

# Teachers meeting Potsdam June 2011

## 1. Future Projects and related Decisions

- Guiding Teachers for the new temples in England and Czech need to be appointed.  
The following rules will be sent to all Sanghas in Europe in order to make sure we are not heading for another situation in the future as we have it in Hungary now.
  - Any bigger donation more than 1000,-- € made for a construction project has to be assigned to the European Office for booking and supervising the projects.
  - The European Abbot/Abbess has the right to look into the books of all European groups, centers, temples, especially those that are under construction and are using donated money. Then she will report to the Council and ETG.
- The European KUSZ is working to get a legal status. So far the German KUSZ has the possibility to collect European money as a trustee and keep it on a separate account.

## 2. Supervision of Monks and Nuns in Europe

ETG will write a letter to our senior monks and nuns (Dae Kwang SN, Dae Kwan SN, Dae Bong SN, Soeng Hyang SSN) about the role of monastics around the world and teaching in Europe. Jo is writing a letter to them until 25th of June.

## 3. Ethics Committee

The members of Ethics Committee will reevaluate their experiences with the recent ethics procedure and make recommendations for further cases (will be done via Email).

## 4. ETG/Council

- We all decided that the European Abbess and the European Council will work separate. The Council will continue with the European bylaws. The results are expected to be presented after the WWSF Conference.
- We will send a request to the three teachers (Wu Bong SSN, Dae Bong SSN, Soeng Hyang SSN) via Wu Bong SSN and ask them to work together on a draft how the three parts of the KUSZ (Asia, North America, Europe) are going to be connected. By this we hope to clarify contrary discussed issues in the European Council and adjust the new bylaws.

## 5. European Bank Account/Budget

Reported by Jo: Balance by June is 1.765,89 EUR, report approved.

Donations: We have 485,- EUR to support WBSSN on the WWSF trip. Bogusia will ask the European Sangha for further donations to reach the necessary 2.000 EUR (Jo will send her the bank connection).

## **6. Decisions about additional Dharma Teacher Requirements**

The teachers have decided that Dharma Teachers must follow these guidelines in order to be called Dharma Teachers:

1. participation in practice and Zen Center life (minimum twice a month), lead retreats and ceremonies (to be talked with the guiding teacher)
2. clarify with membership fees (if 3 times no payment, talk with abbot is necessary)
3. YMJJ/retreats 3 per year
4. participate in the annual DT training workshop
5. clear relationship with GT
6. sign a DT compact (the Council will work on it)

SDT are requested to take part in larger Sangha events (Sangha meetings) and initiate Sangha activities

Leave of absence is possible after consultation with the GT and after one DT training workshop.

## **7 Teacher Retreat and next teacher meeting**

**postponed** (Council will suggest dates)

## **8. Payment**

Teacher fees for the Eastern European Sanghas will be revised (Council will work on it together with the teachers from East Europe)

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