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World Congress of Families VII (May 15-18, 2013) will be the largest international gathering of pro-family, advocates, activists and scholars. In Sydney you will meet the leaders of the fight for the natural family from over 80 countries.

WCF VII will be our first Congress in the Southern Hemisphere, the first in an English-speaking country and the first in the Asia-Pacific region.

Sessions will include: The Causes And Cost of Family Breakdown – What Families Are Best for the Economy? – Will the Human Family Survive: Can We Prosper with Small Families? – Philosophical Roots of the Cultural Revolution – Secular Humanism and Family Values – Demographic Winter – Masculinity and Femininity –The Impact on Children of Legalizing “Same-Sex Marriage” – Economic and Social Costs of Abortion – Healing Post-Abortion Trauma – Work of the Home: A True Profession – AIDS Prevention through Strengthening Families – Marriage as An Instrument of Human Development – Promoting Families In the Mainstream Media and Online Media – Consumerism and The Soul – Defending Faith In An Age of Christophobia – Profit And Loss: The Pornography Industry – and Reaching the Next Generation with a Pro-Family Message.

Additionally, there will be a number of special sessions, including:
business, parliamentary and youth forums,
workshops on parenting, family life and marriage, and leadership training.



**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
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A stellar array of international speakers includes:

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Bradford Wilcox – Director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia.



Ian Harper – One of Australia's best known economists, who's worked closely with governments, banks, corporations and leading professional services firms at the highest level. As a member of the celebrated Wallis Inquiry, he was at the forefront of financial market reform in Australia.

Janice Shaw Crouse, Ph.D. – Senior Fellow at the Beverly LaHaye Institute, the think tank for Concerned Women for America, a recognized authority on national and international issues. She has debated at the Oxford Union, the world's oldest debating society.



Dr. Ted Baehr – Founder of Good News Communications, Inc., aka MOVIEGUIDE and the Christian Film & Television Commission ministry. He is an internationally renowned speaker, lecturer, media scholar, film critic, and educator.



Patrick F. Fagan, Ph. D. – Senior Fellow at the Family Research Council and Director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C, who examines the relationship between sexuality, marriage and religious practice and America's social and economic strengths and weaknesses.

Other distinguished speakers include: Allan C. Carlson (WCF Founder and International Secretary), **Ignacio Arsuaga** (Hazte Oir)*, **Patrick Parkinson** (professor of law, University of Sydney), **Babette Francis** (Endeavour Forum)*, **Steve Mosher** (Population Research Institute)*, **Don Feder** (WCF), **Larry Jacobs** (WCF), **Francisco Tatad** (former majority leader, Philippine Senate), **Dorothy Patterson** (Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary), **William Saunders** (Americans United for Life)*, **Roger Kishka** (Alliance Defending Freedom)*, **Farooq Hassan** (Pakistan Family Forum), **Gregor Puppinck** (European Center for Law and Justice), **Bob McCoskrie** (Family First, New Zealand), **Sharon Slater** (Family Watch Int'l)*, **Byron and Francine Pirola** (The Renaissance of Marriage), **Alexey Komov** (WCF Russia), **Natalia Yakunina** (Sanctity of Motherhood Foundation)*, **Warwick Marsh** (Dads4Kids)*, **Duke Paul of Oldenburg** (Pro-Europa Christiana)*, **Bill Muehlenberg** (CultureWatch), **Ewa Kowalewska** (Human Life Int'l Europe)*, **Peter Westmore** (Australian Family Assoc)*, **Father Jaroslaw Szymczak** (Family Institute, Poland), **John Mueller** (Ethics and Public Policy Center)*, **Paul Mero** (Sutherland Institute), **Miriam Grossman, MD**, **Angela Shanahan** (Thomas More Forum), **Maggie Hamilton** (author and social researcher), **Jonathan Doyle** (Choicez Media), **Louise Kirk** (Alive to the World)*, and **Bishop Peter Elliott**.



Theresa Okafor – World Congress of Families Africa Coordinator, CEO Life League Nigeria, director, Foundation for African Cultural Heritage.



George Cardinal Pell – Eighth Metropolitan Archbishop of Sydney



Paige Patterson – Eighth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who brings to the position three decades of experience in the education of pastors and missionaries.



Rabbi Dr. Shimon Cowen – Director, Institute for Judaism and Civilization in Melbourne.



John Anderson – Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, is well-known as a politician of deep Christian conviction and integrity. He faithfully served Australia in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 2005, as the National Party member for Gwydir.

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World Congress of Families – A Brief History

World Congress of Families was founded in 1995 by WCF International Secretary Allan C. Carlson, Ph.D., noted family historian, author and president of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society.

There have been six Congresses to date:

WCF I – Prague (1997)

WCF II – Geneva (1999)

WCF III – Mexico City (2004)

WCF IV – Warsaw (2007)

WCF V – Amsterdam (2009)

WCF VI – Madrid (2012)

More than 3,200 delegates from 72 nations attended World Congress of Families VI in Madrid (May 25-27, 2012). The Congress was addressed by 147 speakers from six continents, including eminent religious leaders, scholars, physicians, economists, demographers, scientists, officeholders and leaders of the pro-life and pro-family movements. WCF VI was covered by 190 accredited journalists from all over the world.

Among the speakers were the Chief Rabbi of Spain, the President of the Pontifical Council on the Family, the President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (and former President of the Southern Baptist Convention), an Elder of the LDS Church and an Archbishop representing the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Other Milestones

- In 2008, World Congress of Families circulated a “Petition In Support of Romania’s Defense of Marriage” which was signed by more than 100 pro-family leaders from 22 countries supporting a change in the nation’s family code defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The change was adopted.

- In February 2010, WCF initiated “The World Congress of Families Leadership Petition to Save Marriage



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WCF V Amsterdam

In Mexico City,” protesting the imposition of same-sex marriage in the nation’s capital. The Petition was endorsed by pro-family leaders from more than 40 countries.

- In 2010-2012, World Congress of Families held regional events in Vancouver (Canada) – Sydney – London – Edinburgh – Santa Cruz (Bolivia) – Riga (Latvia) – Lagos and Abuja (Nigeria) – Port of Spain (Trinidad), Moscow and Ulyanovsk (Russia).

- WCF’s Moscow Demographic Summit (June 29-30, 2011) at the Russian State Social University, was the first international gathering devoted exclusively to the challenge of rapidly falling birthrates worldwide. It attracted several hundred demographers, economists, authors, activists and religious and political figures to address what could be the greatest crisis confronting humanity in this century. In response, the Duma passed the first abortion restrictions since the fall of the Soviet Union.

- Our Partners have been in the forefront of efforts to save marriage around the world, including – Red Familia’s campaign to stop “same-sex marriage” in Mexico City, Christian Concern’s involvement in a coalition which delivered to 10 Downing Street half-a-million signatures on a petition to maintain marriage as the union of a man and a woman in Britain, the Australian Family Association, Endeavour Forum and Dads4Kids helping to defeat a “gay marriage” bill in the Australian Parliament in August 2012, and National Organization for Marriage’s involvement in most of the state marriage initiatives in the U.S.

- World Congress of Families VIII is tentatively scheduled for Moscow, The Kremlin, September 10-12, 2014.

What They're Saying About World Congress of Families

"The World Congress of Families has brought together the leadership of an increasingly trenchant and powerful wing of the international pro-family movement." *Ms Magazine*

"The academic work produced by the World Congress of Families has had a huge impact...part of the fallout of their work is networking of people around the world with shared values and concerns about the deterioration of the family structure." *Ellen Sauerbrey*, head of U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, and U.S. Representative to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, under President George W. Bush

"I feel so blessed thinking about the Congress in Warsaw. Thank you for giving me the possibility to be there!" *Inese Slesere*, Member of Parliament, The Republic of Latvia

"Before the recent World Congress of Families fades any further in memory, I want to take a moment to tell you that I thought you did an outstanding job in organizing this event in Warsaw." *Tom Minnery*, Senior Vice President, Focus on the Family

"Great job, wonderful conference and I think, great work done. There was a tremendous amount of networking done. I know I advanced my work more at this conference than at any other." *Dr. Patrick Fagan*, Family Research Council on WCF V

"Seen from the Latin American perspective the World Congress of Families V was a wonderfully en-

couraging occasion. Not only were the talks and activities of exceptionally high quality, but the opportunity to network with the top leaders of pro-family activities worldwide was very empowering. Together we can change the way the international agencies are taking the world!" *Christine Vollmer* President of Latin American Alliance for the Family, member, Pontifical Council on The Family

"Possibly the largest pro-family conference ever held concluded last week with the passage of a declaration seeking to reestablish recognition of the family as the 'fundamental' unit of society, and to seek protection for the traditional family from persistent cultural and governmental attacks." *Catholic World News*

"It is important that conservatives all over the world remain united in defense of the non-negotiable principles of life and family values. In this common fight, the World Congress of Families plays a crucial role" *Silvio Dalla Valle* of the Italian organization, In Defense of Christian Values

"If you miss the World Congress of Families, you will miss the cutting edge on how to take the family back from the social radicals." *Austin Ruse*, president, Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute

"The World Congress of Families is the only organization successfully addressing the importance of the natural family in an international setting." *Dorothy Patterson*, professor of theology in women's studies and first lady at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

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