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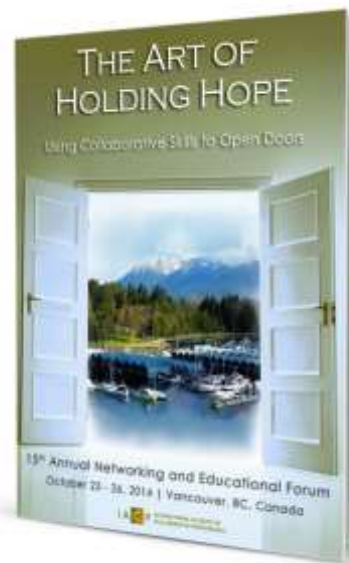
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We are pleased to bring you Volume 10, Issue 4 of the Collaborative Connection, the electronic newsletter of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

**Save the Date!**



**- The Art of Holding Hope -  
Using Collaborative Skills  
to Open Doors**

15th Annual Networking and Educational  
Forum will take place on October 23 -  
26, 2014 in  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

**Registration will open  
June 12, 2014!**

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**IACP's Speakers Bureau**

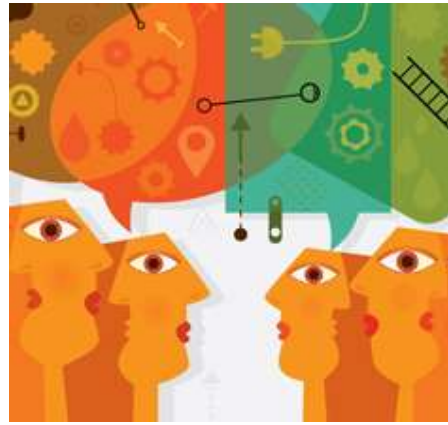
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In order to help support and strengthen the growth of local Collaborative communities, IACP is making available speakers, **free of charge**, to come visit with you in your own communities.

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## IACP Names New Officers and Board for 2014/15

The IACP Board of Directors is proud to announce its officers for the 2014/2015 term, whose terms will begin on Oct. 27, following the conclusion of the Forum.

### **President**

[Linda Wray, JD, Minneapolis, MN](#)

### **President Elect**

[Shireen Meistrich, LCSW, Fair Lawn, NJ](#)

### **Past President**

[Ross Evans, JD, Cincinnati, OH](#)

### **Treasurer**

[J. Mark Weiss, JD, Seattle, WA](#)

### **Secretary**

[Barbara Kelly, Ph.D., Maitland, FL](#)

Shireen Meistrich and Barbara Kelly were elected to second three-year terms. In addition, the Board is delighted to welcome the following new members to the Board as Directors beginning three year terms:

[Kay Chan, Barrister, Hong Kong](#)

[Cathy Daigle, CFP, Los Gatos, CA](#)

[Kimberly Fauss, JD, Richmond, VA](#)

We wish to express our deep appreciation to those Board members whose terms are drawing to a close. To Catherine Conner, Jacinta Gallant and Gaylene Stingl – it has been an honor to work beside you. We thank you for your guidance, perspective and tireless service on behalf of the Collaborative community.

Once again this year, the Board received many more expressions of interest in Board service than positions available. We extend our gratitude to all who support IACP's work through committee service and leadership in local Collaborative communities. It is only through our collective efforts that we are able to grow and sustain this movement.

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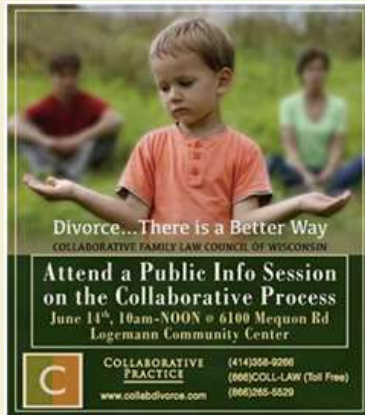
## **Public Education in WI: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Wisconsin**

**By Brian Jensen, ED, Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin**

**2nd Saturday Wisconsin** is a series of public education and information sessions about divorce and other family law issues. All the sessions are held on the second Saturday of each month and are free, open to everyone, and with no "registration" or tracking of attendance. The goal is to allow attendees to learn more about divorce options in Wisconsin. The professionals participating in this program do not discuss personal situations, answer specific legal questions about an attendee's marriage, or provide legal advice.

The program was developed by the Public Education Committee of CFLCW along with budget

support from the CFLCW Board of Directors. The sessions run from 10 AM to 12 Noon on the second Saturday of each month. In the greater Milwaukee area the sessions rotate through four geographic venues – downtown Milwaukee, the far north and south sides and one in the western suburbs. In the Madison area the sessions begin in June and will be held in September and November, with monthly sessions targeted for 2015.



The sessions begin with a Power Point presentation which provides an overview of divorce options followed by a discussion of the Collaborative Process, how it works, how long it takes, and who is involved. The presenters include an attorney, child specialist/coach and financial neutral. Each venue has a support team of between three and five CFLCW members who secure venue arrangements and modest refreshments, and help as guides to the sessions. The presentation takes about 35 minutes with the rest of the time spent on Q & A. Every session but one has seen the

attendees fill the remaining time with discussion.

Publicity about the sessions began with modest advertisements in the daily newspapers and "shoppers" and the distribution of flyers and "bookmarks" with details. Surveys from attendees indicate that the greatest visibility comes from "public service announcements" on the major public radio station in Milwaukee in the week running up to the event.

The first session in January had one attendee, but has grown with each session. The May session had 16 people including three couples who attended together. Because of follow-up inquiries to CFLCW, we know that a number of attendees have begun their divorces using CFLCW members. Since the program and publicity began, the number of "hits" to the CFLCW website – [www.collabdivorce.com](http://www.collabdivorce.com) – has increased by over 250%.

***Note: CFLCW has generously shared its Power Point presentation with our Collaborative community. You will find it in the Members Section of the IACP website. Though some slides will require customization to reflect your local jurisdiction's process and procedure, we think you will find it to be of enormous value in your own outreach efforts. Thank You CFLCW!***

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## Civil Collaborative Practice Emerges in Spain

By María Jose Anitua Trevijano | President, Collaborative Law Association in the Basque Country



I can't imagine a better starting for Collaborative Practice in our country. We wanted to introduce Collaborative Practice in civil disputes and so invited Paul Faxon, Susan Miller and Linda Cohan to provide an introductory training in Madrid. In order to help business leaders understand the model, we invited the CEO's of our clients to participate in the training.

Even in the best dreams, we would not have expected such a success and such a real learning experience. Though the audience was very large (with 90 participants), everyone was engaged. Many of the professionals asked questions and reflected about unique issues in our country. We really enjoy the training, and laughed a lot during the course. The fish bowl role play, with 2 Spanish lawyers participating, was the most exciting and interesting I have ever seen. Many participants came to me to say how grateful they were for such a great and wonderful training. Some of the CEO's who attended the training are no longer so skeptical and asked me to congratulate the trainers for this very high quality training.

Susan Miller shared that "we were very impressed with our Spanish colleagues' enthusiasm for CL and their ability to so quickly grasp the concepts, even with the language barrier. The participation of a number of CEO's in the training was also an indication of their willingness to adapt this process to industry and should be gratifying to civil practitioners around the globe." Paul Faxon added that "I have no doubt that the new Spanish CL practitioners will take the guiding principles of CL and adapt them successfully to their own legal and cultural environment. We expect to be learning new and innovative applications of CL from our Spanish colleagues in the very near future."

I would like to highlight that this achievement has not been obtained easily or by chance. It has

been possible thanks to the effort of many people among whom I would like to recognize is Helena Soleto and her team from the University Carlos III in Madrid. Thanks to the previous training received from University Carlos III, which is pioneer at a national level in the training of Collaborative Law, solid foundations had been laid for the development of Collaborative Law in our country.

Manuel Valin, the Director of Justice of the Basque Government, has been another key person in order to achieve the magnificent collaboration between the public and the private sectors, to develop Collaborative Practice in our country over the past year.

Just after last month's training, the Basque Parliament has agreed on a transactional amendment to develop Collaborative Practice: "*The Basque Parliament recognizes the labor of private entities that work on Collaborative Law and asks the Basque Government to continue with the support and promotion of Collaborative Law carried out to date.*"

Manuel Valin connected us with Gotzon Bernaola of the Basque Innovation Agency, INNOBASQUE, which is responsible for social innovation. Gotzon Bernaola has been a faithful traveling companion whenever his agenda has allowed it. We jointly drafted a presentation explaining the basis of Collaborative Law, which has opened many doors in its dissemination.

Since we founded our Collaborative Practice association, ADCE, guiding ourselves by the international experiences, especially the French ones, we have received wonderful guidance from Talia Katz at International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. We have also received support from Nathalie Ganier- Raimond, from the French association AFDPC. Her help, sharing her experience in Collaborative Practice in Spanish has been very useful to our understanding of how CP works in the field of family law.

We now have a lot of work to do, but I am sure that it will be easier since we have been so well advised and know the mistake to avoid.

I would like to finish with words from Linda Cohan: "*For me personally, this was truly a most amazing experience and I learned so much as well. Spaniards are wonderful people to collaborate with and be friends with. It is my hope that we are able to see that someday in the near future, Spaniards will be leaders in Collaborative Practice*".

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## Mining the IACP Website!

### Please join us for a teleconference hosted by IACP's Practice Group Development Committee

Since the launch of its redesign in November 2013, we've heard the IACP website referred to as "Mary Poppins' Bag". There are so many resources available; and when you think you've found all there is, something else pops up!

Are your Practice Group members getting all they can from the IACP website? Do your members know where to find Practice Tips and Tools, Public Education support, IACP Research or past issues of the Collaborative Review? Do they know how and where to direct potential clients for more information about Collaborative Practice? As a Practice Group leader, do you know how to guide your members' access to all this support?

Practice Group leaders are invited to join Colleen Zubrycki, Associate Director of IACP, for a virtual tour of the new website. Colleen will walk you through each section, including the Forum registration process, so you can help your members mine the IACP website for all it's worth!

**Thursday, June 19, 2014 / 2 p.m. PDT**

(be sure to adjust for your own [time zone](#))

This presentation will include a live demonstration through a webinar, so registration will be required. [Click here](#) to register. You will receive an email confirmation with more information on joining the webinar.

During the presentation you may use your computer's microphone and speakers, or the conference number and access code provided in the confirmation email. **Please note:** this presentation is free of charge; however long distance fees may apply.

**\*\*Space is limited and will be first come, first served. This presentation will be recorded and added to the Streaming Audio Library in the Member Area of the IACP website.**

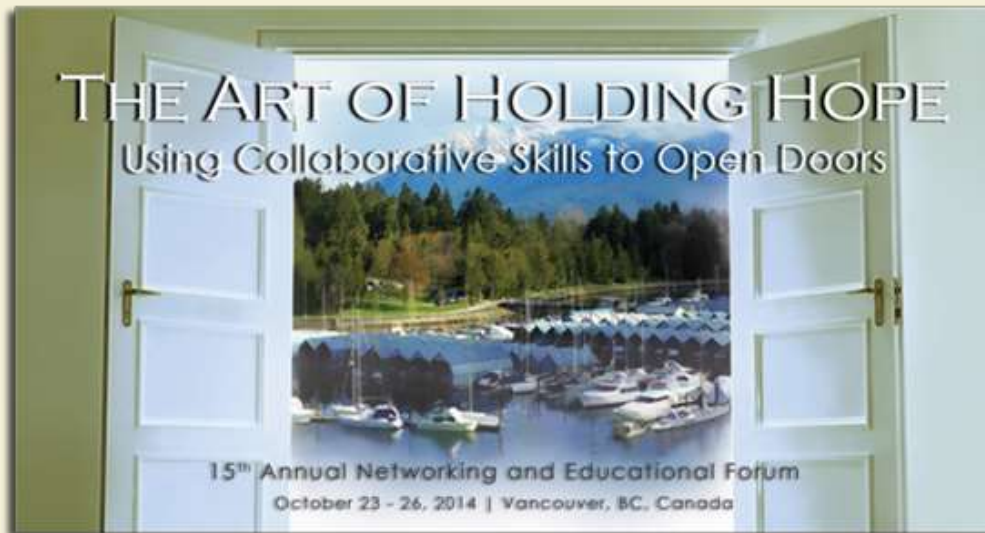
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**C** Forum registration is about to open! Want a sneak peak at what's in store?



- Plenary Speakers Tim 'Mac' Macartney (of the Children's Fire story), Judge Barry Stuart on the power of Circle Process and Jane Morely who will teach you how to "Take The Circle Home"



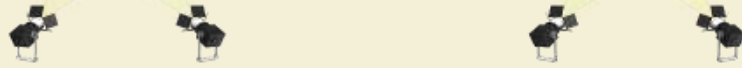
- Eight Pre-Forum Institutes you won't want to miss with some of the most sought-after educators in the Collaborative world

**8** Pre-Forum Institutes 

- Five concurrent special gatherings with snacks and drinks on Friday afternoon to jump start your Forum weekend



# Friday Special Gatherings



- **New, innovative and fascinating Advanced Courses and General Interest workshops to give you outstanding content and meaningful take-aways**

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