



Energy, Creative Collaboration and Wellbeing in organizations

4-7 **JUNE** 2020

Ex-Convent S. Giovanni Battista, Celleno
Viterbo, **ITALY**

LIMITED ENROLMENT EVENT

Registration is subject to availability

INFO & REGISTRATION

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The tradition of **Group Relations Conferences** (tavinstitute.org and grouprelations.com), born from the meeting of psychoanalysis and systemic thinking, has generated extraordinary ideas and intuitions regarding unconscious collective thought processes, images, emotions, anxieties, defensive responses and the impact these reactions have on a system to “stay on task”. It is our responsibility to explore and create structures that recognize reality and nurture wellbeing and vitality in the context we live in, to acknowledge and welcome our response-ability.

Our proposal is to offer a Group Relations Conference where the systemic nature of its methodology, internationally practiced for over sixty years, is developed through an integrated approach to the individual and her/his **sustainable and lively relationships** with the environment. The issues of authority, leadership, role and organization - traditionally the focus of a Group Relations Conference - will be studied within this wider angle of vision.

THE PRIMARY TASK

The twentieth century study of physics and contemporary sciences have shown “*that the world appears as an interconnected web of relationships whose parts can be defined through their connection to the whole*” (F. Capra, P. L. Luisi 2014); isolated parts can only exist in relation to their context. Such discovery joins the spiritual knowledge about interdependence, present in many traditions around the world, belonging to humanity and dating back centuries.

The primary task of this conference is to offer participants the opportunity to explore how awareness of resources, energy and creative collaboration can introduce wellbeing in the organizations to which they belong.

The challenge of the work is to extend the field of attention to the unconscious

as it manifests itself by observing the language of bodies in space, of energy fields, of nature, of context and patterns that connect the parts.

Interdependence and relatedness, essential for any kind of systemic thinking, is explored during the events. Learning is facilitated by accessing individual and group energy and through awareness of the relationships that develop. ECW relates to social context/culture and to nature and the human place within nature. What is nature telling us, what are we telling nature and can the dialogue of human and non-human nature bring blossoming for both?

In present times of climate change these fundamental relationships ask for our attention; they will be a focus for the conference.

WHO IS THIS CONFERENCE FOR?

The conference is directed at individuals, from all walks of life, who are interested in understanding groups, organizational dimensions and the evolutionary level found in the social contexts in which we live. Specifically it is directed at those who would like to sustain existing resources in a better and ecological way and to bring new thoughts and wellbeing into the organizations where they operate.

Climate change is an unavoidable reality threatening the equilibrium of the globe. This reality requires facing with attentive

eyes turned both to the world we live in as well as to the inner world often influenced by acquired habits and unchallenged assumptions. In all social groups and in organizations, both corporations and institutions, the present crisis calls for a change of direction. By activating new creative processes, it is possible to shift from a point of view based on unrealistically unlimited expansion to one based on the reality of conscious use of limited resources. The experience of the conference will allow participants, in the roles of leader and follower, to learn and reflect upon these themes and the possibility of creative collaboration towards the realization of a common task.

ECW is a work in progress and a fertile field of research in the field of Group Relations Conferences: we recommend, if you have already participated, to enrol in this sixth edition to **deepen learning and develop the ability to apply** it in the context of your life.

METHODOLOGY

The conference is a temporary organisation shaped by the collaboration of the participants and of the staff. Learning is experiential and based on the study of the here and now.

Residence is required: it is part of the learning as well as the observation of the web of relationships developed in the course of the conference's events. This method requires self-reflection and encourages a free spirit of research and thinking.

STRUCTURE

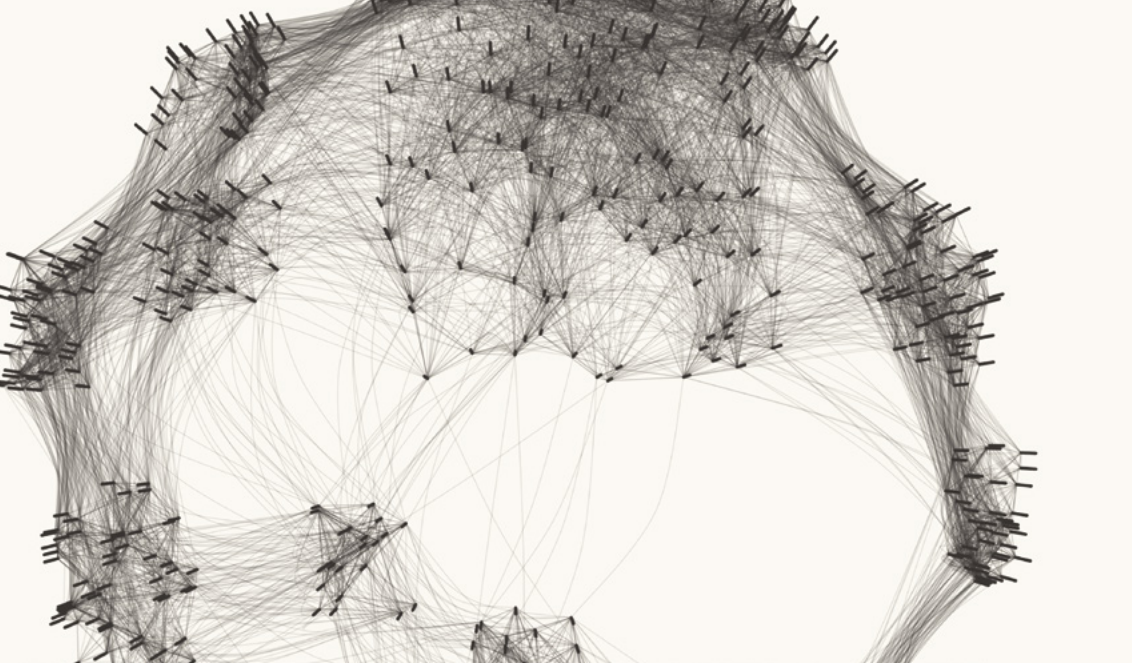
The design of the working conference articulates the traditional events of Group Relations Conferences (Plenary, Large Group, Social Dreaming Matrix, Institutional Event, Review and Application Groups) with specific events that explore the language of the arts and of the moving body in space, such as Vocabulary of Movement, Night Sounds, and Dreams Move.

LANGUAGE: Italian and English

DURATION

The working conference begins at 12:30 pm, Thursday 4th June and ends at 2:00 pm, Sunday 7th June.

REGISTRATION: from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, Thursday 4th June



Social media graph of users. On the right, close up photo of roots.

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

Being able to see oneself reflected in the other, feeling the critical issues and conflicts within the group they belong to and in the other groups has been a reason for growth for me.

Stefano Catini

The role of the body is vastly under utilized in conferences here in the U.S. and I was so happy to be able to bring all parts of me to the conference and very much appreciated the evolution from the first ECW. The movement event at this conference was revelatory... While brief non-traditional explorations (art,

movement, music etc.) can be very helpful to introduce some element of play into conferences and provide a creative entry into the unconscious, I don't think that the whole person and system is accessed as completely as was the case in ECW.

Jack Lampl

It has contributed to reflect on human nature and the different behaviours people display around work and leadership... I understood better the mind body connections, which are often neglected.

Anabel Navarro

WORKING CONFERENCE STAFF

Franca Fubini, Director

Psychotherapist, group analyst, organisational consultant; Staff member of Group Relations Conferences; Amerta Movement teacher; co-founder of the Association socialdreaming. it; formerly Chair of the Gordon Lawrence Foundation, is now Chair of Social Dreaming International Network and Vice Chair of Il Nodo Group; member of OPUS (London) and of ISPSO.

Luca Mingarelli, Associate director

Chairman Foundation Rosa dei Venti. Social entrepreneur, Psychotherapist (ECP, WCP). Director of Therapeutic Community for adolescents, Organizations consultant. Faculty of Psychosomatics. Treasurer of Il NODO Group. OPUS member. Creator and co-director of innovative GR events such as "ECW" and "LfA". Basketball coach. Member of the Order of Journalists.

ADMINISTRATORS & CONSULTANTS

Maria Pia Conte

Psychiatrist, Psychoanalyst, member of Italian Psychoanalytic Society and of International Psychoanalytical Association, guest member of the British Psychoanalytic Society. Member of Il NODO Group, Torino and OPUS, London.

Elena Giannotti

Dancer, choreographer and assistant choreographer, company teacher and dramaturg. Co-curator of Racconti di Altre danze festival in Livorno. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Tuina Massage Practitioner and certified teacher FISTQ, Qi Gong and meditation practitioner and teacher. Social Dreaming Host.

CONSULTANTS

Tim Jones

Singer, storyteller and voice teacher; public workshop programme, The Nature of Sound; registered Amerta Movement Practitioner and teacher; qualified Craniosacral practitioner; member of the Ridhwan School following the Diamond Approach; researching methodology for the use of "Songworlds" within a clinical context in collaboration with CSPP (Pescara).

Alfredo Venezia

Organisational Consultant and Project Manager, Social Dreaming Host, Balint Group leader and Large Group consultant. Has been on staff of Group Relations Conferences in Italy. Degree in Communication Studies, Master in Human Resources. Member of Il NODO Group and of Social Dreaming International Network.



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REGISTRATION FEES

ECW is financed exclusively through the participation fees, without any financial support from sponsors. Fees are differentiated in order to allow the participation of the greatest number of people. The Basic Enrolment Plan contribute to the possibility of assigning bursaries to those who are interested but have fewer economic resources.

	EARLY BIRD before April, 10 th	REGULAR after April, 10 th
BASIC ENROLMENT PLAN for people supported by their organization	€ 780 + VAT*	€ 880 + VAT*
REDUCED for members of the sponsoring organisations or not supported by any organization	€ 700 + VAT*	€ 800 + VAT*
GROUPS of min 3 people enrolling together	€ 600 + VAT*	€ 700 + VAT*

* VAT = 22%

Board and lodging are included. At the time of registration a non-refundable down payment of € 180 (VAT included) is required, the balance is to be paid by April 30th. In case of cancellation after April 30th, the 50% of the full fee will be refunded.

A few **bursaries** will be available at a special fare of € 380 + VAT. **Applications** should be received by April, 10th 2020.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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Flocking birds.

HOW TO REACH CELLENO

Celleno is located to the east of Lake Bolsena, halfway between Orvieto, Orte and Viterbo (each one reachable by train). The nearest **airport** is Rome Fiumicino.

The administrators will do their best to make sure that participants can reach Celleno in the easiest way and that travelling resources will be shared.

The Convent can organize the transfer from Viterbo or Orvieto Railway Station to Celleno, for a small extra sum.

From Rome to Viterbo:

Car → Highway A1/E35/E45 from via Salaria. **Train** → from Roma Ostiense to Viterbo Porta Romana (trenitalia.com)

Bus → from Rome / Saxa Rubra to Viterbo Porta Romana (cotralspa.it)

LOCATION

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The tree of life, ancient egyptian art.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



The **A. K. Rice Institute** for the Study of Social Systems (AKRI) is the educational, not-for-profit organization for Group Relations in the United States. The Institute's educational mission is the study of how unconscious thoughts and feelings significantly impact our lives when we are in groups—from family to workplace to nation.

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