

As I write this message the world is starting to feel the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Events have been cancelled and people are being instructed to self-isolate if they are infected.



Sadly the Berlin Constellation Intensive next month is one of the events that has been cancelled where one of the speakers was due to be ISCA's founder Hunter Beaumont.

Hunter shares these reflections:

"What is really catching my interest are the implications the disease has for our understanding of the whole process of globalization, population growth and the environment."

As you know we at ISCA are planning our bi-annual Gathering next year in April 14-18 2021 at San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. The deadline for workshop proposals has now passed and I am happy to say that we have over 30 presenters with a wonderful variety of subjects within the theme of our Gathering:

BELONGING – THRIVING TOGETHER

The ISCA board is exploring ways that we can accommodate all these workshops and presentations and make a rich diverse program for all participants.

We aim to launch our special Mexico website next month with all the information and booking details.

Paul Stoney
Chair

Around the World

It is important for us to see the bigger picture through the wider lens of systemic constellations – there are several systemic constellation conferences scheduled for this year.

Australasian Intensive 21-27.03.2020

<http://www.constellationintensive.com/>

Balkan Intensive 03-09.05.2020

<http://www.psihoterapija-gestalt.com/constellation-intensive>

USA West coast Intensive 10-14.06.2020

<https://westcoastconstellations.com>

South African Intensive 20-25.09.2020

<https://africanconstellations.co.za/encounters-at-the-edge/>

IOCCTI (Niederlande) 18-23.10.2020

<https://ioccti.com/>

American Systemic Constellation (NASC)

11-15.11.2020

<http://www.nasconnect.org/2020-conference.html>

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Culture, Nationality, Belonging

As I am writing this message, my attention is split following the Coronavirus situation in two countries: the Czech Republic, where I live, and Romania, where I come from.



While the number of cases is slightly bigger in the Czech Republic (94 as of March 12 compared to 48 in Romania), another issue drew my attention that ties into our topic this month: Culture, Nationality and Belonging.

As some of you know, Romania has the second largest number of economic migrants in the world after Syria, and the largest number of a country not in war. In Italy, where the coronavirus European epicenter lies, lives a registered community of 1 210 000 Romanians (the unofficial numbers could be bigger).

When confronted with the undetermined quarantine, Romanians started to travel back home. In a matter of days tens of thousands of Romanians crossed the border, striving to get back home like in the safe, loving arms of a Mother.

While I fully relate to this yearning, I cannot also stop asking myself: is it just a matter of time until Romania will become a second Italy in terms of the number of coronavirus victims and casualties? Is my family and relatives safe? What can we do from a distance to be there for our loved ones when we are far away? And can we really do something when we are confronted with this mighty challenge, so much bigger than all of us?

We don't know. In these days, when we all bathe in uncertainty like in an unexpected whirlwind of change, we tend to automatically look beyond ourselves to what is greater than us: the communities where we live, our companies, the healthcare systems, our nations.

All of a sudden belonging becomes painfully clear a matter of survival. But isn't this looking up and beyond ourselves perhaps also a blessing in disguise? Isn't it also an invitation for us, systemic constellators, to speak even more about the value of knowing how small we really are, about the value of death and renewal, about belonging as a selfish and, at the same time, a selfless act?

It looks like our Monthly Meeting this March will be intense. Everything whom you are and that is coming through you – your culture, nationality and need for belonging – is welcome. We are here for you as the ISCA board and we send you our love and thoughts of strength and energy, to cope with what's ahead of you.

See you at our **Monthly Member Meeting** on **March 23 and 25th** for **English language** and on **March 26th** for **Spanish and French language**.

Our **MMM topic** will be **Culture, Nationality and Belonging**.

Cristina Muntean (Head of Communication)

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