

Global Congress 2014 Whistler, BC, Canada
Embracing Our Roots, Growing Our Work, Stepping Out

Building Our Space to Listen, Give Voice and to Be Heard

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Two years ago I agreed to organize and sponsor the 2014 Global Congress and Leaders' Conference in beautiful Whistler, BC, Canada. I had no idea what was to unfold in the two years that followed, both in my personal and professional life, and in the Rosen community. Our training center was incorporated and renamed the Rosen Method Institute Canada Inc. I am thankful to Bill Samsel, our Director of Teaching of nine years, who continues to support our school and myself. I took on a business partner (Cinnamon Cranston), watched two of my daughters get married and will be a grandmother by the time most of you read this (in June of this year).

The Rosen community also witnessed significant changes in the last two years. Marion's passing in January 2012 was an incredible loss, and I am beginning to understand that my grief is only now coming to the surface. The new evolving leadership of our Rosen Institute continues to develop and carry on its primary tasks to protect the trademarked name of Rosen Method® and uphold the quality standards and integrity of our treasured work. The process has not been without its problems and setbacks. Only now have we arrived at a place where we can begin to understand and plan for a more inclusive professional organization that can offer the benefits of paid membership and contribution.

Navigating an uncharted landscape demands patience and resilience. It demands teamwork, imagination and a strong desire to arrive at a better place. However, a new landscape often brings with it more questions than answers. I believe we have come to a place in our journey where we can carve out a safe space to answer these questions and speak to where we are going as a professional organization and as keepers of this important healing work.

This is exactly why I want to personally invite you to participate in the 2014 Global Congress and Leaders Conference in Whistler, Canada. Never has it been more important to attend. This will be a positive place to have your voice heard and help shape what Rosen Method represents and embodies in our world. Come to Whistler and share your vision. Participate in the provocative and forward-thinking workshops that will

be offered. Network with your Rosen Method community and build bridges between countries and across oceans. Help us move forward in a collaborative way, with integrity, respect, compassion and hard work.

The questions that arise during this pivotal time are a necessary part of developing a formalized system of communication and administration for our professional organization, as well as helping to improve the tools of support that are in place for our members. Understanding the changes that have taken place and how they will benefit members is also of great concern to Rosen professionals across the world. Equally important is that we, as members of the Rosen professional community (individually and as groups), must understand how best to open lines of communication with the Rosen Institute apart from the Global Congress gatherings. It is imperative that we become active participants in our shared professional future.

As one of the key organizers of the 2014 Global Congress and Leaders Conference, I also share these questions and am excited to create a safe space where we will begin an open and productive dialogue, a necessity in continuing to grow as a profession. The Global Congress committee is working, in collaboration with the Executive Team of the Rosen Institute, to build into the Congress program dedicated sessions to explain the new organizational structure, mission statement and vision for the future of Rosen Method. This space will also allow for the concerns of the community to be heard and addressed in an atmosphere of professional development, community engagement and respect. This is a process of sharing and building together, where every member is a stakeholder and will be recognized as such by their peers.

We have come so far and it is important to understand the foundational work that the Rosen Institute has undertaken and will continue to do with the Rosen community. The Rosen Institute now occupies the important role of setting a standard to maintain the integrity and quality of the work through a structured and professionally operated organization that will demand the time and dedication of paid professionals. To support the community and continue the development of our profession, we need to have the financial means to do so. This is our contribution as paying members and ensures that we receive recognition as certified trained professionals. It will also ensure the continuation of professional development such as that offered at the 2014 Global Congress and Leaders Conference.

Our recognition as an accredited professional organization, with all of the above in place, will provide the vehicle for teachers and practitioners to develop innovative ways of bringing the benefits of Rosen Method to new territories. This year, the Global Congress is offering some very unique workshops never presented before. It is exciting to watch our colleagues utilize their professional training in areas such as trauma treatment and collaborative care. We have so much talent in our community. People are showing up in new ways and the 2014 Global Congress is sure to display the diverse skill and dedicated work of gifted individuals. This 4-day conference will offer ample time to meet with colleagues and build networks that will help create new professional opportunities and identify areas for imaginative advancements. Most importantly, it will provide all of us with the opportunity to build friendships leading to strong systems of support.

Here we are with the 2014 Global Congress and Leaders Conference almost upon us and I have come to understand the importance of its role at this time in our history. We are ready to stand strong as a solid professional organization. I witness on a daily basis, as do others, the daily dedication that students bring to their learning and transformation. I want all Rosen students to have the tools and opportunities to apply that dedication to a profession that will provide for them, support them in their careers, and help them grow as practitioners, bodywork teachers, movement teachers and as unique individuals.

Now is the time to come together, with all of our desires, uncertainties and fears, and remember what we have, to acknowledge that we have put into place all the pieces we need and realize that the only thing holding us back is our lack of trust. Marion always said “Now that you got it, it is up to you to take Rosen out into the world!” and she ensured that her work would survive by giving the Rosen Institute the right and responsibility to hold the service mark of Rosen Method worldwide. It is time to see where the work stands presently, to share our successes and to see where we will go from here.

Rosen Method Institute Canada Inc. wants to support those who wish to take part in this important gathering. We have taken measures to help everyone who wants to be here to attend this conference by offering, in Canadian dollars, flexible payment plans. Please join us at this crucial time.

Bill, Cinnamon and I along with the Global Congress committee of Janie-Rae Crowley, Susan Stirling, and Theresa Belter look forward to connecting with the Rosen community and collaborating on a very bright future for Rosen Method.