

PRESS RELEASE

2013 World Congress on Suicide Douglas experts to give an update on the latest research

For immediate release

Montreal, June 5, 2013 — The World Congress on Suicide, organized by the International Academy for Suicide Research (IASR), will be held in Montreal from June 10 to 13, 2013. With the theme of **Suicide: From research to practice**, the conference will feature a number of Douglas experts who will talk about urgent topical issues, the advancement of research, innovative ways to intervene in the case of suicidal behaviour, and the various avenues for suicide prevention.

The overall suicide phenomenon

Gustavo Turecki, MD, PhD, Douglas researcher, Director of the Réseau québécois de recherche sur le suicide (RQRS), and chair of the conference, will give a rundown of international, Canadian and Quebec research and intervention in suicidal behaviour. At the conference, he will give a special Montreal welcome to **Marsha Linehan**, the developer of dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT), which is mainly used to treat borderline personality disorders, and **Keith Hawton**, who has conducted research on suicide for 35 years. Both will receive the IASR's Morselli Medal during the conference.

Suicide in Quebec from the 18th to the 21st century

Douglas researcher Monique Séguin, PhD, and Patrice Corriveau are pooling their expertise to analyze and translate a corpus of 40,000 records of suicides from the Quebec coroner's archives that date from the 18th to the 21st century. Unique in terms of its scope and the period covered, this corpus will trace the evolution of the Quebec suicide phenomenon from a societal and ethnocultural standpoint. Suicidal behaviour, frequency and the reasons for suicide differ depending on the era, culture, and type of society in which we live.

Suicide in Native populations

Fabrice Jollant, MD, PhD, and Eduardo Chachamovitch, MD, PhD, will give an overview of their respective research studies on the Palawano people of the Philippines and the Inuit. Why these two communities? Because, in contrast to other societies, their suicide rates have remained extremely high over time and through changing circumstances. These two psychiatrists and researchers from the Douglas will be

accompanied by Arlène Laliberté, a suicide prevention specialist who works with four Australian aboriginal communities.

Nursing suicide intervention

To improve nursing intervention for suicidal people, Catherine Pugnaire Gros, a nurse and clinical consultant at the Douglas, recruited young nursing students to carry out research projects that she supervises. Two of the students, Marjorie Montreuil and Jessica Rassy, will present the most promising nursing practices to treat at-risk children and adolescents with a mood disorder.

What?

2013 World Congress on Suicide, "From research to practice"

When?

June 10 to 13, 2013

Where?

Hyatt Regency Montreal
1255 Jeanne-Mance Street
Montreal, QC

- Consult the full conference program at suicide2013.org
- Consult the list of guest speakers at suicide2013.org
- Researchers will be available for interviews at the conference

About the Douglas Institute – www.douglas.qc.ca

The Douglas is a world-class institute affiliated with McGill University and the World Health Organization. It treats people suffering from mental illness and offers them both hope and healing. Its teams of specialists and researchers are constantly increasing scientific knowledge, integrating this knowledge into patient care, and sharing it with the community in order to educate the public and eliminate prejudices surrounding mental health.

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