



For Rolf Kerler
The yonder came
to make you welcome -
what now continues to connect us,
it is the power of humanity
which lived in you so forcefully
that it has turned into an existential bridge
to us,
who living wrestle to achieve it.

Newsletter to the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement, December 2015



1. Current Goetheanum leadership: members of executive council of the GAS and section heads. 2. In memoriam: Rolf Kerler (see p. 2).
3. helleborus niger/Christmas rose. 4. Meeting of clinical therapists at the Klinik Arlesheim AG.

Dear friends,

In her contribution regarding the preparation of the World Teachers' Conference at Easter 2016, Nana Göbel writes in the newsletter of the Pedagogical Section something we can experience as being close to the heart of every person who takes the initiative: *Is there no possibility in times of peace to influence both education and the social order positively from out of our own ideals? To begin with, the last decades have shown us that there is very little success in doing so, and when there is, then only in very small steps. (...) The changes which take place "as if of their own accord" all lead to greater regulation, more standards, more controls, more conditions, more prerequisites and less freedom. (...) At the same time – and equally with a dynamic of its own – complacency sets in.* Similar things could be heard in the commentaries on the ISIS issue: what was needed was a radicalisation of the democratic centre – thus a commentary in the weekly paper *Die Zeit*. But this restrained, "all too peaceful" democratic centre cannot be reached from outside – not through slogans and external incentives and neither through promises and fascination. Here it is the case that the individual has to take counsel with themselves, must galvanise themselves, put themselves under pressure so that the things can happen and be set in train which lie in their destiny.

In the medical field we are facing real intellectual and spiritual battles in the coming years which are more than just the daily fight with the ever increasing bureaucratisation of day-to-day work making the life of so many physicians and nurses in hospitals and health service practices such a misery. We can see the storm clouds currently gathering in Sweden: eleven influential professors – including four Nobel Prize winners – have prepared a statement, published in Swedish daily newspapers, saying that anthroposophic medicine and homoeopathy are unscientific and that therefore their use in Sweden should not be given any positive legal status: <http://www.kva.se/sv/Nyheter/2015/dn-debatt-homeopati/>. In Norway similar things are happening.

All the more pleasing, then, that an initiative took place at the University of Tampere in Finland in October, which also caught the attention of conventional medicine, with the remarkable title "Nordic Integrative Medicine – The Art and Science of Medicine": www.nordicintegrativemedicine.com/. Peter Zimmermann, an anthroposophical gynaecologist in Finland, was significantly involved in organising it. If we can manage to support initiatives of this kind worldwide and – where they do not exist – initiate them, then we are making a contribution to cultural development in times of peace. For despite all the threats that seem to be coming ever closer: the majority of humanity lives in peace and has the freedom of its own accord to put all the strength available to it in the service of positive social developments.

The wonderful contribution from Bernd Rosslenbroich, attached to this Newsletter as a Christmas gift, shows the connection between play and the development of autonomy.

In conclusion still, news from ELIANT: the website is being relaunched – the aim is to turn it into a European site for applied anthroposophy – in all EU languages: <https://eliant.eu/de/alliance-eliant/>

With best wishes for this "time of stillness" in which the hierarchies want to approach particularly closely to us,
Warmly,

News

In memoriam Rolf Kerler, co-founder of the GLS Bank and former treasurer at the Goetheanum, died on 9.12.2015: [http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf/Rolf Kerler.pdf](http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf/Rolf%20Kerler.pdf)

PD Dr. med. Matthias Kröz gave his inaugural lecture at Witten-Herdecke University on 26.10.2015 on occasion of obtaining his habilitation. He spoke on the subject: Integrative oncology using the example of anthroposophic medicine – reality of provision, the state of evaluation and perspectives.

Award for Dr med. Ursula Flatters: The Swedish Association for Humanism & Knowledge on 8.11.2015 named Ursula Flatters, Vidarkliniken, as the recipient of the “Lifelong work in the service of humanism” award: <http://newsvoice.se/2015/11/09/ursula-flatters-pa-vidarkliniken-far-utmarkelse-livslang-garning-i-humanismens-tjanst/>

Meeting of clinical therapists, by Kirstin Kaiser: Seventeen therapists of various professions from nine anthroposophical clinics met in Arlesheim in November. We sought contact with the Association of Anthroposophical Clinics and enquired how we for our part could more actively implement the criteria of the Association. Further working meetings will focus on how the therapies are perceived internally and externally and the associated form of communication: kirstinkaiser@bluewin.ch

From May 2016 at the Paracelsus Hospital Richterswil/CH a successor to our colleague Dr med. Christian Schikarski will be sought as head of department for internal medicine. The hospital with a Cantonal mandate for complementary medicine has 48 beds. Further information: <http://paracelsus-spital.com/spital/jobs/>

Concert pitch 432 Hz: A further study conference on “Concert pitch of the feelings” will take place in Dortmund on 16.4.2016 at the initiative of Magnus Schlichtig. Further information: magnusromantik@online.de

Book recommendations

Peter Selg (ed.): *Okkulte Physiologie. Rudolf Steiners Prager Kurs (1911)*. Verlag des Ita Wegman Instituts 2015, <http://www.wegmaninstitut.ch/verlag.html>

Ruth Ker (ed.): *From Kindergarten into the Grades. Insights from Rudolf Steiner*. Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America 2014, <http://store.waldorfearychildhood.org/from-kindergarten-into-the-grades.html>

Michaela Glöckler (ed.): *Kindergartenpädagogik. Erste Schuljahre. Arbeitsmaterial für Kindergarten- und Schulärzte nach Hinweisen Rudolf Steiners*. Medizinische Sektion am Goetheanum 2015. Orders from: sekretariat@medsektion-goetheanum.ch

Dates and events

January 2016 Anthroposophic Nurse Foundation Course & Rhythmical Einreibungen Foundation Course in Taiwan: <http://www.tamhcp.com.tw/activities.html>

8–14.1.2016 First international symposium and specialist further training course on crisis intervention in Santiago de Chile. Further information at: fic2016@vivephoenix.cl

23–24.1.2016 “Powerlessness and presence of mind in the therapeutic relationship”, multi-professional group conference of the School of Spiritual Science in Berlin: <http://www.gaed.de/veranstaltungen-kongresse/veranstaltungen/hoerschultagung-2016.html>

5–12.2.2016 Eye eurythmy therapy course on eye diseases for eurythmy therapists, physicians and medical students in Dornach. Course documents from: thorwald.thiersch@goetheanum.ch

11–13.3.2016 Colloquium on the scientific nature of anthroposophy in medicine at the Goetheanum: <http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/en/events-and-conferences/>

18–20.3.2016 “Meditation and health” congress in Berlin: <http://www.gesundheit-aktiv.de/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/kongress-meditation-und-gesundheit.html>

29–30.4.2016 Doctoral and research seminar on anthroposophic medicine in Witten-Herdecke: <http://www.gaed.de/veranstaltungen-kongresse/veranstaltungen/promotions-und-forschungsseminar-anthroposophische-medizin.html>

16–21.5.2016 World Eurythmy Therapy Conference at the Goetheanum: <http://www.medsektion-goetheanum.org/EYED2/files/file/pdf/WHE-2016-DE.pdf>

Dornach, 13.12.2015