

Network News

Office Move and Restructuring

The Trustees and Council have been considering the future structure of the Network since the Retreat this year. They met in June and made a number of important decisions, which were announced at the AGM. The administrative office will be moved back to the South of England at the end of the year. Since none of the staff in Scotland are able to move South, new staff will be recruited and DAVID LORIMER's role will change as he will be relieved of his current administrative burden. This will enable him to continue with his current editorial and conference programming work but he will also be able to spend more time on developing and carrying through projects for the Network. His office will remain at Gibliston Mill.

Network Project Development

Following a meeting in London in May we have formulated a number of exciting educational projects, for which we hope to attract funding. One project on which we have already started is the Network Bibliography Project. With the help of Dr. LANCE BUTLER, I have started to develop this project. The idea is to provide position statements and essential annotated references in a number of areas of interest to Network Members. This will enable you to find out about a field in which you have no knowledge, or else to research evidence for anomalous phenomena. The first entries will be posted on the web site during the autumn. More about this and other projects in the next issue.

Chair of the Network Council

Dr. PETER FENWICK announced that he would be standing down as Chair of the Council at the next AGM, after nearly fifteen years very distinguished service. We currently have two vice-chairs in Prof. CHRIS CLARKE and Dr. JULIAN CANDY. The Council will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair designate at the Council Meeting in September. The Vice-Chair will serve as chair of the Executive Committee, which will supervise day to day management of the Network.

New Council Members

The following council members retired at the AGM: Prof. KURT DRESSLER, Dr. KIM JOBST and JOAN WALTON. Joan will continue to attend Council meetings in her capacity as Director of the Blaker Foundation. Dr. PETER FENWICK was re-elected, and the following Members were elected for the first time: Dr. BART VAN DER LUGT (Netherlands), CHARMIAN WYLDE (UK) and CLARE GOODRICK-CLARKE (UK). Bart has been a hospital gynaecologist for many years and is now President of the Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation in Holland. He was instrumental in organising this year's World Peace, Inner Peace conference reported earlier in this issue and has played an active part in the Dutch Forum for Healthcare. Charmian is an acupuncturist running a clinic in Birmingham who also lectures in film studies and complementary medicine as well as being a dancer. Clare has been running IKON productions for a number of years and has recently qualified as a homoeopath and reflexologist

Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report 1998-9 were made available to members attending the recent AGM in Switzerland and will be available from the office on request and on the web page.

Membership

150 new members joined the Network during the first half of the year. The response to our leaflet sent out in the last mailing was disappointing. Our main growth is still by word of mouth, so do encourage your friends and colleagues to join us!

Conversations with God

We had a successful seminar with 35 people attending. Members may be interested in a summary of the main ideas prepared by Adrian Cairns. You can send off for a copy (£4.50) from him at 15 Convent Close, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7XQ. Tel: 01179 506488

Jamaica 2000

The next seminar will be with Prof. James Austin on *Zen and the Brain* from 6-12 February. A leaflet is enclosed. An early response will make it easier to co-ordinate travel.

Mystics and Scientists and Network Book

I am glad to report that *The Spirit of Science* is selling well in the US is one of 39 nominations for the 1999 Templeton Book Prize. The Network book has now been ordered for three university courses and is still available to members and friends. Members can buy the book for a special price of £10 plus postage.

Network Index 1997-98

Another reminder that this index by John Caton is available on the web site or can be ordered from the office for £3.

1999 Network Book Prize

The book prize of £200 is awarded annually to the book or books that the Council and Trustees, advised by Max Payne, John Kerr and myself, feels has made the most significant contribution to understanding in one of the Network fields of interest. This years entries are listed below, and further books will be received and entered in the autumn. Let us know if your book is missing from this list or is forthcoming! The result will be announced at the Christmas Party. As usual, the standard is very high.

House Calls - Patch Adams

CEVI - William Baldwin

Working with Angels, Fairies and Nature Spirits - William Bloom

Optimum Healing - Craig Brown

Something in the Air - Roger Coghill

Man's Cosmic Game - Giuliana Conforto

Past Lives - Peter and Elizabeth Fenwick

The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Divination - Stephen Karcher

Vision 2020 - Ervin Laszlo

From Politics Past to Politics Future - Alan Mayne

After Death - Sukie Miller

The System in Which We Live - Arthur Oram

Science and Theology - John Polkinghorne

The Alphabet vs. The Goddess - Leonard Shlain

God in Science - Sampooran Singh

Science Between Space and Counter-Space - Nick Thomas

Morphism of the Void - Keith Wakelam

Some Spirits Heal, Others Only Dance - Roy Willis