

International Association for Counselling's Counselling Practitioners' Round Table

"Sharing practice around the world"



April 2017 Counselling Practitioners' Round Table Conference Plenary Session Report

The following report highlights the proceedings of the April 2017 Counselling Practitioners' Round Table (CPRT) at the International Association for Counselling (IAC) annual conference on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 11:00am-12:00pm (Buenos Aires time). The round table was facilitated during a plenary session of the IAC conference, and included participants online through the Blue Jeans web conference software. The four presenters included Dr. Nate Perron, Ms. Anita Jones, and Dr. Jayita Datta (in chronological order of presentation).

The Round Table aims:

To provide a forum within the International Community of Counsellors for practitioners to share and discuss matters arising from their practice for celebration or concern; create mutual support and encouragement across International and multi-cultural contexts around the world using video conference, webinar, Skype, e-mail and text, designed to combat isolation; and to address the wider professional and research community with matters of interest or concern.

Order of Plenary Session

- Introduction to CPRT and activity overview- Dr. Nate Perron
- Counseling in a Regressive Societal Time, Ms. Anita Jones
- Are we multiculturally competent? Strategies to discuss ways to enhance multicultural sensitivity and improved therapeutic progress- Dr. Jayita Datta
- Question, comment, and answer

CPRT Presenters and Panelists (in English alphabetical order by last name):

- Dr. Jayita Datta—Licensed Psychologist at Student Counseling Center at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio USA
- Dr. Lorena Georgiadou—lecturer at University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, UK
- Ms. Anita Engstrom Jones—counselor with Idaho Supreme Court and adjunct professor Boise State University in Idaho, USA
- Dr. Sandy Kacakek—professor at Adler University in Chicago, IL USA
- Dr. Nate Perron—Chair of CPRT, professor with Counseling@Northwestern at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA

All conference attendees present at the plenary session were encouraged to participate in the question, comment portion of the discussion. Attendees were reminded that participation in the CPRT is a benefit from membership with IAC. Members of the round table were



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encouraged to keep memberships active, and continue supporting the thoughtful participation of the CPRT.

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The theme of the CPRT for the 2017 conference was, “**Counseling on the front lines: Breaking barriers of gender, equality, and social progress.**” This theme related to the overarching theme of the conference, along with important agenda concerns from our UNESCO sponsor. The next annual conference CPRT plenary session will be held at the 2018 IAC conference in Rome, Italy in September 2018.

Follow-up items

- As chair of the CPRT, Nate will compile and distribute the CPRT meeting notes from the 2017 conference (represented with this document)
- *The next CPRT meeting online with Blue Jeans will be held on **Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:30-11:00am (Chicago time)**.*
- *IAC members new to CPRT are welcome to join. (Please contact Dr. Nate Perron at nate.perron@northwestern.edu. and go to world clock at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/> to confirm your local time*
- Nate will invite other IAC members that expressed interest in the CPRT from the conference.
- CPRT members may begin using the online Blog by signing into the IAC website and using the online forum for discussion

