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The Second World Congress on Community Corrections: A Collaboration between ICCA, APPA and community corrections constituencies
By Lusanne Green

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) and the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) encourage your participation in the Second World Congress. This year's focus will be on community corrections! The Congress will be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles, California July 14 – 16, 2015.

ICCA and APPA came together around the themes of Advancing Practices, Innovations, Restorative Justice, Behavioral Health, Desistance and Retreat from Mass Incarceration. After the first, wildly successful, congress in Europe; the United States stepped up to host this truly international dialog on issues germane to our wide spectrum of community corrections issues. In 2017, Japan has already agreed to host the next Congress in Tokyo.

The program committee, comprised of persons from APPA, ICCA and the Confederation of European Probation (CEP), conversed frequently via email, telephone and met once face to face in order to rank and prioritize entries. Our collective aim to provide a varied and interesting assortment of topics that are practical tactics / methods with cross-over appeal in different regions and countries across the planet; was realized when proposals scored high on "theme... current and practical, emerging global issues/interests, cutting edge/innovation" with measurable impact and outcomes. Further, presenters also received higher marks for being appealing, clear and understandable with informative content clearly linked to learning objectives that presented a "unique contribution to the field or WC Program...Scholarly paper(s) written and submitted on the topic."

After receiving 109 workshop entries, we actively distilled those to 20 with broad representation from 12 countries on probation/ parole, youth services, family interventions, desistance, art therapy, prison decongestion, post-traumatic stress, gender responsive research and lessons learned. There are renowned presenters and diversity in race, ethnicity and gender – it is a product that we are all very proud we are a part of.

If you have not yet secured your room or registered online, please do this quickly as occupancy remains on a first –come basis. Extensive information and interactive registration is available at www.worldcongressoncommunitycorrection.org or call Diane Kincaid at (859) 244-8196.