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Press release

Personnel changes in the Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy

After 21 years as Secretary of the Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy, Rüdiger Grimm will resign on December 31st, 2016. Jan Göschel, Bart Vanmechelen and Sonja Zausch have been called on to assume leadership of the Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy.

Dr. Jan Göschel, born in 1974, is a long-time co-worker at Camphill Special School Beaver Run in the USA and President of the Camphill Academy, a consortium of the North American training programs for curative education and social therapy. After finishing his degree in Psychology and Waldorf teacher training in Edinburgh, and a Special Education degree in the USA, the native German became active in the Camphill movement in America. He is a long-standing member of the International Training Circle and of the International Training Council.

Bart Vanmechelen, born in 1963, has been Director of De Speelhove, an institution for children with multiple severe disabilities in Belgium, for over twenty years. He studied Psychology in Belgium and Organizational Development in England and has been active in the anthroposophic movement and the School of Spiritual Science for many years. In particular, he was instrumental in the Goetheanum Meditation Initiative. Bart Vanmechelen is General Secretary of the Belgian Anthroposophic Society.

Sonja Zausch, born in 1968, found her way to curative education and social therapy after training as a baker, a dancer and an eurythmist, and after years of professional work as a dancer and eurythmist. She works at the Emil Molt Akademie in Berlin, a vocational college offering anthroposophically oriented professional training in social care and special needs education. She has also completed a Masters degree in Eurythmy in Adult Education at the Alanus University in Alfter, Germany. She is particularly interested in non-verbal, movement-based communication processes. She is coordinator for professional education with Anthropoi, the German association for anthroposophic social services and member of its professional education council.

Jan Göschel will be employed half time, and Bart Vanmechelen and Sonja Zausch will each be employed at 20% as part-time team members.

The Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy is the international forum for collaboration in anthroposophic curative education and social therapy and its associations and institutions. Its members represent almost 50 countries. It is part of the Medi

cal Section of the School of Spiritual Science, Goetheanum. The Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy maintains its central office in Dornach, which is responsible for coordination of international collaboration. Its legal entity is the non-profit association, Fonds für Heilpädagogik und Sozialtherapie, based in Dornach.

Our farewell to Rüdiger Grimm and the hand-off to the new leadership team will take place at the International Conference for Curative Education and Social Therapy, "...and growing, root me in existence. The I in body and world", as well as at the closed meeting of the Council for Curative Education and Social Therapy in October, 2016 at the Goetheanum in Dornach.

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