

ICASSI 1997 Schladming, Austria

The 30th ICASSI was held in Austria from July the 20th to August 6th 1997, in the region of a green and white mountain range in Schladming. For many years tourist have come from all over the world to enjoy the Dachstein mountains protected by UNESCO:

Three hundred lakes, 1000 fountains and 100 waterfalls, the surrounding mountains made a picturesque setting for a unique mountain range.

This place was discovered by Dr. Morokutti (Austria) from whom we learned that the name "Schladming" comes from the waterfalls. Schladming was experienced in providing large events due to the Ski world championship 1982 and the Special Olympics in 1993.



A priority for ICASSI has always been the training of children and youth in the encouraging ways of Alfred Adler and Rudolf Dreikurs. Therefore parent education and professional training was provided by the finest quality professionals: Raimond Joosten, teacher, (The Netherlands), Götz Langhorst, teacher(Germany), Dana Stancoravo, speech pathologist, Czech Republic. The youth were taught by Tim Evans, professor (USA) and Ursula Widmer, counselor (Switzerland).

Personal and professional development was provided by ten lectures in the mornings and 11 international evening activities. This ICASSI was the first opportunity to hear about the "Healthy Town", a lecture given by Helmut Heuschen who founded the "Healthy Town" in Baesweiler, Germany. 1986 the World Health Organisation (WHO) published a charter which recommended that all towns throughout the world should be healthy towns by 2000.

60 courses were offered by ICASSI for counselors, teachers, parents and administrators. The topics included: grief, marital challenges, couple enrichment, parent education and leadership training.

The Management Institute which was established 1995 in Malta by Prof. Roy Kern (USA) and Rector Helmut Heuschen (Germany) was reinforced at this ICASSI involving leaders from 10 nations.



Other lectures and courses were provided by 42 staff members under the direction of Dr. Eva Dreikurs-Ferguson (USA), Rector Helmut Heuschen (Germany) and Director Theo Joosten (The Netherlands).

The international staff included teachers from 12 nations and invited 30 scholarship students. 400 participants left Schladming with wonderful memories of intercultural education and relationships.