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INVITATION to PARTICIPATE

Twelfth Fuschl Conversation

Sunday, April 18 to Friday, April 23, 2004, 16:00

at Seehotel Schlick,

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I have the pleasure to formally invite you on the behalf of the IFSR to participate in the Fuschl 2004 Conversation. Your assignment to a Team is listed below. Unfortunately we had to restrict the number of participants by rejecting some applications.

Prof. Gerhard Chroust
(IFSR Treasurer)

- **Please confirm receipt of this email ASAP!**
- **If you have further questions please contact us (GC@sea.uni-linz.ac.at) or Christian Hofer (CH@sea.uni-linz.ac.at) or your team coordinator.**
- **If you have to cancel please advise us immediately, because of the impact on the conversation!**

Please note the following Rules:

1. The IFSR will pay for hotel accommodation and half pension from Sunday (April 18) evening until Friday (April 23) morning. If you don't consume dinner there is no refund. Instead of dinner on Wednesday there is Lunch on Friday included.
2. Additional nights will have to be booked and paid by yourself. Please contact the hotel (office@seehotelschlick.at) as soon as possible because rooms are limited.
3. Lunch and drinks will have to be paid by yourself. If you take lunch at the hotel it will be approx. €10.
4. The registration fee is €100 and has to be paid **by March 1st, 2004** to account 405.924.865, RAIKA Linz-Traun, named "Gerhard Chroust/IFSR", (bank code: 34000, IBAN: AT183400000405924865, BIC: RZOOAT2L) indicating "Fuschl2004". This payment is not refundable.
5. You may take your partner with you, at your own cost. The additional cost for half pension (breakfast and dinner) is approx. €50 per night, to be paid directly to the hotel. Please advise us of your intention in order to arrange for a double room.

6. You are requested to supply the final version of your necessary think paper ('input paper') **by February 29th, 2004**. Send a copy to your team members and one copy to us (emails are attached). Note that this paper will only be available to the participants of the Fuschl 2004 Conversation and will not be published externally. Thus you have no problem in re-using existing material. The paper should not be too long and helpful for your team conversation. Very often the input papers are the basis for a reworked paper, based on the conversation, to be published in the Fuschl Proceedings.
7. You are also obliged to contribute to the initial and the final summary paper as requested by your team coordinator. After the conversation we plan to publish the proceedings in the series of the Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies (carrying an ISBN number!)

Teams:

The Fuschl 2004 Conversations will - to a large extent - be the continuation of the conversations held in 1998, 2000 and 2002 and will comprise the following five teams, each led by a team coordinator (there might be one or two additions later).

Team 1: New Agoras for the 21st Century: Building a knowledge-based society

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Team 3: Foundations of Information Science: What comes after Enlightenment Rationality?

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Team 4: "Being" Social Systems: Awareness and Enactment

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Team 5: Y3K and a Meta-System Design Field

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Work plan:

The work of the teams is accomplished in four phases described below.

Preparation Phase (January 2004 – April 2004, dislocated):

During this phase the team is organized by the coordinator, who also sets the parameters for the preparation, e.g. discussion of the input papers, further reading material, and performs e-mail discussion on the topic.

Final Input Paper is due on February 29, 2004! Please send it to Christian Hofer and your team!

Conversation Phase (April 18th – April 23th, 2004, in Fuschl):

At the on-set of the conversation in Fuschl the teams review their agenda and develop triggering questions that guide their conversation. At the end of each day, research teams report on their progress. On Friday (April 23) morning, the teams present their findings to all members. Plans are developed to accomplish the follow-up Phase. An initial summary paper per team will be prepared for the IFSR-Newsletter.

Follow-up Phase (April 24th – Oct. 15th, 2004, dislocated):

- (1) The editors of the proceedings (G. Chroust and C. Hofer) will report on the conversation in the IFSR-Newsletter (Juli/August) based on the initial team reports, augmented by pictures from the Fuschl conversation.
- (2) The team coordinators, in cooperation with the team prepares a final report on his team's Conversation for the Proceedings.
- (3) Individual members may write and submit their individual scholarly papers based on their work on their team and probably linked to their input paper (limited to 8 pages).

Final Team Report and individual papers are due on Oct. 15, 2004 in machine readable form (Word)!

Dissemination Phase (Oct. 15th – Nov. 30th, 2004):

- (1) The editors prepare the final proceedings of the conversation to be published in the Report Series of the Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies (with ISBN number)
- (2) Proceedings of the conversation are mailed to all participants, to sponsoring organizations and to other relevant people
- (3) An account of the conversations will be printed in the IFSR Journal of Systems Research and Behavioral Studies.
- (4) Proceedings can be bought from the Austrian Society for Cybernetic Studies.