



Wasiwaska. Research Center for the Study of Psychointegrator Plants, Visionary Art and Consciousness. Florianópolis, Brazil.  
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#### Schedule of Events June-August 2006

Wasiwaska, a Brazilian non-profit research and educational organization with the aim to promote research on the use of sacred plants in the fields of anthropology, ethnobotany, ethnomusicology, pharmacology, neuropsychology and consciousness, as well as their cultural and artistic manifestations, will organize four events during the summer (winter in the southern hemisphere) of 2006. We will have, as usual, a combination of lectures, films, excursions and other activities together with an intense experiential program. We can accommodate a maximum of twelve participants, double occupancy, with broadband Internet connection in all the rooms. We have a small but growing specialized library and DVD collection and the house is surrounded by a small ethnobotanical garden. In each seminar we will have two (in one case three) eminent guest participants. Our goal is to promote through lectures, discussions and experiences a deeper understanding of the world around us and our place in temporality.

In all seminars Luis Eduardo Luna will present you with the latest news from the scientific study of ayahuasca, lectures on the ethnography of ayahuasca and other psychointegrator plants, as well as his own views on other subjects, such as the expanding worldview made possible by the information revolution, and psychointegrators and the future of mankind. There will be also talks about the Atlantic Coastal Forest, the ecological environment where Wasiwaska is located, one of the richest in the world in terms of biological diversity.

Each seminar will have its own flavor and an emphasis on particular themes, taking into consideration the knowledge and skills of our outstanding guest participants.

- June 12-25: "**Psychointegrator Plants, Science and Spirituality.**" Invited participants: Dr. Dennis McKenna, ethnopharmacologist, associate professor of the Dept. of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology, University of Minnesota and Dr. Ede Frecska, neuroscientist of the National Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology in Budapest, Hungary. Lectures by Dennis McKenna: Neuroscience and Spirituality; Plant / Human Co-evolution. Lectures by Ede Frecska: Entoptic Phenomena Following Long Term Ayahuasca Experiences; Intuition, Non-locality, and Sources of Knowledge in Divination.
- July 4-17: "**Altered States of Consciousness, Psychointegrator Plants, Art and Religion.**" Invited participants: Graham Hancock, author of *Fingerprints of the Gods*, and other books on ancient civilizations, now touring the world talking about his latest book *Supernatural, Meetings with the Ancients Teachers of Mankind*, on rock art and altered states of consciousness. Santha Faila, an outstanding photographer, Hancock's wife, Clark Heinrich, author of *Forbidden Fruit*, *Magic Mushrooms in Religion and Alchemy*, and with Carl Ruck and Blaise Daniel Staples of *The Apples of Apollo. Pagan and Christian Mysteries of the Eucharist*. Lectures by Clark Heinrich: Hidden In Plain Sight: Decoding the Symbols of Myth, Religion, and Alchemy; Finding God Without Religion: The Art of Passing In (lecture and workshop).
- July 25-August 7: "**Shamanism and the Brain**". Invited participants: Dr. Michael Winkelman, of the Department of Anthropology of Arizona University, author, among other books, of *Shamanism. The Neural Ecology of Consciousness and Healing*, and who coined the term "psychointegrator", and Dr. Mihály Hoppal, a world authority on Eurasian shamanism, Director of the Institute of Ethnology of the Hungarian Academy of Science, and author of many books and films on shamanism. Lectures by Michael Winkelman: Shamanism in Cross Cultural Perspective; Shamanism and the Brain: Psychointegrators and the Brain. Lectures by Mihály Hoppal: Shamanism Renaissance in Eurasia; Functions of Shamans in Hunting Societies; Types of Symbolism in Shamanism. Films by M. Hoppal: Shamanism: Past and Present; Shamans in Eurasia.

August 14-25: "**Moving Through Time and Space**", with Christos Daskalacos, South African/Greek architect and teacher of Biodanza, and Karen Helle Grue, Danish Jungian psychologist and certified Holotropic Breath Work facilitator. The seminar navigates two paradigms: the everyday common understanding and transcendence, achieved through Biodanza, Holotropic Breathwork and rituals. At the end hopefully one will achieve an expanded and better understanding of the everyday. Lectures by Christos Daskalacos: Architecture of Movement; Transformation Through Movement. Lectures by Karen Helle Grue: Transformation, Death/Rebirth: fairytales, myths, alchemy, tarot, dreams and Holotropic Breathwork experiences in the light of Stan Grof and Carl Jung; The Shadow and Evil. An analysis of fairytale Vasilisa the Beautiful; The dynamic of Animus and Anima seen through dreams and fairytales East of the sun and West of the Moon, and other fairytales; Individuation seen through dreams, myths, and Andersen's fairytale The Traveling Companion.

If you are interested in further information, or if you wish to participate in any of these seminars, please fill out the attached application form and send it to [events@wasiwaska.org](mailto:events@wasiwaska.org).