## Report on the 13th SMN Continental Meeting

Morphogenetic fields, their physical and their spiritual expression, their mathematical and scientific description and their meaning for medicine.

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The thirteenth Network continental meeting was held in an atmospheric rambling castle on the shores of a lake outside Potsdam, historic capital of the Prussian Empire and till recently part of the GDR.

It was organised and run, almost single-handedly, by WALTRAUD WAGNER who put in an enoromous amount of work and effort. The participants, more than 30, came mainly from Germany, England, and Russia, with a few from Ireland, Belgium, Switzerland, Norway and elsewhere. Waltraud undertook the Herculean task of preparing a booklet containing abstracts and the whole text of each of the presentations. The booklets were available in both German and English (and Waltraud also did most of the translation work!). It was an enormous help to have all the proceedings available in two languages. However, we came to realise the deeper implications of language, not only because of the Russians who were not entirely comfortable in English or German, but because the very words and concepts surrounding the topic proved to be untranslatable. Time and again we discovered huge disparities in our understanding of the term 'morphogenetic field'. Some of the participants regarded these fields as physical and related to electromagnetism. Others viewed them as transcendent and outside measurable physical reality.

The emphasis of many of the papers was on the use of 'field phenomena' in healing. LUTZ WILDE, JENS JERNDAL, FORUG TURUN and others related morphogenetic fields to the human aura and ELI LASCH proposed that cancer is a disease not of cells but of the organising field. He claims that spiritual healers detect a hole in the aura of cancer patients through which they appear to 'bleed' energy, hence disease and death result not from the tumour but from this disruption of the organising field and the resultant leakage of 'life energy'. (see his article above)

The Russian contributors concentrated on some remarkable innovations in electromagnetic medicine and investigations into the paranormal. Without a great deal of background information, this was hard to understand but clearly of great importance. KAZNATCHEEV and TROFIMOV dicussed some implications of a remarkable gadget known as the Kozyrev Mirror which appears to be able to detect subtle fields. I admit that these presentations were over my head, but I found informal discussion with TONY SCOTT-MORLEY most informative. Tony has worked with some of the Russians for more than 20 years in the field of electromagnetic medicine and demonstrated a gadget for pain relief which convinced me that the Russians have made enormous advances in the treatment of chronic and life-threatening conditions.

As usual with Network conferences, as much or more is gained from the informal part of the proceedings as from the presentations. BERNHARD HARRER told us about his experiences as a 'breatharian', taking no food or drink for the best part of 30 days. He also took a party to Berlin to visit his remarkable database. ANNE MILLER reported with awe a distant healing session held by Eli Lasch and others for Anne's nephew Jack who was critically ill and unconscious in hospital following a road accident. Hospital staff rated Jack's chances of

survival at under 5%. However, the child subsequently made a remarkable recovery. (Coincidence? Maybe). Then there was the splendid entertainment - an important feature of Network events - with MAX PAYNE as compere, featuring songs and sketches from many of the participants, followed by dancing.

And there was the opportunity to explore Potsdam and the Sans Souci Park, Frederick the Great's answer to Versailles, with palace after magnificent palace set in vast formal parkland and gardens. In dramatic contrast Berlin, the scene of such momentous events in recent history, is in the throes of another transformation as the government moves back to the Reichstag and vast tracts of the city are being redeveloped. Architecturally, Potsdam seemed to represent the old European certainties of power, conquest and empire while Berlin is in flux, adapting to an uncertain future which will require entirely new assumptions and strategies. I wonder if morphogenetic fields apply to places too.........

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