



The Scientific & Medical Network

# MYSTICS & SCIENTISTS 29

**The Spirit of Mountains:**  
*Inner and Outer Explorations*



**31st March - 2nd April 2006**

**University College, Winchester**

*Chairs: David Lorimer, Prof. John Clarke*

*Speakers: Julie-Ann Clyma, Paul Devereux,  
Alan Ereira, Dr Cornelius Gillen, David Lorimer,  
Jim Perrin, Fr. Silouan, Geshe Jampel Senge*

Photos by Julie-Ann Clyma



## The Spirit of Mountains

The Mystics and Scientists conferences have been held annually since 1978 and are dedicated to forging a creative understanding of the complementary roles of scientific and mystical approaches to reality. This year's theme 'The Spirit of Mountains' considers physical and spiritual aspects of mountains and climbing. The speakers are all experienced experts in their fields, bringing both insight and enthusiasm to their talks. The conference always provides a highly engaging and creative opportunity to come together with like-minded people in a spirit of exploration and dialogue. It is open to all and we greatly look forward to your participation.

### PROGRAMME

#### Friday 31st March

- 6:00 pm Opening Wine Reception followed by dinner
- 7:45 pm **The Bulgarian Rila Mountains and Lakes: symbols of ascent and descent**  
*David Lorimer*
- 8:30 pm Introductions and mountain film montage with *Dr. Mike King*

#### Saturday 1st April

- 9:10 am **'From The Goddess to The Shining Mountain' - the story of two expeditions to the peaks of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary**  
*Julie-Ann Clyma*
- 11:10 am **Voices and Phantoms: Eryri and the landscapes of the mind**  
*Jim Perrin*
- 12:30 pm Dialogue with morning speakers
- 2:00 pm **The World Mountain**  
*Paul Devereux*  
Followed by guided excursion to the labyrinth on St Catherine's Hill with Paul Devereux

- 5:15 pm **The Geology of Mountains**  
*Dr. Cornelius Gillen*
- 8:15 pm **From the Heart of the World: Mountain Wisdom from the Kogi People**  
*Alan Ereira*
- Sunday 2nd April**
- 9:10 am **Mountains and their Significance in Tibetan Buddhism**  
*Geshe Jampel Senge*
- 11:10 am **Sinai, Tabor, Athos - The Spiritual Symbolism of Mountains**  
*Fr. Silouan*
- 12:30 pm Dialogue with speakers
- 2.00-3pm Small Group Discussions
- 3:00-4:00 **Open Forum**  
The Lecturing Panel
- 4.00pm Tea and departures

Delegates' comments,  
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"Very, very enjoyable and nourishing"  
"Outstanding conference"  
"I feel rich and inspired by my experience"  
"A great and fascinating weekend"

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### THE SPEAKERS



#### Alan Ereira

Alan Ereira is an historian and film-maker, widely noted for his film and book about the Kogi Indians of northern Colombia. Much of his work is concerned with the way in which our consciousness has been shaped by history - that includes perceptions of, and ways of understanding and relating to, the transcendental (i.e. the bizarre history of religious teachings). He is currently working on a book and TV series called "Barbarians", trying to come to grips with ways in which our



#### Julie-Ann Clyma

Julie-Ann Clyma is one of a handful of women climbers world-wide tackling difficult high-altitude mountains. Originally from New Zealand, she moved to Britain in 1985, and then to Switzerland in 2002. She has combined a life of climbing with scientific research, working as a mountain guide and completing a PhD in Public Health. She has been on over twenty expeditions to the greater ranges of India, Pakistan, Nepal, Tibet, China and Khazakistan, making a number of first ascents in lightweight alpine-style. She also has a strong

interest in the environment and development of mountain areas, with two expeditions to Pakistan facilitating the installation of micro-hydro electricity schemes in remote mountain villages, and an expedition to Nepal to raise awareness about the impact of global warming in the Himalayas and the threat of glacial lake outburst floods.



#### Paul Devereux

Paul Devereux is an independent researcher, author, freelance lecturer, and occasional broadcaster. His areas of research interest cover (amongst other topics) transpersonal anthropology and transpersonal phenomena ("parapsychology") in general, the nature of ancient sacred sites and landscapes and how to perceive them, pre-modern (and particularly prehistoric) worldviews and cosmologies (the "archaeology of consciousness"), and the study of sound at archaeological sites and its effects on the human brain (he is a pioneer in the emerging archaeological area of "archaeoacoustics"). He has made discoveries in the Avebury complex and other Neolithic landscapes, in American Indian ritual and shamanic landscapes, and in Irish folk psychogeography. He writes for and speaks to a range of audiences, from popular to academic. As well as authoring or co-authoring 26 published books and dozens of magazine articles, he has what he calls a "shortish string" of peer-reviewed papers to his credit, two of which are to be published in 2006



#### Dr. Cornelius Gillen

Dr. Cornelius Gillen was educated at Glasgow University (BSc in geology, and PhD on ancient mountains in North-west Scotland), Aberdeen University (MEd) and Open University (BA in mathematics, and diplomas in French, German, Spanish). He has taught at the universities of Glasgow, Paisley, Dublin, Aberdeen, Open and Edinburgh and is currently director of lifelong learning at the university of Edinburgh. He is author of *Geology and Landscapes of Scotland* and has worked extensively in Scotland, Ireland, Russia, Greece, Czech Republic and Bulgaria on mountain building. He is also international co-ordinator of a major research project with Russia, Scotland, France, Germany, Finland, Czech Republic and is currently finishing a new guide to the ancient rocks of the North-west Highlands of Scotland.



#### David Lorimer

David Lorimer is Programme Director of the Scientific and Medical Network and Chair of Wrekin Trust and the University for Spirit Forum. He is editor of *The Spirit of Science, Thinking Beyond the Brain and Science, Consciousness and Ultimate Reality*.

His book on the Prince of Wales's philosophy and work - *Radical Prince* - was published in 2003.



#### Jim Perrin

Jim Perrin is a rock climber, travel writer and photographer, who has been described as "the most outstanding prose writer of present-day Wales". He has won the Boardman Tasker prize twice, first for his biography of John Edwards Menlove and again for *The Villain* (2005), a biography of Don Whillans. Among his other books are *Travels with the Flea: and Other Eccentric Journeys* and, most recently, *Climbing Essays*. As a climber he has developed many new routes, and, when recently in the USA, travelled about the country on his Harley Davidson.



#### Geshe Jampel Senge

Geshe Jampel Senge was born in Nyanang in Western Tibet. He fled his country when the Chinese communists invaded Tibet. It took him and his family six months to cross the Himalayas. In Nepal he went to school and gradually came to India. After completing his education he went to Nepal and became a teacher at a Tibetan Refugee School in Swayambunath and in 1973 he became a monk. He joined the Sera Monastery in South India. He studied Buddhism for nineteen years at the Sera Jhe College and graduated with the Highest Degree "Geshe Lharam" in Buddhist studies. In 1996, he was invited to Australia to teach Buddhism there and he found the Tashi Choeling Centre for Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy and Culture. He was posted by the Religious Affairs of the Exile-Tibetan -Government and the Office of HH The Dalai Lama to be the resident teacher at the Rikon Tibet-institute in Switzerland in 2004. He teaches Tibetan Buddhism in Switzerland, Greece, Italy and Australia.



#### Father Silouan

Born in India in 1945, of medical missionary parents, David Lake was educated at Uppingham School and the Universities of Nottingham and Glasgow, where he graduated Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy. Following a period as Lecturer at Lincoln Theological College and Theologian on the City Centre Team Ministry, he went on to be Research Director of the Islamic Environment Research Centre in London, and then taught Divinity at Winchester College. In 1990, Archimandrite Sophrony tonsured him orthodox monk and in 1993 monk of the Great Schema giving him the name Silouan. Since January 2001 he has been a priest-monk at the Monastery of St. Antony and St. Cuthbert high on Stiperstones in the south - west Shropshire hills.



## Mystics and Scientists 29 - The Spirit of Mountains

### BOOKING DETAILS

**Venue:** University College, Winchester (formerly King Alfred's College) is set in attractive surroundings overlooking one of the oldest cities in Britain. One hour by train from London Waterloo.

**Accommodation:** On site - in single rooms with some twins available. Please indicate if you require special accommodation considerations due to a physical disability.

Off site – we have reserved 50 en suite rooms at the Winchester Hotel, with a special two-night bed and breakfast rate of £80 per person (double) and £120 (single). These rooms will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis **and must be booked and paid for directly by delegates (i.e. not through the SMN office)**. Address: the Winchester Hotel, Worthy Lane, Winchester SO23 7AB, telephone 01962 709988 / fax 01962 840862. You will need to quote the booking reference SC131030. The rooms will only be held until the end of February.

**Fees:** Residential option £210/€305 (£195/€284 for Network Members and partners) includes accommodation at the college, lecture programme, and all meals. Non-Residents £175 /€260 (£165/€245 for members) includes lectures and all meals except breakfast. Fees payable on booking. Vegetarian option available – please tick the box below.

**Cancellations:** A fee of £25/€37 will be retained, or £75/€115 after 10th March; after 18th March, no refund.

**Booking:** *Places are strictly limited so early application is essential.* Send cheque for full amount, payable to: “Scientific and Medical Network”. Overseas bookings by cheque must be in Euros or sterling.

**WE CANNOT GUARANTEE BOOKINGS MADE AFTER 20th MARCH.**

**Please send to:** Conference Administrator, Scientific and Medical Network, PO Box 11, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos GL56 0ZF. Tel: +44 (0) 1608 652000, Fax: +44 (0)1608 652001, Email: info@scimednet.org

### Booking Form

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Please tick here if physically disabled and describe disability.

How did you hear about the conference? \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS** – are you?  Vegetarian  Vegan

Special requests (dietary etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTION

[  ] Cheque/Bank Draft/Money Order (payable to “Scientific and Medical Network”)

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