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A Call for Papers, Presentations, Workshops and Posters

If you are reading these lines you are probably one of the integral thinkers and practitioners of Europe – just like us. In the last decade we have witnessed the emergence of integral consciousness on the European continent, which seems to have its own unique characteristics. Integral thinking in Europe comes in new forms and manifestations. This community has been eagerly waiting to meet each other.

This impulse gave birth to the Integral Europe team whose mission is to connect integral Europeans with each other. We have found that most of you are connected to some other integral people in Europe, but none of us has met in a full continental gathering yet. Some of us have been to American conferences, others visited local conferences in Europe. But the time has now arrived to fully see and meet each other and we are passionate to make this happen.

We proudly announce the **1st Integral European Conference 2014** from the **8th to the 11th of May**. We gather to witness and celebrate “*The Emergence of Integral Consciousness in Europe*”. An estimated number of 500 people from approximately 20 countries all across Europe and overseas guests will meet in beautiful Budapest. We will help the birthing of a European identity that will also represent the continent in the global integral movement.

Come and show up! We are calling you to be part of it. We are curious what you have to say, what is in your heart and mind. We will use formats that allow a lot of heart and mind exchange ranging from scientific discussion through short spotlight-presentations to deeper transformative processes. We say goodbye to solely intellectual conferences and experiment with creating a truly integral format. We set up a large scale experiential, playful, communal convention marrying sense and soul, where science, transformation and the we-space meet. Come as a presenter, workshop leader or participant - be any of these, or all!

The evenings will be dedicated to deeper whole-community events where Europeans will have a unique chance to experience the unity behind their rich cultural diversity culminating in a grand European constellation. Plenty of opportunity will be given for you to present your body, mind, heart and spirit and see that of others. Come to connect, share, learn and enjoy! Chances are that it will be a transformative experience you will treasure in your memory long after the event. Make new friends and meet similar souls, burning with the same passion for wholeness. Please spread the news and help us get our European friends together!

Date:	May 8th – May 11th, 2014
Location:	Budapest, Hungary, located in the heart of Central-Europe, where Western and Eastern Europe meet
Venue:	Millenáris Center – one of the most famous convention centers in Hungary at the prominent Buda Hills
Conference Host:	<i>Integral Europe and the Integral Academy of Hungary</i>
Conference Partners:	<i>Integrales Forum Germany and the Spanish Integral Association</i>
Conference Sponsors:	<i>European Integral Academy Foundation (Gold Sponsor), Thera Stiftung (Silver Sponsor) – if you are interested in becoming an IEC sponsor as well, send us an email to iec@integraleurope.org and we will send you further information.</i>

Structure:

The conference will consist of three main tracks, interwoven with each other:

1. an academic, scholarly track (theory, research, criticism)
2. a general presentation track (practice, application)
3. an experiential workshop track (healing, transformation)

We also make room for poster presentations.

With these three tracks, wrapped together via a general communal celebratory track, we aim to unpack the full potential of the integral approach together with you.

In this endeavor, the *AQAL integral approach*, as brilliantly pioneered by Ken Wilber, will serve as a common denominator and theoretical reference point, a shared language-game and horizon of meaning-making. We as conference organizers are well aware of other integrative, meta-theoretical or holistic approaches, yet we choose to have AQAL as a focal point, because we believe it is the most encompassing, clear and powerful formulation of integral consciousness today. Our wish is to help unpack more of it, fleshing out Ken Wilber's vision with missing details, data, research and applications. You can celebrate, skillfully apply, wisely criticize, mindfully correct and simply expand it, wherever necessary. But by all means first make sure to *include* the gifts of it, before trying to *transcend* it with your own maps and constructions.

Let it be a powerful-enough attractor in Europe around which newly emerging social practices can be built, synergizing and facilitating a new structure of consciousness that is already expressing itself in a wide variety of domains, ranging from psychology, spirituality, economy, ecology, sustainability to leadership, politics, education, business, community building and beyond.

We will give voice to current integral thinkers, practitioners and workshop facilitators predominantly (but not exclusively) from European countries. **Despite this preference all applications for all categories from all corners of the planet are welcome.** Beyond that, we invite non-Europeans to actively engage in conversation with us in the global panel and other forums (see page 7 for invitation and details). We especially “cast our net” for Europe and highlight the great work that you are doing. So please, take your chance and step up.

*** For all applications in all tracks please take note of the General Submission Guidelines and Information at the end of the text. ***

1) Academic Track: Call for Papers / Call for Posters

For our academic track we invite integrally informed scientists and researchers from all faculties to hand in their abstracts for academic paper and poster presentations. Although we are open for contributions from various integral models / integrative approaches / grand theories, we will focus on highlighting contributions with a clear reference to and appropriate grasp of the AQAL model by Ken Wilber, which we choose as a common reference-point.

Whether agreeing or disagreeing with the AQAL-integral model – we expect that contributors refer to the model consciously and correctly in appropriate ways and display at least an intermediate level of understanding of its basic elements.

Our intention for the academic track:

Our intention is to bring out the best integral scholars in Europe (and worldwide) and foster a qualified, critical academic discourse on topics related to integral theory and integral research in order to help integral approaches take root and gain acceptance in more mainstream institutional settings and discourses.

Topics may cover:

- ❖ a theoretical contribution to integral models/ integrative approaches / grand theories for guiding research inquiries
- ❖ research on practical application of integral models in diverse fields of practice (e.g. ecology, business, psychology, etc.)
- ❖ entirely theoretical contributions, expansions, comparisons
- ❖ constructive criticisms of AQAL

Preferences:

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- ❖ papers / posters that are associated with solid research findings over mere theoretical musings
- ❖ contributors associated with an established academic background over those lacking such a background
- ❖ European over non-European
- ❖ “AQAL-fluent” over “AQAL non-fluent” contributions

In the Academic Presentations-Track we aim for contributions and presenters that are

- ❖ intellectually stimulating or challenging,
- ❖ of practical relevance in terms of application and
- ❖ open for discussion and intellectual challenge in public debate

Discussion Panels:

Based on the incoming proposals and feedback to our call we will distill relevant topics and contributors and invite them to engage in discussion panels among each other and with the conference audience.

Join our academic committee:

If you are professionally rooted in academia and would like to help ensure the high quality of academic material at the conference, we invite you to apply for joining our academic committee for IEC 2014, which will sort through and give feedback on the academic submissions. Send us an Email with your bio and work references.

2) General Presentations Track: Call-for-Contributions

Apart from the Academic Track and its Call for Papers we invite presenters from all over Europe and beyond to apply for our General Presentation Track. Here applicants are not asked to write a scientific paper (though they may), but to provide an abstract together with a brief bio. Topics may cover:

- ❖ practical applications of the integral model in diverse fields of practice (in politics, ecology, business, psychology, medicine, etc.)
- ❖ social commentary and analysis of current European issues

Whether agreeing or disagreeing with the AQAL model of Ken Wilber, we expect that contributors reference the model consciously and correctly in appropriate ways and display at least an intermediate level of understanding of its basic elements.

Preferences:

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- ❖ European over non-European* (non-European attendees please see our invitation and offers below on page 7)
- ❖ practical over theoretical
- ❖ "AQAL-fluent" over "AQAL non-fluent" contributions

In the General Presentations-Track we aim for contributions and presenters that are

- ❖ intellectually stimulating
- ❖ of practical relevance in terms of application
- ❖ fun and entertaining in terms of presentation

Engaging the audience with switching presentation modes, exercises, vivid stories and personal accounts is explicitly encouraged. Please make conscious use of the I, We and It dimensions of the situation.

3) Call for leading experiential workshops, creating healing and transformational spaces

We invite you not only to *think* together with fellow integralists but also to *experience* playful, deep transformational and sometimes life-changing events in the mutually shared we-space of group practices.

Your workshop offering can include

- ❖ joyful experiential exercises with laughter and fun
- ❖ deeply touching processes that heal and transform
- ❖ group exercises, where people learn new skills about how to be together in new ways that are relevant to integral ("centauric", "second-tier", "third-tier", "level 6", "yellow", "turquoise", "all quadrant" etc.)
- ❖ psychotherapeutic processes for groups and individuals within the group
- ❖ constellation work
- ❖ spiritual practices
- ❖ any of these / any combination of these/ similar experiential offerings that we haven't listed here and come authentically from you

Preferences:

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- ❖ real experiential workshops over frontal presentations mislabeled as "workshop", or mere 3rd person perspective theorizing devoid of 1st person exercises
- ❖ exercises that involve deep attention, genuine connection between participants, sharing their interiors, giving feedback to each other, using nonverbal elements - may it be movements, breathing, sound, music
- ❖ experienced therapists, healers, workshop and group leaders with years of practice
- ❖ people who can touch souls, shift the atmosphere, put people into higher / deeper states, induce authenticity, opening, healing, love, presence and celebration of life - any of these or combinations of these. We want you to make sure people leave the room differently from when they walked in.
- ❖ people who can consciously link and explain their work in integral terms - but not just as a vague reference or mere marketing strategy - rather as genuine integralists who "know what they do". We strongly prefer people who understand how their exercise is embodying and manifesting a given integral principle or concept, thereby marrying territory and map.

You are welcome to bring in known approaches or new approaches that you have developed – or a combination of different methods that you have merged into a fresh new approach, or a groundbreaking new practice.

We expect you to be able to relate the practice you offer to Wilber's integral theory in a non-superficial way.

Conference participants will be encouraged to pre-select which workshop they want to attend and they will be able to choose between less-committed, lighter experiences and deeper immersion in multi-day group processes.

Workshop formats:

Therefore, you can apply for offering two different workshop formats, long and short. The short format is 1x3 hours, the long format is a 3x3 hours, (a closed group over 3 days). The 3-day option is meant as special container for deep group work to occur. The short format option is meant for lighter and more introductory workshops. The number of slots available for long format workshops is limited. You can apply in parallel for both versions.

Pre-Conference Workshops:

We will also offer select Pre-Conference workshops (4 hours) on Thursday, May 8th.

Workshop leaders that have been admitted to present their work will be asked in a later phase to hand in a more detailed description of their offer for our final evaluation.

Poster Presentations:

The IEC will feature a constant poster-exhibition. All poster-presenters will be asked to be present during special poster presentation hours to show their work and answer questions. Please follow the general submission guidelines below.

Invitation to non-European integral friends

We warmly welcome our integral friends from the US, Canada, the Americas, Africa, Australia and Asia. We have a special role for you: we would like to invite you to *occupy the global stage!*

Enacting our collective interiors: “You simply had to be there...”

The advantage of coming to the first European conference is that you will meet a lot of people you would otherwise never meet because they often can't fly overseas for integral gatherings. Still they represent and create great value that fertilizes the global integral scene. Even if you already “know” people through Facebook or other virtual social networks, nothing compares to real encounter, the smiles, handshakes, hugs and experiences you will share, and the real human connections you will make. This is your chance to show up and connect. We also invite you to determine the course of the future of the global integral movement. We keep in focus the mission of this conference, which is giving Europeans a chance to fully show up and create the identity of a European integral community. And you will witness this historical first.

Occupy the global stage

In the global panel we invite non-Europeans to the main stage in the presence of all European conference attendees. We would like to acknowledge your presence, the country you come from, your integral activity, and offer as many of you as logistically possible the microphone to engage in a cross-continental dialogue. We will also look into the future aiming towards a truly global integral conference. This is your chance to show up and connect with the entire audience. We will shape the exact format of this magnificent encounter as we who is coming and in what number. If you are interested, please apply via our [online form](#).

Poster presentation

We also invite you to let Europeans know what you do in your part of the world. The IEC will feature a constant poster-exhibition. All poster-presenters will be asked to be present during special poster presentation hours to show their work and answer questions. Please follow the general submission guidelines below.

Beyond marketing

In this conference we really want to create a human field of encounter, where ultimately *being together* is more important than our economic self-interest. This time let's look beyond marketing and selling our stuff. Let's expand our perspective of each other beyond being new consumers and new markets for our own products to each other. We don't want to deny this aspect, but we aim for a higher experience. You are invited to experience this quality and being carried, nurtured, inspired and massaged by the we-space of the integral crowd of this rich cultural continent. And your presence will enrich the European participants in turn.

General Submission Guidelines and Information

Please note: the following instructions apply for all of the above-mentioned kinds of applications and contributions from all three tracks (academic papers, posters, general presentations, experiential workshops).

How to apply:

Please send us

- ❖ a brief abstract (300 characters)
- ❖ a long abstract (1.000 characters)
- ❖ a brief bio (150 characters)
- ❖ a long bio (500 characters)
- ❖ a high-resolution portrait picture of yourself (in color, .jpeg, 2-3 MB, 300 dpi).
- ❖ your contact details: email, phone number (with country code, e.g. “+49” for Germany), postal address
- ❖ a general outline of your contribution - a rough stage-script with topics, subtopics, as well as any multimedia-elements / materials you may want to include

Formal guidelines:

All submissions must adhere to the following universal format:

Font: "Times New Roman", 12pt size in Word (.doc document format). All character counts include spaces and have a + 20 characters tolerance. Please make use of the automatic character-count function in your text editor to stay within the limits. Submissions that don't follow this format unfortunately cannot expect to be taken into account for the selection process.

If you apply in the academic track and have already produced a paper you are invited to send it in along with your formal application. You can also hand in a paper later if your proposal has been accepted.

Deadlines:

Please send in your abstracts by *Jan 15th, 2014*. Later submissions may be reviewed but the likelihood of admission drops after the deadline, since the available slots will likely already be taken. The deadline for handing in papers in the academic track after your contribution has been accepted is March 31st.

Notification:

Please send proposals or any questions you might have to iec@integraleurope.org.

Notification of acceptance or rejection will occur by *January 31st, 2014* or as soon as possible after a late submission.

Terms and Conditions for presenters:

Some slots will have admission fee reductions. Depending on the slot the applicant is given, he or she will get a reduction. We are currently working on defining the reduction system and will let all applicants know as soon as we have it in place. Slots will be allocated after reviewing all the incoming applications.

IEC Awards for best contributions:

By submitting your proposals you also get the chance to win an award for the best contribution in each of the three tracks. Additionally we will award the most dedicated integral community organizers. The awards are kindly sponsored by the *European Integral Academy Foundation (EIA)* and winners will be announced on stage during the IEC Awards ceremony.

Audio and / or video recording:

By handing in your proposal, you automatically agree to grant us the right to document your contribution on video and/or audio. If you don't want your presentation to be recorded, please let us know when you hand in your proposal.

Marketing:

Since this is in our mutual best interest, all contributors are expected to reach out to their networks and actively support the marketing efforts of the IEC1 in order to get the word out. Our marketing-team will contact you with the respective material. We thank you for your cooperation.

We hope you take this unique chance to witness and embody the emergence of Integral consciousness in Europe. See you soon in Budapest!

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