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# WORLD PSYCHEDELIC FORUM

**Consciousness Change  
A Challenge  
of the 21st Century**

21 to 24 March 2008  
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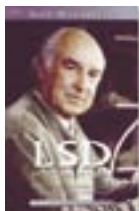


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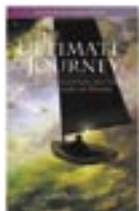
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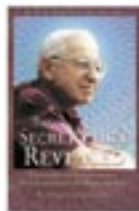
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Psychedelics have been widely used for thousands of years nearly everywhere on the planet. Psychoactive plants have been central to most ancient sacred rituals and primitive medical treatments. They have been worshipped in all cultures as "Plants of the Gods" and considered as mediators between human beings and the universe, linking the physical to the spiritual dimensions of existence.

In January 2006 the International Symposium "LSD – Problem Child and Wonder Drug" took place at the occasion of the 100th birthday of Dr. Albert Hofmann, the discoverer of LSD. Several thousand visitors and more than 200 media people from 37 countries gathered in Basel to hear speeches from scientists and historians, to exchange ideas and disseminate information. It was the biggest conference of its kind worldwide. For the first time since the turbulent 1960s, a wide range of psychedelic issues and topics has been brought back to public discussion and re-evaluation.

The World Psychedelic Forum will expand upon this renewed interest, presenting a unique opportunity for experts, researchers, and interested persons from all around the globe, to exchange views and hear presentations of the latest research on the value of these remarkable psychedelic substances in medicine, psychology, science, religion, culture and the arts.

The term "psychedelic" is derived from the Greek "psyche" (soul) and "delos" (manifest), and means a state in which the soul manifests itself. It was coined in 1956 by psychiatrist Humphry Osmond, in a now-famous exchange with writer Aldous Huxley; both recognized the potential of these compounds for self-awareness, and their correspondence to psychoactive plants held sacred for millennia.

Albert Hofmann experienced the extraordinary mental effects of LSD in the context of his work as a chemist in 1943. He so was placing a cornerstone for new insights and knowledge about by the time unexplored consciousness expanding substances. The following decade saw the publication of thousands of research papers about the nature and the effects of LSD, mescaline and psilocybin. But when LSD got out of the laboratories and "out of control", to be used for self-exploration by 1960s youth, Western governments generally declared psychoactive substances a menace, claimed it had no psychological, educational or therapeutic value, and linked it to dangerous and addictive narcotics. With a compliant mainstream media that

sensationalized and parroted the official drug policy, the "authorities" not only prohibited research on these sacred compounds but criminalized the users, a situation that has prevailed ever since, except for example in the Netherlands and in Switzerland. Inroads that have been made in recent years will be one of the many themes of this conference.

The classic psychedelics like LSD, psilocybin from magic mushrooms, mescaline from peyote and ayahuasca – the Amazonian "Vine of the Soul" – are not drugs in the traditional sense but belong, according to Albert Hofmann "concerning their chemical structure and their pharmacological effects, to the sacred substances, rediscovered through LSD, and used in ritual settings for thousands of years." They are characterized by the fact that they are neither toxic nor addictive, and have the power to bestow benefits of both practical and transcendental value.

The global youth movement, that peaked some forty years ago with the "Summer of Love", was fueled by psychedelics. A historical view shows, that the "consciousness-expanded" hippie counterculture exerted an enduring influence on society. Without the soul-opening and sensory stimulus of psychedelics, many of the social, cultural and ecological advances taken for granted today would be absent from our lives.

At the World Psychedelic Forum more than fifty experts, as well as thirty "rising researchers" from all over the world will bear witness to, and shine light upon the multidimensional psychedelic experience with its tremendous potential for expanding consciousness and for self-awareness. We will hear of the renewal of research that foretells a promising future when psychedelic plants and their synthetic derivatives will reclaim their destined position as incomparably valuable tools for individual and collective evolution and thus supporting the needed consciousness change for humanity.

## Preface

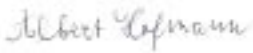
Alienation from nature and the loss of the experience of being part of the living creation is the greatest tragedy of our materialistic era. It is the causative reason for ecological devastation and climate change.

Therefore I attribute absolute highest importance to consciousness change. I regard psychedelics as catalyzers for this. They are tools which are guiding our perception toward other deeper areas of our human existence, so that we again become aware of our spiritual essence. Psychedelic experiences in a safe setting can help our consciousness open up to this sensation of connection and of being one with nature.

LSD and related substances are not drugs in the usual sense, but are part of the sacred substances, which have been used for thousand of years in ritual settings. The classic psychedelics like LSD, psilocybin and mescaline are characterized by the fact that they are neither toxic nor addictive. It is my great request to separate psychedelics from the ongoing debates about drugs, and to highlight the tremendous potential inherent to these substances for self-awareness, as an adjunct in therapy, and for fundamental research into the human mind.

It is my wish that a modern Eleusis will emerge, in which seeking humans can learn to have transcendent experiences with sacred substances in a safe setting.

I am convinced that this conference furthers the idea that these soul-opening, mind-revealing substances will find their appropriate place in our society and our culture.



Thursday, 19th April 2007

### Welcome!

Along with Albert Hofmann, we very much look forward to seeing many of the participants of the 2006 LSD Symposium again at the World Psychedelic Forum 2008, and to welcoming many new visitors.

Dieter A. Hagenbach    Lucius Werthmüller  
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## Program Flow

Each morning will begin with a **“Tune In”**, a meditative, musical start into the program.

Afterwards, as well as in the early afternoons, the plenary events **“Panorama”** will be presented: a moderator and several speakers will illustrate the day's topics with short talks, in order to give the audience reference points for easy navigation through the dense program of the day.

Before noon, in the early and in the late afternoon, 40 and 90-minute **lectures, seminars, and panels** will be staged. There will be three blocks of 4 to 5 presentations each. At the end of most presentations, the speakers will be available in the foyer of the Congress Center for follow-up discussions or individual conversations.

The **language** of each speaker and a possible translation is indicated for each single presentation throughout the program guide, and in the program overview in the center spread. Participants who understand English and German do not require a receiver/headphone for the **simultaneous translation**, as all seminars are presented in the one or the other of these languages.

For an overall survey of all presentations, please have a look at the **program overview** at the center spread.

In the foyer of the Congress Center the **supporting program “Forum”** will be presented. Detailed information about the actual daily programs will be available every morning at the registration and at the information desk.

On Monday we offer **Day seminars** with Stanislav Grof (English), and with Ralph Metzner (German), as well as **Half-day seminars** with Alex and Allyson Grey (English), and Manuel Schoch (German). These seminars are not included in the ticket prices of the World Psychedelic Forum.



**Friday, 21 March**

**The Psychedelic Experience:**

**Opening the Doors of Perception**

Consciousness Change as the Key for a Better World • Rising Researchers - A Look at Tomorrow's Research and Researchers Today • The Roots of Human Violence and Greed: Observations from Psychedelic Research • The Harvard Psilocybin Studies 1961-63 • The Good Friday Experiment: A Follow-Up and Methodological Critique • On the Bus in America: Acid Tests, The Merry Pranksters, and the Grateful Dead • The Birth of the Psychedelic Movement: A Look Back at Another America • LSD and SDS? Sex, Drugs, Politics – 40 Years after the Cultural Revolution of 1968 • The Psychedelic Experience within the Integral Model of Consciousness • Developing LSD, Psilocybin and other Psychedelics into Legal Prescription Medicines • MDMA and PTSD: A Current Study in Switzerland • Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy to Reduce Anxiety in People • LSD-assisted Psychotherapy: A New Study in Switzerland • Psychedelics in Basic Neuroscience and Clinical Practice • The Revolving Doors of Perception: Deconstructing the Myths and Ambiguities of the Psychedelic Zeitgeist • Contemporary Visionary Culture • Swiss Psychedelic Pilot Studies: Beginning Anew Where LSD Began • LSD and Inspiration: Inventions, Discoveries and Nobel Prizes • Psychedelic Music in the Third Millennium • Bitter Brews and other Abominations: The Uses and Abuses of some little known psychoactive Agents • "SheShamans": An illustrated History of Women and Psychedelics • Kicking the Habit with Psychedelics: Ibogaine in the Treatment of Opiate Addiction • Basel, Prague, San Francisco: LSD gets International and Transpersonal • The Healing Potential of Altered States of Consciousness • Heartache and Headache: Psychedelics in Therapy • LSD in Low Doses: Antidepressant and Mind Enhancer? • and other

**Saturday, 22 March**

**Legacy of the Shamans:**

**Ancient Traditions and New Dimensions**

Shamanic Visions: Awakening into Reality • Synergies between Science and Shamanism • Entheogens and their Visionary Expression: A Time Travel through Art and Culture • "Breaking Open the Head": An Iboga Initiation with the Bwiti in Gabon • Dreams, Trance, Ecstasy:

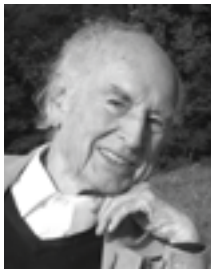
Their Vanishing within the Cultural History of the Occident • From Ayahuasca to Zen: Paths to Expanded States of Consciousness • Plant Teachers and the Path of Eve: The Mythopoetic Roots of Psychedelic Practice in the Western Tradition • Ayahuasca Research • Relationships of Plants and Mushrooms with Human Cultures • Coca teaches us how to Live: The Teachings of the Kogi • Ayahuasca: Vine of the Soul, Cord of the Universe • From Ethnomycology to Modern Mushroom Circles: Rituals beyond Space and Time • Local Plants and Consciousness • The Edge of Indian Spirituality: Naga Babas, Oral Tradition, and the Psychedelic Experience • Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Psychedelics: A Conversation Between Experts and Users • Spirit in Nature: Psychedelic Plants and Mushrooms through Native Eyes • Deities, personifying as Plants • Alchemical Divination: ealing the Past, Visioning Possible Futures • Salvia divinorum: Plant of the Gods • Young and Rising Psychedelic Researchers present their Dissertations and Papers • Documentary Movie: Other Worlds – A Journey Into The Heart of Shipibo Shamanism • and other

**Sunday, 23 March**

**Change of Consciousness:**

**A Challenge of the 21st Century**

Psychedelics and Zen Buddhism: The Search for a Path • Entheogenesis – Toward an Expanded Worldview for Our Time • Mystical Experiences, Psychedelics, and Religion • Psychedelic Families: What Do We Tell the Children? • Psychedelics and Human Evolution: A View from Evolutionary Psychology • Psychology of the Future: Lessons from Modern Consciousness Research • Towards a rational and timely Drug Policy • From Problem Child to Wonder Child: The Next 20 Years • New Horizons – Potential Benefits of Psychedelics for Humanity • Ketamine-assisted Psychedelic Psychotherapy of Heroin Dependence • Psychedelic Emergency Services: Harm Reduction in Action • Creative Practices: Vision into Art • Creative Future: The Cosmic Triggers of the Evolution of Consciousness • Psychedelics and Zen Buddhism: The Search for a Path • Advancing Psychedelic Research • Psychedelic Horizons: Potential Benefits of Psychedelics for Humanity • The Value of Psychedelics for Humanity: A Look into the Future • All You Need is Love • Closing Ceremony



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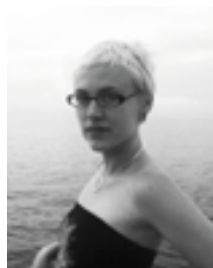
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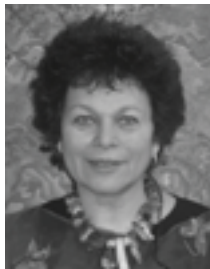
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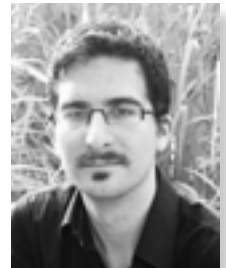
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**07.30**      **Opening of the Registration Desk**

**08.15 – 08.45**      **Room Singapore**      **Tune In**

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**09.00 – 10.30**      **Room San Francisco**      **Panorama**

#### The Psychedelic Experience:

##### The Doors of Perception

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

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**Dieter A. Hagenbach:** Address of Welcome and Opening  
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**Thomas B. Roberts:** Rising Researchers – A Look at Tomorrow's Research and Researchers Today

**Stanislav Grof:** The Roots of Human Violence and Greed: Observations from Psychedelic Research

**Ralph Metzner:** The Harvard Psilocybin Studies 1961-63

**Rick Doblin:** The Good Friday Experiment: A Follow-Up and Methodological Critique

**Carolyn Garcia:** On the Bus in America: Acid Tests, The Merry Pranksters, and the Grateful Dead

**10.30 – 11.00**      **Break**

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Concurrent Presentations**

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Room San Francisco**

### Stanislav Grof

#### The Roots of Human Violence and Greed: Observations from Psychedelic Research.

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Since time immemorial, violence and greed have been among the most important forces driving human history. Due to technological progress and exponential population growth in the twentieth century, they have become a threat for survival of life on our planet. It has become imperative to gain a deeper understanding of the roots of these forces

in the human psyche and to find ways of reducing their impact in the world.

In this lecture, we will explore the observations from psychedelic research that offer new insights into extreme forms of human violence and social pathology, such as wars, bloody revolutions, terrorism, suicide bombing, concentration camps, and genocide. In a series of slides, we will demonstrate the astonishing similarities between the symbolism of posters and cartoons from the time of wars and the visions accompanying the reliving of birth and the experience of psychospiritual death and rebirth.

**11.00 – 11.40**      **Room Montreal**

### Jan Christoph Bublitz

#### Psychotropics Beyond Therapy:

##### The Enhancement of Humans and its Neuroethical Challenges in a (Brave) New World

(German, without translation)

With the advent of pharmaceutical neuroenhancements as Ritalin, Modafinil, Prozac and other "lifestyle" drugs, the non-therapeutic (ab-)use of psychotropics is reconsidered by ethic commissions, politicians and philosophers worldwide. In the near future, substance use might be common in everyday life in order to increase alertness and working efficiency or just to feel "better than well". Enthusiastically embraced as a step towards transhumanism by some, others fear the loss of authenticity, growing inequalities or political quietism in a world of mind-doping and synthetic happiness. Mapping the field in the current debate, some of the crucial ethical issues are explored in the hope to bridge the gap between theoretical discourse and the experiences of the psychedelic community, which have not (yet) been paid the attention they may deserve.

**11.50 – 12.30**      **Room Montreal**

### Wulf Mirko Weinreich

#### The Psychedelic Experience

##### within the Integral Model of Consciousness

(German, without translation)

Psychologist and author of the book *Integrale Psychotherapie* introduces Ken Wilber's model of consciousness and its most important structural elements. With it, the directions of the effects of different psychoactive substances can be



revealed. It further enables a detailed interpretation of psychedelic experiences as well as an accurate determination of their relation to spiritual insights and mental illnesses. Finally, Wulf Mirko Weinreich will explain what fields psychedelic research must consider to be genuinely comprehensive in the integral sense.

### 11.00 – 12.30 Room Sydney

#### Carolyn Garcia

##### On the Bus in America:

**Acid Tests, The Merry Pranksters, and the Grateful Dead** (English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

In 1965, a group of young writers and artists began a series of parties and happenings to explore the new regions of mind accessed with LSD. Named The Merry Pranksters, they created a new type of gathering where boundaries between audience and performers disappeared and all participated in a new consciousness. On the brilliantly painted bus "Furthur", they traveled across North America and Mexico, surprising all who encountered them. Their "Acid Tests" were transformational, leading to psychedelic revolution in the US. Evolving music of Grateful Dead from Acid Tests to today illuminates cultural change in music with 40 years of joyous innovation.

### 11.00 – 12.30 Room Singapore

#### MAPS

**Developing LSD, Psilocybin and other Psychedelics into Legal Prescription Medicines** (English, without translation)

Rick Doblin, founder and president of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies introduces all the speakers who will give a presentation during the MAPS seminars.

**Rick Doblin:** Non-Profit Drug Development: The Vision

**Michael and Annie Mithoefer:** MDMA-assisted Psychotherapy for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): Therapeutic Process and Preliminary Results from US Study

**Sameet Kumar:** Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy to Reduce Anxiety in People with Advanced Melanoma

### 11.00 – 12.30 Room Samarkand

#### "Rising Researchers" I

Introduction and Moderation: **Thomas B. Roberts** (English, without translation)

**Jonathan Hobbs:** Political Pressure: The Role of Psychedelics in Medicine

**Yiannis Ferras:** A qualitative Study of Drug Experiences among young non-problematic Users

**Ingmar Gorman and Petr Winkler:** A 40-Year Follow-up on LSD Research conducted in former Czechoslovakia: The Psychiatrists Perspective

**Alicia Danforth:** A Case History of a 54-Year-old Woman treated with Psilocybin for cancer-related Anxiety

**Alexander Belser:** Prisons, Drugs, and Altered States: Toward a criminological Framework for the Drug-Crime Nexus

**R. Andrew Sewell:** Response of Cluster Headache to Lysergic Acid Amide

### 12.30 – 14.00

### Lunch Break

### 14.00 – 15.30

### Room San Francisco

### Panorama

#### The Psychedelic Experience:

##### The Doors of Perception

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

Moderation: **Lucius Werthmüller**

**Amanda Feilding:** Expanded Consciousness and its Importance to Survival

**Peter Gasser:** LSD-assisted Psychotherapy: A New Study in Switzerland

**Dennis McKenna:** Psychedelics in Basic Neuroscience and Clinical Practice

**Matthias Bröckers:** LSD and SDS? Sex, Drugs, Politics – 40 Years after the Cultural Revolution of 1968

**Cynthia Palmer:** "Sheshamans": A History of Women and Psychedelics

**Michael Horowitz:** The Revolving Doors of Perception: Deconstructing the Myths and Ambiguities of the Psychedelic Zeitgeist

### 15.30 – 16.15

### Break

16.15 – 17.45

Concurrent Presentations

16.15 – 17.45 Room San Francisco

**Alex Grey****Contemporary Visionary Culture**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Worldwide there is a movement of art and culture inspired by entheogens. Festivals and rock concerts give sanctuary to tens of thousands taking psychedelics and celebrating tribal unity. Alex Grey offers an illustrated view of current and future trends in contemporary entheo art and gatherings born of the alchemical crucible.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Montreal

**Panel Discussion****The Birth of the Psychedelic Movement:  
A Look Back at Another America****With Carolyn Garcia, Ralph Metzner, Cynthia Palmer,  
Michael Horowitz, Moderation: Dale Pendell**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

The term “psychedelic” was coined in 1956 by psychiatrist Humphry Osmond, in a now-famous exchange with writer Aldous Huxley, who both recognized the potential of these “new” kind of psychoactive substances for self-awareness and to expand consciousness, in an age of nuclear proliferation and Cold War confrontations.

But it was American exponents, like Harvard scholars Timothy Leary, Richard Alpert and Ralph Metzner, Beat poet Allen Ginsberg, novelist Ken Kesey and The Merry Pranksters, with their legendary Acid Tests, acid rock bands like The Grateful Dead, and underground LSD chemists exemplified by Owsley who, with other countercultural activists and artists, enabled a Psychedelic Revolution in the U.S. The youth movement, culminating at the “Summer of Love” in 1967, and perhaps best expressed by the slogans All You Need is Love and Make Love Not War, quickly spread to Western Europe and all over the world.

Contemporary witnesses recount the origins, expectations and experiences to describe this time of cultural, political, and social changes.

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16.15 – 17.45 Room Sydney

**Thomas B. Roberts und Michael Winkelman  
Psychedelic Medicine**

(English, without translation)

The continued developments in the clinical applications of psychointegrators have provided a basis for determining their best uses and validated their efficacy in treating critical conditions including PTSD, cluster headaches, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, end of life existential crises and a variety of addictions. How do we move these clinical and laboratory findings into the cultural mainstream?

By organizing constituencies, education via media and university courses, religious orders and guilds, and recruiting the financial community by founding a company to provide psychedelic therapy and mind enhancement services.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Singapore

**MAPS and SAEPT****Swiss Psychedelic Pilot Studies:****Beginning Anew Where LSD Began**

(English, without translation)

**Rick Doblin:** Past (1988-1993) SAEPT LSD/MDMA Therapy, Present Phase 2 Pilot Studies, Future European Multi-site Phase 3 Trials, Presentation and Introduction

**Peter Gasser:** LSD-assisted Psychotherapy in Subjects with Anxiety Associated with Life-threatening Illnesses: Therapeutic Process and Preliminary Results

**Peter Oehen:** MDMA-assisted Psychotherapy for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): Therapeutic Process and Preliminary Results

**Juray Styk:** Integration in Psychedelic Therapy

16.15 – 17.45 Room Samarkand

**“Rising Researchers” II** (English, without translation)

**Torsten Passie,** Scientific Collaborator and Psychiatrist at the Department of Clinical Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Medical School Hannover presents a dissertation about ayahuasca, and the following scientific research papers: Tobias Buchhorn: LSD as experimental Antidepressant with Rats

Oliver Bosch/Torsten Passie: Neuropsychological Research with Psilocybin

Michael Melber/Torsten Passie: Nitrous oxide – a Hallucinogen? Results from a psychopharmacological Study with human Subjects

Jordi Riba: Experimental Studies with Ayahuasca with human Subjects

Kerstin Lindhorst: Neurophysiological Effects of Hallucinogens

Stefan Markert/Torsten Passie a.o.: Comparison of psychopharmacological Effects of Ketamine racemate and S-Ketamine: An experimental Study with human Subjects

**Anya Loizaga-Velder** presents her paper about Ayahuasca Healing Rituals in Addiction Therapy

17.45 – 18.30

Break

18.30 – 20.00

Concurrent Presentations

18.30 – 19.10 Room San Francisco

**Matthias Bröckers**

**LSD and Inspiration:**

**Inventions, Discoveries and Nobel Prizes**

(German, without translation)

Without the soul-opening stimulus of psychedelics, not only would many of the social, cultural and ecological advances taken for granted today be absent from our lives, but also quite a few inventions and discoveries. The investigative journalist and author Matthias Bröckers presents a fascinating and insightful overview of many known and unknown facts behind mainstream media and opinion.

19.20 – 20.00 Room San Francisco

**Christian Rättsch**

**Psychedelic Music in the Third Millennium**

(German, without translation)

What is the nature and the delicacy of psychedelic music? What are its roots? What is it meant to bring about for the listener, does it work, and how? With audio samples of classical and popular music, the well-known ethnologist and music lover will go to the bottom of these and other questions and issues around psychedelic music for our times.

18.30 – 19.10 Room Montreal

**Dennis McKenna**

**Psychedelics in Basic Neuroscience and Clinical Practice**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

The potential of psychedelics as research tools in basic neuroscience and in therapeutic applications in clinical practice is being investigated more vigorously than at anytime in the last 35 years. As a result of these recent studies, psychedelics are regaining recognition as research tools in neuroscience, for example in brain-imaging, and as molecular probes in elucidating the neurochemical substrates of consciousness, perception, and transpersonal experiences. On the clinical side, psychedelics are being investigated for their potential therapeutic utility in the alleviation of anxiety and depression in the terminally ill, in the treatment of PTSD, and in the treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders, among others. This presentation will summarize significant studies, highlighting research conducted by investigators affiliated with or partially funded by the Heffter Research Institute ([www.heffter.org](http://www.heffter.org)).

19.20 – 20.00 Room Montreal

**Dennis McKenna**

**Bitter Brews and Other Abominations: The Uses and Abuses of some little known psychoactive Agents.**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Most of us are familiar with the well-known hallucinogenic plants that form the basis of shamanic practices throughout the world. Psychedelics such as peyote cactus, psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca, and DMT-containing snuffs all have long traditions of indigenous use. But many people may not realize that the natural world is permeated with psychotropic chemistry. There exists a plethora of more obscure psychoactive plants, fungi and animals that are used and valued by indigenous peoples for their psychotropic effects, and their utility in shamanic healing practices. This seminar will provide a quick overview of some of these little known psychotropic substances, and will discuss their uses in the context of ethnomedicine, as well as their botany, chemistry, and pharmacology, to the extent that they are known. The potential medical and research applications of these obscure and overlooked materials will also be discussed.

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		Entheogenesis	
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**18.30 – 19.10 Room Sydney****Cynthia Palmer****“SheShamans”:****An Illustrated History of Women and Psychedelics**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

From the goddesses of myth and antiquity to 21st century curanderas and counterculture adventurers, woman and sacred plants have been intimately linked. Through the literature of women from dramatically different backgrounds and experience, the feminine perspective on drug-altered consciousness connects icons like Cleopatra, Maria Sabina, Laura Huxley and Grace Slick and reveals a psychedelic sisterhood that is ever-present.

**19.20 – 20.00 Room Sydney****Michael Horowitz****The Revolving Doors of Perception: Deconstructing the Myths and Ambiguities of the Psychedelic Zeitgeist**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Psychedelic experiences encourage us to see our personal and collective history in mythic terms, and to view these events from a multitude of perspectives. From this standpoint we will review some of the most notable occurrences and beliefs in the 65 years since the discovery of LSD.

**18.30 – 19.10 Room Singapore****Valerie Mojeiko****Kicking the Habit with Psychedelics:****Ibogaine in the Treatment of Opiate Addiction**

(English, without translation)

Thousands of people have used ibogaine to help break the cycle of drug addiction. Underground clinics are popping up all over the world. Studies have proven its effectiveness in the short-term. MAPS is now sponsoring a follow-up study to determine its long-term effectiveness. In this seminar the MAPS Director of Operations and Clinical Research Associate will summarize previous research on ibogaine, current treatment methods and the protocol for MAPS' current research on long-term outcomes of ibogaine-assisted therapy in the treatment of opiate dependence.

**19.20 – 20.00 Room Singapore****Amanda Feilding / The Beckley Foundation****Expanded Consciousness and its Importance to Survival**

(English, without translation)

The Beckley Foundation is dedicated to the interdisciplinary investigation of consciousness and its altered states, and how the knowledge produced by this research can be used to benefit the wellbeing and creative potential of our species.

Beckley's current projects include: first fully approved research with LSD and human subjects; investigating the neural and physiological correlates underlying the benefits of cannabis; research into the neural correlates of Higher States of Consciousness and bio-feedback devices to enable novice meditators to achieve these higher states; investigation into changes in cerebral fluid dynamics in the aging process, and how such detrimental changes might be counteracted; investigation into LSD as a palliative treatment for the dying, enhancer of the mystical experience plus the possible beneficial use of micro-doses of LSD to improve cerebral circulation. In a scientific age, we require scientific explanations to bring about a change in the zeitgeist.

**18.30 – 20.00 Room Samarkand****“Rising Researchers” III** (English, without translation)Moderation: **Thomas B. Roberts**

**Sameet Kumar:** Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy in the Management of Anxiety associated with Stage IV Melanoma

**Levente Móró:** Psychonauts: Systematic Phenomenology of Altered Consciousness

**David Luke** (Co-Author Marios Kittenis): Psychedelics, Parapsychology and exceptional Human Experiences

**Gurpreet S. Chopra:** Psychedelic Use and Misuse: A contemporary Perspective on how Psychedelics may be used safely

**Michael Alan Ruderman:** A Kappa Opioid Model of Altered Consciousness: Effects of U50488, DOI, and AC90179 on Exploration and Prepulse Inhibition in Mice

**Simon D. Brandt:** The analytical Chemistry of synthetic Routes to hallucinogenic Tryptamines

**07.30**      **Opening of the Registration Desk**

**08.15 – 08.45**      **Room Singapore**      **Tune In**

### **Kajjali Tsamani**

#### **Freeing from Straining Energies**

We permanently burden ourselves with straining energies, which can be the cause of our physical, mental, and spiritual illnesses. With the help of proper breathing, and by becoming aware of our vitality, we can free ourselves from these energies and boost our wellbeing. This ancient practice from the Andes will be improved by sacred chants, music, and offerings.

No entrance after the beginning!

**09.00 – 10.30**      **Room San Francisco**      **Panorama**

#### **The Legacy of the Shamans:**

##### **Ancient Traditions and New Dimensions**

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

Moderation: **Lucius Werthmüller**

**Daniel Pinchbeck:** "Breaking Open the Head": An Iboga Initiation with the Bwiti in Gabon

**Torsten Passie:** Dreams, Trance, Ecstasy – Their Vanishing within the Cultural History of the Occident

**Nana Nauwald:** Shamanic Visions: Awakening into Reality

**Jeremy Narby:** Synergies between Science and Shamanism

**Claudia Müller-Ebeling:** Entheogens and their Visionary Expression: A Time Travel through Art and Culture

**10.30 – 11.00**      **Break**

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Concurrent Presentations**

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Room San Francisco**

### **Claudia Müller-Ebeling**

#### **Entheogens and their Visionary Expression:**

##### **A Time Travel through Art and Culture**

(German, simultaneous translation Ger/Eng)

In her illustrated talk, noted art historian and ethnologist questions if experiences with magic mushrooms, LSD, ayahuasca and other DMT-containing substances are related to typical visionary forms of expression. Based on literary records, personal accounts and works by ethnicities, and

from contemporary Western artists, she demonstrates that inspiration can clearly be attributed to experiences with these respective substances.

**11.00 – 12.30**      **Room Montreal**

#### **Panel Discussion**

##### **From Ayahuasca to Zen:**

##### **Paths to Expanded States of Consciousness**

**With Bruno Martin, Nana Nauwald, Vanja Palmers, Bea Rubli, Manuel Schoch, Moderation: Lucius Werthmüller** (German, without translation)

Many spiritual traditions dismiss the use of psychoactive substances as catalysts for expanded or mystical states of consciousness as illegitimate shortcuts in a natural spiritual process. They identify the pharmacologically induced states as "artificial paradises" and argue, that such states differ fundamentally from states arising spontaneously or through perseverant practicing and exercising spiritual methods.

This round of consciousness researchers with vast experience in exploring inner worlds will discuss the legitimacy of the use of psychoactive substances as well as the common grounds and the distinctions of these states, and their long-term effects on self-development.

**11.00 – 11.40**      **Room Sydney**

### **Jeremy Narby**

#### **Synergies between Science and Shamanism**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Though rational observers have misunderstood shamans for centuries, times are changing. Scientists are now opening up to learning with their indigenous colleagues. An anthropologist active between systems of knowledge reports on a recent encounter between a leading tuberculosis researcher and a well-respected ayahuasca shaman. The goal of their collaboration is to find a cure for a deadly disease by combining visions and technology, plants and molecules. The point is to move beyond old blockages and do what it takes to solve real problems. The anthropologist Jeremy Narby is convinced that microscopes and modified consciousness can be combined in a quest for knowledge.

**11.50 – 12.30 Room Sydney****Daniel Pinchbeck****“Breaking Open the Head”:****An Iboga Initiation with the Bwiti in Gabon**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Daniel Pinchbeck will discuss his experiences taking iboga, a psychedelic rootbark inducing a trance that lasts for thirty hours, in an initiatory ceremony with the Bwiti tribe of Gabon, a small country on the equator in West Africa. The bark powder temporarily releases the soul from the body, allowing the initiate entry into the African spiritual cosmos, where he is shown the outline of his fate. Some of the Bwiti call the ceremony “breaking open the head;” Pinchbeck describes how his own head was broken open, and how he has gingerly attempted to put the pieces back together again. He will finally compare his experience to a second session with ibogaine in a clinic in Mexico.

**11.00 – 11.40 Room Singapore****Torsten Passie****Dreams, Trance, Ecstasy:****Their Vanishing within the Cultural History of the Occident**

(German, without translation)

Dreaming, Trance, Ecstasy are altered states of consciousness with which even prehistoric humans have searched for an access to the fields of reality that are inaccessible during the awake state. Still, for today’s ethnology, it is a mystery why these states have been of such great importance for so many different people all over the world. This seminar aims to trace the cultural-historical context leading to an increasing phenomenon of exclusion and devaluation of dreaming, trance, and ecstasy within the culture of the occident. Against the outlined background, it becomes significant why the potentially consciousness expanding psychedelics underlie a basic discrimination that is factually barely justifiable.

**11.40 – 12.30 Room Singapore****Dale Pendell****Plant Teachers and the Path of Eve: The Mythopoetic Roots of Psychedelic Practice in the Western Tradition**

(English, without translation)

We will look for the mythopoetic roots of psychedelic praxis in the Western Tradition. Faust, the great necromancer, is of course the shaman, but in Eve we find our first curandera. Blake called Milton “a true Poet, and of the Devil’s party without knowing it.” Norman O. Brown pointed out the links between Eve and Pandora, the “all-gifted,” and that her true gift was the pharmakon. We will look at Eve as the one who dared – and the one who shared: the patron goddess of the “poison path.”

**11.00 – 12.30 Room Samarkand****“Rising Researchers” IV: Ayahuasca Research**Moderation: **Thomas B. Roberts**

(English, without translation)

**Manuel Villaescusa:** Subjective short Term Effects of Ayahuasca Intake in Western psychotherapeutic Setting.

A qualitative Study on the Effects experienced by European Subjects during the Week after Participation in Ayahuasca Sessions

**Beatriz Caiuby Labate** (Authors: Rafael Guimaraes dos Santos, Isabel Santana de Rose): Brazilian Ayahuasca Religions: A bibliographical Exploration

**Paulo Cesar Ribeiro Barbosa:** A Longitudinal Evaluation of Personality Traits, psychiatric Symptoms and Quality of Life of Ayahuasca-naïve Subjects

**Brian Anderson:** Enchantment and Ecology: Environmental Values in the Centro Espirita Beneficente União do Vegetal

**Kenneth W. Tupper:** Ayahuasca in the 21st Century: Philosophical and Policy Challenges

**Rafael Guimaraes dos Santos** (Co-Authors: Beatriz Cajuby Labate, Isabel Santana de Rose): Initial Approaches to the Potential of Ayahuasca as an auxiliary Tool in the Treatment of chemical Dependency

**12.30 – 14.00****Lunch Break**



14.00 – 15.30 Room San Francisco Panorama

**The Legacy of the Shamans:****Ancient Traditions and New Dimensions**

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

Moderation: **Lucius Werthmüller****Kathleen Harrison:** Relationships of Plants and Mushrooms with Human Cultures**Kajuyali Tsamani:** Coca teaches us how to Live: The Teachings of the Kogi**Christian Rättsch:** From Ethnomycology to Modern Mushroom Circles: Rituals beyond Space and Time**Wolf-Dieter Storl:** Local Plants and Consciousness**Baba Rampuri:** The Edge of Indian Spirituality: Naga Babas, Oral Tradition, and the Psychedelic Experience

15.30 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 17.45 Concurrent Presentations

16.15 – 17.45 Room San Francisco

**Kajuyali Tsamani****Ayahuasca: Vine of the Soul, Cord of the Universe**

(Spanish, simultaneous translation Spa/Eng)

Ayahuasca is a sacred plant from the Amazon, ritually used for millennia. Its power to convey visions, awareness, and wisdom, allowed indigenous people to develop a way to cohabit, during which the healing of the social and cultural life, on a physical, mental, and spiritual level can take place permanently. The ancient, sacred tales and the ayahuasca rituals are closely connected with communal life. Nowadays, these sacred practices are shared with humans from other societies and cultures, thus receiving recovery, healing and insight, when previously, the use of ayahuasca had long been reserved to the native people. To share the knowledge and the healing properties with others is one of the most important teachings ayahuasca has been given to the natives, who initially have received it.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Montreal

**Panel Discussion****Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Psychedelics: A Conversation between Experts and Users****With Ralph Metzner, Claudia Müller-Ebeling, Christian Rättsch, Torsten Passie, Manuel Schoch, Moderation:****Lucius Werthmüller**

(German, without translation)

During this session you have the opportunity to ask experienced experts all your questions about the safe use of psychedelic substances.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Sydney

**Kathleen Harrison****Spirit in Nature:****Psychedelic Plants and Mushrooms through Native Eyes**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Drawing from her fieldwork in Mexico and South America, the experienced ethnobotanist will share perspectives, stories and images from the worldview and ritual practices of indigenous people who live in respectful relationship to psychoactive species. Sacred medicines and humans are seen as part of an animated fabric of beings. The presentation will look into cultures that incorporate psilocybin mushrooms, *Salvia divinorum*, ayahuasca, peyote or tobacco into their ceremonies, with particular focus on the enduring traditions of the Mazatec people of Mexico.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Singapore

**Wolf-Dieter Storl****Deities, personifying as Plants**

(German, without translation)

"Plants are much more than what their descriptions in botanical books suggest," says Wolf-Dieter Storl. They own an intelligence and a wisdom which they can reveal to shamanic consciousness. Under the guidance of the well-known ethnologist and author we will try to approach an understanding of these worlds.

**16.15 – 17.45 Room Samarkand****“Rising Researchers” V**Moderation: **Thomas B. Roberts**

(English, without translation)

**Kevin Feeney:** Peyote Conservation and Indian Rights**Aaron A. Jenks:** Evolution and Origins of *Salvia divinorum***Henrique Soares Carneiro:** Cannabis and the Afro-Brazilian Tradition**Juan C. Gonzalez:** Hallucinogens or Lucidogens:

The Debate is open

**Diana Reed Slattery:** Communicating the Unspeakeable? Linguistic Phenomena in the Psychedelic Sphere**Tom Froese:** Enactive cognitive Science: Toward a scientific Re-Enchantment of the Concrete**17.45 – 18.30****Break****18.30 – 20.00****Concurrent Presentations****18.30 – 20.00 Room San Francisco****Baba Rampuri****The Edge of Indian Spirituality: Naga Babas, Oral Tradition, and the Psychedelic Experience**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

Baba Rampuri will open *The Book of the World* and talk from the Oral Tradition in the context of his life among Naga Babas.

Like the others in the entourage of the Indian God Shiva, the Naga Babas, naked yogi-shamans live at the margins of the world as all shamans do. Some call them “The Hell’s Angels of Indian Spirituality”. Yet, even though “outsiders”, they maintain a very legitimate authority and honored connection with the world. Theirs is an oral tradition, which they call the Tradition of Knowledge.

Explorations and opening up of consciousness require journeys to the edge of the world, hoping to find such characters to act as our allies, protectors, and mentors. And, of course, the physical journey is only a small part. Albert Hofmann not only greatly facilitated this process, he provided one of the few ways in these times, to cross to the other side.

Baba Rampuri entertains and enlightens us with accounts of his “bold journey which explores the true intersections of Eastern and Western thought,” (Deepak Chopra) as he

became the first foreigner to be initiated into India’s most ancient order of yogis and shamans, the Naga Sannyasis, and a guru with a number of disciples within the order.

**18.30 – 20.00 Room Montreal****Panel discussion****Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Psychedelics: A Conversation between Experts and Users****Mit Rick Doblin, Dennis McKenna, Dale Pendell, Daniel****Pinchbeck, Moderation: Kathleen Harrison**

(English, without translation)

During this session you have the opportunity to ask experienced experts all your questions about the safe use of psychedelic substances.

**18.30 – 19.10 Room Sydney****Ralph Metzner****Alchemical Divination:****Healing the Past, Visioning Possible Futures**

(German, simultaneous translation Ger/Eng)

Alchemical divinations are processes of structured intuitive inquiry, using meditative light-fire yoga methods. We work in the spirit of the deity Janus, god of doorways, passages and transitions, whose two faces look into the past and the future. Looking into the past, we connect with unresolved aspects of our past experience, to “re-member” and integrate those into our present sense of self, with greater freedom to make choices. Looking into the future, we ask for guidance about our probable and possible futures, empowering us to realize our highest potentials.

**19.10 – 20.00 Room Sydney****Christian Rättsch****From Ethnomycology to Modern Mushroom Circles:****Rituals beyond Space and Time**

(German, simultaneous translation Ger/Eng)

The noted ethnopharmacologist and author of the definitive book *Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Plants* sheds light on the historical process, leading from R. Gordon Wasson’s ethnomycology to modern use of magic mushrooms in a ritual context. Christian Rättsch shows that we can experience archaic experiences in modern settings, also.

**18.30 – 20.00 Room Singapore****Nana Nauwald****Shamanic Visions: Awakening into Reality**

(German, without translation)

Long standing inner and outer travels within shamanic cultures let the researcher of shamanic worlds know: they still fly and operate on the cosmic web of the world – shamans and their meanwhile manifold heirs, psychonauts between Stone Age and Internet. Plants, sound, movement, trance, and the intelligent system of our biochemistry are means of conveyance and tools for visiting and exploring the worlds of consciousness and awakening into the reality of being human.

In shamanism, awakening into the diversity of reality is a way of awareness, a way of becoming human. In this seminar, Nana Nauwald will encourage us through her lively narration, through sound samples, and short exercises, to consciously, curiously, joyfully and beneficially experience and live the spirit of shamanism – according to our present-day conditions of life.

**18.30 – 20.00 Room Samarkand****Sylvia Thyssen and Jon Hanna****What about Erowid?****Questions and Answers about Online Drug Information**

(English, without translation)

Twelve years after Erowid's founding, the internet is ubiquitous and so is drug information. How do people decide where to find facts and opinions about psychoactive plants, chemicals, and related technologies? What are some important issues to consider when using online data sources? Erowid.org will be around after all of us are gone: what legacy of information do we want to pass on to the next generations? This presentation will offer a generous Q&A session for audience interaction.

**20.30 – 22.15 Room San Francisco****Movie****Jan Kounen****Other Worlds****A Journey Into The Heart of Shipibo Shamanism**

Documentary, 75 Minutes, English

After a short introduction, the Dutch director will present his highly appraised documentary, leading us into the heart of Shipibo shamanism:

"Questembetsa is a Shipibo-Conibo Shaman, who enabled me to experience Shamanism from the inside. There are 45 000 Shipibo Conibos living together along the Amazon River in Peru. Questembetsa is the spiritual guide of all Shipibo Conibos. He is the Master Shaman who trains all of his people's Shamans. Questembetsa enabled us to film a summer solstice ceremony, which lasted for three days and three nights. This traditional celebration has never been recorded on film, and justly so. It has not occurred for 70 years and has obviously been seen by very few 'non-Indians.' Using night-vision cameras, we were able to immortalize these unique moments.

Under Questembetsa's protective watch, I participated in ceremonies and experienced what can be characterized as a 'near death experience.' For me, this was a powerful consciousness experience, where I crossed over, to the other side of the mirror. Once my initiation began, it would continue for over a year. Having experienced this journey of initiation and learning, I am now able to speak about Shamanism."

This documentary film will be the testimony of a personal and subjective adventure. It will also show the dangers and risks involved in shamanism: Losing yourself in the light or the darkness of your recently awakened emotions or misinterpreting the feelings or visions. This could lead to schizophrenia, in the event these journeys are not guided by competent shamans or compliant with an unyielding discipline and strict diet.

The film will primarily show the therapeutic power of the shamans and their plants. This power is a type of ancestral psychoanalysis or human psychotherapy backed by 4 000 years of experience and practice. The film allows the Shamans to speak for themselves. It shows how their cultures and their belief systems culminate from their knowledge of the Invisible.

07.30 Opening of the Registration Desk

08.15 – 08.45 Room Singapore Tune In

**Jürg fuyüzui Zurmühle****Hearing the Moment: Silence, Breath, Sound**

Music is a way to expand into the core of being and to connect with it. By chanting, making music, and by listening we become “reconnected”, the original meaning of “religio”, to the essential.

Jürg Zurmühle, master of the Japanese bamboo flute Shakuhachi, guides us with the sound and the music of the Zen flute into a meditative state of “hearing the moment”: silence, breath, sound.

No entrance after the beginning!

09.00 – 10.30 Room San Francisco Panorama

**Change of Consciousness:****A Challenge of the 21st Century**

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

Moderation: **Lucius Werthmüller**

**Dale Pendell:** Psychedelics and Zen Buddhism: The Search for a Path

**Ralph Metzner:** Entheogenesis – Toward an Expanded Worldview for Our Time

**Vanja Palmers:** Mystical Experiences, Psychedelics, and Religion

**Allyson Grey:** Psychedelic Families: What Do We Tell the Children?

**Michael J. Winkelman:** Psychedelics and Human Evolution: A View from Evolutionary Psychology

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 Concurrent Presentations

11.00 – 12.30 Room San Francisco

**Stanislav Grof****Psychology of the Future:****Lessons from Modern Consciousness Research**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

In the last five decades, psychedelic therapy and other avenues of modern consciousness research have revealed a rich array of “anomalous” experiences and observations that have undermined some of the most basic assumptions of modern psychiatry, psychology, and psychotherapy concerning consciousness and the human psyche in health and disease. Many of these observations are so radical that they question the basic philosophical assumptions of materialistic science.

In this lecture, we will review these remarkable data and explore the most important major revisions that would have to be made in our understanding of consciousness, of the human psyche, and of the nature of reality to respond to these conceptual challenges.

11.00 – 12.30 Room Montreal

**Panel Discussion****Towards a Rational and Timely Drug Policy**

**With Jan Christoph Bublitz, Pierre Josef, Thomas Kessler,**

**Vanja Palmers, Torsten Passie**

**Moderation: Lucius Werthmüller**

(German, simultaneous translation Ger/Eng)

The Report of the Switzerland's Federal Commission for Drug Policy “From the Policy of Illegal Drugs to the Policy of Psychoactive Substances,” as well as the “Four Pillar Policy” are among the most progressive proposals world wide for a timely drug policy.

Based on these reports, announced experts with different professional backgrounds will discuss measures and steps for the implementation of a rational and timely global drug policy.

This panel will define the outlines for the use of psychedelics beyond the regularized medical and therapeutic applications, presenting suggestions, to acknowledge psychedelics and cannabis as remedies, and finally discussing ways for a comprehensive decriminalization and legalization of psychoactive substances world wide.

**11.00 – 11.40 Room Sydney****Allyson and Alex Grey****Psychedelic Families: What Do We Tell the Children?**

(English, without translation)

Growing up in a culture where psychedelics are demonized, mind-altering substances are not a welcome topic of conversation in many homes. Knowing the perils and promise of entheogens, many of us face the question of whether to broach the subject with our children at all and if so, how. Alex and Allyson Grey will share from their own experience and site reports from MAPS, Erowid, Entheogen Review, Drug Policy Alliance, and include both U.S. and European source material. The Grey's will lead a discussion where participants will be invited to air diverse points of view.

**11.00 – 11.40 Room Singapore****Thomas B. Roberts****New Horizons:****Potential Benefits of Psychedelics for Humanity**

(English, without translation)

"Introducing multistate theory, we will consider multistate implications for entheogenic religious studies and consider whether we are moving from our current word-based, text-based religious era to a religious era of direct experience of the divine, expand education to include the metaintelligence – the ability to access all useful mindbody states and develop the abilities that reside in them – develop new kinds of intelligence, invent novel and previously unknown mindbody states, and redefine 'well educated', show how the future is likely to provide the experimental study of philosophy, beliefs, values, and other humanities. What are the evolutionary benefits of these advances?"

**11.50 – 12.30 Room Singapore****Michael J. Winkelman****Psychedelics and Human Evolution:  
A View from Evolutionary Psychology**

(English, without translation)

The role of psychedelics in human evolution is evidenced in: homologies of psychedelics with a key neuromodulatory system, serotonin; human-ape differences in psychedelic self-administration and neurotransmitter systems; presence of psychedelic mushrooms in hunter-gather life-ways; the central role of shamanism in the emergence of modern human cognition; and neurotheological linkages of shamanic and psychedelics cosmology. Functional analysis of serotonin systems indicates adaptive effects related to selection for enhanced information integration and psychosocial modulation.

**11.00 – 12.30 Room Samarkand****Seminar MAPS****From Problem Child to Wonder Child:  
The Next 20 Years**

(English, without translation)

**Rick Doblin:** Teaching Psychedelic Psychotherapy: MDMA/PTSD Therapist Training Protocol and Continuing Medical Education Courses

**Evgeny Krupitsky:** Ketamine-assisted Psychedelic Psychotherapy of Heroin Dependence

**Valerie Mojeiko:** Psychedelic Emergency Services: Harm Reduction in Action

**12.30 – 14.00****Lunch Break**

14.00 – 15.30 Room San Francisco Panorama

**Change of Consciousness:**

**A Challenge of the 21st Century**

Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger

Moderation: **Lucius Werthmüller**

**Manuel Schoch:** All You Need is Love

**Alex Grey:** Creative Practices: Vision into Art

**Bruno Martin:** Creative Future: The Cosmic Triggers of the Evolution of Consciousness

**Thomas B. Roberts:** Psychedelic Horizons: Potential Benefits of Psychedelics for Humanity

**Daniel Pinchbeck:** The Future of Psychedelics

15.30 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 17.45 Concurrent Presentations

16.15 – 17.45 Room San Francisco

**Daniel Pinchbeck**

**The Future of Psychedelics**

(English, simultaneous translation Eng/Ger)

In this talk, we will explore what we know about psychedelics today, surveying perspectives from indigenous shamanic traditions and from modern scientific research. The famous consciousness explorer will discuss the evolution of modern religious movements using visionary plant sacraments such as the Santo Daime in Brazil. He will offer some tentative theories on the nature of the visionary and ontological experiences encountered during the non-ordinary states induced by psychedelics. He will then discuss the possibility of integrating psychedelic study and use into a new paradigm for the future.

16.15 – 16.55 Room Montreal

**Bruno Martin**

**Creative Future:**

**The Cosmic Triggers of the Evolution of Consciousness**

(German, without translation)

During his investigations about the modes of action of a creative intelligence in the course of the evolution of life, it became clear to the German consciousness researcher and author, that all life is based on the concept of mutual maintenance and support. "That means, that life in all its

variety could only unfold through co/evolution of plants and animals. A further, meaningful step was the coevolution of psychoactive mushrooms and plants with human evolution of consciousness. Creative intelligence has thus managed to have assistants with the emergence of conscious humans during the further conscious evolution of the noosphere – the consciousness field of the earth – and of humanity.

17.05 – 17.45 Room Montreal

**Ralph Metzner**

**Entheogenesis:**

**Toward an Expanded Worldview for Our Time**

(German, without translation)

Conscious communion of living beings, disclosed in spiritual experiences, is acknowledged as equally real and valid as the conscious perception of identifiable objects, disclosed by the natural sciences. The preservation and celebration of the diversity of living forms and the diversity of cultural traditions are essential to a sustainable civilization. I would add to this the celebration of the rich multiplicity of our inner life: we are all multiple personalities, each of us containing a "theater of simultaneous possibilities". We can recognize, celebrate and communicate with, the indwelling spiritual intelligences of all inorganic and organic life-forms, as well as of Earth and other planets, Sun and other stars, Milky Way and other galaxies, and the Universe.

16.15 – 17.45 Room Sydney

**Manuel Schoch**

**All You Need is Love**

(German, simultaneous translation Ger/Eng)

Without love there is nothing. Love is the basic energy of the universe. She shows herself in various forms: As Eros, our vital biological and cultural mainspring; as You-Love, the social basic module of the entire human evolution; as undirected, eternal spiritual energy from the source of all things, but also as the trigger of our desires, fears, conflicts, longings, and projections.

The energy of love is a state of being. Love touches the core of the concern, love unites, love resolves, love heals, love is creation. Time Therapy, founded by Manuel Schoch, assumes that it is not important "that you are loved, or have

been loved, it is just essential, that you yourself love. This love frees you." In this seminar, the modern mystic will present possible ways toward love, and how we can live it in our every-day life.

### 16.15 – 16.55 Room Singapore

**Dale Pendell**

**Psychedelics and Zen Buddhism: The Search for a Path**  
(English, without translation)

After many years as both a Zen student and a practitioner of sacred medicines, Dale Pendell should have some definitive answers. He doesn't, but he does have a few ideas. Zen is concerned with "the great matter." Using an alchemical metaphor, and a pun in colloquial English, could the "Great Matter" be called the "Great Stone"? Does nirvana have a neuropharmacology? At the least, we will explore the most common misunderstandings on these points.

### 17.05 – 17.45 Room Singapore

**Vanja Palmers**

**Mystical Experiences, Psychedelics, and Religion**  
(German, without translation)

The birth of every religion is the mystical experience of its founder. Aside from historical information, such a statement primarily demands that we take a closer look at the phenomenon of the mystical experience itself. In a poll by the Buddhist magazine Tricycle a couple of years ago, over 40% of the respondents declared that their interest in Buddhism was activated by experiences with psychedelics. However, their use is regarded as incompatible with religious codes of practice by most exponents of established religions.

Zen-priest and animal welfare activist Vanja Palmers has fewer reservations. He stands behind the fact that LSD was the catalysator to open his mind for the spiritual dimensions, and he regards psychedelics as helpful tools in the process of consciousness expanding. In his presentation he focuses on the significance of the mystical experience and discusses, how religions can help us, to integrate them into our lives.

### 16.15 – 17.45 Room Samarkand

**"Rising Researchers" VI:**

**Open Discussion and Exchange:  
Advancing Psychedelic Research**

Moderation: **Thomas B. Roberts**

(English, without translation)

This open discussion will consider topics and methods current psychedelic research should take. Established researchers, rising researchers, and all interested visitors are welcome to contribute their ideas. Small groups may focus on specialized topics and techniques.

### 18.30 – 19.30 Room San Francisco

**Closing Ceremony**

(Simultaneous translation Ger/Eng and Eng/Ger)

For three days we have obtained a variety of suggestions and information on all aspects of psychedelics or discussed insights and outlooks in connection with these highly potent substances. In this closing ceremony with musical framework famous speakers will draw balance on the inevitable change of consciousness for our lives and our future existence as a response to the constantly pressing challenges of the 21st century – with our hope and our desire for a better world.

## Day Seminar

09.00 – 17.30

**Stanislav Grof****Psychospiritual Death and Rebirth: A Visionary Journey**  
(English, without translation)

Consciousness researcher, psychiatrist, and psychotherapist Stanislav Grof is one of the co-founders of Transpersonal Psychology, and he was president of the International Transpersonal Association (ITA) for many years. During his long-lasting work in the 1960s at the Psychiatric Research Institute in Prague he explored the effects of LSD for himself and with patients during thousands of therapeutic sessions. The findings and insights of this groundbreaking work lead him to design an expanded topography of the human consciousness. Stanislav Grof dedicated his life and work to the research of altered states of consciousness. He received the "Vision 97" award granted by the Foundation of Dagmar and Vaclav Havel in Prague on October 5, 2007, for his outstanding pioneering research.

In this slide-illustrated seminar, Stanislav Grof will explore the process of psychospiritual death and rebirth, using the paintings from depth psychological work with psychedelic substances and holotropic breathwork. The understanding of this process is essential for any serious approach to the ritual and spiritual history of humanity – shamanism, rites of passage, healing ceremonies of native cultures, ancient mysteries of death and rebirth, the great religions of the world, and the mystical traditions of all times and countries. The insights from this work throw new light on sociopolitical events, such as wars, revolutions, and genocide, but also on artistic and visionary creations from ancient times to the modern era.

## Day Seminar

09.00 – 17.30

**Ralph Metzner****Introduction into Alchemical Divination**  
(German, without translation)

Alchemical Divination is a method of structured inquiry into questions in a slightly heightened state of consciousness generated by yoga practices. We work in the spirit of the Roman deity Janus, guardian of gates and passages, whose two faces look into the past and into the future.

The purpose of these divinations is to help you obtain deeper experiential understanding, problem resolution and visionary inspiration for your future life path in its intrapsychic, interpersonal, professional, creative and spiritual dimensions. You will gain greater theoretical understanding of the psychology of transformation, as described in spiritual and esoteric traditions and in the mythologies of ancient cultures, as well as the perspectives of transpersonal psychology, depth psychology and ecological systems thinking.

For the exercises, please bring drawing material, paper and pencils.



## Half-day Seminars

09.00 – 13.00 Uhr

**Alex and Allyson Grey**

### Creative Practices: Vision into Art

(English, without translation)

The artist Alex Grey is best known for his depictions of the human body that “x-ray” the multiple layers of reality, revealing the complex integration of body, mind, soul and spirit. Grey’s unique series of 21 lifesized paintings, the Sacred Mirrors, present the physical and subtle anatomy of an individual in the context of cosmic, biological and technological evolution. The Chapel of Sacred Mirrors, CoSM, in New York City, includes an exhibition of fifty works by Grey. His artwork has been exhibited in museums and galleries worldwide and has appeared on album covers, on the cover of Newsweek, and on sheets of blotter acid. He lives in New York with his wife, the painter, Allyson Grey.

Visionary artists Alex and Allyson Grey teach painting and drawing from the wellspring of divine imagination, sometimes inspired by entheogens. In this workshop, artists at any level of experience draw and paint from the sacred ground and the mystic eye. The short presentation will introduce this process in an illustrated talk about art created from visions. In the four hour workshop, participants will engage in vision practices, drawing and group interaction to empower the process of bringing their heart’s iconography to outer form. Using guided imagery, meditation, and shamanic ascent we enter the doors of the imagination to the theater of revelation. Participants are invited to bring basic materials such as drawing paper or journal, graphite, colored pencils, pastels, and watercolors. Bond paper and pencils will be available. Through the “vision practice”, guests will commit mental pictures to paper and discuss the aesthetic dimension of their mystical experiences.

14.00 – 18.00

**Manuel Schoch**

### Modern Meditation and Consciousness Training

(German, without translation)

To understand human processes, one does not need to engage with the thoughts, but much more with consciousness itself. Only when when we use the full capacity of our consciousness, we are loving and compassionate.

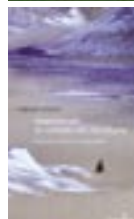
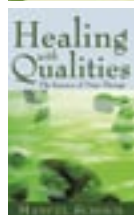
In our present time, our brain-consciousness is filled with stress, aggression, fears, desires, lust, and pressure to perform, which very often narrows our perception. But we can at any time relate with the outer, extensive consciousness, which is associated with us by the heart and by silence beyond time and space.

For making these states of consciousness accessible and able to experience, Manuel Schoch has developed Modern Meditation, an effective tool to experience timelessness. Where time ends the deep transformative energy from the source operates, from where all qualities of love are born. Modern mystic Manuel Schoch is convinced, that “Consciousness, the quality and the vibes of love should not only occur during short-term moments of happiness or from externally induced states of consciousness, but implement during our every-day life, within a never-ending process of consciousness and love.

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Manuel Schoch



## "Forum" – The Attractive Supporting Program

In small group discussions, round-tables and presentations, points of view will be elucidated, extraordinary experiences reported, controversial opinions disputed. Here, you can ask what seemed to be unclear in the main program, or what you thought did not get the attention it deserved. Immediately after their talks and seminars many of our speakers will devote time to this. Well-known consciousness researchers, drug experts, artists, contemporary witnesses and other specialists will be ready to answer your questions.

The day's program will be available for reference at the registration desk on the ground floor and at the information desk in the foyer. Program changes at short notice will be communicated via announcements. Additional information will be available at the information desk after 10.30 each morning. Slight divergences from the program are not only unavoidable, but welcome. Unlike the main program, the "Forum" offers much space for spontaneous appearances and improvisations.

## Permanent Installations

The **Patrons** of the World Psychedelic Forum will present themselves at their own **information desks**.

**Audio and video recordings** of almost all presentations, seminars and panel discussions will be offered for sale in the foyer.

Most of the important books authored by the speakers and around the themes of the World Psychedelic Forum will be available for sale at a large **bookstand**.

An **exhibition** of rare documents and objects around psychedelics and the counterculture of the 1960's from the extensive and unique collection of the **Ludlow Santo Domingo Library** (L.S.D. Library), Geneva.

An **exhibition of selected documents** and the correspondence from the collection of **Dr. Albert Hofmann**.

## From the "Forum" Program

Here you can meet numerous experts, partly active as speakers in the main program, partly as contributors specifically for this supporting program, among them:

**Carolyn Garcia** presents her Ten Deep Breath Gong Bong, an easy way to alter consciousness without substances, and other methods to improve mood and mental health.

**Adele Getty, Cynthia Palmer**, and other "SheShamans" will discuss "Past, Present and Future, and Passing the Torch", addressing psychedelics in terms of these questions: How did we get here, historically and personally, what role do psychedelics play now, and what is our responsibility to the future and the next generation.

**Michael Horowitz**, former co-director of the Fitz Hugh Ludlow Memorial Library, offers tours through the L.S.D. Library, sharing stories and anecdotes to single exhibits.

Therapist and modern mystic **Manuel Schoch** answers questions about meditative work with psychedelics.

**Martin Schöne** shifts between art and science, and he invites the visitors to encounter themselves, by the phenomenon of resonance, using his Brain-Avatar.

**Wolf-Dieter Storl** offers a walking-tour of healing plants and herbs growing within the immediate neighborhood of the Congress Center.

**Daniel Sutter** "DJ Electric" has collected and documented psychedelic music for more than 20 years. In various sets, he presents this style of music by means of background information and samples of tunes from his collection of over 1 500 records.

Psychotherapist **Constanze Weigle** talks about the positive effects of psychedelics during pregnancy, childbirth, and lactation, and invites for an exchange of experiences.

**Robin Wildt Hansen** will read from L.S.Danielson's work Land of the Nocturnal Butterfly, describing the inner journey undertaken by a spiritual seeker with the help of psychedelic substances.

**Michael J. Winkelman** discusses ecumenical approaches and intentional community development as avenues to psychedelic freedom of religion.

## From the "Forum" Film Program

Media artist **Peter-Conrad Beyer** presents *From Eternity to Eternity* – Contemporary Psychedelic Cinema from Germany, a selection of eight short films from various German film-makers from the years 2000 to 2007.

With *Psychopticon Animatrix II – A Continuing Tour of Altered States in Film*, **Jon Hanna** presents the 2nd part of his unique collection of diverse clips from the 1930s through to the present showcases with hallucinatory content and inspiration in pop-culture animation. Whether induced by dreams, meditation, mental illness, alcohol, or other drugs, these psychedelic depictions of crossing liminal boundaries are frequently beautiful, often humorous, and always entertaining.

**Ulrich Hennigs** and **Holger Gerke** present "Mystic Transformations", a selection of their private psychedelic short films.

Director **Ben De Loenen** presents his film *Ibogaine – Rite of Passage*, a revealing documentary about the use of Ibogaine for the treatment of addiction and its spiritual background.

**Diana Reed Slattery's** research concerns linguistic phenomena in the psychedelic sphere. She is showing *Xenolinguistics*, a video produced using LiveGlide, a 3-dimensional writing system for the visual language, Glide. This work is in collaboration with electronic composer, Stephan Moore.

**Claude Steiner** and **Nadia Honarchian** – trigger.ch – show their video animations, especially compiled for the World Psychedelic Forum.

## External Events

### The Psychedelic Experience: "Can You Pass the Bardo Test?"

**Independent Closing Ceremony, 23 – 24 March 2008**

The Psychedelic Experience is an instruction manual intended for the guiding of psychedelic sessions. It is based on the Tibetan Book of the Dead, describing the experiences of the consciousness after death, during the interval between death and rebirth, known as Bardo. It is possible to induce the Bardo state deliberately and intentionally with psychedelic substances.

The ceremony aims to give an understanding of the psychedelic experience following the Bardo concept with a "Audio-Visual Trip Guide", projecting relevant text passages of the Tibetan manual, combined with animations of sacred geometry and carefully selected musical performances.

#### Location:

Das Schiff, Westquaistrasse 19, Basel  
[www.dasschiff.ch](http://www.dasschiff.ch)

#### Admission:

Regular Price: CHF 25.–  
Voluntary Price: CHF 30.– (Supporting the activities and future projects of the Gaia Media Foundation with a donation of CHF 5.–)

Further information about the event:

[www.psychedelic-experience.info](http://www.psychedelic-experience.info)  
[www.psychedelic-experience.ch](http://www.psychedelic-experience.ch)

### Psychedelic Nights

Also for night owls Basel offers a variety of events during the World Psychedelic Forum. Our agenda presents and continually updates information and leads to all nightly chill-outs, concerts and parties.

[www.psychedelic-nights.info](http://www.psychedelic-nights.info)  
[www.psychedelic-nights.ch](http://www.psychedelic-nights.ch)

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The evolution of humanity consists of the change of consciousness.

*Albert Hofmann*

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We are dependent on benevolent and noble support for maintaining our present activities and our future projects. We invite you to make a donation or to become a sponsor.

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**Lucius Werthmüller**, Co-Founder, Consciousness Researcher

## The Spirit of Basel

The qualities of places are traditionally conceived of in terms of the genius loci, the spirit of the place. In this context, the word "spirit" has two connected meanings: a feeling, atmosphere or character; and an invisible entity or being, with its own soul and personality.

*Rupert Shelldrake*

The town of Basel has a legendary humanistic tradition, be it the mind of Erasmus, the activities of Paracelcus, or the discoveries of Albert Hofmann. In this historic setting, we organize lectures and conferences around the topics of the human consciousness .

On the occasion of the 100th birthday of Albert Hofmann we organized a first international Symposium: "LSD – Problem Child and Wonder Drug" from 13 to 15 January 2006 at the Congress Center Basel. [www.LSD.info](http://www.LSD.info)

## The Gaia Media News

Without a global revolution in the sphere of human consciousness, nothing will change for the better in the sphere of our being as humans.

*Vaclav Havel*

On the internet and as a free monthly electronic newsletter, "gaiamedianews" presents news, links, media, and events around the topics Life, Nature, Culture, Psychedelics, Evolution, and Future. Bad news reach us regularly through all kinds of media. We investigate, select, and communicate uplifting reports, positive developments, and trendsetting insights, for a sane balance and a helpful understanding of the past and the present, and for a better world.

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I believe it is essential for our planetary future to develop tools that can change the consciousness which has created the crisis that we are in.

*Stanislav Graf*

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## Location

Congress Center Basel, Messeplatz 21, Basel, Switzerland

## Languages

German, English. There will be simultaneous or consecutive translations into German or English.

## Simultaneous Translation

Participants understanding English and German do not need Headphones/Receivers for the simultaneous translations. Should you require translation then you can order a Headphone/Receiver. The rental fee is CHF 20 for the duration of your participation, and we ask for a deposit of CHF 100 to be paid cash in Swiss Francs when you pick up the device at the registration desk, and will be refunded when you return it.

## Registration

Until 1st February 2008 we offer reduced prices. From 2nd February and on-site the normal prices apply. On-site registrations are possible during the opening hours of the registration desk. Payments in cash in CHF and EUR only.

## Cancellation of Registration

For cancellations until 29 February 2008 in writing, we will charge you CHF 90/EUR 60/USD 75. For later cancellations we will not reimburse, except when a substitute is named, we will transfer the registration to another name free of charge.

## Office

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## Documents and Registration Desk

To avoid delays we kindly ask you to fetch your tickets, badges and documents already on Thursday, 20 March, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the registration desk of the Congress Center. Please bring your invoice/confirmation of registration.

## Opening Hours of the Registration Desk

Thursday, 20 March 2008	17.00 – 20.00
Friday, 21 March 2008	07.30 – 18.00
Saturday, 22 March 2008	07.30 – 18.00
Sunday, 23 March 2008	07.30 – 17.00
Monday 24 March 2008	07.30 – 14.00

## Public Transport

The Congress Center can be reached from the Swiss and French railway stations (SBB/SNCF) with streetcar/tramway no. 2 (8 minutes running time directly to stop "Messeplatz/Exhibition Square"). From the German railway station (DB) it is two stops with streetcar/tramway no. 6.

## Parking

Multi-level parking lot just across from the Congress Center.

## Disclaimer

The Gaia Media Foundation as the organizer can not be held liable for any references whatsoever received by the participants during the World Psychedelic Forum.

## Accommodation

Official Hotel of the World Psychedelic Forum:  
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## Air Travel

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## Admission Fees

### Fees until 2 February 2008

	EUR		USD	
<b>Permanent Ticket</b>				
Fri-Sun, 21-23 March 2008	280	250*	370	330*
<b>Two-day Ticket</b>				
Fri/Sat, Sat/Sun, Fri/Sun	220	200*	290	265*
<b>One-day Ticket</b>				
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	115	105*	155	135*

The Seminars on Monday are not included in the Permanent Pass

<b>One-day Seminar</b>				
S. Grof or R. Metzner	105	95*	140	120*
<b>Half-day Seminar</b>				
M. Schoch or A.+A. Grey	65	60*	85	75*

### Fees from 2 February 2008 and on Location

	EUR		USD	
<b>Permanent Ticket</b>				
Fri-Sun, 21-23 March 2008	310	280*	410	370*
<b>Two-day Ticket</b>				
Fr + Sa, Sa + So, Fr + So	240	220*	320	290*
<b>One-day Ticket</b>				
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	125	110*	165	145*

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<b>One-day Seminar</b>				
S. Grof or R. Metzner	115	105*	155	140*
<b>Half-day Seminar</b>				
M. Schoch or A.+A. Grey	70	65*	95	85*

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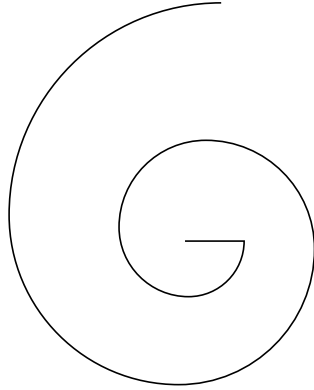
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