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A great moment for Arosa Initiation of the World Parliament of Spirituality

*120 participants from all over the world will sign the first Declaration of **the World Parliament of Spirituality** at the WSF World Spirit Forum in Arosa*

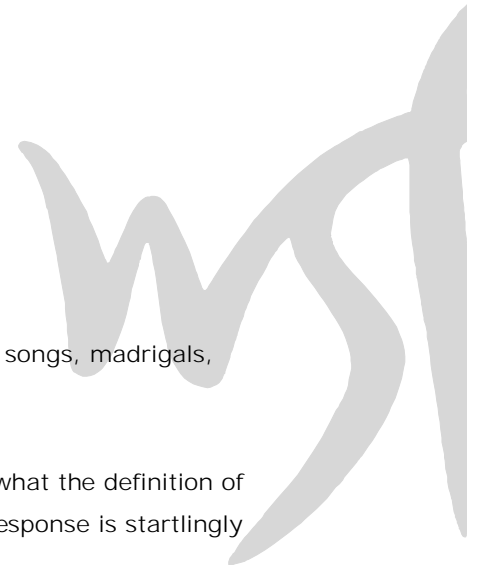
Zurich, January 12th 2006 – The 3rd WSF World Spirit Forum will take place in Arosa/Switzerland from January 22nd to the 25th. On Sunday, January 23rd Diane Williams is scheduled to speak on the topic “Spirituality in the United Nations in cooperation with the World Parliament of Spirituality”. Diane Williams is currently the Chairperson (and was Co-Founder) of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (CSVGC) at the United Nations in New York.

Further leading thinkers from the fields of economics, science, religion, culture and society will be involved in the intensive working process during the 4 day congress. So, for example, the world renowned Kabbalah expert, Dr. Michael Laitman, known from the documentary film “What the bleep do we (k)now” and member of the **World Wisdom Council** will speak on the topic “Creating a new civilization” at the 3rd WSF World Spirit Forum.

The Members of the World Wisdom Council, initiated by the **Club of Budapest**, youth leaders from the **World Spirit Youth Council** and delegates from spiritually oriented organizations together with individuals from the fields of economics and society will lay the foundation for the structure and development of the **World Parliament of Spirituality**.

Following its initiation the World Parliament of Spirituality will devote its efforts to the awareness that human beings are more than their country, their culture, their ethnic origin or their religion and that their diversity does not divide them but, on the contrary, serves to enrichen and support each other.

This ideal has also been adopted by the **Avodah Trio** which will enlighten the musical awareness of the participants during the WSF Dinner. During his lifetime the great violinist, **Yehudi Menuhin**, held the Avodah Trio in highest esteem. The Trio is devoted to combining various musical styles and cultures into a meaningful whole. Classical music from Monteverdi to



Stravinsky, authentic folklore from Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania, jiddish songs, madrigals, tango and jazz.

When asking Sesto G. Castagnoli, founder of the WSF World Spirit Forum, what the definition of "Spirituality" is or why the need for a World Parliament of Spirituality, his response is startlingly simple: "Spirituality is Life".

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The following contains some background information:

WSF World Spirit Forum

The annual World Congress WSF World Spirit Forum is a neutral platform for visions, projects and concrete solutions for a healthy overall system for our planet earth and the universe. Thereby, WSF is committed to consciousness, holistic and sustainability. Visionaries and pragmatists from the fields of sociology, economics, politics, science and religion are active in a growing cooperative and integral network.

Venue

The WSF shall take place for the 2nd time from January 22nd thru 25th 2006 in Arosa, Switzerland and for the 1st time in the Tschuggen Grand Hotel: www.tschuggen.ch.

Why Arosa?

A place of reflection and consciousness. Switzerland has a long tradition of humanitarian help and neutrality and offers a chance to eliminate polarization – a challenge to go in new directions. Its



proximity to Davos has symbolic character. It is an ongoing aim of the WSF to enrich the WEF World Economic Forum (and other forums) with elements of consciousness, sustainability and a sense of total responsibility. And nonetheless: Arosa is just a beautiful place! www.arosa.ch.

Motto of the Forum:

Collaboration in Consciousness

Definition of Consciousness:

“Consciousness is a process of expanding personal and universal awareness and allows people to understand multiple layers of relationship within themselves, to others and in the natural world” (excerpt from „Conscious Education“, Dagaz Press, Vermont USA. The co-author of this book, Nina Lynn Meyerhof, Ed.D. is vice president of the WSF World Spirit Forum)

Philosophy:

Consciousness and the activation of the creative energy embedded in each human being in going in new directions has become an essential instrument of survival. Not only for Philosophies and Religions but increasingly also for organizations, institutions and the general public. The WSF World Spirit Forum is committed to consciousness, holistic and sustainability.

Participants:

The WSF World Spirit Forum offers a platform for encounters between theoreticians and practitioners for the exchange of visions and experiences in planning and implementation of projects and programs. There are 4 groups of participants:

- Members of the **World Wisdom Council** (WWC) initiated by the **Club of Budapest**
- Youth leaders from the **World Spirit Youth Council** (WSYC)
- Delegates from spiritually oriented **Organizations**
- Individuals from business and society

Information and Newsletter:

www.worldspiritforum.org

Cultural Projects from the WSF World Spirit Forum:

Within the scope of the WSF World Spirit Forum as of 2006 there will be a cultural project not only to document the processes emanating from the forum but to interpret and enrich them with own and individual comments.

**WSF Culture Project 2006:**

Sven Nieder, photographer from Bielefeld, Germany will kick off the WSF Culture Project. Together with his camera "Obscura" Nieder walked the "The pilgrim´s Road to Santiago" and captured his impressions in a fascinating picture documentary. The young photographer has developed a photo concept especially for the World Spirit Forum which is flexible enough to allow integration into the processes taking place in Arosa and permits an exciting documentation of the results emanating there from.

<http://sven-nieder.de>

World Spirit Youth Council:

In January 2005 15 youth leaders met during the 2nd World Spirit Forum in Arosa. They came from all corners of the earth to enhance the future of Spirituality. They unanimously agreed that there is a strong demand for a youth movement which has discovered and lives in inner peace and that realizes that only the change within manifests itself in exterior peace. It is this issue that has resulted in the formation of the World Spirit Youth Council.

www.worldspirityouthcouncil.org