



School of Spiritual Science

Education Department at the Goetheanum

Annual report 2016

Organization – Conferences – Travel of the Pedagogical Section

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The highlight of the first half of 2016 was the big World Teachers' Conference. Our new staff member Katharina Stemann had worked her way into the job well in 2015 and prepared many things for the conference. This meant that the work could continue seamlessly with her replacement Simone Husser when Ms Stemann went on maternity leave shortly before the conference. Her baby daughter then even came on one day to visit the conference.

Katharina Stemann resumed her work in the autumn with the preparation and organization of our conferences in collaboration with Event Management, planning the various seminar attendances at the Goetheanum, design of the www.goetheanum-paedagogik.ch and www.waldorf-resources.org websites, and keeping the addresses in the field of education up to date. She works part-time (50%) from home with one day, mostly Fridays, spent in the office of the Pedagogical Section.

Dorothee Prange continues to cover the following areas full time: newsletter, finances, conference management, looking after the Teacher Support Project, diary management for the Section leadership, and the work connected with the International Religion Teachers' Group.

In addition, there are the activities relating to the work and tasks at the Goetheanum.

The fact that we can do our work here is only possible because of the many donations from all over the world. These range from small one-off donations und monthly contribu-

tions from private persons through bigger school contributions from individual schools and all schools in Austria and Germany to the project financing we receive by applying to various foundations. Other countries pass on income from conferences to us and some schools and countries make a donation depending on the state of their budget. Scandinavia should be mentioned here, as should America, New Zealand and sometimes also schools from distant countries.

We are particularly grateful for the beautiful premises at the Goetheanum and the infrastructure made available to us; we receive this gift through the contributions paid by members which also support the Goetheanum as a building.

Christof Wiechert continued to work for the Section on a freelance basis in 2016. His work takes him round the globe with many lectures on education and seminars on the subject of child observation. The fees he receives go to the Pedagogical Section.

The heads of the Section, Claus-Peter Röh and Florian Osswald, were also active in many different countries all over the globe. They were invited to conferences to work with colleges of teachers and to give lectures. The main subjects here were understanding pupils, the curriculum, collaboration in the college of teachers, the media, anxiety, upper school, as well as Waldorf education today and in the future.

The many lecture tours to kindergartens, schools, seminars and conferences during the year allowed for lively contact to be main-

tained with the school movement, supporting the work of the Pedagogical Section through a network of supportive relationships. The conversations and conference visits give much cause to look at practice in teaching and in schools in general. This can then give rise to subjects and topics for discussion at conferences.

Summary of conference activities in 2016:

The **further training days** for the Swiss Rudolf Steiner schools, with more than 500 colleagues, pre-school teachers and parents on the subject 'My child in our school – a common understanding of the child by parents and teachers', with translation into Italian and French, were held in January 2016, as was the meeting of the **International Religion Teachers' Group**. The annual conference on "**Meditative Practice in the Teaching and Pre-school Teaching Profession**" continued its activities in 2016 with the subject 'Sparkling Education. Word – Picture – Strength. Letting education sparkle out of the anthroposophical understanding of the human being through meditation'.

In March we held the 10th World Teachers' Conference at the Goetheanum. With almost 1000 participants, we worked in many languages on the subject 'Overcoming resistance – Courage for an independent spiritual life'.

It was followed by the annual **Religion Teachers' Conference** on the subject 'Christianity as something for all humanity' which was offered with translation into English.

In the second half of the year we organized the **Conference on the Study of Man** with work on the thirteenth lecture, the **Research Week** and the **Conference for Educational Support Teachers** on the subject 'Perceiving

– Experiencing – Remembering – Perceiving makes sense – in educational support!?. This conference was also offered with translation into English.

The **Language Colloquia** were continued in 2016 with a view to the bigger meeting on the subject, 'Daring to Enter Uncharted Territory', from 12–14 May 2017.

The meeting of the **International Forum** in Dornach in November mainly concerned itself with the topic of the class teacher's work, questions relating to upper school, and with eurythmy.

All the income which the Section heads 'generated' outside the Goetheanum through the above-mentioned visits to schools and the involvement in conferences, etc. is transferred in full to the Section as always.

The further training days of the Swiss teachers are merely transitory items and are not shown.

A big thank you goes to all the people and institutions who, with their monies, supported us financially with bigger and smaller sums. This is an immense help for us in doing our work and, beyond that, to use the money where it is needed. We very much appreciate these gifts and hope always to act in accordance with the intentions of the donors when we use them for our work.

Thus we also had the great good fortune in this year to post a profit in the context of the World Teachers' Conference. This enabled us to cover salary costs for the preparatory work as well as infrastructure costs for the building.

We look back on the 2016 working year with great gratitude.

School Attendance 2016

Colleagues / School	Country	Accompanied School	Duration of the stay	Activity
Max van der Made	Philippines	Gamot Cogon School in Iloilo	January 5 – 22	Continuation of the work begun; further deepening of methodology, didactics and the anthroposophical background
Anders Hoier/DK	Slowenia, Croatia	Ljubljana, Zagreb	April/May and autumn	Chemistry teaching in the school, lecture for the Slovenian teachers, Chemistry course in the teacher seminar (This year the schools and seminars could pay the costs themselves)
Christoph Jaffke	Mexico, Guatemala	5 Schools in Mexico, Seminar in Mexico City, Colegio Waldorf in Guatemala City		Work on foreign languages in Waldorf Schools
Max van der Made	Philippines	Gamot Cogon School in Iloilo	July 17 – August 28	Continuation of the work begun; further deepening of methodology, didactics and the anthroposophical background
Roland Steinemann	India	Pune	May 29 – June 18	To get to know the little school with their colleagues, support in methodology and didactics of teaching, work on curriculum and self administration
Roland Steinemann	India	Pune	November/December	This long-planned stay had to be canceled due to illness.

Overview Costs 2016 in Swiss Francs

	Spending	–	Income
	(Figures rounded off)		
Pedagogical Section			
Salaries	323'000	–	
Administration	6'600	–	
Grants for institutions	1'300	–	
Project-related donations		–	-45'000
Travelling Section Leaders and (Freelance) Co-workers			
Travel Costs	37'000	–	
Reimbursement of travel costs			-22'000
Fees/Donations		–	-63'000
Journal			
Printing Costs	6'300	–	
Translation	1'200	–	
Postage	6'400	–	
Project-related donations		–	-2'000
Conferences			
Income		–	-22'000
Travel expenses/Conference costs	15'500	–	
Cost of printing and postage	5'000	–	
World Teachers' Conference	231'000	–	-271'000
Visits from Training Centers			
Donations for the Section		–	-2'700
Collegial Help			
Travel expenses	7'000	–	
Project-related donations		–	-20'000
International Forum (Hague Circle)			
Travel expenses	3'400	–	
Meeting IF November Dornach	6'500	–	
Project-related donations		–	-10'000

	Spending	–	Income
	(Figures rounded off)		
Projects			
Website	53'500	–	
Project-related donations		–	-67'000
Research Week Study of Man	1'900	–	
Colloquium of Speech	200	–	
European Council	1200	–	
Project-related donations		–	-20'000
Donations			
General donations		–	-1'300
Institutional Donations from Schools, Associations ...		–	-32'500
Donation German Association of Steiner Schools		–	-118'000
Total	707'000	–	-696'500
Religion Teachers' Conference			
(separate budget)	6'900	–	-9'400