

25th Annual International Conference on the

Study of Shamanism and Alternative Modes of Healing

**Saturday, August 30 – September 1
(Labor Day Weekend)
Santa Sabina Retreat Center, San Rafael, CA**

The Annual International Conference on the Study of Shamanism and Alternative Modes of Healing was founded in 1984 to preserve and further the integrity of shamanism and share the latest insights in the field of alternative healing.

For the last 24 years scholars of a wide range of disciplines--anthropology, comparative religions, ethno-medicine, folklore, Western medicine, philosophy, sociology, psychology--and practitioners of reiki, qi gong, yoga, and other modes of alternative healing have compared notes and discussed future cooperation. The conference is a unique opportunity to test the results of past year's work in discussions with colleagues, be confirmed, and also be stimulated by the work of others.

Dates of Conference

In 2008 we will celebrate the 25th Annual International Conference on the Study of Shamanism and Alternative Modes of Healing. It will be held, as is customary, on Labor Day weekend at the Santa Sabina Center, San Rafael, California, **August 30, 9am – September 1, 4pm**. Participants will stay at the Center the entire time to share in the unfolding of this year's program. Full participation is expected in order to facilitate an ongoing synergistic dialogue and build community.

Since the passing of its founder, Dr. Ruth-Inge Heinze, a team of former participants has been carrying the work of conference preparation. This year's conference will include a Ruth-Inge Heinze Memorial Lecture by Dr. Stanley Krippner.

Call for Papers

Abstracts for presentations in the area of shamanism and alternative modes of healing are invited at this time (**deadline April 31, 2008**).

Submit one descriptive paragraph of about 120 words for a 20 minute presentation. All presentations will be audio recorded and subsequently published in the conference proceedings. Time for discussion (20 minutes or more) is scheduled after every 3 to 5 presentations. Please communicate equipment needs at the time of abstract submission.

Before her passing, Dr. Ruth-Inge Heinze emphasized the importance of the themes of global warming and planetary healing; abstracts addressing these issues are particularly encouraged. As always we will encourage a wide range of approaches, from cutting edge scientific research to shamanic ritual, and everything in between.

Abstracts should be e-mailed to Linda Braga, roztaichi1@pacbell.net. In addition, a hard copy of the abstract, together with a deposit for the conference fee (\$125) should be mailed to Jane Hawes, Ph.D., 1440 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708. Checks should be made out to: Jurgen Kremer/Shamanism Conference.

Registration

The full fee for the conference is \$250. It includes a single or double room (first come first serve) and all meals during the conference (Saturday lunch through Monday lunch). The conference begins on Saturday at 9am and ends at 4pm in the afternoon on Monday.

To register send a deposit of \$125; the full amount is due no later than the beginning of the conference.

Send to: Jane Hawes, Ph.D., 1440 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94708.
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Thanks to all of you who have already submitted an abstract for this Shaman Conference.

We welcome your participation and contribution.

Always in the Dance,

Jurgen Kremer, Ph.D., Acting President
Jane Hawes, Ph.D., Acting Treasurer
Dona Wessells, Acting Secretary