



I feel, as if freed of enchantment,  
The spirit child in my soul's womb,  
It has in heart's brightness  
Begat the holy cosmic word  
The heavenly fruit of hope  
Which grows rejoicing in the far-flung cosmos  
Out of my being's divine ground.  
Rudolf Steiner 1912/13 GA 40  
Verse for the southern hemisphere

The radiant beauty of cosmic worlds  
Forces me from depths of soul  
To release the divine forces  
Of my own life in cosmic flight;  
To depart from myself  
And trustingly to seek only myself  
In cosmic light and cosmic warmth.  
Rudolf Steiner 1912/13 GA 40  
Verse for the northern hemisphere

## Newsletter for the co-workers of the anthroposophic medical movement Summer 2017



Pictures (left to right): 1. Attunement to the subject of warmth at the 2017 annual conference: blackboard drawing, Rudolf Steiner, 1924, GA 354. 2. The preparatory team for the 2017 body therapy specialist conference. 3. International Postgraduate Medical Training (IPMT) group in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## Dear co-workers and friends of the Medical Section and everyone else interested in it!

We would like to use this summer newsletter to tell you about a number of special events and gratifying developments which have recently occurred.

The **Ita Wegman Campus** was founded on 1 June 2017. It is the result of an agreement on close cooperation between Klinik Arlesheim and the Medical Section as well as other establishments inspired by Ita Wegman. Other participants are the Ita Wegman Institute, special needs education (Sonnenhof), Wala, Weleda and the Society for Cancer Research, Iscador AG.

It has also led to the development of the **Medical Seminar at Klinik Arlesheim** and a conference of the School of Spiritual Science on the subject, "The therapeutic meaning of meditative practice", is planned for 8–10 December. Through this collaboration we are seeking to give the content of the medical conferences and meetings at the Goetheanum an additional focus as well as a clinical and pharmaceutical focal point.

The **pastoral medical conference** took place in Berlin in June. This crucial seed, which was placed by Rudolf Steiner as late as September 1924, bears future developmental impulses within it. Rudolf Steiner here established a form of collaboration between two professional groups which did not restrict their independence and differences in any way. It is about working

together within the meaning of the (church) council statement: "indivisibly and inconfusedly"! At the next conference at the Goetheanum on 2–3 June 2018, we will concern ourselves with the therapeutic efficacy of such pastoral medical collaboration and at this point already issue an invitation to everyone with an interest in this question.

At the next annual conference there will be a **veterinary medicine workshop**, No. 15 in the programme, on the subject: "Mistletoe, the vortex and the warmth organism". On Friday, 15 September 2017, from 17–18.30, in the room where this workshop is being held, the Coordination of Anthroposophic Veterinary Medicine will be founded under the auspices of the Section with a coordinator. In future, veterinary medicine will be represented in the International Coordination of Anthroposophic Medicine (IKAM) with its own coordinator. We look forward to as many veterinarians as possible attending and becoming involved in this important step!

**Science and research.** An international research colloquium of the Medical Section will take place at the Goetheanum from 9–11 March 2018. It aims among other things to promote worldwide communication and collaboration in this field and is being prepared by the

research coordinator (IKAM) and the Section leadership.

**Branko Furst** has in recent years undertaken pioneering work on a new understanding of the cardiovascular system, following suggestions from Rudolf Steiner in his first lecture cycle for physicians (GA 312). After the publications of his book "The Heart and Circulation", an article on the same subject by him and the Polish cardiologist R. Skalik has been published for the first time in a European journal of cardiology. <https://goo.gl/agNzmo>

Walter Alexander, an American medical journalist working together with Branko Furst, also published an article on "Branko Furst's radical alternative" in 2017. He is planning to write a book on this subject and is looking for sponsorship so that he can take the necessary time to work on it. <https://goo.gl/SC6kWx>

The work on the CARE areas is progressing well.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the **annual conference of the Medical Section** on the subject of warmth to be held at the Goetheanum from 14 to 17 September 2017.

*Matthias Girke, Georg Soldner*

## News

With "100 years of the future – mistletoe in cancer therapy", the [Umbrella Association for Anthroposophic Medicine in Germany \(DAMiD\)](#) has issued an invitation to come to the mistletoe symposium in Berlin on 21 October 2017. Is it still controversial or has it long become established? A good time to take stock and look to the future.

Theory and practice will equally have their say: oncologists will report about modern cancer treatment, patients about their experiences. Best-practice examples will be presented as well as new research results. Workshops and round table discussions will supplement the conference programme. Physicians, therapists, nurses and patients are invited. [www.100jahrezukunft.de](http://www.100jahrezukunft.de)

Mission accomplished: Ralph Heinisch to leave Weleda at the end of August. In future WELEDA will no longer have a CEO and will be managed in a new collegial way by a three-member management team. <https://goo.gl/vWaWb>

Fact check on homoeopathy: the Hufeland Society (umbrella association of medical associations for naturopathy and complementary medicine) together with the Umbrella Association for Anthroposophic Medicine in Germany (DAMiD) and the German Central Association of Homoeopathic Physicians (DZVhÄ) has prepared a frequently asked questions about homoeopathy and anthroposophic medicine. It aims to provide answers to the most frequently debated current questions. <https://goo.gl/fBFwZM>

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Culture and Education of the European Parliament have adopted their joint report "A new skills agenda for Europe". To our great delight the amendments proposed by our education specialists for an age and de-

velopment-appropriate media education have now been fully taken into account.

<https://goo.gl/5d79Pf>

Anthroposophic Medicine in Switzerland has now by law been put on an equal footing with conventional medicine without limit of time based on the principle of trust.

<https://goo.gl/63RSbB>

The Therapeutikum Sophianum, Hungary, began its work in January 2015 with four fully trained anthroposophic physicians and 12 therapists and has been Anthro-med-certified since June 2017. <https://goo.gl/RKnBSf>

Newly online with its own Web presence:

[www.vademecum.org](http://www.vademecum.org)

A place to learn and meet: The Anthroposophic Academy for Therapy and Art represents the pleasure of experiencing people with the greatest variety of intentions and orientations together in a social and professional project.

<https://goo.gl/ikJeh4>

Review of the International Conference for Anthroposophic Body Therapy: <https://goo.gl/YJWGgM>

## Book recommendations

Ulrike Geist. Mit einem anderen Blick. Zur geistigen Dimension des Autismus. INFO3 Verlag, Stuttgart 2017

<https://goo.gl/aqn7wr>

Volker Fintelmann. Die Wiedergewinnung des Heilens. Wege zu einer christlichen Medizin. INFO3 Verlag, Stuttgart 2017 <https://goo.gl/aqn7wr>

Hartmut Ramm, Konrad Urech. Aus der Arbeit mit der Mistel. Erfahrungen, Ergebnisse, Perspektiven. Verlag des Ita Wegman Instituts 2017. <https://goo.gl/STTuVL>

## Events & dates

**8–11.9.2017**

Teach the Teacher in Anthroposophic Medicine.

<https://goo.gl/OS75p6>

**14–17.9.2017**

International annual conference of the Medical Section

<https://goo.gl/OS75p6>

**Events of the Young Medics Forum**

<https://goo.gl/7PxnHO>

**Here you can see our IPMTs in 2017**

<https://goo.gl/tptFRs>

**Events of the Medical Section**

<https://goo.gl/OS75p6>



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