

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS for 2014

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your great contribution to our on-going IIAS activities and to wish you a very Happy & Healthy New Year throughout and beyond 2014.

The past year has brought many trials, tribulations and challenges to the world that in one way or another have touched our lives. Nevertheless, many encouraging hopeful developments have also occurred that signal further awakening of human spirit and progressive transformation of human consciousness in a positive direction. I believe that by raising and heightening awareness of these developments at our Conferences, we have helped to educate people and sensitize them to the burning issues of our time and thus have contributed to the positive transformation of our collective global consciousness.

The body of humanity on our Planet Earth still has many wounds that need to be healed. I believe that our IIAS activities can help to further develop and implement relevant tools and strategies (in collaboration with like-minded colleagues/people) that could facilitate healing of these wounds and help replace the present dystopian Culture of war, violence, hatred, misery, and malaise by the kinder, gentler, just and more humane Culture of Peace, cooperation, hope, happiness, love, and prosperity. In this sense, we all in the IIAS should strive to be an all-inclusive positive navigational instrument of healing that helps restore social and societal health and bring the friendship, kindness, understanding, hope and joy to all people.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the IIAS, and our 2014 Conference to be held August 4 – 9, 2014 in Baden-Baden, Germany should bring together colleagues from diverse fields and disciplines to explore how people of different backgrounds, expertise and specialties can synergistically combine their talents, resources, capabilities and specialized knowledge to collaboratively solve and resolve problems that a single discipline is unable to solve by itself. Papers are invited on new ideas, innovative methods, strategies, approaches and tools that should contribute to the advancement of knowledge in a wide variety of fields; and that would facilitate and promote healing of various social and societal ills and help us improve the quality of human life for all.

The highlight of our 2014 Conference will be the 4th Orwellian Symposium that will address issues related to the gradual transformation of the Western society and culture into a decadent dystopian super-paranoid Orwellian totalitarian society devoid of freedom, privacy, justice and love, in which the 'Big Brother' Western governments and their agencies are collaborating to conduct an indiscriminate mass surveillance of people, snooping and spying on everyone, including national leaders of governments. They thus perpetuate the climate of fear, suspicion, intimidation and paranoia where each and every one is perceived a suspect and a priori presumed guilty; and where the plutocratic 'Big Brother' / World Dominators / World Controllers are aided by their stooges and their various institutions, agencies, corrupt politicians, servile judiciary,

fraudulent banksters and manipulative avaricious and greedy financial institutions, exploitative supranational and national corporations, proponents of military-industrial complex, all of whom are being promoted, glamorized and celebrated by decadent, corrupt, manipulative and distasteful mainstream mass communication media, and supported by many other unsavory Orwellian actors and their minions who are bent to tightly control every aspect of our lives to ultimately enslave us and establish a global totalitarian dictatorship / a 'New World Order' (under the pretext/pretence and in the name of the *National Security*).

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to join us and to participate in our 4th Orwellian Symposium and contribute papers that would address various aspects of the on-going insidious and stealthy transformation of our society and culture into an Orwellian nightmare. Especially welcome are papers/contributions that would suggest what we should practically do to effectively counter and frustrate the efforts of those unscrupulous Orwellian actors/World Dominators/World Controllers in their effort to destroy our freedom, liberties and our right to privacy, and ultimately subjugate and enslave us and establish a global totalitarian dictatorship. The 4th Orwellian Symposium is described in more details in the *Call for Papers* posted on our IAS Website at: <http://www.ias.edu>

On behalf of the IAS Conference Organizing Committee, I would also like to invite you to help us actively promote our 4th Orwellian Symposium and our other meetings/symposia amongst your friends and colleagues and encourage them to join us this summer in Baden-Baden. They are most welcome to present papers/talks on any topic of their choice, especially those outlined above. In particular, they are welcome to join with us in our on-going efforts to help replace the Culture of War, Violence, Hatred and Injustice by the Culture of Peace, Justice, Friendship and Cooperation, and to help restore sanity and promote common sense in an increasingly insane, violent and unjust world in which the civility, kindness, love, freedom and privacy are gradually disappearing.....

When we join together and mobilize our resources, our will, courage, determination, strength, and potential, we shall be able to stop the totalitarian policies, practices and madness of the 'Big Brother' World Controllers/World Dominators and defeat the Orwellian forces of darkness. We, the people, are the majority. And we the people must strive to regain our sovereignty. This may also be our unique opportunity and our last chance to help bring the hope and build a new foundation for a better life in a better World for all the future generations.....

With my Warmest Wishes and Kindest Regards,

George Lasker