

Dear 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee World Congress participants:

Welcome to what we anticipate will be a meaningful World Congress which includes thought-provoking presentations and heartwarming interaction with others who are committed to the philosophy, teachings, and psychotherapy of Dr. Viktor Frankl. The year 2026 is the 100th anniversary of his use of the term Logotherapy to reflect his belief that life has meaning to the last breath.

Our theme for this year's Congress is Hope in a chaotic world which will be reflected in various ways by the presentations.

This year we have undertaken a new format and are hosting a combined hybrid and parallel conference. Participants will register to attend in-person in the Chicago area or virtually from anywhere in the world. All presentations are scheduled for Central Daylight Time.

Initially, we expected the presentations to continue through noon on Saturday, September 26th; however, due to some unforeseen logistical issues, we are starting the presentations at 12:30 pm CT on Wednesday, September 23rd and ending the formal presentations on Friday evening, Central Daylight Time at the celebration banquet. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause those who have already made travel arrangements. We wanted to alert in-person participants in case they may still be able to alter their travel plans.

Both in-person and virtual participants will be able to view the live presentations by keynote speakers, plenary speakers, diplomate colloquium students, and Viktor Frankl's grandchildren. In addition there will be live lunch discussion breakout rooms on various topics open to all participants.

The rest of the presentations will be divided into two categories: in-person and virtual. Those attending in-person will choose from 3 or 4 in person presentations per session. Those who are attending virtually will choose from 3 or 4 virtual options per session. However, rest assured that all presentations are being recorded and will be available to every participant after the congress ends.

This is the first time we have attempted such a huge task and recognize that some unforeseen difficulties emerged such as the need for both a hybrid and parallel congress.

For in-person participants, there is a free breakfast buffet on Saturday, September 26th for those staying at the host hotel, Staybridge Suites. We hope many of you will gather in fellowship at that time. The afternoon is open to explore downtown Chicago or Navy Pier. Public transportation is easily available. One can take a boat excursion on the Chicago River, visit the famous Chicago art museum, stroll down Miracle Mile, eat at a local restaurant or café and sample food staples such as

Chicago-style Hot Dogs, Chicago-style Italian Beef Sandwiches, or Chicago-style deep dish pizza.

The World Congress Planning Committee members have been working tirelessly to assure that this 25th Silver Jubilee World Congress will be a meaningful experience for everyone.

Sincerely,

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