

Circular Letter To the Co-workers of the Anthroposophic-Medical Movement Easter 2011

*I hold the Sun within me
He guides me to the world as king
I hold the Moon within me
She retains my form
I hold Mercury within me
He holds the Sun and Moon together
I hold Venus within me
Without her love all things are naught
She with Mars unites
Who speaks my being in words
That Jupiter may enlighten all*

*And Saturn seasoned
In me lights forth my being's colours
These are the seven of the world
I am the seven
I am the world, the width of earth
I am the sun
And Christian with cross and roses
stands next to you as spirit
I receive The world
With the Seven.
Rudolf Steiner (GA 40, S.188 ff)*



Farewell of Cornelius Pietzner in the circle of General Secretaries and Carina Schmid with her Eurythmy-Ensemble. Annual General Meeting, Goetheanum, March, 16, 2011

Dear Friends,

The week of Easter has begun, and we just finished the meetings with the General Secretaries and the country representatives. This was followed by a memorable Annual General Meeting that was attended by approx. 1300 members from around the world. Central to this Annual General meeting was the vote „no confidence in the Executive Council“ of the Society. Several individuals competently clarified and spoke to this motion, and in a secret ballot the decision of the members was: 876 members gave their votes of confidence in the leadership. This was set against: 156 abstentions and 257 votes of no confidence – amounting to 33% together. Furthermore, the votes to reconfirm the leadership activity of Paul Mackay, Sergej Prokofieff and Bodo von Plato reflected a similar outcome. Paul Mackay 837 yes-votes, 356 no-votes. For Sergej Prokofieff 1015 yes-votes, 210 no-votes, for Bodo von Plato, the yes-votes came to 815 and the no-votes to 384. Together with the obvious relief that the work can now continue directly, there was also much good will to learn from this experience and – as Virginia Sease said in her ending words – to build up the lost trust again.

Even though the membership numbers in 15 of the 52 countries with an Anthroposophic society, lie below 50 members, in another 20 countries between 50 and 500 members, and only in 9 countries considerably over 1000, we are indebted to this far-reaching global circle of individuals, that Anthroposophy does not only have a postal address in various parts of the world, but is present as a multi-lingual cultural factor. We also owe it to them that this exceptional gift, Anthroposophy, will not just become „historical“ or merely turn into literature, but that it continues to evolve as a living fabric of thought that is effective in bringing about the possibility of the approach of the etheric Christ in the human consciousness.

According to Uwe Werner, the leader of the archives at the Goetheanum the number of the deceased members counted since 1902 came to 43,877. When we compare this number to the presently living members, registered at 46.363, we become aware of merely a difference of 2,486. It is deeply touching that the number of the living and deceased members are almost in balance. For, one of the most beautiful aspects of Anthroposophic branch- and group-work is actively building a community of the living with the dead, as it is in the grail-community. In this connection and as preparation for our Annual Conference, www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf_EN/EN_Jahreskonferenz_Broschure.pdf I would like to remind you of the special form and nature of a working community that is published under the title: An esoteric-social impulse for the future. Attempting to create a spiritual endowment for a society of theosophical art, (GA 264, p.421ff, German) Rudolf Steiner commented in an address given at the time of the general meeting concerned with the founding of the Anthroposophic Society in Berlin, Dec. 15, 1911, on what the form of such a working community was to be: one where we are not after honor, position or reputation, but one where we focus on the interpretation of the qualities that the individuals have and how these can become fruitful in the context of the common working that is directed without compromise towards the positive. This positive attitude can only be rooted in the spiritual conception of each individual, and „the principle of sovereignty in the spiritual striving (...) as the unquestionable necessity for a spiritual future“. Therefore, detached from the teacher Rudolf Steiner „should appear before the world (...) the work of a specific individual in absolute spiritual freedom“. The first maxim for the work should be „the recognition of the spiritual world as fundamental reality“ and the principles of development, „so that something can be accomplished that „will be a counter balance for those

things, that on the physical plan are linked with ahrimanic elements.“ Rudolf Steiner only wanted to propose the way of working, but then step back – yes, even more, he wanted to place this way of working „under the protectorate of Christian Rosenkreuz“, the brotherly initiate and prophet of the etheric Christ. This endowed work connection should be consciously placed into the service of the effectiveness of the Rosecrucian impulse. Here it was brought to a group of artists. The same qualities for a common working were later named as a condition by Rudolf Steiner, when he established the School of Spiritual Science with the sections for the various fields of life. These conditions were to be realized in working with the Anthroposophic occupational impulse. What we received in form of the three conditions for membership in the School of Spiritual Science corresponds with the endowed requirements:

1. To walk the path to the spirit individually
2. To work together with others
3. To carry out good work, i.e, to become a representative of Anthroposophy.

How then, can such a way of working consciously be developed in our institutions? This will be the focus of our Annual Conference, detailed and practical.

Please see the verse preceding this circular letter in this connection as its motto. Rudolf Steiner gave it to Ita Wegman, and Peter Selg brought together much that articulates that the Anthroposophic Medicine owes its existence to the working together of Rudolf Steiner and Christian Rosenkreuz. It originates on the highest level and descends into the every-day dimensions as the principle, „where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am amongst them.“

News, Requests and Details

Since March 29, the son of the Egyptian founder of Sekem, Helmi Abuleish, is in detention in context of the social upheavals in Egypt. Although the accusations could not be varified by an expert commission of the Public Attorney's office, a 15 day detention is ordered. Our best thoughts are with him.

Please spread this appeal as wide as possible!

www.meine-landwirtschaft.de/meine-wahl.html.

Presently the reform of the common agro-politics (GAP) are being negotiated. Many organisations want to take up common responsibility through the campaign: „My Agriculture“. They want to formulate and accomplish goals as well as find practical alternatives. They want more democracy in agriculture and in nutrition, for these decisions are too important to leave them to lobbyists.

“The regulatory status of Complementary and Alternative Medicine for medical doctors in Europe 2010“ is available as pdf-download on www.ivaa.info and www.camdoc.eu.

Health Minister Burkhalter gives hope: he declared the resumption of the physicians complementary medicine to be a priority. Anthroposophic Medicine will also be compensated again beginning 2012. Until 2017 evidence of the effectiveness and economy will definitively be recognized. www.vaoas.ch, www.unioncomed.ch, www.dakomed.ch.

Michael Mentzel from the Schloss Hamborn was en route for five days in the RS 150 – the special train Rudolf Steiner.

www.themen-der-zeit.de/content/RS_150_Protokoll_eines_Berichts.1433.0.html

Inquiry: Now, to the 150th birthyear of Rudolf Steiner, the wildest theories are circulating more than usual concerning his death.

Answer: A book by Hella Wiesberger is on the way.

The Society of Anthroposophical Doctors in Germany is extending an invitation to this year's Easter Conference with the theme:

„Breathing – living“ www.anthroposophischeaerzte.de/fileadmin/gaad/PDF/Veranstaltungen/Ostertagung_2011-1.pdf

www.sueddeutsche.de/wissen/atomkatastrophe-in-japan-eu-schwaecht-grenzwerte-fuer-verstrahlte-lebensmittel-ab-1.1079258

Interesting: 150 years ago the Philosophicum of the medical students was replaced by the Physicum. Now voices are multiplying, who underscore the importance again of the study of philosophy for medical students.

With warm regards

Yours

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