



Invitation for 'Meet the expert session'

With: John P. Wilson, Ph.D.

Trauma, Culture, and Metaphors: Universal Pathways of Coping, Transformation and Integration

's-Hertogenbosch, April 12th (Thursday) 2012

Dear colleagues,

For several years, Psychotrauma Centrum Zuid Nederland/ Reinier van Arkel groep organizes the series of workshops and lectures in the field of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and related topics. In this series, we try to present to you the world's leading experts and the most intriguing professionals in the field. This year's lecture is organized with kind help of our partner NtVP (Nederlandstalige Vereniging voor Psychotrauma). With great pleasure, we invite you to attend the meet the expert session with prof. John P. Wilson.

About the session:

In this session, John Wilson will present the newest groundbreaking material that he and Jacob Lindy have put together in a book that is about to be published by Routledge in the summer of this year. This will be its first official presentation.

Wilson and Lindy have discovered that traumatic events are experienced in ways that are verbally encoded intrapsychically in metaphorical linguistic ways. He will, first, explore the language of both individual and collective trauma in an era dominated by globalization and interconnectedness. As he points out in the first chapter of the book, Western psychiatrists have increasingly found that their ideas of trauma were not always easily translated to other cultures.

Second, through lucid, careful discussion, he will build a bridge between the etymology of trauma-related terms commonly used in Western cultures and those of other cultures, such as the Burundi-Rwandan *ihahamuka*.

Third, he will provide participants with a framework for working with trauma survivors using a cross-cultural vocabulary—one often based in metaphor—to fully address the experienced trauma and to begin work on reconnection and self-reinvention. These metaphors are, during the course of treatment and good psychotherapy, making predictable progressions from more "raw, basic, physiological" manifestations, to more highly abstract, integrated and complex forms. These complex metaphoric transformations are also connected dynamically to person-

ality processes and identity changes following the traumatic experience, and are represented in diverse and symbolic linguistic manifestations that reveal both conscious and unconscious mental processes.

Fourth, Wilson will illustrate how understanding trauma-specific metaphoric expressions is related to countertransference processes and trauma-specific transference themes throughout the course of psychotherapy.

In conclusion, in this workshop dr. Wilson will provide participants with new pathways and conceptualizations of discovering the inner reality of posttraumatic states of trauma patients.

About the speaker:

An internationally recognized expert and Fulbright Scholar in the field of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), John P. Wilson is currently Professor of Psychology at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Wilson is a founding member (1985) and Past President of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) and a Fellow of the American Institute of Stress. He is a Diplomate and Fellow of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Dr. Wilson is the author/editor of sixteen books and over 50 monographs and chapters on traumatic stress syndromes.

Research and clinical work developed by Dr. Wilson have led to consultations with the U.S. Army and Navy; Department of Veterans Affairs; The White House; U.S. House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs; National Institute of Mental Health, and many other U.S. and international organizations.

Included among his numerous awards and honours are a Presidential Commendation from President Jimmy Carter for his work with Vietnam Veterans; the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, PA.; the Vega Award from the American Red Cross for distinguished service during the Persian Gulf War and in the treatment for survivors of US Air Flight No. 405 crash in New York, NY.; and distinguished research awards from national and international organizations in the field of traumatology.

Agenda (the session will be in English)

12.30 – 13.00	Registration and coffee
13.00 – 14.30	Session 1
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee break
15.00 - 16.30	Session 2
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee break
16.45 – 18.00	Session 3

Accreditation will be applied for.

Waar en wanneer

De bijeenkomst is op donderdag 12 april in de Kapel van de Reinier van Arkel groep, Bethaniestraat 2, 's-Hertogenbosch.

Parkeren

Parkeren op het terrein van de Reinier van Arkel groep is niet mogelijk. We adviseren u om met het openbaar vervoer te reizen. Het gebouw van de Reinier van Arkel groep ligt in het centrum van 's-Hertogenbosch, ongeveer 20 minuten lopen vanaf het centraal station. Mocht u met eigen vervoer komen dan is er voldoende parkeergelegenheid (betaald parkeren) op de parkeerplaats aan de Hekellaan (Vonk en Vlam terrein).

Kosten en betaling

De kosten voor deze workshop zijn € 95 (voor NtVP leden € 75). Nadat u zich heeft ingeschreven ontvangt u een factuur. Uw deelname is pas definitief nadat wij uw betaling hebben ontvangen.

Inschrijving

U kunt zich tot uiterlijk 25 maart inschrijven door een e-mail te sturen naar:

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Graag de volgende gegevens vermelden:

Naam, adres en woonplaats

Functie

Organisatie

Telefoonnummer

E-mail adres

Accreditatie (welke?)

BIG nummer

U ontvangt een bevestiging van uw inschrijving.

Meer informatie

Bij vragen over deze workshop kunt u op dinsdagochtend en donderdagochtend contact opnemen met Marianne Minkels, (073) 658 64 00, of per e-mail: M.Minkels@RvAgroep.nl.