Call for Abstracts

13th Annual CyberTherapy Conference

June 22nd to 24th 2008 in San Diego, CA

The *Interactive Media Institute* is proud to announce the call for abstracts for CyberTherapy 13. The submission deadline is **January 15th, 2008.**

Preconference Workshops: June 21st, 2008
Conference: June 22nd - 24th, 2008
Cyberarium: June 23rd, 2008

Submission and Registration Deadlines:
January 15th, 2008:   Oral, Poster, and Symposia abstracts due.
February 15th, 2008:   Authors are informed if their submission has been accepted.
March 15th, 2008:   Submission deadline for full papers.
May 15th, 2008:   Deadline for early registration (see website for details).
June 15th, 2008:   Deadline for online registration

All deadlines are firm and will be respected.

To submit your abstract, register for the conference or obtain additional information, please visit the CT13 website at http://www.interactivemediainstitute.com/index_conf.html. Note that abstracts will be published in a regular issue of the journal *Cyberpsychology and Behavior* and presentations will be available in PDF on the CT13 web site shortly after the conference.

LOCATION:

This year, CT13 will be held at the *Holiday Inn on the Bay* in San Diego, CA. (www.hisandiegoonthebay.com). It is located on San Diego's Big Bay and is adjacent to Maritime Museum and Star of India, with cruise ship docks outside the main door. It is within walking distance of the Historic Gaslamp Quarter, Petco Park, Little Italy, Seaport Village and San Diego trolley.

A limited number of rooms are available at a special convention rate and will be sold on first-come, fist-served basis until **May 22nd, 2008**. The discounted rate for a standard bedroom is $179 (plus taxes) per night. Guaranteed bay view rooms are an extra $30. Reservations are accepted by phone at 619-232-3861 in the US and Canada (if calling from outside of this area, please visit the website for the appropriate phone number) or on the hotel website (a code will soon be provided on the CT13 website mentioned in the previous section). Please inform reservations that you are attending the CyberTherapy Conference to benefit from the conference rate. Reserve early!

COST OF REGISTRATION (USD):

	Regular	Student**
Early Registration	$395	$195.00
Late Registration	$495	$245.00
Onsite Registration	$595	$295.00

**Must provide proof from your university of full-time student status (prior to receiving doctoral degree). Please note, students selected to give oral presentations must pay the full registration fee.

COST OF WORKSHOPS (USD) (Registered for Full Conference):

	Regular	Student
Basic Workshop	$50	$50
Advanced Workshop	$75	$75
Onsite Basic Workshop	$100	$100
Onsite Advanced Workshop	$150	$150

COST OF WORKSHOPS (USD) (Not Registered for Full Conference):

	Regular	Student
Basic Workshop	$100	$100
Advanced Workshop	$125	$125
Onsite Basic Workshop	$150	$150
Onsite Advanced Workshop	$175	$175

CE CREDITS

	Regular	Student
Continuing Education (CE) Credits	$50	$50

SCOPE:
The 2008 CyberTherapy Conference (CT13) brings together researchers, clinicians, and funders to share and discuss advancements in the growing discipline of CyberTherapy. Conference attendees have the opportunity to play a role in designing the future of mental healthcare!

Oral presentations, posters and symposiums are sought in the following areas, but are not limited to

- Addictions
- Advanced user interfaces
- Anxiety disorders
- Augmented reality
- Autism
- Avatars and autonomous agents
- Cognitive assessment
- Cybersickness
- Eating disorders, obesity and body image disturbances
- Education
- Haptics
- Internet
- Mobile Computing
- Neuropsychological assessment
- Pain reduction
- Physiological measurement and imaging during immersion in VR
- Presence
- Rehabilitation
- Robotics
- Schizophrenia
- Telehealth and videoconferencing
- Training
- Videogame applications
- Virtual reality applications

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CONFERENCE ORGANIZER:
Interactive Media Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (San Diego, CA).

Note
1. The full conference and pre-conference workshops are approved for Continuing Education Credits through the *American Psychological Association*.

2. There will be various professional and student awards for scientific merit given at CT13. Check out the website for more information!

3. CyberTherapy Workshops: Workshops will be held on a variety of topics on Saturday, June 21st. The two general objectives of these workshops are: (a) to present data-driven material that is representative of the current state of research and knowledge in the field of the workshop, and (b) to familiarize the participants with the application of VR in the workshop field (with demos, etc.). CE credits (APA approved) will be delivered to those attending the workshops. An introduction workshop in the morning will allow individuals who are newcomers in the field to get acquainted with topics such as: what is VR, what type of equipment is involved, what is presence, what is cybersickness and other "technical" aspects of VR. The advanced workshops will be for people who either already have some knowledge about VR, or have been to the introduction workshop. Visit the CT13 website for more information. (http://www.interactivemediainstitute.com/index_conf.html).