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Dear friends and co-workers!

If we observe our present world situation, we see human thinking has undergone dramatic developments on a global scale. Our political, economic, religious, health care and educational systems are all in crisis, affecting us as individuals, our nations and the whole planet. Everywhere we see natural disasters, poverty, diseases. Human beings are shaken, in one way or another, around the globe.

However, much good is also developing in our world today. For decades, many individuals and groups have been reflecting on new approaches for the development of this One human family on Earth. This is a question where every one of us can ask – how can I, in my present situation, contribute in a constructive way to the transformation of society, and how can I know what is best for myself, my community, my country and humanity as a whole?

In our situation of transition to a global world society, the most important need is to clarify our values. Values are the guides to our actions, and depending on the values we hold, so will be our actions and our choices. This reflection on values has started in the political field, for example, by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. In the educational field, many experiments are also under way to introduce the question of values into school curricula, such as the world core curriculum of the Robert Muller Schools and the Living Values Program launched by UNESCO and the Brahma Kumaris University, among others. Also at the IPS, the keynote has been from the beginning, "To reawaken an awareness of spiritual values in daily life".

When addressing the question of values, we soon come to recognise that basically there are two sets of values which can rule our behaviour, both on an individual and on a global level. One set of values is materialistically oriented and emphasises material wealth and personal success. This orientation is mainly egocentric and short-sighted. It does not see the interconnectedness of all life and therefore cannot understand that material wealth and personal success, if obtained to the detriment of others, cannot last, and that we have to bear the consequences of all our actions. The other set of values emphasises the common good, the importance of win-win solutions to problems, unity in diversity, right relationships between human beings and between humanity and nature. We could call it a spiritual set of values, since it recognises the reality of aspects other than the purely physical ones. This spiritual set of values is at the basis of all world cultures, while the materialistic set of values tends to destroy culture and to introduce uniformity.

The challenge for education is therefore to give the priority to spiritual values and their practice in daily life, to teach human beings how to lead their life in an intelligent way on earth. The traditional disciplines, such as reading and writing, mathematics, the sciences, history and languages, as well as the arts and sports, all have their place in education, but the priority should be training, from childhood on, in the practice of right human relations, in order to promote the creativity and beauty in every human being. Our priority as educators is to instil in world citizens a benevolent attitude towards all nations, cultures, religions and civilisations.

Some of the most essential values in achieving world peace are, in our view, love of truth, without which there cannot be trust; personal responsibility for all our actions, words and thoughts; sense of justice in all our relationships; spirit of constructive cooperation in all our activities; selfless service for the common good, which is based on the awareness that

only that which is good for all is also good for the individual. To these five values, one could add the value of respect for all life. The right to life is the first fundamental human right, according to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Moreover, it is not only a human right, but the right of all living beings.

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Verily, do not divide the world into north and south, nor east and west. But everywhere distinguish between the old world and the New. The old world finds shelter in all parts of the earth. The New World also is born everywhere, beyond boundaries and conditions.

The old world and the New World are distinguished through consciousness but not by outer evidence. Age and circumstance bear no importance. Red banners are often raised by the hands of the old world filled with prejudices. Often in solitude beats a heart filled with the lightnings of the New World. Without evasion, before our eyes, the world divides itself. Unskilled, but with full daring, grows the new consciousness. Despite its experience the old thought droops. There is no power that could dam the ocean of the New World. We regret the useless waste of energy of the expiring consciousness. We accord a smile to the daring of those who realize the right of expanding new achievements. Each mistake committed for the cause of the New World becomes a flower of valor. Each effort to skillfully embalm the old world remains a skeleton of horror.

The old world rejected the Mother of the World, but the New World begins to perceive Her lustrous veil. (Agni Yoga, § 55)

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GROUP MEDITATIONS

FULL MOON MEDITATIONS

Virgo, Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius Full Moon meditations with the Arcane School group in Geneva

UNITED NATIONS STAFF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

05.09.2000 The joy, the peace, the love	festation of love
14.09.2000 The human being, a solar being	31.10.2000 Our inner spiritual child
19.09.2000 Virgo – action and creativity for world service	14.11.2000 I AM – the son of God
26.09.2000 My inner garden of virtues	21.11.2000 The Externalisation of the Hierarchy and the reappearance of the Christ
03.10.2000 The science of meditation for strengthening the hands of the New Group of World Servers	28.11.2000 A source of love, light and joy for all human beings
10.10.2000 Life or activity expressed as a mani-	05.12.2000 Uniting the world religions
	12.12.2000 The qualities of inhaling and exhaling

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GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

4-8 September – The Future of Our Children – Education for Peace International Meeting

The "International Meeting of the Education for Peace Global Network " took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from September 4 to 8, and counted, with the participation of 21 countries, 4 continents. The meeting was sponsored by UNESCO, the University of Geneva, and the Institute for Planetary Synthesis; it is part of the celebration of the United Nations' International Year of the Culture of Peace.

It also received the formal support and participation of UNICEF, UNCTAD, OIT, UNHCR, Red Cross International, Inter-American Development Bank - BID and the Brazilian National Council of Education Secretaries - CONSED.

The Education for Peace Global Network is a Brazilian initiative born in 1993 during the International Conference on Education of the Future, that took place in São Paulo. This network has been made operational by the Institute for Future Studies, whose purpose is to open space for innovation in the learning process, study the new dimensions in the creation of knowledge, and foster the integration of values that can support changes committed to a culture of peace.

The meeting's set-up included plenary sessions in the morning, and in the afternoon, presentation of relevant projects that have been implemented in several countries. Among the key-note speeches, we must highlight those of Mrs. Kaisa Savolainen, Head

of the Education Department for a Culture of Peace - UNESCO; Ambassador Rubens Ricúpero, General Secretary of UNCTAD; Professor Ubiratan D'Ambrosio, President of the Institute for Future Studies, and Dr. Ervin Laszlo, President of the Club of Budapest.

Based on the presentations, three reflection groups were formed, and their main conclusions are stated below:

Peace is an attitude and a way of living that we learn by coexisting and having close relationships with other human beings; it starts in the process of conception and pregnancy and goes on during infancy, adolescence, and one's whole life. This involves creating opportunities for developing the human being as a whole, and in this connection, quality of education is a fundamental element. This requires a change of paradigm that includes the offer of creative opportunities of **how to learn**, and not solely the transmission of knowledge, strengthening relational dynamics with the community. This education must include new values, capable of regenerating the social tissue and nurturing life in its numerous forms, combined with new processes for building knowledge.

This proposal is born from the realisation that the present educational system, in general, has contributed to personal and family dissociation, social and global imbalance, hindering the possibility of a future with more justice and solidarity. This dissociation is cemented by instruction models that are incapable of considering the relationships between reason and emotion, school and family, information and experience - basic elements of the process of building knowledge.

The wealth of reflections presented by the speakers helped the participants to recognise the importance of committing to the creation of learning dynamics and environments marked by:

- Dialogic ethics - democratization of relationships giving empowerment to each one and legitimizing the diversity.
- Cognitive affective ecology - to foster new relationships in the process of building knowledge
- Re-dimensioning corporal awareness - acknowledging the physical body as a source of knowledge, carrier of the past and of the vital forces that lead to the future
- Responsible sex life - capable of leading to self-knowledge, healthy relationships, and responsible maternity/paternity.

The congregation of instruments and methods coming from different cultural traditions and the contribution of new technologies can allow the creation of these learning environments. People or institutions wanting to get in touch with the Education for Peace Global Network, please contact <http://www.redepaz.com.br>, e-mail: redepaz@uol.com.br

12-15 September 2000 – Conference on “Human Survival in the New Millennium”, Geneva

The Conference on “Human Survival in the New Millennium” was organised by the International Society for Human Values (WTO/UNCTAD ITC Building, 54-56 rue de Montbrillant, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland, tel. +41-022-730.02.58/830.02.01, fax +41-022-730.03.54, e-mail: ishv@iprolink.ch, website: <http://www.humanvalues-is.org>), sponsored by UNESCO and Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development and supported by the government of Switzerland and the Canton of Geneva. The conference brought together some 90 leading scientists, philosophers, religious leaders, social scientists, captains of industry and administrators from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and North America. The four-day interdisciplinary, multi-cultural deliberations centered around identifying “global human values” that should guide all activities in an attempt to preserve the dignity of the individual and well-being of the entire human race.

The program of the conference was so designed as to allow discussion of some of the pressing issues of the day, such as creativity, right to scientific knowledge and research, individual and society, population growth and aging, and globalisation and sustainable development, that logically led to the roundtable discussion on global human values. In his keynote address, Sir Peter Ustinov presented a catalogue of catastrophic situations in the world that could have been averted if only “human values” were recognised and respected as guiding principles. Mr. Bawa Jain, Secretary General of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, gave an account of the week-long summit in the last week of August 2000 at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

At the concluding session on 15 September 2000, the conference unanimously recommended that the International Society for Human Values continue its work in promoting world peace by strengthening democratic institutions and respect for human rights and dignity. It further approved, by acclamation, the following Plan of Action:

- Draw up a list of “global human values” to be circulated to governments, corporations, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organisations and interested individuals;
- Formulate and implement projects in different geographical areas to test the validity of these values at the grass-root level;
- Network with organisations and institutions with similar aims in order to achieve the goal of drawing up a “charter of global human values”; and
- Initiate discussions at the regional level to create awareness of the need for “human values” and in order to fine tune “**global human values**”.

18 September 2000 – Group sharing on a Culture of Values, Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University,

Geneva

This group, organised upon an initiative of Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University, brings together people from different cultures and experiences, to share what they value most about themselves, their work, and the world, and to look for common ways to put these ideals into everyday practice. This group started after the review of the World Summit for Social Development in June 2000 in Geneva, and it was born of the recognition that the root cause of many of our present day problems is the deterioration of human values. We also discuss common projects of cooperation involving NGOs in the Geneva area. This group gathers approximately once a month. In the last quarter of 2000, we also met on 16 October and 29 November. Among other projects, it was decided to contact schools to present projects on values for young people, to bring together all the many value-oriented groups at the U.N. Another project will last for about 6 months, and consists of taking one value on which to reflect and practice more especially each month, and then to share with the group the result of one's experiences. The six values that were chosen are: love of truth, commitment to justice, personal responsibility, constructive cooperation, selfless service, and respect for life on earth.

21 September 2000 – “For a Culture of Peace”, IPS-Congo, Kinshasa

Mr. Albert Mananga, IPS representative in Congo, gave a lecture on “For a Culture of Peace” at the American Cultural Centre in Kinshasa, together with M. Musembo Kilambo, Director of Unesco operations in Kinshasa and Father Katona, representative of the Lindonge reflection group.

28 September 2000 – Seminar on “The Islamic and Arab World and Human Rights”, Islamic Organisation for Education, Science and Culture (ISESCO), Geneva

Representatives of the Arab world spoke during this seminar on the specificity of the Arab and Muslim culture and its vision of human rights. One billion people are Muslims. Representatives of several Arab NGOs and intergovernmental organisations spoke during this seminar, including Mr. Faeq, President of the Arab Organisation of Human Rights (Cairo), and Dr. Abdallah Ben Saleh El Obeid, Secretary General of the League of Islamic World. Representatives of the Geneva canton, of the media and human rights organisations also participated in this seminar.

ISESCO was created in 1981 to promote cooperation among Arab countries in education, sciences, culture and communication, and to promote the Islamic culture, both in Arab and non-Arab countries. It is based in Morocco. Its address is P.O.Box 2275, C.P. 10104 Hay Riyad, Rabat, Morocco, tel. (212-7)71.32.66, fax (212-7)77.20.58, telex 31844M/32645M, e-mail: cid@isesco.org.ma, <http://www.isesco.org.ma>.

28 September 2000 – Seminar on “Can Latin America Avoid Another Lost Decade?” with Mr.

David de Ferranti, Vice President of the World Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, Geneva

The Office in Geneva of the World Bank Group, under the direction of Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, special representative of the World Bank to the United Nations and World Trade Organisation, started a program of monthly seminars entitled, “An Exchange on Development”, whose main objective is to provide new opportunities for a policy dialogue and exchange of views with those who make decisions at the World Bank on issues of common concern. These seminars are open to the international community, including government representatives, U.N. officials and NGO delegates.

29 September 2000 – Symposium on “The Strengths and Weaknesses of the U.N.”, Swiss Forum for International Affairs, Geneva

Switzerland and the Holy See are the only States which are not yet members of the United Nations. After World War II, the main obstacle to full participation was the neutral status of Switzerland, which did not allow it to enter an organisation which gathered mainly the World War winners. Today, since the U.N. has become a universal organisation, this is no longer an obstacle. Many voices are heard in Switzerland asking for its entry into the U.N., since the promotion of peace and security, as well as economic stability, are aims which are common to the U.N. and to Switzerland. Switzerland is already a member of many UN specialised agencies and makes voluntary financial contributions to many U.N. funds and programmes.

13 October 2000 – Briefing on “Recent developments on the cooperation between UN and private sector, especially concerning the Global Compact”, with Mr. John Ruggie, UN Assistant Secretary General, Geneva

The Global Compact, a platform created by the Secretary General of the U.N. to enrol the cooperation of multinational corporations in the defence of human rights, labour rights and the environment, has been the object of much criticism. In particular, the approach is made that it is a non-binding document that corporations are free to adopt, without any verification system. It could therefore become a mere public relations measure, without any substance. However, it does promote the idea of corporate responsibility for the community and the environment. It is an attempt to embed globalisation in universal values and principles, and make it better managed by “good governance” at national and international levels alike. For more information on this issue, consult the following U.N. website: <http://www.un.org/partners/business/index.html>.

15-19 October 2000 – Eyesight Training Seminar, Kemmenau, Germany

The Eyesight Training Seminar was developed by Dr. Kurt Hickethier (1891-1958), who observed that eyesight depends much more on the brain and the nervous system than on the eyes. His eyesight

training has holistic action on the whole organism, but especially on the nervous system and the eyes, and positively influences, in a natural way, many eyesight disturbances. This training is given either as a short 4-day seminar or as the complete cure and seminar, that lasts for three and a half weeks, by Mr. Friedrich Depke, who took over the responsibility for the Centre founded by Dr. Hicketier in Kemmenau. Also used during this training are massages and treatments with the biochemical Schüssler salts. Besides the eyesight-training seminars, the centre offers courses on the biochemical salts, facial analysis, natural health care and nutrition. It is located in a beautiful, hilly area near Koblenz. Address: Im Kirschengarten 6-8, D-56132 Kemmenau bei Bad Ems, tel. +49-2603-93390, fax +49-2603-933966, e-mail: Friedrich.Depke@t-online.de, Website: <http://www.sonnenschau.de>

22-23 October 2000 – Visit to Universal Exhibition in Hannover, Germany

The 2000 Universal Exhibition in Hannover centered on the theme “humanity, nature, technology”, explored and expanded on the U.N.’s Agenda 21 principles to emphasise sustainable development in the next millennium. Besides the national pavillions, it included exhibitions of “Projects all over the world”, examples of sustainable development, a concept which tied in with the overall theme of people, nature, technology. The focus was on innovative projects and holistic solutions which take into consideration the ecology and economic requirements, as well as the cultural and social needs of the societies in which they are established. Of particular interest were the Global House and the ZERI Pavillion. The Global House, “Meeting People – Sharing Solutions”, presented specific solutions for a better world. For the first time in the history of the universal exhibitions, NGOs were invited to demonstrate their projects, such as the Barefoot College in India, inspired by Gandhi’s teachings, the *Instituto Reciclar* in Brazil (waste recycling to produce art and objects of daily use), the Baha’i International Community. ZERI is the acronym for the Zero Emissions Research Initiatives, a foundation in Geneva which develops industrial projects without environmentally harmful emissions, such as a brewery in Namibia whose waste water can be used to produce feedstuffs.

26 October 2000 – UN DPI-NGO VideoConference on “The International Year of Dialogue among Civilisations (2001)”, Geneva

The Information Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva organised a video briefing by Mr. Giandomenico Picco, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, on the International Year of Dialogue among Civilisations. Humanity today can be divided into two groups: those who are suspicious of differences and those who embrace diversity as a sign of our common wealth. The International Year of Dialogue among Civilisations was launched upon an initiative of the Iranian President, H. E. Mohammad Khatami, to promote dialogue as a means of solving conflicts, and is based on the conviction that

diversity is a universal virtue and that the peoples of the world are far more united by common fate than they are divided by their separate identities. The website of UNESCO (<http://www.unesco.org/dialogue2001>) has further information on the various aspects of culture and civilisations, philosophy and ethics, the role of human and natural sciences, education, communication and information, and the culture of peace.

4-8 November 2000 – Group Meetings in Moscow

Several people are now active in and around the IPS group in Moscow, and they are currently preparing the IPS publications in Russian. Many of them are also active in other groups involved in educational projects for children and youth, such as the Interregional Association of Education, or in the transmission of spiritual teachings. Rudolf Schneider was for a few days in Moscow to meet these friends and co-workers. These personal meetings give us the opportunity to strengthen the group and to become enriched by the many new aspects of the work in Russia.

During this trip, Rudolf Schneider also participated in the conference “From Human Education to Human Life”, co-sponsored by the IPS. This is part of the series of gatherings which are held almost every year in Moscow to promote the idea of education for world citizenship. The conference included an art exhibition on “Peace for Children 2000”. Rudolf Schneider presented a paper on “Educational Developments in the World”, focussing on the importance of a culture of values and the international year of dialogue among civilisations (2001).

11 November 2000 - Study group on the Seven Rays, Lucern, Switzerland

This monthly study group is facilitated by Rudolf Schneider of the IPS Geneva and organised by the Foundation Unity of All Life.

17 November 2000 – Seminar on “Globalisation demands global governance and a global development agenda: is the world up to this challenge?”, The World Bank Group, Geneva

This seminar was part of the series of “Exchanges on Development” organised by the World Bank Group in Geneva. The speaker was Mr. Jean-François Rischard, World Bank Vice-President for Europe.

18 November 2000 – Introduction to “The Tachyon Universe”, by Mr. Kurt Inderbitzin, Lucern

This introduction seminar was organised by the Swiss Association for Free Energy (SAFE) with Mr. Kurt Inderbitzin, who is a certified tachyon practitioner trained by David Wagner and Gabriel Cousens, who invented the tachyonisation process and defined how subtle energies originate from spiritual energy

and reach their densest state in what we call "matter". He also developed a series of "tachyonised tools" used for self-healing and transformation. For further information, contact: Tachyon Seminarorganisation, Doris Inderbitzin-Hoppler, Gerliswilstrasse 27, CH-6020 Emmenbrücke, Switzerland, tel. +41-041-268.82.30, fax +41-041-268.82.34, e-mail swisstach@itv.ch, <http://www.tachyonswiss.ch>.

20 November 2000 – The Locarno Conference

The U.N. library and the Museum of the League of Nations organised an exhibition on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Pact of Locarno, "From Versailles to Locarno: from an imposed peace to a negotiated one" (28 June 1919 – 16 October 1925). Seventy-five years ago, on 16 October 1925, the representatives of Germany, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, Poland and Czechoslovakia signed the Pact of Locarno, a series of agreements to establish a system for guaranteeing frontiers and thus securing Europe's collective security. The men who gathered at Locarno from 5 to 16 October 1925, in particular, Gustav Stresemann and Hans Luther for Germany, Austen Chamberlain for Great Britain, and Aristide Briand from France, rose above national antagonism to find common ground, demonstrating to the world their willingness to renounce the use of force in favour of a constructive policy of close cooperation.

22 November 2000 – Speech by Mr. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former French President, on "Towards a European Federalist Union", Swiss Forum for International Affairs, Geneva

Mr. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing talked during this meeting about his idea of a European Federalist Union, inspired by the Swiss system. This meeting was organised by the Swiss Forum for International Affairs, P.O.Box 135 Champel, 1211 Geneva 12, Switzerland, tel. +41-022-311.24.24, fax +41-022-311.25.56, e-mail: fspi@bluewin.ch, <http://www.geneve.ch/chancellerie/protocole/news/fspi.html>.

25 November 2000 – Seminar on "Yoga: Health for Body and Spirit", with Philippe Bignalet, Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University, Geneva

Mr. Philippe Bignalet, natural health practitioner and iridologist, responsible for the Brahma Kumaris Centre in Bayonne, France, presented with much humour and wisdom the relationships between the physical body, the personality and the soul. He highlighted the influence of mental and psychological tendencies, as well as nutrition, on our health, and ways to manage our lives harmoniously.

27-28 November 2000 – Information Session for NGOs, United Nations, Geneva

The United Nations Office in Geneva organised a general information session for NGOs. The session was opened by the Director-General of UNOG, Mr. Vladimir Petrovsky, and by Ms. Raymonde Martineau, NGO Liaison Officer at UNOG. The main topics were:

- Securing development for all: the challenge for the U.N. and NGOs, by Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy

Secretary-General of UNCTAD;

- How the U. N. and its organisations cooperate with NGOs in fighting poverty and marginalisation (panel moderated by Mr. Fortin)
- Cooperation and coordination among NGOs
- Upcoming events of interest to NGOs.

29 November 2000 – International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, United Nations, Geneva

For the past 20 years, and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977, the United Nations Office in Geneva has celebrated on 29 November the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Palestine was partitioned in 1947 by the U.N. General Assembly. At the time, the Assembly envisaged independent Arab and Jewish States, and a special international regime for Jerusalem. As a result of the wars in 1948 and 1967, the Palestinian people lost control over their land. Today, they are between 7 and 8 million, of which about half are refugees registered with the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). More than 1 million still live in refugee camps set up 50 years ago. For the past 9 years, the peace process has been dragging. Frustration and desperation feed violence, and Israel, blinded by its preoccupation with security, commits many human rights violations that fuel the conflict.

30 November 2000 – FIIG General Assembly, Geneva

The guest speaker during this year's General Assembly of the Federation of International Institutions with headquarters in Geneva was Ms. Raymonde Martineau, NGO Liaison Officer at UNOG, who will retire from her office at the end of 2000. She will continue to be active, though. Having started as an NGO representative before she took up her responsibilities as NGO Liaison Officer, she plans to return to her native country, Canada, and continue there her activities to promote the idea of the community, which has been the guiding thread throughout her life. She also would like to advocate for the participation of community representatives, such as women, the elders, local political and religious leaders in all peace negotiations, instead of inviting only warring parties to such negotiations.

7 December 2000 – CONGO Meeting, Geneva

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations (CONGO) with consultative status at the UN has been in existence for 45 years. Its aims are to coordinate the activities of NGOs interested in contributing to the debates on various issues at the U.N., such as development, environmental protection, human rights, etc.

7 December 2000 – Video Conference on the "World Conference against Racism", Geneva

This video conference united participants in New York, Geneva and Santiago, where the Regional Meeting for the Americas was taking place, in preparation for the World Conference against Racism. Ms.

Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Jyothi Singh, Executive Coordinator of the World Conference, a representative of the Chilean government and NGO representatives were among the guest speakers. For more information on the U.N. Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, visit the website :

<http://www.unhchr.ch/html/racism/index.htm> .

8 December 2000 – Intergroup meeting in Lugano, Switzerland

Members of the Foundation Unity of All Life (Lugano), Association Pax Cultura (Milano) and IPS (Geneva) met to exchange ideas and develop common cooperation projects.

11 December 2000 – Celebration of Human Rights Day 2000, Palais Wilson, Geneva

This celebration included a Culture of Peace Forum, opened by Ms. Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and included expert presentations

on the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, issues and challenges, national and international. Mr. Maurice Strong, Rector of University of Peace, closed the Forum. On the same occasion, the OHCHR Resource Collection on Human Rights Education was made publicly accessible, upon appointment, to human rights educators and other interested visitors. It includes a variety of specialised human rights education and training materials. The OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) also organised an exhibition of its Collection on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, comprising printed material, multimedia material and a unique array of souvenirs. The OHCHR has also been collecting all the existing language versions of the UDHR and promoting new translations. A database containing those versions was launched and is available through OHCHR's website at <http://www.unhchr.ch/udhr/index.htm>, with more than 300 language versions. In November 1999, the UDHR was awarded the Guinness World Record as the "most translated document in the world".

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ENCLOSURES

2001: Creative Dialogue Among Civilisations
Refugee migration and the world economy
Statement by the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

World Day of Planetary Consciousness
HIV Science

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Further Civil Society events can be found on website http://www.haguepeace.org .	
October 2000- 2002	June Two-year course on "Accomplishing the Inner Alchemy Necessary for Creating a World Based on the Laws of the Heart", with Léon Weber, 34 Boulevard de l'Hôpital, F-75005 Paris, France, tel./fax +33-1-43.37.50.84.
25.03- 11.04.2001	SHADOWS OF THE EARTH, James Hillman, Margot McLean & Mermer Blakeslee, Schumacher College, Devon, U.K. Contact: Janice Young, The Administrator, Schumacher College, The Old Postern, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EA, UK, Tel: 0-1803 865934; Fax: 0-1803 866899, Email: schumcoll@gn.apc.org , http://www.gn.apc.org/schumachercollege . Other courses at Schumacher College: 22-27.04. 2001, BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY; 6-25.05.2001, OTHER WAYS OF KNOWING: SHAMANISM & THE NATURAL WORLD, Jonathan Horwitz, John Broomfield & Angeles Arrien; 3-22.06.2001, THINKING BEYOND DEVELOPMENT, Arturo Escobar, Kamla Chowdhry & Manfred Max-Neef; 1-13.07. 2001, THE SELF AND THE WORLD: TOWARD A BUDDHIST ECOLOGY, Wes Nisker & Ernest Callenbach; 15-20.07. 2001, BUSINESS & SUSTAINABILITY.
28-31 03.2001	Second Conference on Money & Business Partnership, Alpbach, Austria. Information: Money & Business Partnership, Birkenstrasse 3d, D-85757 Karlsfeld, Germany, tel. +49-813-596929, fax +49-8131-596959, e-mail: office@mbp-congress.org .
30.03 03.04.2001	World Citizens Assembly 2001 – Creating a Culture of Peace for the 21 st Century, Taipei, Taiwan. Information: 55 New Montgomery Street, Suite 224, San Francisco, CA 94105, USA, tel. +1-415-541.9610, fax +1-415-723.7321, e-mail: worldcit@best.com , http://www.worldcitizens.org , http://www.wca2001.org.tw .
30-31 03.2001	Annual Meeting on Globalisation and Social Standards, Siemens International Management Center, Feldafing, Germany. Information: Prof. Dr. Andreas Scherer, Department of Politics and Management, University of Constance, e-mail: andreas.scherer@uni-konstanz.de , http://www.uni-konstanz.de/FuF/Verwiss/scherer/DNWE-Tagung.htm
05-06 04.2001	Europe, Refugees and International Migration, Geneva. Information: Webster University, 15 route de Collex, CH-1293 Bellevue/Geneva, Switzerland, tel. +41-22-959.80.00, fax +41-22-959.8013 or 959.8061, http://www.webster.ch .
07.04.2001	Conference "The Seven Rays: a Modern Tool for Self-Knowledge" with Serge Pastor, Geneva. Information: e-mail SPASTOR5@aol.com , http://pageperso.aol.fr/spastor5/mapage/moi.html .
08.04- 01.08.2001	Twelve Tao Yoga Retreats with Master Mantak Chia. The Health Center of the Alps, CH-3823 Wengen, Switzerland, tel. +41-33-855.44.22, fax 855.50.68, e-mail: info@Waldegg.ch http://www.Waldegg.ch .
14-21. 04.2001	International Conference "Visionary Voices, Creating New Life through Song, Story and Voice". Information: Conference Office, Findhorn Foundation, The Park, Forres, Moray IV36 3TZ, Scotland, tel. +44-1309-691933, fax +44-1309-691833, e-mail: conference@findhorn.org , http://www.findhorn.org/visionary_voices
16-27 04. 2001	9th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York. Information: Ms. Zehra Aydin-Sipos, Major Groups Focal Point, UN/DSD/DESA, Two U.N. Plaza, DC2-2262, New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A. tel. +1-212-963.8811, fax +1-212-963.1267, e-mail aydin@un.or ; CSD Update Newsletter, same address, room DC2-2228, tel. +1-212-963.8429, fax +1-212-963.4260, http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csdup.htm .
20-25 04.2001	International conference on Science and Consciousness, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Organisation: The Message Company, 4 Camino Azul, Santa Fe NM 85705 USA, tel. +1-505-474.0998 or 474.7604, fax 471.2584, e-mail: message@nets.com , http://www.bizspirit.com
24-27 04.2001	World Forum on Early Care and Education. Information: Child Care Information Exchange, e-mail ccie@ccie.com , http://www.ccie.com .
25-28 04.2001	Fifth International Holistic Conference, Miami, USA. Information: http://www.congressoholistico.com.br .
28-29 04.2001	First International Symposium on Health and Consciousness, Geneva. Information: Artimon-Genève, 20 chemin Rieu, CH-1202 Geneva, tel. +41-022-346.1414
05-06 05.2001	Arcane School Annual Conference, New York, USA. Contact: Arcane School, 120 Wall Street 24th floor, New York, N.Y. 10005, USA, tel. 1-212-292.07.07, fax 1-212-292.08.08.
06.05.2001	Inaugural conference of Alcor Institute, Geneva. Information: c/o IPS or Cédric Dumas, +33-450.49.42.72, e-mail: institut.alcor@free.fr , http://institut.alcor.free.fr .
14-20 05.2001	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Brussels, Belgium.
18-20 05.2001	THE PROPHETS CONFERENCE: Techniques of Discovery, New York. Bringing together Ram Dass, Huston Smith, Gregg Braden, Gabrielle Roth, Ralph Metzner, Stanislav Grof, Riane Eisler, Michio Kaku, Oriah Mountain Dreamer, Robert Anton Wilson, Russell Targ and Peter Gorman. Website: http://www.greatmystery.org E-mail: axiom@greatmystery.org .

19-20 05.2001	Vision Summit 2001: Project Beauty – Ethical Transformation of the World, followed by Evolutionary Ethics Seminar (21-22.05), Washington DC, USA. Information: The Twilight Club/Center for Evolutionary Ethics, A Division of The University of Science and Philosophy, P.O.Box 119, Blacksburg, VA 24063, tel. +1-800-882.5683/+1-540-553.1007, fax +1-540-553.1006.
25.05- 03.06.2001	Peace Through the Arts Camp – Honouring the Native Spirit. Information: Jimmy Docker, e-mail jtdocker@aol.com , http://www.ptacamps.com , http://www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org .
01-04 06.2001	Seminar with Prof. J.J. and Desiree Hurtak on “The Temple Architecture and the Geometry of Consciousness”, Bregenz, Austria. Information: Academy of Future Science, c/o P.O.Box 28, D-88140 Wasserburg, Germany, tel/fax +49-8382-887816, e-mail affsulli@w-4.de .
02-03 06. 2001	Arcane School annual conference in London. Contact: Arcane School, suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF, UK, tel. 44-272-839.4512, fax 44-171-839.5575.
02-03 06.2001	Conference on Education, Healing and Goodwill, Kiev, Ukraine, followed by Festival of Arts, organised by Ankh Foundation and Heart Summons in cooperation with IPS/Geneva. Information: Natalia Andrievska, na@clc.com.ua or ankh@adam.kiev.ua .
14-21 06.2001	Integrating Science and the Medical Arts, 11 th Annual ISSSEEM Conference, Boulder, USA. Information: http://www.nekesc.org/~issseem , e-mail issseem@compuserve.com
22-24 06. 2001	Conference on "Suicide & Spirituality", Domaine des Courmettes, F-06140 Tourrettes-sur-Loup, France. Organisation: Association Essence, 2094, avenue des Templiers, F-06140 Vence, France, tel. +33-4.93.58.53.53, fax +33-4.93.58.53.63, e-mail: info@essence-euro.org , http://essence-euro.org .
26-27 06. 2001	Arcane School annual conference in Geneva. Contact: Arcane School, 1 rue de Varembe, C.P. 31, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, tel. 022/734 12 52, fax 022/740.09.11.
July-August 2001	Spanish language instruction and progressive media through radio at the Institute of Progressive Communications in Costa Rica, IPC/RFPI, SBO#66, P.O.Box 025292, Miami, FL 33102-5292, USA, Tel. 011-506-249.1821, Fax 011-506-249.1095, E-mail: info@rfpi.org , http://www.rfpi.org .
July 2001	Series of events on “The Appeal of Baikal – Appeal of the Planet”, including Youth Festival “Baikal as the cradle of the Golden Age” (July 2001); “Buddhist civilisation and Mankind in the Third Millennium” (5-8.07.2001, Ulan-Ude); “Planet in the Third Millennium (Irkutsk, 10-13.07); “Ecology, Education, Health” (15-18.07.2001, Severo-baikalsk); “Baikal School for Educators” (15.08, Irkutsk); “New Models and Technologies of Ecological Education”, 1-5.10.2001, Baikalsk). Information: Nina Gontcharova, e-mail: mihail@online.nsk.su .
July 2001	Summer course on peace research in Dundas Valley, Canada. Organisation: Peace Research Institute, 25 Dundas Ave., Dundas, Ontario Canada L9H 4E5, Tel. 1-905-628.2356, Fax 1-905-628.1830, E-mail: info@prid.on.ca or Rstevens@OpusAutomation.com (Rob Stevens, Coordinator), http://www.prid.on.ca .
07.07- 16.08.001	13 th International Summer Workshop on The Art of Chi – The Inner Path through Body Work, Haute-Provence, France. Information: Centre International Vlady Stévanovitch, Domaine de St Quentin, F-04110 Oppedette, France, tel./fax +33-4.92.75.93.98, e-mail: stevanovitch@wanadoo.fr , http://www.tantien.com .
August- November 2001	Courses on Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and the Ageless Wisdom with Dr. E. Anantakrishna in Europe (Switzerland, Italy, Belgium France and Germany) and for the first time in the U.S.A. (November). International program coordinator: H. Seymus, Master E. Krishnamacharya Healing Institute, Van Dick Heidealaan, 41 bus 5, B-2547 Lint, Belgium, tel. 32-3-2896023, fax 32-15-441510, e-mail: herman.seymus@pandora.be .
August 2001	Summer University on Human Rights and the Right to Education, Geneva. Information: 32 rue de l'Athénée, CH-1206 Geneva, Switzerland, Tel. 41-22-789.34.42, Fax 41-22-789.31.69, e-mail uni@oidel.ch , http://www.oidel.ch/uni .
20.08- 01.09.2001	UNIVERSAL ALLIANCE WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE, Mirimunda near Athens, Greece, Information: <i>The Universal Alliance G.H.Q.</i> , David Allen Stringer, Four Turnings Bungalow, Newtown, Fowey, Cornwall PL23 1JU U.K., tel. +44-1726-832196 Email: universalalliance.org@tinyworld.co.uk
23-26 08.2001	Beyond the Brain IV – Scientific and Spiritual Perspectives on Meditation, Ripon College, Yorkshire, England. Information: Conference Administrator, Gibliston Mill, Colinsburgh, Leven, Fife, KY9 1JS, England, Tel. +44-1333-340490, fax +44-1333-340491, e-mail: Louise@Innes14.freeserve.co.uk .
27.08-14.09. 2001	European Summer University: Federalism, Decentralisation and Diversity, Fribourg, Switzerland. Information: Fribourg University's Institut du fédéralisme, Englisberg 7, CH 1763 Granges Paccot, Switzerland, Tel: 41 26 300 81 25 or 300 81 60, Fax: 41 26 300 97 24, e-mail: joelle.cousinou@unifr.ch , http://www.federalism.ch .
31.08- 07.09.2001	World Conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, South Africa. Information: http://www.unhchr.ch or Department of Public Information, U.N. Room S-1040, New York, NY 10017, USA, tel. +1-212-963.3771, fax 1+-212-963.1186, e-mail: vasic@un.org . Inquiries from NGOs may be addressed to: Dr. Laurie Wisebert, NGO Liaison Officer, World Conference Secretariat OHCHR, Palais Wilson, Room 4-025, 52 rue des Pâquis, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland, tel. +41-22-917.9393, fax +41-22-917.9050, e-mail: lwiseberg.hchr@unog.ch .
06-10 11.2001	International Light Summit 2001, Jerusalem. Information: Michael Lightweaver, Network 2012, Box 18909, Asheville, NC. 28814, USA, E-mail: lightweave@aol.com , tel. +1-828-04-626-3966
22-28 01.2002	International Conference on Business and Consciousness, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA. Information: The Message Company, 4 Camino Azul, Santa Fe, NM 85705, USA tel +1-505-474.0998, fax +1-505-471.2584, e-mail: message@nets.com , http://www.bizspirit.com .
23.04-24.09 2004	Universal Forum of Cultures (debates, exhibitions and World Arts Festival on cultural diversity, the conditions for peace and the sustainable city), Barcelona, Spain. Contact: Barcelona 2004, Torre Mapfre, C/ de la Marina 16-18, Planta 29, E-08005 Barcelona, tel. 93-401-2004, fax 93-402-3912, e-mail: forum@barcelona2004.org , www.barcelona2004.org .