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9th Worldwide Biography Conference 2017

Congress of the Worldwide Biography Fellowship in collaboration
with the General Anthroposophical Section at the Goetheanum
14th to 18th June 2017 at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland

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Dear Colleagues,

We are very happy to announce programme and participation details for the next *Worldwide Biography Conference 2017*, which is organised and will be carried by the coordination group of the Worldwide Biography Fellowship in cooperation with a growing circle of dedicated colleagues, and, when the time comes, together with all of us.

To accompany our preparation and the conference process we chose the "Verse of Destiny" by Rudolf Steiner; in connection with the title theme: *Witness - Trust - Peace*. Creating and practicing *peace* is essential for all our endeavours: Rudolf Steiner seals the verse he originally spoke for eurythmy with these three lines:

Strive for peace, Live in peace, Love peace.

Every day we *witness* the relentless suffering of humanity and how souls around the world yearn for healing *peace*. Synchronously we witness the ceaseless activity of spirit beings working collectively through individual spirit, soul and body, within and around our evolving communities. By working professionally with biographical development as colleagues in fellowship, we build *trust* in our collaboration with each other and in spirit beings, thus enabling the opening of radiant threshold pathways which stream towards us out of the future.

Whilst working in our coordination group we recognise the importance of a quality of time, known as *Kairos* in Ancient Greece. Again and again this is revealed as being fundamental to the task of *crafting intentional community*. i.e. a fellowship of colleagues who are growing their professional work with biographical development out of the fertile ground of anthroposophy. We have designed the next conference programme with the intention of creating time and space to get to know and experience the presence and support of each other for this formidable task which calls to us out of our future.

Guided by these leading thoughts, we also experience that it is imperative to work with *social threefolding* during the next conference, in order to grow a healthy foundation for the ongoing individual and communal development of professional biography work around the world.

Paul Mackay is hosting our next conference within the *General Anthroposophical Section of the School of Spiritual Science*, and will accompany our opening plenary during Wednesday 14th June 2017. During this conference we look forward to sharing space and time with you, and so to enabling fellowship to develop and grow through creative collaboration.

With hearty greetings,

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