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MINNEAPOLIS CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH

Our fifth annual conference will be held June 17-20 at the Hubert H. Humphrey Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA. The main conference begins on Wednesday, June 17, at 4 p.m., with a debate between Afzal Rahim (con) and Evert van de Vliert (pro) on the "Relevance of Blake and Mouton's Managerial Grid approach for conflict research today." It ends at noon on Saturday, June 20. There will be two preconference workshops from 1 to 3:30 on Wednesday.

An exciting program containing more than 130 papers and posters has been put together by William Ross and Dean Tjosvold. A preliminary copy of this program is enclosed.

The keynote address will be given by William Ury on the topic "Designing conflict resolution systems" on June 18 at 11 a.m. There will also be a public address by Roger Johnson on "Conflict management: Who is preparing the next generation?"

The responsibility for local arrangements has been in the hands of Tom Fiutak of the Conflict and Change Center at the University of Minnesota. Conference registration is being handled by the IACM Registrar, Professional Development and Conference Services, 315 Pillsbury Drive SE, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0139, USA. Fax: (612) 626-1632. Hotel reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Metrodome, 1500 Washington Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55455, USA. Fax: (612) 338-4049.

A meeting of the IACM Board of Directors will be held at 9 a.m. June 17 at the Hubert H. Humphrey conference center.

IACM 1993 CONFERENCE IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM

We will hold our sixth annual conference at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, June 17-20, 1993. This continues our tradition of meeting alternate years outside North America. Local arrangements will be in the hands of Jean Marie Hiltrop and Rene Bouwen.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

We have had three elections since the last issue of Signal. Last spring, Evert van de Vliert was elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term starting in June 1991. Evert is Professor in the Department of Social and Organizational Psychology at the University of Groningen.

Last fall, Dean Tjosvold was voted president-elect, and took office immediately because the office was vacant. Dean is University Professor in the Faculty of Business Administration at Simon Fraser University. Becoming president-elect puts one on the Board of Directors for three years: one year as president-elect, one year as president, and one year as past-president. This means that Dean will become president next month and past-president in June 1993.

One result of the most recent balloting were that Linda Putnam was endorsed as president-elect. She will take this office next month and become president in June 1993. Linda is Professor in the Department of Communication at Purdue University.

In addition, Trish Jones and Rod Kramer were elected to the Board of Directors, to take office next month for two-year terms, replacing Peter Carnevale and Linda Putnam. Trish is Associate Professor in the Department of Rhetoric and Communication at Temple University, and Rod is Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.

Jim Wall, Professor and Chair of the Department of Management at the University of Missouri, has been appointed our Executive Officer and now runs the IACM Business Office. Jim's address is Department of Management, Middlebush Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211. Tel: (314) 882-4561. Fax (314) 882-0365. This is now the official address of our organization.

PUBLICATIONS

William Ross is preparing proceedings of next months' conference, which will be part of the registration packet at the conference. Trish Jones is finishing an updated version of the Bibliography of Member Publications, which will be distributed in the fall and may be available at the conference.

OTHER CONFERENCES

The First European Conference on Peace-Making and Conflict Resolution was held April 24-27 in Anatolya, Turkey, under the leadership of Mehmet Gurkaynak of the Middle East Technical University. Many IACM members were in attendance, including Martin Euwema, Vasu Gounden, Louise Nieuwmeijer, Hugo Prein, Jacob Rabbie, Zofia Rummel-Syska, Dean Tjosvold, and Evert van de Vliert. Dean Tjosvold writes that there is a growing awareness that Europeans need conflict management knowledge to cope with the many pressing issues posed by Europe Without Borders and the collapse of the old regimes in Eastern Europe. The next conference of this organization will be in Madrid in April 1994.

The Ethnic Studies Network of the Centre for the Study of Conflict of the University of Ulster will hold a conference on Conflict and Change June 8-10. The location will be the Causeway Coast Conference Centre, Portrush, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. Interested parties should contact Project Planning, Montalto Estate, Spa Road, Ballynahinch BT24 8PT, Northern Ireland. Tel: 0238-561993. Fax: 0238-565073.

The Fifteenth Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco, July 4-8. Many of the talks and symposia will deal with international conflict. Other topics of interest to IACM members are collective violence and the mediation of social conflict. Conference registration will be handled by Ed Dennis, ISPP Registrar, 1808 Jefferson St., Eugene, OR 97402, USA. Room registration will be handled by the Reservations Department, Grand Hyatt Hotel, 345 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA 94108, USA.

The United States Institute of Peace will present a series of Dialogues on Conflict Resolution Techniques: Bridging Theory and Practice, July 13-15, at the Mayflower Hotel, in Washington, DC, USA. The dialogues will center attention on the conflicts in Kashmir, Mozambique, Nagorno-Karabakh, Peru and Yugoslavia. To obtain a brochure and registration materials, write to Research and Studies Program, United States Institute of Peace, 1550 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-1708. Tel: (202) 429-3848. Fax: (202) 429-6063.

An International Conference on Multicultural Conflict Management in Changing Societies will be held at the Aloe Ridge Hotel and Game Reserve, 45 kilometers from Johannesburg, South Africa, August 26-28. The objective of the conference will be to explore principles that may aid in the management of conflict resulting from the rapid political changes that are taking place in many parts of the world. Interested parties should contact Louise Nieuwmeijer of the Human Sciences Research Council, Private Bag X41, Pretoria 0001, South Africa. Tel: 012-2022306. Fax 012-2022994.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

There is a very active conflict management community in Australia, coordinated by the Conflict Resolution Network, a peace program of the United Nations Association of Australia. A free subscription to this organization's Conflict Resolution Network News, can be obtained by writing CRN, PO Box 1016, Chatswood, NSW 2057, Australia. Tel: 02-419-850. Fax: 02-413-1148.

Antioch University is seeking a faculty member to provide leadership for a new Individualized Master of Arts degree Program in Conflict Management and Resolution, which will begin in spring 1993. Candidates, who must have a doctorate, should contact the School for Adult and Experiential Learning, 800 Livermore Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387, USA. Tel: (513) 767-6321.