

Medical Section School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum

### **Curative Education and Social Therapy Council**

Annual Report 2016

### Transitions

Change and development are central to our work in curative education and social therapy: Individuals and social organisms are only alive as long as they are changing, growing and transforming in a dynamic exchange with their environment. The worldwide anthroposophic curative education and social therapy movement is one such social organism. It is a living and continually developing entity with its own biography, stages of development, thresholds, and phases of growth and consolidation.

This worldwide community was founded with the common intention to be active in teaching, healing and shaping social structures out of anthroposophic spiritual science and with anthroposophic means. The intention is to carry out this work anywhere where the integrity of the human being is endangered and the individual human being is marginalized and excluded from the prerequisites for a successful biography because of individual and societal circumstances.

It is the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council's task to accompany, promote and support the development of this movement's organism. To this end, the circle of Council members is composed of representatives of the countries, regions and fields of work within this global movement. The annual Council meetings are intended to foster overall awareness of its development, needs and possibilities, resulting in cooperative, international collaboration that is also realized in concrete projects. Making these collaborative activities possible and coordinating them is the central task of the Council Leadership Team and Secretariat in Dornach, Switzerland.

2016 was a year of transition. At the end of the year, after 21 years of intensive development work, Rüdiger Grimm passed on the tasks of leadership and coordination to the new Lea-

dership Team. The organism as a whole is entering a new developmental phase, now led by Jan Göschel (Managing Director and Leadership Team, halftime position), Sonja Zausch (Leadership Team, part-time [20%] position) and Bert Vanmechelen (Leadership Team, part-time [20%] position). In the next few years, activity on the periphery of the organism will play a central role. Perhaps even more than in the past, the development of our common work in the world will depend on how we act locally and realize our initiatives and projects; it will depend on our cultivating our institutions, organizations and communities and acting effectively in our encounters and relationships with the individual human beings around us. By focusing on this, we will simultaneously develop global thinking and a constant consciousness of the worldwide cooperative and spiritual interrelationships of which we, along

#### **Conferences and working groups**

with other fields of work within the transdisciplinary organism of the worldwide anthroposophic movement, the Anthroposophic Society, and the School of Spiritual Science, are a part.

#### **International Conference**

In this spirit, the International Conference for Curative Education and Social Therapy, which took place at the Goetheanum in October of 2016, bore the motto "...and growing, root me in existence." The conference theme, "Selfhood as bridge between body and world", was illuminated from individual and social perspectives in lectures by Michaela Glöckler, Walter Dahlhaus, Constanza Kaliks, David Schwartz and Matthias Wildermuth, and was the focus of numerous workshops. Current work priorities relating to the phenomena of poverty, migration, and violence were introduced. Artistic programming supported and deepened our common work.

There was also, as always, plenty of space for personal and professional meetings, for exchange, for development of ideas, and for organizing concrete collaboration.

# Annual Meeting of Council Members

The annual Council member meeting, where representatives of the various regions and fields of work within the worldwide curative education and social therapy movement meet annually, took place immediately following the International Conference. For the first time, this meeting was moderated by the newly designated Leadership Team-Jan Göschel, Sonja Zausch and Bart Vanmechelen. In light of the upcoming transition, much of the retreat was spent in very fruitful and open discussions of prospects. In these discussions, we focused on clarifying the current needs of the movement, setting priorities,

and initiating a process that will lead to the formulation of concrete project goals for the work of the Council at the next retreat in 2017.

#### Training Conference in Kassel

After a three-year process, the development of a new Charter on Professional Education was completed at this year's annual meeting of the International Training Circle. The accreditation process, which is based on a peer review process, will now be revised with reference to the Charter. The Charter was also the focus of this year's conference content, with contributions that highlighted various aspects of the common principles described in the document and questioned their significance in a practical context. Bodo von Plato, the guest speaker, started the conference off with a presentation on the structuring of educational cultures.



The annual recognition and appreciation of newly completed certification and recertification processes also took place, as usual.

#### International Training Circle and Training Council

The Training Council coordinates the work of the International Training Circle and organizes its annual conference. It is one of the Council's working groups and meets twice yearly in addition to the annual conference in order to support the activities of the Training Network. These meetings also often recognize and celebrate the training work being carried out in various regions. This year, the group met in Järna, Sweden and at the Step Together Association in Lebanon.

#### **Research Circle**

Four research-oriented contributions were presented at the Research Symposium, which took place immediately following the Training Conference in Kassel. Johannes Kiersch presented on the topic of Anthroposophy in Social and Scholarly Discourse and Dialogue. Ralf Giese introduced a project that focuses on sailing with young people in need of social and emotional support. Rüdiger Grimm gave us some insight into his work on the historical context of the Curative Education Course, focusing on the development of the concepts of empathy, theory of mind, and intuition. Brigitte Kaldenberg closed the Symposium with a presentation on training the ability to learn in the context of education.

#### Social Therapy Working Group

The Social Therapy Working Group continued to focus on the central topic of social agriculture and worked on preparations for an international conference on this topic in Great Britain in 2017.

#### ECCE

The European Cooperation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy represents the anthroposophic curative education and social therapeutic movement in European fora through an independent legal entity. Among other things, ECCE supports the work of ELIANT and the "Living in the Encounter" conferences. ECCE's 2016 annual meeting took place in Trondheim, in



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celebration of the Norwegian Camphill Community's 50th anniversary. Among the decisions made was the agreement to move ECCE's offices from the Netherlands to Belgium, which should facilitate connections with other European NGOs and partners. Although only approximately 1.5% of people with disabilities in Europe receive services through the 30 associations and approximately 400 member organizations of the anthroposophic curative education and social therapy movement, these alliances make active participation in developments on a European Level possible.

# Developments in the Medical Section

In the fall of 2016, our longtime Director Michaela Glöckler retired, passing on her responsibilities to Matthias Girke and Georg Soldner. The new Section Directors initiated a new process, carried by IKAM, the International Coordination for Anthroposophic Medicine (in which the Leadership Team of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council is also represented) to identify new focal points for the Section's work. Both Rüdiger Grimm and Jan Göschel, designated Managing Director of the new Leadership Team, took part in this work at the IKAM retreat in the fall of 2016. Georg Soldner was also invited to participate in the Council discussions on future perspectives.

#### Secretariat

The Secretariat is responsible for representing the International Curative Education and Social Therapy Council both internally and externally. It works with the national associations and institutions, organizes conferences, and takes on advisory responsibilities for associations and institutions. In addition to the magazine "Seelenpflege" ["Soul Care"], it is also currently publishing the academic book series "Edition Anthropos – Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie aus anthroposophischen Perspektiven" ["Edition Anthropos – Anthroposophic Perspectives on Curative Education and Social Therapy"].

In 2016, the Secretariat consisted of Prof. Rüdiger Grimm, Director; Gabriele Scholtes, editorial staff of "Seelenpflege" magazine; and Pascale Hoffmann, office and accounting. Part-time staff included Prof. Bernhard Schmalenbach, editorial staff of "Seelenpflege" magazine; Roland Maus, graphic designer; and Dr. Peter Arni, honorary editor of the Council website. In addition to his full-time position as Director of the Council, Rüdiger Grimm held a professorship in Theory and Methods in Curative Education at the Alanus University of Arts and Social Sciences in Alfter (Germany). The desi-



### Changes in the Curative Education and Social Therapie Council

gnated new Leadership Team, consisting of Dr. Jan Göschel, Sonja Zausch and Bart Vanmechelen, was also involved with the work in many areas.

#### Governing body

The Curative Education and Social Therapy Council is a department of the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum, in Dornach, Switzerland. Its legal body is the "Fonds für Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie", a Swiss association which is not listed in the commercial register. In 2016, the President was Michael Dackweiler, Deckenpfronn, Germany. Legal members were Brigitte Kaldenberg, Dornach, Switzerland; Peter Keuschnigg, Munich, Germany (until March 22nd, 2016); and Manfred Trautwein, Marburg, Germany (beginning March 22nd, 2016). The Managing Director was Rüdiger Grimm.

#### Annual financial statement

Funding for the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council is predominantly provided by solidarity contributions from the various countries or their organizations and institutions. Each country provides a contribution based on estimated need, their own resources, and the amount of other countries' contributions. The sponsoring association is responsible for drafting the budget and the annual financial statement. The Council members receive both the annual financial statement and the budget for the coming fiscal year. In addition, the statement and budget are discussed at the annual retreat. A summary of the annual financial statement is published in "Seelenpflege" magazine and on the Council website.

Despite under-budget personnel costs and a small increase in country contributions, which continue to bear witness to the high level of solidarity in the worldwide movement, the year ended with a deficit of just under CHF 8,000. This deficit was primarily caused by a debit for differences in currency exchange rates for the close of 2016 of almost CHF 13,000. This was due to the adjustment of the EUR-CHF exchange rate on funds deposited for the transaction, and the resulting relative loss in value for the accounts, which are maintained in EUR. Because of this, we will lay a better foundation for future budgets based on the exchange rate developments in recent years. Heartfelt thanks to all who actively supported the Council's work again this past year, whether financially, spiritually, or through your work and resources. The worldwide collaboration in our movement is only made possible through all of your contributions!

Jan Göschel, Managing Director



# Balance sheet 2016

Assets	31.12.2016	31.12.2015
Cash and cash equivalents	273.383,63	387.304,47
Short-term receivables	159.007,39	17.746,76
Study fund	9.640,45	13.050,45
Fixed assets	8.001,15	7.343,00
Total Assets in CHF	450.032,62	425.444,68

Liabilities	31.12.2016	31.12.2015
Accounts payable	27.401,91	10.337,45
Projects and conferences	188.321,68	172.968,51
Study fund	120.000,00	120.000,00
Equity capital	122.138,70	125.137,17
Loss 2015	-7.829,67	-2.998,45
Total Liabilities in CHF	450.032,62	425.444,68





## Income statement 2016

Expediture	2016	2015
Staff expenses	250.236,48	267.682,78
Fees	1.874,95	2.068,43
Conference and travel expenses	40.277,39	38.704,80
Contribution to the Medical Section	30.000,00	30.000,00
Journal Seelenpflege	50.250,56	34.043,78
Secretariat material costs	47.141,18	51.790,75
Currency differences	13.199,67	2.242,90
Total Expediture in CHF	432.980,23	426.533,44

Income	2016	2015
Country contributions	297.300,62	283.996,88
Fees / refund of expenses	22.866,35	22.052,10
Journal Seelenpflege	58.973,51	45.794,60
Other incom	46.010,08	71.691,39
Total Income in CHF	425.150,56	423.534,97
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