



# Annual General Meeting 2018

of the General Anthroposophical Society

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## Remembrance of the Dead

Saturday 24 March 2018, 8 p.m.

Silent composition with Halleluiah  
Prelude in E-flat minor  
Verse „Wie du empfangen“  
First Movement for String Quartet op. 110

J. S. Bach  
R. Steiner  
D. Schostakowitch

Speaker

Joan Sleigh  
Gerald Häfner  
Stefan Hasler  
John Bloom

Fifth Movement for String Quartet op. 110  
Verse „Wir dir Geistverbunden“  
Verse „Ich war.“  
Adagio in A minor  
Silent composition with Halleluiah

D. Schostakowitch  
R. Steiner  
R. Steiner  
J. S. Bach

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For the upcoming Annual Conference and General Assembly of 2018  
A letter to the Members of the Anthroposophical Society

Dear Members of the Anthroposophical Society!

We look forward to the upcoming Annual Conference and General Assembly of the Anthroposophical Society, certainly with many encounters and opportunities for exchange! The Goetheanum is in development, which, we hope, is felt everywhere! We would like to present the individual projects and report on the current developments of the “large”, worldwide Goetheanum. Ten working groups are currently working on individual projects in order to substantiate and implement the impulses from the Goetheanum World Conference held in 2016. In the meantime, important steps have been taken which we would like to share with you during the conference. In addition, this year all sections of the School for Spiritual Science will introduce themselves and report on their work in the past year as well as perspectives for the coming year. In the vocational working groups we will consider important and current questions in the activities of the respective Sections.

The theme of the Annual Conference will focus on the second stanza of the Foundation Stone Meditation. It will be prefaced in the mornings by the content of the First Class of the School for Spiritual Science, in freely rendered Class Lessons for members of the School as well as complimented by contemplations on the Anthroposophical meditative path, accessible to all participants. The “spirit mindfulness” leads to the development of feeling and touches our relationship to the world. Against this background we hope to deepen the work on the “Foundation Stone”.

This year we have designed a new form of General Assembly and we ask you to accompany the three-step process: All the necessary information on the motions and requests will be presented and shared on Thursday (22nd March). In doing so, we assume that the written information has been read, either in “Anthroposophy Worldwide” 1-2 /3 2018, or in the available Conference Reader. On Friday (23rd March), the plenary space will be open for discussion and consideration, necessary for members to form an individual and independent judgment. The numerous motions are subdivided into a) motions that concern the legal sphere of the membership and need to be decided upon, and b) requests to the Executive Council, to which the members can vote in the General Assembly. After having shared the information and consulted on it, the decisions will be taken by the General Assembly on Saturday (24th March), having slept on them for two nights.

In addition, we will have presentations regarding Anthroposophical activities worldwide: What has been successful? Which initiatives and projects are developing and are taking Anthroposophy into present-day cultural life? This is where initiatives and representatives of institutions and companies may introduce themselves and report on their work. Perhaps this will lead to suggestions for the implementation of other Anthroposophically-inspired initiatives.

In this General Assembly we will deal with the motion to annul the decision of 1935 and to reinstate both Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede, which includes taking up the impulses of Anthroposophical work, as carried by these personalities, in the future. Part of the General Assembly is also the affirming of Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato, both of whom stand to be reaffirmed as members of the Executive Council. This “caesura” was preceded by intensive deliberations in the Executive Council, in the Goetheanum Leadership and also by the circle of General Secretaries, which led to the relevant suggestion of the Executive Council.

With warm regards, in anticipation of the upcoming Annual Assembly of the Anthroposophical Society,

Matthias Girke, Justus Wittich, Christiane Haid  
For the board and the Goetheanum Leadership.

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

14.00	<b>Arrival</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections" in the Foyer	9.15–10.15	<b>Eurythmy Demonstration</b> Stefan Hasler <b>Practice Spirit mindfulness in the Present</b> Stefano Gasperi / Ariane Eichenberg
15.00–16.30	Opening with Eurythmy: <b>Goetheanum-Process: Where do we stand?</b> Mathias Girke, Constanza Kaliks	10.15	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections"
16.30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections" in the Foyer	11.00–12.30	<b>Working groups to the activities of the sections of the School for Spiritual Science as well as Meeting for Branch and Group Holders</b>
17.15–18.30	<b>Annual General Meeting I</b> Reports from the Executive Council; Finances; Information to Motions and Requests; Questions and Explanations	12.30–14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b> <b>Guided Tours</b>
18.30	<b>Supper Break</b>	14.30–16.30	<b>Annual General Meeting II</b> Open forum for Members discussion and consultation
20.00–21.30	<b>Macrocosm and Microcosm – Elizabeth Vreede</b> Frans Lutters <b>Eurythmy</b> Goetheanum Stage Ensemble	16.30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections"
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018		17.15–18.30	Continuation of Annual General Meeting <b>Goetheanum Worldwide</b> Presentations of current developments and projects of the Anthroposophical Societies worldwide
8.15–9.00	<b>Freely rendered Class Lesson to the Mantrams of the 16th Class Lesson</b> Claus-Peter Röh (D), Sue Simpson (EN) (for members of the School for Spiritual Science) <b>School for Spiritual Science: An Introduction</b> Bodo von Plato <b>The Representative of Human-kind</b> – free contemplation	18.30	<b>Supper Break</b>
		20.00–21.30	<b>Anthroposophy as an Art of Healing for the World – Ita Wegman</b> Peter Selg <b>Eurythmy</b> Goetheanum Stage Ensemble

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

8.15–9.00	<b>Freely rendered Class Lesson to the Mantrams of the 17th Class Lesson</b> Johannes Kuhl (D), Joan Sleigh (EN) (for members of the School for Spiritual Science) <b>Introduction to the School for Spiritual Science</b> Paul Mackay <b>The Representative of Human-kind</b> – free contemplation	9.15–10.15	<b>Eurythmy Demonstration</b> Stefan Hasler <b>The Development of Feeling: Individuality and Community</b> Jaap Sijmons / Bodo von Plato
		10.15	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections"
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14.30–16.30	<b>Annual General Meeting III</b> Decisions		
16.30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections"		
17.15–18.30	Continuation of Annual General Meeting <b>Goetheanum Worldwide</b> Presentations of current developments and projects of the Anthroposophical Societies worldwide		

18.30

**Supper Break**

20.00–21.30

**Memorial Gathering**  
for those who have died  
**Eurythmy**  
Goetheanum Stage Ensemble

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

8.15–9.00	<b>Freely rendered Class Lesson to the Mantrams of the 18th and 19th Class Lesson</b> Mathias Girke (D), Virginia Sease (EN) (for members of the School for Spiritual Science) <b>Contribution to the Representative of Humankind</b> Peter Selg <b>The Representative of Human-kind</b> – free contemplation	9.15–10.15	<b>Eurythmy Demonstration</b> Margrethe Solstad <b>The Social Challenges of the Present</b> Christiane Haid / Justus Wittich
		10.15	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Market Place:</b> "Work from the Sections"
		11.00–12.30	<b>The Social Challenges of the Present</b> Contributions and Discussion <b>Eurythmy</b> Foundation Stone Meditation Subject to change

2018 Annual General Meeting

## Invitation and Agenda

*Dear members,*

you are warmly invited to the General Anthroposophical Society's Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting which will be held from 22 to 25 March 2018 at the Goetheanum. A programme for this event is included below. For the first time this invitation has also gone out by email to our English-, French-, and German-speaking members. This year's meetings will see a new format for our annual gatherings. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Please note that registration is essential for the smooth running of this extensively prepared conference!

The General Anthroposophical Society's AGM – for which you will of course only need your membership card – will be included in the Annual Conference. This year it will deal with important questions and decide on a number of motions submitted by members. As a trial, the 2018 AGM will be guided through three steps of conscious judgment-forming (with a night between the individual stages):

- 1 information** (Thursday)
- 2 conversation and discussion** (Friday)
- 3 decision-making** (Saturday)

### The agenda items will be dealt with as follows

#### **AGM part 1**

**Information** (22 March 2018, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m.): Statements and financial report Proposal for the subsequent confirmation of Executive Council members Explanations and queries regarding the motions and concerns submitted in writing (first reading)

#### **AGM part 2**

**Conversation** (23 March 2018, 2.30 to 4 p.m.): Open discussion of the reports and the motions and concerns submitted by members (second reading)

#### **AGM part 3**

**Decision-making** (24 March 2018, 2.30 to 4 p.m.): Presentation of decisions to be made Decisions on the motions submitted (third reading and vote)

### Proposed agenda for the 2018 AGM

#### **1 Beginning of AGM**

(22 March, 5.15 p.m.)

#### **2 Executive Council report and discussion**

(22 March, 5.15 p.m., and 23 March, 2.30 p.m.)

#### **3 Statement of 2017 accounts and auditors' report**

(22 March, 5.15 p.m.) discussion (23 March, 2.30 p.m.) approval of 2017 annual accounts

(23 March, 2.30 p.m.)

#### **4 Election of auditors**

(24 March, 2.30 p.m.)

#### **5 Application to discharge the Executive Council**

(24 March, 2.30 p.m.)

#### **6 Affirmation of Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato**

for another term in a separate and secret ballot (24 March, 2.30 p.m.)

#### **7 Motions and concerns**

submitted to the 2018 AGM, explanations (22 March, 5.15 p.m.), discussion (23 March 2.30 p.m.), decision-making (24 March, 2.30 p.m.).

#### **8 The AGM concludes**

(24 March, 6.30 p.m.)

If you have not received the programme of the Annual Conference by email: please let the Membership Office at the Goetheanum (sekretariat@goetheanum.ch) have your email address so that future information for members can be mailed to you. You can unsubscribe any time. | *The Executive Council at the Goetheanum*

General Anthroposophical Society

## Motions and issues of concern for the 2018 AGM

*Dear members of the Anthroposophical Society,*

The impulse for renewal, born at the Goetheanum World Conference at Michaelmas 2016, will see its first practical manifestation in the restructuring of the Annual Conference and AGM. More than 30 Anthroposophical Societies worldwide will be represented and there will be opportunities to find out and have conversations about all the developments within the anthroposophical movement. A number of resolutions and motions are waiting to be discussed and decided on by the meeting. Please read the motions and concerns with their statements of reasons carefully so that they can be assumed to be known at the AGM.

In accordance with the Statutes we would like to introduce the following differentiation of concerns and motions:

- 1 Matters lying within the sphere of the members' rights.
- 2 Requests and wishes to the Executive Council for the AGM to vote on.

Article 8 of the Statutes of the General Anthroposophical Society specifies that «All matters lying within the sphere of members' rights (e.g. amendments of the Statutes, endorsement of the appointment of the president or other members of the Executive Council, membership fees, acceptance of the balance sheet) are to be determined by the Annual General Meeting. | Issues that concern the Society's spiritual goals and duties will only be dealt with in open discussion. They are not voted on. | The Annual General Meeting is chaired by a member of the Executive Council or by a chairperson appointed by the Executive Council. | The decisions of the Annual General Meeting are recorded in the minutes which are published in the Society's newsletter.» | *The Executive Council at the Goetheanum: Paul Mackay, Bodo von Plato, Seija Zimmermann, Justus Wittich, Joan Sleight, Constanza Kaliks, Matthias Girke*

## Matters lying within the sphere of Members' rights

*The following concern submitted by the Nordic Societies is very important for the further development of the Anthroposophical Society worldwide. It is also evident from various responses to the earlier emailed invitation to the Annual Conference that the members are seeking new forms of participating in the life of the Anthroposophical Society.*

### Concern 1

#### Participation in the AGM of members who live further away

The designation «Global Society» should mean that it is made possible for members who live further away from the Goetheanum to vote on matters that concern the Society worldwide.

Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark together have 3,600 members. Travelling to the General Anthroposophical Society's AGM in Switzerland is too far and too expensive for most of our members. This means that we do not have the same possibilities as the members in Central Europe when it comes to having a say on matters of the Society worldwide or the situation at the Goetheanum. We feel disadvantages by this situation and find it undemocratic. At a time when the whole world is interlinked the present way of voting seems rather outdated.

Our concern is that the Executive Council at the Goetheanum should look for ways of making it possible for all countries and members to also be actively involved in central matters of the Society worldwide.

The process as it is now gives us the feeling that we have no influence at all on what happens at the Goetheanum and this creates a distance between the Nordic countries and the Goetheanum; this is the exact opposite of what the present Executive Council strives to achieve with its Goetheanum in Development project.

We would welcome it if considerations in this direction could be started because we think that the Societies in other countries have similar views. We are more than happy to be involved in thinking about feasible solutions. | Oslo (NO), 20 January 2018: *For Norway: Ingrid Reistad*

The Councils of Denmark, Sweden and - pending the next council meeting - Finland have subscribed to this concern.

*The Executive Council hopes that first proposals can be discussed at the forthcoming Conference of General Secretaries as well as at the meeting of the Councils and Treasurers, all of which will precede the AGM, so that the first outcomes can be reported.*

### Motion 1

**Proposal to affirm Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato as members of the Executive Council for another term.**

See presentation on pages 4 and 5. | *The Executive Council at the Goetheanum*

### Motion 2

**Reversal of the resolution passed at the 1935 AGM and reinstated of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede**

At the Annual General Meeting on 14 April 1935 the following resolution regarding Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede was passed with a great majority:

Items 3 and 4 of the Agenda: Motion I. The Annual General Meeting of the General Anthroposophical Society on 14 April 1935 pronounces that the two members of the Executive Council, Dr Ita Wegman and Dr Elisabeth Vreede, who expressed their defiance of the will of the Society with actions amounting to self-exclusion, will no longer be recognized as members of the Executive Council. In order to meet the legal requirements, the Annual General Meeting decides that «Dr Ita Wegman and Dr Elisabeth Vreede are dismissed from their positions as members of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society».

The Annual General Meeting considers it impossible for the two persons named to conduct any further activities on behalf of the General Anthroposophical Society.»

This motion was passed with 1691 votes in favour (76 votes against, and 53 abstentions). The reasons and declarations put forward in order to induce the members to pass this motion were based on misunderstandings and untruths that were actively disseminated within the Society. As a result of these decisions, not only the social standing, dignity and moral integrity of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede were violated and called into question, but their efforts for the central impulses of anthroposophy within the General Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science were prevented and both women were separated from the areas of work and Sections entrusted to them by Rudolf Steiner – with unforeseeable consequences for the entire development of the anthroposophical movement, the General Anthroposophical Society and beyond.

The members present at the Annual General Meeting regret these past occurrences. Having gained knowledge of these past events through recent publications and wishing for a full reinstatement, they feel that the wrongly taken decision of the past should be reversed and the personalities of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede fully and expressly rehabilitated – particularly with regard to their activities and support of the anthroposophical movement.

**Proposed decision:** We ask the 2018 Annual General Meeting to decide in favour of reversing the resolution of the Annual General Meeting of 14 April 1935 which led to the exclusion of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede from the Executive Council. This decision would be an important contribution toward the reinstatement of these two members of the original Executive Council from the false accusations raised against them. | Dornach (CH), 31 October 2017 (edited on 22 January 2018): *Péter Barna, Pieter van Blom, Tatiana Garcia-Cuerva, Marion Fischbach, Lucius Hanhart, Marijcke van Hasselt, Thomas Heck, Eva Lohmann-Heck, Gerd-Mari Savin, Angelika Schuster, Leonhard Schuster, Ingrid Schleyer, Roland Tüscher.* **The Council of the Anthroposophical Society in Switzerland:** *Marc Desaulles, Clara Steinemann, Johannes Greiner, Peter Selg.*

## Motion in support of Motion 2

75 years after the deaths of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede, and in continuation of the concern raised at last year's Annual General Meeting, the following leading personalities of the General Anthroposophical Society support the above Motion to reverse the resolutions of the 1935 Annual General Meeting. We ask the meeting to vote in favour of Motion 2.

With this decision the Annual General Meeting pronounces the recognition and reinstatement of the two members of the original Executive Council from accusations wrongly raised against them in 1935. | **The Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society and the Goetheanum Leadership:** *Oliver Conradt, Jean-Michel Florin, Matthias Girke, Gerald Häfner, Christiane Haid, Stefan Hasler, Ueli Hurter, Constanza Kaliks, Johannes Köhl, Paul Mackay, Florian Osswald, Bodo von Plato, Claus-Peter Röh, Marianne Schubert, Joan Sleigh, Georg Soldner, Justus Wittich, Seija Zimmermann.* **The Conference of General Secretaries**, which represents 18 Anthroposophical Societies in the world, as decided on 9 November 2017

## Concern 2

**Ida-Marie Hoek, Amerongen (NL)**

In 2017 I tried in vain to defend, during the Annual General Meeting, my motion raised in connection with Thomas Heck's Motion 6 which had been sent off five days before in the Netherlands as well as in Dornach. I agreed, however, to the prospect of a deepened continuation of the reinstatement initiative.

I do not wish to further interfere with the legal processes regarding the new Motion but am trying to contribute with my concern to the 'deepening' and understanding of the real, though still unsuccessful, process of reconciliation between the two anthroposophical groups that diverged in 1935, but that had failed even in 1925 to work together to administrate the Society without Rudolf Steiner's mediating presence. This could help us to be more successful – i.e. more united – on the way toward our goal of 2023. What is most important for me is

that we – aside from the necessary methods of dealing with the 'wrong decisions' of the past Annual General Meeting – try above all to understand the reasons why people could not work together then, so that we can also understand where we are today in this respect. Rudolf Steiner said much about the cause of this – when he tried to prevent World War I as well as after the fire and before his death.

**1** The two Christian groups of the Catholic Church and the Johannine Rosicrucian School seem to have tried to become reconciled since 1600. But in the course of 1924 it became ever more apparent that this union could not be achieved on earth. Rudolf Steiner hoped to achieve this at the end of the century with the help of the Alexander stream: think of the Christian streams of Peter and Paul.

As a help in this process Rudolf Steiner gave the six subsidiary exercises as a minimum effort for the meditative preparation of the heart for the world situation. For this he condensed the sevenfold Chakra exercise into the three Aristotelian spiritual exercises of imagination, inspiration and intuition (GA16/17 as a continuation of GA10).

His entire philosophical and anthroposophical work between 1908 and 1922 served this guiding of the East towards the centre and the path of the West. In the end he answered the questions of the students of the Hochschul-Verein, saying that philosophy should build on the fundamentals of human threefoldness: his corrected and extended philosophy of Goethe, Franz Brentano and Fichte (father and son). It is certain that Ita Wegman was to learn all this in order to have real insight into and be able to support the First Class as the path of deepening self-knowledge. We can all read in Emanuel Zeylmans' book *Strengthening the Heart* (volume IV) how she was introduced by Rudolf Steiner to the historical-philosophical development of the knowledge of the human being. We could therefore really try today to establish the General Anthroposophical Section.

**2** In Rudolf Steiner's indications regarding the threefold social institution of the Medical Section he gave concrete karma exercises so that the Section would get to know these spiritual streams. Unfortunately, the Goetheanum Leadership does

not yet allow the Sections to be established according to Rudolf Steiner's intentions in a threefold human-social way, with the Executive Council as the heart, a core group as the head and the members as the limbs. One could, and should, try to establish this today so that the spiritual knowledge acquired by people could be included into the research and teaching.

**3** Although it was possible as early as 1960 to unite the Societies of the various countries again, the reunion of the Sections that had become divided in 1935 was not yet achieved, because it relied on a deepened understanding of the task and possibilities of the School of Spiritual Science + the Michael School + the [Pflege Verein]. Thorough research should therefore first go into how Rudolf Steiner gave study material and spiritual (esoteric) courses to all the Sections after the Christmas Conference. | *Ida-Marie Hoek, Amerongen (NL)*

For reasons of clarity, the German original of the above text was slightly edited and abridged by Justus Wittich.

## Motion 3

**Amendment to Section 12 of the Statutes: introducing a qualified majority for affirmations of Executive Council members**

We move that two thirds of the votes must be in favour when a member is appointed to the Executive Council or when their membership is re-affirmed. | *Gottfried Caspar, Ingrid Caspar, Dornach (CH)*

**Statement of reasons:** A fruitful working together for anthroposophy and its tasks will only be possible if the activities of each Executive Council member are understood and broadly supported by the membership. This is a matter of course that will be made binding by this Motion.

## Motion 4

**Amendment to Article 8 of the Statutes, last sentence: minutes should not only record decisions but procedures.**

**Proposed decision:** We move to amend Article 8, sentence 5 of the Statutes of the General Anthroposophical Society as follows: «The course as well as the decisions of Annual General Meetings are recorded in procedural minutes which are published within two months in the Society's newsletter. The minutes need to be accepted by a majority vote in the next Annual General Meeting.» | *Heidrun Mathilde Scholze, Unterföhring (DE), sowie Jochen Baltzer, Herbert Braun, Birgit Breitzfeld, Johannes Brink, Almuth Buchleitner, Walter Christ, Moritz Christoph, Anton Dembinsky, Helga Dörries, Elfriede Ganter, Dietmar Ferger, Ingo Hackel, Ulrich Hölder, Bronwen Imhoff, Barbara Janka, Erika Kaiser, Manfred Klein, Laurenz Kistler, Florian Konnertz, Elisabeth Krauß, Griseldis Krauß, Salvatore Lavecchia, Anneliese Lorenz, Mees Meeussen, Gerhard Meighörner, Cornelius Michael Oette, Kurt Pistek, Uta Schulz-Matan, Béatrice Vianin, Wessel von Loe, Elisabeth Wutte, Herbert Zettel, Robert Zocoll*

**Statement of reasons:** It has become apparent in recent years that the decision-based minutes stipulated in the Statutes of the General Anthroposophical Society do not sufficiently meet the members' wishes and needs for knowledge of and participation in the progress of Annual General Meetings. In fact, the minutes of the Annual General Meetings have repeatedly deviated from the stipulation of providing «minutes on decisions,» in order to give members who were unable to take part in these meetings access to important aspects.

Such partial recordings – which actually go against the Statutes – could elicit criticism from some members who were not present at the meetings, because they

might give the impression of arbitrariness. What is needed instead are neutral procedural minutes.

It is therefore our concern that the Statutes of the General Anthroposophical Society be amended in this point or adapted to the changed requirements and that, in future Annual General Meetings, procedural minutes are produced which reflect the progress of the meeting.

Many members are interested not only in the results of the consultations, but also in the developments leading to these results. Additionally, the minutes should report on discussions that did not result in a decision, such as for instance the treatment of concerns raised by members. And there is also the aspect that it is important for future generations to be able to follow, in outline, based on the AGM minutes, the development of the Society.

In order to provide an adequate picture of the progress of meetings for present and future members, it seems appropriate to present the course of events unfiltered. The minutes should not – out of a questionable desire for harmony – be smoothed over by subsequent changes or be presented one-sidedly. In order to keep our movement strong and vibrant, the minutes also need to record failed motions. One should have the courage to make the strengths and weaknesses of the meetings visible. Proposals for future work should be documented, even if they do not lead to formal decisions. If there are working groups, their discussions need to be minuted and included in the overall minutes of the meeting.

While procedural minutes are more difficult to record and need more input, they will make the members feel included in the processes. They will stimulate a lively exchange that can result in diversified and fruitful ways forward.

Under these conditions it is possible to have the minutes, as is generally customary, confirmed by majority decision in the next meeting.

## Requests and wishes to the Executive Council in the form of motions for the Annual General Meeting to vote on

The initiatives in the context of the «Goetheanum in Development» project have provoked a number of queries from members as well as a need for information, especially in relation to the further development and future possibilities of the Goetheanum Stage.

### Motion 5

#### Wishes regarding the Faust production planned for 2020

The Members' Day on 3 November 2017 which focused on the Faust production has uncovered considerable ambiguities and discrepancies regarding the question as to how Rudolf Steiner's artistic impulse – in this case in connection with the mystery arts of eurhythm, speech and drama – is understood and implemented at the Goetheanum. It has become apparent on this occasion that, although it was announced that the Executive Council and the Goetheanum Leadership would closely oversee the evolving Faust production, this never happened. This was neither explained convincingly nor was anyone prepared to take the responsibility.

In the Executive Council's statements of September 2017, it was for the first time admitted that the material had not been sufficiently penetrated artistically or spiritually (Bodo von Plato). The first expressions of concern from the membership regarding the style of the production had reached the Executive Council as early as two years previously. Paul Mackay's answer to the question why the Executive Council had only now arrived at this insight was, «It has just taken us that long.»

The contradiction arising from Bodo von Plato's statement that it had never been decided not to include Rudolf Steiner's indications, and the obvious fact that Rudolf Steiner's speech impulse as well as his spiritual-scientific explanations and indications regarding a production were almost entirely ignored, could not be resolved.

Equally unresolved was the incongruity that Christian Peter was appointed as director because he had more than 40 years of experience with the Faust at the Goetheanum, although it was known that he did not wish to include, but rather free himself

from, Rudolf Steiner's explanations and indications for a Faust production.

Even before the Members' Day the decision was made to appoint Andrea Pfaehler as director for the future work on the Faust production. Ms Pfaehler trained at the Zurich Drama School and is – apparently – not familiar with the anthroposophical artistic impulse. She is not trained in anthroposophical speech or acting nor has she any experience with former Faust productions. When asked at the Members' Day, she was unable to say anything about her concept. Clearly, an appointment has again been made without sufficiently clarifying what the intentions are regarding Rudolf Steiner's artistic impulse.

More information on and evaluations of the problems regarding the Faust production can be found in *Ein Nachrichtenblatt* issues 25/2016 (Analysis of the Faust production), 24/2017 (The struggle between art and taste), and 3/2018 (in-depth report on the Members' Day, also available on [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com).)

The presentations of the Executive Council, which is ultimately responsible for the production, have failed to reveal how the obvious divergence from the anthroposophical artistic impulse can be overcome and how a spiritual-scientific penetration of the Faust production can be achieved.

Even if there have been noticeable positive attempts since January 2017 at bringing life to the speech and rhythms of the play, this does not change the fact that the basic intention behind the whole production remains the same. The question remains how a Faust production can be achieved that is appropriate for the Goetheanum in all respects, including direction, stage set, costumes and the suitable «artistic presentation of evil and the realization of mythological, poetic and historical figures and contexts in Faust part II» (from the Executive Council's statement in *Anthroposophy Worldwide* 11/2017), keeping in mind the shortage of available funds.

**Proposed decision:** In order to avoid that the results of the renewed efforts will only become apparent when the play is performed in 2020 and to make sure that there is sufficient transparency for interested members, the 2018 Annual General Meeting asks the Executive Council

1 to publish, by the end of September 2018, a detailed written concept of the future production (as regards direction, speech, stage set, colour scheme, costumes, description of the mythological figures and scenes), and to organize a Members' Day on a Saturday in October 2018 that offers time enough for conversations with the artists in charge of the production and with the Executive Council. A direct attempt on the part of the members at influencing the artists is expressly not intended.

2 To enable the Executive Council and interested members to gain insight into the progress of the production in good time, first performances of scenes and possibilities for discussion should be provided six months at the latest after rehearsals begin, in the form of workshop presentations or public rehearsals.

3 The proposers of this motion, or members appointed by them, should be actively and in adequate ways involved in planning and running the events proposed under 1 and 2. | Dornach (CH), 26 January 2018: Péter Barna, Gabriela Cieslinski, Christian von Esbeck, Jan Fontein, Monika Gasser, Martina Geith, Thomas Heck, Monica Heredeu von Allmen, Andrea Hitsch, Andrea Jeserich, Silvan Karnieli, Brigitte Kovarik, Eva Lohmann-Heck, Martin Georg Martens, Ursula Ostermai, Marja Reinhard, Luise Rendtorff, Katja Rettich, Ingrid Schleyer, Angelika Schuster, Leonhard Schuster, Luise von Schwerin, Gerti Staffend, Angelika Strnad, Roland Tüscher, Anna Wadström

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*The planned foundation of a World Goetheanum Association is another important initiative within the Goetheanum in Development project that aims at making the Goetheanum economically viable. Regarding this initiative, the following wish has been submitted as a motion.*

## Motion 6

### Wish for information about the World Goetheanum Association

In Anthroposophy Worldwide 12/2017 it was reported that «On this day [28 September 2017] more than 20 enterprises, representatives of anthroposophical institutions and country societies met the existing Goetheanum Association project group in Dornach. The basic idea behind this initiative is to create a real partnership between what is estimated at more than 30,000 institutions and establishments which have anthroposophy at their source (including farms and doctors' practices), and the School of Spiritual Science.» Because this notice was not very enlightening, the proposers asked for further information and received the brief answer that, «The project is still being developed and we will report on it in detail once it has taken shape.»

It is certainly right and legitimate to develop ideas without including the public. But as soon as they become projects and are beginning to be realized, it cannot be right that the public is not informed or even rebuffed when asking questions. In the anthroposophical context the term «association» is closely connected with an economic approach described by Rudolf Steiner. This approach is characterized by the fact that all those included in the economic processes, including the consumers, are actively involved in them. The use of the term in a context from which an essential part of the Society – i.e. the Members – is not only excluded but not even informed, can be experienced as misleading and inappropriate.

In recent years the idea of a membership for institutions was seen by a majority of people as not appropriate for the General Anthroposophical Society and as incompatible with Rudolf Steiner's original intentions. In 2011 the members also rejected the idea of a Goetheanum Foundation. The question is therefore whether this Goetheanum Association is a similar project, of which the members are, however, only meant to hear more once «it has taken shape»?

**Proposed decision:** The Annual General Meeting may decide to demand that the Executive Council informs the membership immediately and in detail about the inten-

tions and the status of the Goetheanum Association initiative and to publish this information in Anthroposophy Worldwide. | *Dornach, 26 January 2018, Thomas Heck*

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*The project on Communications and the weekly journal Das Goetheanum is also part of the Goetheanum in Development initiative. Extensive changes are to be expected in this area in 2019. Three wishes to the Executive Council on this topic have been submitted in the form of motions.*

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## Motion 7

### Wish for clarification of the relationship between the members and the Executive Council/ Goetheanum Leadership

The following statements have elicited questions regarding the relationship that Executive Council and Goetheanum Leadership have with the Society:

**1** At the Annual Conference of the anthroposophical movement in 2017 Claus-Peter Röh said repeatedly that the General Anthroposophical Society should become less of a Society of members and more a Society that facilitates initiatives. What does this mean? Why should the Society no longer be a society based on membership? Is the Society to be transformed into a foundation?

**2** In the – presumably internal – «Goetheanum in Development» working paper of October 2017, which was clearly the basis of the eponymous article in Anthroposophy Worldwide 12/2017, it is said that «A major goal of all the projects mentioned is to make the Goetheanum economically viable within three years. The basis for this is trust in the Goetheanum and its development. An important impulse in this context is the initiative to strengthen and foster the relationship with the members. For the membership contributions continue to be an important financial foundation.» (The last sentence was missing from the article in Anthroposophy Worldwide). This «initiative to strengthen and foster the relationship with the members» is evidently more interested in the membership fees than in the members.

**3** In the same working paper – albeit not in Anthroposophy Worldwide – mention is also made of a Communications project that is meant to contribute to «conveying a new image of the (worldwide) Goetheanum». For this, «the present situation from the point of view of the public [is to be] analyzed with the help of external experts» and the «need for change internally assessed (by the Members).» On the basis of this, «realistic guidelines» are to be developed «for the period between 2018 and 2020». What does developing a new image of the Goetheanum imply? Why does it need external consultants to assess or develop the situation and the need for change in the relationship between the Goetheanum and the Members? Why are we Members not informed of this? And why are the Members not actively involved in this question?

Further questions arise, such as for instance how the Leadership of the Society and the School of Spiritual Science sees its relationship with the Members. Usually, the members form the Society and the Council is given the role of presiding over the membership whilst being committed to the goals of the Society and accountable to the Members. However, the above quotations give the impression that the Society's Leadership sees itself as an autonomous and independent entrepreneur, the members as the workforce of the enterprise «Goetheanum» or «Society», and it accordingly seeks to shape and optimize its relationship with this workforce with the help of external consultants. The workforce may just about be informed of future developments, but it is not included in them.

**Proposed decision:** If the General Meeting agrees that there are important questions regarding the view of the Society and regarding the relationship between the Members and the Society's Leadership, it may decide that the Executive Council be asked to give, in regard to the above questions, a clear and in-depth written explanation of how it sees itself as the leadership organ of the General Anthroposophical Society and consequently its relationship with the Members, and to comment and answer questions on this at a Members' Day. To make it possible for as many Members as possible to attend such a Members' Day it should be held on a Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in September or October 2018. | *Dornach (CH), 26 January 2018: Thomas Heck*

## Motion 8

### Wish for balanced reporting in the Society's organs

The problem of one-sided and partly biased reporting in the newsletter for members founded by Rudolf Steiner is part of the General Anthroposophical Society's history. There are numerous examples in the history of the Society that confirm the fact that this problem has been around, more or less pronouncedly, since 1925, and that it has become part of our Society's habit body.

One clear symptom of this are the «alternative» newssheets that have appeared over time, such as the AVS News (of the Swiss Anthroposophical Association), which were rooted in the 1946 conflict about Rudolf Steiner's legacy and were published up until Michaelmas 2017. A current example is *Ein Nachrichtenblatt*, which has been published since 2011, when the Newssheet founded by Rudolf Steiner was all but given up by the Society's Leadership (it was reduced from coming out weekly to ten yearly issues in 2011). This means that the Members have hardly any possibility now of becoming actively involved in publications that concern Society questions.

One-sided reporting has time and again led to preventing Members from having access to information needed to come to an informed judgement, for instance in connection with the conflict that culminated in the exclusions of 1935. In the 1940s and 1950s, important information could not be published in the Members' newsletter because of the conflict about Rudolf Steiner's estate, and this information could only be found in the AVS news, among others. The views regarding the Society's constitution, which emerged in the 1960s and did not conform to the views of the Leadership could only be published in the official newsletter from the late 1990s. One needs to consider that these views, which have by now been proven right in their essential points, and have also been acknowledged as correct by the Society, could only be published outside the Society's organs for members.

To this day it has remained impossible to gain, from the Society's publications alone, an objective view on the examples mentioned. There have always been authors who were denied the possibility to publish

their views even though, compared to today, a much greater number of membership contributions was published before 2011 in the Members' News [Mitteilungen für Mitglieder].

Particularly in recent months, the reporting has been experienced as very one-sided. Here are only a few examples, which cannot be fully presented here. More information can be found in the sources mentioned or online at [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com).

#### Example 1

Steven Usher, when criticizing the uncommented publication of a Zander quotation in the prospectus [for the exhibition] 'Images of Rudolf Steiner', asked if the Goetheanum was still in accord with its mission when publishing this. The Goetheanum Leadership's response to his criticism was to criticize the step he [Usher] took without addressing the question raised by him. Their answer was that Helmut Zander's distorting and discrediting statement spoke for itself and printing it uncommented was a «more effective correction» than not mentioning it. It was alleged that Stephen Usher had interpreted the context of the quotation based on motives that were «very different from» the intentions of the organizers of the exhibition, and that he had deliberately held back his «indignation» (as Justus Wittich called it, Stephen Usher himself wrote that he was «shocked») in the conversations he had at the Goetheanum, only to spread his alleged «indignation» later by email and in *Ein Nachrichtenblatt*. It was obvious that this way of presenting things was incorrect, because Stephen Usher wrote, «At the end of a pleasant visit [...]»

It was therefore apparent from Stephen Usher's contribution that he had not seen the Prospectus yet when he had the conversations mentioned. And yet, he was pilloried 20,000-fold via the German edition of *Anthroposophy Worldwide* with this allegation, in front of a membership that was unable to judge for itself. Although Stephen Usher's response was published later, an active correction or apology was never provided. (For more information about the incident see the article «Erwartungen» [expectations] on [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com))

#### Example 2

Following the Annual General Meeting various incorrect accounts were published in

the weekly journal *Das Goetheanum*. Here are two examples:

1 «Benjamin Kolass from the German Anthroposophical Society said of the group's organ of publication [*Ein Nachrichtenblatt*] [he was referring to the proposers], that it was hardly in accordance with the anthroposophical culture to call for resignations in the Christmas edition.» There is no Christmas edition of *Ein Nachrichtenblatt*, in which a «call for resignations» was published. Instead, there was a call for resignation in September 2016 in connection with an appeal to Bodo von Plato to take responsibility for the publication of the discrediting Zander quotation mentioned above. Wolfgang Held quoted Benjamin Kolass without making sure that the statement in question was correct.

Although the error was pointed out orally and in writing, it has not been corrected, and the statement was recorded in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting without any indication as to its incorrectness. There has not been a correction to this day.

2 In *Das Goetheanum* 17/2017 Wolfgang Held summarized Peter Selg's contribution to the Motion to reverse the 1935 exclusions from the Executive Council as follows: «This [the reinstated of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede] has long happened.» Following this totally distorted presentation of Peter Selg's contribution, Justus Wittich was given, on 24 April 2017, a written account of what Peter Selg actually said. No correction followed. Peter Selg had to intervene in person so that the original minutes were replaced by a more precise summary of his contribution (as Paul Mackay, Justus Wittich and Oliver Conradt called it) in *Anthroposophy Worldwide* 6/2017. (For a more detailed comparison of the texts visit [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com).)

#### Example 3

*Das Goetheanum* 52–53/2017 published an article by Wolfgang Held about the reinstated of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede, where he writes, «At the 2017 Annual General Meeting this effort [Gerald Häfner's concern] – in addition to a motion submitted by members – led to an initiative of the Goetheanum Leadership, which was accepted by a great majority, to declare the

resolution of 1935 to be «untenable and wrong from today's point of view.»

To the background of Gerald Häfner's initiative: In 2016, Gerald Häfner proposed several times to the Goetheanum Leadership, to commemorate the various injustices done in the history of the Society in a special act. This impulse was not taken up by the Goetheanum Leadership at that time. The «concern» submitted by Gerald Häfner, which is presented here as an «initiative of the Goetheanum Leadership» originated – according to Häfner – in the night before the 2017 Annual General Meeting. It was an attempt at mediation after Jaap Sijmons and other functionaries had, just before, expressed their concern about the motion. Gerald Häfner had therefore seen no cause for submitting a «concern» as late as a week before the AGM.

Things were consequently the other way around: In addition to the motion submitted by members, Gerald Häfner submitted his concern only at the AGM (Documentation of the 2017 AGM at [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com))

#### Example 4

The one-sided reporting and selecting of letters to the editor were particularly noticeable in connection with the current Faust production. Critical letters were not published nor were they mentioned in the articles about the production, although concerned and critical messages arrived at the Goetheanum very early on. Instead much was made of the audience's enthusiasm, and reports of audience members were published that were positive, above all, about personal preferences, the joy of the performers and the extraordinary achievement of the ensemble. Critics of the production were denigrated as detractors (see below). Letters and reports referring to spiritual-scientific aspects or to the content were hardly at all published in *Das Goetheanum* and *Anthroposophy Worldwide*. There were no statements by the Goetheanum Leadership on those critical voices. Instead one heard views like, «The production has been badmouthed internally as well as externally by those opposed to the artistic realization – what a shame!» (*Anthroposophy Worldwide* 9/2017.)

#### Example 5

An article entitled *Criticism Should Be Organic* appeared in *Anthroposophy Worldwide* 6/2017, written by Wolfgang Held as the «Goetheanum spokesperson», on behalf and in the name of the Executive Council and the Goetheanum Leadership. It starts as follows, «The Goetheanum is facing accusations and allegations which were also aired at the Annual General Meeting. Wolfgang Held explains the circumstances and calls for a kind of criticism that can facilitate conversation.»

The subsequent «description of circumstances» consists of incorrect allegations made by Wolfgang Held, as has been established by Leonhard Schuster in his correction based on his own research. This correction was not published, not even after repeated requests. It has by now been published in *Ein Nachrichtenblatt* 12/2017. The proposer has also investigated the actual circumstances and can therefore confirm Leonhard Schuster's account. Details regarding Wolfgang Held's criticism of perceived critics on behalf of the Goetheanum - which was entirely inappropriate considering the actual facts - cannot be provided here, but can be found on [www.gv-2018.com](http://www.gv-2018.com), under the heading «Erwartungen».

Proposed decision: The Annual General Meeting may decide that the Executive Council, as the body responsible for the Society's organs of publication (*Das Goetheanum* and *Anthroposophy Worldwide*) and its information, and as the editor, should make sure that the General Anthroposophical Society's organs of communication provide balanced and truthful reporting, particularly when it comes to the reports of the Leadership, the editors, and the co-workers of the Society themselves, but also when it comes to selecting external contributions, especially letters to the editor; and that the staff members involved with the editing are committed to this approach. | *Dornach (CH)*, 26 January 2018: Thomas Heck

## Motion 9

**The wish to include texts by Rudolf Steiner in the *Goetheanum* weekly as a way of disseminating anthroposophy**

**Proposed decision:** The AGM grants to the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society the competence and responsibility to see to it that the editors of *Das Goetheanum*, the weekly journal for anthroposophy, perform their task which is to use the weekly journal to spread anthroposophy, i.e. Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science, in the world. This should be done by devoting a minimum of one page in each issue to words by Rudolf Steiner from his extensive anthroposophical/spiritual-scientific work, on a chosen theme and possibly with comments. | *Eckhart Dönges, Bern (CH)*

**Statement of reasons:** Although the journal's subtitle (*Wochenschrift für Anthroposophy*) clearly designates it as a «weekly journal for Anthroposophy» we have hardly seen any articles from the extensive anthroposophical spiritual science in recent years.

Disseminating his spiritual scientific insights among humanity was Rudolf Steiner's foremost concern. As we know, he described the effect of the suprasensible world in and on the physical world, for instance through the hierarchies, through Ahriman-Lucifer, through the constituent parts of the human being, in nature, in the arts; the effect of the event of Golgotha on all of evolution and that of the elementary beings on each process in nature; topics that relate to Rudolf Steiner's impulses and research into the natural and social sciences and so on.

What we find in the weekly journal are mainly interviews, conference reports, and current political and philosophical matters, often without any anthroposophical light being cast on them, book reviews etc. – many topics that one can find in any ordinary journal. It seems that the editors can hardly find anyone who writes about the topics mentioned for the «weekly journal for Anthroposophy.»

I therefore move that Rudolf Steiner be allowed to speak for himself.

## Further wishes to the Executive Council

*Collated by Justus Wittich*

### Motion 10

**Wish to hold a conference on the question of science or pseudo-science**

**Proposed decision:** The Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society may, as soon as possible, organize a conference on the topic «Is Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science a science or a pseudo-science?»

**Statement of reasons:** The relationship of spiritual science with the natural sciences was one of Rudolf Steiner's most central concerns. He saw his spiritual science, or his science of initiation, as the continuation of natural science in the realm of the supersensible (cf. Majorek 2011). In the eyes of his current critics, on the other hand, it is a pseudo-science or even a form of mythical thinking. One cannot simply ignore these voices.

Rudolf Steiner saw natural science as a central force in the spiritual life of his (and even more of our) time, and he was convinced that, if spiritual science was to have an influence on public life, it would have to be able to stand up to natural science. He provided numerous indications on how one should understand and represent the relationship of spiritual science to natural science. There is evidence that Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science is equal to the challenges modern natural science is facing today (cf., for instance, Heusser and Weinzierl: «Rudolf Steiner. Seine Bedeutung für Wissenschaft und Leben heute» [Rudolf Steiner. His significance for today's science and life], 2014; Majorek: «Rudolf Steiners Geisteswissenschaft [Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science], 2015. However, this question that is so essential for the effect anthroposophy has on the public seems to have disappeared not only from the public consciousness, but also from the consciousness of the General Anthroposophical Society. It would be the task of the conference, which we are asking for, to bring this question back to the heart of the anthroposophical striving. | *Marek B. Majorek, Latterbach (CH), and 14 other members*

### Motion 11

**Wish to set up an online Members' Forum**

**Proposed decision:** The membership commissions the Executive Council to set up a members' area on the Goetheanum website to enable an exchange among members worldwide. Every contribution will be published; the member in question has responsibility for the content of his/her contribution.

**Statement of reasons:** The forum is meant as a pin board for members, for readers' letters, for sharing and for finding out what lives in the Anthroposophical Society; for sharing what lives in our souls. Or, as Rudolf Steiner put it at the Christmas Conference, «to simply write what one feels inside» (GA 260, 30 December 1923). Even before the Christmas Conference he said, «There really needs to be something so that one can find out about all that is happening. There is so much happening in the Anthroposophical Society, but individuals have no way of knowing about these things. [...] there should not merely be an outer, formal manifestation of an International Anthroposophical Society, but what happens in it should be organically circulated. Just imagine: once we will have an International Anthroposophical Society in this form, countless difficulties we have today will simply disappear.» (GA 259, 18 November 1923) | *Basel (CH), 15 January 2018: Karin Lanz, Frank Spaan and Moritz Christoph*

### Motion 12

**Wish to project the Representative of Humanity on to the stage during an interval at the 2018 AGM**

**Statement of reasons:** Perceiving and experiencing the Representative of Humanity. What effect does it have on the stage, from a distance? How does it interact with the design of the Main Auditorium? What feelings are elicited by this sight?

A first projection was done during an «Open Working Group for the Representative of Humanity» within the Visual Arts Section and can easily be done. | *Basel (CH), 15 January 2018: Karin Lanz, Frank Spaan and Moritz Christoph*

*The Executive Council at the Goetheanum***Reaffirmation of Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato**

It was decided in 2011 that Executive Council members are no longer appointed for life. Every seven years their position needs to be reconfirmed by the Annual General Meeting. In 2018 this moment has come for the two longest serving Executive Council members: Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato.

The Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society and the Section Leaders together form the Goetheanum Leadership and are together responsible for the School of Spiritual Science, which was founded by Rudolf Steiner as the «soul of the Anthroposophical Society». For it to fulfill this task its constitution is decided through cooptation after consultation with the section leaders and the general secretaries, with a view to the required skills and experience, and the given constellation of individuals.

At the same time the Executive Council is, as a body of initiative, responsible for the development of the Anthroposophical Society all over the world and for the Goetheanum in Dornach. It represents the Anthroposophical Society in public and is the port of call for concerns of the members and of the Societies in the various countries. Its individual members are confirmed by the Annual General Meeting of the association, which is registered in Switzerland.

**Composition and orientation**

Since the Statutes were amended in 2011, following a proposal by the Executive Council that was passed by the Annual General Meeting, the members of the Executive Council are no longer appointed for life, but need to be affirmed by the AGM after a period of seven years. This guarantees a regular inner and outer examination of the Executive Council's composition and orientation as a collegium in which the skills of the individual members complement each other. Any proposals of new appointments or affirmations are first discussed and confirmed within the Executive Council, then in the Goetheanum Leadership and finally in the Conference of General Secretaries, before they are submitted to the Annual General Meeting for affirmation. At the 2018 AGM the council members will be

- **Paul Mackay** since 1996, re-affirmed in 2011
- **Bodo von Plato** since 2001, re-affirmed in 2011

- **Seija Zimmermann** since 2006, will step down at the 2018 AGM
- **Justus Wittich** since 2012
- **Joan Sleigh** since 2013
- **Constanza Kaliks** since 2015, also leader of the Youth Section
- **Matthias Girke** since 2017, also leader of the Medical Section

The 2018 AGM has been preceded by an intensive decision-making process regarding the reaffirmation of Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato. This process started in June 2017 within the Executive Council, before continuing in several meetings of the Goetheanum Leadership, and then, in November, in the Conference of General Secretaries. (General Secretaries are sent by Anthroposophical Societies that have more than 500 members; they are listed here according to membership numbers: Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, USA, Sweden, Italy, Great Britain, France, Brazil, Australia, Norway, Finland, Austria, Denmark, Belgium, New Zealand, Canada and Japan.

In these consultations the question of age and length of membership in the Executive Council was discussed frankly and extensively (experience and continuity versus emphasis), since both have worked at the Goetheanum for many years. The differing views regarding the future route of anthroposophy are reflected in the question of new appointment versus reaffirmation. It was also discussed whether certain skills and experience would be missing from the Executive Council in future.

As a result of these consultations and with a view to the given constellation of individuals, the Executive Council, supported by the Goetheanum Leadership and the Conference of General Secretaries, proposes to reaffirm Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato for another term. The proposal also has to do with the Goetheanum in Development process that started with the Goetheanum World Conference at Michaelmas 2016. The two personalities in question have been instrumental in this process and should be there to lead it into the future.

**Allocation of tasks within the Executive Council**

Whilst preparing for the reaffirmation, the Executive Council has worked with the Goetheanum Leadership and the General Secretaries on fundamental aspects of the anthroposophical work, the School of Spiritual Science and the Anthroposophical Society; in December 2017 it proposed the following new allocation of tasks for the next years:

**Paul Mackay** is the longest-serving member on the Executive Council. He has so far been responsible for Human Resources and the Building Administration and has also been a management member. He is president of the board of directors at Weleda and as such involved with the imminent steps in Weleda's future development. In January 2018 he took over from Virginia Sease as the person responsible for the class holders and new admissions to the School of Spiritual Science. If reaffirmed he will be co-leader, with Joan Sleigh and Bodo von Plato, of the General Anthroposophical Section. It is intended that Paul Mackay will gradually withdraw from the management part of his duties at the Goetheanum and devote himself increasingly to the School of Spiritual Science and the formation of a faculty within the General Anthroposophical Section. He also continues to be a faculty member of the Section for Social Sciences at the Goetheanum.

**Bodo von Plato** is co-responsible for Studies and Further Training, as well as for the Goetheanum's Communication and Documentation Departments (Archives, Library and Art Collection). If reaffirmed he will lead the General Anthroposophical Section with Joan Sleigh and Paul Mackay. He has recently described the new tasks that need doing in the context of this development in a contribution to a book about the Goetheanum, the School of Spiritual Science and the history and research of the Sections. (Goetheanum – Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft. Geschichte und Forschung der Sektionen. Goetheanum Press 2017). He has also been instrumental in the Goetheanum's Meditation Worldwide initiative and the Cultural Impulses Research Institute at the Goetheanum.

In addition, he is very active travelling as a lecturer and seminar leader, bearing particular responsibility for the francophone countries.

**Joan Sleigh** has been co-leader, with Bodo von Plato and Paul Mackay, of the General Anthroposophical Section of the

School of Spiritual Science since January 2018; her main area is the English-speaking world and the fostering of contacts with the class leaders there. She oversees the English Studies in the Goetheanum's department of Studies and Further Training, as well as the English-speaking Societies worldwide. In April 2018 she will succeed Seija Zimmermann as head of the Membership Office. She travels extensively in Africa, Asia and the English-speaking countries. Joan Sleight is a faculty member of the Section for Social Sciences and co-initiator of the World Social Initiative Forum.

**Constanza Kaliks** is the leader of the Youth Section within the School of Spiritual Science. She is also responsible for the Anthroposophical Studies in Spanish and Portuguese and for questions of further training at the Goetheanum. In addition, she is in charge of the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries and for the first conference of Romance languages that will take place at the Goetheanum in 2018. Constanza Kaliks is a faculty member of the General Anthroposophical Section and travels widely as a lecturer and seminar leader.

**Matthias Girke** became leader of the Medical Section (with Georg Soldner) in 2016 and has joined the Executive Council in March 2017. He has been instrumental in restructuring the Annual Conference and the 2018 AGM, in a way that will make more apparent how the whole Society is fertilized by the School of Spiritual Science. He is a faculty member of the General Anthroposophical Section.

**Justus Wittich** has been treasurer of the General Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science since 2012. He is a member of the Goetheanum management and oversees the Finance and EDP departments. He represents the editor of the weekly journal *Das Goetheanum* and of *Anthroposophy Worldwide*. In addition, he is a faculty member of both the General Anthroposophical Section and the Section for Social Sciences.

The Executive Council and Goetheanum Leadership ask the Annual General Meeting to agree to the reaffirmation of Paul Mackay and Bodo von Plato as members of the constellation described above and as instrumental contributors to the Goetheanum in Development project. | *Justus Wittich for the Executive Council at the Goetheanum*

*Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede*

## Towards reinstated

**At the 2018 AGM a motion will be voted on that intends to heal a sore spot in the Anthroposophical Society's history: the exclusion, in 1935, of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede from the Executive Council. Justus Wittich is sketching some stages in the developments from Rudolf Steiner's death to the present.**

Directly after Rudolf Steiner's death in 1925 the history of the Anthroposophical Society took a tragic turn in the way people worked together, a circumstance that has hardly been mentioned for almost three generations. With all the outer successes that were achieved, such as the building of the second Goetheanum (1928), the staging of Goethe's entire Faust (1938), artistic highlights and a growing membership, life within the Anthroposophical Society has been riddled with conflicts, fragmentation, quarrels and legal illusions. It is almost a miracle that, despite all this darkness and thanks to the work of the same individuals, anthroposophy could grow and become effective in civilization, and that the Anthroposophical movement and Society have gradually begun to heal together again over the last twenty or thirty years.

### Growing tension and hostility

The new Executive Council that was proposed by Rudolf Steiner and confirmed by the members at the Christmas Conference of 1923/1924 consisted of Albert Steffen, Marie Steiner, Elisabeth Vreede, Guenther Wachsmuth, Ita Wegman, and himself as president. After Rudolf Steiner's death in April 1925, the individuals left on the Council were understandably not equal to the situation they found themselves in. They could not see a way of working together or agree on how to continue the immense work left behind by Rudolf Steiner, or on how to take the Anthroposophical Society into the future.

The growing tension, hostility and forming of factions and groups, which culminated in 1934–35, made the work of the Executive Council impossible. The initiatives and actions of Elisabeth Vreede and Ita Wegman were not understood, or misinterpreted as opposition, from the moment Rudolf Steiner died. Both women were more and more isolated in Dornach and not consulted in any decision making processes.

### The exclusion

In the end the only way out of this quandary seemed to be separation and exclusion. This step became legally effective in 1935, after a first attempt in 1934 had failed due to formalities. During the annual general meeting of 14 March, for which 1820 members came together in the still unfinished second Goetheanum, a group of members, supported by the remaining members of the Executive Council, moved that Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede be excluded from the Executive Council and divested of all duties, including their section leaderships. The motion had been preceded by a «memorandum» published and disseminated by the membership which aimed to support the motion in question and contained false and defamatory accusations. The movers also demanded the exclusion of various leading members from Great Britain, the Netherlands and Germany, as well as the exclusion of the British and Dutch Anthroposophical Societies and other groups that had come together in an association of independent anthroposophical groups. Ita Wegman, and particularly Elisabeth Vreede, were not able to continue their work for the Society and their Sections and were left with nothing. The decision effectively split the Anthroposophical Society in half.

The dismissals and exclusions did, however, not resolve the conflicts within the Anthroposophical Society. It was not long before they raised their head again in different ways, involving other people. With the ban and persecution of the Anthroposophical Society in Germany and the Second World War almost all the anthroposophical work came soon to a standstill.

### Seeking clarification

Seventy-five years ago, in 1943, both Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede crossed the threshold: Ita Wegman died on 4 March in Arlesheim (ch), at the age of 67, and Elisabeth Vreede on 31 August in Ascona (ch), aged 64. After the disastrous World War

the first, slow and reluctant, efforts were made to reverse or heal the events of 1935. However, the resolutions leading to the exclusions were not rescinded during the corresponding discussions, for instance at the agm of 1948. In 1960 the excluded Dutch and British Societies decided to return to the Goetheanum and to the Anthroposophical Society – «because this is what we want» (according to the then Dutch general secretary Willem Zeylmans van Emmichoven.)

In the 1980s and 90s various individuals – among them Executive Council members Jürgen Smit and Manfred Schmidt-Brabant – tried to establish a more objective picture of the five members of the 1923 Executive Council but chose not to dwell on the conflicts and quarrels. The existing archives were difficult to access, and the Goetheanum Archives were kept firmly under lock and key. When Emanuel Zeylmans, the son of the former Dutch general secretary and a Christian Community priest, started his research into Ita Wegman's biography in 1980, he continually met with obstacles and refusals. His efforts were not at all supported by the Executive Council. »

In 1986, a first overview was published by Bodo von Plato («On the History of the Anthroposophical Society») – at that time still a daring step to take for the Goetheanum. But the archives remained closed because it had only just become possible to take the first small and slow steps towards bridging the deep gulf that had been caused by all the violations, conflicts and legal disputes between the different factions, and to find new trust.

### Necessary groundwork

It was not until 1990, however, that Emanuel Zeylmans, based on his painstaking research, though still unable to access the Goetheanum Archives, traced Ita Wegman's life and work as well as the conflicts surrounding her in a two-volume biography, followed by a documentation in which he collated all the documents available on the conflicts and exclusion of 1935, which were therefore also relevant to Elisabeth Vreede (a fourth volume followed later). Thanks to this historical research with all its obstacles – which the writer of this article, an occasional visitor in Reutlingen, was able to witness in passionate discussions – the first necessary groundwork was laid for Ita Wegman's (and Elisabeth Vreede's) spiritual and moral reinstated.

Later, the Anthroposophical Society in Switzerland devoted several years to accumulating material on the individual members of the original Executive Council; various biographies appeared over time, and in the minds of the third generation of anthroposophists the formerly excluded Executive Council members Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede lived on as unblemished participants in the foundation and further development of the Society.

A significant moment arrived when Peter Selg – just before the Wegman archives were about to be lost to direct anthroposophical research – was able to incorporate these archives (and other legacies) into the Ita Wegman Institute for Basic Anthroposophical Research, which was founded in 2002. Since then much more research has been done, above all within the Institute, that casts light on the historical context and details of the human relationships at the time of the conflicts. One of these works is a comprehensive biography of Elisabeth Vreede which came out in 2009.

Over the last decade the Medical Section, helped by Peter Selg and others, has been able to establish a diverse and objective picture of Ita Wegman's work during the Section's major annual conferences at the Goetheanum.

### Further steps

Although these formerly excluded Executive Council members have arrived in the twenty-first century unblemished in the minds of most members today, they have never been officially rehabilitated.

During preparations for the 2016 Goetheanum World Conference Gerald Häfner repeatedly asked to commemorate the Society's history and the various injustices committed and to begin working through them and to also instigate legal steps. The impulse was, however, not taken up by the Goetheanum Leadership at that time.

Despite all this, the resolutions of 1935 were never rescinded. During studies he conducted into the history of the Anthroposophical Society in 2016, Thomas Heck became aware of this situation and decided, together with other members, to prepare a motion for the 2017 agm (Motion 6, *Anthroposophy Worldwide* 3/2017, p. 6) in order to rectify the omissions of 1948, because both the members and leadership of the Society thought that the resolutions had long been revised. (Uwe Werner, *Nachrichtenblatt* 51–42/2002, p. 375).

This motion met generally – and among the Goetheanum Leadership – with a posi-

tive response, but there were also those who thought that the resolutions had become historical fact and it was therefore illusionary to think one could overrule them decades later. These reservations were unfortunately not expressed until just before the agm, which meant that a public discussion was no longer possible. On the day before the agm, however, a heated debate on the question arose during the conference of the 32 general secretaries and representatives. A simple resolution was not enough, said – among others – the Dutch General Secretary Jaap Sijmons, considering the very serious consequences the exclusions had for the destiny of those involved. Concerned that these differing views on the importance of such an overruling of resolutions would «divide» the agm, Gerald Häfner, who had looked into these questions before, drafted a motion overnight, which he submitted to the agm as a concern (*Anthroposophy Worldwide* 5/2017, p. 11). In his letter, he described the resolutions as regrettable and wrong, honoured both Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede, and proposed further steps toward their reinstated.

The motion, as well as Gerald Häfner's initiative, was discussed by numerous speakers, including Peter Selg, and other considerations were brought up, such as legal questions regarding the consequences of such a rescindment. A majority of members proposed to wait with voting on the decision to revise the historical resolutions that was suggested by the motion in question. Because the situation was so unclear, however, the proposers withdrew their motion, and the agm supported, with great majority (in a show of hands) and only a few votes against, the concern formulated by Gerald Häfner and read out to the meeting.

### What has happened since the 2017 agm

After the Annual General Meeting the Ita Wegman Institute took on the task of compiling a documentation for Ita Wegman's reinstated, which will be published in the spring of 2018. The Section for Mathematics and Astronomy at the Goetheanum is looking into providing a complete edition of Elisabeth Vreede's works and letters, and people in the Netherlands intend to have her written work translated and published. The newly (re-)purchased house of the Anthroposophical Society in Riouwstraat 1 in The Hague (nl) was inaugurated on 20 January 2018 as «Vreede House». During the forth-

coming Annual Conference and agm from 22 to 25 March 2018, an evening will be devoted to each of the two women.

The Executive Council had moreover promised to investigate the legal situation, and whether and under what conditions the resolution made at the 1935 agm could be reversed. The relevant results were available in December 2016 and were confirmed by a legal investigation conducted by the Anthroposophical Society in Switzerland. According to this research a former resolution made by the general meeting of an association can be rescinded in Switzerland but would only be effective from the date of the new resolution. When the Goetheanum Leadership and the General Secretaries' Conference met in early November 2017, they therefore agreed to make, at the forthcoming agm, a decision regarding the reinstated that was as comprehensive as possible, and thereby respond to the 2017 motion and the subsequent concern that had been supported by the general meeting.

In the meantime, the proposers of the motion have founded (last summer) an initiative for the reinstated of Ita Wegman and Elisabeth Vreede ([www.wegman-vreede.com](http://www.wegman-vreede.com); *Anthroposophy Worldwide* 12/2017, p. 21) and have collected more than 1200 signatures online.

On 14 December 2017 and on 11 January 2018 discussions took place on the motion for reinstated in the premises of the Anthroposophical Society in Switzerland, with representatives of the proposers of the motion, of the Goetheanum Leadership and the Council of the Swiss Anthroposophical Society. The result of these talks was that the Swiss Council, the Goetheanum Leadership and the Conference of General Secretaries will support the motion at the 2018 agm (p. 6). | *Justus Wittich, Goetheanum Executive Council*

*General Anthroposophical Society: from annual theme to annual motif*

## Foundation Stone for the future

It has long become a tradition that the Executive Council publishes an annual theme as a proposal for the anthroposophical branches and groups worldwide to work on. This proposal has also always extended to a recommendation of texts or lectures that were suitable for joint studies. A new approach has now been decided on.

For some time now we have been trying, together with the Conference of General Secretaries, to choose themes that meet with as broad an interest as possible in the various countries and on the various continents. Since the Goetheanum Leadership was formed in 2012, we have endeavoured to look more at the needs, interests, and questions of the various areas where anthroposophy is applied in practice, and of the different Sections within the School of Spiritual Science. It is, after all, important that the whole anthroposophical movement has the possibility to join into creating a deepening and inner orientation for our time that extends beyond the differences between the global regions and professional domains.

### Strengthening what unites us spiritually

There will probably not be one particular spiritual-scientific theme that will interest all anthroposophically inspired people in the world to the same extent. Anthroposophy in itself could be such a theme, of course – but that would be too comprehensive and multi-layered a task, and there would still be a need for identifying a focus or motif on the basis of which a stronger spiritual community could grow.

With the Goetheanum World Conference at Michaelmas 2016 we have made the Foundation Stone Meditation a central theme. In its form and content, this meditation comprises everything that is essential for the structure and development of the Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science. Over and above that, it can yield a wealth of inspirations for joint and individual study. The Foundation Stone Meditation has been translated into many languages and can help us to prepare ourselves, whilst connecting with its origin, for the centenary of the Christmas Conference of 1923–24.

### Considering local circumstances

We therefore decided in November 2017 at the Conference of General Secretaries to make the Foundation Stone Meditation, up until 2023–24, the centre of our joint anthroposophical work. However, we will not, and cannot, prescribe how people are to

work on this Meditation in their various locations and groups. People have had so many different traditions and experiences with it – in the Netherlands, for instance, it has a tradition that has been cultivated by many people and groups for decades; in New Zealand it might not be known to some members of the Society – but wherever people are, they can discover and develop new ways of finding something in this wonderful meditation that will connect them.

And this is the essence of what we would like to propose this year with regard to the annual theme: Can you – individually or in your group, at home or at work – consider ways of reflecting on the Foundation Stone Meditation together.

We will therefore not provide a particular theme but rather invite you to work with us on finding ways of connecting Rudolf Steiner's gift to, and the intentions associated with it, with our particular situation at this moment in time. Could this work, in the coming years, grow into a motif with which as many people as possible will actively seek to unite themselves? Can we inspire people – be it in anthroposophical institutions and other professional contexts, branches, study groups or Sections – to feel they wish to share this profound anthroposophical substance with us? And can we tell each other about our experiences?

### Sharing attempts and experiences

We hope that the annual theme we have had so far can become a motif that will enable greater awareness, inner cohesion and warmth for the anthroposophically inspired work across the world and across the diverse spheres of activity.

What we focus on within this general motif can change from year to year. Following the Meditation's inherent structure, we began in 2017–18 with the first part that speaks of practising *Spirit Recalling*. For 2018–19 we would like to suggest that we concentrate on part two, in which the heart, time, the practice of *Spirit Contemplation*, the connection of one's own «I» with the cosmic «I», and the feeling take

pride of place. The macrocosmic verses of the second part bring us close to the cosmic rhythms, the Christ being and the spiritual beings of the second hierarchy.

We invite you warmly to tell us about your attempts and experiences or to send us any work on the Foundation Stone Meditation you have found particularly inspirational. Within the Conference of General Secretaries, Ingrid Reistad (no), Sue Simpson (nz), Arie van Ameringen (ca) and Jaap Sijmons (nl) have offered to commit themselves to this process, and in the Goetheanum Leadership, Christiane Haid and myself have been given the task to give particular consideration to the development of an annual motif.

We hope that this proposal will meet with a lively response and that we can, in this way, contribute to strengthening the anthroposophical work. | *Bodo von Plato for the Goetheanum Leadership*

## General Anthroposophical Society: financial report

### Addressing the structural deficit

**That the Goetheanum is going through a decisive and, in the near future, also existential developmental phase is apparent from this year's financial statement! The question is whether the plans to make the Goetheanum economically viable can be realized within a three-year period.**

According to the estimate of my advisory group of treasurers, an additional amount of 1.8 million Swiss Francs – a so-called transformational budget – will be needed for the most difficult part of this journey. This amount could be raised from hidden assets, by remortgaging real estate in Dornach (CH) or through loans and donations from friends of the Goetheanum. As the Anthroposophical Society we aim to make the Goetheanum – as a venue, stage, *gesamtkunstwerk*, with its School of Spiritual Science, its specialist sections, artistic impulses and networks – so relevant for the global anthroposophical movement and for the present and future burning questions of humanity that its viability will be reflected even in its financial situation. The social context, in which this development needs to unfold, is the Anthroposophical Society.

#### Long-standing structural deficit

For the first year of this journey – the financial year 2017 which has just come to an end – this meant saying yes to the development of the Goetheanum Stage. In concrete terms it means three more performances, after implementing some changes, of the Faust cycle, and retaining the Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble beyond the year 2018. It also meant that no employments were ended for financial reasons in 2017. Over and above that, we have worked intensively up until June 2017 to prepare a much reduced budget for 2018: we need to work with a million Swiss Francs less than in 2017, and with 1.9 million Francs less than in 2016. This first year on this journey is the most expensive of the transformation phase and has a shortfall of 960,000 CHF. While the ordinary income is one million CHF higher than in 2016, the shortfall still amounts to two million CHF. The budget that had been decided for 2018 – the second year of our journey – will now need to be critically revised after looking at the actual figures for 2017. It has emerged that, as matters stand, we might have to expect a shortfall of 600,000 CHF in 2018, presumably fol-

lowed by a deficit of 200,000 CHF in 2019. In 2020 at the latest, economic viability and balanced accounts must have been achieved for the Goetheanum.

This economic recovery of the Goetheanum after years of structural annual deficits – often bridged by legacies – is absolutely necessary. It is an important component of the 'Goetheanum in Development' initiative that is spread across three years. This structural change constitutes an enormous challenge for the staff and leadership of the Goetheanum – and 2018 will be a testing time that will reveal whether or not the envisaged plans and goals can be achieved. It would be enormously helpful if you could support this long-term recovery of the Goetheanum finances with contributions, donations or even a time loan.

#### What we have achieved so far

It might be a good idea to look back, at this point, over the developments of the recent past. Between 2013 and 2016 we were able to renovate the Goetheanum's façade and the stage. We gained an orchestra pit and a new meeting room and the ground floor was restructured. These developments were financed with a sum of 15 million CHF covered by additional help from many members, own assets and, to a lesser degree, endowments and public money for monument protection. Around 12 million CHF have been paid, and 3.1 million CHF are being bridged with interest-free loans from members and groups.

After the problems caused by currency fluctuations between Swiss Franc and Euro, the next and much more difficult phase followed from 2015 to 2017, which saw the revival of Rudolf Steiner's Mystery Dramas and the daring new production of Faust 1 and 2, as a message from the Goetheanum to the present time. Despite the enormous efforts and achievements of the artists and the stage department this venture did not turn out to be as successful in 2016 as expected, for all kinds of reasons. While the changes made in 2017 resulted in clear im-

provements and increased enthusiasm, the Faust production had to be given up for the time being and can only be resumed again in 2020, under the direction of Andrea Pfaehler.

The income from events did therefore not amount to the 200,000 CHF budgeted, but left a deficit of 400,000 (see tables, note 3), of which 302,000 CHF were due to insufficient ticket sales for the Faust cycles and the Mystery Drama performances at Christmas 2017.

The present dilemma is that the Goetheanum Stage offers state of the art technology and high artistic standards – but there is no audience to pay for it. In 2017, the Goetheanum Leadership and the advisory treasurers' group therefore found themselves in the difficult position of having to decide whether the whole stage, technology and eurythmy ensemble included, should be greatly reduced and partially closed down.

#### Investment rather than cuts

The consultations carried out in June 2017 yielded a different recommendation: no cuts for 2017, but investment and support for an innovative solution for the stage and the eurythmy ensemble after the end of Margrethe Solstad's appointment: a kind of global eurythmy faculty that will involve the artists around the Goetheanum in a different way. The new eurythmy faculty and ensemble will begin in the autumn of 2018, and in 2019 preparations will start for the Faust revival.

Additionally, a management committee has been appointed in January 2018 (consisting of Paul Mackay, Stefan Hasler and Justus Wittich) which, initially on a trial basis, will try to keep all the developments at the Goetheanum in line with the common goal. These endeavours are in parallel with the Goetheanum in Development initiative, which also aims to promote the progress of important questions and future images.

#### Details of current finances

An important development is owed to the initiative of the international treasurers' group (see note 1). Despite sinking membership numbers and the difficult situation faced by some countries this group managed, through good communication, to almost reach the envisaged amount of 3.8 million CHF in members' contributions (90 CHF per member and country on average).

General Anthroposophical Society				RESULT 2016			RESULT 2017			BUDGET 2018			
<i>in 1.000 CHF</i>				revenues	expenses	net	revenues	expenses	net	revenues	expenses	net	
members' contributions				3.385	-1	3.384	1	3.726	0	3.726	3.490	0	3.490
annual conferences				178	-191	-13		125	-125	-0	70	-40	30
membership office				9	-149	-140		0	-140	-140	10	-120	-110
Executive Council and offices (50%)				48	-541	-493		42	-571	-529	60	-490	-430
staff housing, real estate				1.570	-771	799		1.700	-760	940	1.600	-730	870
legacies				1.004	-13	991		396	-26	370			0
TOTAL				6.195	-1.666	4.529		5.988	-1.622	4.366	5.230	-1.380	3.850
support for School of Spiritual Science						4.529	4	4.366			3.850		
School of Spiritual Science				RESULT 2016			RESULT 2017			BUDGET 2018			
support General Anthroposophical Society						4.529	4	4.366			3.850		
donations				806		806	2	1.642	-4	1.638	850		850
donations and contributions from institutions				1.644		1.644		1.821		1.821	2.000		2.000
General Anthroposophical Section				626	-707	-81		576	-729	-153	220	-280	-60
<i>(of that studies and professional development)</i>				438	-490	-52		263	-346	-83	91	-152	-61
Youth Section				156	-248	-92		185	-340	-156	236	-326	-90
Mathematical-Astronomical Section				30	-225	-195		37	-182	-145	100	-150	-50
Medical Section				2.560	-2.711	-151		2.179	-2.287	-108	1.530	-1.650	-120
Natural Science Section				516	-825	-309		645	-949	-304	500	-700	-200
Education Section				895	-906	-11		575	-667	-93	450	-570	-120
Visual Arts Section				76	-202	-126		85	-196	-112	90	-190	-100
Section for Agriculture				710	-828	-118		829	-923	-94	400	-520	-120
Performing Arts Section				220	-440	-220		251	-453	-202	220	-420	-200
Humanities Section				111	-237	-126		172	-299	-127	120	-220	-100
Social Science Section				71	-189	-118		160	-295	-136	130	-250	-120
Executive Council and offices 50%				48	-541	-493		42	-571	-529	60	-490	-430
Communication and Documentation				1.008	-1.705	-697		926	-1.900	-974	855	-1.572	-717
<i>of that PR</i>				3	-116	-113		8	-181	-173		-230	-230
<i>of that Documentaion</i>				48	-461	-413		31	-545	-514	15	-392	-377
<i>of that weekly journal</i>				957	-1.128	-171		887	-1.174	-287	840	-950	-110
Goetheanum Stage				831	-2.648	-1.817		939	-2.918	-1.980	222	-1.860	-1.638
<i>Faust 1+2</i>				1.722	-2.163	-441		585	-796	-211			0
Goetheanum Building Administration				1.576	-3.866	-2.290		1.367	-3.668	-2.301	1.200	-3.120	-1.920
Reception and Event management				96	-865	-769		124	-856	-732	90	-720	-630
Human resources				18	-240	-222		24	-246	-222	20	-212	-192
Finance Department				2	-337	-335		16	-360	-344	5	-300	-295
financel revenues and expenses				217	-174	43	5	1.549	-428	1.121	0	50	50
EDP				47	-398	-351		69	-399	-329	40	-318	-278
support for retired staff members				20	-247	-227		14	-283	-269	20	-280	-260
extraordinary revenues and expenses				165	-208	-43		23	-5	18	0	0	0
Goetheanum renovation				11.194	-10.476	718	2	188	-592	-404	90	0	90
reserves				2.083	-890	1.193		819	-819	0	200	0	200
				33.645	-33.941	-296		21.828	-22.789	-960	14.878	-15.478	-600

REVENUES		notes		
membership contributions	3.384.623	1	3.725.532	3.870.000
contributions fr institutions, non-designated	1.644.256		1.821.499	2.100.000
non-designated donations	806.042	2	1.637.979	1.000.000
designated donations	3.178.717		3.287.978	3.300.000
<b>Contributions and donations</b>	<b>9.013.638</b>		<b>10.472.988</b>	<b>10.270.000</b>
events, studies, prof. development	3.542.282	3	2.192.103	3.200.000
publications, weekly journal	927.821		773.193	940.000
services	946.615		947.887	1.000.000
financial revenues	218.101	5	1.256.792	50.000
<b>Operational revenues</b>	<b>5.634.819</b>		<b>5.169.975</b>	<b>5.190.000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14.648.457</b>		<b>15.642.963</b>	<b>15.460.000</b>
EXPENSES				
expenses events and studies	-3.268.892		-2.589.930	-3.000.000
expenses services	-2.550.275		-2.391.787	-2.400.000
maintenance buildings, grounds, inventory	-1.008.261		-1.042.728	-1.000.000
financial expenses	-177.299		-134.753	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-7.004.727</b>		<b>-6.159.198</b>	<b>-6.400.000</b>
<b>gross result</b>	<b>7.643.730</b>		<b>9.483.765</b>	<b>9.060.000</b>
staff salaries incl. social security benefits	-10.955.890		-10.606.587	-10.400.000
<b>Ordinary result</b>	<b>-3.312.160</b>		<b>-1.122.822</b>	<b>-1.340.000</b>
<b>extraordinary result</b>				
staff housing, real estate				
<i>revenues</i>	1.376.141		1.362.822	1.420.000
<i>expenditure</i>	-576.958		-602.926	-670.000
<i>result</i>	799.183		759.896	750.000
pension schemes retired staff members	-227.693		-269.304	-210.000
events from other accounting periods				
<i>revenues</i>	227.744		515.804	100.000
<i>expenditure</i>	-316.348		-952.201	-160.000
<i>result</i>	-88.604		-436.397	-60.000
reserves				
<i>releases</i>	12.126.359		566.805	500.000
<i>deposits</i>	-684.794		-828.044	-200.000
<i>result</i>	11.441.565		-261.239	300.000
Goetheanum renovation				
<i>donations Goetheanum renovation</i>	555.590		0	200.000
<i>revenues from sale of real estate for Goeth renov</i>	20.000		0	
<i>depreciation on buildings</i>	-10.475.691		0	-140.000
<i>result</i>	-9.900.101		0	60.000
legacies, non-designated	991.421		369.683	500.000
<b>extraordinary result</b>	<b>3.015.771</b>		<b>162.639</b>	<b>1.340.000</b>
<b>ordinary result</b>	<b>-3.312.160</b>		<b>-1.122.822</b>	<b>-1.340.000</b>
<b>extraordinary result</b>	<b>3.015.771</b>		<b>162.639</b>	<b>1.340.000</b>
<b>result</b>	<b>-296.389</b>		<b>-960.183</b>	<b>0</b>

## Profit and Loss 2017 compared with budget

General  
Anthroposophical  
Society

<i>all amounts in CHF</i>	<b>12/31/2016</b>		<b>12/31/2017</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		note	
<b>current assets</b>			
cash, banks	1.147.513		678.012
shortterm liabilities	1.425.914		1.229.807
<b>financial assets</b>			
loans, securities and investments	3.803.951	5	4.645.024
<b>fixed assets</b>			
Goetheanum buildings, grounds, inventory	1		1
Main Auditorium	1.612.200		1.534.147
Goetheanum renovation	3.661.149		3.355.661
staff housing, real estate	7.218.071		7.217.440
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>18.868.799</b>		<b>18.660.092</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>short-term liabilities</b>			
creditors and other liabilities	1.735.913		1.876.493
<b>long-term liabilities</b>			
gifts with rights of withdrawal	2.675.639		2.602.227
Goetheanum loans	1.809.492		1.737.059
construction loans and Main Auditorium loans	1.897.229		1.763.131
construction loans and loan Goetheanum renovation	2.875.320		2.865.320
loans staff housing	6.673.000		7.462.000
<b>EQUITY</b>			
diverse reserves Sections and Departments	1.340.562		1.452.401
reserves Goetheanum renovation			
Free equity 1.1.2016 / 1.1.2017	158.033		138.356
result 2016/2017	-296.389		-960.183
free equity 31.12.2016/31.12.2017	-138.356	6	-138.356
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>18.868.799</b>		<b>18.660.092</b>

## Balance as of 31 December 2017 compared to 2016

General  
Anthroposophical  
Society

This was, however, a one-off initiative and cannot be expected to remain at the same level in 2018 – unless the members continue to commit locally and regionally to working together to achieve the same reliable level of members' fees. We are pleased to announce that, in addition to Switzerland and Germany, Italy has also achieved the full amount of 125 CHF per member per year and is committed to keeping this up.

Other than that, the Goetheanum's income – particularly the income based on donations (2) – has benefitted from a surprising major gift.

After completing this year's financial statement Frieder Sprich, the head of the Goetheanum's finance department, will retire. We thank him, as well as his colleagues Sylvia Stürchler and Stephan Frei, most warmly for the accurate and reliable accounting and supervision of the many financial processes at the Goetheanum, as well as their high level of commitment.

A special arrangement has been made for Frieder Sprich's succession: Oliver Conradt, head of Mathematics and Astronomy at the Goetheanum, will, after a working in period of several months, take on being head of the finance department as well in April 2018, and will work closely with the treasurer. While Oliver Conradt's aptitude for this task is one of the reasons for this appointment, it is also one of many ways of reducing expenses.

After several years of preparation, we will change this year from a less informative Profit and Loss format to a statement divided into «General Anthroposophical Society» and «School of Spiritual Science», the latter with a detailed presentation of the Goetheanum's individual sections and departments. The Anthroposophical Society's income and expenses are balanced and the entire surplus (5) used for the tasks of the School of Spiritual Sciences. This amount appears again in the second table as the School of Spiritual Science's basic income. In keeping with the Goetheanum's goals, infrastructure expenses are assigned to the

School of Spiritual Science. Expenses for the Executive Council and its office are equally divided between the Society and the School.

Changes have been made in the balance as regards grading: while the Weleda shares have for many years, as a matter of principle, been marked at nominal value, the possession of non-voting share certificates has been changed to market-value.

### Special thank you for your Christmas donation

Oliver Conradt, who, in his new role, took note of the Christmas donations, was much impressed that a simple letter to the German- and French-speaking members, supported by a presentation of the Goetheanum in Development initiative, and an article in Anthroposophy Worldwide have led to 410,000 CHF in donations in four weeks. A special thank you for this Christmas gift which, we know, has come from a special place in your heart and is received and appreciated accordingly.  
| Justus Wittich, treasurer

**BERICHT DER REVISIONSSTELLE**  
**ZUR PRÜFUNG DER JAHRESRECHNUNG 2017**  
**AN DIE GENERALVERSAMMLUNG**  
**DER**  
**ALLGEMEINEN ANTHROPOSOPHISCHEN**  
**GESELLSCHAFT, DORNACH**

Bericht der Revisionsstelle

an die Generalversammlung der

**Allgemeinen Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft  
4143 Dornach**

Als Revisionsstelle haben wir die beiliegende Jahresrechnung der Allgemeinen Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft bestehend aus Bilanz, Erfolgsrechnung, Geldflussrechnung und Anhang für das am 31. Dezember 2017 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr geprüft.

#### *Verantwortung des Vorstandes*

Der Vorstand ist für die Aufstellung der Jahresrechnung in Übereinstimmung mit den gesetzlichen Vorschriften und den Statuten verantwortlich. Diese Verantwortung beinhaltet die Ausgestaltung, Implementierung und Aufrechterhaltung eines internen Kontrollsystems mit Bezug auf die Aufstellung einer Jahresrechnung, die frei von wesentlichen falschen Angaben als Folge von Verstössen oder Irrtümern ist. Darüber hinaus ist der Vorstand für die Auswahl und die Anwendung sachgemässer Rechnungslegungsmethoden sowie die Vornahme angemessener Schätzungen verantwortlich.

#### *Verantwortung der Revisionsstelle*

Unsere Verantwortung ist es, aufgrund unserer Prüfung ein Prüfungsurteil über die Jahresrechnung abzugeben. Wir haben unsere Prüfung in Übereinstimmung mit dem schweizerischen Gesetz und den Schweizer Prüfungsstandards vorgenommen. Nach diesen Standards haben wir die Prüfung so zu planen und durchzuführen, dass wir hinreichende Sicherheit gewinnen, ob die Jahresrechnung frei von wesentlichen falschen Angaben ist.

Eine Prüfung beinhaltet die Durchführung von Prüfungshandlungen zur Erlangung von Prüfungsnachweisen für die in der Jahresrechnung enthaltenen Wertansätze und sonstigen Angaben. Die Auswahl der Prüfungshandlungen liegt im pflichtgemässen Ermessen des Prüfers. Dies schliesst eine Beurteilung der Risiken wesentlicher falscher Angaben in der Jahresrechnung als Folge von Verstössen oder Irrtümern ein. Bei der Beurteilung dieser Risiken berücksichtigt der Prüfer das interne Kontrollsystem, soweit es für die Aufstellung der Jahresrechnung von Bedeutung ist, um die den Umständen entsprechenden Prüfungshandlungen festzulegen, nicht aber um ein Prüfungsurteil über die Wirksamkeit des internen Kontrollsystems abzugeben. Die Prüfung umfasst zudem die Beurteilung der Angemessenheit der angewandten Rechnungslegungsmethoden, der Plausibilität der vorgenommenen Schätzungen sowie eine Würdigung der Gesamtdarstellung der Jahresrechnung. Wir sind der Auffassung, dass die von uns erlangten Prüfungsnachweise eine ausreichende und angemessene Grundlage für unser Prüfungsurteil bilden.

#### *Prüfungsurteil*

Nach unserer Beurteilung entspricht die Jahresrechnung für das am 31. Dezember 2017 abgeschlossene Geschäftsjahr dem schweizerischen Gesetz und den Statuten.

### *Hervorhebung eines Sachverhalts*

Die operativen Ergebnisse des Vereins waren in den letzten Jahren negativ. Durch eine Wiederaufwertung der Beteiligung an der Weleda AG um CHF 889'900 wurde das ordentliche Ergebnis des Geschäftsjahres 2017 markant besser dargestellt, als es effektiv ist. Das strukturelle Defizit hatte erneut zur Folge, dass die verfügbare Liquidität trotz grosszügiger Spenden und Legate und trotz der Aufnahme von Hypothekendarlehen nochmals abgenommen hat. Aus unserer Sicht wird es nicht über längere Zeit möglich sein, die ungenügende Ertragslage durch Auflösung von stillen Reserven zu beheben und die notwendige Liquidität durch Aufnahme von Darlehen oder allenfalls den Verkauf von Aktiven sicherzustellen.

### **Berichterstattung aufgrund weiterer gesetzlicher Vorschriften**

Wir bestätigen, dass wir die gesetzlichen Anforderungen an die Zulassung gemäss Revisionsaufsichtsgesetz (RAG) und die Unabhängigkeit (Art. 728 OR) erfüllen und keine mit unserer Unabhängigkeit nicht vereinbaren Sachverhalte vorliegen.

In Übereinstimmung mit Art. 728a Abs. 1 Ziff. 3 OR und dem Schweizer Prüfungsstandard 890 bestätigen wir, dass ein gemäss den Vorgaben des Verwaltungsrates ausgestaltetes internes Kontrollsystem für die Aufstellung der Jahresrechnung existiert.

Wir empfehlen, die vorliegende Jahresrechnung zu genehmigen.

### **Santschi & Partner Treuhand AG**



Urs Santschi  
Revisionsexperte  
Leitender Revisor



Stephan Wenk  
Revisionsexperte

Reinach, 15. März 2018

Beilagen:

- Jahresrechnung (Bilanz, Erfolgsrechnung, Geldflussrechnung und Anhang)

## Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft 4143 Dornach

## Bilanz per 31. Dezember 2017 mit Vergleich 2016

(alle Beträge in CHF)	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
<b>AKTIVEN</b>		
<b>Umlaufvermögen</b>		
Flüssige Mittel	678'012	1'147'513
Forderungen aus Leistungen		
- Dritte	297'419	371'860
- Nahestehende	40'054	80'213
Übrige kurzfristige Forderungen		
-Dritte	476'418	401'324
Aktive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	415'947	572'516
<b>Total Umlaufvermögen</b>	<b>1'907'851</b>	<b>2'573'427</b>
<b>Anlagevermögen</b>		
Finanzanlagen		
Darlehen und langfristige Forderungen		
- Dritte	157'475	168'302
- Nahestehende	483'608	521'608
Beteiligungen	4'003'942	3'114'042
Immobilien Sachanlagen		
Goetheanumbauten, Gelände, Mobiliar	1	1
Grosser Saal	1'534'147	1'612'200
Goetheanum-Sanierung (fremdfinanziert)	3'104'305	3'160'349
Goetheanum-Sanierung (eigenfinanziert)	251'357	500'800
Mitarbeiterwohnungen	7'217'440	7'218'071
<b>Total Anlagevermögen</b>	<b>16'752'274</b>	<b>16'295'372</b>
<b>TOTAL AKTIVEN</b>	<b>18'660'125</b>	<b>18'868'799</b>
<b>PASSIVEN</b>		
<b>Kurzfristiges Fremdkapital</b>		
Verbindlichkeiten aus Lieferungen und Leistungen		
- Dritte	911'027	1'166'252
- Nahestehende	79'328	92'495
Übrige kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten		
- Dritte	39'579	31'752
Passive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	846'590	445'415
<b>Total kurzfr. Verbindlichkeiten</b>	<b>1'876'525</b>	<b>1'735'913</b>
<b>Langfristiges Fremdkapital (Dritte)</b>		
Schenkungen mit Rückfallrecht	2'602'227	2'675'639
Darlehen Goetheanum	1'737'059	1'809'492
Baubriefe und Darlehen Grosser Saal	1'534'147	1'612'200
Baubriefe und Darlehen Erneuerung Goetheanum	3'094'305	3'160'349
Darlehen Mitarbeiterwohnungen	7'462'000	6'673'000
<b>Total langfr. Verbindlichkeiten</b>	<b>16'429'738</b>	<b>15'930'680</b>
<b>Eigenkapital</b>		
Diverse Rücklagen	1'452'401	1'340'562
Rücklagen Erneuerung Goetheanum		
Freies Eigenkapital		
Freies Eigenkapital am 1. Januar	-138'356	158'034
Jahresergebnis	<b>-960'183</b>	<b>-296'389</b>
Freies Eigenkapital am 31. Dezember	-1'098'539	-138'356
<b>Total PASSIVEN</b>	<b>18'660'125</b>	<b>18'868'799</b>

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## Erfolgsrechnung 2017 mit Vergleich 2016

(alle Beträge in CHF)	2017	2016
<b>BETRIEBSERTRAG</b>		
Mitgliederbeiträge	3'725'532	3'384'623
Beiträge von Institutionen, nicht zweckgebunden	1'821'500	1'644'256
Freie Spenden	1'637'979	806'042
Zweckgebundene Spenden	3'287'978	3'178'717
<b>Beiträge und Spenden</b>	<b>10'472'988</b>	<b>9'013'638</b>
Veranstaltungen, Studium und Weiterbildung	2'192'103	3'542'282
Wochenschrift, Publikationen	773'193	927'821
Dienstleistungen	947'887	946'615
Finanzertrag	1'256'792	218'102
<b>Nettoerlöse aus Lieferungen und Leistungen</b>	<b>5'169'974</b>	<b>5'634'819</b>
<b>TOTAL BETRIEBSERTRAG</b>	<b>15'642'963</b>	<b>14'648'457</b>
Aufwand Veranstaltungen und Studium	-2'589'930	-3'268'892
Dienstleistungsaufwand	-2'391'787	-2'550'275
Unterhalt Gebäude, Gelände, Mobiliar	-1'042'728	-1'008'261
Finanzaufwand	-134'753	-177'299
<b>Aufwand aus Dienstleistungen</b>	<b>-6'159'199</b>	<b>-7'004'728</b>
<b>BRUTTOERGEBNIS</b>	<b>9'483'764</b>	<b>7'643'729</b>
Mitarbeiterereinkommen inkl. Sozialleistungen	-10'606'587	-10'955'890
<b>Ordentliches Ergebnis</b>	<b>-1'122'823</b>	<b>-3'312'161</b>
Mitarbeiterwohnungen		
- Ertrag	1'362'822	1'376'141
- Aufwand	-602'926	-576'958
	<b>759'896</b>	<b>799'183</b>
Leistungen für pensionierte Mitarbeiter	-269'304	-227'693
A.o. und periodenfremde Vorgänge		
- Ertrag	147'956	227'744
- Erträge aus Liegenschaftsverkäufen	180'000	20'000
- Aufwand	-579'753	-316'348
- Umbau Erdgeschoss Goetheanum	-372'448	-10'475'691
	<b>-624'244</b>	<b>-10'544'296</b>
Rücklagen		
- Entnahmen	566'805	12'126'359
- Einlagen	-828'044	-684'794
	<b>-261'239</b>	<b>11'441'565</b>
Erneuerung Goetheanum		
- Spenden Erneuerung Goetheanum	187'848	555'590
- Einlagen		
	<b>187'848</b>	<b>555'590</b>
Legate	369'684	991'421
<b>AUSSERORDENTLICHES ERGEBNIS</b>	<b>162'640</b>	<b>3'015'771</b>
Ordentliches Ergebnis	<b>-1'122'823</b>	<b>-3'312'161</b>
Ausserordentliches Ergebnis	<b>162'640</b>	<b>3'015'771</b>
<b>JAHRESERGEBNIS</b>	<b>-960'183</b>	<b>-296'389</b>

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## Geldflussrechnung 2017 mit Vergleich 2016 in CHF

	2017	2016
<b>GELDFLUSS AUS VEREINSTÄTIGKEIT</b>		
Jahresverlust	-960'183	-296'389
Veränderung Rücklagen	111'839	-567'054
Auflösung Rücklagen Sanierung Goetheanum	0	-10'775'602
Abschreibung Anlagen Sanierung Goetheanum	506'545	10'775'602
Aufwertung Finanzanlagen und Beteiligungen	-889'900	0
Veränderung kurzfristige Forderungen	39'506	166'114
Veränderung aktive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	156'569	-252'826
Veränderung kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten	-260'564	5'121
Veränderung passive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	401'175	-1'259'178
	<b>-895'012</b>	<b>-2'204'212</b>
<b>GELDFLUSS AUS INVESTITIONSTÄTIGKEIT</b>		
Devestition Finanzanlagen und Beteiligungen	48'827	445'360
Investition Sachanlagen	-126'934	-5'059'370
Devestition Sachanlagen	4'560	865'776
	<b>-73'547</b>	<b>-3'748'234</b>
<b>GELDFLUSS AUS FINANZIERUNGSTÄTIGKEIT</b>		
Geldzuflüsse aus langfristigem Fremdkapital	2'072'082	3'619'000
Geldabflüsse aus langfristigem Fremdkapital	-1'573'024	-808'831
	<b>499'058</b>	<b>2'810'169</b>
<b>TOTAL GELDFLUSS</b>	<b>-469'501</b>	<b>-3'142'277</b>
Bestand zu Beginn des Geschäftsjahres	1'147'513	4'289'790
Bestand am Ende des Geschäftsjahres	678'012	1'147'513
Veränderung Fonds Flüssige Mittel	<b>-469'501</b>	<b>-3'142'277</b>

## Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft

### Anhang zur Jahresrechnung

#### 1. Allgemeine Angaben

<u>Name:</u>	Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft (bekannt unter dem Kurznamen Anthroposophische Gesellschaft)
<u>Rechtsform:</u>	Im Handelsregister eingetragener Verein
<u>Sitz des Vereins:</u>	Rüttiweg 45, 4143 Dornach, Schweiz
<u>Zweck:</u>	Die Gesellschaft verfolgt ihre Aufgaben und Ziele nach dem ihr von Dr. Rudolf Steiner vorgeschlagenen und an der Gründungsversammlung am 28. Dezember 1923 von den Mitgliedern einstimmig angenommenen Gründungsstatut. Diesem Gründungsstatut entsprechend obliegt ihr die Aufgabe der Pflege künstlerischer, wissenschaftlicher und erzieherischer Bestrebungen im Sinne des Goetheanums als Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft.
<u>Mitglieder des Vorstandes:</u>	Dr. Matthias Girke, Dr. Constanza Kaliks, Paul Mackay, Bodo von Plato, Joan Sleigh, Justus Wittich, Dr. Seija Zimmermann
<u>Revisionsstelle:</u>	Santschi & Partner Treuhand AG, Reinach

#### 2. Buchführungs- und Bewertungsgrundsätze

Die Buchführungs-, Bilanzierungs- und Bewertungsgrundsätze richten sich nach dem schweizerischen Gesetz, insbesondere der Artikel über die kaufmännische Buchführung und Rechnungslegung des Obligationenrechts (Art. 957 bis 962 OR) sowie nach den statutarischen Bestimmungen.

<u>Erfassung und Bilanzierung</u>	Sämtliche Geschäftsvorfälle sind in den Büchern der Allgemeinen Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft erfasst und am Abschlusstag gemäss den einschlägigen Richtlinien bewertet.
<u>Umrechnung von Fremdwährungen</u>	Bei Spendeneingängen in Fremdwährung wird der Betrag mit dem Monatsdevisenkurs der eidgenössischen Steuerverwaltung umgerechnet und in CHF in der Buchhaltung abgebildet. Monetäre Vermögenswerte werden am Bilanzstichtag zum vorgegebenen Kurs der eidgenössischen Steuerverwaltung bewertet. Wechselkursdifferenzen werden über die Erfolgsrechnung verbucht.
<u>Wertschriften</u>	Wertschriften werden nach ihrem Verkehrswert bewertet.
<u>Beteiligungen</u>	Beteiligungen werden nach dem Nominalwert (Weleda) bzw. nach dem Niederstwertprinzip bewertet. Die Weleda Partizipationsscheine (Nennwert CHF 500.00) wurden neu mit CHF 775.00 bewertet (Steuerwert per 31.12.2017: CHF 1'824.50).
<u>Nahestehende Betriebe</u>	Weleda AG, Hestia Genossenschaft, Vital Speisehaus AG, Buchhandlung am Goetheanum, Verlag am Goetheanum.
<u>Sachanlagen</u>	Die Bilanzierung erfolgt zu Anschaffungskosten abzüglich Abschreibungen.
<u>Wertberichtigungen und Rückstellungen</u>	Für alle am Bilanzstichtag erkennbaren Risiken werden nach dem Vorsichtsprinzip Einzelwertberichtigungen und Rückstellungen gebildet. Für die allgemeinen Bonitätsrisiken besteht in den Passiven eine pauschale Rückstellung.
<u>Steuern</u>	Das Goetheanum resp. die Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft, Dornach, ist von den Steuerbehörden des Kantons Solothurn als gemeinnützige Institution anerkannt und ist damit von der direkten Bundes-, Staats- und Gemeindesteuer befreit, wie auch von der Handänderungs-, Erbschafts- und Schenkungssteuer.

#### 3. Erläuterungen zu Positionen der Bilanz und Erfolgsrechnung

<u>Wertberichtigung Debitoren</u>	2017	2016
Wertberichtigung Debitoren	50'000.00	50'000.00

#### 4. Mitarbeitende

Am Goetheanum arbeiteten am 31.12.2017 221 Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter. Davon waren 117 Frauen und 104 Männer. Von den Frauen waren 77 in einem Vollzeitarbeitsverhältnis und 40 arbeiteten als Teilzeitangestellte. Bei den Männern arbeiteten 76 in einem Vollzeitarbeitsverhältnis, 28 arbeiteten in einem Teilzeitarbeitsverhältnis.

## 5. Wesentliche Beteiligungen

Weleda AG, Arlesheim	Herstellung und Vertrieb von Anthroposophischen Arzneimitteln und von Naturkosmetika	Aktienkapital CHF 4'750'000.-- PS-Kapital CHF 9'500'000.--	Anteil Kapital 31.49% Anteil Stimmen 41.02% Anteil Kapital 21.85%
Hestia Genossenschaft, Dornach	Betrieb von Verpflegungs- und Unterkunftsstätten am Goetheanum	Genossenschaftskapital CHF 400'000.--	Anteil Kapital 98.75%
Vital Speisehaus AG, Dornach	Betrieb von Verpflegungsstätten, insbesondere Betrieb des Speisehauses.	Aktienkapital CHF 600'000.--	AAG Anteil Kapital 25.00% Hestia Anteil Kapital 58.30%

## 6. Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber Vorsorgeeinrichtungen

Alle Mitarbeiter sind bei der Stiftung Abendrot, Basel, nach den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen versichert. Der Deckungsgrad bei der Stiftung Abendrot per 31.12.2017 war zum Publikationszeitpunkt noch nicht endgültig bekannt. Er belief sich am 30.09.2017 auf 111.5 % (Vorjahr per 31.12.2016: 107.7 %). Bestehende Arbeitgeberbeitragsreserven werden nicht aktiviert, für wirtschaftliche Risiken würden hingegen Rückstellungen in der Bilanz gebildet. Per 31.12.2017 bestehen Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber der Stiftung Abendrot in der Höhe von CHF 88'231.30 aus der Dezember-Schlussrechnung. Im Jahr 2016 bestand eine Verbindlichkeit von CHF 99'139.15 gegenüber der Pensionskasse.

## 7. Verpfändete Aktiven

In der Bilanz haben wir unter den Sachanlagen die Position 'Mitarbeiterwohnungen' mit einem Wert von CHF 7'217'440.20. In dieser Position sind 40 Gebäude und 24 Wohnungen mit insgesamt rund 95 Mietverträgen für Mitarbeiter und 34 Studentenzimmern zusammengefasst. Der Versicherungswert dieser Liegenschaften liegt deutlich über dem Bilanzwert.

Das Goetheanumgebäude ist frei von Bankschulden. Es bestehen lediglich gegenüber Mitgliedern Verbindlichkeiten in Form von Darlehen und Baubriefen entweder aus dem Saal-Neubau oder aus Bauspendenaufträgen zur Erneuerung des Goetheanums. Auf den Gebäuden mit Mitarbeiterwohnungen bestehen per 31.12.2017 Hypothekarkredite über insgesamt CHF 7'462'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 6'673'000.00). Davon sind CHF 6'842'000.00 Bankdarlehen oder Darlehen von Stiftungen, von Privaten kommen CHF 620'000.00.

<u>belastete Liegenschaften</u>	Buchwert	Hypothekarkredit
18 Liegenschaften sind insgesamt belastet	4'534'209.20	6'962'000.00
<b>Total</b>		

## 8. Eventualverbindlichkeiten

Es gibt ehemalige Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter vom Goetheanum, die bei der zweiten Säule nicht lange genug versichert waren und jetzt nicht von der Rente leben können. Die Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft richtet zum Teil in solchen Fällen eine freiwillige Zusatzleistung aus. Im Jahr 2017 wurden auf diese Weise CHF 269'304.30 (Vorjahr CHF 227'692.80 exkl. Arbeitgeberbeiträgen) ausgegeben und damit 18 Personen unterstützt. Bei einer durchschnittlichen Lebenserwartung in der Schweiz von 84.8 Jahren bei Männern und von 87.6 Jahren bei Frauen ergeben sich für die kommenden Jahre Eventualverbindlichkeiten in der Höhe von ungefähr CHF 2'224'206.00.

## 9. Honorar der Revisionsstelle

<u>Dienstleistungen</u>	2017	2016
Revisionsdienstleistungen inkl. MWST	23'490.00	23'760.00



**„Mitarbeiter-Kurz-Führungen“ bei der GV AAG Fr. 23.3., Sa. 24.3. 13.45 - 14.15 Uhr**  
**Treffpunkt mit Schild und Namen des Mitarbeitenden im Foyer, ausser: Haus Duldeck: direkt am Haus Duldeck**  
**Listen zum Eintragen liegen auf**

Besucherführende aus der Mitarbeiterschaft:	Themengebiet:	Mögliche Teilnehmerzahl	Sprache:
<b>Wochenschrift:</b>	<b>Sebastian Jüngel</b> <b>Was mir am Goetheanum fehlt...</b> Mit der Gründung des Goetheanum ist eine grosse Aufgabe gestellt – unerfüllte Erwartungen können gemäss erstem anthroposophischem Leitsatz wie Hunger und Durst empfunden werden. Sebastian Jüngel bietet die Gelegenheit das, was einem am Goetheanum fehlt, auszusprechen. In einem weiteren Schritt kann überlegt werden, wie dieser Mangel beseitigt werden kann. <b>Louis Défèche:</b> Eine Wochenschrift für Anthroposophie produzieren. The production of a weekly journal for Anthroposophy Produire un hebdomadaire pour l'anthroposophie	30          30	DE, EN          DE, EN, FR
<b>Bühne</b>	<b>23.4. Nils Frischknecht</b> <b>24.4. und Mitarbeitende</b>	20 20	DE/EN
<b>Gärtnerei</b>	<b>23.3. Benno Otter</b> Allgemeine Gartenpark Führung <b>24.3. Benno Otter</b> Führung: Das Felsi in der Landschaft und im Gartenpark	20 20	DE/EN
<b>Speisehaus</b>	<b>23.3. Thomas Didden,</b> <b>24.3. Lucas Didden</b>	20 20	DE/EN
<b>Mitgliedersekretariat</b>	<b>23.3., 24.3. Angelika Pauletto</b>	10	DE
<b>Jugendsektion</b>	<b>23.3., 24.3. Mitarbeitende</b>	20	DE/ EN
<b>Dokumentation/Bibliothek</b>	<b>23.3. Johannes Nilo</b> Archiv, Bibliothek, Kunstsammlung. Die Goetheanum Dokumentation stellt sich vor	20	DE/ EN
	<b>24.3. Dino Wendtland</b> Wie kommt ein Kunstwerk in die Kunstsammlung?	10	DE
<b>Haustechnik</b>	<b>23.3., 24.3. Arik Katchaturyan</b> Offene Tür in der Haustechnik/ Schlosserei	15	DE
<b>Betriebsdienst</b>	<b>23., 24.3. Steven Thomas</b> Offene Tür im Betriebsdienst	10	DE, EN
<b>EDV</b>	<b>Fr. 23.3. Pascal Häring</b> Offene Tür in der EDV	10	DE
<b>Naturwissenschaftliche Sektion, Glashaus</b>	<b>23.3. Johannes Kühl</b> <b>24.3. Matthias Rang</b> Rundgang durch das Glashaus mit kurzen Erläuterungen zum Haus und zu den Arbeitsbereichen	20 20	DE/ EN
<b>Personalteilung</b>	<b>23.3., 24.3. Caroline Doehn</b> Offene Tür in der Personalabteilung	15	DE, SP
<b>Rudolf Steiner Archiv</b>	<b>23.3. Führung im Rudolf Steiner Archiv. Treffpunkt am Haus Duldeck!</b>	20	DE
	<b>24.3. Guided tour in Rudolf Steiner Archiv. Meeting point at House Duldeck!</b>	20	EN
<b>Fensterführung</b> <b>Guided tour to the coloured glass windows</b>	<b>23.3., 24.3. Esther Gerster</b>	30	DE
	<b>23.3. Ronald Templeton, Red to the Green windows.</b> <b>24.3. Blue to Pink windows</b>	30	EN

## Opening Hours

### Information Desk in the Foyer

The information desk is open on Thursday, 22 March, from noon to 3 p.m., during every coffee break and half an hour before the beginning of the programme, during the midday and evening breaks.

### Membership Office (1st floor)

Thu 22 March 9 a.m.–noon / 2–5 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 9 a.m.–noon / 2–5 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 2–2:30 p.m.

### Reception

Daily 7:30 a.m.–10 p.m. (ticket sales 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.)

### Cafeteria

Thu 22 March 9 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Sun 25 March 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Speisehaus (Restaurant)

Warm dishes from noon–2 p.m.

### Vital-Laden (Shop)

Thu 22 March 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 8 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Sun 25 March 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Library

Fri 23 March 2–6 p.m.

### Bookstore

Thu 22 March 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sun 25 March 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

### Exhibition Room

Thu 22 March 2:30–3:30 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 2–4 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 10 a.m.–noon / 2–4 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.

### Model of First Goetheanum (Exhibition Room)

Thu 22 March 2:30–3:30 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 2–4 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 10 a.m.–noon / 2–4 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.

### Rudolf Steiner Atelier

Thu 22 March 7–7:45 p.m.  
Fri 23 March 2–3 p.m. / 7–7:45 p.m.  
Sat 24 March 7–7:45 p.m.

### Grosser Saal (Main Auditorium)

Daily 1:30–2 p.m.

## Ausstellungen

22.03. – 31.07.2018

### Movement, Feeling, Character

Original Eurythmy Figures  
By Edith Maryon and Rudolf Steiner  
Goetheanum, Dornach  
Mon - Son, 10.00 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Rudolf Steiner Archiv, Dornach  
Mon - Fri 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

01.11.2017 – 01.08.2018

**Marble Sculptures by Margrit Rotzler, Glass Windows by Monika Wächter-Kagermeier, Bronze Sculptures (Bronzeplastiken) by Gerhard Helmers, Granite Sculptures by Duilio A. Martins, Eurythmy Figures by Anna Köhl.**

Exhibition in the Bookstore  
Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Son 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

01.02.2018 – 30.04.2018

### Fairy Tale Pictures

Exhibition from Gabriela de Carvalho.  
Exhibition in the Bookstore  
Mon– Fri 9 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Son 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

14.11.2017 – 06.04.2018

### The Night

Selected works from the Goetheanum art collection. Works by Ernst Aisenpreis, Walter Bestehrer, Hilde Boos-Hamburger, Hans Kühn, Rudolf Michalik, Otto Rietmann, Philipp Tok, Karl Thylmann.  
Exhibition in the Library  
Fri 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

18.02.2018 – 11.05.2018

### „20 Years of Goetheanum-Hall Renovations

Thorwald Thiersch.  
South Gallery, Conference Room  
Daily 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

