

President's Address for 2016

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2016 filled with love, peace, good health, great strength, high energy and success in everything you do. Thank you, once again, for all your kind messages and cards with good wishes and Season's Greetings that you have sent me.

On this occasion please allow me to thank you, once again, for a surprise heart-warming Birthday Party that you arranged for me after the closing Session of our Conference last year. Your loving and kind words expressing your gratitude, love, loyalty and great appreciation that you wrote for me in a special Anniversary Memorial Papyrus continuously reverberate in my heart and soul. I greatly cherish all your messages you wrote and I am very grateful and humbled by all you sentiments expressed in them. I love you all very, very deeply and am eternally grateful to you for everything that you have done to help me guide our Institute, our Conferences and above all for helping to create a wonderful family that has been meeting annually for the last 35 years in a beautiful ambiance of Baden-Baden.

In my previous addresses, I have emphasized one of the essential activities of our institute as being the raising and heightening of awareness of advances and critical issues of our time both in science and technology as well as in human affairs and sociopolitical developments. I am happy to report that in the past 35 years of the existence of our Institute we have considerably contributed to the advancement of knowledge in many diverse areas of Cybernetics and interdisciplinary Systems Research that invited and encouraged a plurality of viewpoints based on critical thinking. We have also succeeded in heightening the awareness of people to the critical concerns of our time and have significantly contributed to awakening, mobilizing and educating people to act upon these concerns and to contribute to the positive and constructive development of our society.

These advances and issue have been presented and discussed at our numerous conferences in hundreds of specialized and multidisciplinary- and interdisciplinary-oriented Symposia, Sessions, Workshops and Panels. In the past 35 years we have addressed and articulated these advances and developments in 350 scientific educational books, conference proceedings and peer-reviewed international scientific Journals.

We have also promoted the development of environmental cybernetics and ecological systems research leading to the development of renewable energy sources and sustainable development of our Planet Earth. We have alerted and warned people about the dangers and the risks of globalization that is destroying the identity, autonomy, sovereignty, and freedom of individuals, societies, cultures and nations. This globalization gives rise to unelected bureaucratic governance, morphing into a global dictatorship that leads to the loss of liberty, privacy, justice and diversity, and to the gradual enslavement and impoverishment of mankind.

Recently, we have witnessed inspirational examples in many parts of the world, illustrating how a number of highly dedicated 'renaissance' individuals have acted on our behalf to promote peaceful solutions and resolutions of conflicts, disputes and crises, and have prevented many belligerent war-mongering activities, actions and agendas of Orwellian Actors/World Controllers who have aimed to launch a nuclear holocaust.

It is no surprises that people all over the world are increasingly frustrated with many of their leaders and politicians who betrayed them, and strive to replace such politicians and leaders with a new generation of 'renaissance' (anti-establishment) representatives. Our task in the near future will be to help mobilize all of these frustrated people to support them in their effort to regain and re-establish the truly representative participatory democracy in which people would once again become masters of their own destiny.

It is up to us all to ensure that new scientific knowledge and modern technology could be developed and maximally utilized for peaceful evolution of our planet earth, in which our living environment and ecological consideration would become the focus and priority of our activities. This strategy could significantly contribute to the ongoing pursuit of permanent peace, justice, prosperity and improved quality of human life not just for a few chosen super-wealthy individuals and corporations but for the whole of humanity.

This year we are organizing the 36th Annual Meeting of our Institute in conjunction with the 28th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics (InterSymp-2016) to be held August 1 – 5, 2016 in Baden-Baden, Germany. I would like to extend my cordial invitation to you all to join us at this Conference to present there your papers, talks and other of your creative works, and to actively participate in our deliberations/discussions. The details of this Conference are posted on the IIAS Website of our Institute at <http://www.iias.edu>

Our forthcoming Conference will consist of many diverse Symposia, Panels and Workshops, which are being organized to provide you with an opportunity to discuss presented topics and themes at sufficient length and depth. We aim to bring together colleagues from a wide variety of diverse fields and disciplines to collaboratively develop new areas of study that cross-fertilize various fields of science, arts and engineering by new innovative ideas, concepts, approaches, methods, and tools. The Conference is organized to encourage and facilitate maximum interaction and communication amongst individual Conference participants.

In particular, I would like to invite you to join us at the Main Symposium/Session of the Conference, entitled "Cybernetics and Synergetics of Sociopolitical, Economic and Financial Manipulation and Control" that will deal with some of the most critical issues of our time. This Symposium is a follow-up sequel to the last year's Symposium on Manipulated Man in a Manipulated Society.

You are also warmly invited to participate in our Discussion Panel/Forum “Future of Humanity: A Slippery Slope to Armageddon?” which will discuss contemporary existential crises, risks and hope concerning the future evolution of mankind based on the current and projected sociopolitical, economic, financial, military and other emerging developments on the world stage – which pose a genuine threat to life on our planet Earth.

At our Conference we shall continue to raise awareness of these important social and sociopolitical global issues, pending conflicts, crises, wars, and a spread of barbaric violence. We shall encourage participants to seek solutions and innovative strategies, ways and means that could help us peacefully resolve such conflicts and crises, to mitigate violence and hatred, and to re-establish a Culture of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation based on Empathy, Compassion, Forgiveness, and on better mutual understanding.

I would like to encourage you all to join us at our IAS Conference in August to freely engage in our discussions to explore what we altogether can do to make our world a better place to live in for us and for our future generation.

With my Warmest Wishes and Kindest Regards,

George Lasker