

2008 President's Address

Dear Colleagues and Dear Friends:

I trust that all of you are doing well and have entered the year 2008 on a positive note. I hope that you are looking forward with optimism to successfully accomplish the tasks ahead of you and attain all the goals you are planning to achieve. Allow me please to take this opportunity to thank everyone and each of you again for your continuing support and your kind help that so significantly contributed to further development of our Institute and to resounding success of our Annual Meetings and our International Conferences in Baden-Baden. Thank you also for your great contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of Systems Research, Cybernetics and related areas.

This year we shall hold the 28th Annual Meeting of our Institute in Baden-Baden and celebrate there the 20th Anniversary Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics, which will be held July 24 – 30, 2008. I am pleased to inform you that organization of our Conferences proceeds on schedule, and thanks to your active involvement and help, we all can look forward with optimism to another successful Conference, which should further strengthen the kind, caring and cooperative relationships amongst us and amongst our fellow human beings.

We have been gathering in Baden-Baden each year to exchange ideas and to help advance knowledge in various areas of human endeavors that should contribute to improving the quality of human life on our planet Earth. We have been promoting cross-fertilization of ideas, concepts and methodologies across a wide variety of fields and disciplines. We have been supporting the interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary and multidisciplinary collaboration by bringing together colleagues from diverse disciplines to share their ideas and expertise with colleagues from other fields, and by developing those areas of research that should most benefit from such collaboration.

One of the primary objectives of our Institute in fostering such interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary collaboration is to help facilitate development of innovative problem solving methods, tools and approaches that would enable us to solve complex problems and tasks that at present cannot be solved by using conventional problem solving methods and approaches.

One of the primary mandates of our Institute is to act as a catalyst of the positive sociopolitical transformation of our society. To be successful in this effort we all have to get actively involved in those activities and aspects of sociopolitical process that will effectuate the positive changes in our society and in the world. We will have to continue to raise awareness of burning issues of our time and keep these issues in the focus of the public mind until they are satisfactorily resolved. We will have to reach, enlighten, mobilize and engage our colleagues academics and all the other people of good will to actively participate in this transformation process and produce changes that could help to improve the quality of human life and help bring the happiness and human love to all people regardless of their creed, place of birth, race or religion.

We have been extensively involved in efforts that seek to develop and sustain a free, just, kind, caring and highly educated and compassionate society that will help to replace the present Culture of War, Violence and Hatred by the Culture of Peace, Freedom, Justice, Love and Cooperation. Our efforts in this area have been focused on providing the public with access to relevant knowledge and understanding of important social and political affairs. We have also been alerting people to the devious, misleading, deceptive and manipulative nature and role of dominant mainstream TV and mass communication media whose enormous influence and power is concentrated in the hands of a few super-rich individuals, families and corporations, who have been promoting the Culture of War, Violence and Killings¹, and who have been instrumental in brainwashing us into thinking and believing that war, violence, killing and bullying (and global dictatorship) are the only available and acceptable options to resolve conflicts.

We have also been developing new collaborative strategies and tools for sustainable human development, i.e. strategies and tools whose implementation will allow us to meet the needs of present humanity without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We are also going to further promote the collaborative consciousness and build bridges amongst individual people, nations, cultures and religions. We shall promote better understanding of each other; will cultivate harmony, tolerance and cooperation; and champion human rights, justice, peace, individual freedom and the individual responsibility. We shall relentlessly work for a better world to ensure that goodness and truth prevails over lies and evil.

I would like to encourage all and each of you to get actively involved in the ongoing process of positive transformation of our society. It is only through your personal involvement and through educating the public that we shall be able to help replace the present Culture of War, Violence, Death, Injustice, and Hatred by the Culture of Peace, Justice, Cooperation, Caring, and Human Love for each other. In synergistic combination of all our efforts we shall be able to easily generate sufficient force that will be able to move our planet Earth from the trajectory of War, Violence and Hatred onto the trajectory of Peace, Love and Happiness for all.

With Warmest Regards

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¹ On behalf of those who are pulling the strings from behind the scenes and who are currently controlling and dominating the social, political and economic affairs of the world.