



For Sophie Stinde:

*Guiding you from earth existence
Towards the sunlit spirit lands,
Are the beings whose reflected splendour
We were privileged to experience in you work;
They lived for us as fruits of your existence
In all that you created in strength and love
On your earthly paths.*

Rudolf Steiner at the cremation on 22.11.1915
GA 261, p.153

Newsletter for the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement New Year 2014



Photos, left to the right: 1. Rose cross in Dornach (23 December 2014), 2. Rose leaves in the ice in front of the MedSection, 3. The new council of the European Scientific Cooperative on Anthroposophic Medicinal Products / ESCAMP, 4. IPMT in November, Mumbai/India, 5. Anthroposophy Festival in Bangalore, December 2014

Dear friends

The year 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the death of Sophie Stinde, the co-worker for whom Rudolf Steiner held the largest number of documented commemorations. *Indeed, this soul was full of good intentions* he said of her. She had played a key role in leading the work in Munich over many years – including organising the Mystery Dramas. And: *Love must be warmed through duty and duty strengthened through love*. She was a role model in that respect. One year after her death he speaks once more about her and has her say in his words: *Learn to know the spiritual world! Because among the many things which accrue to humankind as a result, there is also this that the dead and the living can form a unity*. He also dedicated the verse to her which is the motto of our New Year's newsletter. It is based on the outlook that every thought, every feeling and every intended act is something which is real on this and the other side of the threshold to the spiritual world, which has an ongoing effect and establishes the concrete relationship, indeed "sociability" with the higher worlds which is related to this quality. Just as the name angel/angelos means "messenger", so each thought also carries a message, each feeling is an effective force and good intentions are the nourishment for helpful powers which they can use to support the welfare of humanity.

An eventful year is coming to an end in the development of the anthroposophical medical movement. The Clinical Therapeutic Institute founded in 1921 is now continuing its work – together with the Lukas Clinic – as **Klinik Arlesheim AG**; a central teaching hospital with extended possibilities has been created and is well used.

Iscador AG has been established and its responsible persons wrote the following about it to all of us:

The worldwide supply for physicians of the anthroposophical mistletoe preparation Iscador was assured in the past through a cooperation between the association Verein für Krebsforschung (VfK) and the company Weleda. In this cooperation the VfK was responsible for the production of the Iscador preparations as well as the corresponding research and development whereas Weleda was responsible for making the finished medicine as well as marketing, advertising and sales.

This cooperation was terminated with effect from February 2015 due to differences regarding the future strategic orientation. As part of the unbundling of this cooperation, which is already underway, the VfK will take over the brand rights for "Iscador" and global licensing from Weleda and will then be able to offer the Iscador preparations in future through the newly established Iscador AG. The transfer will take place for Switzerland on 01.02.2015. The aim for Germany and all other countries is the third quarter of 2015, although separate arrangements will apply for France and Italy.

VfK/Iscador AG and Weleda have reached agreement that the uninterrupted supply for patients will be guaranteed under all circumstances also during the transition period.

All our best wishes accompany this new developmental step!

Other current news from the various fields of work can be seen from 5 January on our website in the annual report for 2013/14. The Friends of the MedSection grew by some additional members at Christmas – something we are very pleased about.

We do, however, still carry the burden of an interest-free loan from 2013 to the sum of CHF 150,000 which we have not so far been able to repay due to the financial situation. We had to take it at the time because we did not receive donations we had expected. We very warmly ask anyone who can help to fill this painful gap to do so:

www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/projekte/spendenkonten/

Greetings from snow-covered Dornach with very warm thanks and best wishes for 2015.

Yours

Michaela Glöckler

News from the International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine/IKAM

Patient feedback on eurythmy therapy research.

The international, web-based cross-sectional study on eurythmy therapy, a cooperation project between the international eurythmy therapy grouping (Angelika Jaschke), the ARCIM Institute (Jan Vagedes) and Witten-Herdecke University (Arndt Büssing), has reached the halfway point. We would like to thank all those involved very warmly. In order to reach the set goal, another great effort is needed worldwide. All eurythmy therapists who have not yet received the link to pass on to their patients can obtain it from their professional association or country representative. www.heileurythmie-medsektion.net

News

On the subject of organ donation, the German patients' association "gesundheit aktiv" has launched a petition calling for comprehensive information. <http://goo.gl/QxM1t0>

Antibiotic Use in Children with Acute Respiratory or Ear Infections: Prospective Observational Comparison of Anthroposophic and Conventional Treatment under Routine Primary Care Conditions. <http://goo.gl/F3AH1m>

Kulturhof Sültemühle therapeutic initiative
www.kulturhof-sueltemuehle.de

Book recommendations

Internationales Journal für Heileurythmie (12/2014)
www.heileurythmie-medsektion.net/de/Journal

Andreas Goyert: Magen-Darm-Sprechstunde. Funktionelle Erkrankungen natürlich behandeln. Verlag Freies Geistesleben 2014, <http://goo.gl/lqZdp9>

Philipp Gelitz, Almuth Strehlow: Die sieben Lebensprozesse. Grundlagen und pädagogische Bedeutung in Elternhaus, Kindergarten und Schule. Verlag Freies Geistesleben 2014, <http://goo.gl/5GjTsv>

Serge Maintier: Sprache – die unsichtbare Schöpfung in der Luft. Verlag Dr. Kovac, 2014, <http://goo.gl/gO57Ce>

Dorothea Mihm, Annette Bopp: Die sieben Geheimnisse guten Sterbens. Erfahrungen einer Palliativschwester. Kailash 2014, <http://goo.gl/R7i0J9>

Ha Vinh Tho: Grundrecht auf Glück: Bhutans Vorbild für ein gelingendes Miteinander. Nymphenburger Verlag 2014, <http://goo.gl/eHFHGV>

Ursula Wirtz: Trauma and Beyond: The Mystery of Transformation. Spring Journal 2014, <http://goo.gl/ty55pr>

Peter Selg: Die Leiden der Nathanischen Seele: Anthroposophische Christologie am Vorbild des Ersten Weltkriegs.

Verlag des Ita Wegman Instituts 2014, <http://goo.gl/CCZpni>

New website of the Academy of Integrative Health & Medicine (AIHM). <http://goo.gl/upgMxY>

Dates and events

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. <http://goo.gl/QlaePF>

16–17.01.2015

Occult physiology with Peter Selg, Michaela Glöckler, Tomáš Zdražil. <http://goo.gl/C6Gqzk>

24–25.01.2015

How do I find the good? Doubt, hate and fear in the therapeutic relationship. Seminar work across the professional groups of the School of Spiritual Science. <http://goo.gl/ztNfnb>

15–19.4.2015

Easter conference 2015: Movement and consciousness – neurological diseases and their therapies. <http://goo.gl/Y3e6KR>

30.04.–03.05.2015

Obtaining balance: From devitalisation to revitalisation. <http://goo.gl/2iZFUk>

15–21.06.2015

"Wounds and wonders" Worldwide biography conference. www.woundsandwonders.org

All events can be found at

www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/

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