

**1st International Conference on Dialogical Practices  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2011, Helsinki, Finland**

## **In the Dialogical Moment: words, emotions, movements and silence**

*“For a human being there is nothing more terrible than a lack of response” –  
Maikhail Bakhtin*

**Venue: THL, Lintulahdenkuja 4, Helsinki, Finland**

**Organisers: *Network for Dialogical Practices together with Jyväskylä University  
Psychotherapy Training and Research Center and National Institute for Health and  
Welfare and Dialogic Institute***

**Deadline for Abstracts: 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2011**

**Deadline for registration: 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2011**

We are glad to invite all interested to the first international conference on dialogical practices for developing practices for the best to our clients in difficult crises and in other need for help as well as for those practitioners, who in different disciplines are working with human contexts.

### **The Network for Dialogical Practices**

While the Network for Dialogical Practices developed out of the family therapy field, its focus is much broader. The network focuses on promoting participative professional practices in different professional arenas, including the field of mental health, youth care, education, human resources management. The creation of dialogical space is especially challenging when the participants include those who are usually seen but not heard like children, old people, psychiatric patients, refugees, and illiterates.

### **Building on existing good practices**

We want to make progress by concentrating on resources in relationships and human connections. We want to be IN relationships with clients and meet the complexity and simplicity of their lives. We do not want to control human beings, their problems or symptoms. We position ourselves IN the communication with clients, with our ideas, feelings and bodies. With this attitude we are in the very moment, when we do not know where to go we take the path of the unknown that is open ended. This creates a space of relational responsiveness where all voices can be heard so that resources in and between people can be reached.

### **Invitation for presentations**

The conference program consists of (1) **dialogical plenary sessions**, (2) **workshops** and (3) **working groups**. We welcome your suggestions for **workshops**, in which you will be in charge for organizing a dialogical meeting on a subject, lasting 45 min to 1.5 hours.

**In working groups** we will work together for developing dialogical practices. Working groups will meet three times during the conference and prepare a document for the last Plenary session.

**We kindly ask you to send your Abstract proposals for workshops of about a half of page as attachment to address [dialnet2011@dialogic.fi](mailto:dialnet2011@dialogic.fi)**

### **Program sketch**

#### **September 22nd**

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| <b>17.30</b> | <b>Welcome to the conference, opening ceremony</b>   |
| <b>18.00</b> | <b>1st Plenary session: Network for dialogical practices – our mission<br/>Peter Rober, Jaakko Seikkula, John Shotter, Justine Van Lawick, Jim Wilson together with Tom Arnkil</b> |
| <b>19.00</b> | <b>Working groups</b>  |
| <b>20.30</b> | <b>Get together with food, drinks and music</b>  |

#### **September 23th**

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| <b>9.00-10.30</b>  | <b>Plenary session: Family secrets and selective disclosure.<br/>Peter Rober and Jaap van Hoewijk</b> |
| <b>11.00-12.30</b> | <b>Workshops</b>  |
| <b>12.30</b>       | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>14.00-15.30</b> | <b>Plenary session Movements and silence. Justine Van Lawick and Jim Wilson</b>                       |
| <b>16.00-17.30</b> | <b>Working groups</b>   |
| <b>19.00</b>       | <b>Dinner and party</b>   |

#### **September 24th**

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| <b>9.00-10.30</b>  | <b>Working groups</b>  |
| <b>11.00-12.00</b> | <b>Workshops</b>   |
| <b>13.00-14.30</b> | <b>Plenary session: Sharing the outcomes of working groups</b> |
| <b>14.30</b>       | <b>Closing the conference</b>                                  |

More information: [dialnet2011@dialogic.fi](mailto:dialnet2011@dialogic.fi) and on our web site [www.dialogic.fi/network](http://www.dialogic.fi/network)

Registration: [www.dialogic.fi/network](http://www.dialogic.fi/network)

Information of accommodation and congress issues: [dial2011@confedent.fi](mailto:dial2011@confedent.fi)

Conference fee: 300 €+VAT 23 % 69 € = 369 €

Early bird registration before 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2011: 270 €+ VAT 23 % 62 € = 332 €

Welcome

The organizing committee

Tom Erik Arnkil, Finland

Peter Rober, Belgium

Jaakko Seikkula, Finland

John Shotter, United Kingdom

Justine van Lawick, Netherlands

Jim Wilson, United Kingdom