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The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Honors Leaders in the Profession and Announces 2013-2014 Leadership at the Annual Meeting

DEERFIELD, Ill. — November 26, 2013 — The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), an international, interdisciplinary professional organization that promotes the advancement and exchange of knowledge about traumatic stress, honored leaders and innovators in the profession and announced its 2013-2014 Board of Directors at its 29th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

“Each year ISTSS has the privilege of honoring leaders, visionaries and innovators in the field of traumatic stress treatment and research,” said ISTSS President Nancy Kassam-Adams, PhD. “This year’s awardees are highly deserving of these awards for the valuable contributions they’ve made to our field. It is my honor to recognize them.”

2013 ISTSS Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award *is the highest honor given by ISTSS. It is awarded to the individual who has made great lifetime contributions to the field of traumatic stress.*

Frank W. Putnam, PhD

Dr. Frank Putnam is a professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati. He has been director of the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children and the Chief of the Unit on Developmental Traumatology in the Intramural Research Program at the National Institute of Mental Health. He is a founding member of ISTSS, past board member, and a past vice president. He pioneered the practice of studying children to prevent complex trauma in adults and conducted the first longitudinal study of sexually abused girls at a time when it was politically incorrect and unpopular to do so. This study maintained a 96% retention rate over 25 years and now includes the original participant's children.

Frank Ochberg Award for Media and Trauma Study *recognizes significant contributions by clinicians and researchers on the relationship of media and trauma.*

Journalists' Critical Incident Stress Research

The Journalists Critical Incident Stress (CIS) Research Group has largely focused on the experiences of Japanese and Chinese journalists. Both groups have been traditionally understudied. CIS Research Group has learned a significant amount about how these journalists are responding to traumatic stress exposure and what can be done to protect them from deleterious outcomes. As a result, they are also learning about how to address trauma in all journalists.

Public Advocacy Award *is given for outstanding and fundamental contributions to advancing social understanding of trauma.*

NATAL: Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War

The Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War (NATAL) continues its longstanding and excellent record of promoting the resilience of Israeli society through treatment, prevention, public awareness, and research. NATAL was founded in 1998 as an apolitical non-profit organization that provides support to survivors of war and terror-related trauma. They collaborate with mental health professionals to ensure the accuracy of their information and to enhance the sensitivity with which it is disseminated. Their ongoing work includes four annual media campaigns aimed at increasing public knowledge about trauma and reducing social stigma about seeking trauma treatment. The campaigns involve television, radio, newspaper, magazines, newsletters and the Internet. They provide a hotline number that is broadcast on all media outlets during emergencies such as terrorist attacks. They reach adolescent and young adult audiences via a rock band whose members are combat veterans with PTSD and they reach even younger audiences with puppet shows. They also host regular conferences on specialized trauma topics such as the history of trauma in Israel and the effects of trauma on journalists.

Chaim and Bela Danieli Young Professional Award *recognizes excellence in traumatic stress service or research by an individual who has completed his or her training within the last five years.*

Katie A. McLaughlin, PhD

Dr. McLaughlin graduated summa cum laude from the University of Virginia, earned a master's degree in psychology from Penn State, a second master's degree in epidemiology and public health from Yale University, and PhDs in psychology and epidemiology and public health from Yale University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School and a Research Fellowship at the Harvard School of Public Health. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology at University of Washington. Her work joins the areas of the epidemiology and developmental psychopathology with a special focus on childhood adversities. It includes several papers documenting the effects of Hurricane Katrina over time and a major collaborative study of Army suicide. Her recent efforts include intervention research in the Boston Public Schools and studies of brain development in Romania. In all of these endeavors, McLaughlin's work has been characterized by a pattern of beginning with understanding and characterizing typical psychosocial and physiological development and then determining how exposure to extreme stress alters typical developmental trajectories.

Robert S. Laufer Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement *is given to an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to research in the field of traumatic stress.*

Professor Chris Brewin

Chris Brewin is a professor of clinical psychology at University College London. He is an Elected Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science and the British Academy. He chaired the ISTSS Publication Committee for three years. He has been an associate editor of the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* and the *British Journal of Clinical Psychology*. He is a member of the work group that developed the DSM-5 criteria for PTSD and a member of the ICD 11 working group on stress disorders. Brewin has been a leading voice in the science of traumatic stress for more than 30 years. He is known for developing the influential dual representation theory of PTSD.

Sarah Haley Memorial Award for Clinical Excellence is given to a clinician or group of clinicians in direct service to traumatized individuals. This written and/or verbal communication to the field must exemplify the work of Sarah Haley.

Elizabeth A. Hembree, PhD

Dr. Hembree is a licensed clinical psychologist and associate professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Clinical associate professor at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. At the University of Pennsylvania, she was director of Clinical Training at the Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety, director of the Rape and Crime Victims Program, and is currently director of Clinical Services at the Center for Couples and Adult Families. In numerous invited lectures, she has trained thousands of therapists in many countries (including Japan and Iceland) to treat active military, veterans and civilians with PTSD.

ISTSS Elects 2013-2014 Board of Directors

ISTSS also announced its newly elected board of directors on November 8, 2013.

"Our association is the leader in traumatic stress research and treatment," said Kassam-Adams. "We believe it is our responsibility to provide a forum for sharing the latest treatment and research methods. I am excited to welcome a new group of leaders to the ISTSS Board of Directors who will continue to carry out this vision."

The organization is governed by a board of directors consisting of 21 members from the various trauma-related disciplines around the world, including a membership-elected Executive Committee and several ex-officio (non-voting) members.

2013-2014 ISTSS Board of Directors

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About the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)

The ISTSS is an international, interdisciplinary professional organization that promotes advancement and exchange of knowledge about traumatic stress including understanding the scope and consequences of traumatic exposure; preventing traumatic events and ameliorating their consequences; and advocating for the field of traumatic stress. More information at www.istss.org.

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