

## A BETTER WORD

The international flavour is immediately perceived. At the entrance, two huge pine trees located, like two pillars of Hercules, exactly at the sides of the entrance gate, announce the prelude to a new world. A throng of people, a maze of corridors, stairs and passageways; chatter, meetings, greetings, formalities. Then all of a sudden, silence: the Congress begins. Paola Marinelli, her voice a bit cracked with emotion, welcomes us listing all countries at the Congress: 28 with 550 attendees; these numbers alone, give some measure of the event.

As always in congresses, the amount of works and conferences is such, that we risk the bulimia of words and concepts. A congress is also a great exercise of will, because we are forced to choose, to leave behind experiences and subjects as compelling as those selected; the attention and concentration required, also because of the different languages used, is remarkable.

Beyond what is stated, we are impressed by the amount of existing projects worldwide inspired by Psycho-synthesis. Assagioli would rejoice at the enthusiasm, expertise and commitment aimed at one goal: a better world, a better humanity, a wider and more universal consciousness.

Concepts such as integration, unity in diversity, respect for Man, respect for the planet, dialogue, universality, can be found in every speech. The spirit animating us overcomes differences, beginning with language: we are all projected towards a natural understanding, even though not all is decipherable literally; we understand each other by the language of the heart, which amply compensates for.

The very first evening, an outdoor experience of communion, in a circle, encourages contact, exchanging a glance. The meeting of eyes allows to read deeply, to the point that sometimes one feels invading a private and hidden territory, where suffering, injuries, anxiety, escape, impatience, but also joy, love, beauty, are visible.

Indeed, beyond all, beauty is what remains within, expressing human beings' life, oscillating between two polarities and constantly striving for balance and synthesis.

There are glances, overwhelmingly powerful eyes, that shake you inside: beauty invades and gives peace.

Then you take the pace again and days pass, rich in opportunities, solicitations and meetings.

The wide park wraps around us in an embrace, and from time to time welcomes the desire of some for solitude and rest.

What is the meaning of an International Congress?

To create the awareness of a system of works that, when put in connection, not isolated, can multiply energy.

We all work in the same direction, each contributing with his or her specific energy, even though, while recognizing that all are equally bearers of a drop, the work of some raises particular admiration.

Admiration characterizes the days of the Congress, along with the astonishment to find that there is a very alive and fertile psycho-synthetic reality beyond Italy, as if the seeds of wild flowers flying in the air and taking root wherever they find favourable conditions (to quote a beautiful image taken from one of the reports) had found a widespread and unknown distribution, and a seed arriving from the other side of the world could sprout in the backyard.

The communion of purpose makes us feel at home, with family, a universal family supporting and protecting us, authentic, non-invasive, like a deep well of pure water to draw from.

We hope that the project to shorten the timetable for the international meetings will be fulfilled.

Very many thanks to those who have allowed the realization of this event, and have cared for it with love; a personal commitment and a responsibility of all to encourage the natural spread of psycho-synthetic wild flowers by example and everyday life.