

Members' News and Notices

Dr. Jan Szymanski - Foundation For Human Survival And Revival

Jan writes: As you may see, a lot of present world-oriented and ecological movements go round in some deadpoint: they run secondary goals, lose sight on the real world-wholeness, prefer various imaginations of magical world transformation, never crossing over their national frame, according to the well known appeal of E. F. Schumacher: *Think Globally, Act Locally*. This appeal now seems obsolete and irrelevant for two reasons:

(1) the global threats develop recently so fast, that - according to well known global reports - we are the last generation who is able to rescue the world.

(2) the need for environmentally sustainable development is presently well

understood by millions of people from many countries. The time of lip service is over, the time of action is at hand. So Schumacher's appeal should be replaced by the new one: *Develop Alternative Approaches Towards Sustainability within the Networks Growing Beyond National Boundaries*.

We don't need new organizations, costs and bureaucracy, we need only: better mutual communication, scientific information exchange, dissemination of our new experiences, development of creative personalities in sciences, technologies, arts, morality and management, and, if possible, collaboration.

We may do best together, what we are doing separately,

We may do together, what is impossible to do separately

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Professor Theodore Roszak - Ecopsychology Newsletter

Neatly subtitled 'With Earth in Mind', this 8-page newsletter is published quarterly and contains short articles, resource and news sections, and correspondence. Ecopsychology involves the emergin synthesis between ecology and psychology, the skilful application of ecological insights to psychotherapy, the discovery of our emotional bond with the planet, and defining sanity as if the whole world mattered. Those interested in creating a usenet group should contact Claudia Robinson on claudir@hubcap.clemson.edu. Another online project of interest is run by Michael Cohen, whom I met in Santa Barbara in May. He runs Project Nature-Connect and can be reached on mjcohen@aol.com or you can go to <http://www.pacifrimnet/~nature>. *Ecopsychology: Theory and Practice*, the second Esalen conference report is available on-line at <http://www.well.com/www.suscon/esalen/html>.

Professor Chang-Ling Zhang: International Open Laboratory of Biophysics

Chang-Lin writes: The 'Open Lab' is in one of the oldest Chinese universities in the picturesque city of Hangzhou near the coastline of east China. There is a staff of 2,000 and 10,000 students in the various colleges of sciences and arts. The main thrust of the 'Open Lab' is the study of the electromagnetic field and coherence in living systems, especially basic research in unconventional medicine, including the mechanism of acupuncture, physiotherapy, homoeopathy, meditation etc. We have some instruments to evaluate the

'degree of order' and 'regulation ability' of the body and other living systems by means of the internal electromagnetic field in the human body and ultra-weak light emission from living systems. The structure of the 'Open Lab' is quite flexible for interdisciplinary study and international cooperation since there are only six postgraduate students and one technician there as permanent members for routine work. Ideas for research work come mainly from visiting scholars of the 'Open Lab'; there is no permanent academic staff. All researchers are visiting scholars and co-workers in common projects. The 'Open Lab' is open to anyone interested in doing basic research in these areas. Members of the Scientific and Medical Network would be particularly welcome to do research work in the 'Open Lab'. Address: International Open Laboratory of Biophysics, Hangzhou University, Hangzhou 310028, China.

Jean Staune - Universite Interdisciplinaire de Paris

Jean has inaugurated this new institute as a vehicle for spreading new ideas in science, philosophy and the new economics through lectures, meetings, colloquia and seminars. The President is Prof. Jean-Francois Lambert of Paris V, and among the advisory board are Sir John Eccles, Bernard d'Espagnat, Ervin Laszlo and Ilya Prigogine. The provisional programme for 1995-96 includes a conference on consciousness featuring, among others, Jean-Pierre Changeux and Benjamin Libet, plus meetings with Freeman Dyson and Sir Roger Penrose. Further information from Jean at 47 rue Vaneau, 75007, Paris. Tel: 33-1-42-22-42-41.

Ray Walder - Towards the Unification of the Physical and the Psychological: The Structure of the Body of Experience

The physically unique individual (case/event) is no longer separable from the observer - and for this reason it goes through the meshes of the net of physics. The individual case is occasio and not causa ... Here something has remained open which previously appeared to be closed, and it is my hope that new concepts, which are uniformly simultaneously physical and psychological, can force themselves through this gap in place of 'parallelism'.

Wolfgang Pauli, Letter to Markus Fierz, Oct. 13 1951, (quoted in Laurikainen (1988) - see References)

Previous attempts to explain the relationship between observer and observed have failed at the point at which it is said that the observer becomes conscious of the object. Advances in physics during the early decades of the present century have resulted in this problem, which Pauli called 'the psychophysical problem', coming to be perceived as more acute than formerly. In this paper it is suggested that a resolution of the psychophysical problem is a body of experience. It is shown that the structure of the body of experience can be represented by the unit circle in the complex plane, precisely that mathematical entity which Wolfgang Pauli believed would indicate that the unification of the physical and psychological by, as he believed, providing 'the unity beyond particle and wave'. The representation shows that subject and object are related in a way that can be expressed in mathematical terms and that the body of experience can be considered as a holon which exhibits self-similarity across scale. Because that which is objective is 'contained', as it were, within the body of experience, the structure is a representation of Nature itself. From this it follows that birth and death cannot be thought of as beginning and end but must be considered as being within the body in which the physical and the psychological are unified will be found when the representation of experience can be shown to generate a picture of the world which is mathematically consistent with that obtained by physics.

Copies of the paper can be obtained from Ray at Willow Cottage, Staining Old Road, Nr Blackpool, Lancs FY3 0BA.

Dimiter Chakalov - Mind-Aided Vacuum Energy Release (MAVER): Call for Theoretical and Experimental Verification

Dimiter writes: MAVER is a hypothesis aimed at explaining energy anomalies evoked by gifted or trained individuals. The hypothesis is based on the assumptions that the human mind is a **mental** reflection of the unbroken quantum wave, and that we have the ability to modulate the **phase** of quantum waves 'during' their superposition and hence to drive the physical changes in a given system towards some wilfully predetermined state, by pumping the *non-physical* negative energy states of virtual particles in the Dirac sea with sufficient energy so that their real counterpart could spring out of the vacuum, leaving the corresponding holes or anti-particles in it. If correct, MAVER could provide a new and unlimited source of energy without violating the principles of thermodynamics (cf Cole, D.C. and Puthoff, H.E. (1993). Extracting energy and heat from the vacuum. *Phys. Rev. E* 48(2), 1562). A short MAVER paper is available for review by a theoretical physicist. I am keen to establish a research team to address the verification issue. Dimiter G. Chakalov, 13 Krushova Gradina Street, BG - 1415 Sofia, Bulgaria. Fax: +359-2-700-126. Email: hpennev@bgcict.bitnet - add attn:dimi.

Dr. John Wilkinson - New Discussion Group on Phytopharmacology

The purpose of this new discussion group is to encourage the sharing of ideas and information within the area of plant based natural products. Discussion will be based around the botany and chemistry of medicinal and economic plants, traditional medicines, herbalism, aromatherapy, ecological biochemistry, evolution and plant molecules. The list will also promote contact between academics and industry. To find out more, email John on John11@mdx.ac.uk or 100344.12@compuserve.com.

Linda Gibson - Institute for Health and Journal of Contemporary Health

The Institute for Health has been established at the Liverpool John Moores University for the advancement of health promotion, research and policy. Their research philosophy emphasizes connections and wholeness rather than reductionism and difference; knowledge creation through dialogue; and alternative approaches to health promotion, healing and the full development of human potential. The Institute runs a series of short courses, lectures and seminars, and publishes occasional papers as well as the biannual *Journal of Contemporary Health*. The second issue focuses on health promotion and runs to 78 A4 pages. It contains articles as well as in-depth interviews on the theme, book reviews, refereed research papers and features. It is attractively produced and provides substantial fare for professionals as well as informative more general pieces - a satisfying balance. Papers and articles are currently being sought for the Summer/Autumn 1996 issue on *Culture and Communities*. For guidelines to contributors contact Linda at the Institute for Health, Liverpool John Moores University, Trueman Building, 15-21 Webster Street, Liverpool L3 2ET. Tel: +44-151-231-4049. Fax: 231-4244. Email: insthealth@livjm.ac.uk

Professor Patrick Pietroni, Dr. David Peters - Complementary Therapy Studies at the University of Westminster

Under the auspices of the Marylebone Centre Trust, David and Patrick have put together a number of courses at the University of Westminster: M.Sc. in Complementary Therapy Studies, an exploration of the phenomenon of complementary therapy, its contexts, models, practices, implementation and evolution; M.A.s in Community and Primary Health Care, Community Development, Community Observation and Therapeutic Bodywork; M.Sc. in General Practice and Primary Health; and B.A. in Therapeutic Massage. Entry criteria vary with the courses, and full details can be obtained from the Course Administrator, Centre for Community Care and Primary Health, 33 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0JE. Tel: 0171-255-3550, Fax: 580-8169.

Jane McWhirter - RCCM Research Award

All Hallows House Foundation, run by Jane McWhirter (Lorimer) has been given a first rung research award to study holistic treatment of recurrent thrush. Their hypothesis is that thrush recurs because of an imbalance of gut flora, which can be treated by a sugar and yeast free diet plus acidopholus and natural anti-fungal supplements. The control group will have a non-specific healthy diet and placebo supplements. This project arises out of Jane's recently completed book - *The Practical Guide to Candida* - published by the Foundation. Profits will go to further research on candida. Copies of the book can be ordered from Green Library, 9 Rickett Street, London SW6 1RU. Price [sterling]8.25 (include. p& p) Cheques to AHHF Candida book.

George Vithoukas - European Journal of Classical Homoeopathy

This new journal is published by the Greek team of classical homoeopaths and aims to become a teaching forum for the exchange of new ideas and research, as well as acting as an organon to protect and promulgate Classical Homoeopathy. Features will include a 'crossfire' section for critical views and opinions as well as case analyses, correspondence and research reports. The first issue contains provocative articles on *Homoeopathy: Art or Science* and *How Freud's arsenicum pathology was instrumental in his founding of psychoanalysis*. Research editor Dr. Alexandra Delinick contributes a piece on *Reductionism vs. Holism*. The journal is attractively produced with photographs in A4 format and will be of interest to both professionals and generalists. Details: Athenian Centre of Homoeopathic Medicine, Pericleous 1, Maroussi, Athens 15122, Greece. Fax: +30-1-80 53 462.

Dr. Sudhansu Moharana - Safe and Enlightened Motherhood

Sudhansu, an Indian homoeopathic physician, has written to me with information on a conference in Orissa on *Safe and Enlightened Motherhood*, which was synchronistically going on in September at the same time as Dan Benor's London conference entitled *Birthing Spiritual Healing*. The Indian conference was held under the auspices of the Sri Aurobindo Medical Association. The three page report can be ordered from the office (see *Members' Articles* section) and includes a table to synergistic action of homoeopathic medicine suited to specific traits. The souvenir programme contains extensive abstracts of the talks and can be obtained directly from Dr. Moharana at his address in the Directory.

Dr. Jean-Claude Salomon, Paris - Science Tribune on Internet

The three journals Science Tribune, Science Culture and The Cancer Journal have been launched on the Internet and can be accessed on the following address:
<http://www.infobiogen.fr/journals/> Jean-Claude awaits your responses!

Ljubomir Kljakic - Akademia Nova, Belgrade

Akademia Nova is conceived as a scientific, research, cultural and artistic institution for the third millennium. Taking the concepts of the Platonic and Florentine models one stage further, Akademia Nova sees itself as a new prototype which is interdisciplinary, open and imaginative. One of their initiatives is the Golden Mean Science and Technology Centre directed by Dr. Duro Koruga, whose research programmes include the scientific basis of consciousness and the golden mean in nature, biology and technology. This last field is based on the beautiful symmetry of the Carbon C60 molecule which contains 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons. Such symmetry may open the way to the development of technology based on Golden Mean properties. Details: Blvd Nikole Tesle 3, 11070 Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Fax: +381-11-694043.

Robert Jahn, Paul Devereux and Michael Ibison - Acoustical Resonances of Assorted Ancient Structures

This fascinating 50-page monograph describes the results of a series of rudimentary acoustical measurements inside six Neolithic and Iron Age burial mounds in southern England. The authors used a portable sound generator to establish the natural resonance inside the structures and then measure the pattern of soundwaves. In spite of differing sizes and ages, the chambers all yielded acoustical frequencies within the male voice range, suggesting that if such resonances were deliberately sought by the monument builders then the chambers were perhaps used for chanting by men; this would contrast with the assumption of priestess usage of such sites. An 8-page account appears in *The Ley Hunter* Summer 1995, No. 123, which can be obtained from PO Box 92, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 2BX for [sterling]2.50/\$5. The more extensive technical report can be ordered from Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Princeton University, Princeton NJ 08

0544-5263, USA.

Dr. Giuliana Conforto - Transparency: A Necessary Step

Those who enjoyed Giuliana's article in the spring issue of *Network* will find an elaboration of her view in this booklet about the nature of reality. Her book *Integral Science* is still in the process of being translated into English and is summarised in the appendix. She adopts an intuitive method of knowing similar to Giordano Bruno's *Art of Memory*. This assumes the existence of a Unitary Collective Mind and the transparency referred to is a body of light in which through self-awareness all fragmentation, conflict and ignorance have disappeared. She has also published a longer account of the life and work of Giordano Bruno (no price given) Booklet available from Giuliana for [sterling]2/\$3 at Via Annibal Caro 22, 00152 Rome, Italy.

Philip Sherrard - For Every Thing That Lives is Holy

It is sad to record the death of Philip Sherrard over the summer. Readers may recall reviews of his books *The Rape of Man and Nature* and *Human Image, World Image* in the Review, as well as his occasional forays in our correspondence columns. Philip was deeply committed to the restoration of an authentic spiritual world-view, and this publication contains his last full length lecture given at the Temenos Academy in the summer of 1994. It argues for the reversal of the philosophical premises of the modern outlook and 'the reversing of a process

of ignorance through which the distortion of our capacity to perceive the reality of things leads to our enslavement to an illusory world entirely of our own invention'. His approach is very critical of the epistemological self-sufficiency of science. The booklet can be ordered from the Temenos Academy, 14 Gloucester Gate, London NW1 4HG for [sterling]2.

Death of Dr. Peter Maslin

Bob Cripps writes: It is with great regret that I write to inform Members of the untimely death of Member Dr. Peter Maslin of only 45 years from stomach cancer. Peter was a G.P. for several years in Stornoway, he practised as both G.P. and homoeopath on Lewis and in Inverness. Many people have benefited including myself, from Peter's intelligent and compassionate dedication to relieve illness and promote well being.

Rev. Pamela Crane - The Astrology Experiment

Pam Crane writes: Following a promising trial at this year's AGM, Network Members are now invited to take part in an on-going test of astrological principles, either as guinea-pigs or assistants. Those interested may send an SAE to the address below for a copy of the draft protocol, submitting full name and birth-data (Date, place, and accurate time - maximum margin of error +/- 10 minutes; 24-hour clock please, stating GMT, DST or Zone multiple births, Scots and non-British should have time recorded on their birth certificate) together with as full a list as possible of people's first names and surnames, professional activities and other interests, objects, habits, ideas, places and issues that are absolutely central to their lives. Guided by this list, 20 appropriately named asteroids will be chosen for each person from the 5000+ already available. According to astrological rules, these 20 should be found to dominate the birth chart, providing an apt and correct description of relationships, work, aspirations and lifestyle. Members with experience and/or interest in astrology and a little free time would be most welcome to assist in processing the data. Address: The Mayor's Arms, 63 The Street, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent ME13 8TW. Telephone: 01795-532037.