

Comment Form

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Title of the Program	Designing Lifeworlds of Sustainability and Wellbeing
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<p>Program Comments Summaries of the EREC:</p> <p>The presentation was stimulating and inspiring, raising a range of important questions about the psychological and social causes of the problems the world is facing. In particular, the emphasis on the future, the designation of future generations as stakeholders and how to design systems to make decisions about the future were widely appreciated. Connecting the present and the future (and their generations of humanity) is essential for achieving sustainability. Many of the Committee members felt that this future element should not be limited to Program 3, but be applied in the other programs.</p> <p>At the same time, it was felt that this future thinking still needs to be further developed. What specific concepts will be used, what kind of research is anticipated, what role would there be for specific methodologies such as modeling and scenario building, how to take account of ongoing trends when thinking about the future were some of the questions raised in this context. The notion of lifeworlds is also in need of further definition and how a lifeworlds approach would combine with future design needs to be further elaborated.</p> <p>Finally, the Committee raised the issue of outcomes: what results can be expected for the 5-year program period and what would be the ultimate program goal?</p>	