After 20 years developing the DMM in Europe, is the 2015 IASA conference in Miami a breakthrough for the DMM?

Correction! The DMM is 30 years old! The first DMM publication was in 1985 in *Child Development*; it proposed the A/C classification and was my dissertation under Mary Ainsworth. Ainsworth also approved the A3-4 and C3-6 classifications and named B3 ‘Comfortable.’ In Crittenden and Ainsworth (1989), we argued that ‘disorganization’ was only ephemeral transitions. The DMM brings attachment into the 21st century!

The rift between the DMM and ABC+D attachment has kept the DMM out of the USA for two decades, but it flourishes in Europe. Psychoanalysis kept Bowlby’s attachment out of the UK for almost half a century. Americans brought attachment back to England. Maybe the British will bring DMM theory and clinical applications to the USA?

**How do you explain your drive to develop and refine the DMM?**

First, American faculty need to know that the DMM exists! In the USA, it is the black hole of attachment theory. The DMM needs to be in basic texts and in Wikipedia. The American Psychological Society (APS) has sought to get accurate science into Wikipedia. **Challenge your students to add the DMM to Wikipedia!**

The DMM is in UK training programs. A DMM psychotherapist certification program is starting at the Tavistock Centre in London. Certification will help people find DMM therapists. Maybe we could do this in the USA or Canada.

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Where is the DMM Court Protocol being used?
In Italy, England, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. It costs more up front, but the long term savings can be great. With attachment evidence, some cases even settle out of court. A good cost effectiveness study is needed.

How does the DMM account for behaviors that have been labeled as ‘disorganized’?
Strangely, we agree on the behavior, but not its meaning. DMM coders need to see more than one person’s behavior; they need to understand its interpersonal function, especially when there is threat. Clinically, the DMM finds protective meaning, not disorganization, in behavior.

Knowing how people protect themselves can inform intervention that respects the past learning of troubled people while providing a direction for change. Giving troubled people hope and self-respect promotes adaptation.

Dr. Crittenden has published more than 100 scientific articles and books, many translated in several languages.

Pat Crittenden Speaks

Franco Baldoni

This is the second DMM News dedicated to the plenary speakers at the 4th IASA International Congress to be held in Miami, 9th –11th November 2015. In this issue, we presented an exclusive interview by Patricia M. Crittenden, founder and past-president of IASA and a leading figure in the field of attachment studies. Crittenden earned her Ph.D. under Mary Ainsworth’s mentorship and wrote her M.A. thesis in consultation with John Bowlby. Over the last three decades, she has generated a life-span set of procedures for assessing self-protective strategies and, with Ainsworth’s support, developed the Dynamic-Maturational Model (DMM) of Attachment and Adaptation. The DMM is a brilliant cross-cultural integration of many theories that has changed the scientific understanding of attachment and adaptation.

At the IASA Conference, Dr. Crittenden will present “10 Ideas for Improving Mental Health & Treatment.” In the interview with Susan J. Spieker (University of Washington) published in this issue, she discussed her collaboration with Ainsworth and some of the limitations of the construct of disorganization, as recognized by Ainsworth herself.

Below, you will find updated information on the IASA Conference in Miami, including a list of main speakers and events. Note that several DMM courses are offered before and after the conference. Choose to attend one of these and your IASA conference will be even more complete!

See you soon in Miami at the IASA Conference!

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Conference Program

Plenary Speakers

Peter Fonagy, PhD (University College London, UK)
Mentalization, Reflective Functioning and Treatment.

Patricia M. Crittenden, PhD (Past President IASA, Family Relations Institute, USA)
10 Ideas for Improving Mental Health and Treatment.

Daniel L. Schacter, PhD (Harvard University, USA)
Constructive Memory and Imagining the Future.

Rodolfo de Bernart, MD (President IASA, Institute of Family Therapy of Florence, Italy) and
Andrea Landini, MD (Family Relations Institute, Italy)
Issues in DMM Integrative Treatment: Bumps in the Road to Change.

Research on Brain Functioning & Clinical Issues

- Lane Strathearn, MD, PhD (USA/Australia): Brain Reward Responses in Drug Addicted Mothers: Can Oxytocin Reverse the Trend?
- Lucina Q. Uddin, PhD (USA): Brain Networks for Social Processing in Autism.
- Sohye Kim, PhD (USA/Korea): Mothers with Unresolved Trauma: Brain Responses to Infant Distress and Intergenerational Effects.

Clinical Practice

- Katrina Robson (UK): Magic dust for troubled families.
- Michael Trout, PhD (USA): Trauma and Loss: Developing a Coherent Narrative in Foster and Adoptive Families.
- Judi G. Smetana, PhD (USA): Disagreements, Disclosure and Secrecy in Adolescent-Parent Relationships.
- Kenichi Mikami, PhD (Japan): Using the DMM-AAI in clinical practice.

Special Events

- Meet the authors of DMM Books (English, Spanish, German, & Italian)
- The Healing Power of Individual Differences: Tribute to Ainsworth
- Giving attachment evidence to courts
- SAA Symposium: Learning about children’s lives from children

- Assessment Demonstrations: Toddler CARE-Index, Transition to Adulthood Attachment Interview, Parents Interview

Register now!

www.iasa-dmm.org/index.php/iasa-conference/

Group Discount for 3 or more registering together!

Book your room at the Hyatt (at IASA’s special rate!)

Join the conversation with IASA on Facebook.

DMM Pre and Post-Conference Courses

Pre-Conference courses

Nov. 5-8: Spanish CARE-Index
Nov. 3-7, 2015 & March 6-11, 2016: Infant Strange Situation
Nov. 6-8, 2015: Advanced Clinical AAI

For more information see www.familyrelationsinstitute.org.

Post-Conference courses

Nov. 11-13, 2015: CARE-Index Top-Up
Nov. 12-14, 2015: Advanced Clinical Toddler CARE-Index
Nov. 12-17, 2015 & Feb. 5-9, 2016 & June 1-6, 2016: Adult Attachment Interview
Nov. 11-13: Spanish CARE-Index