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Present:

AMARAL Maria Cristina, Brazil
BOAINAIN-SCHNEIDER Alice,
Brazil/Switzerland
BÖHLER-PAULI Sylvia, Germany
CURRY Sally, Canada/Switzerland
FALATAKIS-MULLER Claudette, Switzerland

KETCHARA, Brazil
MAULER Jean-Marie, Switzerland
REMUS Marion, Germany/Bolivia
SCHNEIDER Rudolf, Germany/Switzerland
VIDMAR Vida, Slovenia/Brazil

Excused:

AMSALU Emiru, Ethiopia
ANDERMATT Brigitta, Switzerland
BOKOTA Luka Innocent,
DESSART Francis, Belgium
HAEFELI-SCHERZ Jeannine, Switzerland
HEJNY Ernst, Germany
JANSEN-HAUFE Ruth, Holland
JELIAZKOV Jivko, Holland
LASHKO Natalya, Ukraine
LAUENER Annamaria, Switzerland
MADJIKORAI M. Gérard, Togo
MANANGA Albert, Congo (Dem. Rep.)

MVUMBI Armand, Congo (Dem. Rep.)
NADYROVA Natalia, Ukraine
PAVLUSHINA Svetlana, Russia
PETIT Patrick, Germany
RAMOUNOULOU, Simone
RÖLLI-WALLER Elisabeth, Germany
SAKIA Marius, Ivory Coast
SHKORKINA Lydia, Russia
TADIC DE OSSIO Nila, Bolivia
TIMCHISHIN, Leodiy, Ukraine
YEGOROV Vitaly, Russia

Chairman: Rudolf Schneider

Secretary: Alice Boainain-Schneider

After Rudolf Schneider welcomed the participants and opened the General Assembly, the gathering started with the Taurus Full Moon meditation and a presentation of the participants. Here is a brief outline of their introductions, in the order in which they introduced themselves:

Sally Curry, born in Canada, always felt from an early age a sense of revolt against injustice. In the present world situation in which there are so many injustices being committed and lies being told, in her view the most important is to stand in truth.

Jean-Marie Mauler, born in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, lawyer, worked for many years for the Swiss government, now heads a family business. Has been with the IPS since its beginning and considers that the IPS acts like a heart, a battery, a magnet. What we do can take many aspects, but the radiation we transmit is the most important factor – to be what we are, whatever our activities, and to be correct in the way we act and think.

Claudette Falatakis-Müller, born in Geneva, works full time as a secretary in the legal department of a pharmaceutical company in Geneva and would love to be able to be more active within the IPS. She is nevertheless our second secretary and treasurer and helps in many ways according to her possibilities.

Sylvia Böhrle-Pauli was introduced to the IPS by Vida Vidmar, just before this year's assembly, and came to learn more about it. She is working with Dan Winter to create a centre on the science of peace in her farm in

Germany.

Vida Vidmar was born in Slovenia and has been living in Brazil for the past 20 years, in a farm near the sea in Bahia, developing a centre for consciousness development. She plans to create a branch of IPS in order to give seminars and workshops that shows people how they can be happy and how life can be beautiful if we know what we really are.

Ketchara, born in Brazil. The only need is to know who I am. He sees many beautiful centres being born in Brazil and getting united in spite of different interpretations of truth and wants to help in this movement. The important is not to teach but to be an example, all of us together. His project is to create in cooperation with Vida Vidmar a University for Higher Efficiency in which people will learn concentration, meditation and other ways to discover their own selves without the need for spiritual or esoteric terminology.

Marion Remus, born in Bonn, Germany. From childhood felt that what matters is the heart quality, not the colour of skin. Always had friends from many different cultures and was interested in the history and culture of other countries. Married a Bolivian, had two children, moved to Bolivia, and after some time divorced and had the guidance to plant the seed of Findhorn in Bolivia, to create there a centre for consciousness development. She found and bought a place to create a centre, started building the centre and giving seminars, but the economic situation in Bolivia became so bad that in 1999 she returned to Germany and is now working with the German Voluntary Service.

Maria Cristina Amaral, from Brazil, trained to be a teacher and studied the teachings of the Tibetan. Founded a Unit of Service of the World Goodwill in Rio, which also represents the International Children's Peace Council, the Triangles and the IPS. Their work is mainly carried out through group meditation to stimulate the consciousness aspect.

Alice Boainain-Schneider, from Brazil, living for the past 25 years in Switzerland. From childhood was interested in the spiritual teachings, in the various interpretations of truth presented by the world religions. Came to Switzerland to study translation, was introduced to the Tibetan teachings in 1981, through the IPS. Works as a secretary and translator for the IPS since then. Married Rudolf Schneider in 1987, has two children (Maria and Amadeus, 14 and 11, who came to lunch with us during the general assembly) and now works full time as a translator at a UN agency in Geneva.

Rudolf Schneider, born in Karlsbad, Germany (now Karlo Vivary, Czech Republic). Lived WW2 as a child and since then started to search what form of society could we have that would make the things he lived through in his childhood impossible. Searched many paths and finally was introduced to the Alice Bailey teachings and heard for the first time the term "world government". This was the end of his search, as he now knew that is what he wanted to work for, to help the real world government of this planet, the Spiritual Hierarchy, to externalise once again.

After the introductions, Alice read the excuses from various members that could not be with us: our Russian co-workers, Lida Shkorkina and Vitaly Yegorov, Alberto Mananga and Armand Mvumbi from Congo, Marius Sakia from the Ivory Coast, among others.

Rudolf then read and discussed the sections "Ongoing activities" and "Highlights" of the Secretary-General report. He emphasised the work we have been doing in cooperation with various Caucus (groups of NGOs) at the UN to introduce a spiritual orientation into UN policies and documents. These Caucus are the Spiritual Values Caucus, the Earth Values Caucus, the Education Caucus and the CONGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief. These Caucus also include some officials from intergovernmental organisations who share our concerns, although they may not participate in these meetings in their official capacity. This is the case of Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, who represents the World Bank at the UN and WTO in Geneva.

Another important development in the past 3 years has been the creation of an IPS website. Alice talked about her idea of making a directory of groups and organisations available on the web so that we could make more widely available the wealth of information we have collected over the years on groups and organisations working all over the world in the fields of activity of the 10 seed-groups. A start has already been made, and a list of about 200 groups sorted according to the 10 seed-groups is already available on the IPS website, but thousands of others could still be added. We had a technical difficulty with the provider who offered the link directory service, who apparently went bankrupt or something, and completely disappeared from the web. Luckily we had made a back-up and the 200 addresses are still available, but to make the system more efficient and interactive, we would need the help of someone familiar with scripts, CGI and the like.

Of course, another use the website is to facilitate the distribution of publications, especially now with the constant increase of mailing costs. The IPS newsletter is already available on the website in English,

French, German, Spanish and now Russian, as well as all the other introductory information, but we could also place all the IPS studies on the website. It would only be necessary to input and format them appropriately.

The activities of the IPS branches in Moscow and Congo were also discussed. Lida Shkorkina and Vitaly Yegorov, who created the IPS department in the Interregional Association for Education in Moscow, sent a summary of their activities that was included in the Secretary-general report. They have translated or compiled most IPS publications into Russian, they organise annual international conferences on education for world citizenship, they participate in various meetings and conferences in Russia, the Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus on behalf of the IPS and help with Russian correspondence. All this in addition to their work to bring teachers from the Danish free-schools to Russia in order to train Russian teachers in the free-school pedagogical system, which is based on cooperation between pupils, parents and teachers and on the practice of democracy in schools, giving the pupils the freedom of choice of their study subjects and sparing them the stress of tests and exams.

The past 3 years have shown that our work of planetary synthesis and the new hypotheses in the fields of politics, economics, science, psychology, healing and education are much appreciated in Eastern Europe. Many educational institutions in Eastern Europe have approached us because of our project of a University for Planetary Synthesis for the study and practice of the science of man. The academic world in Eastern Europe is not so closed to the spiritual ideas as in Western Europe, as many Eastern European scientists have been studying and exploring for a long time already the science of “energo-information”, as they call it, and the noosphere. Rudolf Schneider has followed several times invitations to travel to Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Siberia), the Ukraine and Belarus.

Another region where the demand for spiritual teachings is very large is Africa. The IPS branch in Congo is one of our most active branches, although in the past years the civil war and generalised corruption have created many obstacles to their work. In 1996, the IPS Geneva helped the IPS Congo with US\$10000 seed-money to set up an office, library and meeting room in Kinshasa, including furniture and a photocopying machine. It was hoped that members' contributions would be sufficient to cover the running expenses of the centre and that the photocopying machine could be used to generate income. Both hopes have proven unfounded, as most members are unable to contribute financially and the commercial operation of the photocopying machine apparently is not practical. As a result, the centre has been closed and all the materials are kept in the home of Albert Mananga. The photocopying machine is used only to produce the IPS Congo documents. Albert Mananga had planned to be present at the general assembly but the Swiss authorities did not grant him a visa, in spite of all our efforts in his behalf (including financial guarantees). He sent a request for an annual operating budget of about US\$5000, to be supplied by the IPS Geneva. We cannot make such a commitment. Firstly, we ourselves do not have a fixed budget and rely on donations only to continue our work. Secondly, we are firmly convinced that it is not the role of the IPS Geneva to support financially its branches. Each branch must be able to attract the resources it needs from its own members and friends, within its own country, and plan its activities accordingly. We will continue to support the IPS Congo in that we will continue to send the IPS newsletter free of charge to all its members, although mailing costs have gone up considerably in the past years.

The IPS Congo is not the only group in Africa interested in the IPS. We have contact groups in several African countries and an IPS branch is now being planned in Angola (IPS-Cabinda), which will work mainly in Portuguese. This brings us to the third region in which the IPS has expanded over the past 3 years: South America. Thanks to our cooperation with Nila Tadic de Ossio in Bolivia, the newsletter is translated and distributed in Spanish. Three groups in Brazil work together with the IPS Geneva. the “Unidade de Serviço para Educação Integral”, led by Maria Cristina Amaral in Rio de Janeiro; the Ashram Vida in Bahia, led by Vida Vidmar, and the Willis Harman House, led by Simone Ramounoulou in São Paulo.

Both the Unidade de Serviço in Rio and the Ashram Vida in Bahia are involved in projects to develop centres for healing. Vida Vidmar described her project of a healing centre in her farm in the South of Bahia and of her project of a “University for Higher Efficiency” in cooperation with Ketchara. She also plans to found a branch of the IPS in Bahia. The financial basis for the healing centre in Bahia would be a holiday resort that she is starting to build in her farm.

The group in charge of the project in Rio, for the moment called Flamboyant, meditates in order to develop a healing centre based on the Tibetan's teachings, but which would outwardly not declare itself to be a spiritual or esoteric group. The idea is to run the centre as a phytotherapeutic spa, as a research centre on the properties of plants and to produce plant medicines.

After the lunch break, we started the afternoon session with the meditation on planetary synthesis, and then Alice presented the financial report for the past 3 years. Brigitta Andermatt has acted as auditor and thoroughly checked all our accounts every year, so that every year we could present totally orderly and

transparent accounts to the fiscal authorities. We sincerely thank her for that useful service! Since 1999 the IPS has no longer employed any paid workers. The highest expenses are: office rent (CHF 12000 per year), travel and participation in conferences (about CHF 10000 per year) for IPS co-workers in Geneva and elsewhere, photocopies, telecommunications (telephone, fax, e-mail, website) and mailing. In 1999, the IPS bought a second-hand photocopying machine and in 2001, a new computer and printer, thanks to donations made especially for that purpose. The financial policy of the IPS has always been to implement only what is possible without making any debts and until now we have found that the funds necessary for the next step ahead are made available in some way. The general assembly unanimously discharged the treasurer and the executive committee.

Elections followed, and the executive and consultative committees were unanimously re-elected for the next 3 years, with a few modifications. Marcia Wochner has withdrawn from the executive committee. Ellen Krühsmann, one of the IPS founders, and José Maria Casas Simorra, our co-worker in Barcelona, Spain, have died. Sergey Fedorov (Russia) and Gitanjali Dash (India) have stopped working together with the IPS and have therefore not been re-elected. Instead, four new members have joined the consultative committee: Vida Vidmar, Maria Cristina Amaral, Simone Ramounoulou and Ketchara, all from Brazil.

We then spent the rest of the afternoon discussing various themes. We recalled the history of our project of a University for Planetary Synthesis, which started with much impetus in the beginning of the 1980's, thanks to the help of Dr. E. Krishnamacharya, who developed a study program for the science of man based on the 10 seed-groups, in consultation with various European groups, and offered to send a group of trained teachers from India to start the University. With his death in 1984, however, the development of the UPS was stopped, although we tried several alternatives. One of them was to propose a series of lectures to the University of Geneva, with spiritually-oriented university teachers and professionals active in the fields of the 10 seed-groups. From the beginning, the idea was to introduce the science of man into existing universities, so that students following any normal study program in an University, such as sciences, medicine, economics, psychology, education or others, would be able to receive a training in the science of man, which is the basic knowledge of what is to be a human being. Most Universities, however, were and still are wary of any spiritually-oriented concepts, especially since the sect problem has come so prominently to the forefront in recent years. Ketchara said it is important not to give any names such as astral, mental, causal, or to use much esoteric or spiritual terminologies, because these are forms to which we become attached and which block the energy flow. That is why in his project of a University for Higher Efficiency he plans to use a normal language that is acceptable to everyone.

Maria Cristina Amaral raised the point that when we work for the reappearance of the Christ, we are working for what is new. The Christ is always the next step ahead in evolution and is always what is new. We cannot base ourselves on what already exists, because this is old, it is the past. To prepare the way for the reappearance of the Christ is to meditate to open ourselves to what is new. The internet, globalisation, these are already manifestations of the Christ spirit within humanity. The Jewish problem is one of the main problems faced by humanity because the Jewish group constitutes the solar plexus of the planetary system. This means that all the energies of fear, need for security, anger, of the entire humanity are focussed in that centre. If humanity as a whole cannot transmute these energies and lift them to the higher centres, the Jewish problem will continue to exist. The energy of compassion is needed to solve the problem of Palestine, it does not help to be angry with Israel because of their actions against the Palestinian people. It is easy to feel compassion towards the Palestinians and Arafat, because they are being crucified for all to see, but our compassion must also include the Jewish people.

Sally Curry reminded us of Krishna's saying, "when lawlessness rules, I return". We have come to that point. Since September 11, it has become clear that the peoples of this world have no protection against the attacks of those in might. The United States, Israel, Great Britain and the other great powers are able to commit gross violations of human rights, national sovereignty, international treaties, without anybody being able to do anything about it or even raising their voices to denounce the injustice.

Ketchara replied that we could only continue to do our work, to do what we must do. Rudolf commented that we couldn't go against evil (as Bush likes so much to say) because this only reinforces it. We must work for what is good and help the human beings to develop their consciousness and then they will automatically choose what is right and good. There were civilisations and there still are civilisations on other planets in which the entire technological and economical development are based on the common good. Only what is beneficial for human physical, emotional, mental and spiritual welfare is produced or developed. Our modern civilisation is far from this ideal yet, since human welfare is one of the last criteria taken into account when making economic and political decisions.

We concluded the General Assembly with a short meditation. We then held hands in a circle to take leave of each other and before departing, spent some time in lively discussion in small groups.

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