



Summer 2017

Letter from the President



Dear Marce Society Colleagues,

The Marcé Society's regional and language groups have been active in convening scientific meetings this year, which is between the years in which there are International Congresses.

In October, the Australasian Marcé Society led by President Lyndall White held a conference with the theme *When the Bough Bends, Resilience in the Perinatal Period* in Brisbane, Queensland.Invited speakers presented syntheses of evidence about interpersonal violence, substance use in pregnancy, assisted reproductive technologies, perinatal loss, and fatherhood, and the relevance of each to perinatal mental health. There were well attended

sessions by local experts in paediatrics and obstetrics discussed how mental health is being included in their practices and services.

Also in October Dr Signe Dørheim as President, led the Second Conference of the Nordic Marcé Society, with expert presentations on violence in close relationships during the perinatal period, epigenetic changes associated with anxiety and depression during pregnancy, the most recent evidence on postpartum psychoses and access to maternity leave.

In November, President Kathie Wisner convened the very successful *Third Conference of the Perinatal Mental Health Society of North America, Mental Health and Well-Being for Childbearing Women*, Their Children and Families in Chicago. There were diverse expert presentations including addressing recent evidence about psychiatric medication use during pregnancy, the baby's perspective on perinatal mental health, principles of lactation for mental health professionals and translation of science to inform maternal health-related public policy. In 2018 the Perinatal Mental Health Society of North America will become the Marcé Society of North America (MONA) and we welcome their members warmly to the International Marcé Society.

All these conferences attracted large groups of registrants who appreciated the opportunity to hear the most recent research evidence on understanding and addressing perinatal mental health problems among women and men, new approaches to prevention, early intervention and treatment and broader implications for health and social policies.

I want to thank in particular the convenors, scientific committees, sponsors, presenters and participants in these conferences for advancing the field through their work as clinicians, academics and advocates. I want also to thank in particular the members of the International Marcé Society's Executive Board who supported each of these conferences as speakers and workshop convenors, demonstrating not only their expertise, but their energy and generosity.

The <u>call for abstracts</u> for presentations at the 2018 International Marcé Society Conference in Bengaluru is now open and I hope you will all consider joining us there.

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With my best wishes,

Jane Fisher

President 2016 - 2018

Perinatal Mental Health: Global Experiences, Global Dialogues, Global Responses







Perinatal Mental Health

Global Experiences, Global Dialogues, Global Responses

International Marcé Society Biennial Scientific Meeting 2018

26th - 28th September 2018 NIMHANS Convention Centre Bengaluru, India



Highlights

- The First international Marce Society congress to be held in a middle-income country
- Provides opportunities to learn about initiatives from across the Global North and the Global South.
- World renowned Plenary Speakers, Stimulating Symposia on recent topics
- Skill building Workshops
- Special Program for Young Professionals and an Opportunity to visit different labs and facilities at NIMHANS.
- We welcome the perspectives of community groups and people with lived experiences of perinatal mental health problems.

The conference will be of interest to mental health professionals, obstetricians, pediatricians, nurses, policy makers and public health professionals.

Letter from the Editor of the Archives of Women's Mental Health

Dear Colleague,

With this mail I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the Archives of Women's Mental Health and to share some recent developments with you. As I am sure you know, the 2016 Impact Factors were released recently, and we are pleased to announce that the Impact Factor of Archives has increased to 3.379.

I would like to invite you to submit articles - if possible, also outside the field of peripartum psychiatry. I feel that the field of women's mental health is a much greater one than just peripartum and I would therefore like to also publish articles from many other fields, such as gender differences in mental disorders and in risk factors for mental disorders, or regarding stress, neuroimaging, neuropsychology, and body image, to name just a few. Lab research, animal studies, and psychoendocrinological studies relevant to women's mental health are also welcome, as are studies on gender differences in child and youth psychiatry, and gerontopsychiatry. And of course there are the big epidemiological questions still seeking answers, such as gender differences in the prevalence of depression and anxiety disorders or in suicide. Last not least there are issues of training and education in the field of women's mental health and of mentoring for female professionals.

Overall, the journal would like to widen its scope. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses are especially welcome.

Thank you for your help and also for asking your colleagues!

Kind regards, Anita Riecher-Rössler

Marce Members Featured Publications

Archives of Women's Mental Health Articles Marce members in Bold

Early life maltreatment but not lifetime depression predicts insecure attachment in women

Anna-Lena Zietlow, Nora Nonnenmacher, **Corinna Reck**, Mitho Mueller, Sabine C. Herpertz, Corinne Neukel, Anna Fuchs, Felix Bermpohl, Daniel Fuehrer, Dorothea Kluczniok, Catherine Hindi Attar, Charlotte Jaite, Katja Dittrich & Katja Boedeker

<u>Short stay vs long stay postpartum psychiatric admissions: a population-based study</u> Inbal Shlomi-Polachek, Kinwah Fung, Samantha Meltzer-Brody & Simone N. Vigod

Associated symptoms of depression: patterns of change during pregnancy

Rita T. Amiel Castro, Claudia Pinard Anderman, **Vivette Glover**, Thomas G. O'Connor, Ulrike Ehlert & Martin Kammerer

<u>Can exercise or physical activity help improve postnatal depression and weight loss? A systematic review</u>

Maryam Saligheh, Daniel Hackett, Philip Boyce & Stephen Cobley

<u>Pregnancy and postpartum antidepressant use moderates the effects of sleep on depression</u>

Kristen C. Stone, **Amy L. Salisbury**, Cynthia L. Miller-Loncar, Jennifer A. Mattera, **Cynthia L. Battle**,

Dawn M. Johnsen & Kevin E. O'Grady

Acceptance and commitment therapy for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders: development of an inpatient group intervention

Alexa Bonacquisti, Matthew J. Cohen & Crystal Edler Schiller

A community-based randomized controlled trial of Mom Power parenting intervention for mothers with interpersonal trauma histories and their young children

Katherine L. Rosenblum, **Maria Muzik**, Diana M. Morelen, Emily A. Alfafara, Nicole M. Miller, Rachel M. Waddell, Melisa M. Schuster & Julie Ribaudo

Rating scale item assessment of self-harm in postpartum women: a cross-sectional analysis

Jessica L. Coker, Shanti P. Tripathi, Bettina T. Knight, Page B. Pennell, Everett F Magann, D. Jeffrey
Newport & Zachary N. Stowe

Generating an efficient version of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale in an urban obstetrical population

Jackie K. Gollan^a, Stephen R. Wisniewski^b, James F. Luther^b, Heather F. Eng^b, John Louis Dills^b, Dorothy Sit^a, **Jody D. Ciolino**^c, **Katherine L. Wisner**^a

An efficient identification tool may reduce maternal disability associated with postpartum depression (PPD). One way to accomplish this goal is to use a reliable and efficient screening questionnaire that both patient and clinician can review together. The most commonly used screening questionnaire worldwide for PPD is the 10-item Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS). This one-page questionnaire is designed to assess depressive symptoms experienced by the patient within the last seven days.

Though this questionnaire is popular and simple to use, research shows that several EPDS items refer to anxiety symptoms. Our goal was to investigate the 'structure' of the EPDS and to test the ability of the 'depression only' items to predict the diagnosis of depression as determined by a reliable clinical interview. This secondary analyses used a dataset of women during early postpartum (N=15,172). Exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses, Receiver Operating Characteristic curves, and logistic regression analyses were conducted. Our results indicated a seven-item, one factor scale (EPDS items 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) emerged with a high Goodness of Index Fit Index (GFI) =0.96, relative to the ten-item, two factor version of the EPDS (GFI =0.94).

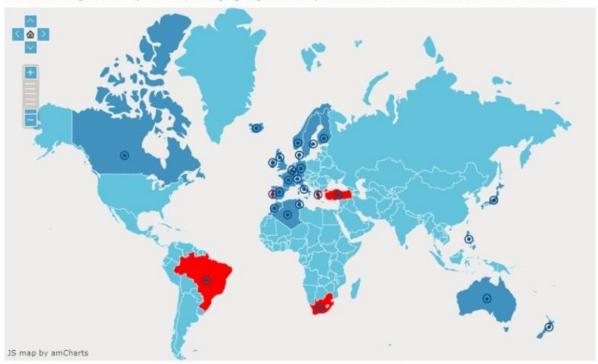
Additionally, the seven-item EPDS achieved good sensitivity and specificity in predicting the 10-item EPDS, with a cut point score of 4 on the seven item EPDS to predict a 10-item EPDS score of 10 or more (sensitivity=95%, specificity=91%). The seven and 10-item EPDS showed a similar ability to predict a

diagnoses of depression (area under the ROC curve=0.795 for the 10-item, 0.770 for the seven-item EPDS). Logistic regression analyses showed similar predictive ability between the seven- and 10-item scales in predicting scores higher than 18 on the clinical interview.

This work suggests that the seven-item (one factor) version of the EPDS is an efficient and effective measure of depression and may be used in clinics to identify PPD. http://www.jad-journal.com/article/S0165-0327(16)31223-X/abstract

Regional Group Updates

Regional Groups of the Marcé Society as of May 2017 Established Regional Groups in blue; Emerging Regional Groups in red. Click link in box for more information.



Italian Regional Group

The second congress of the Italian Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health will be held in Padua, Italy on May 12th, 2018. There will be many international guests and an important representation of the Italian Ministry of Health. In particular:

Lisa Segre (President-elect of International Marcé Society)
Anita Riechler-Rössler (Editor in Chief of Archives of Womens' Mental Health)
John Cox (with Lectio Magistralis: Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale EPDS - Use and Misuse)
Mike O'Hara (with topic presentation: Screening for Perinatal Mental Health and Marcé Position Statement)
Serena Battilomo (Director of the Women's Health Office - Italian Ministry of Health)
Gianfranco Joric Jorizzo (Head of Birth Path - Italian Ministry of Health)
Giorgio Tamburlini (Collaborator with WHO and Unicef)

Please join us in Padua!

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Visit the Italian Regional Group website to learn more!

Spanish Regional Group

The Sociedad Marce Española (Spanish Regional Group of the International Marce Society for Perinatal Mental Health) has organized an online training on perinatal mental health, which will run from February to June 2018. This course is aimed at different health providers, including psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, obstetricians, neonatologists, pediatricians, etc. The course will cover the following major topics: i) pregnancy and maternity, ii) mental disorders across different reproductive stages, from preconception to pregnancy and postpartum, and iii) evidence based interventions, both from psychological, psychosocial and psychopharmacological perspective.



Please, you can find program details at: http://sociedadmarce.org/IMAGES_35/informacion-general-curso-de-salud-mental-perinatal-uab-mares.pdf

The course will be taught in Spanish. The registration period is now open and, for Marce Society members there will be a special discount.

For more detailed information about the course and registration procedure, please, visit our website at: http://www.sociedadmarce.org/detail-agenda.cfm/ID/7700/ESP/curso-especializacion-salud-mental-perinatal-uab-mares-.htm

If you have any question, please, do not hesitate to contact us at: secretaria@sociedadmarce.org

Best regards, Dra. Gracia Lasheras. Chairwoman of the Sociedad Marce Española

Marce Member News



Kathie Wisner visited Nine Glangeaud in Paris in September

Reflections on the PSI Conference by Marce Society Board Member Lita Simanis

The first Postpartum Support International Conference I attended was the 17th Annual Conference in 2005, held in San Jose, California. I've had the good fortune to be able to join nearly all of the conferences since then, including the most recent that was held in Philadelphia on July 14 and 15, 2017.

This year's conference had 500 people in attendance, and started with the 2-day Perinatal Mood Disorder Certification Course on July 12 and 13, with 134 attendees.

Because most of the lectures and breakout sessions took place on the beautiful and historic campus of the University of Pennsylvania, there was perhaps slightly more gravitas to the atmosphere this year.

The keynote speakers did not disappoint: Fayth Parks, PhD kicked off the conference on Friday morning by sharing about cultural strengths, health disparities, and postpartum families. Later, Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody provided an update on the PPD ACT App for screening and large-scale research, for which she is the founder and a lead investigator.

I had the privilege of serving on the Conference Selection Committee this year, work that is both challenging and exciting. Challenging because we had to whittle down from so many excellent submissions, exciting because those of us on the committee got "sneak peeks" at all the brilliant and

important work being done. There were so many outstanding submissions, in fact, that the conference offered eight breakouts per session, more than at other conference in the past. On Friday, some of the breakouts included information on the SAGE 547 trials, dialectical behavior therapy for the perinatal woman, postpartum OCD, fathers, trauma-informed care, women of color and insomnia, just to name a few.

Friday afternoon also included a brief poster session and new member welcome, which was followed by the banquet in the evening. The banquet this year was especially moving as PSI unveiled a second memorial quilt to remember lives lost to perinatal mood disorders. Donna Kreuzer of Austin, Texas, who lost her daughter several years ago, created the quilt to honor her daughter and lovingly shared her story. Deartrice Baker (stage name Chyna) performed her original song "Brighter Days" about her struggle with Postpartum Depression. Dr. Margaret Spinelli raised a glass to honor and thank founder Jane Honikman, who could not attend the 30th annual conference as she was celebrating her own wedding anniversary.

Saturday's keynotes started with the beloved and prolific Karen Kleiman and Amy Wenzel on therapeutic strategies of intervention. Dr. Neill Epperson was the next keynote speaker, and she brought together science and clinical aspects of postpartum depression including ACES (adverse childhood experiences) and their effects on maternal/obstetric outcomes. Lastly, Dr. Joanna Cole from the Center for Fetal Diagnosis at CHOP presented on fathers' experiences of perinatal loss.

Breakout sessions on Saturday included presentations on post-adoption blues, NICU families, medication-assisted treatment for opioid-use disorders and infant feeding, trauma and birth, intimate partner violence, and infanticide and the law, among several other excellent topics.

I'm sure others who have attended many conferences will agree that each time we gather to learn and share, we are delighted and energized by the information and experience. We welcome meeting the new attendees and members of PSI that come into the fold and feel the passion and excitement that they bring. As well, we are always sad to leave the group of motivated and caring professionals, survivors, and family members, all working to improve the lives of perinatal families. So we end by looking forward to the next time we can meet again, 2018 in Houston. Hope to see you there!

The Members Only List Serv: Making Connections!

Check out the archives to make sure you are up to date on some key topics:

- · Brintellix and breastfeeding
- Postpartum psychosis screening tools
- Guidelines in perinatal suicide prevention
- IVF for patient with bipolar disorder
- Topirimate in pregnancy
- · Anxiety medications during first trimester

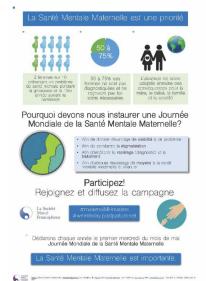
Other News

Posters for the 2017 World Maternal Mental Health Day

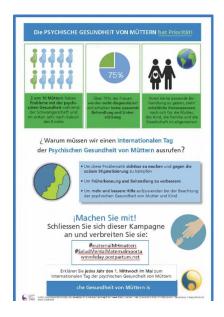
The poster for this year's (2017) World Maternal Mental Health Day (WMMHD) Campaign, initially designed by one of our partners from the Spanish Regional Group (Dr. Elena Serrano), was shared with the members of the WMMHD Task Force in order to translate it into various languages. People from all around the world helped to do it and the poster was finally adapted into at least eight languages. This collaborative process was really inspiring and encouraging, and arised some nice anecdotes (e.g. the Arab version was done by two women that were pregnant at that time). Hopefully this year we will be able to translate it into several other languages that may help to reach even more countries/people all around the world.

Elena Serrano Drozdowskyj Spanish Regional Group, the Marce Society



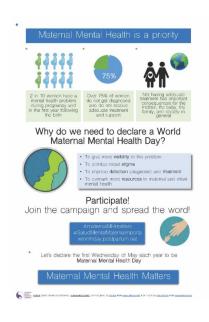
















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Upcoming Conferences



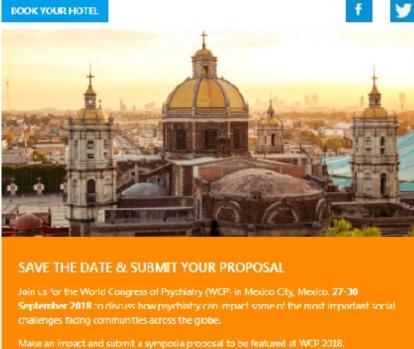












Deadline for proposals submission: 15 January 2018

SUBMET YOUR PROPOSAL

To submit your proposal, click here

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View topics under which proposals are to be submitted.

The annual PSI conference provides an opportunity to meet, learn together, and share ideas with others involved in the field of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMADs). This professional event is a unique training and networking opportunity, last year attracting more than 500 participants. The purpose of the

conference is to bring together and inform medical and mental health providers, childbirth professionals, support and resource providers, caregivers, policy-makers, researchers, volunteers, families, and educators who want to improve their understanding of PMADs and improve their ability to serve pregnant, postpartum, and post pregnancy-loss families.

Learn More

Send updates on careers, publications, etc. to the <u>Executive Office</u> for future newsletters.

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