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President's Corner

I am thrilled to welcome the Portuguese Regional Group - the first new official group of the International Marcé Society since 2017!

We are also excited to share news about the 2020 Biennial conference, and look forward to welcoming many of you to Iowa in October!

*Best wishes for the holiday season.
President Lisa Segre*

Congratulations to the new Portuguese Regional Group!



Welcome, Grupo de Língua Portuguesa da Sociedade Marcé Internacional para a Saúde Mental Perinatal!

In a unique collaboration, colleagues from Portugal and Brazil have established the newest Regional Group of the International Marcé Society for Perinatal Mental Health.

The group held their first regional conference this November, and completed all governmental and financial registrations to become official. Our sincere thanks and appreciation for Bárbara Figueiredo, Erika Vieira Abuchaim, and their teams!



#marce2020



Biennial Meeting

Innovations in Research,
Policy and Clinical Care

October 5-8, 2020

Iowa City, Iowa,
United States

Conference Registration is Open! Take advantage of the Early-Bird discount for Marcé members through **May 31, 2020**.

Workshop Registration is Open! The first day of the conference is devoted to interactive, small group learning. Visit [marce2020](https://marce2020.com) to learn more about the variety of workshop opportunities.

Abstract Submission Site is Open!

The portal is open for Single and Symposium abstract submission. Visit <https://marce2020.com/abstracts> for detailed instructions and information. Deadline is **February 3, 2020**.



- **Pim Cuijpers, PhD** is the world's number one top expert on depression according to Expertscape, which ranks researchers by their expertise in biomedical topics. He is the author of almost 900 publications.
- **Sona Dimidjian, PhD** studies and develops programs and practices in education and healthcare settings with an emphasis on navigating key developmental transitions, and focuses on expanding access and sustaining effective programs using both digital technology and community-based partnerships.
- **Elissa Epel, PhD**, a leading researcher on the relationship between chronic psychological stress and biological aging, is the co-author the New York Times best-seller *The Telomere Effect: A Revolutionary Approach to Living Younger, Healthier, Longer*.

- [Elizabeth Howell, MD, MPP](#) has guided research and policy on the intersection between quality of care and disparities in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity and postpartum depression and its impact on underserved communities.
- [Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD, MPH](#) is an internationally recognized reproductive psychiatrist and clinician-scientist who studies the use of novel technologies and innovative treatment modalities focused on optimizing and personalizing treatment for women with perinatal depression.
- [Ricardo F. Muñoz, PhD](#) is a leading advocate for the creation of “Digital Apothecaries” composed of Massive Open Online Interventions (MOOIs, inspired by MOOCs, i.e., Massive Open Online Courses) in several languages, specifically designed to reduce health disparities locally, nationally, and globally. Dr. Munoz is a leading author of three reports issued by the Institute on Medicine’s on the prevention of depression. The most recent report was issued in September of 2019.

Integrated Social Media and Communication

We actively utilize the International Marcé social media channels to promote your research, support regional conferences and build a global perinatal mental health community.

More and more of our members are connecting through social media and have met for the first time at regional conferences, like the examples pictured below.



To get connected with the International Marcé social media community, email our communication strategist [Rita Stockhowe](#) or visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts.

Regional Group Updates

The biannual **Australasian** Marcé Conference, in October provided members and delegates with three days of perinatal mental health research and practice development information. as well as professional networking opportunities, in the beautiful city of Perth.

The **Francophone** Marcé group is organizing its 23rd annual meeting in Bordeaux in April 2-3. Like every year a Marcé award is delivered to two students. This year, members of the Marcé Family will be here to give the prize and Nine Glangeaud will make a tribute to Louis Victor Marcé. We'll send pictures!

The emerging **South African** group has started a joint WhatsApp group with the South African Society of Psychiatry, which has proved very useful in discussing clinical cases.

Click the logos below for full reports.



Upcoming Member Affiliated Conferences

Sex & Perinatal Mental Health

13-14 January 2020 Los Angeles, California, United States

Click [here](#) for details

2020 North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics & Gynecology (NASPOG) Biennial Meeting

17-19 April 2020 St. Louis, Missouri, United States

Click [here](#) for details

17th World Congress, World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH)

7-11 June 2020 Brisbane, Australia

A Marcé symposium will be featured at this conference

Click [here](#) for details

Diamond Members

With appreciation for those who have supported International Marcé with Diamond membership:

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Consider becoming a Diamond member for our 40th anniversary in 2020! Contact [Laura Miller](#).

