

As a result of this long tradition in mediation – and several hundred trained mediators in town - our main focus is on the similarities and the common grounds that mediation and collaboration provide as much as on their differences in challenging conflict. It is standard practice in Germany that only trained mediators can become collaborative practitioners. We find it absolutely essential to achieve the necessary paradigm shift that there is a deep understanding and training in mediation. Otherwise, especially for the lawyers amongst us, it is far too easy to fall back into old patterns that tend to avoid rather than challenge conflict.

There will be 5 pre-congress workshops for in-depth and focused CP learning opportunities, including a Train the Trainers by the IACP, also translated into French. There will be more than 30 workshops in English, French and German on Friday and Saturday, plus 30 presenters from the US, Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France and Belgium, who will make this interdisciplinary conference an across-the-board, well rounded platform for networking and information gathering/exchanging for lawyers, coaches, mediators, family therapists, child experts, divorce consultants and financial specialists.

This conference will be of interest to all levels of participants from beginners to intermediate practitioners and up to advanced practitioners and even trainers.

Collaboration and Mediation facilitate the structure and team-building possibilities to create an environment where this embracing of differences within the conflict can happen. They provide us with a protected place and time where all the differences can be reflected upon and assembled in order to create a resource on which our clients and the future of our profession can be built. Can this also happen within the court-system? This will only be one of the questions to be raised at our conference. And we need you to be part of the discussion to make collaboration spread even wider und further into the world of conflict resolution. You are welcome to join in and find out.

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Challenging Conflict

Collaboration meets Mediation

Conflict • Complexity • Collaboration

Munich 10. - 12. June 2010

3rd European Conference of Collaborative Practice

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Dispute resolution in the new millennium is not „either/or“ nor “black and white”. The growing complexity of the world we live in leads to an increase in conflict and dispute in circumstances where time is frequently of the essence.

Although we are well trained and conflict resolution is our daily stock and trade, we still tend to avoid conflict and focus on solutions rather than the conflict itself. By this we overlook our most important resource for solving the problem: the conflict and its dynamics. It is for this reason, after careful deliberation that we chose “Challenging Conflict” as the 2010 congress’ key issue!

Born out of the understanding that conflict always has a juridical and emotional side, Munich has a tradition of more than 25 years of interdisciplinary conflict resolution. From very early on, a body for understanding and cooperation regarding the clients’ conflicts was established. Today there are several centers of counseling throughout the city, financed by private and public partnerships, where families can seek interdisciplinary and mediative help. Munich is the first metropolis in Germany to have an interdisciplinary team for child custody cases within its Family Court, which meets on a monthly basis to bring the idea of an overall responsibility for all conflict-parties to court and into conflict resolution. We will raise the question of whether there can be an effective interdisciplinary team in and out of court and what the risks and likelihood are to spread collaboration, also into the court system. Answers will be given in a plenary session with the head of the Munich family court and later on by all participants in a world-café.

For more than 20 years mediation was anchored in the Munich conflict resolution field. Drs. Hans-Georg and Gisela Mähler brought Jack Himmelstein and Gary Friedman to Munich in the late 1980’s to hold the first interdisciplinary workshop on Mediation. From this source springs the 3rd European Conference on Collaborative Practice and we are proud to present Jack Himmelstein and Gary Friedman, authors of “Challenging Conflict: Mediation through Understanding“ as key note speakers.

Thursday, June 10 - Precongress

Conflict Focus on the Conflict: Introduction and Deepening of Collaborative Conflict Resolution

08.00 Registration for Congress

Train the Trainer I by IACP *also in French Workshops*

- What is Collaborative Practice About?
- Accelerating Your Collaborative Practice

Lunch

Train the Trainer II by IACP *also in French Workshops*

- Conflict & Goethe`s Theory of Colour
- The Collaborative Practice Coach

Evening Dine – Around Munich

Friday, June 11

Complexity Focus on the Complexity of Conflict: Legal, Psychological and Financial Aspects in Interdisciplinary Work

08.00 Registration for Congress

Opening Plenary Sherri Goren Slovin, JD President of the IACP

Plenary Speech The Way We Challenge Conflict in Munich

Key Note Speech Challenging Conflict

Gary Friedman, JD and Jack Himmelstein, JD

Plenary Discussion Collaborative Teams in Court? A Sacrilege?

Gary Friedman, JD and Jack Himmelstein, JD;

LRi AG München B. Benesch, Dr. G. Mähler, Dr. H.-G.Mähler, M. Ammon

World-Café

Lunch

11 Workshops of 1,5 hrs on Challenging the Complexity of CP

- The Architecture of the Collaborative Process
- Mediation and Collaboration
- Justice or Position Partiality
- Legal Aid for CP? (45 min, F)
Comment intégrer le droit collaboratif dans l`aide juridique
- Introduction of CP in Belgium (45 min, F)
Spécificités de la Belgique quant a l`introduction du droit collaboratif
- The Essentials of Collaborative Practice
- Words are Walls, Words are Windows
- Crossing Borders and Keeping Boundaries
- Collaborative Practice in Business
- Collaborative Law as an Example in the Work Place
- How to promote CP in the French-Speaking Countries (F)

Plenary Discussion

CP in Europe: Working on the Magna Charta

Plenary Speech Neurobiological Issues to Cooperation

Prof. Dr. Gerald Hüther

Evening The Beer Challenge: Bavarian Evening

Saturday, June 12

Cooperation Focus on the Team: All the Aspects of Building and Being an Interdisciplinary Team

08.00 Registration for Congress

Plenary Speech Shadow Shares within the Divorce Conflict

Plenary Role Play Have a Look at the Perfect Team

4 Workshops of 1,5 hrs on the Team Working

- Let`s Build a Team *Le travail conjoint avec les psychologies (F)*
- CP-Teams in Social Services
- The Child Expert
- The 7 Essential Elements of Family

Lunch

7 Workshops of 1,5 hrs and 3 hrs on Team Reflection

- Self Awareness by Teamwork (3 hrs)
- Team Dynamics (3 hrs)
- The Grand Team in CP
L`équipe collaboratif (3 hrs, F)
- How to Manage Emotions and Confidentiality
La gestion des les confiances et des emotions (F)
- Bringing Your Higher Self to the Conference Table
- Tasks of the 1:1 and 4-Way Meeting
- International Practice Group Meeting

Plenary Discussion Workshop Highlights & Conclusions

Plenary Speech The Philosophic View

Closing Plenary What`s left to say

Evening

The Dancing Team Challenge:
Bavarian and International Square Dance

Sunday, June 13

10.00 Sightseeing and Cultural Program in and around Munich

