

News and Notices

MEDICINE/HEALTH

Spirituality and Medicine Connection

This is the quarterly newsletter published by the National Institute for Healthcare Research and aims to transmit current research, education and training developments at the interface between medicine and spirituality and to encourage progress among key professionals in the various clinical fields of spiritual investigation. The NIHR makes an annual John Templeton Spirituality and Medicine Award for Primary Care Residency Training Programmes. With funding from the John Templeton Foundation, NIHR has awarded 33 grants to medical schools that support the development of curricula in spirituality and medicine. Address: NIHR, 6110 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20852, USA. Email: nihr@nihr.org Web: www.nihr.org

Healing Environments

An organisation devoted to helping the current movement towards holistic medicine, encouraging hospitals, hospices and individuals to nourish patients, families and caregivers with healing environments. They define healing environments as those offering sustenance to the soul and meaning to experience, pointing people in the direction of connecting with the universal through the transformative power of beauty and art. They publish a journal of hope, *A Light in the Mist* with features and interviews. Email: respond@healingenvironments.org Web: www.healingenvironments.org

Health Sciences Institute

H.S.I. publishes a regular and informative newsletter or Members' Alert, featuring items on breakthrough treatments and advances in what they call 'underground medicine'. The editorial panel are practising physicians 'who offer the revolutionary treatments of tomorrow today'. Articles cite references from recognised journals. Details: Agora Lifestyles Ltd., 11th Floor, Centre Point Tower, 103 New Oxford St., London WC1A 1QQ. Email: HIS@agorapub.co.uk Phone: 020 7447 4018.

British Autogenic Society

This is the professional body for UK autogenic practitioners. There are over 3,000 scientific papers documenting the effectiveness of this therapy. The Society runs a diploma course in autogenic training and have special courses for pregnancy and childbirth. Quite a number of our medical Members use this. Address: Royal Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond St., London WC1N 3HR. Web: www.autogenic-therapy.org.uk

ECOLOGY

HNC or Weekends on Organic Farming

Otley College is offering an HNC in organic farming and growing systems, as well as another course on sustainable environments. These course can either be followed to Diploma level or attended as separate weekends on a more a la carte basis. Topics include organic soil, agroforestry, conversion to organic systems, organic vegetable and livestock production. The Sustainable Environments programme contains modules on Gaia theory, shamanism, landscape and health (presented by Member Dr. Patrick Macmanaway on 16-17 December), ecopsychology, and Soil, Soul and Society, with Member Satish Kumar. Details: Marina

O'Connell, Otley College, Otley, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9EY. Email:
course_enquiries@otleycollege.ac.uk Web: www.otleycollege.ac.uk

The Nature Institute Newsletter

The Nature Institute for phenomena-centred research and education is only two years old and is run by author Craig Holdrege. Their newsletter *In Context* is most informative and stimulating, with articles on the nature of organisms and science. One of their roles is to respond creatively and effectively to current events such as the implications of genetic engineering or computers in schools. They also have an electronic newsletter called NetFuture, which was featured in the *New York Times* following an article by the co-editor on the unintended, negative side of technology. Details: 169 Route 21C, Ghent, NY 12075, USA. Email: nature@taconic.net - the online newsletter is on www.oreilly.com/~stevet/netfuture

GENERAL

Temenos Academy

Some members may already be aware of the Temenos Academy, founded by Kathleen Raine (who received a CBE in this year's New Year Honours) and whose patron is HRH The Prince of Wales. It is an academy for education in the light of the spirit and dedicated to the teaching and dissemination of the perennial wisdom, which has been the ground of every civilisation. It rejects the premises of secular materialism which deny the very ground of meaning and value. It holds courses and lectures in London, and issues an annual Review, which we review in Network. They have an extensive and highly recommended list of lecture tapes. Address: The Prince's Foundation, 19-22 Charlotte Road, London EC2A 3SG

Prison Phoenix Trust

This initiative offers courses of yoga and meditation for prisoners, and has done wonderful work with inmates in over 90 UK prisons for over a decade. The original book by Bo Lozoff was called 'We're All Doing Time'. Here is a recent quotation from a student: 'I always used to think "You eat food. You go to the toilet I don't know how many times a day and that's it. You live. You die and that's an end of it. But just doing this yoga for less than twelve months, there's a hell of a lot more inside you than just the food that goes in"'. Address: PO Box 328, Oxford OX1 1PJ.

Radio for Peace International

This station has been transmitting since 1987 from the University for Peace in Costa Rica. It broadcasts information not readily available in other media on all aspects of planetary peace. It provides a voice for the geographically and culturally diverse community concerned with global interdependence. Programmes cover conflict resolution, social and environmental justice, human rights, cross cultural understanding, gender and racial equality. Details: RFPI, PO Box 88, Santa Ana, Costa Rica. Web: www.rfpi.org (with real audio!)

World Report and Global Resources

This is a monthly web publication dedicated to providing brief solution oriented news and resources about people and events that are successfully solving today's problems. The June issue contains features on home schooling (which has increased from 200,000 to 2 million in the last ten years), the hunger site (a web site which you can visit and by doing so make a

contribution to eliminating hunger -www.thehungersite.com), the decline in US crime, and spirit in the work place (www.spiritatwork.com). Web: www.n2012.com

Words of Discovery

A truly wonderful book catalogue promoting children's spiritual, moral and social development. Sections include parenting, teaching, teens, children's spiritual development and self-esteem, positive morals and values, awareness of the environment, personal and social development. Any parent will be hard put to order fewer than ten books! Tel: 0116 273 3000. Web: www.wordsofdiscovery.com

The Open Systems Group

This is a community of professional systems practitioners at the Open University who are concerned with fostering and enhancing group and organisational capability by the creation of learning communities across institutional boundaries. The work of the group is developed and shared through workshops, conferences and consultancies. Details from Jacqueline Eisenstadt, Centre for Complexity and Change, Technology Faculty, Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. Email: j.eisenstadt@open.ac.uk Web: www-tec.open.ac.uk/cc