



**65^a CONFERENZA INTERNAZIONALE ICCFR
65th ICCFR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
In cooperation with Cisf**



**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:**

**Preserving family life
through hard challenges
ROME, 14-16 November 2019
GRAND HOTEL PALATINO
VIA CAVOUR 213/M
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME
(July 2019)**

Introduction

Welcoming, integrating and providing social and economic support for refugees from war, famine or poverty, and migrants, within and between countries, constitute an urgent worldwide challenge of our times.

The conference will shine a light on the ways in which families and children are impacted by dislocation and relocation, and how social workers, therapists, family lawyers and policy-makers can ease or solve the difficulties they encounter and preserve family life.

How the Conference is organized

Keynote presentations from different parts of the world, backed up by workshops allowing participants to share experiences and learn new skills, will form the major part of the conference. The ICCFR community seeks new connections with students, academics and practitioners with expertise in the areas of its focus.

The Conference will be organized in four distinct sessions. In every session there will be a plenary, offering the opportunity to listen to experts and exchange views among the participants. These will be followed "discussion groups", in which the contents of the keynote speeches may be discussed, along with relevant topics raised by and of interest to the participants. In Sessions II and III, there will be workshops on various aspects of the conference theme, presented by different experts from around the world.

The first three sessions will be dedicated to the three main disciplinary areas traditionally of interest in ICCFR conferences:

- **descriptive-demographic-sociological aspects** (quantitative and qualitative features of migrations around the world, and some general reflections on policies for regulating, promoting or controlling migration)
- **legal aspects** (rights of the migrants and related problems)
- **relational-psychological aspects and support/integration services** (how services and professionals can take care of and support migrant families and children).

All three keynote speeches will give a general overview of the international situation. Each will be followed by an intervention from an expert from the same discipline, whose role will be to point out similarities and differences in the Italian situation. All sessions will be chaired by a member of the ICCFR Board.

IN COLLABORATION WITH (*partnership requested – to be confirmed*)

AICCeF – Italian Association of Couple and Family Counsellors

Bar Association of Rome

FAFCE – European Federation of Catholic Family Associations

ISMU Foundation – Activities and Research on Multiethnicity

Italian Forum of Family Associations

Migrantes Foundation – Rome

OAS – Lazio – Association of Social Workers of the Lazio Region

Sant'Egidio Community – Rome

PROGRAMME - DRAFT (timing in Italian format - 24 hours)

Thursday 14 November 2019

10.00 – 17.30 Board meeting (reserved)

18.00 – 20.00 Welcome cocktails (*free – for all registered participants*)

Friday 15 November 2019

08:30 – 12:00 Registration of participants

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome and Introduction: **Anne BERGER** (Chair ICCFR)
Francesco BELLETTI (Director CISF)

Session I Descriptive-demographic-sociological aspects (plenary)

10:00 – 11:00 Keynote speech: **Tuomas MARTIKAINEN** (Finland)
Italian discussant: **Antonello SCIALDONE** (INAPP – Rome)
Chairperson: **Sven IVERSEN** (ICCFR Board)

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Discussion groups

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session II Legal aspects (plenary)

14:00 – 15:00 Keynote speech: **Sir Mathew THORPE** (United Kingdom)
Italian discussant: **Paolo MOROZZO DELLA ROCCA*** (Italy)
Chairperson: **Douglas ALEXIOU** (ICCFR Trust Board)

15:30 – 16:30 Discussion groups

16:30 – 18:00 Workshops 1-6

(EVENING) SOCIAL EVENT. No borders for the music Concert/Meeting with PIAZZA VITTORIO ORCHESTRA
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Saturday 16 November 2019

Session III: Relational-psychological aspects and support/integration services (plenary)

09:00 – 10:00 Keynote speech: **Robert A. SIMON** (USA)
Italian discussant: **Daniela POMPEI** (Italy)
Chairperson: **Francesco BELLETTI** (CISF)

10:00 – 11:30 Discussion groups

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Workshops 7-12

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Session IV: Closing session

14:30 – 17:00

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES.

Round table and closing remarks from ICCFR

17:10 – 18:00 Farewell drink

(*) TO BE CONFIRMED

Sunday 17 November (morning)
Social event or tour of Rome (optional)

ICCFR (www.iccfr.net)

The *International Commission on Couple and Family Relations* (ICCFR) was founded in 1953 as a multidisciplinary forum for the free and open exchange of ideas among social policy makers, mental health and social workers and family lawyers across all nations, creeds and cultures, dedicated to the study of couples and family relationships and to providing help to families.

CISF (www.cisf.it)

The *International Centre for Family Studies* (CISF) is the cultural centre of the weekly magazine *Famiglia Cristiana* and was founded in the late 1970s to promote a familial culture based on Christian principles. Among its various activities are: conferences, national and international study meetings, the collection and diffusion of scientific documentation on a national and international level; research on familial and social themes using an interdisciplinary approach, with special attention to fragile family situations; training for families and social workers.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. **TUOMAS MARTIKAINEN** is the Director of the Migration Institute of Finland. He received a PhD in Religious Studies (Åbo Akademi University, 2004) with a thesis on the religious incorporation of migrants into society in the City of Turku, Finland. His areas of expertise include religious organisations serving migrants, religious mapping, contemporary religious change, migrant integration and international migration. Since 2015, he has been working at the Migration Institute of Finland. (KPH-Vienna website:

https://www.kphvie.ac.at/fileadmin/Dateien_KPH/10_Jahre_KPH/Tagung_Vielfalt/Forum3/KPH-Tagung_Martikainen_CV.pdf)

Dr. **ROBERT SIMON** is a National Leader in Forensic Psychology Consulting, with over 30 years of experience in the legal domain of family law and domestic relations. Dr. Simon applies empowering, pragmatic, empirically driven and ethically integrated solutions. Dr. Simon is licensed as a Psychologist in California and Hawaii, and is available for consultation and speaking throughout North America and elsewhere.

(Source: personal website <https://www.dr-simon.com/>)

The Rt. Hon. Sir **MATHEW THORPE** is a former Lord Justice of Appeal (England and Wales), Vice-President of the Family Division and the inaugural Head of International Family Law. He remains the leading expert in the field of the international movement of children.

(Source: <https://www.lepca.eu/uploads/Biography%20The%20Rt.%20Hon%20Sir%20Mathew%20Thorpe.pdf>)

Francesco	BELLETTI	CISF (Milan, Italy)
Anne	BERGER	ICCFR (USA)
Sven	IVERSEN	ICCFR (Germany)
Paolo	MOROZZO DELLA ROCCA	La Sapienza University (Rome, Italy)
Daniela	POMPEI	Comunità Sant'Egidio (Rome, Italy)
Antonello	SCIALDONE	INAPP (Rome, Italy)

WORKSHOP TITLES AND PRESENTERS

The final list of workshops will be available after 31st July 2019