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Preliminary announcement

Society of General System Research

1985 Annual Meeting

Los Angeles, CA, May 27 — 31, 1985

The program of the 1985 meeting embraces the entire scope of systems inquiring by which: (a) *systems theory* is defined and formulated through its continuous evolution; (b) *systems philosophy* is explicated and evolved; and (c) *systems methodology* is pursued as a field of study as well as implemented in a variety of contexts and through a variety of strategies, methods, and tools that apply systems theory and philosophy.

The 1985 program has a special theme: to define and characterize competencies — namely, knowledge, understanding ways of thinking, skills and dispositions that are required or desired for engaging in systems inquiry: (a) pursuing scholarship in systems theory, philosophy, and methodology, (b) applying systems thinking and theory and using systems methodology in the disciplines, professions, and various human activity systems and exploring the desing of arrangements of acquiring competence in systems inquiring. Furthermore, special attention will focus on competencies related to the application of systems thinking to global issues.

Contributions that do not address the competence theme are also invited and will be incorporated in the program.

Your contributions to and assistance with the meeting are invited. General ideas for program design and development should be directed to

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Preliminary announcement and call for papers

Interkibernetik '85

The World Association of Cybernetics, Computer Science, and System Theory (Official name: Tutmonda Asocio pri Kibernetiko, Informatiko kaj Systemiko' or TAKIS for short) will hold its first world congress — with the name INTERKIBERNETIK — in Budapest from 27 July to 2 August 1985. The Congress is being hosted by the John von Neumann Society, which organized the INTERKOMPUTO congress held in Budapest at the end of 1982 and is represented on the editorial committee of the internationally known journal, Internacia Komputado, also published in Budapest. The 'Association Internationale de Cybernetique', with headquarters in Namur, Belgium, and the Cybernetics Academy Odobleja also plan to support this congress.

The program committee calls for papers in any of the following areas:

1. *Anthropocybernetics* (psychocybernetics, language cybernetics, educational cybernetics, organizational cybernetics,...)
2. *General cybernetics and system theory* (philosophy of cybernetics, information theory, theory of abstract automata, methodology of programming,...)
3. *Engineering cybernetics* (control, computer hardware, automation, technical information sensors, channels and stores,...)
4. *Biocybernetics* (information processing in organic systems, animal languages, cybernetics and medical service,...)

The papers can be written in any of the three congress working languages: English, French or Esperanto. They should be no longer than 10 pages and should be sent to the address of Dr. Dan Maxwell (Institut für Linguistik Ernst-Reuter Pl. 7 D-1000 Berlin 10) no later then 31 March 1985. Authors of papers subsequently accepted should plan on a maximum presentation time of 30 minutes.

The registration fee (including the price of the congress proceedings) is 150 DM. For further information please write to the John von Neumann Society.

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