

# Call For Presentations and Papers

*for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Integral European Conference*



## ALLIES *of* EVOLUTION

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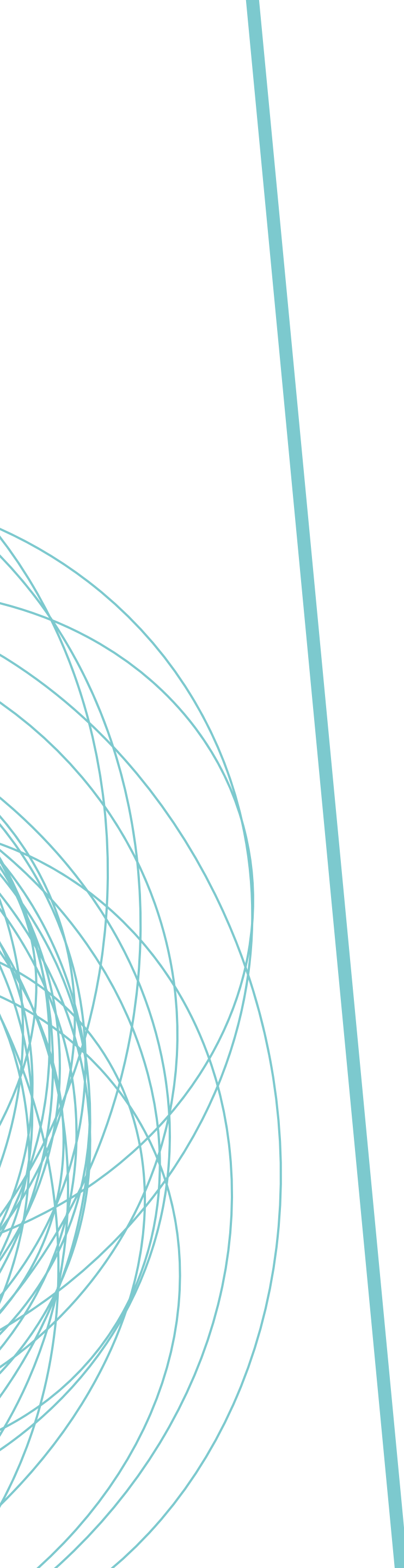
# I. Concept

Integral European Conferences are the premier venue for the global integral world to get together and exchange information, knowledge, and experience. Held every two years on the European continent, IECs are not only a huge social catalyst where international integral collaborations begin, enabling our human capital to grow, they also have a mission based on integral principles.

Integral conferences represent a high concentration of energy that impact participants in the long run. This is due to the evolutionary orientation of the attendees: they have a deeper connection with the Cosmos, sensing how it evolves and unfolds in sequential stages of development. Evolution occurs not only in the physical exterior, but also in the subjective interiors: in human consciousness, relationships, and social collectives such as businesses, organizations, and societies. We are entering an era of collective awakening, where greater freedom, connectedness, goodness, love, and creativity can unfold. But this also makes for a time of greater complexity that is a challenge: how do we organize and work together in a new way that meets our principles?







In this emerging new consciousness we call the integral stage of evolution, individual differences are celebrated as uniqueness of the self and are connected in a larger collective that heals separation. No longer is it a dictate of one but the creative co-creation of many. By nature, we have many different ways to express, explain, and exercise our evolutionary thinking, and from the perspective of the integral stage of evolution, differences no longer mean separation but are seen as the unique expression of spirit that seeks to connect with itself through us—the manyness.

One thing that surely connects us: We are all Allies of Evolution. We have visions for the future. Often, the ones in power don't have a vision; it is usually not the "big man" who has it. The world needs your vision, your input, your participation in the collective evolutionary process. If you believe in evolution, that it has a direction and includes stages of development we all go through, and you feel inspired and called to participate, then you are an Ally of Evolution.

## **So what is *your* vision?**

Moreover, we Allies of Evolution feel called to dedicate our work to help those in the next stage of evolution arise and stabilize. There is a great diversity of ideas about how we imagine this could happen and how many stages we think evolution has. But we don't



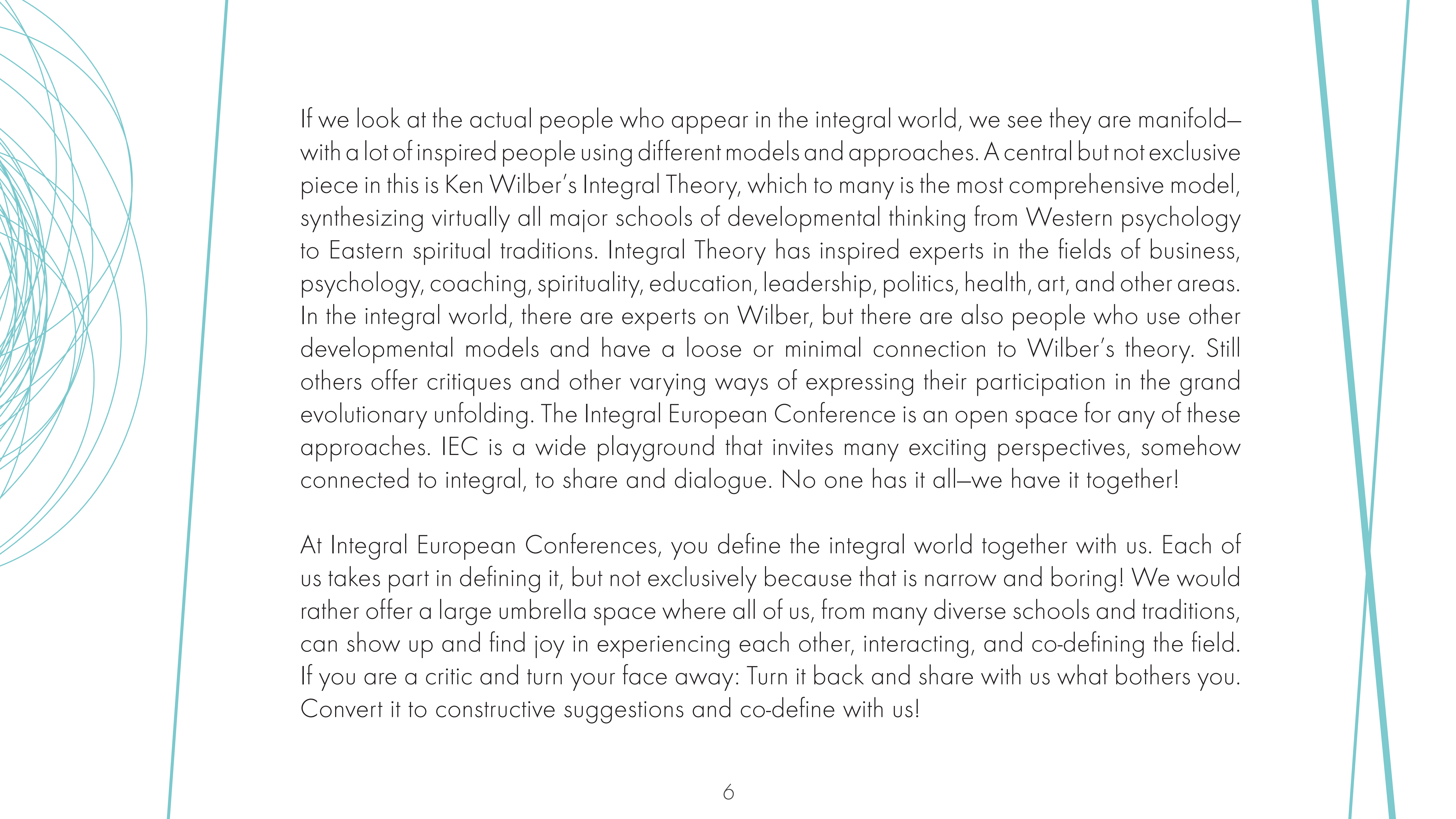
have to be in accord about all of the questions—the fact that we are working in the same evolutionary stream is exciting enough to connect with each other and celebrate!

From personal and spiritual growth to business and organizational life to larger social collectives like international dynamics and world politics, we see evolution unfolding in all aspects of life. As we work on our inner growth, from separated egoism to a more compassionate and creative interconnected way of being, we naturally reflect the issues of our times in society and politics from a deeper place. We feel that renewal in the next stage of evolution is essential for the political situation in Europe, America, and the larger international field. And evolution is not always straight: it involves curves and temporary regressions, such as the rise of the populist right with its ethnocentric, authoritarian rule in countries that have already been well established in democratic process, open societies, and postmodern values. Are we in progression or regression? What is happening? Who are we? What is next?

We need to keep reflecting on the current situation, and it is intense. From terrorism in the EU and Brexit to Charlottesville in the US, we need an alliance of evolutionary integralists who can think, reflect, and co-create in their respective fields of expertise and interest. It is a time that calls for action more than ever before!



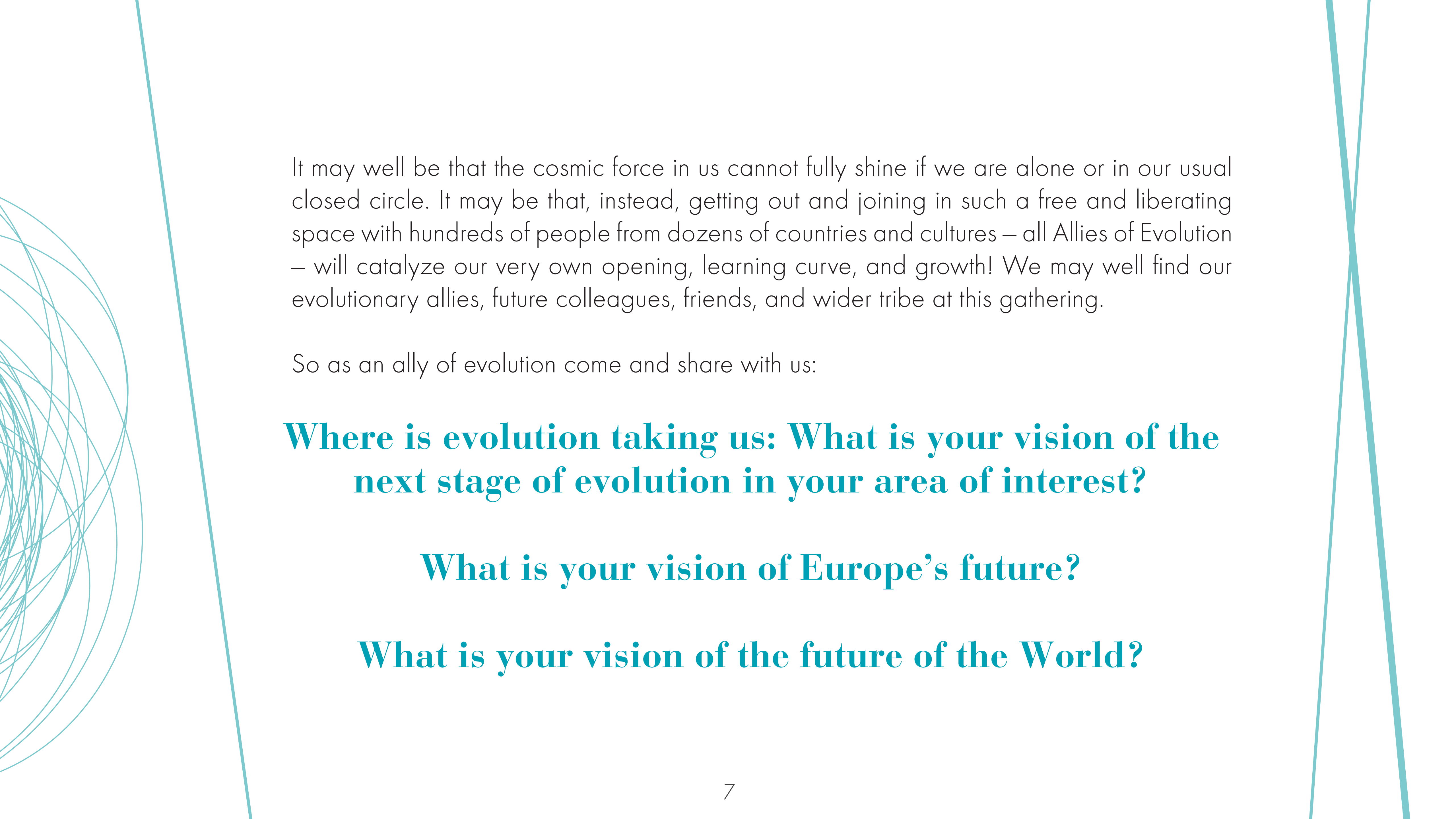




If we look at the actual people who appear in the integral world, we see they are manifold—with a lot of inspired people using different models and approaches. A central but not exclusive piece in this is Ken Wilber's Integral Theory, which to many is the most comprehensive model, synthesizing virtually all major schools of developmental thinking from Western psychology to Eastern spiritual traditions. Integral Theory has inspired experts in the fields of business, psychology, coaching, spirituality, education, leadership, politics, health, art, and other areas. In the integral world, there are experts on Wilber, but there are also people who use other developmental models and have a loose or minimal connection to Wilber's theory. Still others offer critiques and other varying ways of expressing their participation in the grand evolutionary unfolding. The Integral European Conference is an open space for any of these approaches. IEC is a wide playground that invites many exciting perspectives, somehow connected to integral, to share and dialogue. No one has it all—we have it together!

At Integral European Conferences, you define the integral world together with us. Each of us takes part in defining it, but not exclusively because that is narrow and boring! We would rather offer a large umbrella space where all of us, from many diverse schools and traditions, can show up and find joy in experiencing each other, interacting, and co-defining the field. If you are a critic and turn your face away: Turn it back and share with us what bothers you. Convert it to constructive suggestions and co-define with us!





It may well be that the cosmic force in us cannot fully shine if we are alone or in our usual closed circle. It may be that, instead, getting out and joining in such a free and liberating space with hundreds of people from dozens of countries and cultures – all Allies of Evolution – will catalyze our very own opening, learning curve, and growth! We may well find our evolutionary allies, future colleagues, friends, and wider tribe at this gathering.

So as an ally of evolution come and share with us:

**Where is evolution taking us: What is your vision of the next stage of evolution in your area of interest?**

**What is your vision of Europe's future?**

**What is your vision of the future of the World?**



Whether you are using:

- a) Wilber's stages (from any of his phases);
- b) an evolutionary stages model from any other system, like Spiral Dynamics, Cook-Greuter, Torbert, Kegan, Gebser, Laloux, Aurobindo, Steiner, or any other psychological or spiritual model that Wilber has referred to or that has become associated with the integral world;
- c) or your own evolutionary model that you have developed (whether it has been connected with Wilber's work or not),

you are invited to bring it, show how you apply it in your area of interest, and reflect on any of the questions above.





## II. Conference structure and ways you can contribute

We invite you to bring your contributions in the following main areas or tracks:

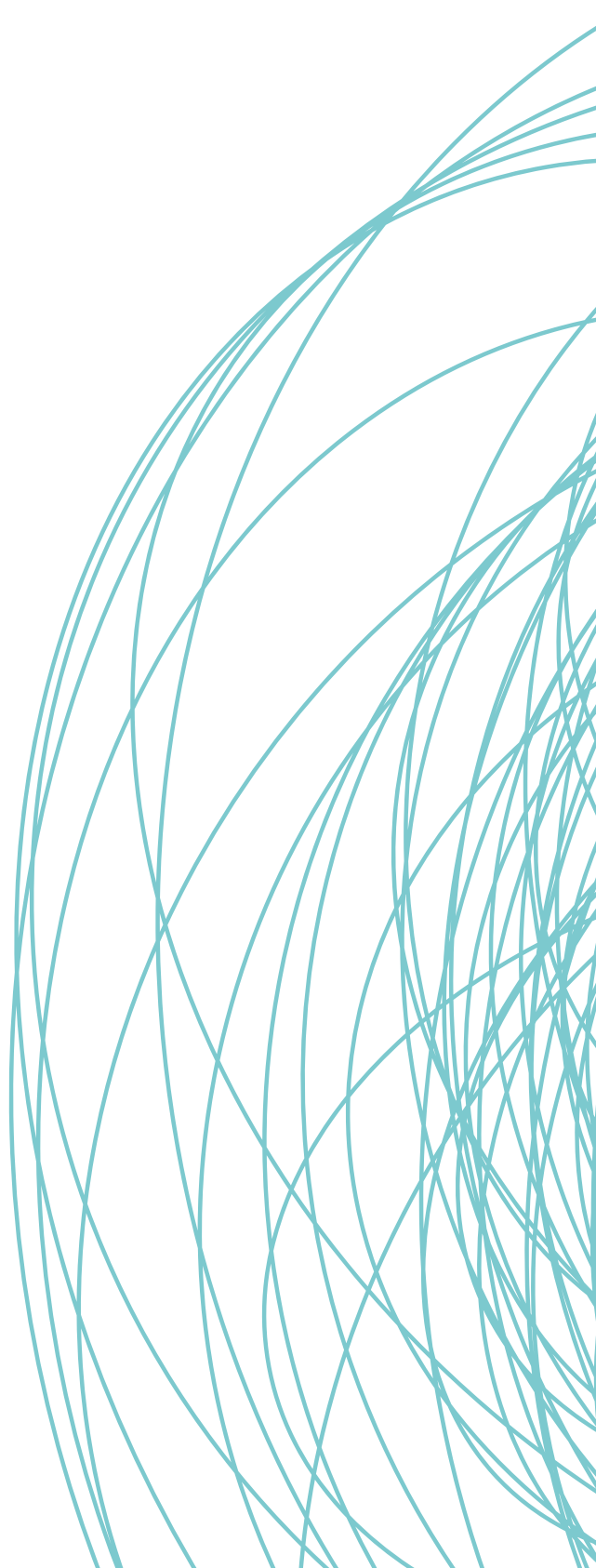
1. **THEORY:** academic, scholarly track (theory, research, criticism)
2. **PRACTICE:** general presentation track (practice, application)
3. **EXPERIENTIAL PROCESSES:** experiential workshop track (leading experiential workshops creating healing and transformational spaces)
4. **ART:** artistic track (paintings, music, spiritual songs, etc.)
5. **TEAL ORG:** Teal (Integral) organizations track. This time we put a special emphasis on the topic area of emerging integral or “teal” organizations as key drivers for transformation across many areas of society. A team organized by ‘Enlivening Edge: News from Next-Stage Organizations’ will curate this track.
6. **POSTERS:** present your work from various tracks in the form of a poster



**Our aim is to unpack the full potential of the integral approach together with you, fleshing out the shared visions of evolution with new findings, applications, research and experiential processes, to facilitate and embody the change in Europe and beyond.**

In this endeavor, the AQAL integral approach, as brilliantly pioneered by Ken Wilber and other scholars, will serve as a common denominator and theoretical reference point, a shared language-game and horizon of meaning-making. You can celebrate, skillfully apply, wisely criticize, mindfully correct, flesh out or simply expand it, wherever necessary. But by all means we ask you to familiarize with include the gifts of it, before offering your own maps and constructions. We highlight AQAL as a shared reference point, because it is widely known in integral circles and we believe it is one of the most encompassing, clear and powerful formulations of integral consciousness today.

Let it be a powerful-enough attractor in Europe around which newly emerging social practices can be built, synergizing and facilitating a new structure of consciousness that is already expressing itself in a wide variety of domains, ranging from psychology, spirituality, economy, ecology, sustainability to leadership, politics, education, business, community building and beyond.





We will give voice to current integral thinkers, practitioners and workshop facilitators focusing on, but not exclusively from European countries. Despite this preference, all applications for all categories from all corners of the planet are welcome. So please, take your chance and step up.

**\*\*\* For all contributions in all tracks please take note of our General Submission Guidelines and Information and use our online form to apply \*\*\***

<http://integraleuropeanconference.com/iec-2018-call-for-presenters/>

## **1) THEORY: academic, scholarly track (theory, research, criticism)**

For our academic track we invite integrally informed scientists and researchers from all faculties to hand in their abstracts for academic paper and poster presentations. We are open for contributions from various integral models / integrative approaches / grand theories, but we will focus on highlighting contributions with a clear reference to and appropriate grasp of key integral concepts.



## Our intention for the academic track

Our intention is to bring out the best integral scholars in Europe (and worldwide) and foster a qualified, critical academic discourse on topics related to integral theory and integral research in order to help integral approaches take root and gain acceptance in more mainstream institutional settings and discourses.

## Topics may cover

- a theoretical contribution to integral models/ integrative approaches / grand theories for guiding research inquiries
- research on practical application of integral models in diverse fields of practice (e.g. ecology, business, psychology, etc.)
- entirely theoretical contributions, expansions, comparisons
- constructive criticisms of Ken Wilber's AQAL model

## Preferences

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- papers / posters that are associated with solid research findings over mere theoretical musings
- contributors associated with an established academic background over those lacking such a background
- "AQAL-fluent" over "AQAL non-fluent" contributions





In the Academic Presentations-Track we aim for contributions and presenters that are

- intellectually stimulating or challenging,
- of practical relevance in terms of application and
- open for discussion and intellectual challenge in public debate

### **Dialogue Panels**

Based on the incoming proposals and feedback to our call we will distill relevant topics and contributors and invite them to engage in dialogue among each other and with the conference audience.

### **Join our academic committee**

If you are professionally rooted in academia and would like to help ensure the high quality of academic material at the conference, we invite you to apply for joining our academic committee for IEC 2018, which will sort through and give feedback on the academic submissions. Send us an Email with your bio and work references and let us know why you think you are a good fit for this task: [info@integraleuropeanconference.com](mailto:info@integraleuropeanconference.com)



## 2) PRACTICE: general presentation track (practice, applications)

Apart from the academic Theory track and its Call for Papers we invite presenters from all over Europe and beyond to apply for our General Presentation Track. Here applicants are not asked to write a scientific paper (though they may), but to provide an abstract together with a brief bio. Topics may cover:

- practical applications of the integral model in diverse fields of practice (in politics, ecology, business, psychology, medicine, etc.)
- social commentary and analysis of current European issues

We expect that contributors refer to integral models consciously and correctly in appropriate ways and display at least an intermediate level of understanding of key integral concepts.

### Preferences

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- Practical over theoretical
- "AQAL-fluent" over "AQAL non-fluent" contributions





In the General Presentations-Track we aim for contributions and presenters that are

- intellectually stimulating
- of practical relevance in terms of application
- fun and entertaining in terms of presentation

Engaging the audience with switching presentation modes, exercises, vivid stories and personal accounts is explicitly encouraged. Please make conscious use of the I, We and It dimensions of the situation.

### **3) EXPERIENCE: experiential workshop track (leading experiential workshops creating healing and transformational spaces)**

We invite you not only to think together with fellow integralists but also to experience playful, deep transformational and sometimes life-changing events in the mutually shared we-space of group practices.



## Your workshop offering can include

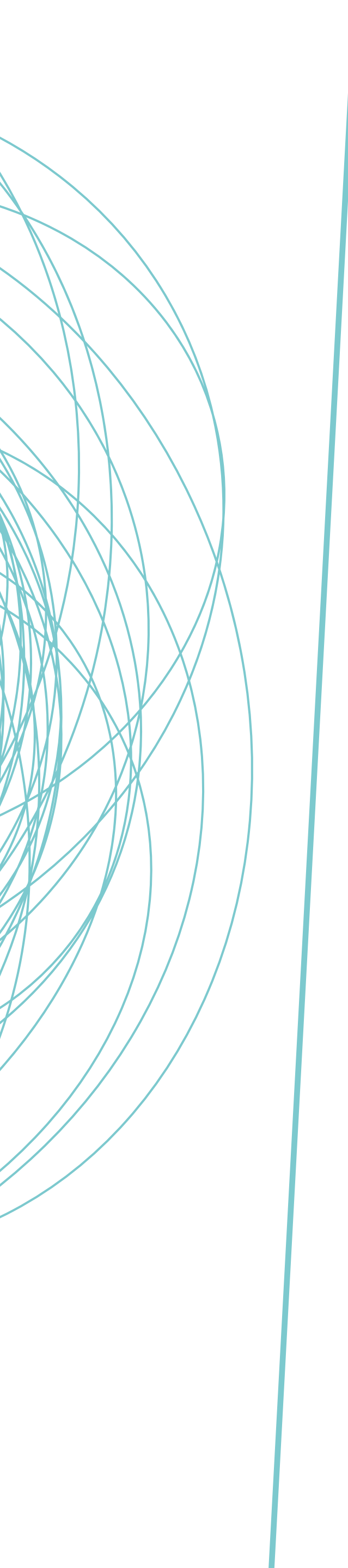
- joyful experiential exercises with laughter and fun
- deeply touching processes that heal and transform
- group exercises, where people learn new skills about how to be together in new ways that are relevant to integral ("centauric", "second-tier", "third-tier", "level 6", "yellow", "teal", "turquoise", "all quadrant" etc.)
- psychotherapeutic processes for groups and individuals within the group
- constellation work
- spiritual practices
- any of these / any combination of these/ similar experiential offerings that we haven't listed here and come authentically from you

## Preferences

In our selection process for this track we will generally prefer

- real experiential workshops over frontal presentations mislabeled as "workshop", or mere 3<sup>rd</sup> person perspective theorizing devoid of 1<sup>st</sup> person exercises
- exercises that involve deep attention, genuine connection between participants, sharing their interiors, giving feedback to each other, using nonverbal elements - may it be movements, breathing, sound, music



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- experienced therapists, healers, workshop and group leaders with years of practice
  - people who can touch souls, shift the atmosphere, put people into higher / deeper states, induce authenticity, opening, healing, love, presence and celebration of life - any
  - of these or combinations of these. We want you to make sure people leave the room differently from when they walked in.
  - people who can consciously link and explain their work in integral terms - but not just as a vague reference or mere marketing strategy - rather as genuine integralists who “know what they do”. We strongly prefer people who understand how their exercise is embodying and manifesting a given integral principle or concept, thereby marrying territory and map.

You are welcome to bring in known approaches or new approaches that you have developed - or a combination of different methods that you have merged into a fresh new approach, or a groundbreaking new practice.

We expect you to be able to relate the practice you offer to integral models in a non-superficial way.

Conference participants will be encouraged to pre-select which workshop they want to attend and they will be able to choose between less-committed, lighter experiences and deeper immersion in multi-day group processes.



## **Workshop formats**

Therefore, you can apply for offering two different workshop formats, long and short. The short format is 1 x 3 hours, the long format is a 2 x 3 hours, (a closed group over 2 days). The 2-day option is meant as special container for deep group work to occur. The short format option is meant for lighter and more introductory or taster style workshops. The number of slots available for workshops is limited and for long ones it is more limited. You can apply in parallel for both versions. Please use the comment field in the application form to let us know. Please note that if you apply under a curated track - like the „Teal track“, „We-space“ track, „Integral Facilitators“ track - the curator of the track might adjust the time allocation of your workshop within the context of that track room.

## **Pre-Conference Workshops**

We will also offer select Pre-Conference workshops (half day and full day versions) on Tuesday the 22nd and Wednesday the 23rd. Workshop leaders that have been admitted to present their work will be asked in a later phase to hand in a more detailed description of their offer for our final evaluation.

## 4) ART: artistic track (paintings, music, spiritual songs, etc.)

Art is more than just decoration or design. If it is well done it can be a powerful gateway of transforming our consciousness transmitting the state of consciousness of the skilled artist, challenging our identity, opening up new horizons or confronting us with the immediacy of our subjective experience. If you are an advanced practitioner of any major art form we encourage you to bring your contributions in form of paintings, photos or sculptures (for an art exhibition at IEC), as well as other contributions such as performance art or music (for community activities) or other means of aesthetic expression. We will consider all incoming contributions and see what we can accommodate in terms of space and time.

### **Integral Art Gallery**

We offer you to co-create an integral art gallery with fellow integral artists and us. If you are interested to be part of this effort, please let us know in your application.

### **Integral Spiritual Chanting Night**

The beautiful evening of the Gulyás (Goulash) party is taking place either on the lakeshore beach or at a nearby forest area in pure nature setting with Gulyás made in a traditional way on bonfires. A central huge bonfire is lit as well and a stage is set up under the night sky. On



that stage we the integral community show up. It is not a concert where you listen to an integral band. It is like a kirtan night where we create the musical and communal experience together.

## **Songs**

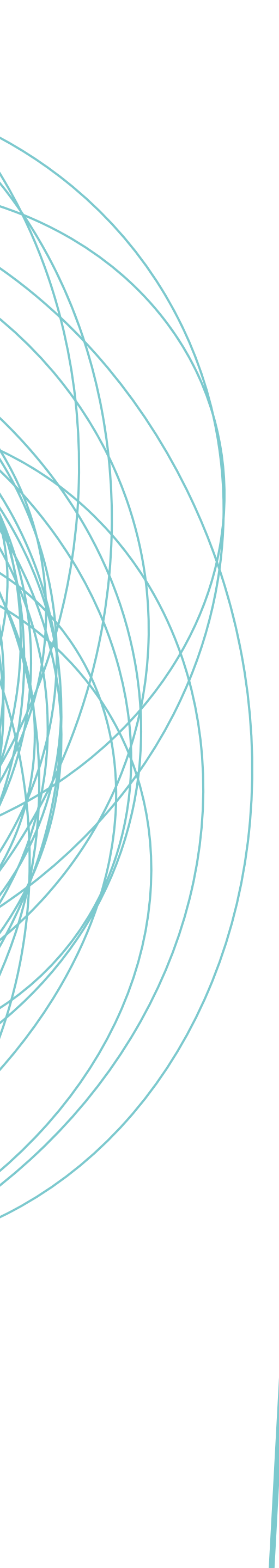
We invite you to the stage to sing one song: your favorite spiritual song or mantra. Or maybe it is not “officially” spiritual but one that comes from your soul. It might be a kirtan, a prayer, a mantra, or an inspiring pop or folk song too. Knowing how inspiring it is to be in the presence of souls singing, we allow spontaneity of what comes out from the community on the spot.

But if you already know what you would like to sing or play send it to us so we can prepare and structure the contributions. We’ll invite the crowd to sing together with the person on stage - making it like a kirtan evening - but instead of one fixed singer, style or tradition it will be born from the actual we-crowd that is present.

## **Instruments**

We also invite you to play the guitar, hand drums or any other instrument you would bring. As for the instrument part you need to be musically stable and able to follow what’s happening. If this is the case, we might organize a band recruited from the community to accompany the others who come to sing.





Due to budget limitations we are not prepared to cover any costs for transportation of artworks /instruments, so we encourage you to seek alternative ways of funding (such as grants or crowdfunding).

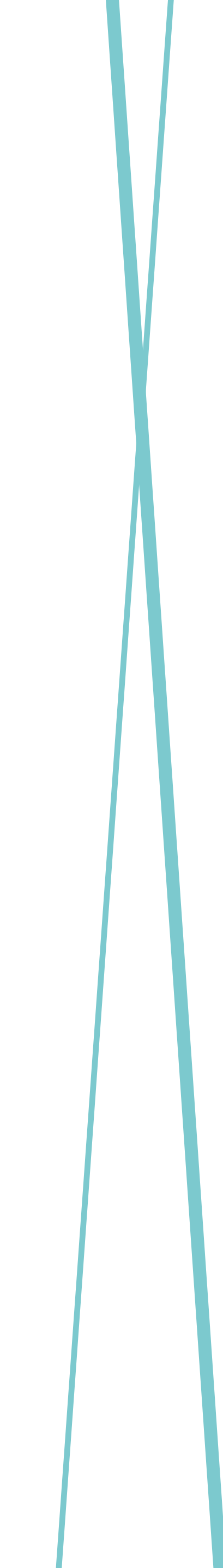
Let's find out and enjoy how integral consciousness expresses itself in the aesthetic dimension. We are curious what you will bring to the table.

## **5) TEAL ORG: Teal (Integral) organizations track**

The purpose of this track is to inspire a mutually enhancing relationship between the Integral and TealOrg movements, by enlivening a bi-directional flow of energy, people, and inspirations during the conference.

The integral movement and the Reinventing Organizations Teal movements are closely related and intertwined, so we welcome the Teal world to participate in the Integral European Conference. We recognize the subject of Teal organizations vital to the Integral movement as one of the most recent applications. The curators of this track, a team organized by 'Enlivening Edge: News from Next-Stage Organizations' and the Next-Stage-World with the Rhodos





Gatherings are active leaders of the Teal movement and join us in making this the first large-scale global gathering of the Teal movement. It will help the Reinventing Organizations movement become clearly visible and conscious of itself by creating a program that caters to people coming with different needs, and different stages on their (organizations') journey to Teal.

We will also utilize leading-edge Teal practices to enhance the overall conference experience for the entire conference community.

Invigorated by the three evolutionary Teal breakthroughs discovered by Frederic Laloux - self-organization, wholeness and evolutionary purpose - the Integral community can upgrade its identity to being an even bigger-impact movement making a more significant difference in the world. Vice versa: the Teal "reinvention" initiative becomes more effective when it is consistently informed by Integral theory and practice.

With the TealOrg track we bring together people from diverse sectors (such as medical, educational, manufacturing, commerce, etc.), to raise awareness of the versatility of organizations that are demonstrating the future of work in the present.

The TealOrg design team will be accountable for finalizing the track's program elements in collaboration with the overall IEC 2018 organizing team.

### Topics may cover

- birth and evolution of the “next-stage organizations” wave
- what Teal is and how it supports all previous stages
- the transformative potential of Laloux’s breakthroughs at the individual, organisational, and systemic scale
- the influence of Integral thinking on organizations ‘going Teal’ possibilities for Teal values and practices in public administration, with special emphasis on European institutions
- managing without bosses
- Teal models in healthcare, education, transportation, start-ups, and other sectors

## 6) POSTERS: present your work in the form of a poster

How about summarizing your work on a poster and having people see it for a whole week? An excellent way to be constantly visible without much effort is the poster presentation. Posters will be hanged on display walls on the way to the restaurant so everybody will pass them.

The IEC therefore features a constant poster-exhibition. Posters can be handed in independently or parallel to your contributions for any of the other tracks.



### **Poster Size**

Please bring Posters in either A0 or A1 size of the international ISO standard.  
see [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paper\\_size](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paper_size)

### **Poster Content and Design Guidelines**

Please take into account this resource on how to design good conference posters: [colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign](https://colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign)

We will provide suggestions and information about where and how to produce your poster locally on our website.

## **III. Invitation to global integral friends beyond Europe**

We warmly welcome our integral friends from the US, Canada, the Americas, Africa, Australia and Asia. Though the conference has a European focus it is globally attended and gives an opportunity for the global integral movement to convene. One of the missions of the conference is to strengthen the identity of the European integral world and facilitate its engagement with the global integral community, supporting the cross-fertilization of both.



If you come to the European conference you will meet a lot of people whom you may have heard of before, seen on international integral sites and social media sites. It is a delight to meet our friends and heroes, but beyond that you will also discover how rich the community is and meet even more interesting folks that you weren't aware of before! Nothing compares to feeling the live buzz going on for days in the integral community! "Meeting the tribe" is a common best-of feature of integral conferences that is usually cherished the most. Finally, we get to experience real encounters, smiles, handshakes, hugs and share a deeper human connection.

Your presence is crucial, because whoever shows up at these conferences determines the future of the global integral movement.

In addition to that, we strongly count on your participation at the **International Constellation Evening**, a whole-audience process that will focus on countries and cultures aiming towards creating a truly global integral world. There we would like to acknowledge your presence, the country and the culture you are coming from and invite you to put that to work!

### **Poster presentation opportunity**

We also invite you to let Europeans know what you do in your part of the world. The IEC will feature a constant poster-exhibition.



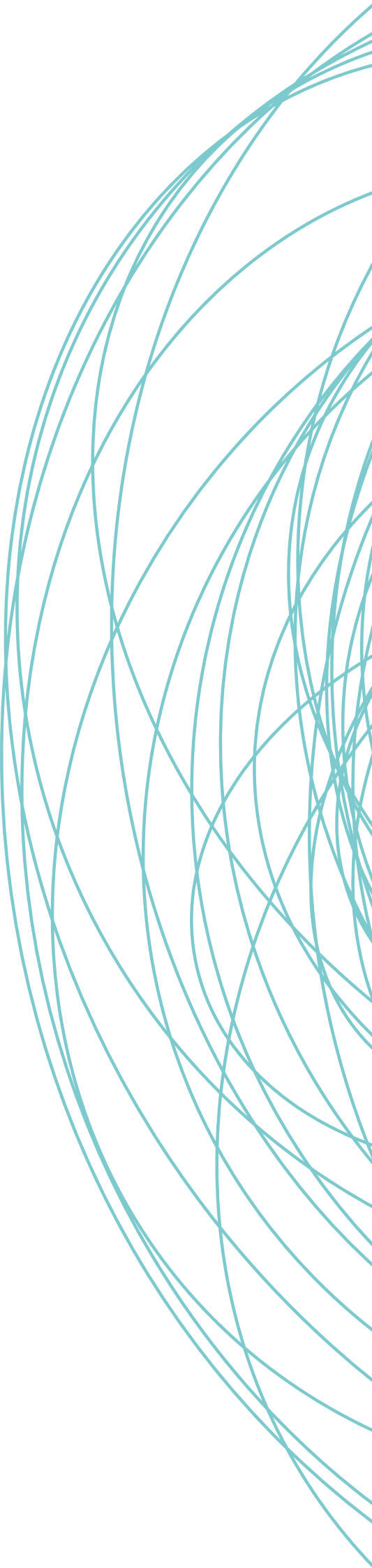


## **Beyond marketing needs: Towards a global purpose-driven community?**

Does human connection matter to you? Is meaningful community important to you? If so, we challenge you to think outside the regular conference box (of asking “How big is the role that I can get?” or “Can I sell my product there?”, etc). Though our conference will open attractive business and networking opportunities for participants it is not all about selling our services to each other. It is much more than a marketplace. It is a congregation of people who engage in a deeper and more fulfilling encounter to create a sense of a purpose-driven global community with higher values.

This requires your participation and presence to be truly aligned. In this conference we create an emergent human field where being and co-creating together is at least as important as one’s own economic self-interest and market expansion.

You are invited to experience this quality of being carried, nurtured, inspired and massaged by the we-space of the conscious integral world in the rich cultural environment of Europe. Your international presence will help us open up the European perspectives and help weave them into the larger global tapestry. We need you to be part of this.



## IV. General Submission Guidelines, Dates and Information

Please note: the following instructions apply for all of the above-mentioned kinds of applications and contributions from all tracks.

### How to apply

Please use the online application form on our website. For reasons of simplification we streamline our application process and will not take into account applications sent to us via email or through other channels.

Application link: <http://integraleuropeanconference.com/iec-2018-call-for-presenters/>

### Deadlines

Send in your **application and abstracts** by **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Later submissions may be reviewed but the likelihood of admission drops after the deadline, since 85% of the available slots will be taken. We will keep a 15% space open for those who notice the opportunity of presenting at IEC later. The deadline for handing in **papers in the academic track** after your contribution has been accepted is **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. If you apply in the academic track and have already produced a paper you are invited to send it in along with your formal application.



## **Notification**

**Notification of acceptance or rejection** will occur by **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** or as soon as possible after a late submission. Should any questions arise you can contact [info@integraleuropeanconference.com](mailto:info@integraleuropeanconference.com)

## **Terms and Conditions for presenters**

All slots will have admission fee reductions. Depending on the slot the applicant is given, he or she will get a certain percentage of reduction on the conference fee, but not on food or accommodation costs in the conference hotel. Slots will be allocated after reviewing all the incoming applications.

## **Registering for the conference:**

All applicants are required to register for the conference separately through our webshop. Since a successful application may lead to a reduction on the conference fee later (after the review process is concluded), we register now in regular price so that you can secure your hotel room and food as soon as possible and we transfer back the amount of reduction if we have accepted your application.

## **IEC Awards for best contributions**

By submitting your proposals you also get the chance to win an award for the best contribution in any of these tracks. Additionally we will award the most dedicated integral community organizers. Winners will be announced on stage during the IEC Awards ceremony.

### **Audio and/or video recording**

By handing in your proposal, you automatically agree to grant us the right to document your contribution on photo, video or audio. If you don't want your presentation to be recorded, please let us know when you hand in your proposal. By applying you also grant us the right to share and distribute any of the texts, images or slides that you use for your contribution.

### **Mutual effort to build up our audience: Help getting people to IEC3!**

Since this is in our mutual best interest, as a contributor please reach out to your network and get the word out. The integral world is not centrali so it doesn't have one email list. It is many smaller circles all over the world. Therefore the IEC audience builds up from these circles of which you might be a member or leader! It is essential that your circle knows about IEC3, because it is the world gathering of the integral world, providing a larger context for all of us.

To make it easy you can find banners here to use:

<http://integraleuropeanconference.com/spread-the-word/>

Also our marketing team might contact you with some respective materials. We thank you for your cooperation towards a more conscious, Integral world and make IEC3 a real success for all of us!

**We hope you join us in Europe. See you soon at the shores of Lake Balaton!**

*Bence Gánti, M.A. and the Integral European Conference Team*