

HEALING SUMMIT 2022: Announcing Conference Speakers



Prof. Gerry Bodeker, Molly Melching, Gary Joplin to address health and sustainability

06 April, 2022, Cologne, Germany -- As we are experiencing political, social and environmental tipping points, we live in a world that is seemingly out of balance. Many people have begun to ask themselves deeper questions about how to navigate life's rapid changes and where this renewed world is heading. The organizers of the HEALING SUMMIT 2022 are dedicating their 2-day conference in Portugal on September 3-4, 2022 entitled "The Healing of Everything" to ask deeper questions on how to create conditions that allow for positive change.

After a pandemic related break, the gathering, which is an initiative of the Healing Hotels of the World, will bring back together like-minded individuals who are drawn to collaborate, raise awareness and inspire change. Socially conscious speakers from the fields of investment, science, healing modalities, mission-oriented organizations, and travel join with delegates to create a gathering of global influencers committed to doing good.

With three stellar personalities in the field of health research, social sustainability and embodiment, the first speakers have now been announced. They will address specific aspects of holistic health and socially sustainable development:

Prof. Gerry Bodeker, a Harvard-trained public health researcher has taught medical science at Oxford University and Columbia University. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the World Health Organization Global Atlas on Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Having researched traditional holistic healing modalities and the body-mind connection for decades, his knowledge is needed in our world more than ever.

Since 1974, **Molly Melching** has lived and worked in Senegal where she founded the exemplary NGO, *Tostan*, whose mission is to empower African communities to bring about sustainable development with a special focus on girls and women. Her success is based

on her respect for the people she works with, her openness to learn from them in the spirit of the traditional African proverb: "I am because you are." has been key to her work.

Gary Joplin is an international expert in somatic training and embodiment, as well as a professional choreographer. As a Gyrokinesis®, meditation and body mind awareness specialist, Gary conducts training courses and workshops in Europe, Israel, China and the United States. As a former dancer he knows every inch of our body and its relation to emotions. In his sessions he will use the body to integrate gained understandings and insights into ourselves and to bring what is inside of us to the surface. The conference will be interspersed with these easy to do and highly effective movement sessions.

“We are so honored to have Prof. Gerry Bodeker, Molly Melching and Gary Joplin as our first three confirmed speakers. When we know who we are as human beings, we can make informed choices for our personal and professional lives, allowing us to support ourselves and others. It is up to us to create conditions that allow for positive change”, says Anne Biging, Founder and CEO of Healing Hotels of the World and Co-Founder of the HEALING SUMMIT. “In this spirit, Prof. Gerry Bodeker and Gary Joplin will inspire us with their commitment to understanding holistic health and wellbeing. Molly Melching will share from her life-long dedication to sustainable development drawn from her work in African communities with her self-founded NGO *Tostan*.”

This year’s summit will include even more collaborative formats: plenaries as well as smaller workshops will be offered, where we will deeply explore the Healing of Everything: personal transformation, investment, economy, sustainability, social justice and equality, healing modalities, mission-oriented organizations, hospitality, and travel. The summit’s attendance will be limited to 130 people.

“With the HEALING SUMMIT we aim at offering participants something that will enrich their lives for the long-term: an inspiring, transformative experience that fosters a more holistic lifestyle and new opportunities.”, says Dr. Elisabeth Ixmeier, Co-Founder and COO of Healing Hotels of the World and Co-Founder of the HEALING SUMMIT. “We are looking forward to announcing more news in May and to meeting in-person in September.”

Registration for the Summit is open; the rate is €2,100.

Immediately preceding the HEALING SUMMIT, a one-day pre-conference event designed for Healing Hotel Members and carefully selected travel advisors will take place on September 2, 2022.

About the HEALING SUMMIT

Since its launch in 2014, the global HEALING SUMMIT has turned into a space for reflection, reconnection, and renewal. Every year, forward-thinking pioneers from across industries come together to share experiences and perspectives on what makes a healing world. The HEALING SUMMIT is an initiative of Healing Hotels of the World. It serves as a platform for professionals striving for a holistic approach to life and business, with the aim to create a global community dedicated to doing good. The HEALING SUMMIT is “Healing in Action”— supporting collaboration, raising awareness, and inspiring change. www.healingsummit.org

About Healing Hotels of the World

Healing Hotels of the World is the pioneering global brand committed to healing hospitality. Founded in 2006 by Anne Biging and Dr. Elisabeth Ixmeier, the member-based collection of 90+ of the best Urban and Resort Healing Hotels around the world brings holistic healing travel based on specific Healing Excellence Standards to life. Member hotels are Healing Certified, ensuring that the wellbeing of each guest is taken to a deeper dimension through their holistic program offering. Healing Hotels of the World provides expert consulting and training, empowering hoteliers to fully embrace the healing guest experience. With the online magazine JUST BREATHE MAG and the yearly HEALING SUMMIT, the leading event for the healing hospitality and holistic lifestyle community, Healing Hotels of the World has found unique ways to express and share its vision of enabling travel guests to become whole in body, mind and soul. www.healinghotelsoftheworld.com

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