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Present:

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Brazil/Switzerland
CURRY Sally, Canada/Switzerland
FALATAKIS-MULLER Claudette, Switzerland
GITANJALI Dash, India

JEAN-LOUIS Philippe, France
REMUS Marion, Germany/Bolivia
SCHNEIDER Rudolf, Germany/Switzerland
SHKORKINA Lida, Russia
WOCHNER Marcia K., USA

Excused:

AKA BILE Olivier Koutoua, Ivory Coast
BAILEY Keith, USA
BOCHAROVA Tamara, Ukraine
DARBO Abdoulie A.K., Gambia
FOFANA Assane, Ivory Coast
HOARAU Marie-Louise, Reunion
JANSEN-HAUFE Ruth, Holland
KARAVAEVA Antonina Agapovna, Ukraine
KIYEDI-NKWENO Aimé, Congo (Dem. Rep.)
KONGOLO J.P., Congo (Dem. Rep.)
MADJIKORAI M. Gérard, Togo

MANANGA Albert, Congo (Dem. Rep.)
MAULER Jean-Marie, Switzerland
MITRUCHINA Evgenia Andreevna, Ukraine
NGAMWANYA NDELA NGOMBA Léon
Cléophas, Congo (Dem. Rep.)
PETIT Patrick, Germany
RANDRIAMAMONJY Jean Richard,
Madagascar
RASATA Nilson Roger, Madagascar
RASOAMAKA Andrianarivo, Madagascar
YEGOROV Vitaly, Russia

Chairman: Rudolf Schneider **Secretary:** Alice Boainain-Schneider

Our gathering started in the morning, with the Gemini Full Moon meditation (exact hour). Following the traditional way of calculating the Full Moon festivals in Asia, this was the Wesak Full Moon, the Festival of the Buddha, the second Full Moon after the first New Moon following the entrance of the Sun into Aries. This is also the tradition followed by the Christian Churches of Asia to calculate Easter (the first Full Moon after the first New Moon following the entrance of the Sun into Aries). In the West, because of the Gregorian calendar, the basis for the calculation is not the same, and therefore every 3 years the dates of Easter and Wesak do not coincide in the East and West.

Rudolf Schneider welcomed the participants and opened the General Assembly. He then proposed that the participants introduce themselves. Here is a brief outline of their introductions, in the order of presentation:

Philippe Jean-Louis lives in Paris, is an osteopath and member of research groups on healing and the etheric body.

Marcia K. Wochner, Ohio, USA, business coach, psychologist (graduated in clinical psychology and group process and also in Business Administration), founder of IPS-USA.

Lida Shkorkina, Moscow region, member of IPS Moscow, teacher, Director of private school, coordinator of international educational programs and international conferences on world citizenship on behalf of IPS.

Marion Remus, Germany, living in Bolivia for the past 12 years, founded a Centre for harmonious development of the human being, organises workshops for teachers from abroad, mainly on education and health; contact person for the IPS in Bolivia.

Gitanjali Dah, India, graduated in business and management, Director of New Age Institute for Synthetic Studies (IPS contact group) inspired by Sri Aurobindo teachings but open to other teachings. The Institute publishes periodicals on World Creation, Management and political and international relations ("Groundwork"), holds full moon meditations and distributes IPS materials.

Sally Curry, Canada, lives in Geneva, teacher by profession, main concern: awakening of human potential to realize our unity, because lack of awareness creates separateness. Works with several NGOs in Geneva (World Informational Clearing Centre, Interaction, For Humanity's Future), but main work is to write articles to dispel the illusions of separateness and powerlessness.

Rudolf Schneider, Germany, background as machine designer, his life changed in 1972, when he moved to Geneva to work for the Arcane School. Saw lack of cooperation between groups, then discovered the 10 seed-group structure in the books of the Tibetan master, and proposed to work to establish greater cooperation among groups.

Alice Boainain-Schneider, Brazil, studied languages at the University of Geneva and has worked as secretary for the IPS since 1984.

Claudette Falatakis-Müller, Switzerland, IPS member since 1981, by profession secretary in the legal department of a pharmaceutical company in Geneva.

Rudolf Schneider then presented his general report on the 16th to 19th years of activities of the Institute: its main points are summarized in the enclosed report. However, he highlighted especially the need to understand four essential steps in the development of humanity. The first is goodwill, which leads to right human relations, out of which grows peace as dynamic creativity, and the final result is life more abundantly for all on Earth. Our priorities today are to live goodwill in all circumstances, at all levels (physical, emotional, mental), individually and as groups (considering that a nation, a region, a business company, a government department, are also groups).

Alice Boainain-Schneider then presented the financial balance sheets for 1996, 1997 and 1998, and the auditor's report. Brigitta Andermatt did us again the favour of auditing our accounts in great detail, for which we sincerely thank her! The balance sheets were then approved.

The next point in the agenda was the election of the Executive and Consultative Committees for the next 3 years. The present Executive Committee proposed to keep the same membership in both Committees, with a few modifications. Dr. Pasini and Luisa Pasini have asked to withdraw from the Executive Committee. We propose replacing them with Marcia K. Wochner, founder of IPS-USA. Elias Carreño Peralta has withdrawn from the Consultative Committee. We proposed the following new members of the Consultative Committee: Patrick Petit and Lisinka Ulatowska, for their work in representing the Institute at the United Nations; Marion Remus, Jonathan Eveleigh, Gitanjali Dash and Lida

Shkorkina, for their work on behalf of the IPS in their countries (Bolivia, England, India and Russia). Lida Shkorkina proposed one of her co-workers, Mr. Vitaly Yegorov, for his valuable work of translating the IPS publications into Russian. All these proposals were unanimously accepted. In this way, all IPS branches are represented in the Executive and Consultative Committees.

After lunch, we resumed with the meditation for planetary synthesis and with the discussion of future projects. The first project discussed was the project presented by letter by Albert Mananga, President of IPS-Congo, who could not be present because of visa delays. He described in his letter the activities of the IPS-Congo (conferences, Full Moon meditations, television broadcasts). He also mentioned that many people from different parts of the Congo would like to take part in IPS activities, but lived too far away from Kinshasa, where the IPS branch is located. He therefore proposed to start a tour of his country, going to its 10 remaining regions to give conferences and talks about the IPS, with the aim of creating in these areas other branches of the IPS.

The response from the participants in the Assembly was to congratulate him on the work done until now, and on his beautiful vision of an IPS network in Congo. Two points were highlighted, however. First, that a network is like a spider's web. Even if the spider has the vision of the whole web, it proceeds slowly, thread by thread. Second, that it is better to go only where there is a positive demand, expressed as a concrete commitment, that is, the willingness of the people to cover at least accommodation and living expenses of the lecturer, rent of the conference room and display of posters around town, which were 3 points for which Albert Mananga asked for financial help from the IPS Geneva. If the local people are not willing to cover at least these expenses, this shows that their interest is not sufficient. Consequently, the IPS Geneva would be willing to cover only the travel expenses mentioned in this networking plan, in successive steps.

Sally Curry, who had to leave early, then presented her vision of helping to create an informed, enlightened public opinion. It is necessary to find practical ways to present to humanity our spiritual heritage, to evoke a response from humanity's soul instead of blasting it with materialistic views and separateness, as do the mainstream media. In the debate that followed, Rudolf Schneider expressed his vision that maybe the guides of the race are letting the materialistic forces develop global infrastructures, before taking over and pouring spiritual guidance through the thus-created channels. Part of our work is to create a concentrated mental demand for change that will cause the Hierarchy and Shamballa to respond. Any constructive thoughts will contribute to reinforce this demand.

Philippe Jean-Louis understands that today's increasing concentration of power is depriving increasing numbers of people from the benefits of the material way of life. As a result, more and more people are awakening to the failure of the materialistic world order. It is now important to give examples of alternative ways of living and doing based on goodwill. The African, South American and Asian continents have much to contribute, especially Africa, because it is less affected by Western ways of thinking and acting. Jean-Louis has been reflecting for a long time on solutions to three important problems: the sharing and the quality of water, money and information. He also thinks that much needs to be destroyed in Africa, although not in the way it is being done today. Something should be done to preserve and nurture the seed of spirituality in Africa, so that it may some day make its contribution to the world community.

Marion Remus then described the work she does in her "Centro de Luz Sol" in Bolivia. The centre is dedicated to the principles of understanding the unity of all life, of being one family and sharing one planet, and brotherhood with nature. It is located in virgin forest, an ideal place for communion with nature. She has been building up the centre over the last

few years, but the lack of infrastructures (electricity, telephone, roads) and the distance between cities make it difficult to attract people to the centre, even though her dream is to create a community there.

Lida Shkorkina said that various educational groups are informally organised throughout the former Soviet Union: Bielorrussia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Siberia and the Urals. Annual regional gatherings are held to discuss activities. Every year, for example, a Festival is celebrated in Odessa, dedicated to Pedagogy in the 21st century, during which group activities in the field of education are presented. Vitaly Yegorov has also been helping to translate spiritual books, and the groups meet to discuss how to implement human values in daily life, such as in the relationship between parents or teachers and children. Among the external activities of the groups are their connection with the IPSIPS and other international programs, and the organisation of conferences on education to world citizenship. Since 1998, the group has succeeded in starting roundtables at the Duma every month to discuss various topics, including the Danish system of education. The group cooperates with Danish educators to develop a school following the Danish system of education based on democracy and responsibility. The school is a cultural and educational centre of the community.

Marcia K. Wochner said that since the US branch of the IPS has just been created and she has often been away, participating in conferences on behalf of the IPS, not many activities have been developed yet. Their focus remains to be discovered.

Gitanjali Dash asked two questions: if the IPS would agree to organise conferences in other parts of the world, and if her Institute could reproduce articles from the IPS newsletter in its publications. The answer is that if a local group is willing to organise a conference, the IPS will consider sponsoring it, in the same way it sponsors the series of conferences on "Education to World Citizenship" in Russia. We also allow other groups to reproduce IPS articles in their publications, provided they mention where they came from and leave the text intact.

We concluded the General Assembly with a short meditation on the theme: what are our further steps in this global synthesis work, as individuals and as a group? All friends and co-workers are invited to meditate on this question, and to share their insights with each other and the IPS group in Geneva, on an ongoing basis, until our next meeting during the Wesak Full Moon of 2002.