

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES—NUTS, BOLTS & ETHICS

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IMHPJ MEMBERS-ONLY CLINICAL TRAINING

PRESENTED BY IMHPJ-KANTO CHAPTER

(International Mental Health Professionals of Japan)

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November 13, 2009, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Minami Aoyama Community Room (same room; see directions below)

PROFILE: Scott Smith LCSW is an American psychotherapist in private practice in Tokyo. He served last year as IMHPJ's Ethics Representative and is currently our Membership Coordinator. A former school counselor at Tokyo International School and a former intake worker at TELL Community Counseling Service, he has lived in Tokyo since 1984.

PROGRAM: Many of the logistical, practical aspects of our work can have a big impact on our clinical decisions, but when we talk about ethics we seldom think of things like what sort of clinical records we keep (or whether we keep any clinical records at all!). How do we determine our fees? Do we use sliding scales? What do we do if a client fails to pay the fee? Who refers clients to us? How do we keep in touch with clients? Where do we see our clients? How do we protect confidentiality and avoid dual relationships while working within the tightly-knit international community?

Scott surveyed the IMHPJ membership on these and other questions and presented the results of that survey at our annual conference in April 2009. His presentation sparked a very lively discussion on professional ethics and practices that was cut short due to lack of time. Apparently, these are questions of great interest to all of us!

This members-only Clinical Training Session is a chance to continue that discussion. How do your colleagues approach these issues? How can we improve our ethical standards and business practices? Please join your fellow IMHPJ members for a moderated and productive exchange of information, opinions, and clinical experience.

COST: Members ¥1,000 yen

Please register by **Monday, November 9** and indicate if you also wish to attend lunch at the Cortesia Restaurant next door. Please state choice of three-course lunch with coffee/tea for ¥1900: 1) meat pasta, 2) seafood, or 3) vegetarian.

SEND reservations to: Adair Nagata <info@imhpj.org>

LOCATION: Tokyo Community Room, 5-4-22 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo

DIRECTIONS: The Omotesando Metro Station is serviced by the Chiyoda, Hanzomon, and Ginza lines. Use Exit B-3. At street level, turn left and proceed to the first stop light that is Koto Dori and turn left again. There will be a Max Mara shop on that corner. Go three stoplights and turn left again. The building will be on your far left through a big green gate of a housing compound. The complex of residential buildings is two and three storeys high in a light yellow color. The Community Room is the last door on the left.