



THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP CYPRUS
is hosting the
34th CIF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY
in collaboration with CIF Switzerland, CIF Israel & CIF Turkey
November 5-7, 2021

CONFERENCE THEME

***Best Practices in Times of Crisis –
New Challenges and Opportunities in the pandemic Era on Families and Children***

The scope of the 2021 Conference is to address the innovative interventions and best practices that have been enforced by professionals to adapt to the crisis to services for families and children.

DAY 1: Friday, November 5, 2021: OPENING SESSION

- 2.00 – 2.30 pm* Opening Remarks/ Welcome addresses by
President CIF Cyprus: Maria Christopoulou
President: Cyprus Association of Social Workers: Koula Erotokritou
Cyprus Social Welfare Deputy Minister: Anastasia Anthousi
President CIF International: Elisabeth Fischbacher
- 2.30 – 3.15 pm* **Keynote Speech** by Dr *Vassilis Ioakimides*, Professor of Social Work,
Co-editor of British Journal of Social Work, IFSW Education Commissioner
“Rethinking Recovery in Times of Covid 19”.
- 3.15 - 3.30 pm* **Chat Rooms – Coffee break - Networking**
- 3.30 – 4.45 pm* **Workshop 1: “The solidarity ‘s response to COVID 19 and what are the lessons we have learned”** by Dr *Olivia Patsalidou*, working with non-governmental sector at the Pancyprian Volunteering Coordinative Council (Cyprus).
Presentations of good practices by Dr *Yaron Ziv*, Senior Psychotherapist, Director of centre for Psychotherapy (Israel): **“Covid19 and its impact on the ultra-orthodox community in Israel: The social support by the community to help people in need”**.
and Associate Professor Dr *Gonca Polat*, Social Work Department, Ankara University, Turkey.

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4.05 – 4.30 pm* Break Rooms: The participants will break into small groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on *Sunday*.

DAY 2: Saturday, November 6, 2021

2.00 – 3.15 pm* **Workshop 2: “Social Support for Children and Their Families in Times of Pandemic”** by *Traudel Spiess Beeler*, social worker, coordinator, coach, and supervisor at the Psychosocial care for families Central Switzerland, Lucerne, Switzerland. Presentations of good practices by *Yu-Chiao, Tseng*, protective social worker, government-employed, working with victims of sexual abuse, child-abuse, and domestic violence, Taiwan and *Silvia Nutter*, social worker and supervisor in child protection systems of the government, Argentina.

2.40 – 3.15 pm* Break Out Rooms: The participants will break into groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on Sunday.

3.15 - 3.30 pm* **Chat Rooms – Coffee break - Networking**

3.30 - 4.45 pm* **Workshop 3: “Impact of the Pandemic on Families and people with special needs”** by *Dr Muhammad Diab* Director, El Nahda Institution - residential facility and a school for Israeli Arabs with developmental intellectual disabilities and with challenging behavior: **“The theoretical framework of working with families and people with special needs in Israel and in the Arab Israel society”**. Presentations of good practices by Professor *Sujata Bhan*, Head of the Department of Special Education at SNDT Women's University in Mumbai: **“Parent-teacher-Partnership”** and by *Julie Bakhtova-Kononova* (Russia), Clinical psychologist and cognitive-behavioral psychotherapist. Worked at St. Petersburg State Budgetary Institution of Health and as a clinical psychologist and social worker for vulnerable and defenseless families and children, and as the chief coordinator for reconstruction of the polyclinic on Lean technologies principle: **“Caring for children during the pandemic”**.

4.10 – 4.45 pm* Break out rooms: The participants will break into groups to discuss the presentations. The final comments will be presented on Sunday.

4.45 – 5.00 pm* **Coffee Break - Networking - National Branch reunion**

5.00 - 6.30 pm* General Assembly of CIF International

A special link will be provided to members of CIF International.

DAY 3: Sunday, November 7, 2021

2.00 – 4.30 pm* **Parallel Discussions/Presentations (Please register for one/two of these)**

Themes for Presentations/Discussions

- ✓ Repairing social bonds through Social Mediation by **Nadia Kornioti**, Research Scholar & Social Mediation trainer, ICLAIM, (Cyprus).
- ✓ The effects of COVID-19 on the mental health of school-age children with a trauma informed lean by **Beth Guzi** (USA).
- ✓ Youth's climate activism in times of Covid-19: Implications for policy and practice by **Dr Spyros Spyrou** European University, **Eleni Theodorou** European University, **Georgina Christou**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Cyprus (Cyprus).
- ✓ Save Our Food by **Stavros Parlalis**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Frederick University (Cyprus).
- ✓ Make empathy great again: a psychosocial interpretation and reflections of the effects of the pandemic on empathy by **Katerina Koni**, Doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, University of Nicosia (Cyprus).
- ✓ The impact of the pandemic on the practice dimension of social work: The Case of the USA and Turkey by **Stacy Moreno** School Social Workers & Social Work Faculty, Paradise Valley Community College (Arizona-USA) and **Gülcan Urhan**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Istinye University (Istanbul-Turkey).

4.30 – 5.30 pm* **Workshop Presentations** (4 group leader presenters)

5.30 – 6.30 pm* **“General Outcomes and Take-Home notes from the Conference”**

Dr Eleni Athanasiou, Lecturer of Social Work, European University Cyprus

Goodbyes and Farewell

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fee Participation is free of charge.

Registration Is needed by all participants.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/Qbv91R6iDuK9xH8T6>

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE CIF INTERNATIONAL: Usage of Zoom and Blackboard platforms. All participants will receive a training seminar 2 weeks prior to the conference regarding the used platforms. The first week of November you will receive the links to choose the workshops you will be attending.

Please Feel Free to send out to other colleagues, organizations, centers, friends the information for the Conference. We hope to attract more professionals internationally since one can be in the safety of its own home and at the same time be trained virtually and networking worldwide with other friends and colleagues.

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