

ICASSI 2007 Elspeet, The Netherlands

The 40th ICASSI was organized in Elspeet, in the Netherlands. It was the second time the Icassi Board chose this venue situated in the middle of the woods. Previously in 2001 we needed a big tent for Bloc 1 and IV, but now the complex had a fine auditorium available.

The quiet surroundings, the well-equipped classrooms and of course the quality of the teaching staff offered more than 200 participants an inspiring learning environment.

The (orange) booklet captured the venue well: "The Mennorode Conference Center is a modern, excellent quality conference and hotel facility, nestled in the woods by the charming village



Elspeet." The separate fine building for the children's program is particularly worth mentioning.

As it was the 40th Icassi, the Dutch group offered all participants a small wooden cube of little blocs. The challenge was to put it together in a cube. The idea was: while busy with the challenge of the task, you will be thinking of Icassi, and this may draw the attention of other persons and offer publicity for Icassi.

In Bloc 1 there were e.g. lectures and demonstrations by:

Cultural aspects of family relationships by Eva Dreikurs-Ferguson

Encouragement by Anthea Millar and Erika Echle

Cooperation between Couple Partners by Zivit Abramson

Psychopathology and Emotions by Paul Rasmussen

From the 18 classes Icassi offered here are a few examples:

Family counseling and family dynamics (Sheila Boyce)

Lifestyle, Love and the Hero in Fairy tales (Helmut Heuschen)

Spirituality and Mental health (John Newbauer)

Cross-cultural understanding through art (Hala Buck)

The use of early recollections (Rachel Shifron)



The facilities offered the participants a great opportunity to meet each other and the excellent cooperation of the staff at Mennorode is also worthy of mention. To sit outside on the terrace and talk and sing with each other was an expression of the feeling of belonging and a willingness to share.