3rd Symposium on the Celtic Civilization: Important Implications to Today’s European and Global Issues

ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of InterSymp 2003 – the 15th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics (to be held in Baden-Baden, Germany, from July 28th to August 2nd, 2003), I have the pleasure to announce the above Special Focus Symposium to be organized and chaired by myself (Kensei Hiwaki, Conference Co-Chairman, Professor of International Economics, Tokyo International University).

We would like to explore lessons from Celtic wisdom, experiences and lifestyles to apply to our endeavors of resolving the contemporary European and global issues.

Interested in the relationship between the ancient Celtic experiences and the contemporary global issues, such as sustainable development, culture of peace and welfare world, and issues relevant to the on-going European unification, we will welcome papers of insightful and scholarly contributions.

Samples of approaches to the Celtic Civilization are, as follows:

- Diverse Celtic cultures
- Enrichment of cultures
- Socioeconomic development
- Human development
- Motivating factors behind the massive migration
- Thought frame and view of the world
- Attitude toward the natural environment and resources
- Governance of inter-tribal relationship
- Business, organization and management
- Local, inter-tribal, inter-regional trades, trading partners and trade rules
- Value systems and lifestyles
- Cherished virtues and social recognition
- The immortality of the soul and human relations
- Families, family lives and rules of households
- Tribal division of labor and sex roles
- Private versus public
- Leadership and ethics
- Gift giving and loyalty
- Livestock farming, agriculture and forestry
- Cultural identities of the present-day Europeans as regards the Celtic Civilization
- Influences on modern European ideas, arts, literature and philosophies
- And so on.

Please send me a message as soon as possible by E-mail or Fax, if you are interested in presenting a paper at the Symposium.

Also, please send me an abstract of approximately 200 English words via E-mail attachment by February 15th, 2003. Alternatively, please send me two hard copies of your abstract to reach my university address no later than February 15th, 2003.

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Notification of acceptance will be sent you by March 1st, 2003.

Two camera-ready hard copies of your paper must be received by our Conference Chairman, Prof. George E. Lasker (University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, N9B 3P4), no later than May 1st, 2003.

Please feel free to pass on this information to any colleague, as appropriate.