

BOOKING DETAILS

Pari Meeting, 12-15 October 2006

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Dietary preference: Omnivore Fisharian Vegetarian Other

I confirm that I have made my own travel insurance arrangements. The Scientific and Medical Network can accept no liability whatsoever for any incident during the period of the conference.

Signed

I would like to reserve a single/double/twin room (includes registration fee)

for the nights of 12-14 October (£370)

for the nights of 12-15 October (£455 – includes excursion transport)

(Non members please add £20 to these rates. Partners may attend at members rate. For day rates please contact the office)

Travel: I will be coming by car

PAYMENT

Cheque/Bank Draft/Money Order (payable to "Scientific and Medical Network")

Credit card (VISA or MasterCard)

Card No: Expires: Security code:

Signature:

Cancellations: a fee of £25 will be retained for cancellations made before 15th September. After 25th September, no refund.

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the pari center

The Pari Center for New Learning was created by F. David Peat and Maureen Doolan with the support and assistance of the Center's advisors, the energy and hospitality of the people of Pari, Pari's village association Sette Colli and the support of the comune di Civitella-Paganico. The Center is dedicated to education, learning and research. It fosters an interdisciplinary approach linking science, arts, ethics, community and the sacred. Above all the Pari Center for New Learning is dedicated to the principle of "the spirit of place". Housed in a medieval village it becomes the ideal location in which to pause and think about the future and the values, meaning and direction of our contemporary society. See www.paricenter.com

As the conference is limited to 40 people, please book as soon as you can and if possible by 30th June, after which time the conference may be more widely advertised and we cannot guarantee priority to Members.



The Scientific and Medical Network

Pari Center for New Learning

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Towards a New Renaissance 2

WORLD-VIEWS, SPIRITUALITY AND THE FUTURE

Pari, Italy • 12-15 October, 2007

CO-CHAIRS:

Prof. Henryk Skolimowski, David Lorimer, Dr. F. David Peat

the theme

This international meeting is the second of a new series Towards a New Renaissance. The first meeting was held in Krakow, Poland in October 2004 entitled Towards a New Renaissance: Values, Spirituality and the Future and the proceedings will shortly be published. Classical Renaissance figures like Marcilio Ficino and Pico della Mirandola announced that "The human is the measure of all things." This new world-view was a liberation from the constraints of medieval dogmas. But the vision of "man as the measure" has turned out to be too narrow and too anthropocentric and has led to the modern repudiation of the validity of both religion and spirituality. A new vision, in which Cosmos, rather than the human "is the measure of all things" is emerging, and our world views are being transformed to integrate these new values into the larger web of the Cosmos. Thus the first vision of the New Renaissance is that the human being is a cosmic spiritual being. We and the Cosmos are one. This conference will explore ways in which we live to cooperate with the Cosmos and to co-create with it in new forms of participatory spirituality as this new cosmic world-view has far-reaching implications for our spiritual nature and for the way in which we can live together in harmony with the Earth and the Cosmos.

the programme

The main programme will begin with a welcome dinner in the Village Hall on Friday evening 12th October and run through the weekend until breakfast on Monday.

You may like to stay on until Tuesday morning and make an excursion on Monday to Siena and other nearby towns, for which separate transport arrangements will be made.

confirmed speakers:

Prof. Ervin Laszlo, President, Club of Budapest.

David Lorimer, Programme Director, Scientific and Medical Network.

Dr. F. David Peat, Director, Pari Center, physicist and author.

Prof. Henryk Skolimowski, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of Eco-Philosophy, University of Lodz.

short papers

You are welcome to submit abstracts to present short papers on the theme. These will be evaluated for eventual inclusion in the final programme. Abstracts (up to 150 words) should be sent to David Lorimer (dl@scimednet.org) with a copy to info@scimednet.org by 1st September at the latest. For programme updates see www.scimednet.org

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The medieval village of Pari, 25 km south of Siena, is located on a hilltop with magnificent views of the heavily wooded countryside. Its history stretches back to Paleolithic times and it was later occupied by the Etruscans and the Romans. The surrounding area is given over to olive groves, vines and small-scale farming. In winter deer and wild boar are hunted in these woods. Today the village continues in a remarkable state of preservation. With the coming of the industrial and economic revolution to Central Italy in the 1950s and '60s, Pari's population began to drop from 1500 to the present 200 as people left to find better-paid jobs in the cities. Pari produces some of the best olive oil in Italy. The surrounding land is generally poor and rocky. There is a saying that, "The poorer the soil, the better the oil" and this certainly holds true for the local oil. The villagers still use traditional methods of cultivation and harvesting of their olives and grapes without using pesticides. Hot springs are located within walking distance of the village.

travel and accommodation

The nearest airports are **Pisa** and **Florence**. Pisa is about 2 hours away, by car, from Pari. The railway station is a short taxi ride from the airport and regular trains from Pisa stop at Grosseto on their way south to Rome and Naples. **Florence** is just over an hour and a half away by car from Pari. You can reach Pari by a train from Florence to Paganico-Civitella (a small town 15 mins away from Pari). There are also bus services that stop at the nearby Petriolo Hotel. More detailed instructions will be sent on registration.

The conference will be limited to 40 delegates, who will be housed in the small local hotel and furnished houses. Those with their own transportation can stay at one of the nearby agritourismos (farms converted into apartments). Accommodation will be assigned on a first come – first served basis. The meeting will take place in the Palazzo at the top of the village. Advance arrangements will be made with the local village hall and the two local restaurants for meals. Traditional Tuscan foods will be served (with vegetarian option). Delegates should have valid travel insurance.

The conference registration fee is £120 for Western European delegates. For those who chose to leave on Monday morning there will be a residential fee of £250 to cover three nights accommodation and all meals, starting with dinner on Friday and ending with breakfast on Monday morning.

For those who wish to stay on an extra day there will be a fee of £335 which will cover four nights accommodation plus all meals, from dinner on the Friday night to dinner on Monday evening, plus transport for the excursion to Siena. (note: participants will make their own arrangements for lunch on Monday.) Participants should note that there are no cash machines in the village.

