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NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY 15 MAY 2011 30 YEARS IPS - 1981-2011 RETROSPECTIVE AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

The IPS was founded on 19 May 1981, at the Wesak Full Moon, with three main objectives:

- Making known the 10 seed-group structure
- Creating a University for Planetary Synthesis
- Networking

TEN SEED-GROUPS

Publications on the 10 seed-groups in English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian:

- Structural Plan
- The Path of Planetary Synthesis
- Booklets on each of the 10 seed-groups
- Poster designed together with Austin Arnold, former director at the International Trade Centre in Geneva, and artist Bernard Pardo; now available in English, German, French, Spanish and Russian.

Workshops on 10 seed-groups in Switzerland, in Rio during the Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, in Copenhagen during the World Summit for Social Development in 1995, in Beijing during the 4th World Conference on Women in 1995.

Organisation of synthesis conferences inspired by the 10 seed-groups idea:

Annual conferences in the former Soviet Union on the theme "Creating a Conflict-Free Society through Education to Global Consciousness". First one in Zhukovsky in 1993, 2nd one in Kosino/Zhukovsky on "The subconscious mind and the spiritual union of humanity" (1994), 3rd one in Partenit/Crimea (Ukraine) on "The Spiritual Renaissance of the World and Humanity's Unusual Abilities" (1995), 4th one in Moscow on "Education to World Citizenship" (1996).

Since 1994 to the present, the Forum for Synthesis in Kiev, organised by the Ankh Cultural Foundation.

Group meetings of units of service in Bolivia since 1996.

Creation of a data base with information on activities connected with the 10 seed-groups; publication of an online Directory organised according to the 10 seed-groups

Future perspectives

Publication of seed-group material in electronic form and on line

Continuation of our cooperation with Ankh Cultural Foundation in Kiev, in the organisation of the Forum for Synthesis

Cooperation with Urusvati Institute in Italy. First meeting planned for June 2011.

NETWORKING

Creating links between groups and individuals working for positive change towards a main culture and civilisation based on right human relations.

- Establishing contacts with groups on all continents, in particular:

Europe

Foundation Unity of all Life (Lucern, Switzerland) Swiss Association for Free Energy (Switzerland)

Association of World Education (Moscow, Russia)
Planet 3000 (Novosibirsk, Russia)
Ankh Cultural Foundation (Kiev, Ukraine)
World Brotherhood Union (Istanbul, Turkey)

South America

Units of Service in Cochabamba, La Paz, Santa Cruz (Bolivia) Unit of Service on Integral education, Rio; groups in Brasilia and Bahia; Willis Harman House, São Paulo (Brazil)

- Publication for about 20 years of a newsletter in English, French, German, Spanish and Russian
- Creation of IPS website in 2000, with the help of Cédric Dumas, in English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, and later partly in Polish.
- Since emergence of internet, move away from postal mail and printed publications to email and electronic documents

Future perspectives

- Redesign and development of IPS website; possible cooperation with Propulse association
- Use of social networks: livejournal community, facebook?

UNIVERSITY FOR PLANETARY SYNTHESIS

The vision described in the protocol of the Third General Assembly of the IPS in 1983:

The UPS does not primarily imply a concrete building to be called by that name, but rather a work by infiltration into the already existing educational bodies. It is hence not limited by place. Teachers from anywhere who like to work in a spiritual way may become teachers of the UPS in their respective educational institutions. It thus becomes a network of the World Teacher who works through teachers who have freed themselves from personal wishes and preferences, so that they become co-creators; men and women who serve on all levels at the same time.

In that spirit, we proposed a seminar program with teachers from various fields to the University of Geneva and to the University of Moscow. It was not accepted by the University of Geneva, and could not go ahead in Moscow because of financial limitations.

International Teachers Conferences were organised in 1981, 1982 and 1983, in cooperation with the World Teacher Trust (Visakhapatnam, India) and under the guidance of Dr. E. Krishnamacharya, who also proposed a syllabus on the science of man based on the 10 seed-group structure. In 1984, after Krishnamacharya passed away, a Fourth International Teachers Conference was organised with the participation of K.P. Kumar and M.R.L. Rao, co-workers of Dr. Krishnamacharya. However, a team dedicated to the creation of the UPS could not be gathered.

Since, we have sought to support and participate in the work carried out by various groups throughout the world dedicated to the task of spiritual education.

University for Peace in Costa Rica, founded by Rodrigo Carazo, former President of Costa Rica, and Robert Muller, Vice-Secretary General of the UN. This cooperation led to our participation in the international conference Seeking the True Meaning of Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica, in 1991.

University of the Seven Rays in New Jersey, USA. Organisation of workshops with Michael Robbins in the Geneva area.

Institut Alcor in France, from its planning stages, with the vision of an esoteric school in France

Institute of Global Education, in the US, which has created an alternative, Robert Muller School in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Organisation of seminars with co-workers of Dr. Krishnamacharya in Switzerland, Bolivia, Ukraine and Russia: K.P. Kumar, M.R.L. Rao and Dr. E. Anantakrishna. This work continues with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, mainly in Geneva, the Ukraine and Russia.

COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

The IPS first applied to consultative status in 1986-87, unsuccessfully.

On the occasion of the organisation of the Rio Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, Maurice Strong, the Under-Secretary General of the UN in charge of the event opened the doors of the UN to the NGO community, and granted consultative status to the NGOs which participated in the Rio Conference. The IPS was thus officially granted consultative status in 1993, although a typing error has caused this to be changed to 1998 in all official UN papers.

The IPS thus participated in several major UN conferences in the 1990's, and in the corresponding NGO Fora:

UN Conference on Environment and Development (Rio, 1992)

World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995)

4th World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995)

United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Habitat II (Istanbul, 1996)

World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002)

It also participated in several major NGO conferences:

International Conference of NGOs (Seoul, 1999)
Parliament of the World's Religions (Cape town, 2002)

The IPS is member of FIIG (Federation of International Institutions with headquarters in Geneva) and CONGO (Conference of NGOs with consultative status)

Co-founder of CONGO Committees: Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns-Geneva, issued from the Spiritual Caucus of spiritually oriented NGOs; and of Committee on the Environment, founded upon an initiative of Vita de Waal

Member of several CONGO Committees: Freedom of Religion and Belief, Forum for Health and Working Group on Mental Health, Human Rights Education and Learning, Committee on the Culture of Peace

Our most active representatives at the UN are:

Rudolf Schneider, who tirelessly attends meetings at the UN in Geneva, in particular the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, now Human Rights Council, and countless NGO Committee meetings.

Lisinka Ulatowska at the UN in New York, founder of the All-Win Network with many years of experience in lobbying at the UN. She wrote IPS statements for meetings of the ECOSOC High-Level Segment, one on the Commons and one on Education. for World Stewardship for the Benefit of All. She leads a team of committed representatives at the UN in New York.

Future perspectives

Continue to lobby for:

Our Commons

The human right to peace, in cooperation with the Spanish Society on Human Rights Law (AEDIDH)

CONGO Committee on a Culture of Peace

MAITREYA PROJECT FUND FOR THE PREPARATION FOR THE REAPPEARANCE OF THE CHRIST

Created in 1987 to help finance the hierarchical means. The funds collected have been mainly used to help translate and publish Alice Bailey's books into Russian, and to support various groups in Africa.