



Wonderfully protected by the powers of goodness,  
We have no fear of what may come our way.  
God is with us every evening and morning,  
And without fail on each new day.

*Prayer by the Protestant theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945),  
written in prison a few months before his execution at the age of 40.*

**Newsletter  
for the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement  
November 2014**



*Photos, left to the right: 1. Participants and lecturers, IPMT Peru 2014; 2. Speech therapy conference 2014, members of the preparatory team, 3. View from the auditorium at the international advanced training for kindergarten and school physicians, advanced training in paediatrics, annual conference of child and adolescent psychiatrists 2014 on the subject "What makes us jump out of our skin?"*

Dear friends,

Much as the successful landing of Philae on comet 67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko represents a triumph of technical achievement, it also flags a view of the cosmos which is only interested in exploring its spatial nature and physical and material aspects alone. It is therefore all the more important that in our worldwide training activities in anthroposophic medicine we work on an image of the cosmos which is a healing one. Rudolf Steiner's lecture cycle *Mystery of the Universe. The Human Being, Model of Creation* (GA 201), which he gave for the members of the Anthroposophical Society immediately after concluding the first course for physicians (GA 312), also contains the foundations of a medical cosmology. We should consider whether this theme might not also be the subject of an annual conference in the foreseeable future to sharpen the awareness of these things among ourselves.

The threshold to the spiritual world has many dimensions of experience. Alongside the cosmological dimension of experience, which has to struggle with cosmic space and boundary experiences, this also includes all those things which fill human beings with devotion to the divine as it is expressed in the Bonhoeffer prayer above – but also all those things which frighten and alarm us and hurt us. But the threshold also exists in the field of experience which comprises our fellow human beings and our profession when we are privileged to witness how a relative or patient whom we have accompanied passes through the portal of death. In view of the heated debate which has arisen in Germany about assisted dying, we experience here, too, how necessary it is to make our contribution so that the awareness of the threshold becomes an integral part of everyday life.

Three people very recently left us through death who had a cosmological awareness inspired by anthroposophy. May they be able to undertake their guiding work among the deceased in their existence after death. –

They are Jürgen Schriefer, Wolfram Schwenk and Andreas Suchantke. The anthroposophical medical movement owes them a big debt of gratitude.

**Jürgen Schriefer** and his pupils continued to develop singing as developed by Valborg Werbeck-Svärdström for education and therapy.

**Wolfram Schwenk** was for many years involved in a School working group of the Medical Section which concerned itself with research into the constellations in medicine production, as well as the study of morning and evening forces and the effects of the zodiac and the planets. But we are particularly grateful for his initiative to consign the mistletoe preparation "Viscum Schwenk", produced by his father Theodor Schwenk at the Institute of Flow Sciences in Herrischried, to the care of the Medical Section thus securing its production also beyond his lifetime. There is an association today which is specifically devoted to this preparation and its use. It is made as a special preparation by the Sonnenapotheke pharmacy in Waiblingen. Further information about it can be found at [www.anthromed.org/Article.aspx?artpk=145](http://www.anthromed.org/Article.aspx?artpk=145), [www.amazon.de/Schwenk-Viscum-Preparation-Hedwig-Erasmy/dp/0929979850](http://www.amazon.de/Schwenk-Viscum-Preparation-Hedwig-Erasmy/dp/0929979850) or in the book by Hedwig Erasmy which was published as part of the Persephone series in 2000: *Ärztliche Erfahrungen mit dem potenzierten Viscum nach den Angaben Rudolf Steiners, hergestellt von Theodor Schwenk*.

**Andreas Suchantke** was involved as a zoologist and biologist in establishing anthroposophical ecology. His particular interest lay in the continent of South America.

But I would also like to cite these people as an example of the great numbers of active anthroposophists who devote all of their

life to the realisation of certain research results from Rudolf Steiner – out of the limelight, we might say – irrespective of how much of that penetrates to the outside. After the death of Sergej Prokofieff, much was discussed and written as to how things might now continue with and in the Anthroposophical Society. The thought came to me that we have three forms of working: 1. Study and teaching of anthroposophy in the form of books and lectures. 2. Representation of anthroposophy through work in the bodies of the Anthroposophical Society and the School, including events and public relations work. 3. Devotion to the many life tasks in daily practice arising from anthroposophy. In any event, the key factor for the effectiveness of anthroposophy on earth is what each individual person can realise of these forms of work in their life on a concrete personal and professional level, and how this also comes to expression locally in the branches and groups of the Anthroposophical Society. Hence we, as co-workers of the anthroposophical medical movement, should also keep reflecting on what we can do for the growth and healthy further development of this Society. Alongside the work in the branches, it also has the task of supporting anthroposophical institutions and making anthroposophy accessible in the public sphere. Since people often ask how I am: mobility and strength of my hands are increasing week by week. One interesting aspect at any rate is the difference to having only a single hand incapacitated. In the latter situation the healthy side can compensate for many things, something which the ill side perceives, giving it healing impulses at the same time. But if both hands are affected by an accident this is not possible and the progress of healing takes longer and requires a lot of training time. So I will continue to enjoy the status of someone with restricted ability to work until Christmas and want to express my warmest thanks for the many good wishes.

Yours

*Michaela Glöckler*

### **In memoriam**

Our co-worker over many years Rosselke Zech crossed the threshold on 4 October 2014 shortly before her eightieth birthday. A reflection on her life will be available shortly at the following link.

[www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/home/inmemoriam/](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/home/inmemoriam/)

Before her, one of our oldest colleagues who still worked with Ita Wegman departed from the physical plane: Marianne Fiechter.

In addition, three personalities who played an important role in the AM movement left the earthly plane:

Jürgen Schriefer, Wolfram Schwenk, Andreas Suchantke.

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### **News**

A chair of anthroposophic medicine has been established for the first time in Switzerland: PD Dr. med. Ursula Wolf has been selected as professor of anthroposophically extended medicine at the University in Bern. [www.medsektion-goetheanum.org](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org)

Anthroposophical dentistry has been officially recognised in Brazil since October 2014. [www.medsektion-goetheanum.org](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org)

The Institute of Complementary Medicine/IKOM is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in January 2015 with a 2-day research and advanced training conference.

[www.medsektion-goetheanum.org](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org)

Textiles and body oil made from refined peat fibres.

[www.wandil.de](http://www.wandil.de)

The following websites are newly online:

[www.medicinaantroposofica.cl](http://www.medicinaantroposofica.cl)

[www.arena-anthropomed.fr](http://www.arena-anthropomed.fr)

[www.eurythmyOnline.com](http://www.eurythmyOnline.com)

Newly online after a relaunch: [www.gesundheit-aktiv.de](http://www.gesundheit-aktiv.de)

### **Book recommendations**

Christoph Rubens, Peter Selg (eds.). Das menschliche Herz.

Kariologie in der Anthroposophischen Medizin. Arlesheim 2014

Email: [verlag@wegmaninstitut.ch](mailto:verlag@wegmaninstitut.ch); [www.wegmaninstitut.ch](http://www.wegmaninstitut.ch)

Johannes Weinzirl, Peter Heusser (eds.). Was ist Geist? Wittener Kolloquium für Humanismus, Medizin und Philosophie (Volume 2). Würzburg 2014 [https://verlag-koenigshausen-neumann.de/templates/xtc4/img/vorschau\\_1\\_2014.pdf](https://verlag-koenigshausen-neumann.de/templates/xtc4/img/vorschau_1_2014.pdf)

Karel Freeve: Die bildgestaltende Patientenbesprechung als Schulungsweg. With DVD in Dutch (2014), self-published, available from Anneke van Gessel: [avgessel@planet.nl](mailto:avgessel@planet.nl)

Gabriele Pohl. Kindheit – aufs Spiel gesetzt. Hamburg 2014, 4th edition also available as an eBook. <http://goo.gl/32Qltq>

E. Leonora Hambrecht. Liane Collot d'Herbois – Ein Lebensweg. (Volume 2) Healing pictures, with picture portfolio. IONA, Owingen 2013. [www.kooperative.de](http://www.kooperative.de)

### **Dates and events**

28–29.11.2014

Disease and death of culture – the action of the adversary forces today. [www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection)

08–11.01.2015

17th International Study Days for Anthroposophical Art Therapy for art therapists, students of art therapies, physicians, medical students, psychotherapists and teachers. [www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection)

16–17.01.2015

Occult physiology with Peter Selg, Michaela Glöckler, Tomáš Zdražil. [www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/calendar-MedSection)

### **Upcoming dates**

International annual conferences of anthroposophic medicine  
17–20.09.2015, 15–22.09.2016, 14–17.09.2017

All events can be found at:

[www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/)

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