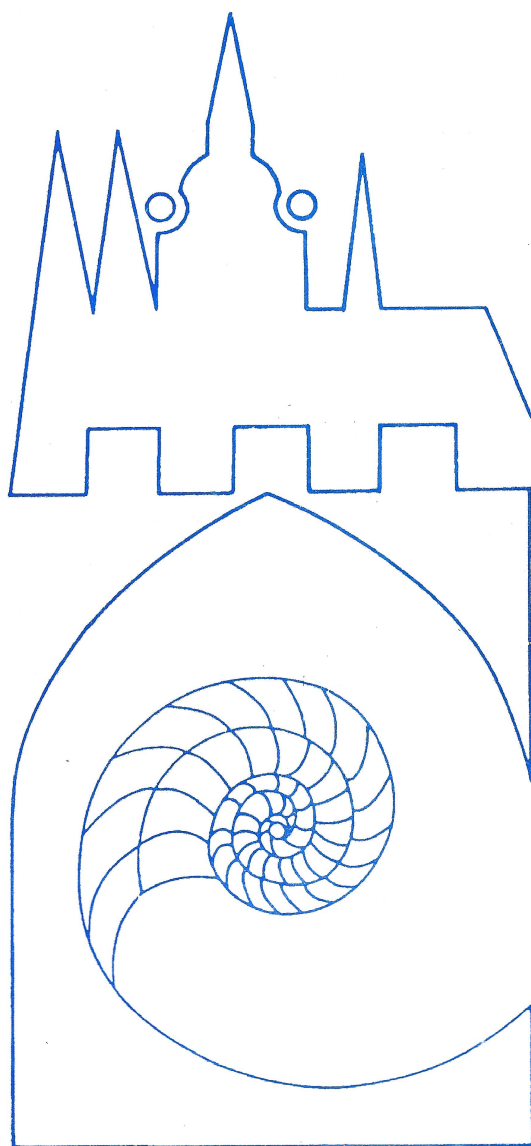


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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the International Transpersonal Association (ITA), we would like to welcome you to the 1992 International Transpersonal Conference, entitled Science, Spirituality, and the Global Crisis: Toward A World With A Future. This meeting continues the tradition of international gatherings begun in June 1972 in Bifrost, Iceland, and carried on in a series of subsequent congresses in Finland, Brazil, Australia, India, Switzerland, Japan, and the United States. These events have provided a unique forum for exploring important theoretical and practical developments in the field of transpersonal psychology and its interface with revolutionary advances in many other disciplines. They have also offered rich opportunities for all of us who share the transpersonal vision to connect, network, exchange information, and celebrate.

An important common denominator of the rich and diversified programs of the last few ITA conferences has been a growing awareness of the escalating global crisis that threatens survival of life on this planet. It has become too obvious that continuation of the current attitudes, practices and strategies of our industrial civilization would lead to a global catastrophe. It seems imperative to find effective ways of transforming the present racial, religious, and political intolerance that breeds violence into acceptance of differences and peaceful coexistence. We need an inspiring vision that will cultivate reverence for life, love, synergy, cooperation, and ecological awareness. The resources that are currently shamefully wasted in the insanity of the arms race have to be redirected towards developing renewable resources of energy and securing health, satisfaction of basic needs, and education for all. Because of the authority that science has in our technological culture, such a vision has to be well founded and involve more than an emphasis on „law and order“ or an appeal to philanthropy and good will.

Many participants in the past ITA conferences felt that the transpersonal perspective which combines spirituality of a universal and non-denominational nature with the discoveries and advances of modern science could be an important step in this direction. In the last analysis, the current crisis in the world is a product of the leading philosophy, values, and life strategy of modern society and reflects the level of its consciousness evolution. It is hard to imagine that any effective solution of the problems we are facing could be achieved by applying the same strategies that created them in the first place. The transpersonal emphasis on inner transformation and radical change of consciousness could thus be an important addition to the traditional means of problem-solving which are limited to political, economic, diplomatic, and military interventions.

To be effective and successful, the transpersonal approach to the world's current problems requires international cooperation. In our past ITA meetings, we were painfully aware of the absence of participants from the countries with repressive political regimes, particularly those belonging to the Eastern block. Until recently, the Communist governments of these countries not only did not allow their citizens to travel, but also effectively blocked free exchange of information. From this point of view, the 1992 ITA congress in Prague represents an important landmark in the history of the transpersonal movement. Because of the recent exciting political developments in Europe, the ITA is able to hold its conference for the first time under circumstances that allow the participation of people from the countries that used to be separated from the Western world by the Iron Curtain.

We would like to use this opportunity to extend our deepest thanks to each of the presenters for their enthusiastic response to our call for papers and their unusual understanding of the complexity of this project. This conference also would not have been possible without generous financial contributions from individuals and institutions and we are very grateful to them. Because of this heart-warming spirit of cooperation and support, the ITA has been able to gather in Prague an extraordinary group of pioneers and prominent representatives of the transpersonal field, spiritual disciplines, addictions recovery, and the new paradigm in science.

The special focus of this meeting will be on the current global crisis and exploration of the ways in which the various transpersonal ideas and practices could help to overcome the racial, sexual, national, cultural, political, economic, and religious barriers that threaten human survival and the existence of life on this planet. As has been the tradition of the ITA conferences, the program of this meeting will represent a unique blend of lectures, experiential workshops, rituals, educational films, and cultural events.

We would like to thank you all for joining us for what promises to be a unique, enriching, and rewarding event for all of us.



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