

Budapest: some thoughts

Dear members of WFSF, friends and participants to the 19th World Conference in Budapest with the significant title: "*Futures Generation for Future Generations*" as well as to the participants in the following Futures Course, I wish you all good discussions and exchanges of ideas as bases for choices and actions for futures developments.

A special greeting goes to my very good friends of "The Futures Studies Department "at Corvinus University of Budapest, who not only are wonderful hosts and organisers as I have been able to experience in the many years of our collaboration and friendship, but are leaders in the future of futures studies in Europe. and not only.

I am very sorry not to be present because the topic is definitely a future oriented one, which I am sure will be underlined and discussed as futures are the area for young generations to explore, discuss, build and be responsible for. As such, futures studies need to have the young as actors although benefiting (critically) of what futures studies and WFSF have been able to do in different historical moments and in different social, political and cultural contexts.

What has been described, in the invitation letter by the hosts, as "*the common work (of different generations), exchange of experience, collective wisdom and synergic future-shaping power*" towards what, I believe, has been the basic goal of WFSF from its first moments, human futures in indifferent cultural contexts. Such goal becomes every day more important in our daily experience and needs to be a guide towards future thinking and vision.

I am sure that Budapest will be once more the venue, as in the past (it is enough to recall the 1990 World Conference), for exchange of ideas dialogue and discussions that will result in guiding lines for WFSF, but most of all for the futures of peoples.

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