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1. ECCE General Meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Bronlaak, The Netherlands

As you were already informed in the last ECCE link (nr. 27, February 2019) the next General meeting will take place in Bronlaak, which is situated in the village Oploo, community Sint Anthonis, 25 km south of Nijmegen in the Netherlands, 15 km west from the German border.

Taking the train you best go from train station Amsterdam Airport to Nijmegen and change there to Boxmeer. Bronlaak will arrange transport from Boxmeer station to Bronlaak for the ECCE participants (so please let us have your travel plans in time).

It is about 2 ½ hours by public transport from Amsterdam Airport or Köln-Bonn or Düsseldorf Airport.

At the moment the Committee is working on the detailed programme. The title of this interesting meeting will be: **“Human gestures enabling inclusion”**.

**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon** there will be excursions in and outside Bronlaak, to the farm and agriculture fields, the cafeteria, shop and woods.

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>** there will be an inclusive meeting with residents, parents, guests from other Dutch institutes and ECCE members. The day will be opened by a choir of Bronlaak residents.

Bronlaak takes part in a scientific research project concerning ‘how can the UNCRPD be worked out for persons with complex dependency needs who live in a sheltered environment’; scientists from Dutch universities will share their experiences about inclusion during this inclusive meeting.

There will be as well information about inclusion in The Netherlands and workshops.

Participants of the General Meeting will be hosted in hotels and Bed & Breakfast facilities some kilometres from Bronlaak.

Bernard Heldt

## 2. Report EASPD „Aging and disability“ Shaping the agenda of tomorrow, Brussels, Belgium

On 21-22 March 2019 the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) brought together partners and key stakeholders to set the agenda on the future provision of comprehensive, human rights-based support services, which can meet the needs of Europe's ageing population and older people with disabilities. Partner in organizing this seminar was ECCE – see as well ECCE Link Nr. 26, December 2018.

As the world's population is ageing, the percentage of persons with disabilities is growing. As we get older many of us, regardless of disability, may develop a range of support needs, making the provision of services an urgent issue for social welfare systems. In Europe today however, social welfare systems are struggling to meet the demands of their ageing societies.

**This and other issues were tackled during a two day seminar, where case studies were presented along with experts' inputs on several care and support issues.**

Ageing is a phenomenon that concerns the whole world population and thus also involves persons with disabilities. While in the past the latter were less concerned, health and support care systems are now facing increasing demands for support which require a more organised and comprehensive address by society.

The social and health care provision landscape for older persons with disabilities shows that **support is currently either provided by general mainstream services, or by specialized disability support services**. Both types of services are **experiencing shortages as the development of support has not anticipated increased demand, nor has been able to adapt its offer to different and rising needs**. While the fragmentation of services has been determined by the necessity to respond to demand with the limited resources available, it seems clear that **a more comprehensive and better funded framework should be developed to ensure the needed support is readily available**.

The seminar's discussions, which saw the participation of representatives from the academic world, EU institutions, elderly service provision, users' representation and specialized support provision, made clear that individualised planning for older persons with disabilities is far from being realized due to a number of issues. **A strong medicalized focus, the lack of or reduced legal capacity, the difficulties in accessing information, the risk of isolation and inappropriate staff training to meet specific needs of older persons with disabilities, are some of the challenges that older persons with disabilities face on a daily basis.**

**Mrs Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, Senior Expert from the Disability and Social Inclusion Unit of the European Commission, concluded the event confirming *“the need to establish stronger links between ageing and disability, which would benefit from the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). Cooperation with all civil society organisations should be pursued and enhanced through joint initiatives”*.

EASPD President, **Mr James Crowe**, instead warned of the *“necessity to keep focus on the availability, accessibility, affordability and accessibility of support services for older persons with disabilities. For these to be addressed adequately, greater coordination should take place at different levels as decreasing funding, the risk of marketisation of the sector and the lack of a structured political agenda may hinder the advancement and development of inclusive and community-based support offer”*.

ECCE Vice-president, **Mr Bernard Heldt**, stated that *“society has past the time of ‘the right of the strongest’. It is in process that people may more and more take care for each other. The mentality of society can be improved concerning the rights of the weakest, because real inclusion means a culture change in society! So we have to direct to EU-politicians and share good examples with the European Commission”*.

EASPD's further actions will involve **the collection and sharing of innovative models of practice**, the exploration of **case-management models to address coherently all needs** and the **development of a research agenda focusing on transition phases of life to identify and address needs and respond with support models in line with the UNCRPD**. EASPD will also bring **the topic onto the agenda of EU and UN stakeholders, promoting cross-sectoral cooperation and debates**.

[Bernard Heldt](#)

### 3. Symposium in Spain “Inclusion y desarrollo social”, Tenerife, Spain



Fidel Ortega

#### INCLUSION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### 'PHYSICAL, SOUL-RELATED AND SPIRITUAL, THREE AREAS OF INTERVENTION' SYMPOSIUM April 26-27 2019

Asociación SAN JUAN, Tenerife

In situations of great dependence, families and professionals encounter the dual task of accompanying, protecting individuality and generating areas of action; defending the attainment of rights, also co-responsibility with the inherent obligations. Inclusion will not be well understood if it is only approached from the perspective of consuming services that are undoubtedly necessary; full inclusion offers us the possibility of creating synergies in which people in need of special care can contribute from their being, with their knowledge of how to create culture, making situations of great dependence a hymn to healthy living. The international movement of Inclusive Social Development is developing in every corner, in every place; with the specificity that each community and action makes of this movement, a diverse and plural movement that can thus radiate from the inside, with the longing for humanization of everyday life, of healing in the human.

"There is a SOCIAL BEING that is capable of moving mountains, it is the ally that emerges from the deep encounter between people"

F.Ortega.

THIS SYMPOSIUM IS FRAMED WITHIN THE ACTIVITY THAT THE SPANISH-PORTUGUESE FEDERATION OF ANTHROPOSOPHICAL CURATIVE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL THERAPY HAS BEEN REGULARLY CARRYING OUT SINCE ITS CREATION IN 2012. IT COINCIDES EQUALLY WITH THE ACTS OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER OF CURATIVE EDUCATION and SOCIAL THERAPY SAN JUAN, CO-FOUNDER OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND ORGANIZER OF THE EVENT.

**THE SYMPOSIUM IS OPEN TO THE PARTICIPATION OF WALDORF MOVEMENT PROFESSIONALS INTERESTED IN CURATIVE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL THERAPY.**

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#### 4. Ost-West Congress Wien 2022, Vienna, Austria

The Austrian anthroposophic society has decided to organise an international congress in Vienna in 2022.

With this the impulse of the Anthroposophical Congress "West - Eastern World Contrast" from 1922 will be taken up after one hundred years and will continue the hints made at that time by Rudolf Steiner under the **new title "East-West Vienna 2022"** in the form of an international conference.

In this context, provisionally the entire **Konzerthaus in Vienna** is reserved for this event for the Whitsun holidays from **June 4 to 6, 2022**.

**By registration and deposit until begin of June 2019 you could help to make this special event reality!**

##### **"A Heartbeat Europe"**

With this congress we (Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft – Landesgesellschaft in Austria) want to make the already developed life fields of anthroposophy visible at a glance and thus point to the already existing germs of a salutary social form in the middle of Europe.

The joint overview of all initiatives should be able to have an encouraging effect on all interested areas of civil society, in accordance with the previous considerations under the aspects of "keeping oneself healthy" and "forming a centre from the power of the self", radiating from an anthroposophical core.

A dialogue with current civil society initiatives can thus begin. A "heartbeat of Europe" should thus become effective in the central areas of human life.

The therapeutic element of anthroposophy in principle can and must make the task of Central Europe increasingly recognisable and unmistakably clear in connection with the major global developments.

The size of the event, with about 2000 possible participants, is an unusual challenge for the current situation. However, it corresponds to the impulse that was registered in 1922 as the West-East Congress at the Vienna Musikverein.

**Venue:** Konzerthaus Vienna, 1040 Vienna, Lothringerstraße 1, **Time: 4-6 June 2022**

All interested parties who register their participation at the office of the national company and confirm it with a corresponding **deposit of 100 €** will already have a prepaid admission ticket.

We will then have the corresponding numbered tickets ready for you!

If as many as 1000 participants decide to take such an active step into personal responsibility by June 2019, we will be able to transform the provisional reservation of the Konzerthaus Wien into a definitive one. Depending on the situation that has arisen until then, you will receive your deposit back in July 2019 or you can supplement the amount up to three months before the start of the event to the anticipated maximum full price of 220 €.

All further details will follow after activation of the homepage:

**www.ost-west.wien** directly via this access.

The compilation of the exact course of the program with keynote speeches, lectures, presentations of current scientific, artistic and spiritual developments will be developed in cooperation with the event partners.

With this invitation we have taken the first step, we will certainly only reach our goal together.

##### **Registration**

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