



**The Scientific & Medical Network**

# **ANNUAL GATHERING 2006**

**University of  
Plymouth**



**13-16 July 2006**

*Soul and Soil -  
Towards an Ecological Spirituality*

# SOUL AND SOIL - TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

## PROGRAMME

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The 2006 Network Annual Gathering will be held at the University of Plymouth in Devon from 13th – 16th July 2006. The theme for the meeting will be:

**Soul and Soil – Towards an Ecological Spirituality**

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The Programme will begin on Thursday evening with drinks and dinner. Friday and Saturday morning will be dedicated to Members' presentations on the theme and about their own work. On Saturday afternoon we will welcome Satish Kumar and the American author Thomas Moore for a special Open Forum on *Soil and Soul*, which will be co-hosted by Schumacher College, where Satish is Programme Director. Fritz Schumacher was an early Member of the Network and a speaker at a 1977 Network conference on *Science, Mind and the Spirit of Man*. This half-day session will be open to the public and can be booked separately. On Sunday we will hold our formal Annual General Meeting, where Members have a chance to hear from the officers about our work since last year, to contribute to the evolving direction of the Network and to elect three new members of the Network Board.

During the meeting, periods will be set aside for informal networking. Members are invited to bring their own material (including books) for display. For those of you who have not yet attended the Network Annual Gathering, you will find it a wonderfully stimulating and sociable event where you can meet other Members in relaxed surroundings and exchange ideas.

This year, as last, we ask that all Members wishing to make 20-minute presentations on the theme or on their own work submit abstracts of their proposals by **30th April** at the latest. We will then inform you whether your proposal has been accepted as part of the programme. Please send abstracts to [info@scimednet.org](mailto:info@scimednet.org)

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### **Book Bazaar**

This year we will be holding a fundraising book bazaar and invite Members to bring their surplus books for sale on the basis that the SMN shares half of the proceeds.



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## Travel and Costs

The 2005 Network Annual Gathering will be held at the University of Plymouth in Devon. Plymouth is an ancient port and has played an important role in British naval history. There will be a chance to see something of the city on Friday afternoon. Plymouth is well served by trains from London and the North, and also has an airport with connections to Gatwick, Manchester and Dublin. Parking is limited in the town centre and no vouchers can be booked in advance. For airport – see [www.plymouthairport.com](http://www.plymouthairport.com)

Accommodation is in single rooms en suite (£70/€105 per day) or single rooms with shared bathroom (£65/€97 per day). Rates include all meals. The additional Registration Fee for the Gathering will be £70/€105 per head (including the Open Forum) and is payable on booking. The Saturday afternoon Forum on its own will cost £25 per head, including tea. You may also wish to contribute to the Bursary Fund, which enables us to subsidise a few Members who would otherwise be unable to attend. Contributions from £10-£30 (£15-45) - also from Members unable to attend themselves - would be most welcome. Please reply using the form overleaf. In the event of cancellation, a fee of £20 (€30) will be retained, and no refunds can be given after 15 June.

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## Open Forum Speakers

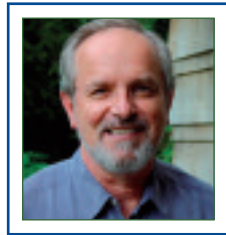
### **Thomas Moore: *Nature and Spirit: nourishing soul and soil***

Thomas Moore is the author of *Care of the Soul* and over a dozen other books on psychology and spirituality. His most recent book is *Dark Nights of the Soul*. He frequently gives lectures and workshops on the soul in medicine, hospice work, education, business, psychotherapy and the arts. He was a monk for twelve years in his youth and has practised psychotherapy for twenty years. He is also a musician. Thomas has a particular interest in the traditions of alchemy, magic, Tarot, astrology, and symbolism in the arts.

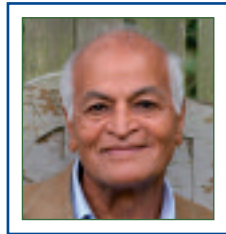
### **Satish Kumar: *Eco-Intelligence: Nature knows us but do we know nature?***

In addition to being the founder of the Small School and the Director of Programmes at Schumacher College, Satish Kumar is currently the editor of *Resurgence*. He has, in turn, been a Jain Monk (until age 18), a campaigner for land reform in the Bhoodan movement with Vinoba Bhave (until age 26), and a pilgrim for peace, walking from India to America without any money, from 1962-1964. His autobiography *No Destination* was published in 1992 by Green Books. In November 2001, Satish was presented with the Jumnalal Bajaj International Award for "Promoting Gandhian Values Abroad." His more recent books are *You Are, Therefore, I Am* (2002) and *The Buddha and the Terrorist* (2005).

# TRAVEL AND COSTS



Thomas Moore



Satish Kumar

# 2006 Network Annual Gathering, 13 – 16 July 2006

## REGISTRATION FORM

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0ZF. Tel: +44 (0) 1608 652000, Fax +44 (0) 1608 652001,  
Email: [info@scimednet.org](mailto:info@scimednet.org), web site [www.scimednet.org](http://www.scimednet.org)

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**name:**   
**membership no. if known:**   
**address:**   
  
**email:**

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**please tick as  
appropriate**

I would like to give a presentation

- (a) on my work, *or*  
 (b) with special reference to the theme,  
and append a 100-word abstract.

**title:**

(Please send your abstracts via email if possible to  
[info@scimednet.org](mailto:info@scimednet.org))

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**please reserve:**

- Single Room(s) en suite - £210 + £70= £280 (€420)  
 Single room with shared facilities - £195 + £70= £265 (€395)  
 Non-residential rate (with meals) - £126 + £70= £196 (€290)  
 Saturday afternoon forum only - £25  
 I would like extra nights (please specify)  
(*Cheques to **SMN***)

**if there are any  
special requirements  
re food or  
accommodation please  
indicate**

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I would like to make a contribution to the Bursary Fund of £  €

**TOTAL:** £  €

OR Please debit my Visa/Mastercard for £  €

Card No  Expiry date

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