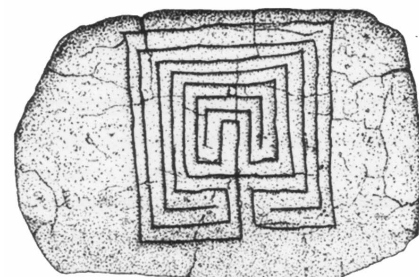


*International Forum for Professional Biography Work
based on Anthroposophy*

25.03.2009



Dear Members of International Forum,

On the 02.11.08 the bi-annual meeting of our carrying group took place in Mannheim.

A main topic for this meeting was the forthcoming Worldwide Biography Conference "Practising Awareness" being held from the 29.06 to the 03.07.2009 in Emerson College, UK.

The International Forum website presents comprehensive information about arrangements for this conference in the "News" section.

At a meeting on 08.03.2009 in the Arlesheim, Switzerland of a group of 9 colleagues dedicated to carrying the continuity of these conferences, in which all 5 members of the initiative group of International Forum as well as two members of the conference 2009 organising group were present, agreed the importance of facilitating a comprehensive presentation of Forum during the forthcoming conference. (see programme downloads in the "News" section)

International Forum was inaugurated 6 years ago during a Worldwide Biography Conference in 2003. In the meantime the Forum has been networking various forms of professional biography work worldwide. During subsequent biography conferences in 2005 and 2007 the need to continue this task was reaffirmed. Once again in 2009 at the conference we will present International Forum to our colleagues, and seek confirmation of their support for the continuity of this work of international networking.

We hope to meet many of you in England in June. The conference offers a full programme, including an opportunity for personal exchange about the future of the International Forum. We are always open to your suggestions and recommendations concerning what constitutes a living interactive website within the context of our resources and your practical needs.

Being in England will also provide an opportunity to broaden the international base of what has been until now a primarily German based networking initiative.

It is very encouraging that our international base has been widened recently by the registration of two trainings in Brazil at the end of last year. We represent now: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherland, New Zealand, Switzerland, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States.

During 2008 statistics for our website indicate that 25.200 plus visits occurred. Already during the first three months of the this year, visits stand in excess of 8.700 visitors. (Please see the attached statistics file.) Among the many reasons for this is our very excellent linking to other sites, and our regular announcements in the widely circulated German monthly anthroposophical journal INFO3.

It is very pleasing to observe that when the words "biography work" are "googled", we come up 1st place in the listing; and when "googling" the German equivalent "Biographiarbeit" our entry comes up 12th place. All this despite the fact that the concept of "biography work" has long been in usage independent of our spiritual scientific background.

Obviously it is not yet very clear for most of you that we offer the facility of a **Calendar of Events**. This provides an opportunity to present your own up and coming seminars, workshops, etc.. Please check it out yourself by selecting "News" then "**Events**".

Everyone who is registered can take advantage of this facility to present and update planned events twice per year. All it needs is an email to my address once at the beginning of the year and once towards the middle of the year.

The page with entries of literature and audio references is very much in need of further contributions. These can simply be short interesting references and reviews which you want to share, as well as articles which you have written personally. Such contributions can help visitors realise how biography work is living and developing in the world today.

Maintaining a website like this, depends on the active cooperation of those who it represents!

I believe it is clear for everyone that the purpose of being represented by International Forum is not so much about attracting new clients. Also may I remind you again that this has never been the primary intention of networking in this way. The main purpose of maintaining our website is to provide a window for the world onto the life and development of biography work. Are we not seeking to build trust in connection with all that we connect with, what for many is a new sphere of human endeavour, namely biography work? At the same time we are providing a platform for those who are already seeking for contact and/or further training in connection with be able to work further with their own biographies as well accompanying others in their biographical development.

Once more I want to ask you to help me avoid the time consuming and tedious job of chasing your annual subscriptions; then I have more time and energy for what is really important in maintaining this website for you and the world! Become clear in yourself please that all this work is only to realised with your regular financial contributions as well; which I hope you will want to continue providing during the coming years.

Please send 30 Euros per annum for continuing registration of individual practices and 70 Euros per annum for trainings.

Please transfer monies to the account of the International Forum:

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Thanking you in advance for your support.

With sincere regards,

Walter Seyffer
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