

# invitation

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On behalf of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim (NTNU) and the International Federation for Psychotherapy (IFP) I want to invite you to participate in the 18th World Congress of Psychotherapy (WCP), to be held in Trondheim, 14-18 August, 2002. This is the first WCP in the new Millenium.

The Congress is designed to tear down barriers and build bridges between clinicians and researchers, to integrate these two fields, and also to discuss different theoretical perspectives and traditions, including their similarities and differences.

This Congress will describe and analyze the current status of psychotherapy, the state of the art: What is going on in the field? What is unique or common? What do the researchers have to tell the clinicians, and vice-versa! What are the challenges for the new millenium? Many tentative answers will be stated, but many new problems do not have definite answers.

The program features a series of plenary lectures, symposia, free papers, clinical workshops and posters. The main Congress theme, *Crossroads of Clinical Practice and Research*, will melt together new theoretical knowledge, research based findings, and clinical procedures, from different psychotherapy traditions, different professions, and from countries throughout the entire world.

We are inviting suggestions for symposia and workshops (deadline end of November), and you may also submit abstracts for presentation as free papers, and poster presentations (deadline end of January 2002)

Our understanding of the function of the brain has been accelerated by the imaging techniques. For a full understanding of the mind, we need to know more about what goes on in the disordered mind, and what puts a disordered mind in healing.

The Congress will give ample opportunity to listen, but also to participate in activities such as discussions, workshops, and cultural events. The atmosphere is intended to be open and inclusive.

There are many reasons to visit the 1005 year old city of Trondheim (see separate pages in this announcement). The World Congress is of course the main reason to visit Trondheim in 2002. Take this opportunity to find out the other reasons. In August Trondheim is still characterized by the white nights, and if you wish you may take a tour to visit the polar circle and above....

The entire program will stepwise be posted at our home pages ([www.wcp2002.no](http://www.wcp2002.no)), and registering by email is now so easy, that we hope most people will use that facility.



*Yours Sincerely*  
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