to fact-find, develop and use our knowledge about groups to take responsibility as world citizens for co-creating our world: to be present and engaged in relationship with each other, with strangers and with the world we live in.

### **About Malmö, the congress town**

Malmö is the third largest city in Sweden. It is a harbour city, a gateway to continental Europe linked by a long slender bridge to Copenhagen, Denmark. It is a diverse city that has been at the forefront of democratic influences including an early labour movement. Since the end of WWII, Malmö has also welcomed increasing numbers of refugees from various areas around the world and today 40% of its population have foreign roots. Increasing tensions between different ethnic, religious and political groups have generated serious incidents of violence. And so, Malmö provides a live context related to the congress theme. There, we can rise to the challenge of finding resourceful models for conflict management that we can apply in all parts of the world.

**Call For Proposals: [www.iagpcongress.org/submit-proposal-37756866](http://www.iagpcongress.org/submit-proposal-37756866)**

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