**The Separation Dialogue: An Intervention for a Smoother Divorce**

**(Workshop #13)**

Saturday, October 26 – 9:00 a.m.

Presenters: René de Haas, Annelies Verhoeff, J. Mark Weiss

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| 9:00 | Introduction to presenters | A-M-R |
| 9:03 | Goodbyes and closures | A-M-R |
| 9:10 | Why a Goodbye ritual for Collaborative Divorce? | M-R |
| 9:15 | What is a good Goodbye (exercise) | A-R |
| 9:25 | Debrief and discuss | A-M-R |
| 9:35 | Foundational aspects of a quality Goodbye Conversation in divorce* Clear labeling of motivations
* Being heard
* Understanding and acceptance
* Not understanding—then what?
 | A-R |
| 9:55 | Proceeding without the Goodbye Conversation | M |
| 10:00 | Interventions* Client expectations—meet the clients where they are
* 3 systems
* Family of origin
* Course of the relationship: from meeting to the break to divorce
* Closure ritual
* Establishing protocols for the future
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| 10:25 | Summary and conclude program | A-M-R |