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. 1st, 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 Core Values we observed and were impressed with;
      2. A few areas of Creative Tension; and
      3. Further Research Possibilities 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 Continuity, being part of a community
   B. Valuing the Relationship
   C. Valuing Respect for others
   D. Valuing Unconscious processes
   E. Focusing solely on the Professional ego
   F. Tolerating Ambiguity
   G. Valuing Meaning in one's life work
   H. Valuing the Holding environment
   I. Valuing The Clearing which allows for the exploration of possibilities