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Thanks to the kind help of Aleksandr Ilchuk and the World Servers Network, the IPS General Assembly was held for the third time online, using a platform called gotowebinar. Owing to the travel and gathering restrictions still in force in Switzerland and in many countries, only Rudolf Schneider, Alice Boainain-Schneider and Claudette Falatakis-Muller met at the IPS office in Geneva.

Rudolf and Alice guided the meditation for planetary synthesis in English and French.

We had a technical problem with our microphone after the meditation and all sound was cut off. Unfortunately, this happened while Rudolf and Alice were presenting the report of activities and we only noticed it when we passed the floor to Lisinka Ulatowska to present the IPS activities at the UN in New York.

The detailed report of activities is contained in a separate document, "2017-2020 Report of Activities.pdf".

Lisinka focussed on three aspects of her work at the UN in New York. The first aspect is the Commons Cluster, which aims to connect the grassroots with government representatives at the United Nations. The group synthesises ideas, best practices and projects from all over the world on certain issues and sends the synthesis documents to heads of State and government, UN ambassadors and agencies. Its members also attend conferences, whenever possible, to present such ideas. The approach is therefore to provide a planetary synthesis between peoples and governments for the welfare of all: humanity and nature. This is the spiritual basis of this planetary synthesis.

We have found that it is difficult to integrate nature in the international agenda of the sustainable development goals, nature as an active member of our planetary society. For this, it is necessary to learn to listen to nature, not only consider it as an economic resource. It is also necessary to translate the insights from indigenous peoples, activists, etc. into academic and UN language. The group published for this purpose 3 volumes on a nature-centred approach to the SDGs, entitled: "Transforming our World in Harmony with Nature. Integrating Nature into the Implementation of the SDGs".

Another project was a video made with Fritjof Capra on a system-centred approach to achieving the SDGs.

Finally, the third project was a paper on a system-centred approach, highlighting the three dimensions of sustainable development: nature, society and the economy. Finally, a paper on which we are working now is that of proposing a unity-centred approach to the SDGs.

After these reports, Lisinka Ulatowska opened the discussion by saying that the COVID crisis, in spite of all the suffering it causes, gives humanity a tremendous opportunity to change the direction in which humanity is going. Gutierres, the UN Secretary-General, has also stated that it is not possible to continue as before. Is there any way in which all the spiritually-minded groups can come together to help the planet as a whole? Through meditation, of course, but also some project to help the grassroots to thrive without becoming part of the industrialised society. United, even the weak are strong, said Rudolf.

Alice said the IPS in Geneva is willing to continue to establish contacts between groups. Lisinka mentions that the ability to create a vision to mobilise people to work together is something that is missing in the world today. A global vision like that proposed by Kennedy, "do not ask what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country".

Rudolf says that it is important to see ourselves as planetary citizens, not as citizens of different countries. We are all born on planet Earth. The national State structure caused many wars. If we all live in planetary consciousness, we speak to each other with respect and harmony. A proposal was made by one of the Masters that everybody learns not only the mother tongue, but also English as a planetary language.

Jennifer Viloria is with the group for the first time. She comes from Manila, in the Philippines, where she learned about the Masters of Wisdom, the World Goodwill, etc. She now lives in London and has been seeking for other like-minded groups, thus she found the IPS site on the internet. She has also been asking myself how to be useful for humanity. Her background is international finances and investment. So her concern is how to develop entrepeneurship with heart, how to connect entrepeneurs to the people at the bottom of the pyramid. There is a need to change the way in which we use our money in order to manifest the divine Plan.

Rudolf added, the human being is a son of God. We are sent to Earth with a task to help achieve the divine Plan.

Maurice Brooks, from Dhaka, Bangladesh, also found the IPS on the Internet. He works at ILO (6 years) and has been a member of AMORC for the past 24 years, mentioned under seed-group of educators in the Directory of Seed-Groups. He works on workplace safety at the ILO, that falls under SDG 8, target 8, decent work. It is his first time in this group and he is seeking for ways to go further in his work to serve humanity.

Rudolf reminds us of the importance of the golden rule, "treat others as you want to be treated". It is a mirror we should always have in front of us. It is a wonderful tool to eliminate egocentric attitudes in our daily life.

Lisinka thinks there are two aspects: to be the change you want, to act upon ourselves, and then to act within society. In that sense, Jennifer and Maurice could connect to further their mutual work.

Susana Acle, from Brazil, thinks that we should reinforce the subjective link and unity of purpose. She proposes we do the meditation on planetary synthesis regularly, maybe with an internet connection, half an hour a week, to come together and exchange ideas, improve our communication channel. Or even once a month. With all that is happening now, it is a golden opportunity to promote planetary synthesis.

Marjolijn Snippe, from the Netherlands, an old friend who used to live in Geneva. She is connected to the World Federalist Movement, internationally and in the Netherlands, to the Centre for UN Constitutional Research in Brussels, and many other groups who are working to make the UN more effective and democratic to solve world problems. Gatherings like this help to find a synthesis between all these groups

working in different fields, such as Jennifer from the financial field and Maurice from the UN. It should be possible to propose new solutions to achieve a more fair world society.

Lisinka proposes that a group be formed to work on these issues.

Hélène Pignol, France, found the IPS via the internet. She shares many of our values but she would need a few clarifications. She was surprised by the line "great is the darkness" in the mantra for hierarchical work. Energy is directed to where our attention is focussed, so mentioning it in the mantra could increase the darkness. Marjolijn 100% agrees. Why was this mantra selected?

Alice explains that this mantra was selected because it best portrays the hierarchical work we are seeking to do. There is great darkness in the world, we must be aware of it before attempting to bring in the light. This mantra was taken from a book of the Agni Yoga series, by Helena Roerich inspired by Master Morya.

Rudolf says that there are many people in the world who are not aware of the darkness, so it is important to mention it. In the beginning of the spiritual path, many people seek for something new for themselves. However, one should always work for the common good, and we are then automatically included.

Hélène thinks that good and evil are just polarities, experiences.

Susana mentions that as observers, we must recognise the good and evil in the world. Since these mantras were given by the Masters, we do not change anything in them.

Rudolf also says that we are not yet on a holy path, we are still seeking. We must always be inclusive, then we can change the world. Anytime we reject something that comes to us, we create a problem. Everything that comes to us has a message, we must open ourselves to it and if we do not want it, we must find out why.

We are going through a tremendous process of change, in preparation for the Aquarian Age. The change has to be in us, around us and everywhere. That is why we have such a turbulence on the planet. It is the final washing step.

He sees the designation of Tatiana Valovaya as Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva as a sign. All intelligent women have a tremendous task to accomplish in the New Age. He wishes us to send all our positive energy for the next Secretary-General of the UN to be a woman. We can thus prepare in a mental, not emotional way, to cooperate with the Christ and the Masters.

Claudette remarks that the opposite sign to Aquarius is Leo, who is often very dictatorial, at least in politics. Seeing all these women being elected in the Swiss and Geneva government, she thought that they were put there to take the responsibility or blame for the coming catastrophe. Alice remarks that often women are given the job when everything is going badly. Rudolf adds that women have the quality of caring.

Lisinka remarked that she also knows of a project using the LETS system, linking local LETS systems, which exists already in 66 countries of the world, sometimes more than one in a country, and an international currency such as bitcoin or blockchain, in order to create a basic income for people. Then there is the self-financing world Marshall plan Peter Kooistra, which proposes a universal basic income.

We could then start a group work consisting of a meditation on planetary synthesis, as proposed by Susana, followed by an exchange of ideas, as proposed by Lisinka, on the development of local economies, especially after the Covid crisis.

Susana says a deep understanding of the energy of synthesis is needed today. She proposes that we take some time every day to study what is the energy of synthesis, which is much more than will-to-good. It is the primary divine energy that moves the universe. It is a great inclusivity. So she proposes that we prepare for this meditation by studying the subject of synthesis, to invoke the energy of synthesis during the meditation. This would create the triangle of meditation, service (the practical projects) and study. The paper "The Path to Planetary Synthesis" can be used as study material, for example. This is available on the site of the IPS in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish.

Marjolijn proposes we have this group meeting the first Sunday of every month. The first meeting on synthesis will be held on Sunday, 7th June, at 14:00 Central European time. Alice will co-ordinate. Those interested to participate are invited to inform her and share their e-mail addresses with the other participants. They can send Alice a short paper on their ideas and projects, at least two weeks before the meditation, who will then forward it to all the others.

Alice presented the financial report of the last 3 years. The main expenses over the past 3 years were the design and maintenance of the IPS website, travel and participation in conferences and a donation to the IPS Congo branch, to enable them to organise a series of conferences in Kinshasa. All income is from donations. The detailed financial report is contained in the document "Accounts 2017-2020.pdf".

After the accounts were accepted and the Treasurer was discharged, followed the election of the executive and consultative committees.

The executive committee was re-elected for the next 3 years.

Two members of the Consultative Committee have retired, Guy Roux and Lida Shkorkina. We thank them for the many contributions they have made towards the work of the IPS throughout the years. Guy Roux supplied many useful contacts in the NGO community in Geneva, and Lida Shkorkina is one of our oldest co-workers, having helped to organise IPS conferences in Moscow 30 years ago already.

Three new members have joined the Consultative Committee: Christiane Ballif, Katie and Philippe Tellier. Christiane has contributed to the work of the IPS for many years, translating Dr. Krishnamacharya's books into French and helping to translate many other texts. Katie and Philippe Tellier are members of the group Fraternités, in France, with whom the IPS forms a group triangle, together with Institut Alcor.

The new Consultative Committee for the period 2020-2023 now has 20 members, 10 women and 10 men.

The group discussion resumed after the elections and is summarised above in this report.

The General Assembly was concluded with the full moon meditation of Taurus (Wesak), guided by Rudolf Schneider

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE 22nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 3 MAY 2020

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