

## ICASSI 1978, Colchester, England

England was the choice for this eleventh International summer Institute, located at the University of Essex, Colchester, and approximately an hour's train ride from London and four miles from the North Sea. Relatively new, this university was built near old historic Roman ruins, and its vast and beautiful campus stretched across Wivenhoe Park with its small lakes, green lawns, and massive shade trees and flowering shrubbery. Participants were housed in pod arrangements for eight, with large kitchens and sitting rooms in the Eddington and Bertrand Russell Towers, close to the main complex of university buildings. The multi-level open squares with fountains for flowers and greenery were pleasant meeting places between sessions.



After an early morning breakfast in the Hexagon restaurant, daily Bloc 1 presentations in the large lecture theatre began the morning classes. Topics covered education, family constellation, social interest, lifestyle, private logic, psychotherapy, and the life tasks. The Newsletter outlined each day's busy schedule of classes: workshops and practical personal problem-solving groups; special interest presentations; and general sessions and intercultural activities. Excellent indoor and outdoor sports and physical fitness facilities were available to individuals and groups.

The comprehensive children and youth program was in session for the first three Blocs each day, with parents responsible for their children during the rest of the time.

With the friendly open-house arrangements at the "Towers", children and youth soon became part of the extended family atmosphere. Paul Rom, long-time editor of IPNL, was enthusiastic about ICASSI and gave an interesting evening lecture to participants.



Free days allowed time for travel or rest. The old Roman remains and the quaint old town of Colchester fascinated many participants. Some returned with brass rubbings of historic tombs of kings, while others relished shopping or sightseeing in London.



Hosting their summer Institute was a small group of Adlerians who had worked and started with Manford Sonstegard during his recent trips to England. This group not only expanded the Adlerian movement in the London area but managed with warmth, humour, and social interest to fulfil their demanding task of hosting over 300 participants, thirty nine of whom were children and youth.