**Outline for Closing Plenary** 

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## I. Frame

- A. Our invitation: to introduce qualitative research to Balint work
- B. What we want to do this morning is open the window through which we observed the conference these last few days and show you a bit of what we saw, heard, smelled, and even tasted through that window.
- C. lst, it was an abundant and bountiful gourmet banquet we experienced, so much so that it was impossible to digest it all by this morning.
- D. What we don't want to do is prematurely reduce or objectify or be superficial or close off other possibilities.
- E. What we do want to do is contribute to a hopefully continuing dialogue.
- II. Organization
  - A. We've organized our preliminary thinking in the following three areas:
    - 1. Some <u>Core Values</u> we observed and were impressed with;
      - 2. A few areas of <u>Creative Tension</u>; and
      - 3. Further <u>Research Possibilities</u> in the new world.
- III. Review of my research design from Day 2
  - A. But first, let me go back to the research design I presented on Friday.
  - B. (Review progression of design)
  - C. We're a bit out of order (Reading preliminary account to others)
  - D. But since hermeneutic research is a circular process, we can always go back around and pick up what we've left later and come back around again.
- IV. Core Values
  - A. Valuing <u>Continuity</u>, being part of a community
  - B. Valuing the <u>Relationship</u>
  - C. Valuing <u>Respect</u> for others
  - D. Valuing Unconscious processes
  - E. Focusing solely on the <u>Professional ego</u>
  - F. Tolerating <u>Ambiguity</u>
  - G. Valuing <u>Meaning</u> in one's life work
  - H. Valuing the <u>Holding</u> environment
  - I. Valuing <u>The Clearing</u> which allows for the exploration of possibilities