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**TOWARDS A
NEW RENAISSANCE 3**

Harmonising Spirituality, Nature and Health
Berlin, 30 October – 1 November 2009

Co-Chairs:

Prof. Henryk Skolimowski, Prof. Franz-Theo Gottwald, David Lorimer



The Theme:

Harmonising Nature, Spirituality and Health

This international meeting is the third in our series *Towards a New Renaissance*. The first meeting was held in Krakow, Poland in October 2004 and the second in Pari, Italy in October 2007. Our conferences reflect a new vision that *the Cosmos is the measure of all things*. We have to integrate our new world-view and values into the larger web of the Cosmos, living in harmony with both natural and cosmic laws. This is especially important in re-establishing a harmonious relationship with nature. Just as the credit crunch is a reflection of overextended debt, so the imminent eco-crunch reflects the fact that we now consume annually 25% more than the Earth can replenish. It is therefore imperative that we restore the balance between human activity and natural resources for the sake of coming generations. This conference will address the close relationship between food and health, arguing that our understanding of nature, agriculture and health has to be integral, since each depends on the other. The crisis in human health reflects the way in which we grow and produce our food, which in turn is a reflection of our mechanistic and materialistic worldview. The new cosmic world-view has far-reaching implications for the way in which we can live together in harmony with the Earth and the Cosmos.

The Programme

The programme will begin with a welcome dinner on Friday evening 30th October and run through the weekend until Sunday evening. The exact timetable will be fixed near the time, and will be a combination of confirmed speakers and short papers — see below. People may wish to stay on during Monday in order to do some sightseeing in Berlin.

Confirmed Speakers:

Prof. Franz-Theo Gottwald, Agricultural Faculty, Humboldt University.

Dr. Stephan Krall, German Co-ordinator, Scientific and Medical Network.

David Lorimer, Programme Director, Scientific and Medical Network.

Prof. Ed Sarath, Jazz musician and Professor of Music, University of Michigan.

Prof. Henryk Skolimowski, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of Eco-Philosophy, University of Lodz.

Short Papers

You are welcome to submit abstracts to present short papers on the theme. These will be evaluated for eventual inclusion in the final programme. Abstracts (up to 150 words) should be sent to David Lorimer (dl@scimednet.org with a copy to info@scimednet.org) by 1st September at the latest. For programme updates see www.scimednet.org



Travel and Accommodation

For UK delegates, Easyjet flies from London Gatwick to Berlin-Schoenefeld, then you can take the train or S-Bahn to Friedrichstrasse in the city centre, which takes about 40 minutes. There is a flight on Friday morning at 6.55, which arrives at 9.45, then one at 18.30 on Monday, arriving at 19.45.

Accommodation will be in the City Centre either be in the University Guesthouse (€38 a night) or in the nearby Dietrich Bonhoeffer House Hotel (€80 a night, including breakfast). The University Guesthouse consists of 12 apartments with two single bedrooms and two with a double bed. Those staying there can get breakfast in the hotel for €12. The conference itself will take place in the Hotel, which will provide refreshments and lunch on both days for €82. Accommodation and conference costs will be paid directly by delegates to the hotel or guesthouse, both of which take major credit cards. Friday welcome dinner will take place in the Cum Laude Restaurant of Humboldt University - this will cost about €20 per head, and will be payable in cash. On Saturday evening, we will be the guests of the Schweisfurth Foundation at an excellent organic restaurant. We will also be making a separate arrangement for Sunday evening, which will also be payable in cash. The principal museums are within easy walking distance of the conference location, which will be ideal for Sunday afternoon and Monday.

Those registering will be given the contact details of the Guesthouse or Hotel, and will be responsible for confirming their own accommodation. *Delegates should have valid travel insurance.*

The conference registration fee is £120 for Western European delegates and £25 for Eastern European delegates, and is payable on booking – see overleaf.

The Scientific and Medical Network is an informal international forum consisting of qualified scientists and doctors, psychologists, engineers, philosophers, psychologists and other professionals. The Network came into existence in 1973 and has Members in more than 50 countries. It questions the assumptions of contemporary scientific and medical thinking and seeks to reach beyond a materialistic world-view. See www.scimednet.org

Humboldt University of Berlin

The Humboldt University of Berlin was founded in 1810 by the Prussian educational reformer and linguist, Alexander von Humboldt, whose university model has strongly influenced other European universities. The first semester in 1810 constituted over 250 students and 50 members of faculty in law, medicine, theology and philosophy. The university has been home to many of Germany's greatest thinkers in the last 200 years, including Hegel, Fichte, Schleiermacher, Schopenhauer, Schelling, Einstein and Planck. The university has been home to 29 Nobel Prize winners.

The Faculty of Agriculture

and Horticulture is made up of four colleges and two adjunct colleges. 1300 students are enrolled. Its research goals are problem-oriented as well as interdisciplinary. It works toward reconciling theoretical and methodical principles with the conceptualisation of application-oriented solutions for agricultural and horticultural fields of application, environmental protection, rural development and political advisory services. The main focus is on questions of food security and safeguarding ecologically and economically sustainable use of resources as well as preservation of the natural environment.



B O O K I N G D E T A I L S

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PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

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Dietary preference: Omnivore Fisharian Vegetarian Other

I would like to reserve a single/double/twin room – please tick - for the nights of 30 October – November 1. Please send me instructions on contact information.

University Guesthouse (no breakfast)

- Single (€38 a night)
 Double (€65 a night)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Haus Hotel (with breakfast)

- Single (€80 a night)
 Double (€112 a night)

Extra nights can be reserved on booking, although space in the hotel is very tight on Thursday evening 29th October.

I confirm that it is my responsibility to make my own travel insurance arrangements. The Scientific and Medical Network can accept no liability whatsoever for any incident during the period of the conference.

Signature:

Travel: Please indicate your plans.

PAYMENT (Registration fee of £120, £25 for Eastern European delegates)

- Cheque/Bank Draft/Money Order (payable to “Scientific and Medical Network”)
 Credit card (VISA or MasterCard)

Card No.: Expires: Security code

Signature:

Cancellations: a fee of £25 will be retained for cancellations made before 15th September. After 15th October, no refund.