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This year is characterized by upheavals at all levels and in all areas of human activity. Humanity is going through a crisis of re-orientation, and all individuals and groups are challenged to re-examine their priorities, their way of life. The IPS was no exception: at this year's annual conference, just four people were present. Days and even hours before the conference started, the 10 other participants who had planned to be present wrote, faxed or phoned to say that unforeseen circumstances forced them to stay away. Some did not even give any news, just did not appear.

We started therefore this year's General Assembly with a silent meditation dedicated to understanding the reasons for such a crisis. Each one then expressed his or her ideas. Besides the constellations that are affecting humanity as a whole, this General Assembly marked the end of a 12 year cycle in the life of our group organism. A new cycle begins, and it is important at every new beginning to sit back, clarify motivations and set goals clearly.

We agreed that the tasks that were set for the IPS at its beginning are still valid: to make known the 10 seed-groups as a possible basis of the future world civilization; to help establish a University for Planetary Synthesis for the practice of the science of man; to promote cooperation on a global scale among far-sighted individuals, groups and organizations. These are the tasks of the IPS within the New Group of World Servers. They are not our property nor our creation, as they were proposed by the Spiritual Hierarchy. We have just accepted to do our part in the One Work. Many of our members have also taken up other tasks within other group organisms; there are in fact no separations, because there is only One Work, One Spiritual Group. Each group, however, has its own task, its own priorities, and the field of labour is so large that there is no place for competition among the various groups. What we would like all our friends and co-workers to understand is that the IPS is not a basket that can be filled with whatever one wants to put into it. Contributions from other groups are gladly accepted, when they help us to carry out our own tasks, but we cannot take up activities that other groups are already developing or which do not directly relate to our group tasks. The need for **centering** emerged.

Another guiding principle of the IPS is that we only respond to needs, we do not initiate anything if there is no demand for it. The only initiative that was ever taken in the whole history of the IPS was the initiative to write a letter to a few friends, proposing the creation of the IPS to respond to the need of developing a horizontal group activity, instead of working only vertically, i.e., not only meditate and study but also develop practical service activities in order to interconnect all groups of servers according to the 10 seed-group structure proposed by the Spiritual Hierarchy. The whole IPS group organism then slowly developed from this single initial initiative, on the principle of responding to expressed or felt needs to the best of our abilities. There is no desire to do this or that, just a willingness to accept whatever comes and is required from us. This could be summarized as **responding to the needs**. When responding to the needs, we should always keep in mind the following guideline: we need to choose all that is conducive to the physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and social health and well-being of humanity and the other kingdoms of nature,

and discard or convert all that is harmful. This is a task to be carried out collectively, on the global, international, national and regional levels, but also by each and every one of us, in all families and communities.

Finally, and this is a question that each one has to clarify for him or herself, in the light of love of truth, what is our motivation as world servers? Is the will to serve sufficiently strong in us that we are not deviated by unfavourable or apparently unfavourable circumstances from the task we set ourselves? What is our motivation as IPS members? Do we only want to benefit from it, or are we willing to contribute to the common work? In this connection, we recommend the study of the chapter on "The law of service" in *Esoteric Psychology*, vol. II, by Master Djwhal Khul (pp. 118-146), and quote here another passage from the same book:

"Service and obedience are the great methods of release, and constitute the underlying causes which will bring the Law of Repulse into play, thus aiding the aspirant to attain the longed-for liberation. Service releases him from his own thought life and self determination. Obedience to his own soul integrates him into the larger whole, wherein his own desires and urges are negated in the interest of the wider life of humanity, and of God Himself. God is the Great Server and expresses His divine life through the Love of His heart for humanity.

Serve and obey! These are the watchwords of the disciple's life. They have been distorted into terms of fanatical propaganda and have thus produced the formulas of philosophy and of religious theology; but these formulas do, at the same time, veil a truth. They have been presented to the consideration of man in terms of personality devotions and of obedience to masters and leaders, instead of service of, and obedience to, the soul in all. The truth is, however, steadily emerging, and must inevitably triumph. Once the aspirant upon the Probationary Path has a vision of this (no matter how slight it may be), then the law of desire which has governed him for ages will slowly and surely give place to the Law of Repulse, which will, in time, free him from the thralldom of not-self. It will lead him to those discriminations and that dispassionate attitude which is the hallmark of the man who is on his way to liberation. Let us remember, however, that a discrimination which is based upon a determination to be free, and a dispassion which is the indication of a hard heart, will land the aspirant in the prison of a crystallized shell, which is far harder to break than the normal prison of the life of the average selfish man. This selfish spiritual desire is oft the major sin of so-called esotericists and must be carefully avoided. Therefore, he who is wise will apply himself to serve and obey." (pp. 157-159)

We have then asked ourselves if the idea at the basis of an annual General Assembly is still valid for a decentralized organism such as the IPS. The General Assembly is part of the legal structure imposed by man-made laws (in this case, Swiss law ruling associations). Of course, it is a democratic institution that gives all members the opportunity to express their views on the policies and running of the association. In the case of the IPS, however, membership is highly informal: members do not pay membership fees, are scattered all over the world and have no officially imposed obligations towards the organization. In fact, the only definition we have been able to give of IPS membership is identification with one or more of its three tasks. We propose therefore to amend the Statutes of the IPS so that General Assemblies need take place only once every three years, to elect the Executive Committee and International Board of Advisors. If the need is felt, they can of course take place more often. Otherwise we will only send out every year a General Report on achievements of the past year and goals for the coming year, as well as the financial balance sheet for approval by the members. Consultations with the members can take place in a more informal way, in writing or by other means of communication.

A certain procedure needs to be followed, however, for amendments to the Statutes to be legally valid. The amendment proposal must be included in the agenda of a General Assembly, either the ordinary annual one or an extraordinary assembly convoked for that purpose. We propose therefore to include this amendment proposal in the agenda of next year's General Assembly, to be held on the week-end preceding the Full Moon of Taurus, on 25 April 1994. As the time approaches, we will see what shape next year's assembly will take, according to expressed needs. Your proposals are welcome!

We have for example asked ourselves whether the dry business of a General Assembly is sufficient to attract members to Geneva. Should we hold at the same time a kind of Congress on Planetary Synthesis, with guest speakers, along the same lines as the Annual Conferences of the Arcane School? There are however already so many conferences going on, a certain saturation has been reached. The need of the time is much more for practical undertakings. In that respect, Elisabeth Rölli pointed out that the gathering could undertake some concrete task, not only discussions and speeches. For example, meditate to anchor light in the United Nations. Another suggestion was to hold a gathering on the 10 seed-groups, with 10 working groups that would discuss possible service activities and projects in each field, then take decisions and present them to the whole group in a plenary session.

General elections

The list of proposed members of the Executive Committee and International Board of Advisors was unanimously approved. The Executive Committee has, as before, seven members. Bernard Pardo, our previous President, has resigned, because he cannot dedicate to the IPS as much time as he would wish too, because of his other commitments as an artist and art editor. Sally Curry, Director of the World Information Clearing Center (WICC) and International Association Interaction (IAIA) is our new President. As already announced in newsletter 62, a group triangle has been formed by IPS, WICC and IAIA. This group triangle is closely linked to the triangle of meditation (IPS), study (WICC, as distributor of information) and service (Interaction, with practical business projects). Sally Curry lives in Geneva and

we are looking forward to our work together in this new triangle. The only reason she could not be present at this year's General Assembly is that when she received the invitation to participate she had already booked a flight for Canada in the week before the General Assembly and could not change the dates.

The International Board of Advisors is now composed of 20 members, including one or two representatives from each IPS branch or centre and some other persons who work closely together with us. In total, the Executive Committee and the International Board of Advisors form a group of 27 persons. This wide representation reflects the extent to which we have succeeded in decentralising our group organism; the branches become more and more autonomous and assume increasing responsibilities for carrying out commonly agreed tasks.

Members of the Executive Committee and International Board of Advisors from 1993 to 1996:

Executive Committee

Sally Curry, President
Jean-Marie Mauler, Vice-President
Rudolf Schneider, Secretary General
Alice Boainain-Schneider,
(First Secretary & Treasurer)
Claudette Falatakis-Müller,
(Second Secretary & Treasurer)
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Elias Carreño Peralta, Peru
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USA
José Maria Casas Simorra, Spain

The other points on the agenda were quickly gone over, as there was not much to discuss or report on each point. We plan to participate in the International Conference on "Creating a Conflict-free Society through Education in Global Consciousness" in Zhukovsky, at the beginning of October, which we helped to organize with the IPS-Moscow for the City Council of Zhukovsky, and maybe to participate in a gathering organized by the IPS-USA in Miami. In addition, the study group on the 7 rays in cooperation with the Foundation "Unity of All Life" will continue, and a new study and working group on "The Task of Switzerland in the New Age" might also be created. Last year's projects for the University for Planetary Synthesis did not materialize. We have started an exchange of letters with Dr. Robert Muller on the subject, who is very enthusiastic about the idea and says he has been hearing about similar endeavours from various quarters, showing that the need for such a Centre of Planetary Synthesis is making itself increasingly felt.

Another important aspect of our work in the coming year will continue to be global networking. With our new computer facilities we will be able to publish lists of addresses according to the 10 seed-groups and thus help servers in the various seed-groups to link up with each other. Various requests have already been made for this kind of service. In addition, we feel that each country or region needs to establish its own network on a firm basis, so that all far-sighted groups in each country or region are linked to a national or regional node. These national and regional nodes can then link up with each other, share resources, help each other and pass on information to each other and to their own members. All efforts that have been made until now to create global networks are a partial success only, because no single group has the capacity to be in touch with all groups around the world (they number hundreds of thousands, today). If each country or region, however, develops its own network, that should make it easier for information to flow and for mutual help to be offered whenever required. Translation would also be easier.

Another important project for the coming months is the reprinting of the poster on "The New Group of World Servers"; the first edition of 1000 copies is already out of print, and there is still much demand for this poster. This time we plan to print it in 5 languages: English, German, French, Italian and Russian, and in two formats, one large format for group presentations and one small format for individual study and use. This is a major publication project, and we have entrusted a company in France with the task of calculating overall costs and coordinating the whole publication. They have calculated the total cost of the project at 74.000 French Francs (about 21.000 Swiss francs) ventilated as follows among the various languages:

French, Italian and German, 500 small posters and 500 big posters in each language, total cost = 3.800 Swiss francs each language.

Russian 1000 small posters and 500 big posters, total cost = 5.100 Swiss francs.

English 1000 small posters and 500 big posters, total cost = 4.800 Swiss francs.

This is a major expense item in the coming year, and donations will be required and welcome!

Other plans for the coming year are mentioned in the sections "Planned for the 13th year of activity" of the enclosed "Report on the 12th year of activity". They include: organizing and cataloguing our lending library; continuing to reprint our publications in German and translating them into other languages; helping to finance the translation and publication in Russian of the books "The Reappearance of the Christ" and "Education in the New Age" in cooperation with the Lucis Trust, with funds collected for the "Maitreya Project: Fund for the Preparation of the Reappearance of the Christ"; and cooperating with the University of the Seven Rays in Europe.

To conclude the conference, we accompanied our two co-workers from Lucerne to the Botanical Gardens in Geneva, before they took their train back home.