

Message from the Organizing Committee of the  
27<sup>th</sup> IAIP International Congress  
Adler Graduate School of Richfield (MN)

Dear Members of IAIP and the Adlerian Community:

This summer, between July 9 and July 13, the Adler Graduate School (AGS) hosted the 27th Pre-Congress and Congress of the International Association of Individual Psychology (IAIP). IAIP 2017 was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota (USA). As an active member of IAIP, the Adler Graduate School was proud and honored to play the role of host for that Congress.

IAIP Congresses take place every three years and attract members of the Adlerian community from around the world. As such, IAIP Congresses are precious events and always foster both rich exchanges of ideas and opportunities for relationship building. By all accounts, the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress was able to carry on this important pattern and tradition. The Adler Graduate School and IAIP 2017 hosted approximately 200 visitors and event volunteers from 12 countries and was a big success.

The theme for the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of Individual Psychology was “Inferiority Feelings: New Manifestations and New Approaches”. Alfred Adler’s perspective on inferiority feelings truly came alive for anyone who attended this important event.

Some of the memorable congress events included the opening ceremony, with a message of welcome from the International Institute of Minnesota, inspirational greetings by IAIP Board members, a brief history of the Adlerian movement in Minnesota, and the acapella music of an extraordinary women’s choral group, Encore. The 27<sup>th</sup> Congress’s scientific program included approximately 60 plenary, panel and individual presentation forums, with all presentation proposals being peer-reviewed. Among plenary speakers were Dr. Dreikurs Ferguson, Dr. John Newbauer, Dr. Teal Maedel, Dr. Julia Yang, Dr. Gisela Eife, Dr. Andrea Ferrero, Dr. Margit Datler, and others. Special events were another high impact part of the program, including Dr. Datler’s interview with Dr. Rovera and a special event presented by Marion Balla and Dr. Marina Bluvstein. IAIP Section Panels highlighted both significant contemporary social concerns and trends in the development of Individual Psychology. In addition to the many opportunities for sightseeing that summer in Minneapolis affords, our visitors were also treated to an evening dinner cruise on the Mississippi River.

The organization of the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress was well supported by the IAIP Board and an extraordinary planning team. The Adler Graduate School is very grateful to IAIP Board members, Dr. Wilfried Datler, Dr. Rebecca Lafountain, Dr. Horst Gröner, and Dr. Giansecondo Mazzoli, for their many contributions to IAIP 2017 and for giving the Adler Graduate School the opportunity to serve as host. Here in Minneapolis, the 2017 Congress also benefited from the wise and balanced leadership of IAIP 2017 Chairperson, Evelyn Haas, and from Dr. Marina Bluvstein’s tireless coordination of IAIP 2017’s scientific program and authorship of the Congress Book.

In closing, on behalf of the Adler Graduate School and local committee, we are all very honored and grateful that so many gifted Adlerians took the time to attend IAIP 2017 – traveling from near and far to Minnesota. We sincerely believe that Minnesota is an Adlerian hotspot and, thus, provided a perfect backdrop for IAIP 27th Congress. Minnesota is also a center for the fine arts, theaters, sports, lakes and other natural features. For anyone reading this correspondence, whether you were in attendance at IAIP 2017 or not, we hope you will visit Minnesota in the near future. The Adler Graduate School, other Minnesota Adlerian organizations, and all local Adlerians will always welcome you.

Sincerely,

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