

Roots V Conference

Gestalt Organizational Development: Roots and Branches

In Honor of Edwin C. Nevis, 1926-2011

Dates	November 1–4, 2012 Begins Thursday, 1pm Ends Sunday, 1pm
Fee	\$535 USD / €400 EUR (accommodations and meals not included)
CE hours	16
Faculty	Conference Co-Chairs: Seán Gaffney and Joseph Melnick
Location	Near Stockholm, Sweden Presented in cooperation with Gestalt Academy of Scandinavia and Perlan Dialogue & Leadership With Special Sponsor Norlin & Partners

This is the fifth Roots Conference. Beginning in Paris in 2003 with “The European Roots of Gestalt Therapy” Conference, and continuing with Roots II in Antwerp, 2005, in Rome in 2007, and Budapest in 2009, these conferences have provided an opportunity to focus on Gestalt theory and its development and application. The theme of Roots V is Gestalt Organizational Development.

The Gestalt approach has, from the beginning, had a major influence in the development of organizational development (OD). This includes the work of Kurt Lewin who is seen by many as the father of OD as well as a major influence on the Gestalt approach with his contribution of field theory. Gestalt practitioners have played an important role in the development of National Training Labs (NTL), the birthplace of OD, with Gestaltists serving major roles in the organization including members of the board. In 2010 four Gestalt OD consultants were featured at the OD World Summit in Budapest, Hungary. These included John Nkum, Marcella Bensen-Quaziana and Janet Fiero (representing Carolyn Lukensmeyer’s America Speaks), and Joseph Melnick representing GISC.

Most recently, Edwin C. Nevis was the recipient of the Organizational Development Network (ODN) Lifetime Achievement Award for his many contributions to the theory and practice of organizational development. GISC has developed a designation of Gestalt Organizational Development Consultant (see page 19), and internationally, the European Association of Gestalt Therapy is now certifying OD training programs and practitioners.

It is time for us to come together and join in celebrating the roots of Gestalt OD by presenting theory and practice that is currently being developed by individuals throughout the world. The intent is also to honor Edwin C. Nevis, who is widely seen as the father of Gestalt OD.

We are gathering a list of internationally recognized presenters and will continue to add to the group. Invited presenters include:

Sally Denham-Vaughan (UK)	Raymond Saner (Switzerland)
Marie-Anne Chidiac (Lebanon)	Lichia Saner (Switzerland)
John Leary-Joyce (Ireland)	Chantelle Wyley (So. Africa)
Lars Marmgren (Sweden)	Jochen Lohmeir (So. Africa)
Frans Meulmeester (Netherlands)	Annika Bramsen (Sweden)
Robert Farrands (England)	Katharina Arenvi (Sweden)
Bridget Farrands (England)	Ulf Giege (Sweden)
Ulf Zwedberg (Sweden)	Panos Vasmatzidid (Greece)
Talia Levine bar-Yoseph (Israel)	Magda Pantelidu (Greece)

Among the current topics are: History, Development, Applications, Current Trends, and Future Directions.

Format

Roots has developed a specific format: all presentations are in plenary and followed by small group work to process the content, and then a plenary report-back session. Our aim is that all participants and presenters are fully involved in all aspects of the conference. Our hope is to generate collective knowledge.

In addition, our intention is to encourage all presenters to develop their presentations as journal articles, including the comments and inputs from the plenary sessions.

Roots V will take place at Bommersvik Conference Centre, Bommersvik, Sweden. Please contact Bommersvik Conference Centre directly to make arrangements for accommodations (<http://www.bommersvik.se/>), and contact GISC (office@gisc.org), Gestalt Academy of Scandinavia (info@gestaltakademien.se) or Perlan Dialogue & Leadership (info@perlan.se) for further information or details about the conference.

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