

Additional Information about:

**3-day PhotoTherapy Techniques Training Workshop
(Level One)**

in Turku (near Helsinki), Finland in late January / early February

(IMPORTANT: this is a privately-taught workshop and has NO connection with the "PhotoTherapyEU" Conference happening in Turku a few days later)

→ **If you cannot attend this Workshop but want to be notified about similar events in the future,** ask to be put on the "**Workshops Notification List**" -- *and send that message to: jweiser@phototherapy-centre.com*
Make sure to put "Notification List" as the message's subject title

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Details:

• **Title:** "Introduction to PhotoTherapy Techniques for Therapists: Training Workshop (Level One)"

• **When does this Workshop happen?**

The Workshop starts at 9* a.m. on **Sunday, January 30** -- and goes until 5 pm (17.00) that day. The same hours are kept for the next two days also (**Monday, January 31, and Tuesday, February 1**). The evenings are free. [The Conference does not begin until the evening of the following day (Wednesday)]

***Note:** I start lecturing promptly at 9 a.m. -- This means that *those who want to socialize with other participants* should arrive by 8:30 each morning

• **Where will this Workshop happen?**

The location is still being negotiated, but the Workshop will take place in a meeting room of a medium-price Hotel in the center of Turku* Finland, near the Market area and other attractions. I am attempting to also arrange for reduced room rates for those who attend. There are also several other various-priced Hotels nearby, including a very pleasant hostel.

*Turku is less than two hours by car (faster by train) from Helsinki, and is a beautiful city, even in Winter.

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Details about location, how to arrange accommodation, and other information, such as photos to bring with you (the small "homework" assignment) -- as well as how to pay -- will be included in the next information sheet you will receive once I approve your Registration.

Registration (and payment options) open on November 1.

• What connection does this Workshop have with the "PhotoTherapyEU" Conference that begins later that same week?

None at all -- and therefore their Conference office will not be able to provide you with *any* information about mine.

For information about my Workshop: see instructions at the end of this message

• Who may Register for this Workshop?

This Workshop is intended for professional (and preferably licensed) Therapists and related Mental Health Professionals -- such as psychologists, art therapists, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses -- **people who are already fully trained in a mental health profession *AND ALSO* who have *already* had some experience actually *doing* therapy sessions with their own clients.**

• Can people who are **not** therapists register also (for example Therapeutic Photographers or Educators)?

A very small number of non-therapists (Graduate Students who are at Advanced Levels of study, Therapeutic Photographers, Educators, Hospice Volunteers, and similar "interested others") **might be permitted to attend**, under certain "extra conditions" about what they can and cannot do in the Workshop --

but only **IF** space permits -- **and only with my specific pre-approval.**

These "special conditions" include:

- 1) **Non-Therapists** can attend, listen, observe, and participate in discussions, just like the therapists -- but will not be permitted to slow down the process with questions resulting from not understanding the psychological terminology being used (though I will welcome your questions during the breaks).

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2) **Non-Therapists** must sign agreement that, during the experiential practice exercises (which will be a large percentage of the Workshop time), at those times when people pair off to "role-play" as "therapist" or "client" while I guide them (and reversing roles half-way through the exercise) -- that you accept that you will not be permitted to pair off with a therapist as your partner in these exercises (because you would then have to act as a therapist when the roles reverse!), which you have not (yet) been trained to do fully and properly.

Instead, while I am busy training the therapists in the room during these exercises, non-therapists can still participate do them also -- but only by either pairing off to do the exercise with another non-therapist -- or by being an observer of one of the professional pairs (if they agree to this).

Thus you will not be excluded from any activities, but rather simply participating with others like yourself, in a slightly different way.

- What about people who are not fully fluent in English?

They will have some difficulty, because **this Workshop will be taught entirely in English** -- and without any pause for "sequential translation"

What this means: You can bring a translator with you (at no extra charge) but that person will have to translate at the same time as I am talking because *I will not be able to pause while each phrase is translated sequentially.*

I do apologize if this seems rude -- but my goal is to teach as much as possible in the short time we have, without any stopping for translation -- therefore the Workshop *must* be fully in English...

- What will it cost*?

Once Registration opens on November 1, the fees will be:

1) **"Early" registration discounted cost for the three days** -- if fully paid before December 1 -- is €350* (**NOTE:** I have asked my Accountant to clarify whether I must also charge the VAT in addition to this amount, but have not received his answer yet -- but if I must, then I will need to add this additional charge).

2) **The regular cost on (and after) December 1** is €375* (see note above about the possibility that an additional charge for VAT might be necessary).

<p>* Please note that a "service charge" of €10 has been added to these prices when shown on the "Payments" page, in to cover the cost of the fee my Bank charges me to <i>receive</i> your Deposit through a wire-transfer process.</p>

* **A few discounted registrations are available on an individual basis** (for full-time students with no other income, and also people coming from Eastern European countries) -- contact me directly (address below) to discuss this kind of special consideration (not guaranteed for all who apply).

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- **How do I register to attend?**

Before I send you the Registration Form (plus additional information), **I first need to know which category you fit into** (Therapist -- or non-Therapist). Your answer will then determine which kind of Registration Form you are sent.

Therefore *I need you to **now** send me an email describing who you are and what you do (or know)* -- Once I receive your answers, **Therapists and other similar Mental Health Professionals will be automatically accepted at this point** (pending return of filled-out Registration Form and payment, of course).

Graduate students and other non-therapists will be considered based upon the answers they provide to the questions below.

No-one will be refused without the chance to correspond with me for further discussion; however I do reserve the right to decide who attends my Workshop.

WHAT TO DO, to begin registration:

Please copy these questions below, paste into an email message or fax document and reply with your answers to either "a" or "b":

a) if you are a therapist, please tell me this:

1. What is your highest University Degree?
2. In what subject was this Degree?
3. In what Mental Health Profession(s) have you been educated?
4. In what Mental Health Profession(s) have you been trained?
5. What are your license or certification credentials?
6. Which kinds of clients, client issues, and settings is your therapy experience?
7. Have you had training in PhotoTherapy techniques before? if so, where and with whom?

b) If you are *not* a therapist, please tell me this:

1. Why do you want to take this Workshop?
2. What is your own profession, work, volunteer role, or area of study?
3. How do you use photography or photographs in this work or study?
4. How do you use photography or photographs in your own personal process and/or in helping others?

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5. If you are a Graduate Student, please tell me the following:
- a) What University, what Program, and how soon before you Graduate this Program? What will your Degree be in?
 - b) Are you working on a Thesis or Dissertation related to this topic (and if so, please describe)?
 - c) Have you already had any supervised Practicum or Placement experiences where you acted in a role similar to that of a therapist (if so, please describe)?

VERY IMPORTANT:

Graduate students must also arrange for one of their Professors, Instructors, or Supervisors to send me either a fax (or email attachment) of a signed letter written on University Letterhead that confirms the Student's ability to keep up with a Workshop of this advanced level. (This letter does NOT need to be lengthy or formal -- just a few confirmatory sentences will suffice -- but it **MUST** be signed).

Faxes can be sent to: (Canada) 604-633-1505

E-mails with a letter attached can be sent to:

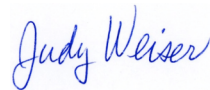
Judy Weiser <JWeiser@phototherapy-centre.com>

Once you are approved, I will send you the Registration Form and the Payment Instructions. Once you have paid, I will send you the "Advance Homework Photo-Gathering Assignment" (photos to bring with you)

If you are not approved, I will still send you a message that explains my reasons (and yes, you may appeal that decision!).

Sorry this was so long, but I wanted it to be complete and thorough!

I look forward to seeing you in Turku,



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