

## **Members' News and Notices**

### **Australian Conferences on Spirituality, Leadership and Management (SlaM)**

*Lloyd Fell writes:* The second Australian Conference on Spirituality, Leadership and Management was held at The University of Western Sydney, UWS-Hawkesbury (near Sydney), on September 25-27, 1999. Over 200 participants enjoyed a feast of workshops, papers, keynote presentations and daily ritual consisting of processing, toning, dancing and community building activities. We were welcomed onto the land by descendants of the Aboriginal inhabitants, there was a campfire each night and a large outdoor mandala, created during the Conference, has since become a campus garden.

A small group of academics from the Charles Sturt University and Sydney University had been developing the idea for several years before the first Conference was held in September 1998. They planned for about 100, but were overwhelmed by almost three times that number in attendance and by a unanimous resolution to hold the second Conference a year later. Those three words seemed to strike a chord with certain people from business corporations, banks, government, religious institutions, conservation and peace movements and academe. Now the third Conference is planned for Melbourne next year.

Keynote speakers included internationally-renowned authors, S.K. Chakraborty and Margot Cairnes in 1998; Richard Barrett and Deborah Bloch in 1999. Soft cover Proceedings of each Conference are available at a cost of \$30 (Aust) plus postage from Kerry Cochrane, Orange Agricultural College, University of Sydney, Orange, 2800, NSW, Australia [orkcochran@oac.usyd.edu.au](mailto:orkcochran@oac.usyd.edu.au) The two volumes contain 78 papers within the scope of many SMN readers' interests. A selection of peer-refereed papers from both meetings is being prepared for international publication.

### **Potential Sydney Local Group**

*Lloyd adds:* At the recent Spirituality, Leadership and Management Conference (see above) several SMN members made a presentation to promote Network activities and met with prospective new members. As a result, an inaugural meeting to form a Sydney Local Group is scheduled for 17 February from 6-9pm at the Sydney University Carslaw Building, Room 354. Hopefully we can follow the example of our colleagues in Auckland, New Zealand, and hold regular meetings in the Sydney region.

### **Alan Rayner - Conference on the Art and Science of Water**

Alan is planning a major conference and art exhibition in Bath Spa (appositely enough!) to explore and celebrate the Art and Science of Water as the Dynamic Context of Life. Timing will be Spring 2001 and the Network will be actively supporting the initiative. Themes will be 'Waterscapes', using a combination of geomorphological and meteorological science and artwork; 'Bodies of Water', looking at the biology, physics and chemistry of water as a medium for expressing life forms and transformations; 'Water in Mind' - water in language and expression of emotion; and 'Reflections' - receptivity and responsiveness, the meaning and beauty of water in our spiritual lives. If you feel inspired by this description and have ideas of your own, you can contact Alan at 81 Dovers Park, Bathford, Bath BA1 7UD. Tel: 01225 858392. Email: [a.d.m.rayner@bath.ac.uk](mailto:a.d.m.rayner@bath.ac.uk)

### **Ana Llamazares - Fundacion Desde America, Argentina**

Describing itself as a bridge between new Western consciousness and the indigenous cultures of the Americas, this foundation is run by Member Ana Llamazares, an

anthropologist currently on a visiting fellowship in Cambridge. The Foundation has only been in existence for five years, but its activities have been prodigious with courses, workshops, retreats, publications, a documentation centre, research projects and support for indigenous communities and organisations. Fields of interest are consciousness, health and self-transformation, new paradigms and emergent spirituality, native cosmology, shamanism and ethnomedicine. Details: Jufre 705 (1414), Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### **Gill Wright - Earth One Global Radio Service**

With Archbishop Desmond Tutu as Global Patron, Global Vision Network (GVN) will be launching Earth One as a global community radio service early next year. It will broadcast programming from a globally diverse range of sources including international agencies, NGOs and the UN system. It aims to be a cutting edge platform for discussion of global issues and will have a full operating Internet simulcast. For further information, email to [earth.one@gvn.co.uk](mailto:earth.one@gvn.co.uk) or consult the web site at [www.gvn.co.uk](http://www.gvn.co.uk). Postal address: GVN Ltd, Elstree Film Studios, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1JG.

#### **Dr. David Heaf - "Archetype", the Journal of the Science Group of the Anthroposophical Society in Great Britain**

The fifth issue contains articles such as 'The fruitfulness of Goethe's approach to science at the present time', Jochen Bockemühl (Translated by David Heaf), 'Participation, cooperation and adaptive mutations: complementing ecological and evolutionary paradigms, Johannes Wirz, Foreword to 'The Natural Scientific Writings of Goethe' (edited by R. Steiner), Karl Julius Schröer (Translated by David Wood). Further details: 60 pages, A5. Price: £4.00 (GB pounds) per copy including UK postage (overseas postage: Europe add £0.50, elsewhere add £1.00). Orders to the editor, Dr David J. Heaf, Hafan, Cae Llwyd, Llanystumdwy, Cricieth, Gwynedd, LL52 0SG, UK Science Group web site is [www.anth.org.uk/Science](http://www.anth.org.uk/Science)

#### **Steve Moore - The Oracle**

*The Oracle* is the journal of Yijing (I Ching) Studies and is published twice a year. The latest issue contains an article by Stephen Karcher on *Journey to the West* and others on the Yijing in Brazil and its contribution to the development of geomantic tradition. Level is scholarly but accessible. Details: Steve Moore, 7 Hillend, Shooters Hill, London SE18 3NH. Email: [steve@fortstudy.win-uk.net](mailto:steve@fortstudy.win-uk.net) Web: [www.mension.com/oracle.index.htm](http://www.mension.com/oracle.index.htm)

#### **Dr. Andrew Tresidder - Somerset Common Goals Patient Library Project**

Following our earlier notice about the success of his patients' library, Andrew has sent me an update of a scheme now running under the Somerset Health Authority and with the philosophy of empowering patients to take responsibility for their own health. They have compiled a starter pack based on the most successful titles in Andrew's own library and the offer has been taken up by 30 practices in the county. Address: Springmead Surgery, Summerfield Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 2HB.

#### **Dr. Peter Mansfield - ReAlive International Real Health Service**

Peter is extending his Good HealthKeeping initiative with his new ReAlive scheme offering a comprehensive health resource alongside professional help already provided by your doctor when things go wrong. It is a way to become self-reliant and as independent as possible of medical help. The scheme provides a way in which families can stay in touch with new developments in health and maintain access to resources you need. Benefits include a free questionnaire, a call centre, free access to the ReAlive web page, a bi-monthly newsletter and discounted access to supplements and natural remedies. Address: Good HealthKeeping,

Thames St, Louth, Lincs LN11 7AD. Email: [callcentre@good-healthkeeping.co.uk](mailto:callcentre@good-healthkeeping.co.uk) Web: [www.good-healthkeeping.co.uk](http://www.good-healthkeeping.co.uk)

### **Jonathan Stromberg and Dr. Dolly Knight - Centre for Implosion Research**

This centre focusses on bringing water back to life and counteracting damaging electromagnetic radiation, building on the work of Viktor Schauberg and others. They have designed a vortex water energiser and a device designed to protect the wearer from EM radiation - this has been independently tested by Member Roger Coghill. Details: PO Box 38, Plymouth PL7 5YX. Email: [ImplosionRsearch@compuserve.com](mailto:ImplosionRsearch@compuserve.com)

### **Leslie Gore - Autogenic Training and Parkinson's Disease: Information Required**

Leslie would like to hear from any Member who has experience of 1) The use of autogenic training in the management of Parkinson's Disease 2) The use of visualisation techniques in working with the disturbance of brain function 3) The use of complementary medicine in support of the orthodox treatment. Leslie's address: 2 Tan-y-Ddol, Abbey Road, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8SL. Tel: 01978 861955

### **Members' Courses**

#### **Michal Levin - Seminars and Tapes**

Michal's book *The Pool of Memory* was reviewed in the last issue. She is a teacher who has been taught entirely from within, as her autobiography attests. She explains how the concept of energy, the development and use of intuition, the sense and practice of spirituality, are all linked. She teaches a path of spiritual evolution, the way to spiritual maturity, for the individual and the world and the links between the two. For seminar information contact Sue Arnold at HOME, PO Box 20120, London W10 4WR. Web: [www.michallewin.demon.uk](http://www.michallewin.demon.uk)

#### **Kate Brightwell - Healing through Focusing**

Focusing is a process of 'felt sensing' developed by Eugene Gendlin PhD, professor of psychology and philosophy at the University of Chicago. He found that meaning was felt and carried in our bodies and that it is possible to listen to this bodily felt sense so that it unfolds naturally and enables the focuser to move forward. Kate is holding a number of introductory and more advanced workshops including an initial weekend on 26-27 February. Details from her on 01923 283484 or email [katebright@aol.com](mailto:katebright@aol.com)

#### **Veronica Christina Kemp - Healing and Colour Courses**

Veronica runs a number of courses including three wide-ranging foundation courses on colour, electro-crystal therapy 'healing the healers' and a ten-week course on aspects of healing. If you are interested in any of these, her address is Peacehaven, 8 Redbridge, Stantonbury, Bucks MK14 6BB.

#### **Travelling to Ghana?**

Philip Ato Quansah is offering assistance to any members wishing information on Ghana or advice about travelling there as a tourist. He can be contacted at PO Box 631, Agona Svedru, Ghana.

### **Deaths**

#### **Bernard Lake**

*Lloyd Fell notes:* A great friend and a wonderful human being, Dr Bernard Lake of Sydney, was 'promoted' this year and will be fondly remembered by many colleagues, patients and friends. An accomplished Feldenkrais practitioner as well as a Consultant Physician, Bernard

wrote two books which were briefly reviewed in NETWORK - (Y)our Move and Come to (Y)our Senses - and was also working passionately on a new web site and other resources for experiential learning. He loved being a member of SMN.

**Michel Bercot**

Member Dr. Michel Bercot, who founded the major Paris conferences on 'Le Corps Energetique de l'Homme' died during the summer. His new book entitled *Coeur et Energetique* is concerned with the energetic structures of living organisms. I hope to obtain a review copy of this work, which contains themes of interest to many Members. Some readers may remember him from the Annual Gathering in Burgundy in 1993.

**Sonia Ponter**

Members attending the Warwick Annual Gathering will be sorry to hear about the death in August of Sonia Ponter from liver cancer. She gave a well received presentation on the metamorphic technique there. Sonia was a healer by nature and temperament and will be greatly missed by those who knew her. There is likely to be a celebration of her life around Easter next year.

**Stuart Menzies**

We just received news of Stuart's death only a week after the last Edinburgh meeting. He was an active Member, always speaking up for science, and had attended the Cambridge conference. We shall miss his combative and humorous input.