



Call for posters

International Play Therapy Conference

Bridges to the Child

3 days – 3 themes – one shared language: play that heals



June 10 – 12, 2026

Call for posters 2026



As part of the International Play Therapy Conference: BRIDGES TO THE CHILD we warmly invite you to actively participate in the poster session! The session will take place onsite at the conference venue in Brno.

» Purpose of the session

The poster session aims to share clinical experience from work with children and adolescents and deepen understanding of the therapeutic process.

Particularly valued are presentations showing how a child communicates through play, symbol, relationship, and body — not only what difficulties they present.

The key question:

What will a therapist learn about understanding the child from your poster?

» Thematic scope

We look for diversity of topics and your creativity! Posters may address topics such as:

- Play therapy processes
- Symbolism in play
- Therapeutic relationship with the child
- Work with parents/caregivers
- Emotion regulation and co-regulation
- Developmental and relational trauma
- Anxiety and psychosomatic disorders
- Aggression and impulsive behaviours
- Selective mutism
- Neurodiversity (e.g., ADHD, ASD)
- Work with adolescents
- Therapy endings and dropouts
- Therapeutic impasses
- ...and others!

Abstract requirements



Length: 200–250 words

Structure:

Title

Authors and affiliations

Background/Clinical Problem

Why is this topic important for a therapist? (1–2 sentences)

Aim

What do you want to show or teach the audience?

Description/Method/Course of Work

Focus on key points, not all details. Use short, clear sentences.

Clinical Implications (mandatory)

What can a therapist do differently after seeing this poster?

3–5 keywords

Language: English

Tip:

Keep sentences concise and emphasize graphics. Use diagrams, charts, or photos to replace text where possible.



Poster requirements (after acceptance)



» Technical requirements

Format: A3 portrait

Max text: 200–250 words

Focus: diagrams, process, and visual storytelling rather than dense text

Mandatory section: “Implications for the therapist”

Language: English

» Ethical requirements

Full patient anonymization.

Modification of identifying details.

No recognizable materials.

Patient consent if identification could be possible.



Evaluation criteria



Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Usefulness for therapeutic practice
- Clarity and simplicity.
- Clinical reflectiveness.
- Readability and visual clarity.
- Ethics and anonymization.

Priority is given to works showing the therapy process rather than only describing a disorder.

All topics are welcome, and support is offered during preparation.

Tips for poster preparations

<https://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2011/01/poster>

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/innovation-hub/courses-conferences/national-conference/make-a-great-poster#content-menu-16419>



Deadlines



Abstract submission deadline: **31 March 2026**

Poster submission deadline after acceptance: 30 April 2026

» Abstract submission

Poster abstracts should be sent to the contact person: Mateusz Kolaszkiewicz (Polskie Towarzystwo Terapii Zabawą - PTTZ) na e-mail: m.kolaszkiewicz@gmail.com

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The printed poster must be brought to the conference by the presenter.

If a participant attends online but wishes to participate in the poster session — please contact the organizers. Participation in the poster session is free for conference participants.

» Contact to the Organizers



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