



*I was and continue to be of the opinion that medicine is a sector of society in which it should not be permitted to make a profit. Being a physician, the relationship between the physician and the patient, cannot be reconciled with a mercantile framework. I would wish in general that the world is shared fairly, that ethical principles determine actions and a way is found to create a peaceful social order which makes everyone happy.*

Prof. Dr Dr Ingeborg Rapoport, paediatrician, born in 1912, held the only chair of neonatology in Europe from 1969 to 1973

## Newsletter to the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement, February 2016



From left to right: 1. In the treatment tent of the organisation Médecins du monde in Idomeni on the Balkan route, January 2016. 2. IPMT in Santiago de Chile, January 2016. 3. Eurythmy therapy training course in São Paulo, February 2016.

Dear friends,

On occasion of Ita Wegman's 140th birthday, the Society of Anthroposophical Physicians in Germany has organised an appeal asking everyone to remit a contribution "for Anthroposophic Medicine" into a special society account. The Ita Wegman Institute, headed by Peter Selg, also organised an open day for the occasion and on 25 February there was a lecture in the Schreinerei at the Goetheanum on working with the *Calendar of the Soul*. A film about Ita Wegman and her life is also in preparation. The Medical Section not only owes her its existence with its social structure and range of tasks. It also owes her the role model of a physician who understood and was able to represent the approach of Anthroposophic Medicine like no other contemporary. In a preface to *Fundamentals* (GA 27), which was discovered in her estate after her death, she describes her collaboration with Rudolf Steiner such that a specific clinical picture corresponds to each of the spiritual exercises on the schooling path which he describes. Physician and spiritual teachers thus together arrive at a radical new understanding of the development of sickness and health. It would be wonderful if we, as the worldwide AM movement, were to take up this approach and continue to develop it in the period up to her 150th birthday (see attachment).

The tasks which Steiner gave her included overcoming materialism in medicine and the associated Ahrimanic demons.

In the press and specialist journals, we are subject once again to increased attacks on homoeopathy and Anthroposophic Medicine with its spiritual theory of substances.

I am very grateful that with the "Colloquium on the scientific nature of anthroposophy in medicine" from 11-13 March 2016 at the Goetheanum we will start a dialogue which has as its goal to explore the way in which the scientific character of anthroposophy in medicine can best be presented in the present and the immediate future. But also the scientific arguments which are used to oppose such an undertaking (registration: see below in the News section). We welcome everyone who wishes to be involved in these issues and contribute to finding a response to them.

Also: ELIANT is celebrating its tenth anniversary in Brussels on 8 November 2016 and is in the middle of relaunching its website. It is worth visiting the site from time to time which is now online in 36 languages <https://eliant.eu/en/home/>.

With warm greetings - Michaela Glöckler

## News

**The anthroposophical physician Hansueli Albonico has worked for several months as a volunteer on the Balkan route with the organisation Médecins du monde:** <http://www.nzz.ch/nzzas/nzz-am-sonntag/fluechtlinge-balkanroute-nadeloehr-hansueli-albonico-ld.4721>

**Peter Zimmermann from Finland in November 2015 represented the European CAMbrella project** (<http://www.cambrella.eu/home.php?il=8&l=deu>) at the largest event for integrative medicine in Finland at Tampere University. There is now a proposal to create a CAM network which can work on the challenges facing CAM research in the development of medicine and health services in Finland. See also: [http://www.integrative-medicine.fi/EN/index\\_EN.html](http://www.integrative-medicine.fi/EN/index_EN.html)

**Klinik Arlesheim AG achieves best result in quality measurements in inpatient psychiatric wards:** the symptoms of adult patients were analysed based on 19,610 treatments in 64 of the 65 psychiatric hospitals in Switzerland: <http://www.quinte.ch/klinik-arlesheim-fuehrend-im-vergleich-von-64-schweizer-spitaelern/>

**140 Years Ita Wegman – joint celebration of her birthday on 22.02.2016:** [www.gaed.de/ita-wegman](http://www.gaed.de/ita-wegman)

**Eurythmy therapy training for South America:** An in-service eurythmy therapy training course started in São Paulo, Brazil, in January. Twenty eurythmists from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru are attending the course who are having to make great sacrifices to participate. Anyone who can make a financial contribution please contact: [Norman.Kingeter@klinik-arlesheim.ch](mailto:Norman.Kingeter@klinik-arlesheim.ch)

**VETERINARI ALLA ZELATA initiative set up in Italy.** It is supported by the Società Italiana Medicina Antroposofica and the Associazione per l'Agricoltura Biodinamica and will concern itself with the tasks of vets in the third millennium. Contact: [sabrina.menestrina@biodinamica.org](mailto:sabrina.menestrina@biodinamica.org)

**“Eurythmy therapy and the School of Spiritual Science” at the Therapiehaus of Klinik Arlesheim AG:** Anyone who as a member of the School of Spiritual Science is working in eurythmy therapy or has a connection with eurythmy therapy through medical work and is interested in participating should please contact Jan Fontein: [janfontein@yahoo.com](mailto:janfontein@yahoo.com)

**Full-length Faust 1 and 2 at the Goetheanum:** Premiere as part of the Easter conference on 25-27 March 2016, [http://www.faust.goetheanum.org/Auffuehrungen.6849.0.html?&L=0%20\\_blank](http://www.faust.goetheanum.org/Auffuehrungen.6849.0.html?&L=0%20_blank)

## Book recommendations

**Andreas Goyert:** *Anthroposophische Medizin und die Prozesse im Stoffwechselsystem*. Freies Geistesleben 2015

**Martin Hirte:** *HPV-Impfung. Nutzen, Risiken und Alternativen von Gebärmutterhals-Krebsvorsorge*. Knauer MensSana 2016

**Armin Husemann:** *Form, Leben und Bewusstsein. Einführung in die Menschenkunde der Anthroposophischen Medizin*. Freies Geistesleben 2015

**Peter Selg:** *Mensch und Mistel. Die Begründung der onkologischen Viscum-Behandlung durch Rudolf Steiner und Ita Wegman*. Volume I: 1917-1925. Salumed Verlag 2016

## Dates and events

20.02.2016 “Best Practices in Medicine” in Milan/IT. Congress information: [info@fimo.biz](mailto:info@fimo.biz)

11–13.03.2016 “Colloquium on the scientific nature of anthroposophy in medicine” at the Goetheanum, [http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf\\_EN/FOKO-2016-EN.pdf](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf_EN/FOKO-2016-EN.pdf)

18–19.03.2016 5th Witten colloquium “The importance of and risk to the senses in the digital age”, <http://www.uni-wh.de/gesundheit/lehrstuhl-medizintheorie/aktuelles/>

20–27.04.2016 IMPT in Bangkok/Thailand: [http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf\\_EN/12\\_Thailand\\_2016\\_engl%28III%29.pdf](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf_EN/12_Thailand_2016_engl%28III%29.pdf)

21–24.04.2016 “Destinies of women – aspects of the anthroposophical understanding of the human being”, medical conference at Rudolf Steiner Halde, Dornach/CH.

22.04.2016 Kick-off hearing for “specialised disability medicine” in Olten/CH, <http://www.praxispaediatriche.ch/PDF/Einladung-SAGB-Hearing-22.04.16.pdf>

16–21.05.2016 Open to everyone who is interested: World eurythmy therapy conference at the Goetheanum:

[http://heileurythmie-medsektion.net/en/world-eurythmy-therapy-conference\\_2016](http://heileurythmie-medsektion.net/en/world-eurythmy-therapy-conference_2016)