

Dallas Conference – Right For You!

Dario Nardi, 2009 APTi Conference Chair

The Dallas APTi conference is only a few months away. As I write, we have just put together the conference schedule. I am amazed by how much we were ultimately able to fit into our few days together. There are plenty of treats in store for those who can make the conference – and for the first time, a special gift for those of you who cannot make it.

We received over 100 proposals to fill approximately 60 slots – very tough! Let me give you some idea of the selection process. Jane Kise, other APTi Board members, the interest area consultants, and I conducted a blind review of every proposal – separately over the span of a few months and then together over several days in Minnesota in mid-December, as we huddled by a fireplace with snow falling gently outside. In the end, with a little creativity, we were able to fit in 70 proposals.

There were many more proposals than usual for education, interaction styles, families/kids, and management and organizational development. The education proposals were enough to fill an entire day by themselves! So we did just that: on Thursday, August 6, you will find 6 back-to-back sessions on education, in addition to the usual concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday. For those of you who are really interested in education and type, be sure to join us at the conference on Thursday. These sessions are offered along with the usual delights of the pre-conference symposia.

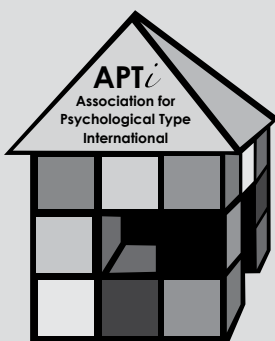
Also, say hello to interaction styles – a dynamic way of looking at the 16 types. The interaction styles model, also known as social styles and very similar to the DISC model, is a way to use type that is particularly relevant for teams and for managing group dynamics. An introduction to interaction styles on Friday morning leads

into Friday's post-lunch interactive event, which will be run by Perfecting Connecting® expert Sarah Michel. Often, exercises that rely on type-alike groups can be unbalanced in numbers. For example, Sensing and Intuiting groups can end up heavily weighted toward one preference or another, depending on the audience. In contrast, an interaction style exercise often brings together types that feel a *simpatico* but never seem to end up in the same grouping – until now!

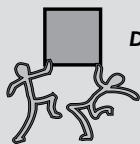
A desire that I have heard in prior years is for more *depth* time. That is, time to come together to focus on issues and themes core to psychological type, such as the role of the Feeling function, open discussion of theory and research, new instruments, and the unique viewpoints of each of the 16 types. For those of you who wish to break from type-talk on Friday night, we are planning a fun evening out on the town, and for those who wish to delve deeper into type, there are special panels, and also Friday and Saturday evening sessions, to meet with like-minds on topics dear to your hearts.

We will continue the last conference's smashingly successful experts panel on Sunday morning. In addition to some of the widely known type practitioners you will encounter at the conference, there will be many popular authors, speakers, and experts who are familiar to regional chapters or to those in other countries, but may be new to the international body. Many of these folks are doing cutting-edge work around the world, dealing with various aspects of type.

I promised something special for those of you who cannot attend. This is also the start of creating a visual archive for the future. Graphic recording is a powerful way to capture key ideas of a presentation. This past year at the regional Convergence Conference, I was



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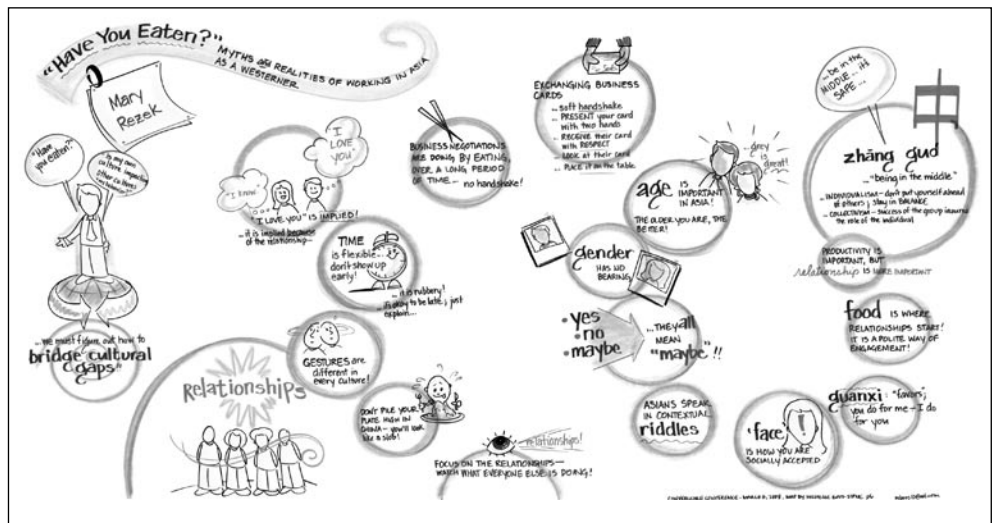


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unable to make one of the keynote presentations on the use of type in mainland China. Fortunately, a graphic recorder illustrated what I had missed. I have included one image with this article to give you an idea of what a graphic record looks like. By viewing the entire record, you can quickly glean what you might have otherwise missed. I am really pleased that we have secured the talents of a top graphic recorder for the conference so everyone can get a serving of the keynote presentations. Attendees will also be able to add their thoughts during the conference to a public graphical canvas.

Finally, there are plenty of sessions for corporate-minded folks in addition to sessions addressing personal growth, counseling and coaching, spirituality, health, family/kids, leadership, and theory/research.

All the options can be dizzying. To help you make satisfying choices – and to encourage your colleagues and friends who wish to attend – take a look at the *tracks addendum* to the confer-



ence schedule. These informal tracks pull together sessions by theme and readiness level, with introductory sessions to help folks refresh their knowledge before diving into the deep stuff. The theme-specific tracks are optional. However, when you take most of the sessions in a track, you will earn a certificate of completion. This is in addition to the fulfillment of CEU requirements.

To view the tracks and the conference schedule, and to peruse sessions, visit www.apti-international.org. At the website, select APT International Confer-

ence from the top menu, then select Program. By the way, be sure to catch the video!

The Fairmont Hotel promises to be one of the most intimate and congenial settings we have had for a conference in a long time. You will be able to attend workshops, take in poster presentations, visit booths stocked with useful materials, meet with authors, and sit and share with new and old friends in a space incredibly well-sized and suited to APTi. The conference is a time of networking, learning, rejuvenation, and fun. I hope to see you in Dallas!

APTi Conference Symposia

Jenny LaChance, APTi Director of Interest Areas

This issue of the *Bulletin* includes articles on four Interest Area symposia for the 2009 APT International Conference: Careers and Occupations, Health and Wellness, Management and Organizational Development, and Theory and Research.

In the next issue, you can look forward to similar information on the following Interest Area symposia:

- Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Education

- Multicultural and International
- Religion and Spirituality

The symposia for the 2009 conference will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2009.

These sessions offer a platinum-level educational experience at a reasonable price.

APTi members pay the discounted price of \$200 for the whole day or \$100 for any half-day session. These discounts are on top of the reduced conference price for APTi members and

just another great reason to be a member of APTi. Please spread the word to any friends and/or colleagues who may be considering attending the conference.

We hope to see you at one of the many excellent symposia where you can expand your personal and professional knowledge in the various areas offered. These sessions are a not-to-be-missed learning opportunity for anyone interested in learning more in-depth information and applications about psychological type.