

REF.

"but let Time's news
Be known when 'tis
brought forth"

Time's News

An
Aperiodic
Newsletter

Time's News No. 22

International Society for the Study of Time

April 1994

23

NINTH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF TIME July 2-8, 1995, Sainte-Adèle, Quebec, Canada

Call for papers on the theme

TIME, ORDER, CHAOS

Proposals are solicited for papers on the theme, TIME, ORDER, CHAOS for the ninth conference of the International Society for the Study of Time, to be held July 2-8, 1995 in Sainte Adèle, Quebec, Canada.

The purpose of the 1995 conference is to bring together mature scholarship from all departments of knowledge for an exploration of the relationships between (1) the experience and idea of time in its personal and collective dimensions and (2) relevant processes of matter, life, the human mind and society involved in creating order out of chaos or reducing order into chaos.

The International Society for the Study of Time is a professional organization of scholars from the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. Since its founding in 1966 it has held eight conferences and published seven volumes in *The Study of Time* series. The eighth volume is scheduled for publication before the end of 1994.

The proposals are to be between 400 and 500 words and contain no footnotes or refer-

ences. Each sheet should show the author's name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone and FAX numbers.

All proposals received by September 1, 1994 at the office of the Executive Secretary, ISST, P.O. Box 6195, Bloomington, IN 47407, USA, will be assured of consideration.

The length of time allotted for the delivery of each accepted paper will be forty minutes. The written version of the paper, to be considered for inclusion in *Time, Order, Chaos - The Study of Time IX* will be 5,000 words, not including footnotes and references.

The conferences of ISST are open only to its members. Those who wish to submit proposals but are not members of ISST are asked to request membership application blanks from the Executive Secretary, complete them and attach them to their proposals.

Invitation to deliver a paper will be issued by the Council of ISST following its September, 1994 meeting.

COMMENTS ON THE THEME, "TIME, ORDER, CHAOS."

Order, relapsing into or arising out of chaos, has been of concern to historians, philosophers, religious thinkers, artists and writers no less than to those who have invested their energies in challenging social order.

Recent attempts to formalize the distinctions among deterministic, probabilistic, random and chaotic causations, when combined with the older problems of human freedom, offer analytical tools for dissecting what people find in themselves and in nature when they pursue their "blessed rage for order," to borrow a phrase from the poet Wallace Stevens.

The theme of the conference acknowledges this "blessed rage." It also places the popular notions of chaos theory—so far but a group of formal representations of the dynamics of nonlinear systems—in their historical perspective: that of searching for order.

It is in the loose framework of time, order, and disorder that those who propose papers for the 1995 conference shall have to situate their themes. The challenge of the meeting lies in the identification of appropriate subjects, to be elaborated subsequently in accordance with demands of scholarship and clarity of exposition.

Here is a sampling of possible subjects.

Chaotic processes in biological rhythms

Deterministic chaos and human freedom

Entropic measures of ordering and disordering

Evolutionary complexification of chaotic processes

Historical changes of ideas about order and disorder

Ideas of chaos from Hesiod to the science of the nonlinear

Ideological issues regarding orderly and disorderly social change

Long term vs. short term predictability as a function of complexity

Mathematics of the unexpected

Neglect of the unpredictable in the exact sciences

Order, chaos, and the art of the solvable

Order and chaos in image, sound, and literature

The predictable, the random, and the chaotic in history

The stable, the probabilistic, the random and the chaotic in music

Time, order and chaos in the market place

Time, order and disorder in relation to moral conduct

Deterministic, probabalistic, and chaotic processes in organic evolution

Deterministic, probabilistic, and chaotic processes in population behavior

CONFERENCE, SITE, COSTS, RESERVATION

In this report I will focus on practical matters in connection with our July 1995 conference: arrival and departure information, the conference site, costs, and reservation procedures. The Ninth Conference of the ISST will be held at the Hôtel Le Chantecler, in the village of Sainte-Adèle, Québec, Canada, with arrival on Sunday, 2 July, and departure on Saturday, 8 July.

Sainte-Adèle is situated about 90 kilometers north of Montréal on the Autoroute des Laurentides (15). Flights from Europe will generally arrive at Mirabel International Airport, northwest of Montréal and about 30 kilometers from the conference hotel; flights from North America usually arrive at Dorval International Airport, about 90 kilometers from Sainte-Adèle. Our hotel operates its own bus and will make one or two trips from each airport to the hotel, depending upon demand; return bus transportation will also be arranged. The cost will be approximately USD \$8 each way. Conferees are advised to arrive in the early afternoon to minimize everyone's waiting time. For those who prefer to drive, both airports have very convenient car rental facilities and easy connections to route 15. For discount rates and excellent service, I recommend Tilden, the Canadian affiliate of National Car Rental. A few rooms have been blocked for members who wish to arrive a day or two early, and post-conference extensions can probably be arranged with adequate advance notice.

Le Chantecler is beautifully situated at the edge of the village, built on a steep hill above a lake and surrounded by high mountains—not as grand a vista as the Alps or the Rockies, but fully as striking because of the small scale. The Laurentians are Montréal's winter playground: steep slopes striped with downhill ski runs and criss-crossed with cross-country ski and hiking trails. The hotel itself has extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities of all kinds, and conferees will have full access to these without extra cost. The hotel is built in the traditional Quebecois chateau style: stone and cement exterior, turreted roofs, whitewashed masonry interior walls with exposed wooden beams, and natural wood furnishings. It is very comfortable, and our meeting facilities will be easily the best we have had.

Costs for the Ninth Conference will be as follows. The ISST Council has set a registration fee of USD \$80 for the conference, or \$70 (nonrefundable) if paid in advance. Hotel costs will be ca. USD \$91 per person per day for those occupying double rooms, \$121 for those preferring to stay in single rooms. We will endeavor to match persons in double rooms on request. All rooms have private bath. The quoted rates include accommodation and three meals a day—a full Canadian

buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, and a 5-course table d'hôte dinner. All room and dining room tips are also included. Provincial and national hotel taxes will be added to the above rates, but most of these are refundable to visitors; refund information and forms will be available at the meeting. The above rates do not include wine or liquor purchases. Please note that prices were quoted to us and are payable in **Canadian** dollars (\$124 and 166), and that the US dollar rates given above reflect the current rate of exchange and may fluctuate.

Le Chantecler is a sizable hotel, but we have selected facilities that will give us considerable privacy. We have two large meeting rooms with windows overlooking the lake and mountains, and an open space in between where our coffee and tea will be served. We will eat together in the main dining room, but in a separate section with tables for eight. I can assure you that the food will be good—an excellent combination of hearty Canadian materials and French preparations. French-speaking Canada is an interesting place—all the hotel staff and most residents are bilingual, so no one will be at a disadvantage by not being able to speak French.

Sainte-Adèle is located in the heart of the Laurentians, and family members may choose from a large number of excursions and activities, from maple syrup factories to wine tastings. Montréal is far enough away to require a full-day trip but ideal for pre- and post-conference excursions. And from Montréal both Ottawa and Québec City are only two hours away by train. All three cities are worth a visit, for the excellent shopping, museums, and cuisine. My wife and I know this area of Canada quite well and will be happy to advise members on possible excursions.

Our schedule for reservations is as follows. You will receive a hotel brochure with the Fall 1994 issue of Time's News. A reservation blank will be included in the Winter 1994 issue, which will also contain the tentative program for the meeting. This reservation blank must be completed and returned to the hotel, together with the first night's deposit, by 1 May 1995. Deposits and final payment may be made by any of the major credit cards. Our reservations will receive the personal attention of Mr. Richard J. Howard, who has been of great help to us, and he will do his best to respond to any individual requests.

I will be happy to answer any questions not covered in this report. Please write to me at Box 6195, Bloomington, IN 47407, USA with any questions or problems.

Lewis Rowell
Executive Secretary

PENN STATE



Worthington Scranton
Campus

Penn State Worthington Scranton Campus
120 Ridge View Drive
Dunmore, PA 18512

PRINTED MATTER - AIR MAIL

Time's News

International Society for the Study of Time
April, 1994