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International Conference TOWARDS A NEW RENAISSANCE: HUMAN VALUES, SPIRITUALITY AND THE FUTURE



Krakow, Poland, 29-31 October 2004

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The Theme

The materialistic and consumerist values that underpin the Western economic system do not provide a sound basis for the elaboration of a common European culture for the 21st century. Insights from modern science indicate a hitherto unrecognised degree of interconnectedness at all levels of physical, psychological and social reality, while the realities of ecology, economics and politics demonstrate that we are interdependent at both global and local levels. However, our world-view and collective decision-making processes have not yet caught up with the implications of this new model of interconnectedness and interdependence, a model that emphasises the potential of harmonious co-operation for mutual benefit.

This international meeting will explore the new values that flow from this emerging world-view as they apply to our relationship with nature, as well as to our social, political and economic relations. What role can spiritual values play and what forms of both traditional and new spirituality might contribute to a New Renaissance in Europe? The Florentine Renaissance was driven by the rediscovery of Platonic and Hermetic Wisdom. Today we have unprecedented access to the wisdom traditions of the world, so that we have far greater resources to draw on, including those of modern science. How can we forge the necessary links with these insights from wisdom traditions and apply their principles to our lives and global issues?

The Programme

The programme will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. We suggest that those coming from outside Poland arrive on Thursday night and leave on Monday night, thus allowing Friday and Monday to arrange to visit the ancient and beautiful city and arrange other excursions. An excursion to Auschwitz will be arranged on Monday morning 1st November - please let us know if you are interested. Some sessions will be led by eminent invited speakers such as Professor Henryk Skolimowski and Prof. Ed Sarath from the US. However the exact programme will be finalised nearer the date. Sessions will also be arranged in which other short presentations can be made, and poster display space will also be available. Those wishing to speak should submit a 150 word abstract to David Lorimer at dl@scimednet.org by 31st August. For programme updates see www.scimednet.org.

Renascence: Quality and the Future

The Venue

Krakow is Poland's second city and was its capital as far back as 1038, a position it maintained until 1791. It was laid waste by the Mongols in the mid-13th century but was quickly re-established and became a thriving metropolis in the 15th century. It has had a turbulent history since then but many of its finest old buildings survive to this day, making it one of the most atmospheric cities to visit in the whole of Europe – see www.krakow-info.com. Highlights include Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Basilica of the Virgin Mary, the 16th century Cloth Hall and the 13th century leaning Town Hall Tower.

Travel and Costs

Krakow is served by British Airways and Lot (Polish Airlines) from London Gatwick, and by Czech Airlines (via Prague) from London Heathrow. Early booking is of course advised!

Registration fee will be £120 (€180) for 'Western' delegates and €40 for Eastern Europeans. In addition, the cost of meals, teas and coffees from Friday dinner to Sunday tea will be in the region of €40 and €20 respectively for 'West' and 'East'. This will be payable in cash at the meeting.

Jagiellonian University

The University of Krakow dates back to 1364, when Poland's King Casimir III the Great established a studium generale in the city with permission from Pope Urban V. It acquired its present name from King Ladislav II Jagiello, whose wife Jadwiga left a legacy to the then Krakow Academy in 1399. By the mid-15th century Krakow University was Europe's leading academic centre for mathematics, astronomy, astrology, geography and legal studies. Copernicus studied astronomy at the university and his revolution was inspired by a trip to Italy in 1497. The university now has 27,000 students and 3,100 faculty members.

The Scientific and Medical Network is an informal international group consisting of qualified scientists and doctors, psychologists, engineers, philosophers, psychologists and other professionals. The Network came into existence in 1973 and has Members in more than 50 countries. It questions the assumptions of contemporary scientific and medical thinking and seeks to reach beyond a materialistic world-view. By remaining open to both intuitive and spiritual insights, the Network fosters a climate in which science as a whole can adopt a more comprehensive and sensitive approach. See www.scimednet.org

BOOKING DETAILS

Krakov Meeting, 29-31 October 2004

Western delegates send £120 (cheques to 'Wider Horizons' or fill in credit card payment option below) to:

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Eastern delegates please send €40 in cash or by bank transfer to
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Account details:

BPH PBK, o\krakow-poland No. 75106000760000320000477759 ref: renaissance\philosophy

Cancellations: a fee of £25 for Westerners and €10 for Easterners will be retained for cancellations made before 15th October. After 15th October, no refund.

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Dietary preference: Omnivore Vegetarian Other

I confirm that I have made my own travel insurance arrangements. The Network can accept no liability whatsoever for any incident during the period of the conference.

Signed _____

Accommodation has been reserved at the University Hotel in Florianska Street where single rooms are €50 and doubles €65 a night (both en-suite). Please indicate below how many nights to reserve. Please also fill in the credit card section so that we can pass on your reservation to the hotel by 31st August. You will then be responsible for payment on arrival and for any cancellation charges in the event that you do not come.

I/We would like accommodation for the following nights: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION FOR REGISTRATION / HOTEL (VISA OR MASTERCARD)

Hotel

£120 Registration fee

Card No.: _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____