

The Aesthetic *of* Otherness:

meeting at the boundary in a desensitized world



A joint AAGT and EAGT Gestalt Conference at the crossroads of civilisations

Pre-Conference: 21st September; Conference: 22nd–25th September 2016

Taormina Sicily - Hilton Hotel

Conference Brochure

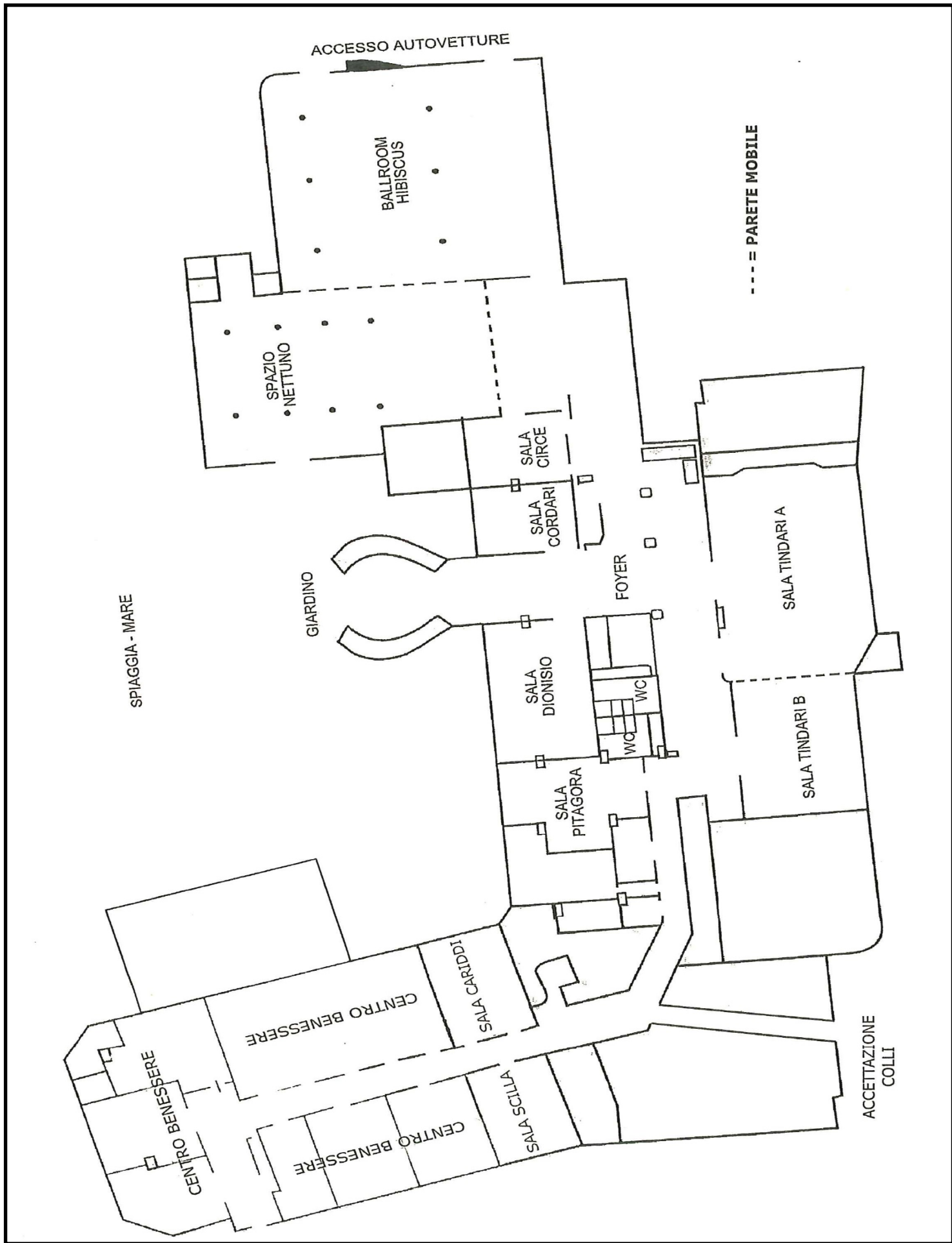


Conference Overview

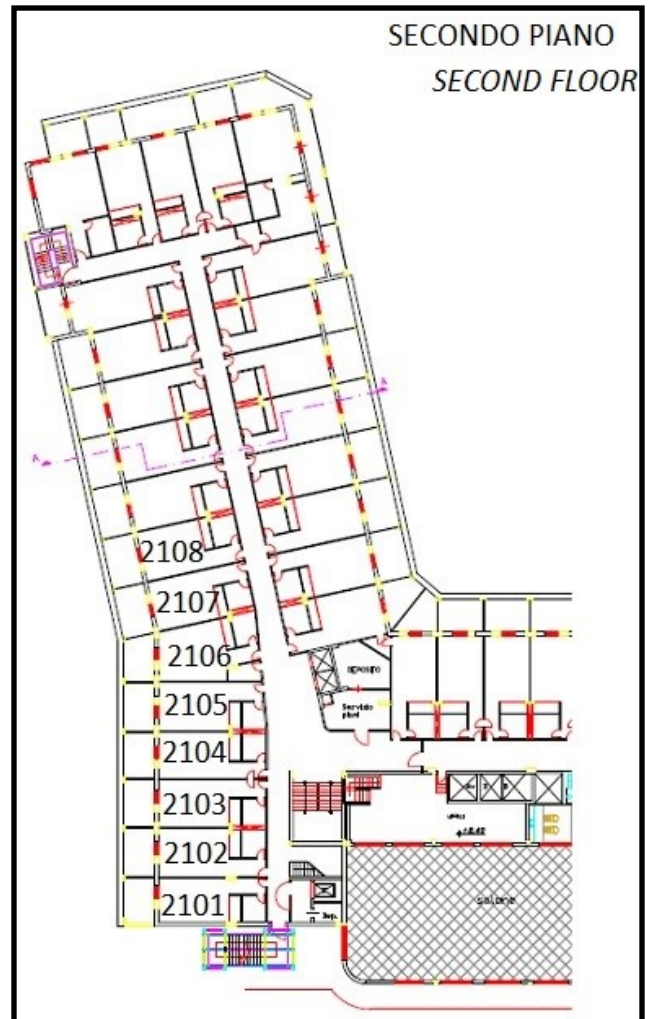
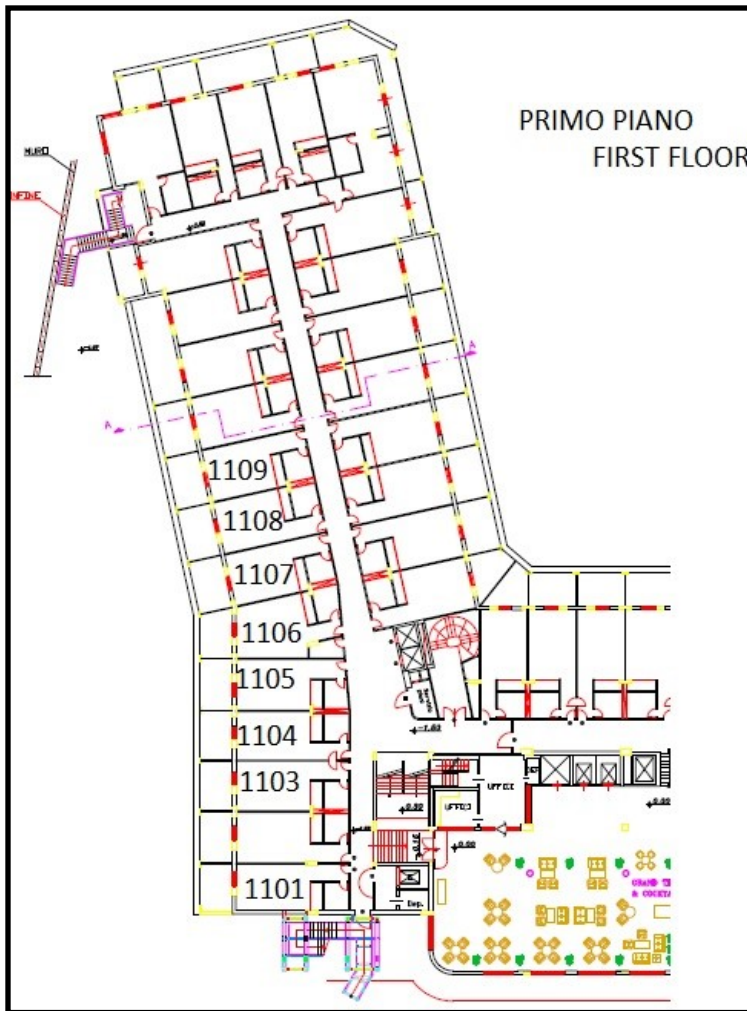
| | Wednesday 21 September | | Thursday 22 September | Friday 23 September | Saturday 24 September | Sunday 25 September | | | | |
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| Morning | 9:00 – 1:00 Pre-Conference Workshops (find room locations on page 13) | | 9:00 – 1:30 EAGT – Annual General Meeting | 8:30 – 10:00 Plenary Speech: Donna Orange (Tindari A + B) Panel: Dan Bloom, Lynne Jacobs, Margherita Spagnuolo Lobb | 8:30 – 10:00 Plenary Speech: Tonino Griffiero (Tindari A + B) Panel: Monica Botelho Alvim, Gianni Francesetti, Jean Marie Robine | 9:00 – 10:00 Community Meeting (Tindari A + B) | | | | |
| | | | | 10:00 – 10:30 Break | 10:00 – 10:30 Break | 10:00 – 10:30 Break | | | | |
| | | | | 10:30 – 12:00 Session A: Workshops and Panels | 10:30 – 12:00 Session D: Workshops and Panels | 10:30 – 11:30 Process Groups | | | | |
| | | | | | | 11:30 – 12:00 Break | | | | |
| | | | | | | 12:00 – 1:30 Community Meeting (Tindari A + B) | | | | |
| Lunch | 1:00 – 2:30 Lunch– on your own | | 1:30 – 2:30 Lunch– on your own | 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch | 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch | 1:30 – 2:30 Lunch – on your own | | | | |
| Afternoon | 2:30 – 6:30 EAGT General Board Meeting | 2:30 – 6:30 Pre- Conference Workshops (find room locations on page 13) | 2:30 – 5:00 Process Group Facilitator Training | 1:00 – 2:00 Plenary Speech: Leslie Greenberg (Tindari A + B) | 1:00 – 2:00 Community Meeting (Tindari A + B) | 2:30 –5:30 AAGT - Annual General Meeting | 2:30 –5:30 EAGT- Executive Com- mittee | | | |
| | | | | 2:00 – 2:30 Break | 2:00 – 2:30 Break | | | | | |
| | | | 4:00 – 5:00 AAGT New Members/First Timers Orientation | 2:30 – 4:00 Process Groups | 2:30 – 3:30 Session E: Lectures | | | | | |
| | | | | 4:00 – 4:30 Break | 3:30 – 4:00 Break | | | | | |
| | | | 5:00 – 5:30 Break | 4:30– 6:00 Session B: Workshops and Panels | 4:00 – 5:30 Session F: Workshops and Panels | | | | | |
| | | | 5:30 – 6:00 Welcome Address (Tindari A + B) | 6:00– 6:15 Break | 5:30 – 6:00 Break | | | | | |
| | | | | | 6:00 – 7:30 Process Groups | | | | | |
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| | | | Evening | 6:30 - Free time | | 6:00 – 7:00 Opening Event (Tindari A + B) | 6:15 – 7:45 Session C: Workshops and Panels | 7:30 – 11:00 Break Dinner Auction Entertainment Giardino (Garden facing the sea) | | |
| | | | | | | 7:00 – 8:30 Process Groups (find locations on pg. 15) | | | | |
| 8:45 – Dinner | 7:45 – 11:00 Free Time / Dinner on your own | | | | | | | | | |

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Hotel maps—First and Second Floor



Sicily

Giardini-Naxos

Welcome from Conference Conveners

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to Taormina and the first EAGT/AAGT joint conference!

Here together in Sicily we are living an experiment conceived by the three sponsoring associations some years ago. Let's provide you with some background for this event. In the spring of 2013, Margherita was asked by the AAGT if she would like to support the organisation of an AAGT conference in Italy. At the same time the EAGT was searching for a site for its next conference. Usually one of the European national associations comes forward with a candidate. Some people on the EAGT General Board asked Gianni to propose Italy. At this point, Margherita and Gianni realized that these two suggestions could converge as one since both conferences were to be held in 2016. They felt excited by the possibility of a joint conference in Italy: a lot of novelty emerging at the contact boundary!

So, the Italian association, chaired by Michele Cannavò, brought a proposal to the EAGT conference in Krakow in September 2013. It included the clear statement that if Italy would be chosen the proposal would be for a joint EAGT/AAGT conference. Italy received a clear preference over other candidates. So Margherita and Gianni proposed to the AAGT the project of a jointly planned and administered Taormina conference. During its biennial get-together in Asilomar, California in September 2014, the AAGT decided to join in this adventure. After a quite long and intense process within and between the three associations, people developed enough trust to dare such an experiment: the ground was ready and the organisational work started! Beside Gianni and Margherita, at this point Burt from the AAGT and Jelena from the EAGT volunteered as conveners. Many additional people from the three associations committed to assist in this journey by working in committees and taking on difficult organizational tasks such as peer review, programming, logistics, registration and process group structuring.

We four conveners have been the room where the energies, sometime synergic, sometime conflicting, arrived and needed help to find a good shape: we have been supported by a common vision and ground and by the trust that this experiment was worthy, exciting, potentially fruitful. We never lost this support and we had the great experience to collaborate with generous, devoted and competent people who did a huge amount of work in order for us to be here together today. The fact that registration for the conference was unexpectedly maxed out seven months before the conference shows that we are meeting a need or a wish in the field: to have the chance to meet each other, to explore our similarities and differences in an aesthetic way and in a beautiful place. From these ingredients the title of the conference emerged.

We are aware that this conference is a big challenge, logistically and culturally. We, all the members of the scientific and planning committee, have done our best to provide an exciting and safe enough ground to meet the novelty and foster our growth. We are grateful for the generous work that the volunteers are offering for making possible our meeting. What we need now is your presence, your aesthetic commitment, your availability to make contact and take in the other in a process that we hope can transform all of us and provide new ground for future adventures.

Enjoy this first EAGT/AAGT joint conference!

The Conveners



Gianni Francesetti



Burt Lazarin



Margherita Spagnuolo Lobb



Jelena Zeleskov Djoric

Welcome letter from Presidents and Presidents-Elect

Dear Participants,

Welcome to Taormina!

We are so excited that you are joining us for this conference. The conference is the result of a long process of collaboration between our three organizations, the AAGT, EAGT and SIPG (Italian Association for Gestalt Therapy). Past connections came together four years ago that led to the SPIG proposing a joint conference to the EAGT and the EAGT then approaching AAGT. And so here we are today, joining together for what may be the largest Gestalt Therapy conference ever! We are so grateful to the many volunteers from around the globe who have contributed to make this conference a reality. This would not be possible without the hard work of so many who have given so selflessly to bring us together in this new way.

Since the idea was first hatched, EAGT, AAGT and SIPG expressed both a excitement and doubt! Excitement for the great novelty and opportunities for discovery that this joint venture would no doubt bring, and doubts about finding common ground for the different traditions cultures, purposes and visions of our organizations. Since the beginning, then, it was clear we faced both a great opportunity and a great challenge!

And now, here we are! The field has provided enough support for us to move forward with this adventure and today we embody this living experiment. We are creatively present with our own interests and wishes, differences and potentialities, ready to explore the foreign land of our being together.

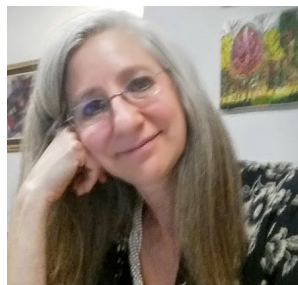
We see the process of this conference as a historic event; a possibility for the organizing associations to learn from each other, to open our boundaries and redefine our identities. We trust that the experience of our meeting in this new way will be a process of transformation that provides new ground for further journeys. We wish you an aesthetic experience springing from the emergent beauty that the joint-venture of this conference promises!

Enjoy this time together; we look forward to our co-creation of what will unfold!

Warmest Wishes,



Michele Cannavo
SIPG President



Patricia Tucker
AAGT President



Gianni Francesetti
EAGT President



Toni Gilligan
AAGT President-Elect



Beatrix Wimmer
EAGT President-Elect

A Warm Welcome From AAGT Membership

As members of the AAGT Board and chairs of the Membership Committee we welcome you to the 13th Biennial AAGT Conference and the first joint AAGT and EAGT conference. We hope you will find opportunities here that will offer you nourishing experiences. While you are with us, we would like you to consider becoming part of our AAGT family. If you are already a member we want to express our appreciation for your participation.

Based on the belief that we can create and recreate ourselves as our interests and needs emerge, the membership determines the course of our organization. So, the success of the organization depends on the vision and contributions of our members. AAGT invites you to contribute your ideas, interests, talents and voices. To do so, plan to attend our community meetings and our Annual General Meeting. We invite you to become actively engaged whether you are new to our conferencing, a new member, a renewing or current member.

If this is your first conference, join us at the "Newcomers" event (see information below). We like to offer "Newcomers" support in a smaller group and share more information about AAGT's process. In addition, new students/trainees have their first year membership fees waived. To explore membership options in AAGT go to www.aagt.org

Maryanne Nicholls



Jim Battaglia



NEW TO THE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE? COME AND MAKE CONTACT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS

Orientation meeting for First Time Conference Goers

Sponsored by the AAGT Executive Board and Membership Co-Chairs

WHEN: Thursday, September 22nd, between 4 and 5 PM

WHERE: To be announced - look for the colorful balloons near the registration desk

For all First Time Conference Goers attending the joint AAGT/EAGT conference in Taormina, AAGT invites you to join us before the conference opening on Thursday September 22nd, between 4 and 5 pm.

- meet some of our leaders and fellow conference goers,
- learn about what AAGT has to offer,
- find out about these process groups you'll be participating in,
- gain familiarity with the hotel and gorgeous surroundings,
- learn a few useful things about getting around in Taormina, and
- have a chance to win a gift certificate to support your experience of Taormina.

The timing couldn't be better – giving you a chance to meet and connect, and to orient yourselves to this amazing experience in a supportive way before the conference begins.

If you're not a First Timer Conference Goer, please feel free to join us as well to help welcome the newcomers!

To find us, look for the colorful balloons near the registration desk.

We invite you to become an EAGT member!

Dear friends,

Welcome to this first joint EAGT / AAGT conference!

Welcome to all those friends, who are already members of the EAGT. We are very happy to see you again and we hope you will enjoy the conference and experience it as a source of inspiration and an opportunity to meet warm and interesting colleagues from so many countries from all over the world.

A special welcome to all of you, who are attending an EAGT conference for the first time. This conference is a special one, since this is the first joint conference of EAGT and AAGT. We are very proud, that together, we are able to offer you this interesting and exciting event. We are sure you will meet many new inspirational people and hope that the meetings you attend during the conference will lead to stimulating, supportive and lasting contacts.

Since being connected to colleagues is one of your reasons for attending this conference, we warmly invite you to become a member of the EAGT. The EAGT has different kinds of memberships for individuals, professional organisations, training institutes and national associations. At the moment there are over 1000 members representing more than 25 Countries. Basically, members can be *associate* or *full* members: a full member meets the training standards set up by the EAGT in agreement with the European requirements.

In addition to our department for Gestalt therapists, we have a department for Gestalt Practitioners in Organisations (GPO). This department represents and supports those members who use the Gestalt approach in their work as coaches, counsellors or consultants in organisations.

The EAGT offers you a solid, wide and professional network that stands for quality; is highly appreciated and respected not only by Gestalt associations in Europe but also many of the associations from other modalities. The EAGT is one of the most active and professionalised associations within the EAP (European Association for Psychotherapy).

The EAGT supports the development of working groups and committees fostering projects in many areas, which support the European Gestalt community, such as ethics, training standards, research, science, professional quality, education, human rights and social responsibility.

Please visit our website and find out more about this: www.eagt.org

If you have any questions please address them to our Office Manager, Marga Berends, at the EAGT table during the conference.

Enjoy this first EAGT and AAGT joint conference!

The EAGT Executive Committee

Michele Cannavò, Gianni Francesetti, Nurith Levi, Frans Meulmesteer,
Jack Van Liesdonk, Beatrix Wimmer, Jelena Zeleskov Djoric



Conference Poster Exhibition—Location: Nettuno

We are delighted to announce the Conference Poster Exhibition. It will take place in the **Nettuno Room** and will be a permanent Display through the conference. There are 16 exciting Posters as noted below and during time periods identified in chart below, the creators will be with their Posters to answer questions.

| Author(s) and Times Available | Title |
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| Frans Meulmeester (on behalf of Nepalese students) Friday: 10—10:30 | Research on resilience in Nepal |
| Gesualda Baldo, Raffaele Sperandeo, Tommaso Romitelli, Daniela Alicia Albesi, Massimo Figiolia, Mariangela Beato Friday: 14.00-14.30 | The narrative method about training in psychotherapy |
| Antigoni Orfanou, Yolanda Androutsou Friday: 16.00-16.30 | Greek Roma women meet the Other |
| Laima Sapezinskiene, Lina Jurkstaite-Pacesiene | The Experience of Relationship in the Argentine Tango: “Haptics” concept and Gestalt Experience Cycle |
| Vassia Karamanoli Friday: 10.00—10.30 | Narrating, hearing, adjusting, the art of connecting with the other and the community: Woody Mary, the example of incest and sexual abuse in the fairy takes, a Gestalt approach |
| Marina Aralova, Illia Mstibovskyi Saturday: 10.00—10.30 | The Body in the Culture and the Culture in the Body |
| Elena Lasaja | Field of Motherhood: Pregnancy and Postpartum Period |
| Alessandra Merizzi Friday: 14.00-14.30 | Fear and Seduction in Encountering the Other |
| Michele Borghetto, Ilaria Benedetti | Development of self-functions and learning disabilities in childhood and adolescence |
| Michaela Hiebler-Ragger, Christina Gollner, Petra Klampfl, Liselotte Nauser, Human-Friedrich Unterrainer | Professional and training conditions of Austrian Integrative Gestalt Therapists: Potential relationships with sense of coherence and burn out |
| Serena Iacono | Tako-Tsubo Cardiomyopathy. A gestalt Reading |
| Roberta La Rosa, Silvia Tosi Friday: 10.00—10.30 | The outcome's research in Gestalt therapy: the SIPG project. |
| Cristian Bahamondes | The Awareness: the responsibility of being conscious |
| Vikram E. O. Kolmannskog | Gestalt approaches to gender identity issues (Young Research Awards project) |
| Mark Reck, Jan Roubal, Margherita Spagnuolo Lobb | Researching on the process of this conference's organizational team |
| David Cebrián Friday: 16.00-16.30 | Agoratherapy: bringing gestalt therapy into the squares (Young Research Awards project) |

AAGT/EAGT 2016 Conference
Continuing Education Credit per Conference Schedule

| <u>CE Activity</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>CE credit hours offered</u> |
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PRE-CONFERENCE PEER-REVIEWED WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 9/21/16

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| 8 Hour Workshops | | 8.00 CE credit hours |
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9:00 - 18:30 (Lunch break 13:00 - 14:30. No other official breaks)

4 Hour Workshops

Morning

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| 09:00 - 13:00 (No official breaks) | | 4.00 CE credit hours |
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Afternoon

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| 14:30 - 18:30 (No official breaks) | | 4.00 CE credit hours |
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CONFERENCE PLENARIES, PROCESS GROUPS, PROCESS GROUP LEADER TRAINING, & PEER-REVIEWED WORKSHOPS

(Any breaks taken are less than 15 minutes long during workshops)

Thursday 9/22/16

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| Process Group Leader | 14:30 - 17:00 | 2.25 CE credit hours |
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Training (one 15 minute break)

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| Process Group 1 | 19:00 - 20:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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Friday 9/23/16

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| Plenary - Orange | 08:30 - 10:00 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Workshop/panel session A | 10:30 - 12:00 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Workshop/panel session B | 13:00 - 14:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Process Group 2 | 15:00 - 16:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Workshop/panel session C | 17:00 - 18:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Plenary - Greenburg | 18:45 - 19:45 | 1.00 CE credit hours |
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Saturday 9/24/16

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| Plenary - Griffero | 08:30 - 10:00 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Workshop/panel session D | 10:30 - 12:00 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Lecture Session E | 14:30 - 15:30 | 1.00 CE credit hours |
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Note: possible CE credit for session E is possible only IF you attend one of the following three full 1.0 hour workshops. No other programs this session are approved for CE credits:
 1. Yianna Yiamareloy, Alessandra Vela and Rosa Salvo, The beauty of words and creativity of psychotherapy; 2. Justin Laird and Claudia Fernandez Santoyo, Cultural Humility and Gestalt Therapy: An Exploration of Intersections and The Cosmology of the Ancient Mexican: A Gestalt View; 3. Willi Butollo and Madeleine Fogerty, Developing an Evidence Base for Gestalt Therapy: Applied research skills.

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| Workshop/panel session F | 16:00 - 17:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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| Process Group 3 | 18:00 - 19:30 | 1.50 CE credit hours |
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Sunday 9/25/16

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| Process Group 4 | 10:30 - 11:30 | 1.00 CE credit hours |
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| Total possible CE credit hours for the Pre-Conference: | 8.00 hours |
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| Total possible CE credit hours for the Conference: | <u>20.25 hours</u> |
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| Total possible CE credit hours: | 28.25 hours |
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ALL PROGRAMS NOT LISTED IN THE ABOVE SCHEDULE DO NOT OFFER CE CREDITS

Continuing Education

APA

Psychologists

This course is co-sponsored by Amedco, the Association for Advancement of Gestalt Therapy, and the European Association for Gestalt Therapy. Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for this program and its content. 28.25 hours.

Professional Counselors in these 41 states can submit APA:

AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, KS, ME, MO, MN, NC, ND, NH, NE, NJ, NM, NV, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

MFT's in these 31 states can submit APA:

AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, ME, MO, NE, NC, NH, NM, NJ, NV, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

Addiction Professional in these 26 states can submit APA:

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ASWB

Social Workers

Amedco, #1346, is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Amedco maintains responsibility for the program. ASWB Approval Period: 06/24/2016 – 06/24/2017. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval for continuing education credits.

Social workers participating in this course may receive up to 28.25 clinical continuing education clock hours.

Professional Counselors in these 30 states can submit ASWB:

AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, ME, MO, ND, NE, NM, NH, NV, OK, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

MFT's in these 25 states can submit ASWB:

AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IA, ID, IN, KS, ME, MO, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WY

Addictions Professionals in these 19 states can submit ASWB:

AK, CA, CO, CT, GA, IA, IN, KS, LA, MO, MT, ND, NM, NV, OK, OR, SC, WA, WI, WV, WY

New York Social Worker

Amedco SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0115. 28.25 hours.

Nurses

Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy (AAGT) is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 11846 for up to 28.25 contact hours.

For further information contact the AAGT CE Officer, Dina Miller, P.O. Box 141122, Columbus, OH 43214. Dinamiller3@aol.com Phone 614-563-6571

Pre-Conference Workshop Schedule Grid

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

| Room | Morning 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Afternoon 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm | All Day 9:00 am – 6:30 pm |
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| Pitagora | | | "I" is an other Ruella Frank and Jean-Marie Robine |
| Cariddi | Between you and me: Relational movement play as a practice of presence Emilyn Claid | Meeting-the-other-meeting-me presence and otherness: Deepening relational practice and theory Rich Hycner | |
| Cordari | | | Encountering the other: Personal growth and group process workshop Cathy Gray and Marlene Blumenthal |
| Scilla | History and culture live through us Lynne Jacobs | The many faces of gestalt ther- apy: Is there a boundary of what is and what is not gestalt therapy? Robert Resnick | |
| 1101 | Gestalt mindfulness: A meditation movement practice for our daily life in a desensitized world Lalei Gutierrez and Rosanna Zavarella | MASKS: distant relationships deconstruction and reconstruc- tion of new masks for a more sensitive compared with each other Sandra Salomao Carvalho | |
| 1103 | An exploration of otherness Di Hodgson | Belonging, "otherness" and mutual co-creation: An art- infused experience of Erving Polster's life focus community and how you can develop one Caroline Paltin | |
| 1104 | The crack between the worlds: Gestalt and shamanism and the doors of perception Jay Tropianskaia | The clinical applications of mindfulness meditation, somatics and gestalt therapy for fostering resiliency, creativ- ity and trauma resolution Ronald Alexander | |
| 1105 | | | Stop managing your emotions and start processing them Bea MacKay |
| 1106 | | | The well resourced therapist Miriam Taylor |

Process Group Information

PROCESS GROUPS: Welcome to our conference: “The Aesthetics of Otherness: Meeting at the Boundary In A Desensitized World.”

At this conference we are the largest international gathering in Gestalt Therapy’s history and have a special opportunity to explore the existential, experiential, experimental and aesthetics of our approach. Process Groups are a unique setting for this exploration.

Many of you are unfamiliar with Process Groups so we especially want you to know you that your involvement is essential to them. They have been described as the most meaningful, satisfying and moving aspects of gestalt conferences.

Process Groups are a Gestalt group experiment involving contact. They embody the organizing principles of Gestalt Therapy and apply its theory and practice in conferencing.

Process Groups involve our meeting in small groups of 10-12 members throughout the conference to share, reflect on and critically examine workshops, plenary presentations, and professional and personal experiences. Here there is opportunity in the midst of the busy conference setting for us to meet supported by the intimacy of a small group size to explore emerging experience, thoughts, feelings, questions and their meaning for the conference.

Each group has two facilitators who guide, support and participate. Process Groups are not a group therapy or a leader led topic group. Facilitators encourage, stimulate and support participants to attend to their experience.

All members participate as co-equal participants. Group leadership is seen as a function, not a position. Leadership resides in everyone as members contribute reactions, concerns, knowledge, personal experience, mutual support and ideas.

Emphasis is given to what is figural, the hierarchy of what is most urgent, of interest, and unfinished. Contact, the heart and soul of gestalt therapy, is explored in a supportive emergent group experiment of feeling, perceiving, clarifying and sharing points of view. In our groups we can discover our similarities, differences, diversity, aesthetics, theory/practice, and community. Minority viewpoints, inhibitions, confusions and dissatisfactions can be aired, given attention, clarified and valued as having potential meaning for everyone.

Process Groups bring the large conference into manageable human proportion and illuminate the conference background of diverse experience. They support networking, dissemination of conference information, examining expectations, social interaction, intellectual cross fertilization, and bring to the conference’s emerging gestalt the vital ecological, social and political background. Feedback through facilitators to the conference organizers of themes and experiences (respecting confidentiality) makes it possible for the conference itself to be shaped from our emerging personal/collective experience.

We look forward to sharing and creating this conference experience with you and wish you the best for a very good conference.

Process Groups Committee:

Co-Chairs: Claire Asherson Bartram, Perry Klepner, Silvia Tosi

Committee Members: Rosanna Biasi, Billy Desmond, Judy Graham, Nives Vrecic



Process Group Schedule and Room Assignments

| Thursday, September 22nd – 7:00 – 8:30 pm | |
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| Group(s) Number | Room Location |
| Groups 1 - 47 | Tindari A & B |
| Groups 48-77 | Nettuno |

| Friday, September 23rd - 2:30 – 4:00 pm, and Saturday, September 24th - 6:00 – 7:30 pm | | | |
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| Group(s) Number | Room Location | Group(s) Number | Room Location |
| Groups 1 - 16 | Tindari A | Group 65 | 1105 |
| Groups 17 - 23 | Tindari B | Group 66 | 1106 |
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Community Meeting Information

In the AAGT, our Community Meetings have been a hallmark of our organization and its' intention to create a community in which all members take part in our development, growth and governance. Supported by our constitution (<http://aagt.org/about-aagt/constitution-bylaws/>) and our Covenant of Community (CoC), (<http://aagt.org/about-aagt/#tab-id-2>) which is the list of established ways we wish to conduct ourselves, we endeavor to continually co-create ourselves, and our organization as we value our emerging process together in the spirit of Gestalt principles.

This year marks our first joint-conference with the EAGT and, with it, our first joint Community Meetings! We are excited to introduce EAGT members and other conference participants to join us in this process and to see what this new configuration of Gestaltists will bring forward together as a new community.

We extend this invitation to all and we sincerely hope that you will join us during the conference at our 3 community meetings and become part of this great experiment!

The Community Meetings during the conference will be held on Saturday from 1:00 - 2:00 and Sunday from 9:00 - 10:00 and from 12:00 - 1:30 in Tindari A and B

The Meeting Room is located in "Circe"

During this joint conference of AAGT and EAGT, we will be alongside each other as participants and presenters in a variety of contexts (workshops, lectures, and plenaries). While these meetings will reveal some of the similarities and differences of our Associations, that will be incidental, not deliberate. As part of our desire to research this experiment of a joint conference, we are creating this small meeting space where AAGT and EAGT members, as well as those who are not members of either association, can meet in conversation about being AAGT or EAGT members or non-members, the similarities and differences, the experience of the joint conference as a joint creation. In contrast to Process Groups where the focus is the person's experience of their own particular participation in the conference, the Meeting Room is about the Associations' experience.

When it is open, the Meeting Room will be hosted by an AAGT and an EAGT member, who will be in conversation about their respective organisations and would include any visitors in that conversation, and yield the conversation to them.....

There will be flip chart paper on the walls, and plenty of pens, and you are invited to write comments and reflections, in whatever form you are inspired to, (drawing, poem, etc.). You will be asked to date and time your contributions and if willing indicate whether you belong to AAGT/EAGT, neither or both.

The Meeting Room will be open as often as possible throughout the conference except during the times of Process Groups. The location is Circe.

Toni Gilligan and Nurith Levi

"Contact is the appreciation of differences" ... Fritz Perls

"and the recognition of similarities" ... Dick Price

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Plenary Speech - Donna Orange, PhD, PsyD Friday, September 23, 2016, 8:30 – 10:00



“MY OTHER’S KEEPER: RESOURCES FOR THE ETHICAL TURN IN PSYCHOTHERAPY”

Donna Orange, PhD, PsyD, is educated in philosophy, clinical psychology and psychoanalysis, teaches at NYU Postdoc (New York); IPSS (Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity, New York); ISIPSe (Roma and Milano); and in private study groups. She also offers clinical consultation/supervision in these institutes and beyond. Recent books are - Thinking for Clinicians: Philosophical Resources for Contemporary Psychoanalysis and the Humanistic Psychotherapies (2010), The Suffering Stranger: Hermeneutics for Everyday Clinical Practice (2011) Nourishing the Inner Life of Clinicians and Humanitarians: The Ethical Turn in Psychoanalysis, and in press, Climate Justice, Psychoanalysis, and Radical Ethics (2016)

Panel Bios:

Dan Bloom JD, LCSW, is a psychotherapist in private practice in New York City. He is past president and fellow of New York Institute for Gestalt Therapy and past president of the Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy. He is adjunct faculty at institutes around the world and independently trains and supervises gestalt therapists. Dan has been widely published. He was Editor-in-Chief of Studies in Gestalt Therapy: Dialogical Bridges and is an associate editor of the Gestalt Review. He co-edited the books Continuity and Change: Gestalt Therapy Now and The New York Institute for Gestalt in the 21st Century.

Lynne Jacobs, Ph.D., is co-founder of the Pacific Gestalt Institute, and a Training and Supervising Analyst at the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis. She is particularly interested in relational processes in therapy, has authored numerous articles, and co-authored/co-edited (with Rich Hycner), two books. She teaches and trains nationally and internationally.

Margherita Spagnuolo Lobb, PhD is the Dir. of the Istituto di Gestalt HCC Italy (Siracuse, Palermo, Milan), since 1979, recognized by the It. Minister for the Universities. Programs in Gestalt Psychopath. Full M. of the NYIGT, Past-President and first Honorary M. of the EAGT, Founder and Hon. President of SIPG, Past President of FIAP, Current President of FISIG. She trained with Isadore From and E. and M. Polster. Her work has been influenced by Daniel Stern. She has contributed extensively to the development of GT theory and method: 2 books and 6 edited books, about 100 articles and chapters. Editor of the Italian Journal Quaderni di Gestalt (since 1985). Her most recent book, The Now-for-Next in Psychotherapy. Gestalt Therapy Recounted in Post Modern Society is available in 6 languages.

Plenary Speech – Leslie Greenberg, PhD Friday, September 23, 2016, 1:00 – 2:00 A Gestalt Research Program: Politics and Purity



Leslie Greenberg, Ph.D. is Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus of Psychology at York University in Toronto, Ontario. He has authored the major texts on Emotion-focused approaches to treatment of individuals and couples. These include the original texts Emotion in Psychotherapy (1986), Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples (1988) and Facilitating Emotional Change (1993) and more recently Emotion-focused Couples Therapy: The dynamics of emotion, love and power (2008). Emotion-focused therapy: Theory and practice (2010), Working with Narrative in Emotion-focused Therapy: Changing Stories, Healing Lives. (2011) and Therapeutic Presence (2012). He has published extensively on research on the process of change.

He has received the Distinguished Research Career award of the International Society for Psychotherapy Research as well as the Carl Rogers and the Distinguished Professional Contribution to Applied Research of the American Psychology Association. He also has received the Canadian Psychological Association Professional Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology as a Profession. He conducts a private practice for individuals and couples and trains people internationally in emotion-focused approaches.

Conference Plenary Presentation

Plenary Speech – Tonino Griffero

Atmospheres as quasi-things: for a pathic aesthetics

Saturday, September 24, 2016, 8:30 – 10:00



Tonino Griffero is full professor of Aesthetics (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, Italy), director of Master “Comunicazione estetica e museale” (Scuola IAD, Univ. di Tor Vergata-Galleria Nazionale d’Arte Moderna di Roma) and member of the Guaranty Committee of SIE (Società Italiana d’Estetica). He is editor of these series of books: “Oltre lo sguardo. Itinerari di filosofia” (Armando Editore, Roma) 2007-2012; “Percezioni. Estetica & Fenomenologia” (Christian Marinotti Editore, Milano); “Sensibilia” (Mimesis Edizioni, Milano). He is also director of Sensibilia Colloquium on Perception and Experience (www.sensibilia.it), “Lebenswelt. Aesthetics and Philosophy of Experience” <http://riviste.unimi.it/index.php/Lebenswelt/index>, “Atmospheric Spaces. Aura Stimmung Ambiance” <https://atmosphericspaces.wordpress.com/>.

Tonino Griffero’s areas of competence and topics are: Hermeneutics, German Idealism, Philosophy of Symbol and Mythology, Transitive Imagination, Spiritual Body, Phenomenology and Aesthetics of Atmospheres, Lived Spaces and Felt Body.

For a **full bibliography**: www.sensibilia.it/Griffero. See also http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonino_Griffero

Panel Bios:

Mônica Botelho Alvim: Gestalt therapist and holds a PhD in Psychology. She has worked in private practice for 25 years and has also been involved with the training of Gestalt therapists in several institutes throughout Brazil. She is a university teacher and supervisor in the area of phenomenology and Gestalt therapy at the undergraduate and graduate level at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil. Mônica coordinates the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Phenomenology - NEIFeCS, in which she researches the contemporary situation and its impacts on existence and the forms of suffering and illness, seeking to integrate the psychological to the sociohistorical and political dimension. Author of numerous articles and two books, her research interests involve traditional clinical practice and the development of more wide-reaching clinical models, always keeping an interdisciplinary dialog involving Gestalt therapy, philosophy and art.

Gianni Francesetti: Gestalt psychotherapist, psychiatrist, international trainer and supervisor, Coordinator of the International Training on Gestalt Therapy Approach to Psychopathology (Istituto di Gestalt HCC Italy). President of the EAGT, Past President of FIAP and of SIPG, NYIGT, AAGT, SPR member. He has authored articles, chapters, and books in the field of psychiatry and psychotherapy (among the last books: Francesetti, Gecele, Roubal (2013), Gestalt therapy in Clinical Practice, Ist. HCC Italy Publ.; Francesetti G., Absence is a Bridge Between us. Gestalt Therapy approach to depressive experiences, Ist. HCC Italy Publ., 2015). He lives and works in Turin (Italy) as psychotherapist, psychiatrist and supervisor.

Jean Marie Robine: Clinical psychologist and international trainer of Gestalt-therapists. Founder and past director of Institut Français de Gestalt-thérapie (1980), co-founder and past-president of EAGT. Full member of New York Institute for Gestalt Therapy. Author or editor of 8 books about GT translated in several languages (Among them in English: “On the Occasion of an Other” Gestalt Journal Press), “Social Change begins with Two” (Istituto di Gestalt HCC Press) and “Self - A Polyphony of Contemporary Gestalt Therapist” (in Press, L'expresserie).

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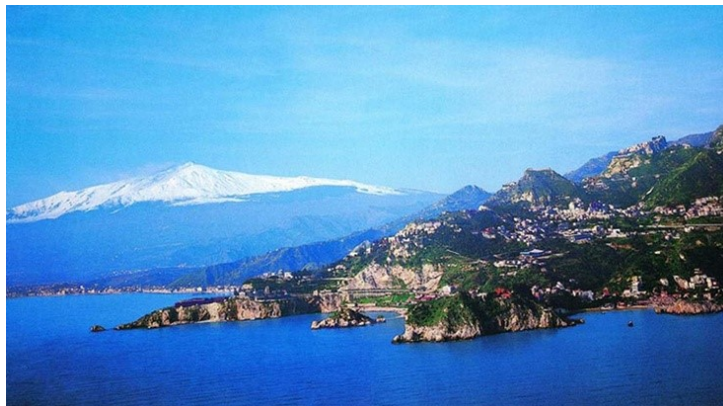
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A central purpose of this conference is the sharing of knowledge, theoretically and practically, through lectures, workshops, panels and posters. Another way of sharing the State of the Art is by exposing literature, and in this conference, the scope of richness and variety promises to be even broader than usual.

It is a tradition in AAGT and EAGT conferences that some time is devoted to either showcasing newly published books and/or a dialogical meeting with the writers and editors of books that were published since the last conference, which for EAGT is every three years. This session's purpose is for authors to bring to the attention of participants something about the source of inspiration, motivation or any other interesting feature of the book. It is a meeting point of the authors and their readers, an opportunity for questions, sometimes for feed-back, exchanging opinions and perspectives. Mainly it is the personal-human experience of contact on the intellectual as well as on the practical and emotional level.

Room: 1101 Session A - Friday: 10:30 – 12:00

M Parlett 2015 Future Sense: Five Explorations of Whole Intelligence for a World that's waking up **English**

N Amendt-Lyon (Ed) Timeless Experience: Laura Perls' unpublished notebooks and literary texts. **English**

G Francesetti (Ed) 2015 Absence is the Bridge between us. Gestalt Therapy Perspective on Depressive Experiences **English**

M Beron 2013 The Power of Labels: How do we get labelled? How do labels predetermine our lives? How to get rid of them and live a happier life **English**

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M Taylor 2014 Trauma Therapy and Clinical Practice **English**

G Hughes 2014 Competence and Self-Care for Counsellors and Psychotherapists **English**

M Parlett & T Francis (Eds) 2016 (in press) Contact and Context: New Directions in Gestalt Coaching **English**

Room: 1104 Session B - Friday: 4:30 – 6:00

JM Robine (Ed) 2015 Self, A Polyphony of Contemporary Gestalt Therapists **Spanish, English, French**

M Spagnuolo Lobb, N Levi, A Williams 2016 Gestalt Therapy with Children: From Epistemology to Clinical Practice **English**

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Room: 2107 Session C - Friday: 6:15 – 7:45

A Feckova & B Wimmer (Eds) 2016 Women in Gestalt Therapy **English**

L Hartmann-Kottek 2014 Fascination and Efficacy **German** (not translated)

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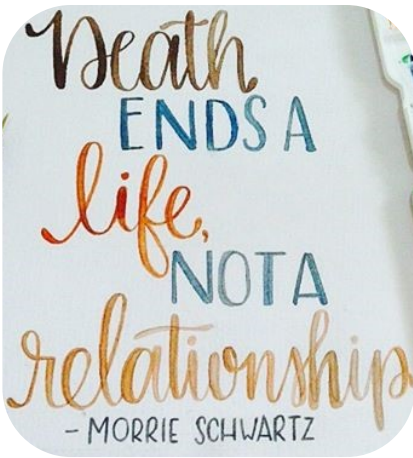
B Holzinger 2013 Nightmares – what they tell us and how we can change them **German**

E Greenberg 2016 (in Press) Borderline, Narcissistic and Schizoid Adaptations: The Pursuit of Love, Admiration and Safety. **English**

Saturday Evening Events

Location: Giardino (Garden facing the Sea)

Remembering Community Members we have Lost



After our Saturday evening dinner, we will take time to remember and honor recently deceased colleagues. Jack Aylward will share a brief memorial address honoring the life of Joel Latner who died on August 4, 2016. We invite others to contribute to this experience honoring Gestalt colleagues who passed away recently.

Auction



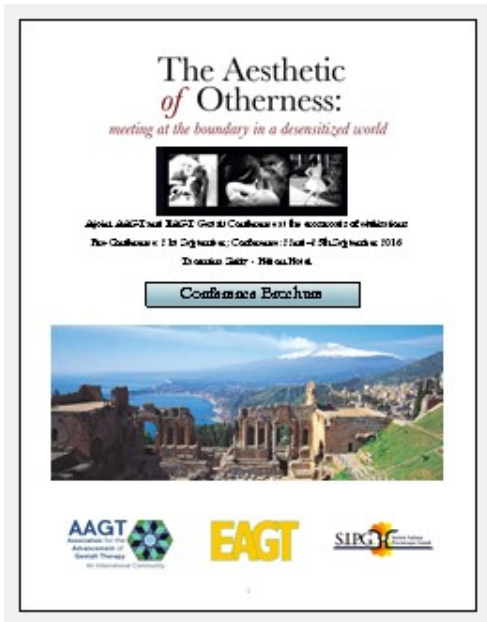
The auction is held at every AAGT conference and is one part of the AAGT Scholarship Fund. It is a lively, entertaining event during which items donated by AAGT members are auctioned and purchased by conference participants. 100% of the proceeds goes directly into the scholarship fund which helps gestalt therapists participate in our conferences and learn about gestalt therapy worldwide. We auction serious and whimsical items; the goal is to have fun in the process! Items we have auctioned include journal subscriptions and books, quilts and crafts, vacation rentals and workshops. Back by popular demand, **Charlie Bowman** will be our auctioneer extraordinaire.

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As with any conference, room locations and other last minute changes could occur, so we recommend that you watch for these changes. We hope that both conference brochures contribute to a rewarding experience.

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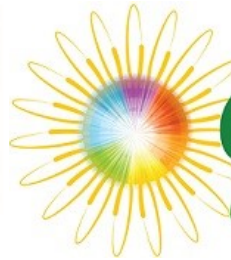
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