WHAT IS WAIMH?

The World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH) is a non-profit organization for scientific and educational professionals. WAIMH's central aim is to promote the mental wellbeing and healthy development of infants throughout the world, taking into account cultural, regional, and environmental variations, and to generate and disseminate scientific knowledge.

Why become a WAIMH member?

- To promote principles of infant and child health, development and mental health.
- To become part of a global learning community and professional network that speaks for infants, young children and families around the world.
- To have access to resources that promote infant mental health.
- To learn from world experts about the health, mental health and optimal development of infants, toddlers and their families across cultures and around the world.
- To expand your professional, social network.
- To exchange of information about infants and infant-family programs.
- To contribute to the protection of health and well-being in infancy, early childhood and parenthood on a global level.
- To get opportunities to keep pace with new findings and innovations in scientific, clinical, and educational research and programs involving infants and their caregivers.
- To contribute to a professional global learning community: WAIMH.

WAIMH AFFILIATES

WAIMH encourages individuals in geographic regions (states, provinces, nations, multi-nations) to develop Affiliate Associations to improve its international network of communication, and to allow individuals to focus on relevant local issues. Currently, there are 57 affiliates spanning six continents.

Affiliate Council Chair: Martin St-André

Affiliate Council Representative: Maree Foley

THE BEACON CLUB

The Beacon Club helps members fulfill WAIMH's mission in international development.

Beacon Club donations:

- Extend the influence of infant mental health to countries now developing new approaches to issues of infancy.
- Make it possible to build capacity for promoting the wellbeing of infants and their families.

Beacon Club donations sponsor WAIMH memberships and Infant Mental Health Journal subscriptions for individuals from developing countries.

• Donation forms and applications for Beacon Club sponsorship are available online at www.waimh.org.

CONGRESSES

WAIMH hosts a World Congress every two years, each in a different country. Our 14th World Congress will be in Edinburgh, Great Britain, 14-18 June, 2014. WAIMH also hosts Regional Conferences.

E-mail: congress@waimh.org

PUBLICATIONS

Infant Mental Health Journal

The Infant Mental Health Journal publishes peer-reviewed research articles, literature reviews, program descriptions/ evaluations, clinical studies, and book reviews that focus on infant social-emotional development, neurobiological correlates of emotional development, caregiver-infant interactions, contextual and cultural influences on infant and family development, and all conditions that place infants and/or their families at risk for less than optimal development. The journal is dedicated to interdisciplinary approaches, including diverse theoretical views, to the optimal development of infants and their families. Special emphasis is given to high risk infants and very young children and their families.

Editor: Hiram E. Fitzgerald E-mail: fitzger9@msu.edu

Perspectives in Infant Mental Health

Perspectives in Infant Mental Health, WAIMH's quarterly newsletter, gives members an opportunity to share research of interest, provides a forum for the exchange of news and views from around the world, and informs members of upcoming events and conferences.

Editor: Deborah Weatherston E-mail: <u>dweatherston@mi-aimh.org</u>

BECOME A MEMBER

- You can subscribe the scientific journal, the Infant Mental Health Journal, at a greatly reduced member rate. The subscription fee includes the access to the Wiley database of the electronic journal.
- You can upload Perspectives in Infant Mental Health (formerly The Signal), WAIMH's quarterly newsletter from WAIMH's website. This major interdisciplinary, international communication link for infant mental health professionals is an open access publication.
- You'll get reduced registration rates for regional conferences and for WAIMH's World Congresses.
- You'll have access to WAIMH database, an information network for infant mental health professionals.

The Professional membership rate is \$75.00 annually. Student members pay \$45.00. The membership fee is a yearly cost (Jan-Dec).

Both Professional and Student members may receive the Infant Mental Health Journal at an additional cost. The additional cost of the journal subscription are: \$50 (USA), \$52.50 (Canada, including \$2.50 tax), or \$62.50 (International orders).











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