

ICSA 2007 DAMANHUR: PROGRAMME OF PRESENTATIONS

*Communities: Yesterday's Utopia, Today's Reality*

**FRIDAY 29 JUNE**

**Friday 29 June: 10.00 to 11.00**

**Adriano Olivetti Conference Hall**

Opening Plenary Session

Convenor: **Tim Miller**

- President's Welcome: **Dennis Hardy**
- Damanhur Welcome: **Uria Sedano, Testuggine Cacao – King Guides of Damanhur**
- Introductory Presentation: **Albert Bates** 'Communal Economics in a Post-Petroleum World'

**Friday 29 June: 11.30 to 13.00**

**Room 1 (Conference Hall)**

Theme: Expressions of Community

Convenor: **Helen Best**

**Shula Keshet** 'Utopia, Topia and Dystopia: The kibbutz as represented in kibbutz literature in the past and present'

**Chris Coates** 'The Sound of Communal Living'

**Tim Miller** 'We Have Nothing to Hide: Public nudity and North American communes'

**Room 2 (Canguru Mais)**

Theme: Religious Underpinnings of Utopia

Convenor: **Yaacov Oved**

**Deborah Altus** 'All Things Common: Comparing Christian interpretations of biblical communism'

**Martha Bradley** 'Religious Communal Groups as Spatial Communities'

**Etta Madden** 'Visions of Peace: The Shakers, the Bruderhof and the World'

**Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: Community and Social Justice

Convenor:

**Yechezkel Dar** 'Changing Conceptions of Justice in the Israeli Kibbutz'

**Michal Palgi** 'Commitment, Trust and Social Justice in the Kibbutz'

**Michael Luxford** 'A Third Way: Altruism in Practice. From individualism to community: the challenge of the future'

**Friday 29 June: 14.30 to 16.00**

**Room 1 (Conference Hall)**

Theme: New Religious Movements

Convenor: **Deborah Altus**

**Massimo Introvigne** 'The Italian Communal Esotericism of the Universal Soul Movement'

**PierLuigi Zoccatelli** 'Symbols in the Church of Universal Soul Movement'

**Slide Presentation**

**Room 2 (Canguru Mais)**

Theme: Co-operation and Community

Convenor:

**Matthieu Lietaert/ Angela Lori:** Cohousing: bringing urban communities back in the market society

**Magali Fleuret** 'An Owenite in Flotey-lès-Vesoul, Haute-Saône'

**Yuval Dror** 'Communal Groups and Urban Kibbutzim Research Project of Yad Tabenkin'

**Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: Global Context of Change

Convenor: **Jan Bang**

**Michael Livni** 'Intentional Community, Modernity, Post Modernity and Globalization: Challenges and prospects'

**Joshua Lockyer** 'From Cultural Critique to Permaculture: Environmental values and contemporary intentional community building'

**Jonathan Dawson** 'Ecovillages'

**Friday 29 June: 16.30 to 17.30**

**Adriano Olivetti Conference Hall**

Second Plenary Session

Theme: Learning in Community

Convenor: **Chris Coates**

- **Anton Marks** Kibbutz as a Learning Experience
- **Joachim Ecker** 'ZEGG Community: Creating a community involves a whole region!'

**Evening: Buffet at Damanhur Crea (18.30 – 19.30)**

**followed by a concert in the Open Temple, Damanhur (20.00 – 22.00)**

## SATURDAY 30 JUNE

### A FESTIVAL OF COMMUNITY

**Saturday 30 June: 9.30 to 11.00**

**Adriano Olivetti Conference Hall**

Convenor: **Dennis Hardy**

**Esperide Ananas** 'A Presentation on Damanhur'

**Saturday 30 June: 11.30 to 13.00**

#### **Room 1 (Conference Hall)**

Theme: Networking and Collaboration Amongst Communities

Convenor: Macaco Tamerice

**Elfo Frassino:** 'Conacreis: Promotion of intentional communities'

**Davide Quarantina** 'Villaggio del Sole: Models of exchange'

**Mimmno Tringale/ Lucilla Borio:** RIVE – Network of Italian Ecovillages

#### **Room 2 (Canguru Mais)**

Theme: Spirituality and Communities

Convenor: Aythya Pimpinella

**Mirai Ebisuna** 'Profile of the Villaggio Verde'

**Osho Miasto** 'Osho Miasto: A profile of an Italian commune'

**Umberto Carmignani** 'The City of Light Association'

#### **Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: Education in Community

Convenor: Anaconda Papaya

**Gazzella Mimosa/ Iride Pistacchio:** 'Utopia of Education in Communities: the example of Damanhur'

**Wallaby Pulsatilla:** Birth in community – welcoming new Souls...

**Nandini Cerri** 'ANANDA and the cooperative spiritual communities'

**Saturday 30 June: 14.30 to 17.30**

**Getting to Know Damanhur**

Optional visits in small groups to the spiritual/historical centre, Damanhurian art studios and informal discussions with Damanhur members.

**Saturday 30 June: 16.00 to 17.30**

**Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: Global Context

Convenor: **Will Keepin**

**Albert Stubblebine and Rima Laibow** 'Codex: An orchestrated threat to the survival of the global community'

**Saturday 30 June: 17.30 to 19.00**

Optional Visits to deepen the understanding of some aspects of Damanhur

- **Calliope, the School of Damanhur - meeting with Gazzella Mimosa**
- **The Damanhurian concept of health and healing – meeting with Caimano Salice**
- **Community and (local) politics – meeting with Coboldo Melo**

**Saturday Evening: An opportunity to have dinner with one of the Damanhurian families (by reservation)**

## SUNDAY 1 JULY

Sunday 1 July: 9.30 to 11.00

### Room 1 (Conference Hall)

Theme: Physical and Spiritual Dimensions

Convenor: **Mike Tyldesley**

**Hildur Jackson** 'Integrated Ecovillage Design: A new tool for physical planning'

**Iris Kunze** 'Experimental Fields for Sustainable Lifestyle Models. What is the contribution of intentional communities to realise ethics of ecological sustainability?'

**Maria Früh** 'The International Spiritual Community'

### Room 2 (Canguru Mais)

Theme: Religious Inspiration

Convenor: **Elena Broslovsky**

**Ruth Kark and Seth Frantzman** 'American Communes and the Holy Land City'

**Wendy Chmielewski** 'Reverend Amanda Deyo: Widowhood and refuge with the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, New York, at the turn of the twentieth century'

**Gideon Kressel** 'Intentional Communities and the Impact of Creed'

### Room 3 (Aula)

Theme: The Kibbutz in a Changing Society

Convenor:

**Eliezer Ben-Rafael and Menachem Topel** 'Kibbutz Identity in its Members' Eyes'

**Arza Avrahami** 'Wishes and Realizations: Kibbutz Youngsters 1986-2000'

**Yaacov Liebermann** 'Framing the Headlines of Four Newspapers: Two local and two kibbutz papers'

**Sunday 1 July: 11.30 to 13.00**

**Room 1 (Conference Hall)**

Theme: New Frontiers

Convenor:

**Valerie Seitz** 'Creating a Regional Center of Gaia University in Tennessee'

**Frank Higdon** 'The School of Living: Building Community in North America'

**Will Keepin** 'Spiritual Activism'

**Room 2 (Canguru Mais)**

Theme: Cooperative Ways Forward

Convenor:

**Saskia Poldervaart** 'The Utopianism of the Longo Mai Cooperatives: Some differences with most intentional communities'

**Nir Michaeli** 'Urban and Educational Kibbutzim: A revival of the cooperative movement in Israel'

**Alan Pauker** 'The Kibbutz Utopia and its Viability in an Independent Country'

**Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: Dimensions of the Kibbutz

Convenor:

**Eli Avrahami** 'Helping Granny to Cross the Street'

**Aharon Azati** 'Between a Voluntary Society and a National Organization: The kibbutz movements and the Israel Defence Force 1948-1957'

**David Zacks** 'Post-Privatization Kibbutzim'

**Sunday 1 July: 14.30 to 16.00**

**Room 1 (Conference Hall)**

Theme: Spiritual Dimensions of Community

Convenor: **Etta Madden**

**Elena Broslovsky** 'The Circle and the Triangle'

**Maria Vasquez** 'RUH (Universal Homeopathic Remedy): An Ecosocial Experiment for Personal and Group Development at Ecovillages'

**Tatiana Ginzburg** 'Shiram Is a Modern Path to Enlightenment'

**Room 2 (Canguru Mais)**

Theme: Journeys in Community

Convenor: **Yossi Katz**

**Bill Metcalf** 'Ethnically-Based Utopian Intentional Communities: The example of New Italy, Australia'

**Baruch Kanari** 'The Rise and Fall of the Community Experiment (as per S. Landshut explanation)'

**Russell, Raymond; Getz, Shlomo; Hanneman, Robert**

From Reform to Transformation of the Israeli Kibbutz, 1990-2005

**Room 3 (Aula)**

Theme: New Frontiers

Convenor:

**Jan Bang** 'Camphill: A spiritual community'

**Ina Meyer-Stoll** 'GAIA Education: New education models for the future'

**Henry Near** 'The Kibbutz Utopia Today (and Tomorrow?): A report from the front'

**Sunday 1 July: 16.30 to 17.30**

**Adriano Olivetti Conference Hall**

Concluding Plenary Session

Theme: Communes, Utopia and the Future

Convenor: **Bill Metcalf**

- **Ross Jackson** 'Gaia in Utopia 2107'
- **Yaacov Oved** 'Changes in Modern Communes: From utopian propensity to pragmatic approach'
- **Dennis Hardy** Concluding Comments

**Sunday Evening: Conference Dinner (19.00)**

**Performance of Laser and Dance (Adriano Olivetti Hall, 21.00)**