

WELCOME



TECT final conference

The official kickoff...

- **TECT LAUNCH CONFERENCE**
- *ESF EUROCORES Programme TECT (The Evolution of Cooperation and Trading)*
- **Starts:** Jul 04, 2007 09:00
- **Ends:** Jul 07, 2007 14:30
- Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study

Colbud 1992-2010

- **670 FELLOWS FROM 40 COUNTRIES**
- **185 FROM HUNGARY; >40 OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN WORKING ABROAD**
- **25 FOCUS GROUPS; 215 PUBLIC LECTURES**
- **SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL (E.G. EU) PROJECT PORTFOLIO**
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF BOOKS, CHAPTERS, ARTICLES PUBLISHED THROUGH IAS FELLOWSHIPS: 2100-2300 (ESTIMATE)**

Examples of cooperation and communication research at COLBUD

- Major transitions in evolution
- Origin of multicellularity
- Mechanisms of kin and group selection
- Precursors to culture
- Evolution of (embodied) communicating agents
- Origin of the language faculty



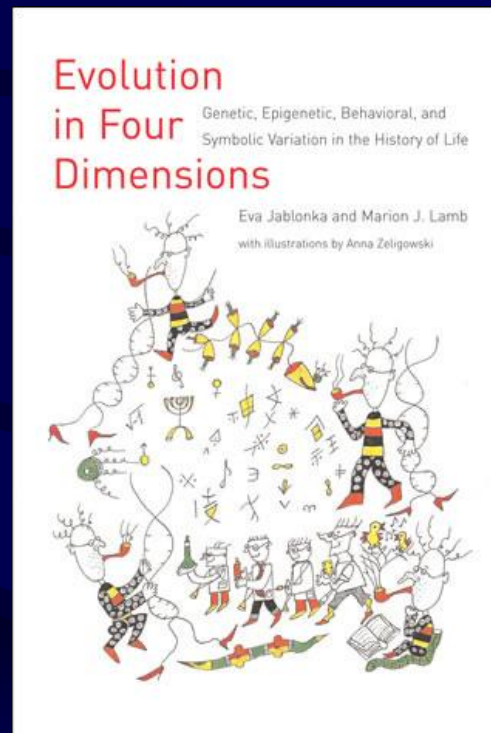
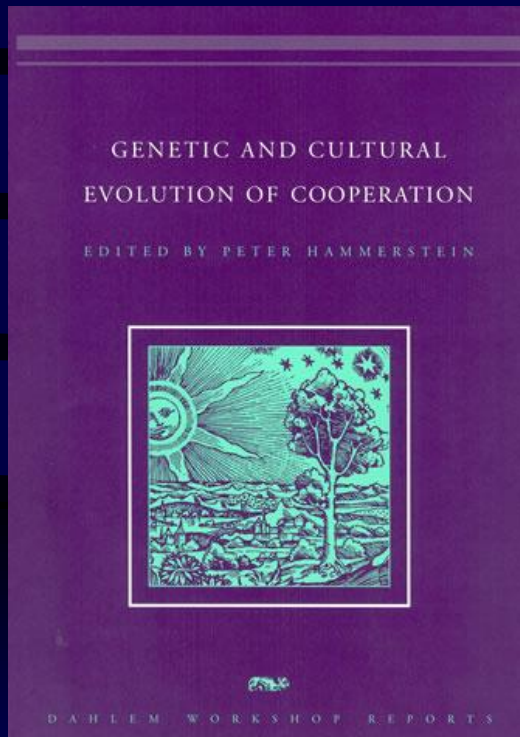
Some great fellows and guests

- Daniel Dennett
- Derek Bickerton
- Dick Byrne
- Peter Hammerstein
- Lewis Wolpert
- John Maynard Smith
- Jim Hurford
- Karl Sigmund
- Stuart Kauffman

And a countless number of junior fellows!

- Éva Kisdi
- Beáta Oborny
- Csaba Pál
- Balázs Papp
- Chrisantha Fernando
- and many others...

Followup work of many former fellows



TECT has been full of altruism



- The case of several “founding fathers”

Cooperation research is very
much alive...

...but not necessarily happy

- Some dogmatism and obsessionalism
- Inordinate fondness for handwaving explanations in some people
- Fast-lane science replacing and suppressing careful thinking
- TECT has been a good counterexample



Man and Natural Selection

Theodosius Dobzhansky

- *„Let me however plead with you that infatuation with over-simple answers to very complex and difficult problems in one of the earmarks of intellectual mediocrity.*
- *I am afraid that the problem of (guidance) of human evolution has no simple solution”.*



Many thanks to my helpers at Colbud!

- Tünde Szabolcs
- Szilvia Zimber