

### ICASSI 1992 Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands

The twenty-fifth ICASSI summer school took place at the excellent and spacious Leeuwenhorst Congres Center, which offered classrooms and bedrooms all under one roof. This was the fourth time ICASSI was held at this congress center, that is situated not far from the North sea coast and the airport of Amsterdam (Schiphol). In the booklet the site is described as: “near urban centers, it is nevertheless an island of peace and quiet surrounded by bulb fields, woods and the sea”.

As it was the 25<sup>th</sup> ICASSI, the local group (Marieke van Eldert, Marieke Vonk, Theo Joosten) planted a big flowerbox with many green plants formed into the number 25. During the opening ceremony all participants received a few seeds and a small pot to let the seeds grow during ICASSI. This was inspired by the idea that a human being needs encouragement just as a plant needs water



and sun.

At the Bloc I lectures participants listened to the Adlerian wisdom of key faculty such as Hal McAbee (Family Centers: History and Philosophy), Mim Pew (Couple counseling demonstration), Bronia Grunwald (Demonstration : Family Counseling) and Achi Yotam (Summary Lecture).

Just before this summer school Achi Yotam (from Israel) became seriously ill. At first it was thought he would not be able to attend this ICASSI. The following year in Ireland was his last one. He



was one of the leaders of ICASSI after Rudolf Dreikurs died in 1972. The other two were Erik Blumenthal (Germany) and W.L (Bill) Pew (USA). The acronym ICASSI was based on the way Achi advertised the Tel Aviv summer school, as being offered by the International Committee for Adlerian Summer Schools and Institutes (ICASSI). These three became co-chairpersons leading the summer school in 1973, the first year after the death of Rudolf Dreikurs. Achi contributed a great deal to ICASSI each year.

About 250 participants from over more than 20 countries enjoyed the classes of which here are a few examples:

Art therapy by Marian Blumenthal

Issues in cross cultural counseling by Jackie Brown

Clinical skills by Richard Kopp

Fundamentals of Adlerian theory and the encouragement process by Edna Nash

More effective education and teaching by Lotte Rosenberger

Psychodrama by Ioanne Sakelarios

Family counseling by Manford Sonstegard



In addition, on the first Wednesday evening Frank Walton (USA) lectured at the University of Leiden, which was the very same University where Adler lectured in 1937.