

PCE2006

7th World Conference for
Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy
and Counseling



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Potsdam, Germany

2nd Announcement and Call for Papers
Abstract- & Registration Forms included

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INVITATION FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AT PCE 2006

Dear Colleagues from all over the world,
dear person-centered practitioners, trainers and researchers,
dear students and others who take an active interest in the contribution of PCE psychotherapy and counseling to the understanding and fostering of health!

It is a great pleasure for us to invite you to participate at and actively contribute to the 7th World Conference on Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling, which will be held in Germany, July 12–16, 2006.

We have succeeded in arranging a very nice venue in Potsdam, the historically famous capital-city of the state Brandenburg, 20 kilometers west of Berlin. The conference center “Kongresszentrum am Templiner See, Potsdam” with the congress-hotel is situated directly on the banks of Lake Templin. You can relax quietly in the charming forest and lake landscape of the Pirschheide without being out of touch. It is only ten minutes to the centre of Potsdam and the Railway station; and it only takes roughly half an hour to reach the heart of Berlin and the international Berlin Airport Tegel, one hour to the international Berlin Airport Schönefeld (public transportation).

There will be ample opportunities for informal gatherings. If you like, you can participate in a pre-conference encounter group, which will start on Tuesday, July 11 at 9:15, and last until Wednesday, July 12 at 12:15. During the conference some reflection groups will be organized, in which participants can reflect on the conference themes, the keynote address of that day in particular, or on whatever subject they like.

Next to the keynote addresses some very interesting symposia are planned, as well as workshops on a diversity of topics. Moreover, there will be ample room for the presentation of individual papers and posters or to organize round table discussion groups. We strongly encourage you to submit proposals for active participation in whatever format.

Please notify that the deadline for the submission of conference proposals is January 15, 2006. Enclosed you will find the submission form as well as the registration forms.

We think that PCE 2006 will be an excellent opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world and exchange ideas. Therefore, we very much hope to welcome you in Potsdam.

Prof. Dr. Gert-W. Speierer
Chair, Scientific- and Local Organizing Committee

CONFERENCE THEME: LEADING A GOOD LIFE: A PCE PERSPECTIVE OF HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

Since Carl R. Rogers in 1961, much has been written about the “good life”, the “fully functioning” person, health and dysfunction. Today the theme continues to inspire many questions: What evolutions have taken place in the understanding of psychological health in person-centered and experiential psychotherapy and counseling? What is specific to the PCE view that is not present in the views of other orientations? What about the intercultural, metapsychological and spiritual aspects of our theory? Can a common thread still be found in the PCE literature on these topics? How can we help clients and patients to become and be more fully functioning, using their resources, regaining strength and autonomy? How can we ourselves as therapists take care of our health?

In **PCE 2006**, the 7th World Conference for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling, we want to reflect and discuss these questions both on an individual and societal level. Keynote presentations will address the conference theme from a variety of theoretical, cultural and professional perspectives. They will include a more general reflection on the evolution of PCE concepts of health with emphasis on new challenges, an elaboration of scientific interdisciplinary discourses on selforganization relating to the concept of actualizing tendency and a presentation of intercultural social and political aspects of PCE therapy and counseling.

Additionally an array of contributions will take place in parallel sessions. Presentations are invited which highlight a person-centered and experiential view on a variety of topics: health and leading a good life, new developments in person-centered and experiential psychotherapy and counseling, empirical research, theory development and the application of the approach in various fields of practice and institutional settings. Any form of presentation is invited: lecture, workshop, panel, poster, multi-media, etc. Topics are welcome including:

1. The “Fully Functioning” Person, Congruence, Health
2. Actualizing Tendency in Modern Interdisciplinary Systems Theory
3. Philosophy, Religion and Spirituality
4. Children, Adolescents, Parents and Families
5. The Adults, Students, Persons in Firms & Organizations
6. The Older Ones
7. Social, Intercultural and Political Aspects (Minority Groups included)
8. Clinical Practice, Including Design and Management of Clinical Settings
9. Specific Challenges in Regard to Clients with Specific Dysfunctions
10. The Therapist’s Self-Care and Own Psychological Health
11. Operationalisations and Measures: Outcome, Process, Health
12. Other Topics Relevant to a Person-Centered and Experiential View on Life

The **opening address** will be given by **Reinhard Tausch** (Germany)

Three keynote speakers will deliver a keynote address on the conference theme:
Art Bohart (USA), **Maureen O’Hara** (USA) und **Jürgen Kriz** (Germany)

PROGRAM OUTLINE

	Tuesday, July 11	Wednesday, July 12	Thursday, July 13	Friday, July 14	Saturday, July 15	Sunday, July 16
09:00-9:30						
09:30-10:00	09:15 Encounter	Encounter	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, reflection groups
10:00-10:30			Coffee break			
10:30-11:00			Keynote: Art Bohart	Keynote: Jürgen Kriz	Keynote: Maureen O Hara	Coffee break
11:00-11:30	Encounter	Encounter - 12:15				Closing panel
11:30-12:00						
12:00-12:30			Luncheon break			
13:00-13:30						
13:30-14:00	Encounter		Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	Symposia, paper sessions, workshops, round table discussion groups	
14:00-14:30						
14:30-15:00						
15:00-15:30	Tea/coffee break			Tea/coffee break		
15:30-16:00		Registration	paper sessions, reflection groups, workshops, round table discussion groups, poster sessions	paper sessions, reflection groups, workshops, round table discussion groups, poster sessions	paper sessions, reflection groups, workshops, round table discussion groups, poster sessions	
16:00-16:30	Encounter					
16:30-17:00						
17:00-17:30		Opening of the conference				
17:30-18:00		Invited speaker: Reinhard Tausch	General Assembly of the World Association of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling (WAPCEPC)			
18:00-18:30						
18:30-19:00						
19:00-19:30						
19:30-20:00						
from 20:00		Welcome reception - 21:00	River-Cruise to Berlin with dinner-dance - 24:00 or: "Historical Potsdam"	Festive evening	Visit of the "Reichstag"	

PROGRAM OUTLINE – SPECIAL REMARKS

General Assembly WAPCEPC

On Thursday, July 13, 17:30–19:30, the General Assembly of the World Association of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling (WAPCEPC) is scheduled.

Pre-Conference Encounter Group

Preceding the conference an encounter group, facilitated by Lore Korbei (Austria), will be organized, starting on Tuesday, July 11 at 09:15, and lasting until Wednesday, July 12 at 12:15. The official language will be English. As the facilitator speaks also German and French, participants can express themselves in these languages as well. Please register for this Encounter group via the conference registration form.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

(optional; also accessible for accompanying persons)

Welcome reception *Wednesday, July 12, 19:00–21:00*

After the opening address a welcome reception in the townhall of Potsdam will take place.

River Cruise with dinner & dance party *Thursday, July 13, 20:00–24:00*

Have a wonderful night on the Havel with dinner and dance on the boat “MS Cecilienhof”. In an exciting atmosphere you can relax and make or deepen contacts. The cruise will start and end at the landing place Potsdam, Lg. Brücke. There is a limitation of places. So please register soon!

“Historical Potsdam” *Thursday, July 13, 20:00*

A guided tour will show you some of the monuments of Potsdam which is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. Not only ‘Schloss Sanssouci’, the former summer residence of Frederick the Great, but many other sites are worth your visit.

Festive Evening *Friday, July 14, 20:00*

The festive evening includes free dinner. Beverages are at the participants’ expense.

Visit of the Reichstag *Saturday, July 15, 20:00*

The Deutsche Reichstag in Berlin is a very historical building. From its construction at the end of the 19th century up to now the Reichstag was a centre of events: proclamation of the republic in 1918, the “Reichstagsbrand” 1933, the raising of the soviet flag in 1945, its covering in 1995 by Christo and Jeanne-Claude. Since 1999 the Reichstag is the residence of the German Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag). A member of it will show you some aspects of this important building.

**Please register for the different options of the social program
via the conference registration form.**

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at “Kongresshotel am Templiner See” near Potsdam. This is a modern place of communication in the midst of a lovely recreation area which invites you for a walk in the park or on the hiking paths along the lake. The Kongresshotel is just 10 minutes from the City of Potsdam and about 20 km from Berlin and its international airports.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The conference hotel “Kongresshotel am Templiner See” offers more than 400 comfortable single and double rooms. All rooms and apartments have high-quality features and are equipped with shower & toilet, radio, television, telephone and ISDN. Furthermore, the hotel offers facilities like a restaurant, a bistro, a sport hall, a squash-court, a fitness centre and a sauna. For further information you can visit the hotel’s website: www.kongresshotel-potsdam.de. The hotel offers special rates for participants of the PCE 2006. Room reservations can be made on the conference registration form.

REGISTRATION

You can register:

- Electronically via the on-line registration form at our website: www.gwg-ev.org/pce2006
- By filling out the enclosed registration form and mailing or faxing it to the conference secretariat (see address page 2).

Registration fees include admission to all sessions, the abstract book, the welcome reception on Wednesday, July 12, coffee and tea during breaks, lunch from Thursday, July 13, to Saturday, July 15, a coffee break on Sunday, July 16, and the festive evening on Friday, July 14.

Accompanying persons joining only social program events pay a contribution towards expenses.

If you register before March 1 you will benefit from the early registration discount of € 100.–. Members of the WAPCEPC (World Association for Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling) have an additional discount of € 50.–. For those who want to become a member, enclosed is a membership form. After WAPCEPC registration and payment please register for the conference with your membership number. To get the discount of € 50.– the WAPCEPC registration has to be prior to the conference registration.

Participants from underprivileged and/or distant countries may be eligible for a grant. Please contact the congress secretariat for further information.

Students can register only after March 31, 2006.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If the conference registrant is unable to attend the following refund arrangements apply:

- Registrations cancelled before April 1, 2006 will be refunded 70 % of all fees.
- Registrations cancelled from April 1 to May 15 will be refunded 50 % of all fees.
- Registrations cancelled from May 16 will not be eligible for a refund.

We reserve the right to cancel the conference by lack of participants until March 31, 2006. In this highly improbable case all payments are fully refunded. Further claims are excluded. We do not assume liability for the journey or any travelling expenses etc.

ABSTRACTS

You are kindly invited to submit an abstract describing the topic of the work that you wish to present at the conference. Please use the format given in the abstract form. The following options are open for your presentation:

- Symposium with a duration of 1½ hours, consisting of two or three related papers
- Symposium with a duration of 2 x 1½ hours, consisting of more than three related papers
- Paper of ¾ hour, including at least 15 minutes discussion time
- Paper of 1½ hours, including at least 30 minutes discussion time
- Poster (form at 150 x 100 cm) to present at one of the afternoon sessions
- Workshop with a duration of 1½ hours
- Workshop with a duration of 2 x 1½ hours
- Round Table Discussion Group with a duration of 1½ hours.

Abstracts must be submitted no later than January 15, 2006, preferably by e-mail to the conference chair together with a copy of your registration form.

Should you like to submit a 'paper-copy', please complete the enclosed abstract form and send it to the conference chair together with a copy of your registration form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Language: The official conference language is English. Contributors who would like to present in another language, please contact the conference secretariat for instructions.

Insurance: Please arrange your own insurance. The organizers will not be liable for accidents, theft and property damage, nor for delays and/or modification in the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

Visa and travel: Participants should check with their local travel agents whether they require an entry visa for Germany. If so, they are advised to apply to the nearest embassy or consulate of Germany well in advance of their travel.