

Auroville International Conference 2002 - April 19-24, 2002

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Friday	The Gathering
July 19th	AVI Board Meeting & General Arrivals
	Facilitator: <i>Wolfgang Schmidt-Reinecke</i>
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Check-In
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Keynote Address
Dr. Ananda Reddy	<i>Who are we and what are we doing here? What role does the World have in the life of Auroville? How do Aurovilians and those outside form one community?</i>

Saturday	Auroville Today: Spiritual and Material Aspects
July 20th	of Auroville and Auroville International
	<i>General Interest Topics</i>
	Facilitator: <i>Julian Lines</i>
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Yoga/Pranayama with Hashi
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Check-In
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	General Assembly: Facilitator makes announcements and gives orientation for day. Sign up for Monday's excursions, volunteer to present on Wed the concrete outcome of one or more sessions.
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Opening session/consecration/invocation
Bill Leon & All Participants	<i>This is where we come together as a group, sharing our aspirations for the next few days (think about this beforehand), creating a harmonious working atmosphere for the rest of the conference</i>
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Break
10:50 AM - 12:20 PM	Securing the Land for Auroville
Guy Ryckaert	<i>Securing the land for Auroville is not just another project in Auroville - it is the very basis for the realization of the Auroville township. Without the land, the City cannot be built and the greenbelt, which is necessary to maintain an ecological balance, cannot manifest. In the face of rampant speculation and inflation, Auroville is prioritizing certain areas for purchase and exploring ways to acquire the necessary funds.</i>
12:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	The Tamils and Villages in Auroville
Bhavana Dee	<i>Whether being employed by the community, or actually becoming Aurovilians, the local Tamils have played a key role in the development of the City of Dawn. What next?</i>
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Break
3:20 PM - 4:50 PM	Matrimandir
Michael Bonke	<i>The construction of the Matrimandir is advancing rapidly. Michael will present a current slideshow report on the current state of affairs.</i>
4:50 PM - 5:10 PM	Break
5:10 PM - 6:40 PM	Influence of Integral Yoga on Western Thought
Wolfgang Schmidt-Reinecke & Dr. Ananda Reddy	<i>Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga has influenced prominent thinkers in the West, and can be found at the foundation of these thinker's physical and literary creations.</i>
6:40 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner Break
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Live Moroccan Music
Amarg	<i>International Zone? Culture? Music? Africa? You bet!</i>

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Sunday	The International Zone
July 21st	Facilitator: <i>Megan Thomas</i>
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Yoga/Pranayama with Hashi
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	General Assembly: Facilitator makes announcements and gives orientation for day
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Centers present their involvement in the International Zone
AVI Centers	<i>What is the current IZ status? Those centers that have been working on their presence in the International Zone will give a brief report on their current status</i>
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Break
10:50 AM - 12:20 PM	Moderated Forum: Defining the International Zone
Panel Discussion	<i>Ideally what should the IZ be? A panel discussion with Helmut, Jill, Tekeste, Peter, Ananda Reddy and Tine</i>
12:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Discussion: Role of AVIs in the International Zone & the Pavilions
All Participants	<i>Follows from previous two discussions: Given the current involvement of the AVIs in the IZ, and given the ideals just discussed, what role should the AVIs and the World ideally play in the International Zone? What role does the International Zone play in the World?</i>
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Break
3:20 PM - 4:50 PM	Water Issues in Auroville and the International Zone
Jill Navarre	<i>Auroville has important water issues, which need to be considered when planning a collective infrastructure for the International Zone</i>
4:50 PM - 5:10 PM	Break
5:10 PM - 6:40 PM	Dynamic Programming
To Be Arranged	<i>You will be bringing new perspectives on the topics being discussed, and probably even new topics that are not included in the program. This time is available for us to discuss something important as a group, or for smaller breakout sessions focused on several topics.</i>
6:40 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner Break
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Variety Show: Poetry, Music, Storytelling and More
Savitra, Amrit Inamder, Amrita Banerji	<i>Savitra will bring back the old days with some songs, Amrit and others will read some of their poetry, and Paula will tell us a story. Maybe you'll also be inspired to share?</i>

Monday	Being Together Here and Now
July 22nd	Facilitator: <i>Excursion day - facilitator not needed</i>
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Yoga/Pranayama with Hashi
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	General Assembly: Facilitator makes announcements and gives orientation for day
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Consensus Decision Making Workshop
Megan Thomas	<i>This is a day of coming together. We will take one of the smaller unresolved topics discussed on Saturday or Sunday and use it as material for a consensus decision making workshop.</i>

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10:30 AM - 6:00 PM	Expedition with Packed Lunch Groups	<i>Spend six hours building personal contacts, group-building and stretching your legs as you explore California. These are your expedition choices:</i> 1) Big Basin to Waddell Beach Hike - 6 miles gently downhill along a creek and through several different habitats 2) Henry Cowell Redwoods Park and Natural Bridges Beach by Van - get the best of 1 above, but with a LOT less walking 3) Monterey Bay Aquarium - Explore the Monterey Bay's unique marine and coastal habitats at one of the nations finest aquaria. Limit of 30 participants. Approx 3 hours total driving (networking) time.
6:40 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner Break	
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Ohlone Indian Storytelling & Chants/Devotional Music from India	<i>We have just spent all day exploring the land, which has been home to the Ohlone Indians for over 10,000 years. Ohlone Elder Patrick Orozco will join us to share the story of his people and their culture. Amrita Banerji will continue the evening with chants and devotional music from India.</i>

Tuesday The Work of Auroville International

July 23rd	Facilitator:	<i>Bill Leon</i>
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	Yoga/Pranayama with Hashi	
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	General Assembly: Facilitator makes announcements and gives orientation for day	
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Reports from Auroville International Centers	<i>The Auroville International Centers will report on their recent events/projects, current focus, and future outlook.</i>
	AVI Centers	
10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	Break	
10:50 AM - 12:20 PM	Best Practices of Auroville International	<i>The Auroville International Centers are all working for the same cause, and can learn from each other's success stories - share and grow.</i>
	AVI Centers	
12:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Coordination of AVI with Auroville's Outreach	<i>How can those who produce outreach materials (Aurovilians) such as videos, books, etc work more closely with Auroville's overseas network (the AVI Centers & others) to produce timely materials that help bring Auroville and the West together/in sych?</i>
	AVI Centers & All Participants	
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Break	
3:20 PM - 4:50 PM	Changing Role of AVI & the Role of Auroville's Spirit in the AVI Organization	<i>With the advent of the internet and communication technologies, the AVI Organization can respond to Auroville's developments more rapidly. With this change in communication, how has our role changed? How can we be more in tune with what's going on in Auroville? What are the potentials?</i>
	AVI Centers & All Participants	
4:50 PM - 5:10 PM	Break	
5:10 PM - 6:40 PM	Dynamic Programming	<i>You will be bringing new perspectives on the topics being discussed, and probably even new topics that are not included in the program. This time is available for us to discuss something important as a group, or for smaller breakout sessions focused on several topics. Do you still need to work on your skit that you're presenting after dinner?</i>
	To Be Arranged	
6:40 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner Break	
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	AVI Follies	<i>Long, long time ago, on Friday or Saturday, you and a couple of others were given a topic around which to build a short performance. You've worked it out now, and are eager to share it with us all, eager to see what the others have come up with, and eager to have some fun!</i>

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Wednesday Looking Forward

July 24th *Facilitator:* Paula Murphy

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Yoga/Pranayama with Hashi

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM General Assembly: Facilitator makes announcements and gives orientation for day

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Summarize concrete outcomes of meeting**

Pre-determined volunteers (huh?) *What have we achieved? A three-minute summary of the concrete outcome, or a synthesis of the different perspectives, of each of the sessions will be presented by those individuals who volunteered on Saturday to do this. If time permits, start next session early.*

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM Break

10:50 AM - 12:20 PM **Future Direction, Sharing, Closing Session**

Everyone *Where do we go from here? Share revelations, new determinations and directions that resulted from this conference. We were undoubtedly all grateful to be here; let's refrain from lengthy outbursts to that effect :-)*

12:20 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch Break

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Check-Out

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM Departures & Shuttles to Airport