

## Minutes of the European Sangha Meeting in Warsaw on March 9th 2013

### 1. We welcomed our new Ji Do Poep Sa Nims

Koen Vermeulen JDPSN and Igor Piniński JDPSN

### 2. Foundation of the European Kwan Um School of Zen

After brief discussions and clarifications regarding the new bylaws seven Sanghas present in the meeting declared their wish to become members of our new European association. With the seven founding members we meet the necessary numbers according to German law which enables us to register the association formally at the Magistrate Court in Berlin. Thus with this meeting we have formally established the Kwan Um School of Zen /Europe, which will be registered as a non-profit organization.

The following Zen-Groups/Zen-Centers/corporate bodies are forming the foundation members:

1. The Kwan Um School of Zen Poland
2. The Kwan Um School of Zen Belgium
3. Bratislava Zen Center, Slovakia
4. Kosice Zen Center, Slovakia
5. The Peak Zen Group, England
6. Pardes-Hanna Zen Group, Israel
7. Holon Zen Group, Israel

We invite all Sanghas in Europe, Russia and Israel to also join our association soon.

### 3. A finance-commission was formed to make suggestions regarding the members' financial contribution and to deal with questions about the budget. Following are the members of the finance-committee:

Koen Vermeulen JDPSN (head of the committee)

Ľubor Košút, Bratislava Zen Center, Slovakia

Kamil Rafał Gancarz, Łódź Zen Centre, Poland

Merche Polo, Barcelona Zen Center, Spain

Patrick Stefanow, Walbrzych Zen Group, Poland

Boaz Franklin, Pardes-Hanna Zen Group, Israel

### 4. The present Council will continue its work until the next Meeting of Members on which the members will vote for a new Council

## 5. Update about the European Retreat Center

The Polish Sangha is expecting essential information about the possibility to develop our temple in Falenica from the public construction authority later this month. Soon they will have a meeting with the district major. They expect to have a clear overview of the situation afterwards and will keep us informed. So far it is our first priority to resolve the question whether we can invest in the present temple and develop the place according to our needs.

## 6. Introducing “The Whole World is a Single Flower Conference” (WWSF 2014) 2014 in Korea

The WWSF 2014 will start on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Seoul. The main conference and celebrations with regard to the 10<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Zen Master Seung Sahns’ leaving his body will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> at the Buddhist Cultural Center near Magogsah Temple. Afterwards a tour is planned until October 28th. More information especially regarding the approximate cost of the event will be available soon from:

Chon Mun Sunim JDPS as chief coordinator:                      darek108@yahoo.com

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You are of course also welcomed to contact our European Office:  
<http://www.kwanumeurope.org/sangha.php>

Warsaw Falenica, Head Temple Poland on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Bon Shim | Ji Kwang | Andrzej Piotrowski JDPS**

Council of the Kwan Um School of Zen /Europe