

June 2018

Dear ICASSI Participants,

There is only a few weeks left until we will be together for the 51st Annual ICASSI Rudolf Dreikurs Summer School which will be held at Haus Venusberg in Bonn, Germany July 29 – August 11. The board members, faculty and staff look forward to welcoming you to an enriching and enjoyable experience! It is expected to be one of the largest ICASSIs in recent times so we will be having to alter some of our routines in week one (such as offering two seatings for dinner).

Much of the information you need to know is found in the ICASSI booklet found in both English and German at www.icassi.net. Please refer to it for information. Below you will find the most important information you will need to make your travel easier to ICASSI 2018.

Transportation to Haus Venusberg, V-Hotel and Youth Hostel

This is a reminder that you are responsible for your own transportation to Haus Venusberg and the other nearby accommodations. There are no shuttles arranged by ICASSI this year because of the many ways people are arriving. You will find Travel information on pages 29 and 30 in the booklet.

Here are the addresses for these accommodations:

Haus Venusberg, Haager Weg 28-30, 53127 Bonn, Germany

V-Hotel, Haager Weg 44, 53127 Bonn, Germany

Youth Hostel, Haager Weg 42, 53127 Bonn, Germany

PARKING: Parking is free of charge at these locations, but the parking is limited. You may have to park on the side of the street. Parking is not guaranteed.

Checking into the Accommodations

Just a reminder that if you chose week one (or both weeks), you can only check in on Sunday, July 29 (unless you added July 28 for an extra fee). If you only chose week two you can only check in on the Sunday, August 5.

Check-in times are as follows:

Haus Venusberg Sat. July 28 2:00pm

V-Hotel 2:00pm

Youth Hostel 2:30 pm

Sun. July 29 & Sun. Aug. 5 8:00am

Please note that in the event you lose keys to your room or building, you will be responsible for replacement fees.

ICASSI Registration

Besides checking into your room, you will need to stop by the ICASSI registration desk to pick up your packet (which will include such things as your name badge, etc.). ICASSI registration will be held in the lobby of Building 3 of Haus Venusberg (since it is serving as the central

location for ICASSI). Your name badge needs to be worn at all times during ICASSI and will admit you to the Opening Ceremony as well as to all classes and activities.

ICASSI registration is being held at these times:

Sunday, July 29 2-7pm

Sunday, August 5 4-7pm

If you are staying off-site you should also come to the ICASSI registration for your packet and nametag. In the event you cannot make it, you can pick up your registration in the ICASSI office (located near the lobby in Building 3 at Haus Venusberg) on Monday.

Balance of Fees

Although all balances were due June 15, any unpaid balances need to be paid during registration along with the \$75 late processing fee. Please see the policy on page 39 of the 2018 ICASSI booklet.

ICASSI Meals

Your accommodations include your room and breakfast and dinner. You will eat your breakfast in the location where you are staying. Please check at the reception desk for the times breakfast is served. All persons in an ICASSI accommodation will eat their dinner in the Haus Venusberg Dining Hall. If you are staying off-site, you will join us for the closing dinner on Friday. This is included in your off-site fee. Due to our large number of participants, two seatings will be offered. When you register on-site you will receive more information about the dinner seatings. Meals start from Sunday evening dinner until Saturday morning breakfast. Saturday evening dinner during the middle weekend is not included as most people travel and enjoy site seeing, etc. Lunch each day is on your own unless you purchased it when you registered. Lunch options will be offered to you on-site.

Packing for Your Trip to Bonn

Clothing

Appropriate dress is modest summer casual. Shoes and shirts are required in all meeting and dining facilities. The average temperature in late July/early August in Bonn is 25 C or 77 F. The buildings where we are holding ICASSI are not air-conditioned.

The accommodations will supply linens and towels. You will want to bring your own wash clothes and toiletries. You will want to bring all essentials, however, there is a small convenience store next to the entrance of Haus Venusberg.

Laundry services are available for a fee for those staying at V-Hotel. The Youth Hostel has its own laundry for people staying there. There is no laundry in Haus Venusberg, but there is a laundry service on Gudenauer Weg and another called Waschsalon in downtown Bonn. A car is needed to reach these services.

Medication and Health Needs

Be sure to bring enough medication for your length of stay. If you need medication by injection, please dispose of needles in a self-provided sharps container for bio-hazard materials and take it with you when you leave. **Please notify the ICASSI administrator before you arrive of any health-related concerns that may affect your attendance at the summer school.**

Electrical Devices

The standard voltage in Germany is 230 volts. If your appliances do not indicate that voltage, you will need a converter or transformer that will convert the voltage (as well as the adapter if the prongs on your appliance are not compatible to the electrical outlets). Please see (below) the photo that shows the adapter you will need. Be cautious, you do not want your device to be fried.



Wi-Fi is available at Haus Venusberg and at the other accommodations. Please note that the WIFI at Haus Venusberg can be variable at times and you may need to go to the common areas to access it. You are encouraged to bring your own electronic devices.

Currency

The official currency of Germany is the Euro. You can check the exchange rates on sites such as www.xe.com/currency/converter. There is an ATM (money machines) at the convenience store next to Haus Venusberg. It is important to let your bank or credit card know you are traveling so that they will not suspect fraud when you use your card outside of your country. We will only accept Euro in the ICASSI bookstore and for the Weekend Trips.

LOOKING FORWARD TO EVENTS AT ICASSI

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 29th at 8:00 p.m. Faculty, staff and board members will be there to welcome you, and you will have a chance to meet with friends old and new. There will also be a Welcome Ceremony at 8:00 p.m, August 5th for those arriving for Week Two.

Evening Programs will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of both weeks. These are opportunities to meet together for singing, dancing, laughter and socializing, built around planned informal activities. You are encouraged to bring cooperative games, or sample dances and music from your country to teach others as you join in the fun. There are no programs on Tuesday or Thursday evening to allow free time for participants to take trips or pursue other interests.

International Night is an opportunity to celebrate your country. If you have traditional costumes, flags or other memorabilia, bring them along for a colorful and enjoyable evening. Countries with few participants will join other countries for this activity.

Auction, Bazaar, and “Market”: You are encouraged to bring gifts from your country to donate to these activities. Suggested items are jewelry, scarves, souvenirs, chocolate, candy, toys, books, etc. We also welcome persons to donate vacations at your homes or condos. These items are sold or auctioned for the benefit of the ICASSI scholarship fund.

Music at ICASSI: A tradition at ICASSI is the Talent show during the second week of ICASSI. If you are a singer or play a musical instrument and would like to take part, please bring your instrument (and voice) with you. Throughout ICASSI there are many additional opportunities for casual musical get-togethers.

Plan to visit the **Bookstore** which will feature Adler and Dreikurs books as well as books of our faculty members and other Adlerians. Recordings of programs may also be available.

Fitness Opportunities

Bloc 0 will be offered before breakfast each morning to allow persons to walk and exercise walk together. These activities are lead by Helmet Heuschen. Look in the newsletter for times and the meeting location.

The area surrounding Haus Venusberg is a forest and lends itself to peaceful walks and jogging.

Trips

Limited space is still available for the exciting trips arranged for the middle weekend. Please read the descriptions on <http://www.icassi.net/weekend-trips-available-regonline/> Please register by going into the link in your confirmation email or contacting ICASSI at info.icassi@gmail.com.

Administrative Issues

Handouts: Some faculty may email handouts to participants prior to class. If you receive these, please print them out and bring them to class. Because of the cost of printing, it will not be possible to print them out for you in the office without charging you. Some faculty may have supplemental handouts available to you for a minimal fee.

Participant Lists will be made available to all at the conclusion of ICASSI so that you can keep in contact with the people you have met. Please let us know BEFORE ICASSI if you do not want to be included on the participant list. Registration is a good time to do this. We do not sell nor make this list available to others.

The board, faculty and staff of ICASSI look forward to seeing you soon and hope that you will find ICASSI 2018 a valuable experience. If you have any last minute questions, please contact me at info.icassi@gmail.com. See you soon in Bonn!

Becky LaFountain
ICASSI administrator

