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The Role and Quality of Communication in Building Healthy Communities

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Welcoming Remarks and Introduction
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Research-Based Assessment of Self-Organizing Communities:
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Measuring Quality of Communication and Diagnosing Community Health
by Prof. George E. Lasker, International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics (IIAS), Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada

Children and Their Development in Marginal Communities
by Dr. Steffi Wiesbauer, President, International Anthropological Society, Wien, Austria

Psychological Approaches in Reducing Dehumanization in Organizations
by Prof. Robert J. Taormina, University of Macau, Macao

Mind and Its Longings:
Well Behaving Individuals – Well Behaving Communities (Keynote Address)
by Prof. Ayten Aydin, IIAS, Rome, Italy

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Humanity is going through a period of difficult survival problems. It has disintegrated into independent elements distanced from each other both within and without. The harmony and balance is severely disrupted as a result of people failing to build on their common needs and to seek peaceful ways to resolve their cultural differences and conflicts. On the other hand, the individual human beings and communities gathered together around common interests and aspiration for harmonious living have an inherent ability to choose the good and beautiful, and to harmoniously interact and connect with each other. The roundtable discussion should identify and explore conditions that facilitate harmonious relations and interaction amongst individuals, communities, societies and cultures in order to replicate them in our present day environment and advance development of a just, peaceful and harmonious world.