

ICASSI 1982, Badgastein, Austria

Austria was once again the host country for both the fifteenth Rudolf Dreikurs Summer Institute and the fifteenth International Congress of Individual Psychology. The Congress, which meets every three years, was held in Vienna. The Summer Institute immediately preceding the Congress was held in Badgastein, located south of "Sound of Music" Salzburg, East of Innsbruck, site of the 1976 Winter Olympics, and within easy reach of Vienna.



Badgastein, a world-famous health spa and resort, offered many opportunities for recreational activities, including indoor and outdoor swimming, thermal baths, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, golf, and summer skiing. The modern Convention Center, with its conference rooms, dining facilities, and open terraces overlooking the Gastein Valley was the site for ICASSI. It was within walking distance of hotels, boarding houses, hostels, and private homes, where participants arranged their choice of accommodations. The variety of living arrangements provided an opportunity to experience an enriching culture in addition to an outstanding program

The hills of the town offered excellent exercise as participants walked to class sessions, and the mountain air was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

As often occurred, the course in Art Therapy with Tee Dreikurs; the Marriage Education Center with Mim Pew; the Dream Interpretation class with Theo Gold; the Social Therapy courses with the Schoenakers; and the classes for educators and counsellors with

Bronia Grunwald, Oscar Christensen, John Platt, Edna Nash, and Achi Yotam were immensely popular.

Unlike the usual Bloc 1 sessions of demonstrations and lectures being presented by various members, all the opening sessions at this ICASSI were devoted to Adlerian Theory. The lectures, presented by Eva Dreikurs Ferguson, were designed to be of value for the beginner as well as the advanced student. These lectures were later published as a book, "Adlerian Theory: An Introduction". The English version was published and distributed by the Adlerian Psychology Association of British Columbia, in Vancouver, and the book subsequently brought royalties on a regular basis to ICASSI.



This ICASSI marked the twenty-first anniversary of the first International Summer School, directed by Rudolf Dreikurs. It was very fitting that the Special Interest presentations should include his excellent films and videotapes.

There were many ways for celebration and many memories to cherish.