

International Holistic University Charter

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1. Above and beyond any specific definition, the International Holistic University means to be a large stream of understanding and friendship between the different world centres and universities inspired by the holistic vision.
2. Concretely, this trend is represented by a spontaneous network - an organism rather than an organisation - which tries to promote the discovery and development of other realities of consciousness, life and being.
3. The origin of this movement stems from basic acknowledgment of the holistic paradigm. This paradigm considers each element of a field as an event which reflects and contains all the dimensions of this field (cf. the hologram metaphor). It is a vision in which "the whole" and each of its synergies are closely related through constant and paradoxical interactions.
4. The International Holistic University means to explore the synchronous processes between:
 - the emergence of this new paradigm in physical, biological and social sciences,
 - the vision of eastern and western wisdom,
 - the increasing receptiveness and awakening among a large number of contemporaries.
5. The holistic approach can be characterised as follows:
 - While acknowledging the various forms of duality and dialectics at their relative level, it integrates and transcends them.
 - It promotes this integration and transcendence not only by rational and experimental research but also by the contribution of traditional intuitive and experiential paths with a direct access to a transpersonal experience of reality, without falling into confusions or hasty extrapolations.
 - While respecting the freedom of choice and clarifying insight through a preliminary contact with each of these paths, it encourages and promotes the search for new approaches adapted to the new conditions of third millennium man.
 - It agrees that the joy and happiness that are sought after by any human being lie in the discovery of one's true nature and in the constant expression of wisdom, love, self-respect and respect for all life-forms.
6. The I.H.U. approves and supports any world-wide attempt, any association or any local, transnational or international organisation aiming at rebuilding bridges over any kind of artificial frontiers set up and maintained by the human mind, bridges over everything which divides man and reduces life and man's heart to atoms.

7. Although it recognises every aspect of the holistic approach, the I.H.U. aims its inspiration at some more specific items:
 - Collaboration with the various networks already existing worldwide through:
 - the mutual strengthening of the links which bind them together the proposal of strategies to free these organisms from their self imposed structures
 - the dynamic formation of an international or transnational network and of national networks
 - the organisation of symposia, international colloquia, meetings.
 - Unify the efforts of the networks at regional, national and international levels with a view to planning and implementing a university-level training with an itinerant trade-guild pattern, under the guidance of people who are familiar enough with the holistic vision to be able to catalyze or direct this approach especially in the fields of medicine, education, psychology, art, anthropology, peace world-wide, organisational development...
 - Stimulate and finance research projects on the holistic vision and on new holistic methodologies (art, philosophies, sciences, etc.).
 - Stimulate and finance new means of communication within the holistic scope (data processing, audio-visual, etc.).
 - Encourage and finance educational projects for children.
8. The I.H.U. shall remain a non-localised network and clearing-house, in touch with the different centres, each of which shall retain their autonomy, their identity and their own organisation.

According to these statutes, the I.H.U. shall be able to confer the status of "Holistic University" and "Holistic College" upon any organisation applying for it.
9. Since within the holistic vision the universal and the particular are not regarded as antinomic, the I.H.U. intends to respect the cultural identity of each people and nation as the inheritance of mankind as a whole.
10. The I.H.U., aware of the dangers of the assimilation and partition processes (totalitarianism and reductionism) shall keep both the strictness required for analysing particulars and the open-mindedness necessary for the intuitive grasp of the interrelation which binds everything together (the holos).
11. The I.H.U., aware of the dangers of sectarianism and ideology, intends to remain free from any kind of bonds whether political, doctrinarian or religious.
12. The members of the 1.H.U. agree to comply with the different provisions of this charter.