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IPS 22nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY 3 MAY 2020 REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2017-2020

Group meditations

Full-moon meditations at the Lucis Trust in Geneva Monthly meditations at the United Nations in Geneva, organised by the Lucis Trust and other spiritually-oriented groups in Geneva Group meditations during group meetings

IPS activities in Geneva and throughout the world

Meetings over the internet (skype, zoom, webinar) with groups and co-workers in Brazil, Bolivia, Ukraine, Germany, France, USA. For example, study group on 10 seed-groups via Skype with Brazilian friends and co-workers, or webinars with the 2025 Initiative in the US.

Group meetings in the Ukraine (Odessa, Lviv, Kiev). In 2017, participation in a Congress on Education, co-organised by IPS Odessa.

In 2017 and 2019, public talks and group seminars in Brazil, in cooperation with meditation and study group in Natal, Gidgi Bra unit of service in Rio de Janeiro, Triangles and Goodwill unit of service in Resende.

In 2017, group meetings in Windhoek, Namibia.

Triangle intergroup work with Institut Alcor, and Fraternités since September 2016. Annual group meetings (September 2017, 2018, 2019) and organisation of celebration of the Festival Week of the New Group of World Servers on 28 December 2019 in Lyon, France.

Membership of "groupe des parrains" of Institut Alcor, France.

Quarterly study group on telepathy and the seven rays, in cooperation with Foundation Einheit Allen Lebens, Lucern, Switzerland.

Continuing development of IPS website where many of the IPS publications can now be downloaded, in particular the material on the 10 seed-groups and more recently, esoteric studies on the basis of the teachings of Dr. E. Krishnamacharya, in cooperation with Master E.K. Spiritual and Service Mission.

Translation of books by Dr. E. Krishnamacharya in French, Portuguese and German, thanks to the work of Christiane Ballif, Maria Elisabeth Cabral de Mello and Anke Breckle. Publication in 2016 of

the Mandra Scripture in Portuguese, in 2018 of The Symbolism of the Scriptures in French, in 2019 of the Lessons on the Yoga of Patanjali in German and Portuguese.

Group contacts and activities

Group cooperation with Lucis Trust: participation in annual conferences, full moon meditations, World Goodwill seminars and festival week of New Group of World Servers at the end of 2019.

Cooperation with World Servers Network (2025 Initiative).

In 2017, participation in Dr. Anantakrishna's seminars in the Ukraine.

In 2019, participation in South-American Intergroup meeting in Florianópolis, Brazil.

In 2020, participation in the annual Guru Pooja held by Master E.K. Spiritual and Service Mission in Gunthur, Andhra Pradesh, and seminar on spiritual healing, the Rudra Suktam and astrology in Visakhapatnam, India.

Bi-monthly study group of "A Treatise on Cosmic Fire", Institut Alcor, Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Study group on world service, Institut Alcor, Annecy, Geneva, Lausanne.

Cooperation with NGO committees

NGO Alliance on Global Concerns NGO Forum on Spirituality and Values Committee on Human Rights Education and Learning, Geneva Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Geneva NGO Committee on Human Rights, Geneva

Participation in UN meetings and meetings of intergovernmental organisations

United Nations, New York

A team of committed co-workers, led by Lisinka Ulatowska, main representative of the IPS at the UN in New York, has been working for the past years within the Commons Cluster, which was co-founded by the IPS as a way of better integrating and synthesizing the activities of large numbers of civil society organizations and making it available to UN Member States. Here each participating NGO plays a separate and important part. The IPS focusses on the integration/synthesizing approaches we use to ensure that we are moving toward one world where all can come into their own. This is a critical theme in all of the following projects undertaken in the last 3 years.

We have over the years built up significant outreach possibilities with the help of Taede Veenstra to ensure that all expertise is given as much publicity as is possible. Here the IPS and our orientation has played an important integrating role.

Some of the tools now at our disposal:

• 2 UN Lists of Civil Society organizations associated with sustainable development; the list of those working in the area of society and the economy, 2 email lists of organizations working in the area of the environment and UNEP; and the Commons Cluster list with 1000+ people and organizations. After gathering information from these and bringing it together in documents/videos that make it relevant to work the UN and its Member States are doing, we then send that out to several channels to UN Member States using the following mailing lists that are carefully kept up by Taede Veenstra: lists of Heads of States and Governments; all UN Ambassadors based in New York, Geneva and Nairobi; all UNESCO Ambassadors in Paris, and Presidents and Secretaries of UNESCO National

Commissions which form a bridge between work at UNESCO at the International Level and the schools and other institutions within each of the countries focussing on Education, Culture and Science. The focus of all of our work is to integrate activities and move toward a global community based on the well-being of all people and nature.

Projects that have been successfully completed or are on the verge of completion:

- Throughout the 3 years, ongoing input to UN documents, including: A Global Pact for the Environment, which was voted down by six Nations but might be revived by the UN General Assembly; a paper on "In Harmony with Nature: Accelerating the Achievement of the SDGs. Critical Entry Points", for the NGO Major Group in preparation for the SDGs Summit in September 2019; a follow-up paper on "Unity as a transformative pathway to achieving sustainable development using 3 fundamental critical entry points (with references to how this can be used in dealing with the Coronavirus)" (in preparation for the 2020 UN High-Level Political Forum; a trilogy (in preparation) on "Integrating Nature into the Implementation of the SDGs"
- Monthly Strategy Meetings.
- Monthly Workshops on Communicating with Nature led by Dr. Maia Kincaid, who works
 with people who are having communications problems with their pets and has ongoing
 classes in the context of her Sedona International School for communicating with Nature.
 Since 2015, she and students from her classes have played an increasingly important role
 in our work at the UN. That is responsible for our dominant focus on Nature that is different
 from that of the years before 2015.
- A video made with the well-known physicist and author, Fritjof Capra, PhD: The Heart of the Outreach focussing on Pieter Kooistra's Self-Financing World Marshall Plan. A Basic Income for All People and A Marshall Plan for the Earth.

In Geneva, Rudolf Schneider, Secretary-General of the IPS, attended numerous meetings organised by the United Nations Office in Geneva and the Office of the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights, in particular in various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Above all, we seek to introduce spiritual energies, in particular the energy of the heart, in such a way that it is understood and not mistaken as religious or sectarian.

Future perspectives

Besides continuing our activities as until now, we invite all friends and co-workers to share during the General Assembly how they see their future participation in the work of the Institute.

Our future perspectives include: continuing the work on the commons and communication with nature; and continuing our cooperation with Master E.K. Spiritual and Service Mission (India), Institut Alcor (Switzerland and France), Stiftung Einheit Allen Lebens (Switzerland), World Goodwill units of service in Natal, Rio, Brasilia, the 2025 Initiative, spiritual groups in the Ukraine.