

Friday, August 2, 2013

10:00-12:00

Board Room

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
of The International Institute for Advanced Studies  
in Systems Research and Cybernetics

**LUNCH BREAK 12:00-14:00**

Friday, August 2, 2013

14:00-17:00

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Special Focus Symposium and  
Workshop on Humor and Laughter - With Audience Participation**

Moderators: Prof. George E. Lasker, IIAS , Tecumseh, ON, Canada

Prof. Winfried K. Rudloff, Governors State University, Univ. PK. IL,

USA Prof. Otto E. Rössler, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany

Prof. Greg Andonian, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

This Symposium / Workshop will provide forum for discussing how humor and laughter can enhance the quality of human life and human health, how it can help to peacefully resolve conflicts, relieve tension, reduce stress, decrease anxiety and fear, and improve the overall sense of personal wellbeing. It will discuss how humor and laughter can deepen our insight, improve perception and comprehension of things and people, and help to solve many complex problems. It will explore how humor and laughter can help to break down barriers and promote understanding and cooperation between people, cultures and social groups, and how it can improve the quality of human communication and interaction.

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Saturday, August 3, 2013

14:30-17:00

TBA

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
Closing Session