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**Announcement of the Eighteenth IFSR Conversation
Linz, Austria
Sunday, 3 April – Friday, 8 April, 2016
Call for Team Conversation Topics**

Dear IFSR Member Organizations, Past Participants of IFSR Conversations, and Fellow Colleagues in the Systems Sciences:

We are starting to plan for the Eighteenth IFSR Conversation in Linz, Austria, which will be held at the Seminarhotel, St. Magdalena, Linz, Austria (www.bz-magdalena.at, located approx. 200 km west of Vienna), from Sunday, April 3 through Friday, April 8, 2016 (the week following the EMCSR Conference 2016 in Vienna.).

As in the past, the Conversation will accommodate approximately 30 people, a *maximum* of five (5) teams consisting of six (6) members on site. We will integrate one or two additional members per team who participate via SKYPE (or Internet equivalent).



Seminarhotel, St. Magdalena, Linz, Austria

The IFSR sponsors a substantial portion of the costs. The fee for each participant for 2016 is approximately 480 Euros (plus his or her own transportation costs). The fee covers food and lodging for the six (6) days (except for any additional costs of drinks). While participation is open to individuals in our member organizations, and others interested the topics of the Conversation, the final selection of participants is by invitation of the IFSR, according to the prospective participant's ability to contribute to the outcomes.

Each team meets for five days to develop conceptual models and intensify their understanding of the team's topic and to interact with other teams. At the conclusion, each team presents its findings to the entire group, documented through papers, presentations, or other mixed media. After the Conversation the teams will document its findings through a team report and further full papers in the proceedings of the Conversation and other mixed media. Abstracts from the work of each team will be published in the IFSR Newsletter. While writing for publication is not the sole purpose of the Conversation, teams are also encouraged to document their progress with an intention to publish in systems sciences journals such as *Systems Science and Behavioral Research*.

At present, we need your input about topics and participants. We welcome your suggestions.

1. Is there a particular topic of importance to systems science that you believe should be addressed at the Conversation?
2. Do you personally want to be considered as a participant? Team leader?
3. Do you have suggestions for other participants who you believe would of value to the Conversation process?

We need to have your suggestions by August 15, 2015, if at all possible. At that point, we will begin formulating the topics and selecting team members to be invited, as well as the initial phases of preparation.

Please send your suggestions (or any questions that you might have) to ifsr.org@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincere regards,

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