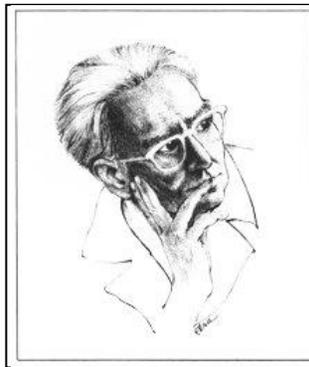




# **Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Twenty-Second World Congress*



Viktor Frankl, MD, PhD

### **Congress Theme:**

*The Science of Finding Meaning in Life's Greatest Challenges*

Keynote Speaker:

Steven M. Southwick, MD

June 12 – 16, 2019

Pre-Congress courses: June 10-12, 2019

Dallas, Texas, USA

Marriott Quorum Hotel

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On Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy*

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The Viktor Frankl Institute's Twenty-Second World Congress provides an extraordinary opportunity to present the internationally recognized theory of Logotherapy, founded by Viktor E. Frankl, MD, PhD, to a truly global audience in the midst of world-wide terrorism, turmoil and tragedy. Author of **Man's Search for Meaning** and 32 other books, Viktor Frankl placed at the core of his theory the belief that the primary motivating power of human beings is the search for meaning and purpose in life. "Logos" was borrowed from the Greek language by Frankl to name his theory of Logotherapy. Logos = the overriding moral purpose in the universe.

From Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning* to today's search for peace in the midst of terrorism and turmoil, we could also add Frankl's emphasis on the significance of **purpose**. Contemporary therapists agree that finding a purpose marks the turning point in one's individual recovery and provides a direct avenue to experiencing meaning - - even when surrounded by chaos and uncertainty. Purpose challenges one to go beyond self. Self-transcendence is a powerful human instrument in achieving **meaning**, not only for individuals, but for all of humanity. Thus, this year's theme *The Science of Finding meaning in Life's Greatest Challenges*.

With participants in our biennial World Congress coming from more than 30 nations, including those from five major faith traditions, imagine what we could do for the world by taking Viktor Frankl's work and sharing it meaningfully with all who are in need of achieving **meaning** and **purpose** and **peace**.

This Call for Papers is your invitation to consider submitting a program proposal for the Institute's Twenty-Second World Congress. The Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy has been granted a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit status by the United State Internal Revenue Service (IRS). As such, we are not allowed to include in any program presentation any political emphases nor conflictual persuasions.

Frankl's Logotherapy helps individuals to self-transcend by using the triumphant power of the human spirit in facing suffering, conflict, terror, tragedy, pain, loss, grief, and inner emptiness. Frankl's vision for humanity includes HOPE, which fosters an attitude of optimism in the midst of tragedy and despair.

In preparing a program proposal, remember that Congress participants will come from a wide range of disciplines including psychiatry and other medical specialties, nursing and the allied health sciences, psychology, psychotherapy, philosophy, education, anthropology, religion, pastoral counseling, counselor education, sociology, social work, criminal justice, and graduate students as well as the broader areas of life and work where Logotherapy could make a significant difference.

Registration forms for the Twenty-Second World Congress on  
Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy will be mailed to members in February, 2019.  
Registration forms will also be available on the Institute's website at [www.logotherapyinstitute.org](http://www.logotherapyinstitute.org).

Related to the Congress theme, **The Science of Finding Meaning in Life's Greatest Challenges** *educational objectives* will include, although are not limited to, the following topics.

- Experiencing resilience through the defiant power of the human spirit
- Achieving inner peace while experiencing personal loss
- Realizing the indestructibility of the human spirit
- Strengthening fellow-humans experiencing crime and terror
- Developing a more meaningful understanding of other cultures
- Learning to accept others' values without relinquishing one's own
- Developing a cross-cultural understanding of value systems that differ from one's own
- Developing a new dimension of understanding during tragedy and crisis (Frankl's "attitude modification")
- Preparing military personnel to assist those experiencing combat stress and disorder
- Using Logotherapy with veterans and families experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Inspiring courageous, meaningful leadership in a strife-torn world
- Meaningfully (Logotherapeutically) intervening with victims of crime and injustice
- Experiencing self-transcendence in love, forgiveness and reconciliation
- Discovering Logotherapy's stance in the midst of crumbling values and traditions
- Understanding and achieving one's authentic self
- Using the human spirit in the healing process
- Pursuing life's destinies after experiencing personal loss
- Extinguishing one's existential vacuum through pursuing meaning and purpose
- Using Logotherapy in divorce recovery
- Using Logotherapy in substance abuse counseling
- Meaningfully serving the needs of the terminally ill
- Facilitating a patient's inner peace in hospice care
- Creatively using Logotherapy in the health-related disciplines
- Utilizing Logotherapy in the corporate world
- Developing a greater understanding of awareness of our spiritual ("noetic") self
- Developing an awareness of our spiritual ("noetic") dimension

More than any other prominent theory of psychotherapy, Frankl's Logotherapy utilizes the dimension of the human spirit in the healing process. This year's **Congress Theme** involving the Science of Finding Meaning in Life's Greatest Challenges helps us to experience the **power of purpose** in overcoming adversity in a global concept of humanity.

**Please see Submission Guidelines on the next page.**

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**All program proposals should be submitted in size 24 font double spaced. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2019.**

1. In order to facilitate blind reviewing (unbiased consideration), list name, complete postal and email address, telephone and fax numbers (both daytime and evening) on a separate page. Copies of the program proposals will be distributed by the Institute office to members of the Review Committee.
2. Also, on a separate page, a brief biographical sketch is required. This must include specific academic degrees earned, names of universities where they were earned, and state licenses and/or certifications. **This is a requirement. DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS.** This may also include examples of any professional and/or personal use of Logotherapy, if applicable.
3. Submit only original, unpublished works
4. Formal papers should be a minimum of 10 typewritten pages, double spaced, using citations following the American Psychological Association (APA) Stylebook, and accompanied by an abstract between 50 and 100 words. Symposia, workshop, and contact sessions should be outlined in a 200 to 300 word prospectus.
5. If your program proposal is intended for Continuing Education credit for participants, be sure to list a minimum of three educational objectives such as the following.  
Participants will be able to
  - Develop a more meaningful understanding of other cultures
  - Achieve inner peace while experiencing personal loss
  - Accept other's values without relinquishing one's own
6. Mail to:  
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Box 15211  
Abilene, TX 79698 USA  
**Or email:**  
rbarnes@hsutx.edu
7. Persons whose program proposals are accepted will be expected to register for World Congress XXII prior to May 1, 2019 in order for your proposal to be included in the Congress program.

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