

CALL FOR PAPERS

FORUM 2007

FORUM 2007 is a SYMPOSIUM ON THE ROLE AND QUALITY OF COMMUNICATION AMONG INDIVIDUALS IN BUILDING AND MAINTAINING HARMONIOUS AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AS ONE BALANCES THE NEEDS AND WANTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH THE COMMON GOOD OF SOCIETY¹

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PREAMBLE:

Humanity is going through a period of a variety of difficult survival problems. An example is that communication technology allows different cultures to experience challenges to the existing order with the bombardment of information. This information is frequently not seeking truth, but seeking a selective personal agenda frequently not open for discussion of what should be for the common good.

One of the most important issues today, is that humanity has lost its integrity and disintegrated into independent elements distanced from each other both within and without. The ebb and flow of harmony and balance is severely disrupted as a result of people failing to build on their common needs and finding peaceful ways to resolve cultural differences and conflicts. Both individuals and society are thus in a great need to re-emerge as integrated wholes. This process may have happened many times in human history, but none of those happenings was of such a big dimension, spread and substance that we are facing now as a whole humanity.

¹ Follow-up to FORUM 2006: On Individual Freedom and Individual Responsibility Balancing Society's Requirements and Individual Needs, conducted by Dr. Robert Justin

On the other hand, human beings individually and communities formed by their gathering together around common interests and aspirations for harmonious living have an inherent ability to choose the good, beautiful and trustworthiness with an in-born ability for harmoniously connecting with each other. This energy is the way to continuously move communities to connect with each other. This inherent ability to heal and re-emerge from any life-threatening illnesses of individuals through their personal self-healing process could also be the key to the self-correcting ability of their groups and communities. It should, however, be kept in mind that Society's needs and those of individuals may at times be in conflict.

ORGANIZATION OF PAPERS

The points raised and possible approaches cited above may be the guiding principle for contributions to be made within this Forum. Hopefully, benefit and support can be derived from still existing examples of harmonious and healthily living neighborhoods and communities. Comparing the conditions that prepare the atmosphere for individual and societal ill-will and those supporting the creation and maintenance of individual and societal well-being may shed light on this inquiry.

The ultimate objective of this endeavor would be identifying conditions which support building step by step wholesome individuals leading to the re-emergence of balanced societies interacting with their real material and emotional needs met with a mutual respect supported by a collective consciousness. Society can mean a family, tribe, social club, city, nation, planet or some group of people who have organized itself in some form or shape.

Individual freedoms are an important part of democracy as are the responsibilities associated with those freedoms. Society requires that certain standards are met for good of all society. Sometimes society's needs impinge upon an individual's freedom. This Forum will examine the conflicts between society's needs and individual freedoms. Papers are invited to examine the conflict, ways to classify conflicts, rate the needs of society and individuals, and suggest methods for resolving conflicts and establish a balance between societies' needs and individual freedom. Participants are invited to tell their stories about the process of teaching individuals how to create a balanced society with its material, intellectual and emotional needs met.

This Forum will primarily explore Cybernetics of “What Should the Balance Be Between Societies Requirements and an Individual Freedoms?” This Forum is organized and sponsored by the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research & Cybernetics in collaboration with Systems Research Foundation.

This Forum is not only to share the messages of juried papers and of interactions among participants at the Conference, but to collectively select the most suiting papers for a publication of real value to the community.

FORMALITIES (for more details for paper preparation and submission please consult www.ias.edu).

Participants who wish to present a paper are requested to submit two copies of an Abstract (up to 200 words) and/or an electronic copy as soon as possible, but not later than **March 30, 2007**. All submitted papers will be refereed. Those selected will be scheduled for presentation and published in Conference Proceedings. Notification of acceptance will be sent to authors by **April 9, 2007**.

The full papers, not to exceed 5 single-spaced typed pages, should be submitted with photo-ready copies of artwork by **May 9, 2007**. The Abstracts, as well as the camera ready copies and the relevant diskettes of the paper should be submitted to:

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with a copy to organizers, rjustin@qquest.com and aydin@flashnet.it , with whom interaction may continue throughout the preparation of Abstracts and Papers proper.

Participants are encouraged to represent the highlights of their papers during the paper presentation session to take place in *the morning* and full discussions on points raised by participants during the paper presentation session will take place in the Forum proper in an *afternoon* session.