

16. ECITE 2001 in Bern at Dampfzentrale Conference and Jam: 27. July - 4. August 2001 Jam only: 27. July – 29. July 2001

Hello and welcome to this newsletter from the organizing team. There is a lot of information because we would like to improve the quality of our exchange on CI. That is why we send you all this now – even if it's early. We are happy to answer questions and we hope that people get together before the conference to plan parts of ECITE. Our homepage will be ready soon.

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- If you focus on Workshops, you should sign in at www.contactfestival.de in Freiburg, Germany. The international contact festival is an event with approx. 20 teachers and place for 100 students: contact info@contactfestival.de. It takes place from 7. – 12.8.2001.

- Three week intensive with Martin Keogh and Ray Chung from August 14. – 31. Mail to muellecki@yahoo.de or martinkeo@aol.com

You find this and more information also on our homepage at www.contactimprovisation.ch, starting in March.

1. Participants and Structure at ECITE:

ECITE is the European Contact Improvisation Teachers exchange, which started in 1985 in Amsterdam. It provides opportunities to exchange on Contact Improvisation (CI) as a dance technique, as a way of moving and improvising. It is made possible by those who started to teach CI and wanted to deepen its practice. The Conference focuses on pedagogic, methods of teaching and performance know how. It is for people deeply involved with the form of CI. We would like to welcome you if you are a teacher of CI or a performer using CI as base of your work.

The structure of ECITE 2001

This year's structure of the Conference will be slightly different from previous conferences. What remains is: Morning co-teaching groups and evening jams. 15 to 20 people attend one co-teaching group. The groups stay together for the whole week. Jams will take place at night in one of the big dance spaces, perhaps one space silent and one with music.

Jam only: We start with a big international jam from Friday night until Sunday noon. Non-conference participants can join in, we offer extra 40 places.

The opening big circle for the Conference with 80 participants will be held Sunday night, the closing circle will be on Friday evening.

Projects

We will introduce projects rather than study labs in the afternoons. A project lasts four afternoons, three hours each. The focus will be on a specific topic. Facilitators, participants from ECITE, will offer prepared content at the outset and will guide the group initially, facilitating fruitful development. You will sign in as you register for the Conference. Project-groups will stay together for the week.

Facilitators

Facilitators help the group to find an appropriate work structure and atmosphere so that all can deepen our chosen topic and get maximum benefit out of the four meetings.

The facilitators won't lead the workshop and won't be responsible for the content of the project.

Topics for the Projects

We offer the following topics:

- CI and video, photo
- CI and integrated dance/ mixtability
- CI and bodywork (BMC, Feldenkrais, Alexander, Shiatsu, etc.)
- CI and outdoor work
- CI and performance
- CI and politics/ social issues

Performance

On Thursday night we will organize a performance evening open to the public. We would like to show the Bernese audience what Contact Improvisation can look like. We plan a mixture of improvisation and set material.

Conference reader

We also have a new idea for the documentation of the conference. We ask you to send your written ideas concerning the project you sign in for. Feel free to write in your own language or to use pictures and drawings to illustrate your ideas. The project is the main topic and the following suggestions might be chapters of it

- 2 description of your favorite exercise
- 3 improvisation structures, scores
- 4 skills, patterns
- 5 philosophical thoughts/ reflections
- 6 personal experiences

We expect not more than 2500 letters, spaces in between counted, or a surface measuring 15x15 cm. There is extra space for a picture 8x8 cm and we will complete the page with a standard layout with your name and your topic etc. We have made an example on our home page, where you can get an idea of what we expect: www.contactimprovisation.ch

Deadline: 30th June

Field trip

We plan to go on a fieldtrip to the mountains on the 1st of August. That is Swiss National Day and there will be a lot of bonfires on top of mountains. There are lots of nice and interesting places to go to, too many to decide now.

1. The conference: where does it take place, what does it cost and other important details

ECITE 2001 takes place at Dampfzentrale in Berne, Switzerland

www.Dampfzentrale.org is an old lovely renovated steam factory next to the river Aare in the middle of Berne, the capital of Switzerland. There are two large theatre spaces, a dance studio (all with dance carpet) and a foyer area. We have additional space in two gym halls nearby. Dampfzentrale is wheelchair accessible.

There will be our own conference restaurant for lunch and dinner. We will hire a cook to provide vegetarian food for everybody. Shops are nearby and there is also a public restaurant at Dampfzentrale. The surrounding of the Dampfzentrale is very special, for example there is a large swimming and recreation area, kids will love it. You can let yourself float in the river and walk back up again: www.marzili.ch. And it's all for free!

Travelling, Camping, Hotel

Berne is easy accessible by train or car: www.berntourismus.ch has city maps. By plane you probably fly either to Geneva (www.easyjet.com) or Zürich and take the train. The train costs SFr. 80.- return from either one of the airports. There is a little airport in Bern-Belp. A return bus ride to town costs SFr.28.-. Details at www.sbb.ch for the railway or at www.crossair.ch for BRN Belp-Airport.

The camping site is a 20 minutes walk up the river in the park under large trees opposite to the zoo. You will find more details at www.eichholzcamping.ch

The hotel Arabelle is uphill in town, 20 to 30 minutes to walk. There is a bus which will take you half way. They have a home page at www.arabelle.ch.

The backpackers place Hotel Glocke is in the centre of town, 20 minutes walk away.

If you have special needs or wishes (family, disablements, injuries, etc.), contact us soon. We will try our very best to help you.

These are different options. We made reservations and now you can make reservations on a first come, first served basis.

Costs

Hotel Arabelle, SFr.820.-, 16 places or more

wheelchair accessible, close to the centre of town: 8 nights with breakfast, double room, shower in your room, conference fee, lunch and dinner at Dampfzentrale.

Hotel Glocke, SFr. 620.-, 24 places, only for conference participants.

not wheelchair accessible, in the centre of town: 8 nights in a backpackers place, no breakfast but access to a kitchen, showers to share, conference fee, lunch and dinner at Dampfzentrale.

Camping site Eichholz, SFr.480.-, 40 places or more

wheelchair accessible: 8 nights in your own tent, conference fee, lunch and dinner at Dampfzentrale.

Private housing, SFr. 390.-

We offer 20 work-studies: you work 10 hours for ECITE during the week (cleaning, kitchen work, bar) and get a reduction of SFr.150.-

3. Registration ECITE 2001

Registration form for ECITE 2001, jam included, 80 places

Name:

Address:

Tel, Fax:

E-Mail:

Your project: 1.choice:
 2 2. choice:
 3 3. choice:

Are you willing to facilitate?

Your topic for the conference reader:

Your choice for sleeping:

..... Hotel Arabelle: double room, shower in your room, Wheelchair accessible

..... Hotel Glocke, backpackers place, showers to share, not wheelchair accessible

..... Camping site Eichholz, your own tent, wheelchair accessible

Special requests (family/ partner/ ...):

Your involvement with CI:

Your registration is valid by paying SFr.200.- if you stay in one of the hotels and SFr.100.- if you camp into the following bank account:

If you pay using your bank:

Bank: Berner Kantonalbank BEKB

Address: CH - 3001 Bern

Swift Code: KBBECH22

Account name: ECITE 2001 – Peter Moser

Account Number: 423.872.805.86

If you pay by post:

Bank: Berner Kantonalbank BEKB

Address: CH - 3001 Bern

Post PC: 30-106-9

Clearing Number: 790

Account: ECITE 2001 – Peter Moser

Account Number: 423.872.805.86

If you withdraw from the conference, we keep the money for reservation costs and our activities. We will confirm your registration after receiving your payment and will send you the plan and schedule for the conference. The balance is to be paid cash on site or into our account by the start of the conference.