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Dear friends and co-workers!

Even in the darkest times, such as we experience today, when people all over the world live in fear of war, famine, terror attacks, epidemics, crime and unemployment, hope and light continue to exist, if only we can learn to see clearly through our misconceptions and overcome our fears and illusions.

In that, we are always helped by the inner government of our planet. Throughout time, the idea of a group of wise and enlightened beings working behind the scenes to guide our planet has been conveyed in spiritual teachings, in literature and myth. This group has ever come forth in times of crises and today will be no different. Great teachers such as Socrates, Shri Krishna, Mohammed, the Buddha and the Christ are some representatives of this group, which stand for what is best in humanity.

As we enter the Age of Aquarius, which is an age of group relationships, group activity and group development, the inner government of the planet has started to further the formation of far-sighted groups working with an awareness of the greater good. One of these groups, created more than 50 years ago, is the United Nations, established as a neutral platform where all peoples of the Earth could meet to discuss their problems and work together for peace and prosperity for all. This ideal, which inspired the U.N.

Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, has of course come up against ancient selfish tendencies in humanity, which likewise inspire organized groups on the global level: national governments, institutional religions, sects, multinational corporations and financial institutions, the weapons industry. Within all these groups, there are people who are yet unable to understand the advantages of the practical application of spiritual values such as love of truth, personal responsibility, sense of justice, constructive cooperation and selfless service. They promote competition and separative tendencies among cultures, races, religions, ignore the plight of millions of people throughout the world, condemned to a life of poverty, starvation and disease, and abuse our environment to the point where nature has practically exhausted its regeneration capacity. They have blocked practically all constructive initiatives launched by the U.N. to create an international order based on the respect for human rights (including political, cultural and economic rights). They have been working for decades against the establishment of a global social structure based on human rights, the preservation of the environment, social justice and equitable sharing of resources. They have also created a global monetary system based on speculation and a vicious circle of debt, inflation and growth, which is the main cause

IMPORTANT!

Due to increasing mailing costs, it is becoming more and more difficult for us to continue to publish and mail the paper edition of the IPS newsletter. We need to know how many people find the newsletter useful. **If you would like to continue to receive it, please write, phone or fax before the end of 2004. If we do not hear from you by then, you will be taken out from the mailing list.** Furthermore, in order to reduce our costs, we would ask all of you who have access to the internet to change from the paper to the electronic edition and to send us an e-mail address at which you can be reached. We will then notify you by e-mail every time a new issue is posted on the IPS website.

for the poverty, overconsumption and depletion of natural resources in the world today.

It is said that the hearts of the people are good, throughout the world. It is our minds that can be manipulated and misled. The world crisis today is helping to awaken more and more people and is leading us to take our destinies in our own hands, to question decisions made from above, allegedly in our own interest. All of us are now required to participate actively in the shaping of our planetary future by developing in daily life all the noble qualities

which are inherent in every human being. We have all a particular task to carry out on this planet; only when we discover what is this task can we be really happy. We will then be attracted to other co-workers with similar qualities and motivations, and together we will be strong enough to create a world based on right relations among all living beings on this planet.

As food for thought on this subject, we enclose with this newsletter a leaflet published by the Lucis Trust on "The Work of the Spiritual Hierarchy".

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Urusvati knows that indignation is sometimes appropriate. It would seem that people should know this, but it must be emphasized often, or goodness and benevolence will be misinterpreted. How can man remain silent when terrible crimes are committed before his very eyes? No one has ever advocated remaining indifferent to the debasement of human dignity, for by such indifference one allows oneself to become an accomplice of the crime.

Even earthly leaders expect people to learn to live in danger. We also advise such tension, because constant tension disciplines vibrations. It is a mistake to think that tension harms the body. On the contrary, such a conscious awareness creates the necessary metabolism that helps to renew it. Tension is not the cause of fatigue. Only depression reduces vitality, but exaltation creates a beautiful renewal. Thus, we should not fear tension; only ignorant people will regard it as a fatiguing misfortune. They will be able to relax in the grave! But a man who is ever ready to ascend will welcome the growing tension as festive gates to renewal, and will flame with indignation when the Highest concepts are degraded in his presence.

We love to see the radiance of righteous indignation. During the waning of the old world such tension is especially needed, and one should know how to direct this quality most effectively.

The thinker pointed out that indignation as a reaction to injustice can be a wonderful healing of the blind. (Supermundane, Book One: The Inner Life, paragraph 247)

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GROUP MEDITATIONS

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

UNITED NATIONS STAFF PEACE MEDITATION GROUP

02.09.2003	Culture of Peace and Non-Violence		mation by loving speech
14.10.2003	Divine Contentment	09.12.2003	Culture of Peace, conscious communication
21.10.2003	International Year of Freshwater		
18.11.2003	The Great Invocation	16.12.2003	From global world awareness to spiritual cosmic consciousness
02.12.2003	Humanity is not our enemy – transfor-		

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IPS ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

19 September 2003 - Meeting with Stephan Mögle-Stadel, Mr. And Ms. Schauffler (World Federalists) in Thun, Switzerland

27 September, 25 October, 22 November 2003 - **Course on the Seven Rays, Lucern**, organised by the Foundation Unity of All Life and moderated by Rudolf Schneider of the IPS Geneva.

2-5 November 2003 – **Conference "Planet 3000 – A View from Siberia"**, Novosibirsk, Russia, organi-

zed by The Siberian Center for Euro-Asian projects (Novosibirsk), The International Academy of Family "Radoma" (Moscow), the Institute of Planetary Synthesis (Geneva), the International Youth Movement "We are Euro-Asian children" (Kazakhstan), the International Foundation "Gene-3000", the Irkutsk Pedagogical League, the Movement of Peoples' Diplomacy (Minsk, Byelorussia). Rudolf Schneider from the IPS Geneva attended the conference.

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GROUP CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES

6-8 September 2003 – International Festival “Call of Polesie”, National Park Pripiatski, Belarus

Scientists, educators, artists, journalists, NGO representatives from Belarus, Russia, Poland, the Ukraine and Switzerland, including Rudolf Schneider from the IPS Geneva, participated in this first international ethnic, cultural and ecological festival organised to launch and promote the “Call from Polesie” project for solving ecological and social problems of the region of Polesie, which is rich in cultural traditions and natural landscapes. The project is managed by the association “Ecovita”, in cooperation with local and national authorities and international organisations. The organisation committee of Ecovita is composed of Galina Palskova, Festival Director, Taissa Rogatsch, co-ordinator, and Natalia Potapenko, scientific adviser. The contact address is: Warwascheni-Street 77-217, Minsk 220002, Belarus, tel./fax +8-10-375-17-284.08.23, 213.47.05, e-mail: eovita@tut.by, rtn3000@tut.by.

10-15 September 2003 – Yoga Living in Mürren, Switzerland: practice of yoga asanas based on the yoga energy method of Jean Klein, group meditation, lectures on the Maha Mrtyanjaya Mantra, the hymn to He who conquered over death (Shiva). The language of the Scriptures is called sandhya bhasa, or “twilight language”, because the meaning and significance of the words is not literal, it is intended to lead one to “twilight consciousness”, the subjective consciousness of the spiritual world beyond the physical world.

21 September 2003 – Evening meditation and meeting at the Geneva Centre of Brahma Kumaris University.

10-12 October 2003 – Second Seminar “Enlightenment and Education”, Moscow, Russia

This seminar was organised by the Committee on Ecology of State Duma, the Russian AWE Chapter; State Geological Museum on behalf of Vernadsky Museum; and the Association of Foreign Students in Moscow. The goal of the seminar: to stress the importance of popular enlightenment in the educational process, of personal development to form active citizens; to discuss the project “Folk University as a means of popular enlightenment”; to exchange the experiences of local learning centres (LLC) for popular education in different fields of science and social life to form active citizens; and to develop the programme of a Folk University in Moscow. The seminar is considered to be the first step for implementing new programmes of enlightenment and education and for creating a network of LLC in Russia and the CIS.

Three key speeches were made: “The Importance of Enlightenment in the Educational Process” (Jorgen

Hinsby, Denmark), “Three Aspects of Popular Education from Vernadsky’s Point of View” (Georgy Naumov, Moscow) and “The Importance of Enlightenment in Human’s Development” (Kochofa Anicet Gabriel, Benin). Rudolf Schneider (IPS Geneva) also made a contribution to the seminar.

The participants clarified the definitions of “enlightenment” and “education”. Enlightenment is not transformation of knowledge, as in traditional education, but concerns human attitude to a given knowledge, how people develop their will and ability to be active citizens. According to Vernadsky, the process has three phases: upbringing, during which a person develops his or her awareness of being a part of nature; education, by which people are made aware of the fundamental laws of nature; and enlightenment, which is the development of understanding and right attitude to current events.

The project of creating a network of LLC called “Folk University as a Means of Popular Enlightenment” was adopted. The cooperation of Danish partners will be vital to the development of this network in Russia based on the Danish model of Folk Universities.

After this seminar, Rudolf Schneider attended other events organised by the Folk University of the Russian AWE Chapter in Moscow, including a seminar for youth, “Living Values of Youth”, and a meeting with Russian scientists on “Spreading Vernadsky’s Ideas in the West”. The coordinator of the AWE Chapter is Lida Shkorkina, Central Post Office Box 361, ZHUKOVSKY, Moscow Region, 140180 Russia - C.I.S., Tel/Fax: +7-095-556 86 15, e-mail: rawe_lida@serpantin.ru. A meeting with representatives of the movement “Our Home is the Planet Earth” also took place. For more information contact: Sveta Privalskaya, Prospect Mira 112-37, Moscow 129626, Russia, tel. +7-095-287.6147, e-mail: templepeace@hotmail.com, <http://www.openweb.ru/temple>.

19 November 2003 – Celebration of World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse, organised by the World Women Summit foundation, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.woman.ch>, wwsf@vtxnet.ch.

6 December 2003 – Meeting on “Our Health is Our Business – Learning to Disobey”, Maison des Associations, Geneva, Switzerland. The object of this meeting was to share ideas on ways to become independent of the pharmaceutical industry and allopathic medicine as the only recognised health care methods, and of compulsory health insurance for all. Ms. Janine Favre, 20 rue P. Jolis-saint, CH-2610 Saint-Imier, Switzerland, tel. +41-32-941.48.43, is responsible for this initiative.

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COOPERATION WITH NGO COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUALITY, VALUES AND GLOBAL CONCERNS

Membership of the Committee is open to NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN and members of CONGO. Participation is open to NGOs, government officials, UN civil servants, UN missions, organisations and individuals that are willing to include the spiritual dimension in their lives, work and the broader area of global public policy. The contact address of its secretariat is info@spiritualcaucus.org, tel. +41-22-738.28.88, fax +41-22-738.28.89.

11 September 2003 – In the series of “Meetings with spiritual and religious leaders”, conference on “Peace and Fear” with H.H the 12th Gyalwang Drukpa (<http://www.drukpa.org>)

21 and 22 September 2003 - Peace Bell Ringing Ceremony in honour of International Day of Peace and in loving memory of all those that gave their lives for peace. The ceremony was attended on 22 September by the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.

7 December 2003 – On the eve of the World Summit on the Information Society, talk on “Conscious Communication” with Dr. Sat-Kaur Khalsa, psychologist. Dr. Khalsa addressed the basic rules of effective communication according to Western communication theory and Eastern communication

concepts. The Western concepts highlight the importance of awareness of self, awareness of others and awareness of non-verbal as well as verbal communication. Eastern concepts add to the above the awareness of Higher Self and the frequency of communication, that is the different qualities of communication according to the chakras: defensive/aggressive (base chakra), sexually oriented (sacral chakra), controlling (solar plexus), kind (heart chakra), truthful but blunt (throat chakra), truthful but diplomatic (ajna chakra), conveying universal and divine truth (crown chakra). Dr. Khalsa also showed how to practice alternate nostril breathing as a means to balance our energy level and emotions. A lively discussion followed.

3 September and 11 November - Meetings to discuss and plan the activities of the CSVGC.

COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND BELIEF. Meetings on 22 September 2002

and 2 December 2003 - Discussion of current activities: the issues of anti-semitism and islamophobia have been taken up by the NGO Committee against Racism, and are thus considered an issue of racism rather than necessarily of freedom of religion and belief. A paper by Prince Hassan of Jordan on “Rules of Conduct and Religious Dimensions of Interfaith Dialogue” is available from Charles Graves (Interfaith International, e-mail: charlesgraves@vtx.ch). These Rules of Conduct are: * Emphasise the association between theology and practicality * Begin with commonality * Take into account the Enlightenment tradition “ Embrace the principle of ‘No Coercion’ * Uphold the right to proclaim one’s own religion * Reconsider the content of education * Ensure a free flow of information * Be courageous in looking afresh at, firstly, our own and, secondly, each other’s texts, heritage, history * Develop a framework for disagreement * Accept responsibility for words and actions at all levels * Recognise the political and economic dimensions of interfaith dialogue. John Taylor reported on contacts with the International Movement for a Just World (JUST, e-mail: muza@po.jaring.my) based in Malaysia. JUST is drafting a “Proposed International Convention on the International Protection of Places of Worship”. A discussion was started on growing discrimination in many European countries against people (especially women) who wear distinctive religiously sanctioned dress. The contact e-mail for the Secretary of the committee is: echappee@bluewin.ch.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. 10 September 2003 - Task force: "Jumping the Fence - the Missing Link".

Discussion/reflection on “Peace-Building Initiatives. Culture of Peace” What is peace? Peace is a state of awareness. In order to produce a culture of peace, we should focus in producing individuals capable of integrating a culture of peace, individuals with a sufficiently solid morality and psychological capacity to make his or her peaceful way into the universe. What is the adequate, required kind of education and training for a human being of this present time? One that aims at developing an understanding of our own nature, of the natural environment in which we lead our existence, of nature and the manifestation of the transcendent universal reality. This Task Force is part of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, (e-mail: ngoosw@iprolink.ch).

5-12 December 2003 – Annual Conference of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations in consultative relationship with the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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PARTICIPATION IN UN MEETINGS

17 October 2003 – On the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, panel discussion organised by the Information Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva, in cooperation with the

NGO ATD Quart Monde on the theme: 'How do we face the challenge of eradicating poverty and guaranteeing full enjoyment of all human rights in partnership with the poorest?' The panel discussion was chaired by Bertrand Ramcharan, Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights.

24 October 2003 – Unveiling of Memorial in honour of United Nations staff who have given their lives in the service of peace, with Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of UNOG, Marlène Sequeira, Executive Secretary, Staff Coordinating Council, and Mehmet Ülkemen, Chief of Protocol.

1 December 2003 – Commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, organised by the Information Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva, with statements by Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General, UNOG, Ambassador Nugroho Wisnumurti, representative of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Ambassador Ousmane Camara, representative of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Areas of the Occupied Territories, Ambassador Saad Alfarargi, representative of the League of Arab States, Mr. Mojtaba Amiri Vahid, representative of the organisation of the Islamic Conference, Ambassador Rajmah Hussain, representative of the Non-Aligned Movement, Mr. Lamine Laabas, representative of the African Union, Ms. Edith Ballantyne, representative of NGO accredited to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, and Ambassador Nabil Ramlawi, Permanent Observer of Palestine.

15 December 2003 – Introduction and update by Mr. Cardoso, former Brazilian president, on the work of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations. This panel was established by the UN Secretary-General in order to advise him on how to enhance the engagement of civil society in the UN's deliberative processes. Further information concerning the panel's objectives and activities can be found on their website: <http://www.un.org/reform/panel.htm>.

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY, Geneva phase, 10-12 December 2003. The first phase of WSIS addressed the broad range of themes concerning the Information Society and adopted a Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action. The second phase will take place in Tunis hosted by the Government of Tunisia, from 16 to 18 November 2005. For more information, contact the WSIS Executive Secretariat, International Telecommunication Union, Place des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, <http://www.itu.int/wsis/>. Contact for Civil Society Entities: wsis.csd@ties.itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 63 61, fax: +41 22 730 63 93. Three IPS representatives attended the Summit: Rudolf Schneider, Jeannine Haefeli-Scherz and Elisabeth Rölli-Waller. Rudolf Schneider also attended the Session of the third Preparatory Commission, from 14-18 September 2003 in Geneva.

BOOKS FOR WORLD SERVERS

"You Can Change the World – The Global Citizen's Handbook for Living on Planet Earth", a report of the Club of Budapest by Ervin Laszlo, with an introduction by Mikhail Gorbachev and a contribution by Masami Saioni, ISBN 1-59079-057-X.

"Chi sono io? Who am I? Vademecum to help teenagers and young people to build a new future". International Children's Peace Council Italy (in English and Italian). Published by Edizioni Synthesis, via Silvio Pellico 25, I-10060 Pinasca/Torino, Italy, ISBN 88-86640-38-2.

"Philosophical and Spiritual perspectives on Decent Work", published by the International Labour Office, the World Council of Churches and the ILO International Institute for Labour Studies, edited by Dominique Peccoud. This report can be purchased from ILO at <http://www.ilo.org/publns> or Publications Bureau, ILO, CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland, fax +41-22-799.6938, e-mail pubvente@ilo.org.

ENCLOSURES

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CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Further Civil Society events can be found on website http://www.haguepeace.org .	
For meditations and other resources in support of UN Days and UN Year, see website of Intuition in Service, http://www.intuition-in-service.org , P.O.Box 58, Paekakariki, New Zealand, e-mail: info@intuition-in-service.org .	
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity - Creative Meditation - A Planetary Service in Support of the Work of the UN. Information: http://www.aquaac.org/un/medmtgs.html	
9 April – 21 June 04	European program Dr. E. Anantakrishna: Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland. Information: Master E. Krishnamacharya Healing Institute p/a Herman Seymus – Van Dijk (Suman), Heideolaan, 41 bus 5, B-2547, Lint, Belgium, tel. +32-3-2896023.
23 April – 24 Sept. 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 , http://www.barcelona2004.org .
30 April – 5 May 2004	Baba's visit in Fiesch, Switzerland. Organisation: Ananda Marga A.M.P.S., P.O.Box 37, D-38316 Hornburg, Germany http://www.dms.amps.org , e-mail: fiesch-info@dms.amps.org .
1-7 May 2004	Peace Through Art, international event on watercolour, Izmir, Turkey. Information: http://www.doganart.com/events/PeaceThroughArt.htm
7-10 May 2004	European Regional Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in preparation to the World Youth Peace Summit, to be held from 23 to 28 October 2004 at the UN Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Organisation: World Peace Association, 13 quai du Mont-Blanc, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland, contact: Ms. Virginia Williams, williamsv@wyps.org or Ms Shelly Vionnet, vionnets@wyps.org .
8 May 2004	Nature Sunday, Lucinges, near Geneva; in the morning, homeopathy and health, in the afternoon: local wild edible plants. Information: +33.450.43.35.04. The same courses will be repeated on 5 June 2004.
8-9 May 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, New York. 120 Wall Street 24th floor, New York, N.Y. 10005, U.S.A., tel.: +1-212-292 07 07, fax: +1-212-292 08 08, http://www.lucistrust.org .
23 May 2004	Seminar on Taithiriya Upanishad with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Geneva. Organisation: IPS Geneva.
26-31 May 2004	International Yoga Living with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Mürren, Switzerland. Information: E.K. Healing Institute, Maya Kaufmann, 6900 Lugano, tel. +41-91-968.26.39, arunachalamaya@ticino.com and Christiane Ballif, +41-21-648.46.64, chballif@bluewin.ch .
27-29 May 04	Fourth International Conference "On the threshold of the new world", Kiev. Information: Svetlana Gavrilenko, ankh@adam.kiev.ua .
29-30 May 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, Geneva. C.P. 31, CH-1211 Geneva, 20, Switzerland, Tel. +41-022-734.12.52, Fax +41-022-740.09.11, http://www.lucistrust.org .
1-8 June 2004	Seminars on spiritual psychology, esoteric anatomy with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Lucern. Zentrum Einheit allen Lebens, Elisabeth Roelli, Mettenwylstr. 5, 6006 Lucern, Switzerland, tel. +41-41-420.05.88.
5-6 June 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, London. Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF, U.K., Tel.: +4471-839 45 12, Fax: +4471-839 55 75, E-mail: london@lucistrust.org , http://www.lucistrust.org .
9-13 June	Seminars on Indian Astrology with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Obfelden/Zürich. Bickwiler Forum, Dr. Heini Suter, Brunnenweg 8, 8912 Obfelden, Switzerland, tel. +41-1-760.17.33, hi.suter@bluewin.ch
14-20 June 04	Seminars on esoteric anatomy and the miasms according to homeopathy, with Dr. E. Anantakrishna (with translation into Italian), Lugano, Switzerland. Cloris Sciaroni, via Arbostra 11a, CH-6963 Pregassona, tel. +41-91-941.20.43, cloris50@bluewin.ch .
20-30 June 04	International Festival "Altai, land of craftsmen", Altai. Victor Vizer, Elena Stepanova, tel. +7-38-54.23.41-16
22-24 June 2004	Third Peace Forum "Brest 3000", Minsk/Brest, Belarus. Taisia Rogatch, tel. +10(375-17)213.47.06, fregat3000@rambler.ru .
24-27 June 2004	"Toward a Democratic United Nations for the 21 st Century" – a conference on the reform and revitalization of the U.N., San Francisco State University. Organisation: San Francisco People's Assembly, 55 New Montgomery Street, suite 224, San Francisco, CA 94105, USA, tel. 1-415-896.2242, e-mail: sfpa@earthlink.net .
26 June 2004	General Assembly of Alcor Institute, Geneva. Institut Alcor, 5 Chemin Pré de Lug, CH-1258 Certoux/Geneva, Switzerland, http://institut.alcor.free.fr .
26-27 June 2004	International Youth Festival "Dialogue of Cultures", Valdai, Novgorod Region. Contact: Lidia Shkorkina: Central P.O.Box 361 Zhukovsky, Moscow Region 140180 Russia, tel./fax +7/095-556.86.15, e-mail: rawe-lida@mail.ru .
7-13 July 2004	Parliament of the World's Religions – pathways to peace: the wisdom of listening, the power of commitment, Barcelona, Spain. Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, P.O.Box 1630, Chicago, IL 60690-1630 USA, tel. +1-312-629.2990, fax +1-312-629.2991, e-mail info@cpwr.org , http://www.cpwr.org and Centre UNESCO de Catalunya, c/ Mallorca, 285, E-08037 Barcelona, tel. +34-934-589.595, fax +34-934-575.851, e-mail: parlament2004@unesccat.org , http://www.unescocat.org .
8 July – 19 Aug. 2004	Series of international gatherings on "Between Ideals and Selfishness: a gap to fill", Mountain House, CH-1824 Caux, Switzerland, http://www.caux.ch
20-27 July 04	7 th Forum "World Without Borders – a call from Baikal", Ulan-Ude, Russia. Information: Nina Goncharova, Zheleznodorizhnaya str, 8/1 – 250, Novosibirsk, Russia, tel/fax 7- 38-32-20-39-89 e-mail: gong@mosk.ru
5-15 August 2004	Summer University at Healing Biotope I Tamera, Monte do Cerro, P-7630 Colos, Portugal, tel. +351-283-635-306, fax –374, e-mail: tamera@mail.telepac.pt , http://www.tamera.org .
5-10 Aug. 2004	International Feng Shui and Sacred Geometry Conference, San Luis Obispo, California, USA, Information: http://www.fengshuiseminars.com .
Fall 2004	Beginning of 3-year course on "La Science de l'Âme" (one week-end every two months), Lausanne, Switzerland. Institut Alcor, 5 chemin Pré de Lug, CH-1258 Certoux/Geneva, Switzerland, http://institut.alcor.free.fr .
09-11 Sept. 04	Internet, Cultural Diversity and the Media – "Civil Society invites participation in a multilateral dialogue", Barcelona 2004, http://www.wsis-cac-bcn2004.org .
01-05 October 2004	10 th International Congress "Education for the People of the World", Moscow. Information: Andrei Shenderovich, tel. +7-095-657.72.69, shar_2@ufacom.ru .
15-17 Oct. 04	International Congress "Caucasus 3000", Rostov-on-Don. Irina Kharchenko, +86-32.62.27.51, leera@inbox.ru .
15-17 Oct. 04	The Great Rethinking: The Prophets Sedona, A Spiritual Journey into Vision, Commitment and Healing. Information: http://www.greatmystery.org/sedona04.html .
25 July – 4 Aug. 2005	Summer University at Healing Biotope I Tamera, Monte do Cerro, P-7630 Colos, Portugal, tel. +351-283-635-306, fax –374, e-mail: tamera@mail.telepac.pt , http://www.tamera.org .

Unless indicated otherwise, these events are **not** organised by the IPS.

For further details, please contact the organiser of each activity at the address given.

Organization of Studying People
G.B. Naumov (Moscow, RF)

Non scholae, sed vitae discimus!
We learn not for school but for life!

V.I. Vernadsky wrote to his wife in 1893: “I am deeply convinced of and more and more sure that there is only one possibility to make culture strong, and this possibility is to uplift the people, to make the culture needed for the people”.

The problems of education have been always in the focus of attention of advanced people. They are in the focus now. And it is not by accident. Civilization is developing faster and faster. The volume of knowledge needed for the active functioning in the changing world is proportionately increasing. Traditional educational programs cannot embrace everything needed.

No doubt, educational programs cannot be unchangeable in a quickly changing world. But what, how and why to change? Let's try to answer these questions from the point of view of Vernadsky's noospheric concept.

Noospheric Approach

The XX century, marked by the unprecedented alliance of science and technology, caused specific technical thinking, which penetrated not only science and production but human areas of public life as well and even everyday thinking. Its first steps were so impressive that they quickly caused public illusions of the all-powerfulness of technical progress. It is not by accident that the new successful scientific discoveries caused an attitude of “conquering nature”, which quickly embraced all the levels of public thinking. “We cannot expect mercy from Nature!”

Only at the end of the XX century the finding the way out of extreme situations started. Different ecological projects were developed. In spite of their diversity they had the common feature – common algorithm - based on the utopia of the last century and strong illusion of the all-powerfulness of technical progress. But it is technical progress that has caused the ecological problems with which our civilization is faced.

Cardinal way out is given by V.I. Vernadsky's teaching on biosphere and on biosphere's transformation into the sphere of mind – noosphere. Only now we start to understand the “all practical importance of his ideas” [i].

V.V. Putin, the President of the Russian Federation said very clearly about that: «In the early 20th century, Vladimir Vernadsky created a doctrine about space uniting mankind and the noosphere. It blends together interests of countries and nations, nature, society, scientific knowledge, and state policy. It is this doctrine upon which the concept of sustainable development is constructed today» [ii].

In comparison with the anthropocentric approach Vernadsky's noosphere is not only a part of nature but is created by nature and connected to it with indissoluble ties. These differences in the concept of noosphere orient us to the different ways of thinking and to the different practical steps. “As a whole, humanity is not indifferent to natural processes which take place on the surface of the Earth. In these cases it is inseparable from other organisms and does a tremendous geological work together with them”, - Vernadsky wrote. The essence of the work is in changing the direction and speed of the natural circulation of elements. A human being is not only a part of nature in these processes but he/she is their outcome, inseparably connected with them. He/she do not control the development of noosphere but only participates in its evolution. It is a typical pattern of natural geological processes. It is extremely typical that the geochemical role of cultural humanity quite corresponds to the geochemical role of living substance (iii).

The concept of noosphere embraces all spheres of human activity. Interaction of natural and human

sciences, problems of education and enlightenment are not on the last place in it. Society develops itself through its culture, in the widest sense of the word. In this we see the way of producing organization which does not only protect culture and national existence but creates the culture providing national power. Studying people is the base of wide and peaceful development of humanity [iv]

Art by essence is distraction and it always deals with general concepts, not with a concrete case. Even in portraits it is not the details of a face but the character of the face that emerges. That's why the Absolute is reflected in art and is eternal [v].

Three Levels of Education

In the noospheric concept, education and enlightenment cannot be only in accordance with advanced educational programs. It must be an uninterrupted process of lifelong learning – “studying people” (adult education). Symbolically the process might be divided into three stages:

bringing up must provide the awareness of unity between human beings and nature;

education provides cognition of basic principles of nature;

enlightenment provides our cognition of and conscious attitude towards events.

1. Bringing up. This is the foundation of our future behavior and way of life. It starts in early childhood: in the family, in the nursery, in the kindergarten. At this age a child more imitates adults rather than consciously acting. But it is precisely at that time that our memory creates stable stereotypes which will determine much of our future behavior and ways of thinking. At this period moral principles which will be used on subconscious level in the future are laid and brought up.

2. Education. At the stage from primary to higher school the foundation of scientific knowledge given to humanity throughout its history is laid. To give education and to teach is not the same. Narrow specialization is a dangerous thing.

The problems encountered by the growing generation are closely related to the noospheric concept. The principles of interaction between inert living and social origin of everything on our planet create the very base on which the further construction of theory of sustainable development of civilization is possible.

3. Enlightenment. Nowadays even within one generation scientific and technical development is accelerating so rapidly, science and technologies change so quickly that it is impossible to get knowledge at the higher school for ever. Knowledge needs to be revised now and then. This is one of the peculiar features of the current days and of the future.

Education and Noosphere

Coming back to the concept of noosphere we must remember again that its difference from technical sphere is namely in mass education – in studying people. Everything depends upon common culture and people's education, upon the ability of society to open the creative capacity of its citizens. In this case the culture of personality is a basic component of the culture of civilization.

Here the noospheric education at all stages mentioned above must not play the last role. Only in this way one can deeply understand the main conclusion of the noospheric concept: the future of humanity as a part of the united system of biosphere depends on our understanding of our connection with Nature (God, Higher Consciousness) and taking the responsibility not only for the development of society (to which all utopists strove) but for the biosphere as a whole.

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[iii] V.I. Vernadsky, “Thoughts on Modern Importance of History of Knowledge”, v.1. Dubna: Feniks 1997, pp. 131-132.

[iv] V.I. Vernadsky, “Objectives of Higher Education”. *Bulletin of Upbringing*, 1913, No.6.

[v] V.I. Vernadsky, *Letters to N.E. Vernadskaya*. M.: Nauka, 1991, p 265

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For meditations and other resources in support of UN Days and UN Year, see website of Intuition in Service, http://www.intuition-in-service.org , P.O.Box 58, Paekakariki, New Zealand, e-mail: info@intuition-in-service.org .	
The Spiritual Work of the United Nations and the Liberation of Humanity - Creative Meditation - A Planetary Service in Support of the Work of the UN. Information: http://www.aquaac.org/un/medmtgs.html	
9 April – 21 June 04	European program Dr. E. Anantakrishna: Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland. Information: Master E. Krishnamacharya Healing Institute p/a Herman Seymus – Van Dijk (Suman), Heideelaan, 41 bus 5, B-2547, Lint, Belgium, tel. +32-3-2896023.
23 April – 24 Sept. 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 , http://www.barcelona2004.org .
30 April – 5 May 2004	Baba's visit in Fiesch, Switzerland. Organisation: Ananda Marga A.M.P.S., P.O.Box 37, D-38316 Hornburg, Germany http://www.dms.amps.org , e-mail: fiesch-info@dms.amps.org .
1-7 May 2004	Peace Through Art, international event on watercolour, Izmir, Turkey. Information: http://www.doganart.com/events/PeaceThroughArt.htm
7-10 May 2004	European Regional Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in preparation to the World Youth Peace Summit, to be held from 23 to 28 October 2004 at the UN Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. Organisation: World Peace Association, 13 quai du Mont-Blanc, CH-1201 Geneva, Switzerland, contact: Ms. Virginia Williams, williamsv@wyps.org or Ms Shelly Vionnet, vionnets@wyps.org .
8 May 2004	Nature Sunday, Lucinges, near Geneva; in the morning, homeopathy and health, in the afternoon: local wild edible plants. Information: +33.450.43.35.04. The same courses will be repeated on 5 June 2004.
8-9 May 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, New York. 120 Wall Street 24th floor, New York, N.Y. 10005, U.S.A., tel.: +1-212-292 07 07, fax: +1-212-292 08 08, http://www.lucistrust.org .
23 May 2004	Seminar on Taithiriya Upanishad with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Geneva. Organisation: IPS Geneva.
26-31 May 2004	International Yoga Living with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Mürren, Switzerland. Information: E.K. Healing Institute, Maya Kaufmann, 6900 Lugano, tel. +41-91-968.26.39, arunachalamaya@ticino.com and Christiane Ballif, +41-21-648.46.64, chballif@bluewin.ch .
27-29 May 04	Fourth International Conference "On the threshold of the new world", Kiev. Information: Svetlana Gavrilenko, ankh@adam.kiev.ua .
29-30 May 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, Geneva. C.P. 31, CH-1211 Geneva, 20, Switzerland, Tel. +41-022-734.12.52, Fax +41-022-740.09.11, http://www.lucistrust.org .
1-8 June 2004	Seminars on spiritual psychology, esoteric anatomy with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Lucern. Zentrum Einheit allen Lebens, Elisabeth Roelli, Mettenwylstr. 5, 6006 Lucern, Switzerland, tel. +41-41-420.05.88.
5-6 June 2004	Arcane School Annual Conference, London. Suite 54, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EF, U.K., Tel.: +4471-839 45 12, Fax: +4471-839 55 75, E-mail: london@lucistrust.org , http://www.lucistrust.org .
9-13 June	Seminars on Indian Astrology with Dr. E. Anantakrishna, Obfelden/Zürich. Bickwiler Forum, Dr. Heini Suter, Brunnenweg 8, 8912 Obfelden, Switzerland, tel. +41-1-760.17.33, hi.suter@bluewin.ch
14-20 June 04	Seminars on esoteric anatomy and the miasms according to homeopathy, with Dr. E. Anantakrishna (with translation into Italian), Lugano, Switzerland. Cloris Sciaroni, via Arbostra 11a, CH-6963 Pregassona, tel. +41-91-941.20.43, cloris50@bluewin.ch .
20-30 June 04	International Festival "Altai, land of craftsmen", Altai. Victor Vizer, Elena Stepanova, tel. +7-38-54.23.41-16
22-24 June 2004	Third Peace Forum "Brest 3000", Minsk/Brest, Belarus. Taisia Rogatch, tel. +10(375-17)213.47.06, fregat3000@rambler.ru .
24-27 June 2004	"Toward a Democratic United Nations for the 21 st Century" – a conference on the reform and revitalization of the U.N., San Francisco State University. Organisation: San Francisco People's Assembly, 55 New Montgomery Street, suite 224, San Francisco, CA 94105, USA, tel. 1-415-896.2242, e-mail: sfpa@earthlink.net .
26 June 2004	General Assembly of Alcor Institute, Geneva. Institut Alcor, 5 Chemin Pré de Lug, CH-1258 Certoux/Geneva, Switzerland, http://institut.alcor.free.fr .
26-27 June 2004	International Youth Festival "Dialogue of Cultures", Valdai, Novgorod Region. Contact: Lidia Shkorkina: Central P.O.Box 361 Zhukovsky, Moscow Region 140180 Russia, tel./fax +7/095-556.86.15, e-mail: rawe-lida@mail.ru .
7-13 July 2004	Parliament of the World's Religions – pathways to peace: the wisdom of listening, the power of commitment, Barcelona, Spain. Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, P.O.Box 1630, Chicago, IL 60690-1630 USA, tel. +1-312-629.2990, fax +1-312-629.2991, e-mail info@cpwr.org , http://www.cpwr.org and Centre UNESCO de Catalunya, c/ Mallorca, 285, E-08037 Barcelona, tel. +34-934-589.595, fax +34-934-575.851, e-mail: parlament2004@unesccat.org , http://www.unescocat.org .
8 July – 19 Aug. 2004	Series of international gatherings on "Between Ideals and Selfishness: a gap to fill", Mountain House, CH-1824 Caux, Switzerland, http://www.caux.ch
20-27 July 04	7 th Forum "World Without Borders – a call from Baikal", Ulan-Ude, Russia. Information: Nina Goncharova, Zheleznodorizhnaya str, 8/1 – 250, Novosibirsk, Russia, tel/fax 7- 38-32-20-39-89 e-mail: gong@mosk.ru
5-15 August 2004	Summer University at Healing Biotope I Tamera, Monte do Cerro, P-7630 Colos, Portugal, tel. +351-283-635-306, fax –374, e-mail: tamera@mail.telepac.pt , http://www.tamera.org .
5-10 Aug. 2004	International Feng Shui and Sacred Geometry Conference, San Luis Obispo, California, USA, Information: http://www.fengshuiseminars.com .
Fall 2004	Beginning of 3-year course on "La Science de l'Âme" (one week-end every two months), Lausanne, Switzerland. Institut Alcor, 5 chemin Pré de Lug, CH-1258 Certoux/Geneva, Switzerland, http://institut.alcor.free.fr .
09-11 Sept. 04	Internet, Cultural Diversity and the Media – "Civil Society invites participation in a multilateral dialogue", Barcelona 2004, http://www.wsis-cac-bcn2004.org .
01-05 October 2004	10 th International Congress "Education for the People of the World", Moscow. Information: Andrei Shenderovich, tel. +7-095-657.72.69, shar_2@ufacom.ru .
15-17 Oct. 04	International Congress "Caucasus 3000", Rostov-on-Don. Irina Kharchenko, +86-32.62.27.51, leera@inbox.ru .
15-17 Oct. 04	The Great Rethinking: The Prophets Sedona, A Spiritual Journey into Vision, Commitment and Healing. Information: http://www.greatmystery.org/sedona04.html .
25 July – 4 Aug. 2005	Summer University at Healing Biotope I Tamera, Monte do Cerro, P-7630 Colos, Portugal, tel. +351-283-635-306, fax –374, e-mail: tamera@mail.telepac.pt , http://www.tamera.org .

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