

NLP LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Report on the 2016 NLP Leadership Summit Alicante Spain

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It will go down as a truly Historical Event in the history of NLP. I think that expresses the view of all who were there. We are at a beautiful hotel right on the Mediterranean Sea in a room overlooking the beach, the sea, a mountain with a castle, the city. Michael Carroll recommended the place and it was perfect for our needs.

Summits are called from time to time by world leaders. A problem or issue arises, and an invitation to Leaders of various countries is extended so that world leaders can come together and talk about a shared challenge. That's what we are doing. We are gathering at the Summits to talk about the future of NLP which we all care about and share.

The aim of the Colloquium: To have *the conversations* that we need to have. To have the difficult conversations that, as the leaders in this field, have needed to occur for decades. Our aim is *not* to create a new association or a super-association. It is much more modest: to associate with each other--- get to know and understand and trust each other. That we accomplished.

- Many who said on the first day that they had often been disillusioned about NLP said that they had a new hope by the end, that they were “inspired,” “moved,” “touched,” etc. They said that we had “moved forward,” “grown,” “had fun,” “learned,” and so on.

Results: Yet without any expectations of results--- many things have resulted from the Summit. Heidi Heron will be sending out an email shortly detailing much of the following:

- We corrected some of the language in the original “Manifesto” and changed that to a Declaration. That is already updated on the website.
- We added another prerequisite for being a member of the NLP Leadership Summit--- each person has to belong to an Association that holds them accountable to a code of ethics.
- We began making a list of the NLP Associations represented, which we will be putting on the website.
- We set up project groups for collecting and collating standards among the Associations.
- We created a working process for handling conflicts and holding members accountable to the values and ethics.
- We talked through the distinctions regarding “Profession” and “professional.” We recognized that NLP as a field but not a Profession, it is more a meta-Profession. And we as individuals seek to speak, act, and relate in a professional way. There will be a white paper or report on this.

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- **We set up Project Groups** to achieve certain outcomes:
 - *Standards Project:* Collect and compare Standards from the various Associations.
 - *Assessments:* Collect best practices of assessments and tests being used in the field today.
 - *Literature / Research.* Gather links to all of the research that has been and is being done in the field.
 - *NLP Promo Campaign:* Look into, explore, and report back on designing a Campaign for promoting NLP: case studies, Videos, famous people testimonies, etc.
 - *Conflict Management Project:* Management of conflict regarding violating a Professional code of Ethics.
 - *Celebrating Each Other's Development:* highlighting special events, new technology, cool jokes, core interests, etc.
 - *NLP Leadership Book:* "Powered by NLP: Reflections on the 4th NLP Leadership Summit." Stories of hope, inspiration, poems, pictures, how we are shaking the future of NLP

The next Summit will be in April --- Friday **April 15 2016 --- just prior to the NLP Conference in London ...** after the Pre-Conference workshops.

- 2017 – April, London, prior to the NLP London Conference.
- 2018 --- 3 day Summit. January 12-14, 2018 at Alicante Spain in the Melia Hotel and Resorts.

List of Associations:

An Association, by definition, is typically a non-profit (not-for-profit) organization that belongs to a group or community, is not owned or controlled by a single person, whose money goes to the organization, and which serves to support the Association. An Association has a code of ethics, a way of policing its members, a governing body.

Some of the following also are Associations, but those that are for-profit and/or owned by a single individual. [Inaccuracy Alert: This is not a full list and some may need to be corrected.]

- **IN:** www.nlp-institutes.net
- **IANLP---** www.ia-nlp.org
- **Canadian Association ---** www.canlp.ca
- **Netherlands Association ---**
- **Switzerland Association; Swiss ---** www.swissnlp.ch
- **German Association:** www.dvnlp.de
- **ANLP, United Kingdom:** www.anlp.org
- **United Kingdom:** www.professionalguildofnlp.com
- **INLPTA ---** www.inlpta.com
- **ISNS, International Society of Neuro-Semantics:** www.neurosemantics.com
- **Australian Board of NLP:** www.abnlp.org.au
- **New Zealand Association:** www.nzanlp.org.nz
- **Meta International:** www.meta-international.com
- www.lcpnlp.org

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- www.eanlpt.org
- French Association: www.nlpnl.org

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