

WORLDWIDE BIOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

15th – 21st June 2015

Wounds and Wonders



GUT FROHBERG
KÄBSCHÜTZTAL
SCHÖNNEWITZ
GERMANY

www.woundsandwonders.org

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

A warm welcome to Germany and to the 8th Worldwide Biography Conference!

This year our theme is “Wounds and Wonders” and we are looking forward to working with you on this. The conference will take place near Dresden and Wounds and Wonders also belong to this city and its history.

Everywhere in the world, and especially in working with biography, we are confronted with the soul wounds of our fellow human beings and our own wounds. When we see the pain, which we humans are causing each other everywhere in the world, a feeling of hopelessness and confusion can arise. But we also know that wonders can happen, that we ourselves can rediscover a sister or brother in a partner or conflict, that clients find the possibility to forgive, and that the wall between East and West Germany has fallen.

Can we work with wounds in such a way that they can become the seeds for a wonder?

We would like to explore this question and we are happy to have Christine Gruwez to work with us as well as many other colleagues.

We wanted to create a vessel with this conference where all participants would feel welcome and able to step in as co-creators. Where we would meet, share, learn and explore together, where something new can come. A vessel also for all that unites us in our work; we call it the Being of Biography Work in all its colourful facets.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you at Gut Frohberg in June 2015!

Carine Biessels, Stuttgart; **Lothar Flachmann**, Bielefeld; **Gabriele Hardner**, Dresden; **Maarten Moens**, Zwaag; **Camelia Oprea**, Bukarest; **George Oprea**, Bukarest; **Gemma Priess**, Berlin; **Anna Romanova**, St. Petersburg; **Karin Weber**, Freiburg; **Rita Weber-Wied**, Witzenhausen

*Do not become tired
Hold out your hand
To the wonder
Gently like to a bird.*

Hilde Domin

INTRO

MONDAY

15th June 2015

TUESDAY

16th June 2015

WEDNESDAY

17th June 2015

THURSDAY

18th June 2015

FRIDAY

19th June 2015

SATURDAY

20th June 2015

SUNDAY

21st June 2015

07.45 - 08.45

BREAKFAST

09.00 - 09.30

GOOD MORNING

09.30 - 10.45

WORKSHOPS**WORKSHOPS**
(continuation)**EXCURSION
TO DRESDEN**Christine Gruwez
*„MY WOUNDS -
YOUR WOUNDS“*Christine Gruwez
*„WOUNDS OF THE
WORLD“***REVIEW -
PREVIEW**

10.45 - 11.15

COFFEEBREAK

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11.15 - 12.45

WORKSHOPS
(continuation)**WORKSHOPS**
(continuation)Christine Gruwez
*„MY WOUNDS -
YOUR WOUNDS“***SPACE FOR ...
... WONDER?****CLOSING SESSION**

13.00 - 14.00

LUNCH**LUNCH**

14.00 - 15.00

TIME FOR INITIATIVES**TIME FOR INITIATIVES****DEPARTURE**

15.00 - 16.00

ARRIVALWarm
welcome!Axel Schmidt-Gödelitz:
*„NARRATED AND
LIVED LIVES FROM
BOTH PARTS OF
GERMANY“***WORKSHOPS**
(continuation)**2nd ARRIVAL**
(shorter option)**WORKSHOPS****SPACE FOR THE
NEW... TOGETHER?**Have a safe
journey home!

16.00 - 16.30

TEABREAK

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16.30 - 18.00

WORKSHOPS
(continuation)**PLENUM**
Harvests of
workshops**WORKSHOPS****PLENUM**

18.30 - 19.30

DINNER

20.00 - 21.30

1st OPENING**WORKSHOPS**
(continuation)**TaKeTiNa**
(19.45 - 21.45 Uhr)**2nd OPENING**Dani Aman
*„SEVEN LEVELS OF
WORKING WITH THE
WOUND.“***CELEBRATION****GOOD NIGHT**

WORKSHOPS

There are seven special workshops at the beginning of the conference created out of the lifework of our colleagues. More detailed information you can find on our website: www.woundsandwonders.org

WORKSHOP 1 *Anatomy of the Wound*

In this seminar you will experience the different layers of the wound going through the different bodies. You will also experience the meeting points between Biographical counselling and non-anthroposophical Body-Mind approaches. Participants are asked for readiness to work with the group leader in front of the group and delve into deep emotional questions.

English

Dani Aman, Israel. Biographical counsellor, founder of the school for Biographical Counselling in Jerusalem.

Tirza Aman, Israel. Art therapist, biographical counsellor.

WORKSHOP 2 *Biography work in service of Community building*

Biography work can be understood in having its focus on the individual becoming evermore conscious. Self-knowledge and I-development are central issues. But what does it help us and the world, when these insights don't become active in the will, so that we become co-creators in building communities with future for mankind and nature? If this merely social aspect of biography work lives in your will and you are prepared to explore how and where this karmic orientation resonates in you, you are warmly invited to step into the unknown with us. Two days of encounter, co-creating, co-operation and maybe a glimpse of brotherhood

English, German

Leo Beth, Netherlands. Medical doctor, biography worker

Josien de Vries, Netherlands. Biography worker, consultant

WORKSHOP 3 *Biography work as therapy*

There are as many ways of working with Biography work as colours in a rainbow. From individual development, to social development, to therapeutic work, it is all there.

This course would like to build a bridge to interdisciplinary ways of working between therapeutic biography work and biographical counselling to the other therapeutic streams and medical professions.

The course can be certified by the Medical Section and will be an ongoing element in the Worldwide Biography Conference to support the link to the medical side of the work.

English, German

Dr. med. Michaela Glöckler, Germany. Paediatrician, leader of the Medical section of the Goetheanum

WORKSHOP 4 *The Wonder of Powerlessness*

This is a workshop about the lack of power that we all meet with when we follow the news of the world.

Together we will be investigating how to address this lack of power just by stepping right into it. While doing so this experience of powerlessness will miraculously turn into a gateway.

English, German

Christine Gruwez, Belgium. Philosopher, Iranist. She has developed a practical path into Manichaeism

WORKSHOP 5 *Healing the Wound - Who heals the Healer?*

Through a clay modeling process we will allow the wounds, which we all carry in us, to lead us on a journey of discovery. Polarities in the healing process can lead us to new creativity in the future. Surprising help may come from unforeseen places as we become each other's brothers and sisters on the path. Clay modeling, self-reflection, creative writing, sharing.

English, German

Regine Kurek, Canada. Art therapist, biographical coach

WORKSHOP 6 *Dynamic Zodiac Drawing*

Introduction into „Dynamic Zodiac Drawing“ developed by Wolfgang Wegener. From 1980-1984 I learned it from him, since 1985 I have been sharing it with others. It is useful in a wide variety of ways, be it in a meditative way, in creative-therapeutic applications or to make social processes visible. Also in biography work it leads to great results. One can for example look at the 12 seven year cycles (84 years) as a development from Aries to Pisces, or one can look at the twelve year rhythm in a biography.

English, German

Rainer Schnurre, Germany. Film director, logotherapist, biography worker

WORKSHOP 7 *Gates to biographical experiences of new worlds*

In the 21st century many vital questions will prove to be more or less conscious experiences on the border of the worlds of sensorial and super sensorial realities. Working with the Biographical Triptych and the Journey makes it possible to make us conscious of these experiences and to investigate them.

We offer the possibility to get experiences with these methods and underlying visions and experiences.

English, German

Rinke Visser, Netherlands. Biographical coach, Founder of the training for biographical coaching in the Netherlands

Paula Boon, Netherlands. Biographical coach



TIMETABLE INFORMATION

Please also visit our ongoing growing website:
www.woundsandwonders.org

Here you will find more and more detailed information, but you can also take part in the preparations or share your ideas and reflections.

GENERAL

We look at this conference as one whole. In order not to exclude those who cannot join the complete conference, we have created a second arrival option at Thursday 18th June. Accordingly we will also have a second opening session.

WORKSHOPS AND FRIDAY WORKSHOP

The first two days there will be an ongoing workshop; here you have the opportunity to work in smaller groups on a theme in biography work. After that we will work more in the large group on our conference theme Wounds and Wonders.

On Friday afternoon there is a shorter opportunity with new workshops to get to know other working tools. During this time the German professional association for biography work (BVBA) has also its member meeting.

More information about what is on offer you will find in due time on the website.

Axel Schmidt-Gödelitz

„NARRATED AND LIVED LIVES FROM BOTH PARTS OF GERMANY“

Axel Schmidt-Gödelitz will be sharing with us about his experiences with the biography talks he created and ran since 1994 between East and West Germany. For more information see also: www.ost-west-forum.de.

TaKeTiNa – EXPERIENCE RHYTHM

Seeking the inner peace, your own rhythm, clapping, singing, dancing, feel yourself carried by the rhythm, loosen up the rhythm, and find yourself back in it, joined together in a united feeling of rhythm, be present.

EXCURSION TO DRESDEN

The city of Dresden and its history are closely linked to the theme of our conference, so a journey to the wounds and wonders of Dresden is really a must for our conference.

Christine Gruwez

„MY WOUNDS – YOUR WOUNDS, WOUNDS OF THE WORLD“

Christine Gruwez will work with all of us on these themes. She has developed a manichaen path of practice that will help us

work with this theme. She has recently published a book entitled “Meditations on Powerlessness”.

Dani Aman

„SEVEN LEVELS OF WORKING WITH THE WOUND“

During the previous conference this lecture had to be cancelled. As it suits the theme so deeply we have asked Dani Aman to bring it now. He will bring an advanced perspective of the process of biographical counselling, in which he unites different psychotherapeutic practices with anthroposophic knowledge.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS

The conference is meant for all those who are professionally active, or in training to become professionally active with biography. If you have any questions about participation please write to Carine Biessels: registration@woundsandwonders.org

LANGUAGE

The conference will be given in English and German.

GUT FROHBERG (translates: Estate joyful mountain)

On a small hill between Dresden, Leipzig and Meißen the four walled country estate GUT FROHBERG can be found. Nowadays the estate is transformed into a large, but cosy, conference centre. There is a fireplace and a small lake to swim in.

More information and photos of Gut Frohberg you can see here: www.gutfrohberg.de. Please note that you cannot book with them directly for the conference.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

There are twin rooms (separate beds, private bathroom) and small dormitories (shared bathroom). Bed linen and towels are provided. Only a few single rooms are available, if all single rooms are taken we can put you on a waiting list, in case anything becomes available. If you need a single room for medical reasons or other, please let us know on your registration form.

There will be freshly prepared (delicious) vegetarian meals. If needed Gluten free or vegan can be prepared, this needs to be booked in advance on the registration form.

FEES

Accommodation and meals are included in the prices that are stated. In order to keep the price as low as possible we only offer two price categories. There is a 150 Euro fee for single room occupancy.

With the dormitory price we will first reserve the triple rooms and then the other rooms with more beds. It can be rewarding therefore, apart from the Early Bird fee, to book timely!

Early Bird Fee by registration (and payment) by 31st January:

€ 640 p.p. twin accommodation

€ 540 p.p. small dormitories

(150 € extra for single occupancy)

Arrival on Thursday 18th June 2015:

€ 490 p.p. twin accommodation

€ 390 p.p. small dormitories

Standard Fee (latest by 15th May 2015) :

€ 685 p.p. twin accommodation

€ 585 p.p. small dormitories

(150 € extra for single occupancy)

Arrival on Thursday 18th June 2015:

€ 535 p.p. twin accommodation

€ 435 p.p. small dormitories

If you are a Fellowship member, please tell us on the registration form and you will receive a discount.

REGISTRATION

Please Email Carine Biessels:

registration@woundsandwonders.org

or book online on our Website: www.woundsandwonders.org

CANCELLATION

Until 30th May 2015 per Email. The amount paid, minus € 80 will be refunded. After this date no refunds will be possible.

ARRIVAL

On www.woundsandwonders.org you can find travel information and organise travel companions. GUT FROHBERG – Seminarzentrum, Schönnewitz 9, D-01665 Käbschütztal / Krögis. Gut Frohberg lies about 15 min. away (by car) from the railway station in Meißen. From this railway station there are regular trains to the central railway station in Dresden and from there to the airport Dresden and the airports in Berlin. We will organise a Shuttle service from railway station Dresden and Meißen, if you would like to make use of this, please let us know with your registration. More information will be on our website nearer to the time.

LEGAL ORGANISATION

Berufsvereinigung für Biografearbeit auf Grundlage der Anthroposophie e.V. , www.biografearbeit.de