

ACA EXCHANGE

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CREATIVITY ACROSS CULTURES: Hotel Rooms Going Fast!

It is important that all attending the ACA 2008 Conference ensure that they have hotel rooms booked ASAP as hotel rooms are in huge demand in Singapore and many are being turned away. We strongly advise attendees to take advantage of the special room rates we have worked out and register for their rooms immediately. Please note that all hotel bookings done through ACA must be paid for through ACA so that we can keep a room available for you.

Kirpal Singh, ACA 2008 Conference Chair

ACA 2008 SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: Tony Buzan

A great clip of Tony Buzan, keynote speaker for ACA in Singapore in February, is available online. Take 14:37 minutes today and watch the video of Tony speaking in Singapore about the "Cause of the Death of Creativity" at:

<http://www.esnips.com/doc/e0af7148-d7b6-445a-ad1e-ba39b791c76e/Tony-Buzan---Teaching-HOW-TO-learn.flv>

(You may have to type the url address in if it does not link directly.)

This is the best summary of the causes and cures of the Death of Creativity caused by our school systems around the world I have ever heard in 30 years.

Alan Black, ACA Director of Marketing

NEW RELEASE: Prisoners of Our Thoughts

Prisoners of Our Thoughts: Viktor Frankl's Principles for Discovering Meaning in Life and Work, by ACA 2006 keynoter Alex Pattakos, will be released in paperback by Berrett-Koehler Publishers in January 2008.

World-renowned psychiatrist Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning* is one of the most important books of modern times. Frankl's personal story of finding a reason to live in the most horrendous of circumstances—Nazi concentration camps—has inspired millions. In *Prisoners of Our Thoughts*, Dr. Alex Pattakos (a longtime student of Frankl's) applies Frankl's philosophy to life and work in the 21st century, detailing seven principles for increasing your capacity to deal with today's challenges, finding deeper meaning and fulfillment in your life and work, and achieving your highest potential. For more information, see:

<http://www.prisonersofourthoughts.com/>

CALL FOR PAPERS: Human Relations Journal

Human Relations Journal has recently issued calls for papers on the following subjects:

- * Private equity buyouts, work and employment relations
- * New approaches to employee voice and participation in organisations
- * The Context of Leadership
- * Work-life Initiatives and Organizational Change
- * Managing in the Creative Industries: Managing the Motley Crew

For more information about these CFPs, how to submit papers and for more information about the journal itself, see:

<http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdDesc.nav?prodId=Journal200870>

CALL FOR PAPERS: 2008 Design Research Society International Conference

Sheffield, UK on 16-19 July 2008

This is the last call for papers for the 2008 DRS conference -- UNDISCIPLINED! Rigour in emerging design disciplines and professions.

In the tradition of the DRS biennial conference series Undisciplined! will be a broad-ranging event open to all topics and disciplines relevant to designing. Our conference theme will inform the choice of keynote speakers and we hope it will stimulate debate.

Learn more at the conference web site at URL: <http://drs2008.designinquiry.wikispaces.net/>

The deadline for extended abstracts is 1 December 2007. For information updates, please join the conference announcement mail list at:

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/DRS-CONFERENCE-CONTRIBUTORS.html>

USING ACA EXCHANGE

The American Creativity Association is committed to providing its membership with forums to present, test, and exchange ideas; opportunities for networking and fellowship; clearing house services for information on the state of the art in creativity research and practice; and means to link theorists and practitioners.

ACA Exchange distributes information ACA members want to share including:

- * Messages from ACA's leadership;
- * Suggestions and links to good reading and thought pieces;
- * Employment opportunities;
- * Program announcements;
- * ACA members' news;
- * Anything that serves the interests of ACA and its members.

To read recent issues of ACA Exchange online, visit
<http://www.amcreativityassoc.org/ACAExchangePastIssues.htm>.

To submit information for distribution, send it to ACA Exchange Editor Tara Coste, at tcoste@usm.maine.edu. Please be sure to include your contact information (name, e-mail, etc.).