

**< InterSymp 2008 >**  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Personal and Spiritual Development in the World of Cultural Diversity**

Chairs:

**Prof. Kensei Hiwaki, Tokyo International University, Japan**  
**Prof. Otto E. Roessler, University of Tuebingen, Germany**  
**Prof. Hugh Gash, St Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland**

In our cotemporary world, society is changing rapidly, personal and spiritual values have declined in importance and commercialized values predominate in a global economy. It is timely to reflect on our states and constructions of personality and spirituality in the world of cultural diversity. Also, it is highly meaningful to reflect on alternative paradigms for a future course of human development and find out sounder and more satisfactory lifestyles relevant to our world of cultural diversity, as well as to our aspiration for Sustainable Development. This symposium invites contributions that relates to personal and spiritual development in historical, social, scientific, artistic, aesthetic, ethical, psychological and/or humanitarian frameworks, particularly relating to the respective holistic cultures of various societies in the world.

Our Symposium is continuous since 2004, and all the personally delivered contributions have been published in books entitled, *Personal and Spiritual Development in the World of Cultural Diversity – Volume I to Volume IV* (edited by G.E. Lasker and K. Hiwaki), the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics (IIAS).

Titles of Papers (samples) presented at the past Symposia:

- A Cosmic Synthesis
- Cultural Enrichment and Personal Maturation
- Spirituality, Uncertainty and Tolerance
- Postmodern Spirituality: Rational Alternative to the Global Turn to Religion

- Wonder and Forms of Reasoning: Mind Altering Contexts
- Personal-Spiritual Development and New Enlightenment
- How to Sell Humanity?
- Integrity or Progress: Life or Death?
- Benevolence Theory
- Understanding Possibilities in Science and Religion
- Dialogue between Outer and Inner Sensory Impressions
- Tolerance and an Awareness of History
- Cognitive Traps on the Way of Spiritual Development of the Individual
- Needs and Possibility of Adapting to Cross-Cultural Difference: History & Reality
- Greed Indeed: Modernity, Multiplicity and a Call for Manifold Metrics
- First-person Science, Cognitive Science, and Spiritual Practice
- Modeling Faith and Uncertainty
- Democracy for Our Insular Planet.

Please send a message to **Prof. Kensei Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail or Fax, if you are interested in presenting a paper at our 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium. Also, please send an **abstract** of approximately 200 English words in duplicate to **Prof. George E. Lasker** and the same **abstract** by E-mail attachment to **Prof. Hiwaki** no later than March 30, 2008.

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**Notification of acceptance** will be sent you by **April 9, 2008**.

Two camera-ready copies of your paper and the relevant diskette must reach **Prof. Lasker**, no later than **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (due date for publication of the Symposium papers)**. Please send simultaneously to **Prof. Hiwaki** a copy of your paper by E-mail attachment.

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