

**Online Pre-Congress of the IX World Congress for
Psychotherapy " Psychotherapy to aid residents, families,
groups, society in whole in times of pandemic caused by
coronavirus"**

On June 24, 2020, the Online Pre-Congress within the framework of the IX World Congress for Psychotherapy "Psychotherapy to aid residents, families, groups, society in whole in times of pandemic caused by coronavirus" and the First Online Psyfest® began its work.

Since its start, this event has exceeded any expectations and fully stood up to the "World" prefix in its name. In the Grand Opening of the Online Pre-Congress took part many notorious and prominent figures in our profession!

The Online Pre-Congress 2020 enjoyed an unforgettable feeling of unity of the professional community in the face of the modern era challenges, an atmosphere of mutual support, a sincere desire to share knowledge, experience, and the scope of opportunities!

The Pre-Congress truly became the largest international online event in the field of psychotherapy. It's program featured 9 round tables, 5 conferences (including International Balint conference), 5 symposiums, 15 sections, a coronaforum and 17 lectures; 36 workshops and 36 transformational psychotherapeutic games within the framework of the Minifest of Game Practices. In total 405 speeches were made within the Scientific program of Online Pre-Congress, and many numerous short presentations at the round tables of the Pre-Congress.

The events of Online Pre-Congress gathered more than 11 000 single attendances.

More than 600 experts from all over the world have come together in an online space to discuss new professional opportunities and challenges, to share ideas and to receive a boost of inspiration for further working in new conditions. Thanks to the online format, speakers and participants from around the world joined the Pre-Congress: it has hosted attendees from

Europe and Asia, Africa, North and Latin America, Australia, and, of course, from Russia – from many countries and continents.

The scale of the Online Pre-Congress showed itself also in the topics of reports and speeches. The organizers succeeded both to bring together lots of existing modalities of psychotherapy, and to pay attention to various areas of human life and society with the focus on pandemic challenges.

The Pre-Congress was organized by the World Council for Psychotherapy, the Professional Psychotherapeutic League of Russia and the Moscow Institute of Psychoanalysis.

The Pre-Congress forestalls the global event – the World Congress for Psychotherapy “Children, Society and Future – the Planet of Psychotherapy”, which will be held in Moscow on June 24-27, 2021. This is the largest international event in the field of psychotherapy, which takes place in various countries every three years.