

ICASSI 1989, Interlaken, Switzerland

The Rudolf Dreikurs Summer School in 1989 took place in Switzerland for the second time, this time in Interlaken. Situated between two lakes, the Tuner and the Brienzerlake, Interlaken is surrounded by famous mountains and splendid nature. This year the staff and the participants organised their own lodgings, which made individual choice possible.

All members assembled in the school in the morning. The building had many rooms which permitted many courses, and participants could follow their interests and inclinations.



For the first time Blocs 1 and 11 took place in the morning. The special Interest groups took place after lunch as usual. The large presentations followed in Bloc 111. Although free time in the afternoon lured some to go swimming or for a walk, the afternoon sessions were of great interest and were attended by those who had a thirst for knowledge and sought to increase Gemeinschaftsgefühl.

In Bloc 1V everyone joined together as a big happy, lively, and playful family. The different origins, languages, ages, and cultures did not prevent adults and children from full participation and cooperation.

The absolute climax was the music night on which many friends shared their talents. The music was presented in a variety of ways: piano, singing, guitar, flute, etc. Also impressive was the international evening in which participants from different nations presented typical scenes and activities from their countries, often in a hilarious way. The young generation was especially marvellous in organizing acting, dancing and music making. The older participants recognized that the following generation would continue to spread the work of Alfred Adler and Rudolf Dreikurs over the whole world, with social equality and social interest.

When ICASSI came to an end, everybody felt the warmth of the splendid environment, the good food, the fun and the merriment. So many connections had been made and many were already looking forward to ICASSI '91. "Will you join ICASSI next year?" This was the most frequent question. Many participants kept the song which the ICASSI choir sang at the farewell evening in their mind and heart:

*Dream a dream of a new tomorrow
When the people learn to love their fellow man.
Dare to hope for a peaceful morning
When we've learned to walk together hand in hand
Dream a dream of a world united
When the nations choose to lay their weapons down.
Dare to hope for a day of gladness
When the world can let a smile replace a frown.*