



*The soul is located where
inner world and outer world touch.
Where they penetrate one another,
it is located at every point of penetration.*

Novalis, quoted from *Fragments* – Chapter 13, Dresden 1929

Newsletter June 2016

To the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement



From left to right: 1. Angelika Jaschke hands over the coordination of eurythmy therapy to Ellen Schneider at the World Eurythmy Therapy Conference in May 2016. 2. Dr med. Tankred Stöbe, who was honoured for his work, see News. 3. Dr med. Ludger Simon has crossed the threshold of death. 4. Coloured shadows in the large hall of the Goetheanum.

Dear friends,

The major *International Congress for Integrative Health and Medicine – From Disease Management to Health Creation* recently came to an end in Stuttgart. Five hundred participants from all continents responded to the invitation and took the opportunity to get to know one another, network, listen to excellent contributions from researchers and practitioners, debate, and create a milestone in the development of integrative medicine. The congress ended with a joint declaration which can be read and signed at the following link:

https://www.change.org/p/stuttgart-integrative-health-medicine-declaration?recruiter=118507670&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share_email_responsive.

I would like to use this opportunity to express my warmest thanks to the organisers: the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine in the USA, the Hufeland Society and the Umbrella Association for Anthroposophic Medicine in Germany. It was particularly affecting to see how in his lecture the Dutch cardiologist Pim van Lommel set out the way in which an awareness of the real existence of a spiritual world and its meaning for health and illness is an obvious element of integrative medicine. His research on the world of out-of-body near-death experiences and non-spatial “consciousness beyond life” calls for a paradigm change in basic medical conceptions, thus van Lommel.

Using the resources of the anthroposophical understanding of the human being to contribute to such a paradigm change in scientific discourse is the goal of the spring colloquia on the scientific nature of anthroposophy in medicine at the Goetheanum; the second one will be held from **10-12 March 2017** on the subject: *Foundations of a scientific conceptualisation of Rudolf Steiner's terminology of the human constitutional elements*. Branko Furst, Peter Heusser, Wolf-Ulrich Klünker, Harald Matthes, Peter Matthiessen, Johannes Weinzirl and Ursula Wolf together with Michaela Glöckler, Matthias Girke and Georg Soldner will continue their work in the form of a public panel discussion, supplemented by other speakers and debaters. Everyone with an interest in this subject – including from an interdisciplinary perspective – is warmly invited to keep abreast of such a necessary definition of the academic location of Anthroposophic Medicine and, where possible, actively help to work on it.

Our aim is to develop Rudolf Steiner's fourfold anthroposophical image of the human being academically in such a way that it can be anchored in terms of its content both in the history of ideas and contemporary science; and that there can be the necessary methodological reflection on the various avenues to anthroposophical knowledge as well as – using well-documented examples – on the way such an image of the human being is applied in diagnosis and therapy.

These colloquia will, of course, be held both in English and German. There can also be self-organised simultaneous interpretation into other languages with the help of those participants who bring “their own” interpreter. Translation booths and technical infrastructure are available.

With warm greetings and best wishes for St John’s Tide

Michaela Glöckler

Other news

Anthroposophic Medicine recognised in Latvia: On 24 May 2016 the cabinet of ministers voted on amending the statutory provision relating to the medical professions, qualities of the specialist fields and diagnostic and therapeutic methods. The anthroposophical medical method in medical practice is now registered as a complementary diagnostic and therapeutic method. The regulation entered into force as recently as 1 June 2016.

Tankred Stöbe, anthroposophical physician and emergency medicine specialist, has been awarded the Paracelsus Medal of the German Medical Association: “His medical work and extraordinary humanitarian commitment makes Tankred Stöbe a significant role model,” the president of the German Medical Association said. “He has saved countless human lives worldwide and has thus also made an outstanding contribution to the reputation of German physicians nationally and internationally.”

http://www.bundesaerztekammer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/pdf-Directory/119.DAET/Paracelsus-Medaille_Stoebe_Laudatio.pdf

Steven Matthijsen, anthroposophical psychiatrist, has been given the freedom of the city of Zeist/NL. This makes him one of four Zeist citizens who have been accorded this honour.

Hermann Lauboeck, anthroposophical physician and researcher, has filed a patent application for a new model of artificial heart: unlike current models, it is based on the caudal heart of the lamprey (Petromyzontiformes). Contact and further information: <http://www.lauboeck.de/>.

Book and card recommendations

Peter Selg (ed.): *Von der Eurythmie zur Heileurythmie. Methodische Grundlagen und Arbeitsansätze.* Verlag des Ita Wegman Instituts, Arlesheim 2016

Gisela Bräuner-Gülow, Helge Gülow: *Heileurythmie-Kompandium – Praxis und Forschung.* Verlag Ch. Möllmann, Borcheln 2016

Michaela Glöckler: *Elternsprechstunde.* Ninth edition, Verlag Urachhaus, Stuttgart 2016

Marie Steiner Verlag: *Sprechen mit Verstorbenen. Sprachkunstkarten mit Texten von Rudolf Steiner und Fotografien von Charlotte Fischer.* www.haus-der-sprache.org/marie-steiner-verlag-verlagsprogramm

Antonio Marques: *Farmacologia clínica – através da análise dedutiva do fármaco.* ISBN: 978-85-61080-57-0. For further information about the author see <http://www.vivendasantanna.com.br/>

Dates and events

June 2016-July 2018 **In-service further training in eurythmy therapy** in Bucharest/RO. Information from and registration with Mariana Marincea: marinceam@yahoo.com or Claudia Wasser: claudiawasser@web.de

27.7.-3.8.2016 **International Postgraduate Medical Training/IPMT** in Beijing/China: https://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf_EN/20_China_2016_engl.pdf

21-28.8.2016 **International Postgraduate Medical Training/IPMT** in Vršac/Serbien: <http://antroposofija.org/>

15-18.9.2016 **The etheric body as source of the developmental forces.** International annual conference of the anthroposophical medical movement at the Goetheanum: http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf_EN/JK_2016_Programm&Anmeldung_EN_neu.pdf

19-22.9.2016 **Integrative Medicine Meeting** in Rosenfeld/DE: <http://www.integrative-medicine-meeting.com>

13-16.10.2016 **Third International Anthroposophical Dental Congress** in Budapest/Hungary. Programme and registration: <http://www.antrodentbudapest2016.hu>

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