

Addressing Filicide: Third International Conference – Building Bridges of Knowledge to Intervention Models for Combatting Filicide

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The 2013 and 2015 International Conferences for Cross National Dialogue to Address Filicide have proved most successful with delegates from 13 countries at each conference taking us to new understandings of filicide. As Professor Frans Koenraadt from the Netherlands observed, “*filicide is universal but not uniform*”, and, as Professor Julia Stroud from England emphasised, “*each event is complex and unique*”. The conferences have provided an important opportunity to extend our knowledge base and build and develop new and existing collaborations. A selection of papers from the 2013 conference were published in a Themed Issue on Filicide in the international journal *Child Abuse Review*, UK, and a selection of the 2015 papers are to be published in the edited collection *When Parents Kill Children: Understanding Filicide* (Palgrave MacMillan).

On behalf of the Addressing Filicide Conference Organising Committee - Professor Thea Brown, Dr Danielle Tyson and Dr Paula Fernandez Arias – would like to like to inform you that we are taking up the challenge again with a third conference! There are several large new studies underway that we hope will feature at the conference as Key Note papers and we will shortly send another notice and issue the call for abstracts.

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Emerging themes at this stage are as follows:

- Cross National research on filicide and differences in filicide between nations and cultures
- Other Research on filicide
- The impact of social policies, social welfare and health policies on filicide events and incidence
- Death Review Committees, especially moving reports to reforms
- Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Parental Separation, Criminal Histories and filicide
- Relationship Between these Factors
- Roles of Mothers, Fathers and Step-Parents
- Role and Resources of Child Protection, Health Services, including GPs, maternal and child health nurses, psychiatric services, and Parental Separation Services, especially in family or private law services
- Inter-relationship between media, events, community attitudes and prevention
- Working with victims’ families
- Working with perpetrators in Criminal Justice Services and Mental Health Services



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