



# Kwan Um School of Zen / Europe

## Board of Trustees Meeting

### ETG meeting in Borisa, 01.09.2019

#### *Participants:*

Zen Master Soeng Hyang, Zen Master Bon Shim, Zen Master Ji Kwang, Zen Master Joeng Hye, Zen Master Gu Ja, Alma Potter JDPSN, Arne Schaefer JDPSN, Koen Vermeulen JDPSN, Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN, Yuval Gill JDPSN, Lizzie Coombs JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN, Tolo Cantarellas JDPSN, Barbara Pardo JDPSN

*Excused:* Chon Mun Sunim JDPS, Bogumilia Malinowska JDPSN, Oleg Suk JDPSN, Igor Piniński JDPSN, Myong Hae Sunim JDPS

## Minutes

### **1. Change ETG meeting date to April 2020 in Vienna (agreed)**

In order to save travel time for meetings – there is also the wwsf in 2020 – the ETG meeting will be in April in Vienna. Here is the preliminary schedule (please save the date):

Fr, 3.4.2020 evening	Arrival
Sa, 4.4.2020	Transmission ceremony of Alma Potter JDPSN + MoM
Su, 5.4.2020	Start of teachers meeting
Mo, 6.4.2020	Teacher's retreat + evening departure

### **2. Organize two teachers from each region to form WWSF Int'l Teachers Meeting Committee**

Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

### **3. Gather feedback from regional teachers groups about WWSF 2020 Dharma Talks topics and main speakers**

At the moment only 3 teachers from Europe are planning to take part in the conference (3 more might be coming): Alma Potter JDPSN, Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN, Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

Those who are joining are prepared to give a talk, also we can offer to ask experienced Senior Dharma Teachers eg. Jan Sendzimir to give a talk.

### **4. WWSF in Europe**

Exchange of ideas:

- Topics could be: Identity, migration, etc.
- Program: include more practice, less talking, no politics, less sightseeing, integrated retreat days with kido and dharma talks, meeting people face to face, balance between practice and sightseeing – eg. 3 days of retreat and 3 days of sightseeing
- Place: Western Europe, eg. Belgium, Netherlands, Paris
- Year: The ETG would like to make a request to the RCG to change the next European WWSF to 2025 instead of 2023 and recommends to change the standard WWSF frequency to every 5 years (instead of every 3 years).

The reasons for this request are:

1. Ecological (less flying)
2. There will be a 10 year memorial event for Wu Bong SSN in Europe
3. Lack of resources in 2023

The ETG would like to have a decision on the year topic by the end of December 2019.

**Vote for change the year (to 2025) request: 13 in favor; 1 against (agreed)**

- WWSF Committee 2025: Zen Master Ji Kwang, Koen Vermeulen JDPSN, Jiri Hazlbauer JDPSN, Lizzie Coombs JDPSN (?), Knud Rosenmayr JDPSN

#### **5. Guiding teacher change in Lithuania**

Change of guiding teacher in Lithuania. Zen Master Joeng Hye resigns as the GT for Lithuania and suggested Myong Hae Sunim JDPS as the new GT, who accepted. **Vote – all in favor (agreed)**

#### **6. Ethics committee**

The Ethics committee gives an update on the current case with HMSN.

The case is in process and is moving forward. HMSN chose a guiding teacher (Zen Master Ji Kwang) and sent apology letters. He is still not allowed to enter any of the European Zen Centers of the Kwan Um School of Zen in Europe until further notice. Other regions of the KUSZ should be aware and updated about the current status of this case.

#### **7. Ombuds(wo)man**

Zen Master Ji Kwang gives an update on the work of the committee to consider assigning a neutral person (neither involved in teaching or administration) as a first or alternative contact person when raising an ethical complaint. The grievance procedure would need to be adjusted slightly to include a ombudswoman or an ombudsman. Work in progress.

#### **8. Sangha Convention**

Zen Master Soeng Hyang gave feedback from the recent American teachers meeting where the Sangha Convention ideas were not received very well. RCG will coordinate the further discussion inside the regional teacher groups, before the recommendations will go to the IC for final decisions.

Minutes written by Knud Rosenmayr

Corrected and approved by Lizzie Coombs

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