



## 20<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Biocosmology (20ISBC)

on the topic:

***“Learning to be Naturalist”***

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### *Call for papers*

The anniversary (50th) Report to the Club of Rome (2018) entitled as “*Come on!*”<sup>1</sup> – this publication significantly has brought to the fore the task of generating a New philosophy and realizing the consistent New (of the XXI century) Enlightenment: for meeting and realizing the current challenge of building the New sociocultural world of real harmony and mutual understanding and well-being. Naturally, the latter is pursuable and could be carried out only in the way of advancing the homologous underlying New cosmological (i.e. comprehensive aetiological, gnoseological, methodological, anthropological, etc.) foundations of rational knowledge. However, the foremost scientists (“*Come on!*” authors) are basing their innovative proposals on the same (currently dominating, and which precisely have brought about the current sociocultural crisis) – Dualist Type of cosmology, of the static Idealist/Materialist, Binary essence, and the derived mathematical-physicalist approach to rational (scholarly) knowledge. In turn, in current conditions – BCA-scholars essentially urge that priority attention should be given to the equal recognition (*qua* the Types of rationality) to both the Dualist (Binary, Static) and the Organicist (Ternary, Dynamic) Types of rationality, and, accordingly – their rational Types of cosmology. In other words, the pending issue is to accept and recognize the essential reality of both the Dichotomy – of all-or-none data, right-or-wrong arguments, good-or-evil aims and actions, etc. – thus relating to the Static (anthropo- and sociocentric), linear and progressive development of the world; and the Triunity – of the Dynamic (AnthropoKosmist)–bipolar and cyclic (Triadic) and ontogenetic Self-evolvement of the living world (Kosmos).

<sup>1</sup> See: Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker & Anders Wijkman. (2018). *Come On! Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet*. A Report to the Club of Rome (by Ernst von Weizsäcker and Anders Wijkman, co-authors in cooperation with 34 more Members of the Club of Rome; prepared for the Club of Rome’s 50th Anniversary in 2018). Springer, Science+Business Media LLC, 2018.

Actually, the real (natural) world is the Organic world that is essentially living – Bipolar, Dynamic and Cyclic – Triadological; and Self-evolving, Ontogenetic; and the fact is that the world outlooks (that underlie the contemporary ideologies) are essentially different. For instance, the Taoist dynamic cosmology (as the comprehensive world-viewing) is radically different from the Christian static (neo-Platonic, Atlantic) cosmology, with its foundational (Type of mentality) Dualist and Binary (Idealist/Materialist – mathematical-physicalist) approaches to organizing the rational knowledge. And what is more, “all new is the well-forgotten old”. Aristotle, the Father of science – he is the author of precisely the superb *Organon* Kosmology that is essentially an Organicist comprehensive rational (super)system of knowledge, based in the foundational principles of Entelechism and Hylemorphism, and the Self-changeability of all subjects of the world. Thereby, as the Stagirite is worldwide recognized founder of science – hence the whole edifice of modern science is based precisely on the Organicist foundation, of accepting basically the natural(ist) reality of the living Self-evolving world (Biocosmos – Kosmos). Likewise, it stands to reason that the Dualist cosmological foundations cannot provide a solid platform for the contemporary Chinese great (actually peaceful) cultural initiative of building the Community of Common Destiny and Shared Future for the whole mankind; but the actual need is to develop the congenial and appropriate (for the *zeitgeist*) cosmological foundations, together with the derived conceptual apparatus and the substantiated, worldwide acceptable goals and prospects – for effective realizing this vital Initiative. Essentially, all this fits into the course of main findings realized by Pitirim Sorokin in the phenomenal four-volume “Social and cultural dynamics” (1937–1941); wherein, in his Triadological approach – the outstanding Russian-American scholar has substantiated the Integralist epoch in the contemporary world sociocultural involvement.

Certainly, “*Come on!*” is the clear example of an important document that should be taken into consideration and be treated as the reference guide for action. However, from the Biocosmological perspective, in addition to its mandatory proposals, and with a view of providing the due bases for overcoming the current actual crises – we (BCA scholars), on reasonable grounds, tell the world that the time is ripe to actively contribute to (at least, to take a deeper look into) the vital challenging shift of our (scholarly) perceiving, recognizing and accepting both the currently dominating Binary (Dualist, Static), and, equally – the Ternary (Organicist, Dynamic) Type of rationality (Type of mentality, Type of cosmology). In other words, the essence of BCA-proposal is to actually realize the challenging shift of the contemporary scholarly mentality – aiming at accepting and applying in the daily practice the Triune rational mentality, thereby recognizing the equal use of all the Three main Types of rationality – *Organicist* (neo-Aristotelian), *Dualist* (neo-Platonic), and *Integralist* (systemic – holistic – that, each, integrates both polar types on its own cosmological basis).

First of all, however, we need to rehabilitate the actuality of the contemporary Organicist Type (within the One whole – Triune – scholarly knowledge), realizing a novel naturalism on the basis of natural Biocosmist laws (yet to be advanced and recognized on the international level), thus – “Learning to be Naturalist”. All the more, we intentionally reconnect our title (but in a logical contradistinction) with the name of the recent 24WCP in Beijing (in August 2018) that was “Learning to be human”, and which definitely refers (to) and preserves the foundations of modern rational knowledge and mentality on the Dualist (Binary) bases. Some of the issues stated above have been already placed on agenda and become the subject of intense debate within the recent BCA gatherings in Beijing, Veliky Novgorod and Varanasi. Now, we eagerly look forward to the emergence of a strong progress in evolving the contemporary Organicist and Integralist trends of scholarly knowledge during our meeting in the University of Helsinki, on the August 4-7, 2019. All interested scholars and their open-minded participation and contribution is most welcome!

With kindest regards,

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## Abstracts

Deadline for Abstract Submission (to the addresses above) – July 14, 2019.

The abstracts should not exceed 2 pages, and must include:

1. Title of the contribution;
2. Names, academic titles, affiliation (departments, institutes/universities, and cities of authors), email of corresponding author;
3. Key words (3–5);
4. Text (Font – Times New Roman, single spaced, size – 14, margins – 2 cm);
5. Language – English.

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