



# International Perinatal Mental Health Conference



Global Experiences, Global Dialogue, Global Responses



**26-28 September 2018**

**Convention Centre,**

**National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences**

**Bangalore, India**

## Conference Chairs:



**Prof. Prabha S Chandra**  
NIMHANS, Bangalore  
India



**Prof. Jane S Fisher**  
Monash University, Melbourne  
Australia

### *Message From Organizers:*

*For the first time in September 2018 the Marce society for perinatal mental health is holding its Biennial Scientific Congress in Asia, at NIMHANS, Bangalore, India.*

*The principal aim of the Conference is to promote, facilitate and communicate about research and services related to all aspects of the mental health of women, their infants and partners around the time of childbirth. We invite psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric social workers, nurses, midwives, public health professionals, paediatricians, obstetricians and basic researchers to this exciting multidisciplinary conference.- Prabha S Chandra & Jane Fisher*

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## CONFIRMED PLENARY SPEAKERS



**Dr. Linda Richter**  
South Africa



**Dr. Anthony Costello**  
WHO, Geneva



**Dr. Evita Fernandez**  
India



**Dr. Lakshmi Vijayakumar**  
India



**Dr. Carmine M. Pariante**  
UK

**Abstract  
Submission &  
Conference  
Registration OPEN**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of abstracts:	February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Early Career Travel Awards:	February 28 <sup>th</sup> 2018
Author's notification:	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Abstract Submission**

*Abstracts may be submitted for Oral/Poster, Symposium or Workshop presentations. Abstracts must be submitted via the Congress website only. For further details please visit <http://www.marce2018.com>*

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## CONGRESS THEMES

### **THEME 1- Promotion, prevention and the public health approach to maternal mental health**

Discussion on evidence based programs for mothers, fathers and infants; public education initiatives, integrating maternal health into public health; HIV and perinatal mental health

### **THEME 2- Detection and Screening- recent ideas, advances and pathways**

Screening tools and detection methods; cross cultural challenges; maternal suicide

### **THEME 3 - Managing mental illness in pregnancy and the first year after childbirth**

Safe use of psychotropics; enabling decision making for psychotropic use in the perinatal period; an exposure to international guidelines; mother infant interventions; supporting breast feeding in women with psychosis

### **THEME 4 -The interaction of psychosocial environment and biology in maternal - infant mental health**

Antenatal stress and fetal outcomes; infant development and maternal mental health; immune hypothesis and postpartum psychosis; genetics of postpartum depression and psychosis

### **THEME 5- Innovations in service delivery, interventions and the use of technology for perinatal mental health including training for health professionals**

Setting up of MBUs in low resource situations ; Brain stimulation in pregnancy and postpartum; online training for perinatal mental health; tele perinatal psychiatry; interventions with fathers; mother infant interventions using technology

### **THEME 6- Young professional multidisciplinary integrated program**

Special mentorship programs for young professionals; separate exciting symposia on asking new questions in perinatal mental health and leadership activities

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