

# Addressing Filicide: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference Moving to Prevention Prato, Tuscany, 3 – 4 June 2015

### Call for Abstracts

Following the success of the inaugural Addressing Filicide International Conference in 2013, the Conference Committee are proud to announce details of the second conference, to be held again in the medieval centre of Prato (near Florence) in Italy, from Wednesday 3 June to Thursday 4 June, 2015. The conference will build from the first and seeks the participation of researchers, policy specialists and service providers from an even more diverse range of countries and backgrounds. Recognising that filicide is not a uniform phenomenon but rather one that encompasses and overlaps with a heterogeneity of circumstances, characteristics and motives causing fatal harm to children, the conference proposes becoming the springboard for developing more sophisticated evidence bases, theoretical tools and multi-disciplinary approaches to better understand these tragic events and better align research with preventive policies and programs. The conference will provide delegates with more opportunities for discussion so we can continue to strengthen existing research collaborations and build new ones to allow for more nuanced inter-country comparisons that will lead to the development of local and global strategies of support, intervention and prevention. Abstracts to be sought in September 2014.

**Keynote Speakers:** Dr. Adam Tomison, CEO, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra, Australia, Associate Professor Myrna Dawson, Guelph University, Canada, Professor Russell Dobash and Professor Rebecca Dobash, The University of Manchester, UK; more to follow

Within the above frameworks we seek papers that will tackle topics as follows:

- National studies and Inter-country studies
- Multi-disciplinary studies
- Differing cultural and community approaches to filicide
- Prevention and intervention models
- Explanatory Theories and Frameworks for filicide
- Impact of social policies on filicide
- Role and Impact of professionals (GPs, psychiatrists, paediatricians, social workers, psychologists) and services (health, child protection, DV, police, court and family welfare)
- Risk Assessment
- Role of Coroners and Death Review Committees in policy development
- Mental Health Problems, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Gambling and other life stresses
- Supporting victims' families in the aftermath
- Education of professionals
- Inter-relationship between media, community attitudes and prevention
- Working with perpetrators in Corrections and Mental Health Services

### Further information

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