Executive Colloquium

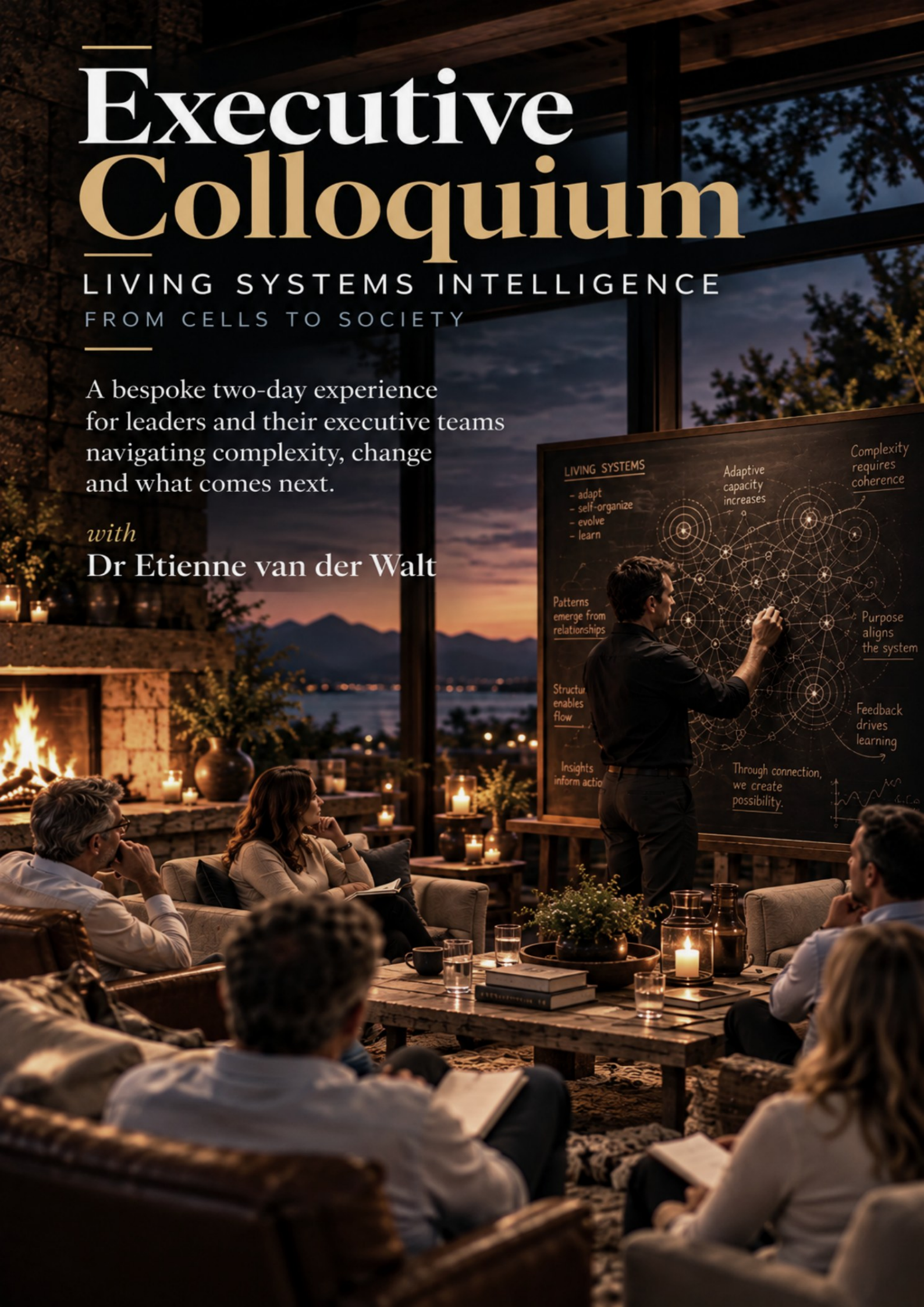
LIVING SYSTEMS INTELLIGENCE

FROM CELLS TO SOCIETY

A bespoke two-day experience
for leaders and their executive teams
navigating complexity, change
and what comes next.

with

Dr Etienne van der Walt



A different kind of executive experience.

The Executive Colloquium takes senior leadership teams on an immersive journey into Living Systems Intelligence – exploring how living systems adapt, perform and emerge, from cells to society.

At its heart is **yield** – the capacity of people, teams and organisations to meet changing demands and continue to perform sustainably.

Through the **simplified application of principles from neurobiology**, provocative conversation, reflection and shared experience, executives explore what it means to function – and lead – as part of a living system.

In doing so, they develop a new lens through which to understand themselves, one another and the living systems they lead – and how to **enhance the yield for which they are responsible.**

This is not simply something to learn. It is something to *experience*.



Built around how living systems work.

A carefully designed combination of neuroscience, conversation, exploration, reflection and time together – creating the conditions for different ways of seeing, thinking and leading to emerge.

LIVING SYSTEMS & YIELD

An immersive introduction to Living Systems Intelligence and the Yield Framework, creating a shared lens and language for the experience.

EXECUTIVE CONVERSATIONS

Provocative conversations exploring what living-systems thinking means for you, your team and the organisation you lead.

BRING A QUESTION THAT MATTERS — IF YOU WISH

A strategic question, organisational challenge or emerging possibility can become live material for the colloquium — but it is not a prerequisite.

DIVERGENCE & CONVERGENCE

Move deliberately between expansive and focused thinking, creating space for new possibilities to emerge and important threads to come together.

REFLECTION & RELEASE

Walking, rest, informal conversation and unstructured time are deliberately part of the experience — allowing attention to widen and ideas to incubate.

FIRESIDE: NEUROSCIENCE FOR LIFE

An informal evening conversation about the neuroscience of being human — development, adolescence, relationships, stress, sleep, ageing, our children, our parents and ourselves.

TIME TOGETHER

Because not every valuable moment needs to be programmed. Meaningful connection and shared experience are part of the design.



Lead with biology, rather than against it.

For more sustainable performance. For greater yield.

Two days. A different kind of conversation.

A thoughtfully designed journey that combines insights, dialogue, reflection and time together — creating space for new perspectives and practical momentum.



ARRIVAL EVENING

Land.

Arrive, settle in and leave the operational world behind.

Relaxed dinner. Conversation.
No formal programme.



DAY ONE – MORNING

Immerse & Explore.

Living Systems & Yield masterclass.

Executive colloquium session 1.
Insights, dialogue and new perspectives.



DAY ONE – AFTERNOON & EVENING

Release & Connect.

Lunch. Walk. Rest. Reflect.
Time together.

Dinner followed by an informal **Neuroscience for Life** fireside conversation.



DAY TWO – MORNING

Emerge & Converge.

Return to what has emerged.
Executive colloquium session 2.
Bring the threads together, identify key focus areas and next steps.

Finish around lunch.

Every colloquium is bespoke. This is one way the two days might unfold.

Dr Etienne van der Walt

Neurologist. Living Systems Thinker. Author. Explorer.

> *My work has always been about understanding the human being as a living system and what helps people, teams and organisations thrive.*

Etienne is a neurologist and applied neuroscientist with more than thirty years of clinical, research and leadership experience. He is the founder of **Neurozone**, where he has worked at the intersection of neuroscience, organisational psychology and technology to help individuals, teams and organisations perform and adapt in an increasingly complex world.

His work is grounded in the science of the brain and the principles of living systems and translated into practical insights for real-world leadership, team effectiveness and sustainable performance.

Etienne is the author of **To Emerge**, a book on living systems intelligence for a more complex time, to be released in 2026. He is also the founder of **AmazingBrainz**, a non-profit focused on youth brain health and potential.

As a speaker and facilitator, Etienne is known for his ability to make complex science accessible, relevant and deeply human, combining evidence, story and provocative conversation to open up new ways of thinking and leading.



CLINICAL NEUROSCIENCE
From the brain to behaviour

PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS
From insight to impact

LIVING SYSTEMS INTELLIGENCE
From complexity to possibility

AUTHOR
To Emerge
A book for a more complex time

AMAZINGBRAINZ
Youth brain health and potential

People, teams and organisations are living systems. When we understand how they work, we can help them adapt, perform and create a better future.

Built with you.
A bespoke experience for your leadership team.

Every Executive Colloquium is shaped around the people who will be in the room. We work with you to design the right combination of conversation, learning, reflection and shared experience for your team, your context and the time available.

The architecture is intentional.
The experience is bespoke.



FLAGSHIP EXECUTIVE COLLOQUIUM

Two days | 8–15 senior executives | Maximum 20

Ideally arriving the evening before.

Create an Executive Colloquium for your leadership team.

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