



EUROPEAN SANGHA WEEKEND

Warsaw, September 2010

TEACHERS MEETING MINUTES



PRESENT:

Zen Master Bon Yo

Zen Master Bon Shim

Chong An Sunim JDPS

Mukyong JDPSN

Andrzej Piotrowski JDPSN

Muchak JDPSN

Jo Potter JDPSN

Ja An JDPSN

Oleg Šuk JDPSN

Arne Schaefer JDPSN



CHANGES

NEW GUIDING TEACHERS

Saint Petersburg:	Oleg Šuk, JDPSN
Mallorca:	Jo Potter, JDPSN
Brno:	Oleg Šuk, JDPSN
London:	Ja An JDPSN
Košice:	Oleg Šuk JDPSN
Bratislava:	Oleg Šuk JDPSN
Munich:	Arne Schaefer JDPSN

NATIONAL ABBOT POSITION

The teachers voted to keep the position of National Abbot (further as NA):

- ~ In order to have NA, there must be at least two functioning Zen Centers / Groups in that country
- ~ A job description has been formulated for this position. Please contact the European Abbot or your Guiding Teacher about this.
- ~ Not all countries need or want a national abbot. This position is for those countries where such a position is valued as necessary by the Sanghas.

NATIONAL ABBOT/ABBESS:

Requirement:

Zen Master, JDPSN, Senior Dharma Teacher or long standing Dharma Teacher.

Must speak English or have a translator.

Term:

Position can be held indefinitely.

Method of vote:

1. The Sangha Abbot or group leader requests the European Teachers Group through the European Abbot to approve their search for a new guiding teacher.
2. After receiving approval from the ETG, the Sangha recommends up to three candidates (can be fewer) - first choice, second choice and third choice - for guiding teacher by email to the Teachers Group through the European KUSZ Council council.kuszeu@gmail.com.
3. The teachers group approves of one of the choices (if possible the first choice).
4. The Sangha is notified by the European Abbot.

(Whenever possible a Sangha should recommend more than one candidate.)

End of Term:

NA departs from his/her position by either resignation, or due ethical procedure or by dismissal by the Guiding Teacher(s).

The abbots and group leaders of a particular country decide amongst themselves which candidates best fit the job description for NA and make recommendations to the Guiding Teacher-s working in that country. The Guiding Teachers working in a particular country select one person and notify the European Abbot who informs the teachers group about the choice.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

It was agreed to give it a try:

The European Teachers Group (further as ETG) will meet once a year.

Next meeting will be held **in Berlin, from September 30 through October 2, 2011.**

The council will continue to meet at least once a month. For any serious decisions, emails will be sent to the ETG for approval.

SANGHA MEETINGS

The ETG agreed that the **European Sangha Meetings** will take place only ONCE a year.

The next Sangha meeting will be held at the end of Winter Kyol Che at **Won Kwang Sa, from April 1 - 3, 2011.**



NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES

NEW POSITION - EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

We will be adding a new position to the European Office Directors. It is called the Education Director and will work with local Sanghas upon request as well as continental events to help provide the necessary content. In the case of well-known retreat form like YMJJ and KC, the ED's activity is not necessary unless the organizers want alternative programs included in these retreats. Larger gatherings, longer Zen study courses, interfaith and other cultural events will probably need such assistance. Besides these events and retreats, the ED can help with the DT training or other training programs in countries or regions.



KYOL CHE REPORTS

SUMMER KYOL CHE 2010 IN WARSAW

Bon Shim SSN reported that slightly less students came this year to summer Kyol Che. This summer was extremely hot. At one point after a severe storm, the Kyol Che sat without running water for five days. She would like to see participation improve next year.

WINTER KYOL CHE 2011 AT WON KWANG SA

Chong An Sunim JDPS reports that the winter schedule of teachers is now complete.

Chong An Sunim will be in solo retreat in Korea from November 20 until February 20. He will return to WKS on March 1, 2011.

The 2011 WKS Winter Kyol Che schedule is as follows:

Week 1	January 4 - 8	Ja An, JDPSN
Week 2	January 8 - 15	Arne Schaefer, JDPSN
Week 3	January 15 - 22	Muchak, JDPSN
Week 4	January 22 - 29	Mukyong, JDPSN
Week 5	January 29 - February 5	Jo Potter, JDPSN
Week 6	February 5 - 12	Zen Master Soeng Hyang
Week 7	February 12 - 19	Zen Master Soeng Hyang (<i>intensive week</i>)
Week 8	February 19 - 26	Zen Master Bon Yo
Week 9	February 26 - March 5	Oleg Šuk, JDPSN
Week 10	March 5 - 12	Zen Master Bon Shim
Week 11	March 12 - 19	Zen Master Dae Bong
Week 12	March 19 - 26	Zen Master Dae Bong
Week 13	March 26 - April 1	Zen Master Dae Bong

WINTER KYOL CHE IN KOREA WITH WU BONG SSN

If there are any strong practitioners who have time, this winter, Kyol Che in Hyang Chun Sa is still open (it turns out that there are more places there than we expected). This Kyol Che is free of charge, but it is available only to people who can make a commitment of three full months. Participants will need money only for their air ticket and possibly about 250 Euros additional for travel needed for visa extension.

Dates: November 20, 2010 - February 20, 2011

Place: Hyan Chung Sa

Room for 12 people, a few more can enter.

Download the Mu Sangha Kyol Che application and send to WBSSN email address with photo.



OTHER NEWS

ZEN MASTER BON HAENG IN EUROPE

We are looking forward to Zen Master Bon Haeng's (Mark Houghton) visit to European Sanghas next summer. We will inform the Sangha about the program soon.

KOREAN AND WESTERN MONKS' TOUR WITH LAY PEOPLE

Dok Hyon Sunim, the Abbot of Kilsangsa Temple in Seoul will be visiting our Sanghas in Europe in March 2011. He will be accompanied by Wu Bong SSN, our European Head Teacher and several Korean followers.

JDPSN RESIGNATIONS

- ~ Dorota Krzyzanowska has formally resigned as a Ji Do Peop Sa Nim of the Kwan Um School of Zen. We are very grateful to Dorota for her wonderful work over a very long time in the Kwan Um School of Zen. We wish her all the best: may you be well, may you be happy, may you be healthy.
- ~ Hyon Gak Sunim has resigned his Ji Do Poep Sa title and job and will no longer teach in the global Kwan Um School of Zen. There will be a resting period of 2 years during which Sunim will not give consulting interviews, public Dharma talks or lead retreats.



SCHOOL PROJECTS

BOOKS

A book over the life of Wu Bong SSN is in the works. Sven Precht and Peter Voke are working on this project. It will include talks and an biography of SSN's life. If anyone has

stories about Wu Bong SSN, please send them to the European office which will further them to Peter Voke and Sven Precht.

Deadline to finish: June 2011

WWSF INDIA 2011

The homepage for the Whole World is a Single Flower in India is www.singleflower2011.org.

Registration for participation in the WWSF event is happening now. All information can be found on the link.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Sanghas will be asked to contribute 10% of their membership dues to the European Kwan Um School of Zen. For questions contact Jo Potter, JDPSN --The European Abbot.

RETREAT BOOKING SYSTEM

The European Abbot's office team have kept their eye on the Retreat Booking System over the first year it has been in use, and realized that there were a number of problems. Many Zen groups do not use the RBS, and also most teachers do not insist on retreats with them being booked through the system. The system goes wrong quite a lot, especially when used to book unusual retreats, or group leaders do not get as far as actually finishing off the booking process and publishing a news item, as intended.

Overall, the RBS was demanding a great deal of time and trouble from the webmaster to try to keep it working, which unfortunately is not possible at the moment. We have therefore decided to make a much simpler system, just for publishing news items; this will be voluntary for Zen groups to use or not. This is now working, and we would like to introduce it for the Sangha Weekend in September, in place of the Retreat Booking System.

This change means the school will return to the more traditional way of booking teachers for retreats, in person or by phone or email, without any complicated computer system being

involved. Only after everything is agreed and set up will we announce the retreat on the website - which can be done very simply by an email to me or by using the new system, whichever Zen groups want to do. It is much much simpler than the RBS.

We hope you will be happy to accept this change. It does mean you will have to keep your own diary of the retreats you are leading once again, and make sure you are not being double-booked, but if you were relying on the RBS it was probably not doing a good job for you.

We are all sorry that the RBS did not work in the way we intended, but we have to be realistic.

Yours in the Dharma,

Peter (KUSZE webmaster)



NOTE

Attached to these minutes, the ETG has answered students questions concerning many topics including starting building projects and fundraising. Please see enclosure.



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