

# Minutes

## KUSZ Teacher Meeting of the European Teacher Group

Sept., 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 in Warsaw

Participants: ZM Bon Yo, ZM Bon Shim, Chong An Sunim JDPS, Andrzej Piotrowski JDPSN, Mukyong JDPSN

Absent: ZM Wu Bong, Myong Oh Sunim JDPS

## Topics

### 1. Guiding Teachers about their situation and news from their Sanghas

- Paris has the kitchen and living room reshaped and renovated
- London has a larger two storey apartment
- Warsaw ZC will conduct a 100 day *Hwa Um Soen Chong Kido* during Winter; it has only 4 residents and is offering residential training
- Lodz (Poland) has a new place and an efficient leadership
- Palma (Spain) has a new place in a nice neighbourhood
- Gdansk (Poland) city ZC developed well. The land in the country side has been sold, and the plans for a retreat center were withdrawn
- A new ZC has been established in Oberpfalz (Germany); a new group “Zen in the church” is practising in Schwerte (Germany) together with Christians; Arne Schaefer has been appointed as the new abbot at Berlin ZC

### 2. Reading the minutes from our previous meeting in Paris

- nothing to report

### 3. News and announcements from the Vice-Head Teacher

- no record

### 4. News and updates from the School Abbot and the Executive Board

- The Executive Board has now four members: Mukyong JDPSN as the Abbot of the European KUSZ; Katka Grovofa from Brno, Czech Rep. as director of communication and PR; Matthias Engeli from Dresden as director for organisational affairs; Peter Voke as the webmaster is associated with Katka’s resort. The director for financial affairs is still vacant. (Meanwhile Koen Vermeulen from Brussels has been appointed into this resort)
- The Board has started with its projects: First it created an overview of our European School with all centers, groups, and many other data listed (**attachment A**)

- The *Ning* was successfully established and is connecting our Sangha in the web. It may improve our communication between national Sanghas and bring together our members in specific groups on certain topics.
- The European Webpage is updated and extended
- Projects for the near future have been introduced and discussed

## 5. Appointments of new Guiding Teachers and Abbots through the Vice-Head Teacher

- ZM Bon Shim was appointed as Guiding Teacher in the Czech Rep.

## 6. Upcoming Inga-Candidates

- no record

## 7. Practise-Form in Europe (Bon Shim SSN)

- On the decision of the hosting guiding teacher the Heart Sutra might be recited in its English version on our international Kyol Che's in Europe
- The hit by the teacher in the last period of sitting during YMJJ or Kyol Che is now optional and up to the teachers decision. The teacher may also give this hit during other periods of sitting or not at all. Facing the center during the last period of sitting is not necessary any more.
- On the decision of the guiding teachers a donation and offering ceremony can be conducted after the last sitting period in the morning during Kyol Che or long term YMJJ's or Kido's.

## 8. Location of the next Winter Kyol Che

- Won Kwang Sah Temple in Hungary

## 9. Progress of the Won Kwang Sah Construction (Chong An Sunim)

- The ownership of the whole estate of Won Kwang Sah has been transferred to the KUSZ-Foundation which is the charity wing of our school in Hungary.
- A building permit request for four buildings has been submitted to the authorities.
- The social building site is already functioning after doors, windows and heating has been installed.
- The construction of the Main Temple Building is due to begin during winter.

## 10. Whole World is a Single Flower (WWSF) Conference in Warsaw 2008

- The conference will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2008.
- The program for the ceremony and the first part of the itinerary in Poland have been drafted (**attachment B**).
- The Executive Board will generate a database for the WWSF which will be accessible through the organisers in Poland, Czech Rep. and Hungary. (The database is ready to get online and the Exec Board is waiting to start. Please contact the EU-Webmaster: Peter Voke.)
- Organising-Teams should be established in Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Budapest who will organise the domestic parts and coordinate the whole event (They should create a group-network at *Ning* or use the email-account: [singleflower2008@gmail.com](mailto:singleflower2008@gmail.com) ; the access code is available through [Mukyong@kwanumzen.de](mailto:Mukyong@kwanumzen.de) )
- The official invitation letter / flyer will be drafted through the Executive Board, director of communication and PR, and will be send out to our international Sangha beginning of 2008. Please send all information to Katka!

Our next Teacher Meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Berlin ZC, Germany.

Berlin, October 2007

written by

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Abbot of the European Kwan Um School of Zen

## Attachments

### B)

#### **Preliminary Programme of the Whole World is a Single Flower Conference in Europe 2008**

Friday, Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Warsaw: guests arrival and transfer to the ZC and Hotel	
Saturday, Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Breakfast at Warsaw Zen Center (100 people)
	10:00 – 12:00	Conference at Hotel Boss
	12:00 – 13:00	Luncheon
	14:00 – 14:30	Choir
	15:00 – 17:00	Conference transport back to the ZC
	18:00 – 19:00	Dinner (catering at the ZC)
Sunday, Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	20:00	Concert and Party
	6:00 – 8:00	Morning Practise at the ZC
	8:30 – 9:30	Breakfast at Warsaw Zen Center (100 people)
	10:00 – 13:00	Dharma Talks with Q&A's Lunch
	afternoon	guided City Tour in Warsaw
Monday, Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Departure to Krakow by bus and city tour	
Tuesday, Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	morning: visit to Auschwitz (site of the Nazi Concentration Camp)	
	afternoon: transfer to Prague by plane	
Wednesday, Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	city tour Prague	
	evening: transfer to Budapest by plane and to a hotel near Won Kwang Sah	
Thursday, Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	visit Won Kwang Sah and return to Budapest	
Friday, Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	city tour Budapest	

End of the first part of the programme. Guests may leave home through Budapest or Warsaw or continue the itinerary to Paris