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Surprising outcome of the 3rd World Spirit Forum

The WSF is further strengthened in its international significance

The participants of the international convention WSF World Spirit Forum declared the WSF as home of the worldwide spiritual movement. As a result, the annual convention has, in its third year, been enormously confirmed and upgraded in its global significance.

Zurich, January 26th, 2006 – The 3rd WSF World Spirit Forum was concluded Wednesday, January 25th in Arosa, Switzerland. The pronounced intention of the four day convention was the initiation of a World Parliament of Spirituality. In the open working process of the four work-groups a surprisingly different result occurred.

The 120 participants soon unanimously agreed that there was no need for a Parliament of Spirituality in light of existing institutions and organizations and the fact that the WSF itself maintains a vast international network and infrastructure.

Subsequently, the third day of the convention was restructured. After the impressive speeches given by Franz Josef Rademacher and **Jane Goodall** the participants were already in a position to formulate and weave concrete plans and those responsible for the implementation endorsed their commitment.

In his speech, **Franz Josef Rademacher** emphasized the fact that the collective future depends on Know-how, Spirituality and Wisdom in order to create a new civilization. Ever so clear and precise was the message given by **Van Jones** in front of journalists at the press conference: "Non of the known Forums have ever really achieved a major breakthrough in topics of today. The further development of mankind requires a change process focused on the inner and not the outer being. The WSF World Spirit Forum provides the required impulse to realize this change."

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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 has taken place for the 3rd 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