

Symposium “Systems thinking: what’s it for?”

Ludwig von Bertalanffy 110

Event on the occasion of the anniversary of Ludwig von Bertalanffy’s birthday

10 November 2011, Vienna

Programme

Bus transfer

8.30 (sharp!) Hotel de France, Schottenring 3, 1010 Wien – Weingut am Reisenberg, Oberer Reisenbergweg 15, 1190 Wien

● Presentations 9.00-14.00

9.00 Elohim Jiménez-López, Vice-President, BCSSS (Austria)
Renewed Bertalanffian systems may overcome the perversity of the civilized (?) homosphere generated by the crisis of human values

9.30 Alexander László, Giordano Bruno Globalshift University (USA)
The Humanistic Bases of Systems Thinking

10.00 Magnus Ramage, The Open University, Milton Keynes (UK)
Bertalanffy amid the seven schools: multiple traditions within systems thinking

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45 Helena Knyazeva, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
The Contribution of the Russian Scientific Schools to the Development of Systems Thinking

11.15 Rainer E. Zimmermann, Munich University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
Ground & Existence Revisited: On Morin's Approach to Systems

11.45 Joseph Brenner, International Center for Transdisciplinary Research (Switzerland)
Of Logic and Systems: Ludwig von Bertalanffy and Stéphane Lupasco

12.15-12.30 Refreshments

12.30 Birgit Zehetmayer, University of Vienna (Austria)
Bertalanffy's anthropological vision today

13.00 Matjaž Mulej, President, International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (Slovenia)
Promotion of systemic/cybernetic behavior by ISO 26000 on social responsibility

13.30 Video: Interview with Gisèle Bertalanffy (interviewer: Michel Saint-Germain)

14.00-15.00 Lunch buffet

● Discussion in small groups and plenum 15.00-20.00

Facilitator: Stefan Blachfellner

15.00-16.30 *Analysing the position of the systems movement*

16.30-16.45 **Coffee break**

16.45-18.15 *Envisioning the potential for the development of the systems movement*

18.15-18.30 **Refreshments**

18.30-20.00 *Identifying measures for the prosperity of the systems movement*

● Dinner 20.15

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22.00 Weingut am Reisenberg – Hotel de France

Participants

- Rainer **Born**, Johannes Kepler University of Linz (Austria)
- Ockie **Bosch**, The University of Queensland (Australia)
- Manfred **Blachfellner**, Internationaler Controller Verein (Austria)
- Stefan **Blachfellner**, B Original Business and Communication Design (Austria)
- Joseph **Brenner**, International Center for Transdisciplinary Research (Switzerland)
- Pierre **Bricage**, General Secretary, International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (France)
- Gerhard **Chroust**, Johannes Kepler University of Linz (Austria)
- John **Collier**, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (South Africa)
- Yagmur **Denizhan**, Boğaziçi University (Turkey)
- José María **Díaz Nafría**, University of León (Spain)
- Iryna **Dobronravova**, Kiev Shevchenko National University (Ukraine)
- Raúl **Espejo**, Director-General, World Organisation of Systems and Cybernetics (UK)
- Peter **Fleissner**, Vienna University of Technology (Austria)
- Manfred **Füllsack**, University of Vienna (Austria)
- Eva **Gatarik**, Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences (Austria)
- Andreas **Hieronymi**, Training, Beratung und Coaching (Switzerland)
- Wolfgang **Hofkirchner**, Vienna University of Technology (Austria)
- Elohim **Jiménez-López**, Vice-President, BCSSS (Austria)
- Helena **Knyazeva**, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- Alexander **László**, Giordano Bruno Globalshift University (USA)
- Helmut **Loeckenhoff**, independent (Germany)
- Matjaž **Mulej**, President, International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (Slovenia)
- Gerd **Müller**, University of Vienna (Austria)
- Günther **Ossimitz**, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt (Austria)
- David **Pouvreau**, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (France)
- Magnus **Ramage**, The Open University, Milton Keynes (UK)
- John **Raven**, independent (UK)
- Michel **Saint-Germain**, Université d'Ottawa (Canada)
- Pamela **Vesterby**, independent (USA)
- Vince **Vesterby**, independent (USA)
- Birgit **Zehetmayer**, University of Vienna (Austria)
- Rainer E. **Zimmermann**, Munich University of Applied Sciences (Germany)