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H. H. Paramhans Swami Mahešvarananda, pokretač Samita

„The main commitment of humankind on this earth is to protect life in all forms and manifestations of existence. To realize this, it is necessary to adopt a different way of thinking and acting in every day life. It is important to introduce love, help, tolerance and understanding not only between individuals but among all nations, cultures, races and religions.“

His Holiness Vishwaguru Mahamanaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwaranandaji addressed this message in the year 2000 to all participants of the „Millenium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders“ at the UN-u. These words represent at the same time the core of the extremely devoted life long mission of one of the most eminent and respected spiritual leaders and authorities of our time. Recognising the needs of the modern human being, this Master, who comes from a very appreciated line of spiritual Masters which 200 years old history has its origin in Himalaya (Sri Alakh Puriji, Shivavatar Paramyogeshwar Sri Devpuriji, Bhagwan Sri Deep Narayan Mahaprabhuji, H.H. Paramhans Sri Swami Madhavanandaji) united the ancient yogic knowledge with the discoveries of the modern science into a worldwide appreciated and famous System of „Yoga in Daily Life“.

For the last four decades Paramhans Swami Maheshwaranandaji has been travelling around the world in order to promote – through his teaching of tolerance, respect and mutual understanding – healthy way of living, environment protection and peaceful coexistence of all world religions and nations as well as of different cultural and social systems. He is the initiator of many humanitarian and ecological projects which include „Rainwater Harvesting“, forestation initiatives, establishments of many medical and educational programs, organisation of peace prayers as well as of international peace conferences and summits. The president of Croatia, Stjepan Mesic, gave respect to the thirty years long effort of His Holiness by honouring him with the highest decoration of Croatia – the award of „Red Danice“ (order of Danica) with the portrait of Katarina Zrinska. Books and scriptures of Paramhans Swami Maheshwaranandaji are constantly being published on many languages – English, Hindi, German, Check, Slovakian, Croatian, Hungarian, Serbian, Spanish,

French and Russian – and his remarkable humanitarian, spiritual and ecological work as well as his inexhaustible effort in order to spread the tolerance and world peace have been recognised all around the world by many social, medical, spiritual and political dignitaries.

For the last few decades he has also been a guest of honour and a speaker on the most important conferences whose topics were spirituality, peace-making and environment protection (Millenium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders at the UN in New York, SAD; Forum „Earth Dialogs“ Lion, France; World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa; International Conference about the World Peace, Ahmedabad, India; World Religious Parliament, Barcelona, Spain).

World peace conferences encouraged by His Holiness are thematically related to and follow the UN „Millenium Development Goals“ – a document which has been signed by the representatives of 191 UN State Members as the most important development program whose accomplishment has been fixed for the year 2015.

„Unity in Diversity is the aim of this Summit. We have learned many things and now we shall put them into practice. There should be more and more such conferences so that the consciousness will awaken to bring about Peace. We shall spread this message from door to door and from shore to shore. This Summit is a seed that must be grown into a large tree with branches of Spirituality, Peace, Justice, Understanding, Forgiveness, Tolerance and Love.“ . This was Swamiji’s message after the successful Summit held last year in Brno, Czech Republic. When answering the question about how an individual can create peace, Swamiji gave very precise instructions: „Become clear within yourself. Every human has the war within. When they cannot win their inner war, they make war outside. Try to realize peace within you. Stop your inner fighting,, your cultural fighting, your religious fighting, your national fighting. Bring into your awareness how to heal Mother Earth and the Nature.The entire planet is a unity, which we should not divide. When we are self-confident we will become one, in harmony with the Nature. Bring everywhere the message of love and peace. Create a happy family, a happy society, invite your friends, speak together, don’t be divided. Send good wishes to your enemies, their actions are bad – but their inner ATMA is good.Our good thinking and prayers will help. Awake the consciousness of oneness – everywhere“

„Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“, organised by the Croatian Union of „Yoga in Daily Life“, will be held in Zagreb on October 9th 2005. The Summit is dedicated to the two great wise men - to the respected Master of H.H. Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, H.H. Paramhans Swami Madhavanandaji and to Mahatma Gandhiji. Although they were born in India, these two great souls gave thanks to their strength and charisma such a strong life teachings that these messages have destroyed permanently all geographical and time borders which were too tight for our spirit anyway. We are convinced that their noble principles, on whose top is “Non violence is the highest duty“, have found the way to many hearts and that in the world full of pain and suffering this Summit in Zagreb will bring a positive and concrete ray of light, hope and new possibilities.

OVERVIEW OF THE SUMMIT



Mahatma Gandhiji

A simple but extremely deep message which penetrates into each and every pore of our lives, a well known message of Mahatma Gandhiji „Be the change you want to see“ has inspired the entire sequence of peace conferences held every year all over the world by „Yoga in daily life“. Gandhi's life story is rich of courage, determination and religious willpower. His timeless message still holds true - to combat injustice and cruelty by means of love and truth. His message can be used to solve today's social, political and ecological problems.

Satyagraha - his thorough studies of the Bhagavad Gita and the Holy Bible led him to the conviction that humanity must always stand up against evil - turning the other cheek.

Mahatma practised the principle of non-violence (Ahimsa) towards all living creatures. In his work, as a politician, he expressed it by respecting all humans regardless gender, caste, nationality, race or religion. Perhaps Mahatma Gandhi's greatest merit was that he actively lived non-violence, truth and faith.

The mission for the „Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“

- To promote and support the realisation of the UN Millennium Development Goals.
- To promote the values of „The Earth Charter Initiative“, a declaration on fundamental principles for creating a just, sustainable and peaceful global society.
- To promote Mahatma Gandhi's message of non-violence, respect and peace. Gandhi's message challenges our personal lifestyle, our capacity to share community, our sense of a common humanity, and our towards Nature.
- To entreat the whole world - spiritual, political, social, environmental and humanitarian leaders to be united in their efforts towards lasting world peace - to show tolerance, respect and understanding, recognising the strength of „unity in diversity“.
- To foster awareness among people about preserving and cultivating our cultural and religious diversities as a richness and beauty of our existence.
- To promote development goals with the emphasis on issues that would lead positively towards an environmentally sustainable economy.
- To promote and support activities to protect wildlife and take active part in preventing animal torturing and suffering.
- To come to the realization of the message of His Holiness Dharmasamrat Paramhans Swami Madhavanandaji „One in all and all in one“ for achieving unity and peace.

His Holiness Sri Swami Madhavanandaji



Sometimes we are fortunate to have among us rare persons whose very existence and spiritual strength illuminates the whole humanity and all living creatures. His Holiness Hindu Dharmasamrat Paramhans Sri Swami Madhavananda Puriji was such a person. He was one of the true spiritual leaders of our time and another big soul to whom the Zagreb Summit is dedicated.

His Holiness was born in 1923 in Indian state of Rajasthan and he lived at Sri Mahaprabhuji's side for more than 20 years. Sri Mahaprabhuji was his spiritual master and next to who he experienced the presence of Good.

He carried his devotion to the Almighty and love for all beings on numerous journeys through India and other parts of the world meeting many statesmen and high-ranking officials and social and humanitarian workers. Kindled by the grace and the divine mercy of his Master, His Holiness helped people and inspired them in many ways. He worked actively for the wellbeing of the entire world through prayer and meditation.

On October 31st 2003 His Holiness attained Mahasamadhi.

His Holiness Paramhans Swami Madhavanandaji completely changed lives of many spiritual seekers through his inspiring messages and although he is no longer physically present, he encourages them to follow the spiritual path where the spiritual progress is measured by devotion to God, which is manifested through love for the entire creation. The Zagreb Summit is only a small expression of the gratitude to the great saint for this immense gift.

Topics of the „Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“

As an extremely active world organisation, „Yoga in Daily Life“ bases its social activities on „The Earth Charter Initiative and „The Millennium Goals“ of the United Nations , as fundamental principles for a sustainable development and the survival of our planet.

Wishing to give its contribution to the concrete realisation of Millenium Goals, „Yoga in Daily Life“ has built them into theses of every international event as a primary goal which has to be reached by 2015, which includes:

- World Peace
- Health
- Education
- Protection of the Environment and Water
- Ecology
- Security
- Multiculturalism
- Multi-Faith for Peace & Sustainable Development

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7:00	<i>Registration / exhibition viewing</i>
9:00	<i>Opening of the Summit - Puja dance and welcome speeches</i>
9:30	<i>Speeches</i>
12:00	<i>Lunch break / exhibition viewing</i>
14:00	<i>Speeches</i>
17:00	<i>Closing speech and reading of the Summit Resolution</i>
18:00	<i>Humanitarian Cultural Program</i>

Performers

Bhakti Devi



„Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“ will be opened by Bhakti Devi, one of the world's best performers of classical South Indian dance - Bharatanatyam. She has dedicated her whole life to dancing: she had begun her dance education very early - at the age of 6 years, with ballet, folk-dances, stepping and social dances. Afterward she has learned Kathak - North Indian dance. She was also taking musical classes, solo and choir singing, piano and acting. She studied music and philosophy. In secondary school she started to practice the System “Yoga in Daily Life” by Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda. Years of practicing enabled her deeper insight in spirituality, Indian mythology and philosophy. Yogic principles and sattvic (pure) nourishment brought her to the spiritual dance. She was learning Bharatnatyjam from Radha Anjali - Bharatnatyjam dancer in Austria and founder of Natya Mandir dance school in Vienna; Adyar K. Lakshman - famous dance teacher and musician, founder of “Bharata Choodamani Academy” in Chennai, India; Kalanidhi Narayanan - the leading performer and teacher of Abhinaya art - mimics in Bharatnatyjam dances, in Chennai, India. Today Bhakti Devi lives in Vienna and she has performed in many European countries. Experts have appraised her performances of Bharatnatyjam with the highest grades. She collaborates with many known artists and is frequent guest in TV shows all over Europe. She is the founder of International School on Indian Dances in Vienna (www.indische-tanzschule.com) and gives regular Indian dance classes in several European countries.

Bhakti Devi will perform *Todaya Mangalam*, an invocatory dance piece which combines descriptive prayer (abhinaya) and pure dance set to drum syllables (nritta). This piece in praise of the God Vishnu and his earthly incarnations begins with a description of Rama in *KhandaChapu* (5 beat rhythmic cycle). The second stanza set in *tala Misra Chapu* (7 beat cycle) describes the glory of Lord Venkateshwara. The third and fourth stanzas, each set to *Adi tala* (8 beat cycle), describe Krishna.

CAS „Bukovac“ Zagreb, Croatia

Cultural- art society „Bukovac“ is one of the oldest folk society in Zagreb and Croatia, which has been promoting cultural heritage and national traditions of this part of Croatia for many years.

A long time ago in 1935. and in 1936. HSPD „Bukovac“ has appeared on the first and on the second Croatian folk festival in Zagreb. One of the first appearance of this group from Gornji Bukovac was registrated on the festival on 16th June 1940 in Zagreb. By the initiative of people from Bukovac the society was established again in 1976.

Today the society has been present on different folklore festivals. It is also known outside of Croatia - society has appeared two times on Oktoberfest, on the Conference about World Peace in Vienna, on the folklore festival in Czechoslovakia, they were guests at the Croats from Gradišće. One of the latest appearance was on the gallant concert of the most successful businessman of Austria. In that occasion there were invited new members of EU as well as Croatia of which they were representatives. The society is active in three sections: folklore sections of children and adults as well as Croatian old instrumental section, and it has about ninety active members. For their own contribution of taking care the cultural heritage and folk tradition it was given the Charter of the town of Zagreb on its eighty jubilee.



Klapa „Filip Dević“ Split, Croatia

Mixed klapa „Filip Dević“ (a traditional Croatian small folk choir) was founded in 1978 as a part of the cultural-art society of railroaders „Filip Dević“. Its members revive traditional Dalmatian folk songs, old local melodies as well as pop songs performed in their specific klapa way. It is also not rare to hear them singing, while followed by musical instruments, the most famous songs from the Split Music Festival and from the Melodies of the Croatian Adriatic Sea.

Folk songs performed in their particular way became very soon evergreens and they were accepted by the public with great enthusiasm. The artistic quality of their performances has also been appreciated by many music critics.

During their artistic career, the klapa had numerous performances both in Croatia as well as in many other parts of the world, among which Australia, New Zealand and USA.

The klapa released many albums in collaboration with other parts of their society, and three individual albums named „Piva klapa ispod volta“ „Sicas li se Splita grada“ (songs dedicated to the town of Split in occasion of the 1700 anniversary of its foundation) and „Noci u Dalmaciji“.



Ensemble „Putokazi“ Rijeka, Croatia

Ensemble „Putokazi“ are one of the most exceptional and unique music groups on the Croatian popular scene since 22nd of February 1984. The multi-voiced performance is followed by sophisticated orchestrations and incorporated into dance and theatrical movements of the vocalists. They are the first ensemble who promoted this type of artistic



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expression in the Middle and Eastern Europe. Till now more than 600 young singers from 15 till 25 years of age „grew up“ in Putokazi, which helped them to form their own attitude towards the music and life in general and thanks to which they also received many awards and recognitions.



CAS „Uljanik“ Pula, Croatia

Folklore-art group „Uljanik“, established in 1967, is the only folklore group in Istria and one of the few of the kind in the entire Croatia whose repertoire besides the traditional folklore dances from the local area also consists of folklore dances from almost all parts of Croatia. The group also enriched its programs with dances from the neighbour countries - Slovenia, Bosnia and Serbia and Macedonia. Authors of their choreographies are: Stjepan Celić, Salko Salihi and Nerina Štajner from Pula and Milivoj Miljan from Repušnica. It's worth pointing out that this group, under the guidance of Drago Draguzet, fosters the original musical heritage - original Istrian songs and melodies played on traditional Istrian instruments, as well as original songs from other parts of Croatia, excellently performed by the orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Josip Lebar. Every year the folklore-Art Group „Uljanik“ presents its program on numerous concerts both in Croatia as well as abroad - during the last 10 years they performed more than 350 concerts in almost all countries of Europe, and they also participated on many regional, national and international folklore fairs and festivals. During the years the folklore-Art Group „Uljanik“ received for their artistic work numerous acknowledgements and awards.



Dunja Knebl, Croatia

Dunja Knebl was born in Zagreb. She has lived in the USA, Indonesia and Russia. Most of her life she was a translator and language teacher whereas her favourite hobby had always being singing folk songs from different countries. After discovering in 1993 that thousands of folk songs from her own country had never been recorded, she began interpreting and recording songs she finds in books. Besides recording seven albums, she has participated on many compilations. She is the sole author and performer of two theatre performances where she sings songs from the countries she has lived in. Besides taking part in various gigs/concerts/festivals/TV shows in Croatia and abroad, she has workshops where she teaches participants to sing traditional folk songs. Her repertory is very wide, and now includes several hundred Croatian folk songs alone. She performs to her own guitar or small percussion accompaniment or with other musicians.

Info: www.dunjaknebl.com

Goran Karan, Croatia

Goran Karan was born on the 2 April 1964 in Split, Croatia. In eighties he begins to occupy himself with music. At beginning of 1997 he begins his solo-career, and in 1998 he won the „Zadar-fest“ musical festival with the song „Kazna mi je što te ljubim“. At the end of that year, he stars as the main male role in the musical „Rock It“ staged at „Ronacher“ theatre in Vienna, in Viennese production which is compiled from the eight most popular musicals, from late sixties onward: „Jesus Christ Superstar“, „Grease“, „Hair“, „Tommy“, etc.

Goran Karan releases his first solo-album in 1999. It was the best-seller in Croatia and has reached 'platinum' number of sold copies. Same year he won the most prestigious Croatian music festival "Melodije hrvatskog Jadrana" with the song made by Zdenko Runjić titled "Prozor kraj đardina". In the poll done by Croatian daily newspaper "Slobodna Dalmacija", as well as in the polls of many other Croatian magazines and radio-stations, he has been chosen for the "Singer of the year". Song "Lipa si, lipa" has won at the "Hit ljeta" festival in Pula.



Goran Karan had done until now many important concerts. He is very successful as solo performer, and because of the great interest of public, in the February and March 2000 he has done four big solo-concerts in the Concert Hall "Vatroslav Lisinski". TV recording of the concert at the Split Peristil (summer 1999) has been nominated for the world TV festival "Golden Rose of Montreaux". In June 2000 Goran Karan has done successful tour on the USA West Coast. The end of the tour "Kao da te ne volim" he has marked with the spectacular concert at the Bana Josip Jelačić Square in Zagreb, that was recorded by the Croatian National TV.

At "Dora 2000" with the song "Kad zaspu anđeli" Goran Karan wins the first place, and therefore represents Croatia at the Eurovision contest in Stockholm. He won prestigious discography award "Porin 2000" three times, for the "Best pop music album", "For best male vocal performance" and for the "Best vocal cooperation" (duet with Mr. Oliver Dragojević).

Same year he performed at "Zagrebfest", and had tourneys in Croatia, Slovenia, Swiss, Germany, France and Slovakia.

At the end of 2001 Karan visited Turkey where he had several appearances within the promo-tour. Appearances got extremely well media attention, with interviews for 10 TV houses, as well as the interview for the Cosmopolitan magazine.

Year 2003 had begun with the Canadian tour, after which came Australian and New Zealand tours, and then the preparation for the main role in Croatian musical "Grgur" by Zdenko Runjić.

Year 2005 is extremely successful. Goran Karan won two prestigious musical festivals with the song "Ružo moja" – in Split and at "Sunčane skale" in Herceg Novi. At Knifest he won 5 awards with his song "Lipo misto". In the mean-time, he published new, fifth album "Od srca do usana", and he performs at the concerts all over Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, Austria, Swiss, and for the end of this year he plans the tour in Australia and New Zealand.

Exhibits

As a part of the Summit there will be organized a large selling exhibition where about 20 groups and individuals are going to be presented and who will, by all means of their work and activities, cover the themes of the Summit - non-government associations for ecology, environmental protection, protection of human rights, humanitarian organizations, religious communities, spiritual groups, manufacturers and distributors of healthy food supporting higher and healthier quality of life.

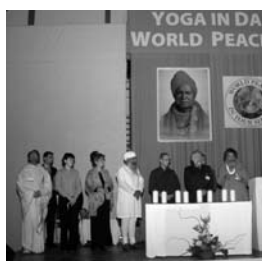
All three floors of CH „Vatroslav Lisinski" are reserved for the exhibition

HISTORY OF PREVIOUS EVENTS

World Peace Prayers



Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda - Swamiji, the founder of the system „Yoga in Daily Life“, initiated worldwide International and Interreligious World Peace Prayers because he has recognised the urgent need to promote and develop awareness of world peace. The first prayer took place in the Croatian city of Umag in September 2001, and afterwards in numerous cities in Austria, Spain, Germany, Slovenia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India. Thousands and thousands of people were lighting candles which were floating on the sea surfaces, lakes and rivers of their countries with wishes and prayers for peace among all cultures, nations and religions.



International Conferences

By the time, the Peace prayers overgrew into big international peace events. So in 2002, the first „International Conference of World Peace and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“ took place in Vienna, Austria, initiated by Swamiji as one of his greatest contributions to these efforts. In a work of Vienna conference more than 2,000 participants from 40 countries took place, as well as ambassadors from 25 countries. The conference was focused on the human rights, ethics and human values as well as the most valuable assets for world peace and sustainable development.



„We recognise the interconnectedness between the world of humans and the world of nature. If we do not care for the Earth and one another, we risk the destruction of ourselves and the diversity of life.“

Vienna Resolution, 2002



The Asian-Pacific counterpart of Vienna's conference was held in Sydney a year later. On the other part of the Planet, The „World Peace Forum“ brought together more than a 1,000 religious leaders, politicians, environmental and humanitarian speakers from Australia and the rest of the world. They gathered in order to communicate practical solutions which can be adopted in everyday life to help to overcome the current peace crisis and release the state of peacefulness in everyday life.



„We entreat all world - leaders, spiritual, political, social, environmental and humanitarian, to be united in their efforts towards lasting world peace - to show tolerance, respect and understanding, recognising the strength of 'unity in diversity'“

Sydney Resolution, 2003

„Yoga in Daily Life World Peace Summit and the message of Mahatma Gandhi” was held in Brno in December in 2004 in the memory of His Holiness Dharmasamrat Paramhans Swami Madhavanandaji. More than 2000 participants from Europe and the rest of the world gathered there as well, wanting to inspire a dialogue on world peace through tolerance, respect and understanding among religions, nations and cultures, to strengthen the will to live together in peace regardless of national borders, religious and cultural differences, to awaken the compassion towards all creatures, as well as to promote and support the UN Millennium Development Goals.



„World peace can only become a reality when all people rise above national boundaries, politics, religion and ideologies. This World Peace Summit has given hope to strengthen our resolve to replace the culture of war by the culture of peace.”

Brno Resolution, 2004



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President of The Republic of Croatia Stjepan Mesić



REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA
PREDSJEDNIK

*Svjetska mirovna konferencija
Svamija Madhavanande i poruka Mahatme Gandhija*

Udruga «Joga u svakodnevnom životu»

Poštovani,

Svaka mirovna inicijativa u ovom podijeljenom i nemirnom svijetu je dobrodošla i uvijek ima moju svekoliku potporu.

Profesor Swami Maheshwarananda, tvorac znanstvenog i svjetski priznatog sustava «Joga u svakodnevnom životu» humanist je i mirotvorac kojeg sam imao čast i osobno upoznati i koji svojim svakodnevnim, osebnim i nesebičnim radom promiče dijalog tolerancije, poštovanja i razumijevanja među ljudima.

Njegovo zauzimanje protiv rata, terorizma, nasilja, rasizma, gladi, siromaštva, zlostavljanja, zagađenja, a istodobno veličanje ljudskih sloboda, pravde i da se trajno slijede svi univerzalni humanistički temelji, etička i demokratska načela pridonijeli su da je stekao veliki broj štovatelja na ovim prostorima. Za taj doprinos profesor Swami Maheshwarananda odlikovan je godine 2002. Odličjem reda Danice Hrvatske s likom Katarine Zrinske, a očekujem da će i Svjetski mirovni samit u Zagrebu i poruke Mahatme Gandhija potvrditi spregu međusobnog poštovanja, tolerancije, ljubavi, nenasilja i poštovanja prirode.

Zato četvrtoj mirovnoj konferenciji koja se, nakon Beča, Sydneya i Brna, održava u Zagrebu želim uspješan rad u skladu sa željom da se stvara i gradi humaniji svijet, a organizatoru Hrvatskom savezu «Joga u svakodnevnom životu» i svim sudionicima želim da s uspjehom obrade teme zdravlja, izobrazbe, mira, te zaštite vode i prirodnih bogatstava.

Profesor Swamiji i njegove poruke i molitve neka budu svima koji to žele, u skladu s demokratskim i etičkim načelima, put i sredstvo za njihov osobni i socijalni mir.

S poštovanjem,

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Zagreb, 19. svibnja 2005.


Stjepan Mesić

President of The Republic of Slovenia Janez Drnovšek

Ladies and Gentlemen, Participants of the World Peace Summit,

Allow me, please, to address you with words of hope for peace and prosperity in the world, and also to express my appeal for the necessary change regarding the reality of humanity's situation today. For, we cannot be satisfied with the situation attained and the trends regarding the state of humanity and our responses to the current issues of human development. Therefore, it is my firm belief that such a change is our responsibility to humanity, to this planet and to future generations.

The findings of experts in the area of achieving some of the Millennium Goals are frightening. World poverty is not diminishing, but is in fact growing. More than a billion people live below the threshold of absolute poverty. Access for developing countries to rich and developed markets, and their access to financial institutions, to new technologies or medicines is still being prevented or at least significantly limited. Global trade relations are also unfair. The pressures of agricultural policy, especially from the developed countries, are such that they are literally destroying agriculture in the developing countries. As the calculations at Oxfam indicate, an improvement in access to world markets of a mere one percent each for Africa, East Asia, South Asia and Latin America could raise as many as 128 million people out of poverty. Financial relations are extremely unfair. Developing countries today are paying enormous sums just to service the interest on debts. Much of this debt has never been used for the benefit of people and has therefore been classed within the definition of illegitimate or "odious" debt. Lenders knew very well that they were making loans to corrupt regimes and that these would not help people in hardship. Repaying such debts has rendered poor countries even poorer. And we should not deny that in recent months and years some significant efforts have been made. The recent writing off of multilateral debt for the poorest countries of the world is welcome, but not enough. For numerous countries that are struggling to attain the Millennium Goals, their debt should be written off without any further conditions. Official development aid is growing extremely slowly. While we welcome the recent agreement on increasing aid up to 2010, we must be aware that this commitment was first made in 1970 and has not been honored right up to the present day. In recent years several innovative proposals have been made to increase development funds. Yet none of them has broken through the inertia of the financial institutions. And it is completely clear that we cannot expect any positive breakthroughs with the existing financial instruments. Poverty is not the only danger that burdens the world. Our very existence on the planet is under threat. I wish to draw attention to climate change, to atmospheric warming. There would appear to be an emerging consensus among scientists that each year we are witnessing increasing numbers of catastrophic events linked to global warming: hurricanes, floods and droughts. It is in this area perhaps most illustrative and clear to everyone that on this Earth we are in fact all connected and interdependent. We must therefore work together in the world to find more effective, more determined solutions and to contribute to raising the general awareness of people, and especially politicians.

One could reel off staggering facts and figures ad infinitum. The consequences of a world without balance are becoming increasingly catastrophic. Global imbalances are increasing and are now at their highest level in the history of humanity. It is therefore an illusion to expect that the world will be balanced, that there will be no wars, no terrorism, corruption and crime of the most brutal dimensions, if such trends continue. No kind of security measure and no kind of protection against terrorism and global threats can give anyone complete security. We will all be defeated. So burying our heads in the sand is a reflection of our lack of responsibility to humanity today and to all future generations. A decisive role here should be assumed especially by the developed world, the biggest and most advanced countries and all those international organizations, together with the United Nations, that have a decisive impact on the current trends of humanity and bear the responsibility for its development.

The responsibility lies with each of us and begins with our individual awareness and preparedness for change. If we wish to hand down a more just, sustainable and humane world to the next generation, we must be prepared to significantly alter our habits and beliefs. We have to be aware of the suffering of a large part of humanity and strengthen our sensitivity towards people around the world who live in distress.

Finally, I would like to express my most sincere support for your endeavors to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and I wish you much success in your work.

Dr. Janez Drnovšek

President of the Republic of Slovenia

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT



उप-राष्ट्रपति, भारत
VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi is being held in Zagreb on October 9, 2005, focusing on varied topics of United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The subjects and thrust of the Summit could not have been more topical. World peace, sustainable development, health, education, ecology and so on are mankind's most coveted goals. We must derive inspiration from the life and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi to find ways and means to transcend the artificial categories into which the human society has been fragmented. We must shun violence in our lives, which has emerged as the potent threat to international order and civilised values. A time has come for all of us to assert mankind's spiritual identity and re-energise our common quest for universal peace and sustainable development.

The Summit, I am sure, will provide an excellent opportunity to the learned scholar-participants to exchange views on the millennium development goals and evolve a perspective for a peaceful and prosperous global society.

My best wishes for the success of the Summit.


(BHAIRON SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

New Delhi
19th August 2005

Message from the Premier of South Australia

As Premier of the State of South Australia, I am very pleased to send my warmest wishes to all those taking part in the „Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi“.

In a time of terrorism and war, of discord and uncertainty, I applaud your efforts to foster peace, understanding of cultural and religious difference, and respect for our beautiful yet fragile planet.

I am especially proud to support your Summit because of the involvement of my friend, His Holiness Vishwaguru Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda. I have known the Swamiji for some years. He is an extraordinarily wise man, and he is understandably loved and revered throughout the world.

For me, some of the Swamiji's most powerful work is in the fields of the environment and social welfare. His work in the desert region of Rajasthan in India – where he has built a Spiritual Education and Environmental Sustainability Centre – is heroic. His efforts there to „harvest“ rainwater, reforest the land, educate children, and run health and education programs for women, are making a practical and daily difference to many people's lives.

We in South Australia have been honoured by the Swamiji's presence and direct involvement in our State. He has taken part in valuable interfaith dialogue in our capital city, Adelaide. And I have worked closely with him in order to share South Australian expertise in water management with the Sustainability Centre in Rajasthan.

Most recently, in April 2005, the Swamiji joined us for a very special event. This was the opening in Adelaide's famous Parklands of a Sacred Forest – part of an initiative to plant three million trees in our city and suburbs. This serene forest is a place for the reinvigoration of native Australian trees, shrubs and grasses. It is a place for children, and for people of different cultures and beliefs, to come together. And we hope it will become a place where other spiritual leaders will plant trees, and so make a compelling statement about the overarching values of faith and love and peace.

It was without hesitation that, earlier this year, I supported the nomination of the Swamiji for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. I also congratulate the organisers of the Summit for making the achievements and philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi a central part of your gathering.

Gandhi's influence on history was immeasurable, and the value of his message is perennial. In many ways, we can now look back at him as one of the world's earliest environmentalists. He urged people to distinguish between their needs and their wants, and he believed the survival of the planet primarily depended on individuals taking responsibility for their own actions. He believed in smallness, simplicity and slowness, not rampant consumerism and material development. „This little globe of ours is not a toy of yesterday,“ he once said.

I wish you all the very best for your Summit in the elegant city of Zagreb. I hope it proves rewarding for the delegates and of long-term benefit to the planet.

Mike Rann

Premier of South Australia



LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

To Conference Attendees:

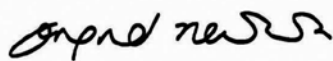
We are delighted to send our greetings to you all in the hope that each of you will be the miracle, the individual vehicle to carry a peaceful message into others' hearts through harmless living and personal example.

His Holiness Paramhans Swami Maheshwaranandaji spreads the message that kindness is itself a religion, that when we stop our violence to others, and end prejudice and discrimination, then we find peace.

Peace begins on one's plate, with a feast at each meal of vegetarian foods that are free of blood and suffering and death. Peace begins when we look after our own bodies and spirits and minds, filling them with wholesome thoughts and wholesome foods and carrying out wholesome acts.

We wish you all the best in your vital work as people of the world, embracing our planet, the environment, all who live upon the earth, and the animal nations, our brothers and sisters.

Kind regards,



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I wish all delegates attending the World Peace Summit in Zagreb every blessing as you discuss the needs of our world and pray to God for peace to reside in the hearts of all humanity.

It has been one of the great blessings of my life to know His Holiness Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda and to call him my friend. Every step that he takes upon this planet is a step that reaches out to all creatures with love and compassion. His work for World Peace calls us all to stop and reflect upon our own lives and the way in which we treat one another particularly the most vulnerable in this world.

I wish to thank Swamiji for the spiritual leadership and wise counsel that he offers us all. And I pray that this World Peace Summit in Zagreb be known for its sensitive understanding of the needs of our fractured world as well as the promotion of increased dialogue and agreement amongst the multi faith communities to which we belong.

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor David Cappel
Vicar General

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Message of the Company „Vindija“, the sponsor of the „Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit“

October 2005, Zagreb, Croatia

Dear friends, we would like to greet the World Peace Summit with the symbolical picture of this modest flower. Its name is *Degenia Velebitica* and it grows on only one place on the Earth: on the harsh Croatian mountain named Velebit, proclaimed by the UNESCO as the World Bio-spherical Reservation, a rare place on our planet where some ancient life forms are still preserved. That plant, hidden on the calmer notches, survived dramatic atmospheric and geological changes. Every spring it demonstrates with its golden yellow flowers how victorious was the battle for its gentle life.

In a certain way, *Degenia Velebitica* is the symbol of our life, endangered nowadays by the ecological catastrophes. Ozone holes are spreading, sun rays are heating less but burning stronger, ice is melting on the poles, level of the oceans is rising, continents are being flooded and forests as oxygen factories are being destroyed. Because of the illusory economic growth people are irreversibly damaging the natural balance. We already live in the greenhouse and lead the battle for the clean air and water in order to survive.

Friends, we do not develop a society of knowledge, electronics and global communication for our individual purposes, but in order to improve life in general. We have responsibility in front of the future generations because their possibility to develop a new way of thinking and living depends also on us. The Earth is the only planet in the Sun System where living beings can exist. Therefore, by saving the life on Earth, we are saving the life in the whole galaxy.

The messages of this Summit are life-saving and they should be transformed into actions. The sponsorship of the Vindija Company is not coincidental. As the leading company in the Croatian food industry, Vindija promotes the importance of following the ecological ideals. They give example not only in the sector of production of food, which is natural and healthy, but also in a much wider social sense: they promote the protection of the whole flora and fauna.

Though the path towards the victory is not easy, still it can be realised. If you are ever going to feel any doubt, just let the destiny of the flower from this message encourage you.

We send you best wishes for the realisation of Your noble efforts, condensed in the message of the great man of the world's thought, Mahatma Gandhi, „Be the change you want to see!“

Head Manager of the Dietary System Vindija

Mr. Dragutin Drk, graduated economist and ecologist

Varaždin / Zagreb, October 9th, 2005



Dr. sc. Nevio Šetić,
state secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports, Zagreb

Your Holiness, Mr. Mahamandaleshwar Swami Maheshwarananda,

I am certain that that this World Peace Summit in Zagreb will give strength to all whom in various civilisations promotes peace, safety and unity as humankind's biggest wealth.

Our realisations about imperfect world of today tell us that education and knowledge are way to bridge over the differences, and to prepare conditions that all nations and civilisations might take over their responsibility for survival and their own life, all of which is of special importance for us in Croatia today, too.

These realisations motivate us to base our Croatian educational system upon the openness towards European and world values, as well as upon the perseverance and improvement of our own tradition and experiences.

I would like to thank You personally, as the initiator, for this Zagreb World Peace Summit, and also I would like to direct my thankfulness to organizers with the hope that the messages of this gathering in Croatia will start to live in practice.

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Pavol Demeš

Civic leader, former Minister of International Relations of the Slovak Republic

Message for the World Peace Conference in Zagreb

It is my honor to send this message to the World Peace Summit organized by the Croatian Union "Yoga in Daily Life" under the spiritual leadership of H.H. Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda. It is of great importance that this event takes place in South-East Europe where wars have devastated villages and cities in the last decade, and where around 250,000 people have lost their lives. All too often, this happened in the name of God and the nation.

This peace initiative takes place ten years after the Srebrenica massacre, and five years after the fall of the Milosevic regime which caused so much suffering on the soil of former Yugoslavia. Although the wounds are still fresh, the people of this region are rebuilding their lives, reaching out to their brothers and sisters from different religions and cultures, and making efforts to join the family of democratic European nations. I am convinced that Croatia - one of the most beautiful countries of Europe - will be a proper host to the participants of this Summit. I am aware of the special relationship between the President of Croatia, Stjepan Mesic, and Swami Maheshwarananda. It is my wish that their wisdom and leadership will enhance our personal growth, tolerance and understanding, and service to our diverse societies.

Đurđa Adlešić

Vicepresident of the Croatian Parliament

Respected Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to offer my sincere greetings to the World Peace Summit, as well as to the representatives of religious communities and societies, foreign guests and representatives of diplomatic choir, representatives of Croatian political and social life, NGOs, and all other guests from the world and from Croatia.

I would also like to thank the organizer – The Croatian Yoga In Daily Life Union, and to the initiator of the Summit, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Maheshwarananda, because forth Peace Summit is being held in Croatia. I would like to remind you that this is the first peace summit in independent and sovereign Croatia organized by one non-governmental organization, though Croatia has tradition of the peace-movements. Let's remind ourselves of important Dubrovnik-Philadelphia Declaration in whose initiative has participated academician prof. Ivan Supek, exactly 30 years ago.

Starting from the message of one of the greatest peace-makers of the last century, Mahatma Gandhi to whom this Summit is dedicated – „Be the change you want to see“, I cannot avoid connecting development of independent Croatia with that message. Croatia is even today considered as the country in transition, meaning the country that literary is or should be that continuous change towards the vision of itself that it wants to be, and example to the world which it wants to live in.

Peace in these areas is the noble idea and sensible plant that grows its roots historically. Croatia, nevertheless, in its tradition has the habit of coexistence, multi-religious connection at all levels of social life, as well as rich multicultural history and inheritance. As the country that was victim of aggression, Croatia has deeply realised all war sufferings, and even today lives with the difficult consequences of the last war. Croatia should therefore support each peace initiative, be co-creator of global peace movements and politics, and maybe the first of all, should put in order its own relations with neighbouring countries, based on international law and good neighbourship.

At the threshold of the formal union with Europe which is before us, with Europe whose civilisational achievements Croatia carries for centuries within its collective being, and reciprocally influences them, we are open and safe country, that wish to connect with everyone who equally or in their specific way contribute to the world peace, coexistence and wellbeing at cultural, spiritual, political and economical level. Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations are built in Croatian international policy and its functioning.

Croatian vision of the future should be based on the principles of building the just, sustainable and peaceful global society, as defined with the "Earth Charter Initiative", with the respect of national and especially cultural identity.

I wish to the participants of the World Peace Summit much success in their work.

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Statement to the Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi

Tonia Moya, President Green Cross Sweden

We are one human family, people of all races, cultures, faiths and countries of the world and can no longer separate ourselves from one another. Nor can we hold separate any longer the issues of peace and environment, which are one and the same. The issue of global climate change and resource consumption are two aspects of the same, which lead to our own selves and behaviour.

Never before in the history of the planet and the human race have we faced such perilous danger and great imbalance. Koyanishqatsi. We must unite to insure global security - the survival and welfare of humanity and all living creatures upon our Earth. While we share a collective responsibility for one another, our children's future and the coming generations, as individuals we must also think and act for ourselves and be our own leaders when leadership is lacking. With the future may come un-chartered territory whereby we must think in entirely new way and respond quickly. As the natural catastrophes increase to counteract this great imbalance compassion and empathy are vital. With this comes a great potential for love and understanding between peoples.

For survival we must collectively on a global scale work even harder to awaken humanity. Leadership must expand beyond the fragmentation of nations, religions and economic interests, to include and the awareness of Universal principles and ethics.

The natural laws governing all of existence have neither mercy nor preference, and affect all nations and peoples on Earth. We must learn the understanding of One, whereby all of mankind and all things in existence are essentially One. This wisdom and understanding is ancient on our planet. However like the waves within the ocean we are an ever evolving human race and must seize every opportunity to bring forth learning and the expansion of consciousness. Every human individual carries unlimited potential to make and be the change.

Mahatma Gandhi, with his message of peace, non-violence, truth, love and action, remains as burning light for mankind. Never before has his message reflecting Universal truth been so vital. Humanity remains at the crossroads. What we do now dramatically affects our civilization and the future. They once asked Mahatma Gandhi what he thought of modern civilization and he answered by saying, "Yes, that would be a good idea...". We are an ever evolving human species, and we can even at this late hour awaken to begin the steps towards a more civilized world of peace.

We have today in our reach guide posts and inspirational tools which can empower us in active implementation and enable us to navigate in such turbulent times towards a peaceful sustainable future in the 21st century.

As with Gandhi's message of action, let us utilize the guidelines set in the Earth Charter Declaration of Universal principles. Let us set forth on the journey to implement the UN Millennium Goals. Let us by creating peace in our hearts and minds, reach out to the world around and embrace this opportunity to bring about and be the change the world is waiting for.

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Essence of Education

Authors: Bahai Religious Community, Croatia

„Look at a man as the mine of priceless jewels. Only education can make him show his treasures and enable mankind to benefit from those treasures.”

Bahá'u'lláh

Education is crucial to develop potential of every individual and to benefit from whole range of human rights. At the same time, education must serve society as the whole by engrafting in individuals the strong respect towards the rights of others and wish to support and defend those rights. Although we agree that approach to education is an issue that needs serious attention of local and national government and NGO's, we consider educational contents to have primary importance.

„Knowledge is like the wings of human life and ladder to climb. To gain knowledge is duty of all. However, knowledge should be gained about the sciences that can be useful to the nations of the world and not about sciences that begin and end with words.”

Bahá'u'lláh

The aim of education is not only to completely develop human personality and sense of dignity but to promote «understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, races, ethnic or religious groups...» In order to fulfill these extensive and high goals, education must involve the whole person and tend to develop whole range of human capacities – intellectual, social, physical and spiritual.

Many people think that the aim of education is limited to train a person for acquiring of material prosperity and wealth with very little attention to one's responsibility towards the others and mankind as a whole. Such materialistic approach to education will increase imbalance between a few reach people and poor majority – by maintaining injustice and social disintegration and contributing to increasing instability in the world. But, if material education follows spiritual education and moral development, it will provide prosperity and wealth for mankind as a whole. Instead of emphasis on rivalry, education should cultivate attitudes and skills necessary for cooperation, since surviving of mankind now depends on our ability to cooperate and our devotion to justice and human rights for all. Ability to cooperate with others will enable more and more people to have use of education and a right to education.

Since every child needs education, especially in moral values, it is necessary to grant education to female children who will become mothers and first educators of next generations. Education of mothers is the most successful way to insure expansion of education

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in society as a whole. Providing the equal right to education for women and girls, will also provide their complete participation in society which, Bahá'í believe, will be the mean of creating the just society and establishing of permanent peace in the world.

Education must be available, universal, compulsory and free. We admit that such goal can be fulfilled only when responsibility is shared. According to Bahá'í scriptures everybody, man or woman, should give a part of income earned from trade, agriculture or other professions to train and educate children. »

Finally, although we agree that advantage should be given to universal compulsory education in childhood, we also believe that everybody will benefit when education becomes lifelong process. Not only that education should embed the thirst and longing for knowledge, but it should cherish the longing for excellence. Such ambitions obtained in childhood united with lifelong possibilities for expansion of education are the basis for always progressing civilization

„Oh, God! Educate these children. These children are plants in your orchard, flowers in your meadow, roses in your garden. Let it rain on them, let the Sun of reality shine your love on them. Let your breeze refresh them, so they should learn, grow, develop and appear in ultimate beauty. You are the Giver. You have compassion“.

‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Our challenge is to rearrange and develop our societies around those universal principles – including love, honesty, moderation, humbleness, hospitality, fairness and unity – which promote social closeness and without it no society can survive for a long time, regardless of its economical success, intellectual wealth or technical progress.



A perfect Orchestra

Author: Vesna Krmpotić, Writer, Member of Croatian PEN

As regards the piece in dedication to the whole effort of rising of the consciousness: The only uprising that will bring the change of our lives is the uprising of conscience. It is being prepared in those who are ready for it. In a cacophonic sounding symphony, let everyone find their instrument, their place, their moment and the score. Those who were meant to play the flutes –let them play the flutes – and not interfere with the drums or the harps. Let string players know their violins, let trumpet players know the trumpets. But we are all musicians who watch at the One Hand which gives us the sign and the time, and by that Hand we are all One, no matter how numerous we who are diverse may be.

Education of the enlightened Western business leader in the time of Kali Yuga

Author: Ratka Jurkovic, MIB, Croatia

In 2001, one famous business school in Scandinavia held a student conference and ran a survey on what do students think is primarily important for a leader. Of all the characteristics of the leader, morality came as last. In the same year the famous conference of the Economic Forum in Davos came to the conclusion that what the economic reality missed is the morality in their leaders.

In that survey I was a bit shocked to see that my fellow colleagues thought of morality as not important for a leader. However, what came as a greater shock was a fact that professors, who wrote an article using the results of the survey, did not find it alarming that the future business leaders held such views on leadership.

The research would say such business students' attitudes existed due to their lack of experience, or proneness to dubiously ethical behaviour. However, we seem to neglect that there are still many educators who believe that morality and ethics is something you cannot (or should not) teach in business schools. They presume that other traditional places of socialization, such as home, church, friends will suffice. Is this really enough?

The famous American scholar in leadership, Warren Bennis stated that the essence of leadership is the ability of full and free self-expression of the person. He argued that what is needed is more Us oriented leaders, instead of Me oriented ones. Many universities, he argued, including the ones in the Ivy League, were producing narrow-minded specialists who might be wizards in making money, since they were taught how to do things instead of how to be.

The contemporary values Western education transmits are grounded in the minds of scientists and philosophers from 18th century on and propagate: rationality (I think therefore

I am), maximization of self-interest (especially in economics), Social Darwinism (competition and survival of the fittest), relativism (the truth is circumstantial not absolute), positivism (valid knowledge can only be attained through methods of natural science). It would be false to claim that education is solely responsible for all corporate wrongdoings. However, education plays a great role in the socialization process of every person. Therefore, we cannot neglect its role in this moral decline.

Greed, hypocrisy, frauds are all characteristics of this time of falling in KaliYuga, as Srila Prabupada has called it. It is the time of decline in moral, true spirituality, mercifulness and human empathy. It seems that humanity is doomed to degrade as a part of a bigger cycle of cosmic events.

However, there are still people in the world capable of developing the spark of goodness into a burning flame inside of them, and able to light the spark in the others. Such spiritual people are the enlightened leaders. We all have heard about them – Gandhi, Martin Luther King, the Buddha, Swami Madhavananda, Dalai Lama, and Jesus Christ. They all are our sources of inspiration, prayer and guidance.

In the business reality, enlightened leaders are those who put employees' interests before their own. What they say is what they do, since their actions and words come from a deeper inner integrity of knowing what is good and what is bad. Such business leaders seem irrational since they follow their inner voice. They are often against the wind, and people call them either crazy or day-dreaming. Their visions make them people ahead of their time, and their actions create solid long-term business foundations.

It seems to me that we need a shift in the educational paradigm, not only in business schools but in the Academia as a whole. It is my belief that we need the education that will develop not a business, political or any kind of leader, but first of all a human being with the integrity. The leader is a role, like being an accountant, a parent or a lover. All those roles stem from our centre, the Buddhist would call it our Buddha nature, the core values that we possess and should nurture.

The integrity is being built by accepting that we are not rational, but real human beings, comprised of thinking and feeling, both of them being equally important in our lives. The development of integrity is not comprised of memorizing myriads of theories on different subjects. Theories are the intellectual tools which should be complemented by our ability to feel. Such balance of thinking and feeling should be incorporated into academic world and used to develop things like empathy and awareness of the consequences of the actions one does.

As the business scholar, I would like to see business schools organizing spirituality seminars where business leaders would talk to students about their inner deeper dilemmas. I would also like to see business schools that would encourage their students not only to send money to the places like Africa, but to organize and encourage a semester of voluntary work in those places, and give a credit for attending it. (It does not have to be Africa; we just have to look around in our countries to see poverty and social problems). In the end, I would like to see business schools inspiring us all by the talks of the enlightened leaders of today. By them I mean all the people that see this great planet as the place of selflessness instead of selfishness, cooperation instead of competition and tolerance instead of aggression.

To have outer peace we need to have inner peace

Author: Sacinandana Swami, Vaishnava Community

With great happiness I am greeting the participants and well-wishers of the Peace Summit organized by „Yoga in Daily Life“ under the auspicious leadership of Swami Maheshvarananda. It gives me great pleasure to see that such an important summit takes place and I am sure it will send a lot of positive encouragement and energy into the world. In the Bhagavad-Gita Lord Krishna describes that real peace has to have spiritual roots. It comes when the soul is linked with God.

Our materialistically oriented civilization places a lot of emphasis on outward growth, where an increase in money, fame or influence is seen as success. But real advancement always means growth into two directions. If we advance individually or collectively only in the phenomenal world, that means if only our outward achievements increase, we will lack an important dimension of growth. We have to grow in depths - deep spiritual realizations. Otherwise, the human being becomes a victim of the forces of materialism like lust or greed.

Let us look at the tree. As the tree grows, it develops a crown: more branches come, more leaves, and even some birds will arrive and make their nests in it. This growth can become dangerous if simultaneously there is not another growth, a growth of the roots, which go deeper and deeper and provide needed stability. If this is not there, the growth could be a danger. Due to the overweight of the tree crown there is not a sufficient anchoring in the ground. When there is the slightest turmoil outside, the tree might fall down. A little wind, a bit too much rain or any other misbalancing factor could be its death.

Where I live there are many old trees. Last winter a storm felled many of them. Why? The reason was that they did not have deep roots. As I walked through the „fallen giants“ I could immediately see the similarity to the modern man. He has grown visibly, but his spiritual roots are not developed and therefore at a slight provocation there are so many problems.

To have outer peace we need to have inner peace. And to have inner peace, we need to become spiritually deep. We have much to learn from the ancient scriptures and the saints of India. There is a very nice and simple process how everyone can become spiritually deep and access that reservoir inside which there is the source of unbounded peace - the soul and its eternal relationship to Krishna.

This process involves three steps: 1. shravana - daily hearing of spiritual truth, 2. manana - reflection and meditation on these subjects and 3.

nidhidyasana - deep meditation or absorption. Amazingly enough, the saints have told us that acting upon truth also brings the state of nidhidyasana, or deep absorption. I wish the world that it can grow its roots deep and that it can contact that everlasting stream of happiness, eternity and knowledge (sat cit ananda), which is flowing deep in the heart of every one of us. I congratulate those world leaders who are opened to spiritual,

non-sectarian teachings, and would like to encourage them to give a good example, which is so attractive that the people who look for answers are enthusiastic to follow. I wish you all the best and lots of spiritual strength.

Vegetarianism and Ecology

Author: Luka Oman „Friends of Animals“, Croatia

Vegetarianism, meat industry and ecology are tightly interconnected influencing each other a great deal.

Intervention of all available forces is essential to stop general destruction of the only planet we have. Meat industry and meat-eating habits are greatly responsible for unnecessary waste of resources and general pollution in the world.

Thanks to meat industry one third of our planet surface is desertified. Thanks to fish industry more than a half of the world oceans are approaching the point of ecological collapse

Meat-eating is connected with huge environmental problems, such as global heating, desertification, destruction of the rain forests and acid rains.

To provide larger fields for animal food growing, more than 90% of British lakes and ponds have been dried out. Similar situation goes on all over the world.

- Within past 200 years in the USA solely 1/3 of primal surface layer has been destroyed because of the cattle breeding. Trying to replace the pasture and cultivation land, more than 100 hectares of forests have been destroyed and deforestation progress has reached the speed of 0,4 hectares per second.
- Animal population on the farms produces 550 tons of excrement each second, 20 times more than the amount made by humans.
- In Germany and Netherlands there are 3 tons of deponated liquid fertilizers per every member of the population, altogether almost 200 million tons of material. In Netherlands, in region of Pel, 90% of trees died of the acid rains caused by pigs' excrement.
- 85% of ammonium, nitrogen evaporation product, cause of forests extinction, is produced by cattle farms. Ammonium from animal excrement causes acid rains that extensively destroy flora and fauna, damaging more than all cars and factories in the world together. The amount of nitrogen and ammonium could possibly be regulated by reducing the cattle farms, i.e. changing eating habits.
- Rain forests are chopped to provide a space for cattle pasture. An area as big as Belgium is chopped in Central and South America each year.

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- Since 1950 a half of the world rain forests have been destroyed. After 6 or 7 years of pasture the soil can no longer support even the grass, dissembling into dust. The soil of rain forests is very thin and lifeless therefore needing a protection of tree branches.
- The Sahara desert used to be a green area and old Romans grew crops on it. All of it vanished as the desert has been spreading, in some areas, even 320 km within 20 years. The main reason is excessive pasture of goats, camels and cows. As the desert has been spreading, herds of animals are migrating, literally eating everything in front of them.
- Within 25 years 40% of the Amazon rain forests, our planet's lungs, have been destroyed. This magnificent wilderness provides more than a half of all known medicines. Many rear or still undiscovered animal species have been migrating and disappearing as a direct consequence of this ruthless behaviour.
- When the soil becomes lifeless, great profitable industries, like wood and meat industry just move to another location, cutting more trees, becoming richer and richer. Members of the local tribes who live in the forests are forced to abandon their land, sometimes even killed.
- Each cow produces at least 60 l of methane per a day. Even the soil fertilizers increase the effect of global heating producing nitric oxide, a gas 270 times more effectively accumulating heat than CO₂.
- Earth's temperature is slowly increasing, melting the icebergs.
- Antarctic's temperature increased by 2, 5 °C within 50 years and 8000 km² of underwater icebergs have disappeared.
- Many countries experience shortage of water. But when breeding and slaughtering of animals happen, we don't try to save them.
- 200 l of water is used to grow 1 kg of wheat. 20.000 l of water is used to get 1 kg of meat.
- After the animals have been killed, the leaking blood flows directly to our rivers, polluting them. All the waste and excrement produced by billions of animals flows to the seas and rivers, causing excessive growth of different algaes. Natural springs are not only polluted, but have become insufficient. Meat industry is the main cause of environment pollution.
- In the USA, more than a half of water resources is used for cattle breeding. Meat industry in the USA is causing the pollution equal to the amount made by entire industry and all cities together. Cattle breeding is producing 10 times more pollution than inhabited and 3 times more pollution than industry areas.
- 50 % of water pollution in Europe is caused by massive cattle breeding. Nitrogen from the fertilizers is absorbed by underground water springs in such a degree that some mineral waters don't meet health criteria any more. Absorption of underground waters for the purpose of cattle breeding increases water shortage even more.
- Every 8 seconds 1 ha of land is destroyed to grow animal food.
- Each person who becomes vegan saves directly 1 ha of the woods.
- Unlike other economy sectors, meat industry is subvented by the government in almost every country, because it isn't profitable enough.

- On the same piece of land used to produce 1 kg of meat, one can grow, within the same period of time, 200 kg of potatoes or 160 kg of tomatoes. Instead of 50 kg of beef one can grow 1000 kg of cherries or 6000 kg of carrots or 4000 kg of apples.
- Imagine yourself in front of a plate containing $\frac{1}{2}$ kg of beef steak. Now imagine 45-50 persons in the same room holding empty plates. For the price of one steak, each empty plate could be filled with a cup of boiled crop.
- Using the same piece of land necessary to feed one meat-eater, 20 vegetarians could be provided with food.
- Washington, Oregon and California solely, spend 17 billions kw/h of electricity for cattle breeding, amount of energy enough to lighten every house in the country for a month and a half.
- Within a year, amount of fuel enough to drive a car for 6 months is spent to feed a meat consuming family of four.

Influence of massive animal breeding to global heating process equals the influence of car traffic. Considering destruction of woods for pasture and cattle food, transformation of savannas into deserts, erosion, huge energy and water consumption, we can see that every kilogram of meat we consume destroys and pollutes our planet in each and every aspect.

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World Peace and Science

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The Abstract

The peace of all humans on the Earth is very complex issue, and the science and education has to play significant role for evolvement of this value. The greatest modern achievement of our civilization should be foundation for the World Peace, and let us hope to add small brick into this effort by presenting this article.

The science as permanent counterpart of our civilization achievements is result of human activities, and is making main contribution towards evolvement of the socio/economic human system of present civilization. The “Quality of Life” is non defined complex, abstract and actual, reach and poor, and many other attributes worth definition of the life stile, and could be part of individual, or civilization, or national or global human society.

New approach to complex solving research using Thinking Theory has resulted with new thinking about LIFE origin, presentation and future.

What is the Sustainable Future, and how to use science to assist sustainable future of our civilization?

The authors are making past and present of our civilization as review of achievements and consequences. It resulted with understanding of present and possibilities for future evolvements. Final touch is Information Theory of the Nature, which shows basics of life and misguiding of present scientific work wrongly guided and financed. Money Monster system has been introduced and evaluated as not good partner of humanity.

If we really want to achieve a World Peace and continue our war against the war, we to start with children

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Peace as a category, in the world in general as well as in the modern world, has always been and still is one of those categories which decisively determine the quality of everybody's life, especially children's. As such it has always influenced the mind of the most progressive humanists during the entire history of the mankind and still is.

Mahatma Gandhi is certainly one of the most famous Peace makers in the history of the mankind to whose message the "Sri Swami Madhavananda world Peace Summit and the message of Mahatma Gandhi" is partially dedicated to.

The message of Mahatma Gandhi, which I used as the title of my own message, is so beautiful and timeless that I want to quote it as a whole, together with his thoughts that follow afterwards, and before I myself say something about the Peace that associates with my professional activity in the field of protection of rights, interests and welfare of children, including the protection from violence, what is at the same time the subject of my personal interest.

Mahatma Gandhi says: „If we really want to achieve a world peace and continue our war against the war, we need to start with children. And if children are going to grow up in their natural innocence, we will not need to bring the resolutions without the product, but we will go from love to love, from peace to peace, until that peace and love for which the whole world consciously or unconsciously yearning, spreads all over the Earth.”

Article 19 of the Convention of children's rights regulates, among other, that countries the members will undertake all necessary legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect every single child from any kind of physical or psychical violence, any lack of care or abandonment, any kind of violence or taking advantage, including the sexual abuse.

Protecting measures, if necessary, must include the efficacious activities of introducing social program for helping the child and the people who take care of him or her, as well as other forms of prevention and establishment, reports, implications, investigations, proceeding and observation of a child abused and including the court, if necessary.

How could the modern world, including the Republic of Croatia, possibly come closer to the ideals of the Convention of children's rights, as well as to Mahatma Gandhi's and other well known peace maker's messages? Today it is very popular to speak about the holistic approach to the problems in any sense and the real answer to this question is: by the holistic approach to the problem.

But, what is meant by this kind of approach when it is a question of Peace?

First of all, it is important to know that there is no society where Peace can be achieved by trying to build isolated oases of non-violence. Besides, it is generally not possible, es-

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pecially today when we talk about “global village”, to create Peace so that it exists only in some parts of the world.

Like we forgot we have been through war as the form of violence and through privatization as the form of economic violence. Violence is still significantly present in medium, even in family, sport and other social fields in which it would be reasonably to expect to find it the least.

But in fact, what is the Peace? How many really peaceful persons, those who are in absolute Peace, first with themselves, then with others, and with the world in general, have we ever seen in our lives? Are we really in Peace?

I do not mean the static Peace by that, of course, which would be a negation of life itself, but truly dynamic Peace, Peace in its action, like the affirmation of life, no matter how much contradictory it sounds. What should that Peace include? In accordance with the request of holistic approach mentioned before, the Peace should also include, besides physical level visible to everybody, emotional, mental, psychical, spiritual and social level.

When the lack of Peace is reflected on physical level, which is the most visible level, very often the result is a brutal hurt of human beings, after which we always and again and again remain deeply astonished.

Very often the victims are animals. Not long ago, for example, school kids baked baby cats on a spit. Even after a long and very precise research and examination one remains deeply shocked and suspected. Destructions and damaging of all kinds of common goods happen very often, too.

Please, let me repeat, this is the physical level of the lack of Peace and that what is hidden as a background are the other levels mentioned before: emotional, mental, psychical spiritual and social level.

Why is the concept of the child so significant in these problems? First of all, it is necessary to mention that the concept of the child is a polysynaptic, more dimensional concept. According to Children attorney Office, the child in the sense of Children attorney Law is every person up to 18. However, when formal fences are removed, anybody at any age can be a child. It means that to be a child does not mean an age category but the state of consciousness.

What kind of state of consciousness is it? It is the state of a natural innocence about which Mahatma Gandhi speaks about in his message. Why all this is so important to talk about?

It is important because this way of understanding changes the perspective. We, so-called grown-ups, consider that we need to teach our children in any sense, as well as in the sense of non violence. We also consider we should protect our children from the violence. This is partly true. The real truth is that children by their simple existing teach us about non violence and protect us from it. Very often the problem is that we do miss enough natural innocence to realize that.

Finally, I am going to quote one more Mahatma Gandhi's Peace message: "There is no way to the Peace. The Peace is the way by itself."

To postpone the Peace by saying that we are on the way to the Peace, means only to postpone the Peace itself, because it speaks by itself about itself, there is no alternative. It is necessary to start living this kind of reality. The time of postponing the Peace for some better times must be behind us, because if we leave the Peace for tomorrow, tomorrow will never come.

Because of that no alibi for postponing the Peace should be accepted.

I am sure that this Summit will contribute a great deal to this way of understanding the Peace and I am expressing my admiration and gratefulness to Swami Maheshwarananda for all his former contributions to the world Peace. For his humanitarian and spiritual work for the welfare of the world Peace and ecology Swami Maheshwarananda was honoured by Danica order with the figure of Katarina Zrinska by the President of Croatia.



EMBASSY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ZAGREB

Respect of human rights – prerequisite for a World Peace

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I address you in the function of the Ambassador of Islamic Republic in Zagreb, a representative of the Country with ancient civilisation, glorious history and undoubtedly significant contribution in the development of the culture and science of the worldwide civilisation. I am honoured to take part in International Peace Summit which is takes place in Zagreb and I express the attitude of peace and love to the whole humanity in the name of the people of the Republic of Iran.

I express my thankfulness to our hosts and all meritorious people of Croatia, for their engagement, because undoubtedly, every single step made to strengthen and promote the ideas of the world peace, security and the welfare of the humanity, every effort made in this direction deserves compliment and special attention.

Our common experiences from the past decades of the human history, coming out of successes and victories, or opposite, out of problems and obstacles, they all represent

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our bitter and sweet lessons which are necessary to learn to create prosperous future. It is therefore necessary, for the creation and realisation of the world peace in this century to plan a strategy for the maximal security, justice, prosperity and peace, to decrease the conflicts and aggression which have as a final result the promotion of the dignity of human being and the creation of the society of very high humanitarian standards which is impossible, as long as we don't recognise and accept the differences between the cultures, religions and nations.

It is certainly necessary to invest a hard work from all parts of the world to achieve such high goal, but the very first step to be made in this direction is to eradicate the aggression, competition and the use of power. On the other hand there should be acceptance of the common aims according to the logic and mutual understanding.

The Islamic republic of Iran has in this way, relying on its own historic tradition, inspired by the faith and culture of peace initiated the «The dialogue of the civilisations» and its representation has reflected by support and compliments on the international scene.

Today, there is no any more danger from the diseases like the plague, but today big problems are still present like: poverty, hunger, backwardness, discrimination, injustice, war, aggression. There are different forms of terrorism, there are AIDS, drug addiction, illiterates, pollution, weapon race, the threaten of nuclear and mass armament and some more different problems, which are striking the human race and our planet Earth.

With the changes made on the plane of the world peace in this century, keeping and the extension of the nuclear weapon has no more excuse, while the mere existence of such kind of armour presents the greatest threaten to integrity of the human kind. Therefore, The Islamic Republic of Iran is insisting and supporting the process of demilitarisation of the nuclear weapon of all the countries, and supports the demolition of the nuclear weapon of the countries of Middle East as well as in all other parts of the world.

The international community is thankful that the brilliant achievements of the science and technology have brought the changes of the lifestyle and human relations, but on the other side unhappy because of unjust distribution of wealth, growing differentiation between rich and poor countries, intolerance towards other cultures, double standards and exclusiveness which represent the threaten to the peace, stability, safety, happiness and the welfare. Undoubtly the respect of human rights without any discrimination and the extension of the dignifying goals cannot be realised without serious consideration of the causes.

And finally, with sincere wishes for the successful meeting of all the participants I hope that all here present intellectuals, thinkers and peace lovers will be eager in attempts to find true causes of the existing problems and propose some effective solutions which will strengthen the culture of peace.

I have no doubts that the humanity will succeed in those efforts, using the intelligence as a gift of God, using personal initiative, consultations, cooperation, past experiences, and the richness of the culture and the achievements of all civilisations, nations and religions, by the support of science which is its common assets. The success in creating the environment of human dignity is possible only with use of common sense, logical speech, just attitude to all problems. With the hope that we will all witness life without injustice, discrimination, war, misuse of power, the world enriched by love, friendship and peace.

Journalists in promotion of peace

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„It is the nature and the advantage of strong people that they can bring out the crucial questions and from a clear opinion about them. The weak always have to decide between alternatives that are not their won. Dietrich Bonhoeffer“.

What could journalists do to promote Peace between different peoples and to avoid conflicts could be competitively discussed between those who themselves have lived and passed through fatal circumstances of transformation of an honorable profession, that journalism is, into a patient servant of the master of a war and into a carrier of the most brutal publicity full of very transparent jingoism, no tolerance and xenophobia.

The times of great truths which originated from the process of breakdown of the Socialist Yugoslavia, are usually colored by an omnipresent cultural lie. It seems that small peoples of Balkan have been creating this culture of the lie a long time since; they have been accustomed to it and are still making it more solid. From the way of political and media acting the lie has slowly grown into a war strategy, media has legalized it, and very soon as a war strategy it was established as morally acceptable. That is why the lie should be fought by the culture of the truth and justice and it should be done in the sense of the quotation of a big martyr of the faith a protestant theologian and a victim of the terrible Nazi regime, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The language of hate has poisoned the landscape of media so much that in some environments its decontamination has not finished yet and in some it has not even started yet. The culture of the truth has to be opposed to the culture of the hate... It is necessary to go back to the key principles of free journalism which give it opportunity to be an inevitable factor in the creation of the democracy in a society, to be a corrector of the authorities, incorruptible discoverer of social evils and to be an important means in the fight against racism and xenophobia, prejudice and ideas created in advance, i.e. free journalism should be capable to recognize the rights and to defend the dignity of the members of the minorities.

Now the question is: How to transform the media, especially the electronic media, into more important protagonists of the creation of more tolerant, more peaceful and healthier societies?

The question of the Peace should not be left open by a journalist. He is always under the pressure to face it. So, journalism is not a simple collecting of information. It is a critical questioning of the reality. The test of every truth, as well as of the truth of journalism lies, as Heidegger said, "Only in loyalty to oneself." A journalist, in Peace and in respect for life and in the truth of every being, serves to the truth...

Multi-faith for Peace and Sustainable Development

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Everybody needs development. Development/Progress is a natural process but real development is which is sustainable. Hence a sustainable development is the real development. In a world torn by strifes of various natures and having multi-faith people as part of citizenry, it becomes very difficult to keep peace. Peaceful atmosphere between peoples of different faiths is very essential for sustainable development. The ideas and principles as propagated by Mahatma Gandhi have shown the best way for peaceful and sustainable development.

Mahatma Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi while espousing the cause of freedom of India, always kept the condition of poorest of the poor Indian in his mind. For the upliftment of the social condition of down-trodden and socially outcast, he embarked upon the movement of eradication of untouchability. He devised a novel method of protest by non-violent means like boycott of foreign clothes and non-cooperation of authorities. He led various movements with public cooperation like Dandi March for manufacture of salt and 'quit India' pronouncing that English people, the oppressors have to go leaving India Free. All these agitations were based on self-sacrifice and non-violent methods. He also advocated that all able bodied persons should do minimal physical labour for earning his livelihood. He believed that nature has provided enough for peoples need' but not for the 'people's greed. Thus propounding the theory that every person should use the natural resources to the barest minimum ensuring the natural resources for everyone and for posterity.

The present day civilization and specially after the new industrial revolution and after globalisation, a new era of consumerism have set in where it is thought that by taking loan or by hook and crook use as much materialistic comforts as you can what ever may be the results This has increased the level of competition and people are working overtime to earn and accumulate more and more materialistic means ignoring all principles of equity, justice and fairplay foreplay. This has resulted in diseases like high blood pressure, tension, obesity and other diseases associated with lack of physical activity. These problems have brought in a vast empire of medicines and professionals who are interested in perpetually keeping vast population under treatment procedures.

Shri Vinoba Ji, a prominent disciple of Mahatma Gandhi and proponent of Bhoodan movement has said, „The days of religion and politics are coming to an end and an era of coordination between spirituality and science is dawning, Sarovodaya Samaj accepts that for creation of a new society and development of culture, we will have to banish exploitation, violence and war by ensuring complete coordination between spirituality and science. With the faith that mankind is one and adopting scientific attitude we can save the world from destruction and start a new age.

While explaining the meaning of self rule Gandhi Ji said, "The self rule means control on self and self restraint. In Bharat of my dream there will be no distinction between castes and religions. The self rule will not be controlled by educated or rich persons but it (self rule) will be for everyone for everyone's welfare. While counting everyone, Kisans/agriculturists will be included but also crippled, lame, blind and lakhs and crores hungry people

and hard working labourers will be there. In Bharat of my dream the first person and last person will be equal or say no one will be first and no one last but all equals.

In sum total the Mahatma Gandhi wanted that all basic amenities like food, shelter, clothes and proper employment should be within reach of everybody. So also that all villages and cities should have amenities common for all citizens. All persons should do minimal physical labour to keep fit and honour the spirit of physical work and have a feeling of contribution towards the production process.

Only Gandhiji's view can save the world and civilization from destruction. Hence his ideas should be adhered to by all nations and all cultures without any reservations for ensuring peace between various faiths and achieve sustainable development.

Preferences toward sports of students at the Faculty of Philosophy

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Physical and health culture is a core course on the 1st and 2nd years of undergraduate program (Art.148 of the Statute of the University of Zagreb, 1997) established by the Law on Universities. Article 68 in the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia states that „state endorses and encourages care of physical culture and sport“. Part of the article 128 in the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia refers to the needs and interests of citizens, and physical culture and sport.

Student population is specific due to its diverse anthropological characteristics. Students have various initial motoric skills as well as motoric and functional capabilities. Their attitude towards physical activities, health, acquired habits and world in general fits a wide spectrum.

A purpose and goal of physical and health culture is an adoption of certain set of motoric information and skills necessary for effective maintenance and improvement of health, to organize more comprised free time and resolving everyday motoric tasks.

It is established that aptitudes are forged and directed from an early childhood. An adequate offer of sports is an important factor that enables participation in beneficial physical activities. An appropriate guidance of interest towards any sport activity demonstrates that any individual can achieve personally significant results.

In order to make physical education class more attractive and effective we strive to pay attention to opinions of students and to introduce new programs such as aerobics, yoga, dance ...

Positive response of students to such improvements is reflected in more frequent and numerous participation in class activities.

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The survey was conducted during on a sample of 2681 students (2206 female and 475 male) during the academic year of 2001/2002.

The survey addresses preferences of students towards 62 sports through the scale of behavioural aims.

Every student has ranked a sport on the scale with five levels. Mark 5 represents a sport in which a student would definitely like to participate if there is a possibility; mark 1 determines a sport in which a student would never and under no conditions participate.

In processing of data we applied standard methods of descriptive and inferential statistics.

The survey shows that there are no major differences in preferences towards sports from the 1st to the 4th year of studies within the same gender. Female and male students mostly represent homogenous groups in respect to the classification of the most and the least attractive sports. In other words the most significant difference in sports preferences is based on a gender difference. The elementary need for movement, expression, socialization and creativity in sport is different between male and female students.

Today the entire student body is significantly controlled by current social, economical and cultural environment, and such will exert governing influence of the characteristics of future society. In this context students at the Faculty of Philosophy are also exposed to extensive physical and mental demands.

Therefore kinesiology and health culture (physical education) is very important for development of every individual and at the same time it is most likely the final stage of active sports activities in their education. Considering the fact that interest towards physical activities of students at the Faculty of Philosophy depends on possibility and conditions for a particular activity it is required to survey and monitor current state as well as plan for the future activities.

In favour of global community

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I would like to thank you for your invitation and at the same time express my apologies for not being able to take part at the Summit. Let me wish this noble assembly a lot of success and express my true hope that the Summit issues would create an efficient message to help the general and universal peace movement, which would result in the world harmony and everlasting peace.

By enclosing my work to the documentation of the Summit I also wish a lot of success to Mr. Swami Maheshwarananda, the creator of system „Yoga in Daily Life“, in his hard work

with his disciples on understanding and everyday use of humanistic principles, on keeping our environment protected as well as on reaching personal ethics and all in order to establish peace, tolerance and mutual understanding in the world.

- Can we rely on a globalization that leaves the world on atomic volcanoes?
- Can we rely on a globalization that brings the world closer to an ecological catastrophe?
- Can we rely on a globalization that deepens the gap between the rich and the poor?
- Can we rely on a globalization that supports local wars with the arms trade?
- Can we rely on a globalization that destroys the economies of small or technologically underdeveloped countries and increases unemployment?
- Can we rely on a globalization that covers up a nation's poverty and cultural ruin with leisure ads, political propaganda and mass entertainment?
- Can we rely on a globalization that creates consumer mania and waste for which exists no longer the space on the Earth?
- Can we rely on a globalization that..... Can we rely.....?
- Can we.....

All these questions are forced upon us as globalization is spreading rapidly by new technologies and means of communication. Is globalization unstoppable? And would stopping it be desirable?

When after World War II, before and after Hiroshima, with general destruction on the horizon, we pleaded for a united world; the present globalization was not what we had in mind.

After pacific movements sounded the alarm for decades in vain, we have increasingly focused on the obstacles preventing the fulfilment of an essential goal of today. It is apparent that the arms race and the fight for domination are being deepened by the anachronistic global structure of government, which is alienated from the people, irrational and firmly entrenched in its position.

In the mid seventies, I was glad to accept the decision of the State of Pennsylvania on the occasion of America's two hundred years of independence, to have a few known pacifists amend the Philadelphia Declaration of Independence of 1776 in view of topical contemporary issues. The famous declaration, drafted by Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin in the spirit of enlightenment, became the Constitution of the USA, pointing out the natural right of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The pacifist bard, Philip Noel-Baker, Eva and Linus Pauling, the only living two-times Nobel Prize winner for peace and chemistry, Aurelio Peccei, president of the Roman Club, author Sophia Wadia and Ivan Supek met in the late fall of 1974 in Dubrovnik. Our job was to give a diagnosis of the contemporary world and a projection of a human future.

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We pointed out that today the chief mission of humanism is to enrich globalization, which is primarily driven by the rapid expansion of industry and information technologies under the baton of financial capital, with values contained in the Dubrovnik-Philadelphia Declaration. The Declaration was written in Dubrovnik in 1974, and accepted in 1976 at the World Unity Congress in Philadelphia, which I presided. Surely these analyses of the present state and the drafts of a more fortunate future were the most consistent documents ever produced by a pacifist movement.

Ten humanistic principles which I advocated since the end of the WW II were unanimously accepted. I would just like to list them as a reminder for any responsible human individual:

- (1) Respecting the past and preserving life,
- (2) Affirming human equality,
- (3) Affirming human liberty,
- (4) Extending solidarity to all people,
- (5) Searching for truth and respecting the principle of tolerance,
- (6) Governing progress to general benefit,
- (7) Nurturing Beauty and the Arts,
- (8) Raising Law into Justice,
- (9) Promoting World Unity,
- (10) Being good.

Do we need nowadays anything more than what was said above? I have nothing more to add.

Security and justice – conditions for Peace

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The topic of security and Peace in the world is one of the key topics today, because increasing violence and long term unsolved conflicts push aside other problems of the developing countries. Problems connected with health, social conditions and non-equality, as well as development of democratic institutions become less important and visible. Certain groups of people – especially poor people, are being specially affected by this, while

un-equal and unjust labour-market conditions still allow that some of them get richer and richer, and make others to sink more into even larger poverty. Globalisation followed by increasing social inequality simultaneously allows us to find out the same day what happens in the furthest part of the Planet.

It seems that in the today's world no-one is safe, developed countries (though not only developed ones) are more and more endangered by natural catastrophes and there is no technology or progress that can help to prevent them. Natural catastrophes that are coming come more powerful than before, without leaving people any possibility of acting, with solidarity and help often missing in critical moments. It is often discussed what could have been done, if it was possible to do anything anyway, repairs are made only after the devastating action has already happened. Even here, the poorest are affected the most, while the photos that go around the world provoke in some fear and in the hers a desire to help.

These different life conditions only show the importance of solidarity, disarming and securing the permanent Peace and a social system of justice.

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Addition (about organisation)

CESI – Centar za edukaciju, savjetovanje i istraživanje (Center for Education, Counseling and Research) Zagreb, Filipovićeve 20

CESI is nongovernmental and non-profit organization established in 1997 as the response to problems of violations of the human rights, especially women and minorities' rights, problems of militarism, nationalism and the drop of economical standard in post-war period.

CESI was established by the female activists and members of women and Peace initiatives that have a long time experience in the work with women who have survived the traumas of war. We are active all over Croatia, and the closer team has 10 members, while big number of associates and volunteers contributed with their activities to development and realisations of our aims. Our main aim is to empower women in order to gain control over their own lives, promoting the relation between genders and psychosocial and economic status of women. We achieve that through aimed projects dedicated to women and young people of different ethical and social origin, as well as to public in general, through media and other educational forms of work.

Security

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The World we are looking at today, the state exposed to blow of brutal force is filling the people with fear for their own life. Looking for protection in strong police and military forces didn't bring satisfying results. On the contrary! Violence is growing at a dizzy rate without control.

It is obvious that old ways of solving the problems are no more functional.

Is there any possibility for the new society, society of peace and wellness?

Of course there is. We were shown by the Great Masters of all ages; Mahatma Gandhi showed us while saying: „BE the change you want to see“.

The emphasis is on individual, on his CHOICE of security.

Love is the only one that can heal and make whole, both the being and community. Love is not just a decorative word for appropriate essays and speeches, but the Force that creates Everything. The choice to live Love means that every human being should clean his own world from fear and guilt and once purified bestow himself to the community. It is the process of will and courage to do NEW acts, to speak NEW words so we can „BE the change you want to see“.

Spirituality is not the discipline for the chosen, but is inwrought in each human atom so there is no one who cannot be spiritual, but everyone can choose to be conscious or unconscious of that.

Security is arising from the consciousness; all solutions are in truly and honorable relation with yourself. It is the path to the world without fear.

This summit is a chance for every individual to plant the seed of Love in his heart, so the one who is swimming in it, bestows that blessed drops to one who needs them, and we all together resolutely and steadily continue to think, speak and act like Who We Are – Children of God.

Dear freinds of peace and culture

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We should awake rule of the power as a law. Violence cannot be anyone's right. World is turning into global battlefield with variety of battle areas. The culture of fear, death and insecurity is begging for peace and world awareness.

We should confront neoliberalism as socialdarwinism with open dialog. This is the war of world powers for domination, not for better world. Preventive wars are product of fiction of world powers and we can prove that statement with figure that 90% of world population is debtors and 10% of them are creditors. USD 130 per capita goes for weapons and only USD 1 for sick and poor people. World is stuffing itself with sameness which is producing terrorism from despair. World can subsist on biodiversity of life. Life on Earth is in danger in spite of enormous growth of knowledge, technology, education, information and communication. We should confront globalisation of violence without obedience because world occupation is continuing.

We, as members of International Philosophers of Peace (President Glen T. Martin) IPPNO are seeking for culture of peace as virtue and foundation for globalisation of humanism. We are against the Rule of Power as Law and in the same time that is the title of my new book written as a warning for the World and seeking for self-awareness through lateralization.

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Damir Kušen

Curriculum vitae

Damir Kusen was born in Zagreb in 1963. He joined the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in early 1992, serving four years in London and four years in Washington, DC. In July 2004 he was appointed as the Assistant Minister for European Union and NATO. He graduated and postgraduated Psychology at the Zagreb University and received the MA degree in Diplomatic Studies from the Westminster University in London, and PhD in International Relations from the King's College London. He is married and has one daughter.

The Republic of Croatia strongly supports all of the necessary UN reforms designed to lead to the implementation of the Millennium development goals. We are strongly committed to strengthening the multilateral, collective-security system based on international law, the principles and provisions of the UN Charter, and other relevant documents, including the Millennium Declaration. We firmly support the initiative of establishing a Peace Building Commission, and offer our active participation in defining its mission, structure, composition, and relations with other UN bodies and institutions. Croatia advocates for strengthening of the OHCHR and the establishment of a Human Rights Council capable of effectively addressing human rights violations. As a country with extensive experience in post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, Croatia is well situated to actively contribute to both new initiatives.

The basic principle of the Millennium Declaration is that there is no alternative to peace. Individuals are challenged by the tragic revelation that the history of humankind is marked by overwhelming human tragedies, conflicts and war. Even a cursory reading of history, whether ancient and modern, evidences numerous occasions where the wellbeing and interests of peoples or nations were subjugated to certain narrow political interests, and decisions that were a result of political or ideological expediency rather than by principles of basic freedom, democracy, and humanity. The tragic lessons learnt from the apocalyptic events of the twentieth-century that resulted in an enormous destruction of human life, the Holocaust, and inhumanity of global proportions, finally gave impetus to a new multilateral approach to preserving global peace and the prevention of new conflicts. In this light, the United Nations, European Union, Council of Europe, OSCE, NATO, and numerous other regional initiatives, intergovernmental organizations, and NGOs have been established primarily with the aim of propagating peace, cooperation, and partnership as common values and shared goals.

In the early post-Cold War period, the international community was challenged by the collapse of states, interethnic warfare, and an absence of the rule of law. The structures and institutions of the cold-war era dealt primarily with these issues, and issues tangential to the maintenance of international peace and security. While the debate about the successes and failures of such institutions to effectively deal with global problems remain a topic for academic debate, it has become increasingly clear that cold-war structures need to be retooled to deal with the newest security challenges which have come to the surface at the close of the twentieth-century. The newest global security challenges are directed more against common values of civilized states, and as such, against international law it-

self. This criminal network seeks to destroy the very fiber of international relations through a campaign of violence and terrorism. Thus, terrorism represents a continuation of war “by other means” but also with other goals. With its enormous destructive potential, terrorism’s destabilizing effects cannot be overstated, particularly in a global system which has become increasingly interconnected, and where shocks in one part of the world are transmitted almost instantaneously between continents and states, whether by news agencies or stock markets. The dangers represented by the potential misuse of the weapons of mass destruction against civilian population by some terrorist groups must be effectively and immediately eliminated. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty must be considered as an irreplaceable instrument of the nuclear weapons control by the international community, while acts of terrorism resulting in numerous civilian casualties should be legally considered as acts against humanity. These are but a few ideas about strengthening measures to mitigate against potential damage caused by international terrorism, and the first steps toward effectively reigning in individuals and organizations that threaten international peace and stability.

Finally, we must acknowledge that violence and aggression is, after all, imposed by individuals who simply ignore the principal values of humanity. The respect for humanity and individual rights need not be a top-down process which “bestows” the blessings of peace upon people from above. To truly promote global peace, individuals and communities must find it first within themselves and seek to share it with our friends, neighbors, and all others. The road to a true and lasting peace begins with respect and tolerance among people at all levels and segments of society. At the very core of the problem is ignorance and fear. Ignorance of other cultures and their mindset breeds insecurity and fear, and that in turn becomes fertile ground for anti-social and destructive forces to become entrenched and ultimately institutionalized. In this way, the battle against ignorance takes on heightened importance in the field of security, and an open and honest discussion of problems and concerns would go a long way to helping to promote peace. A global information campaign that promotes dialogue between cultures and nations would be a solid step toward alleviating tensions. This is a principle priority of our civilization and humankind. Global peace is not an abstraction. It lies in our hands, but also in our heads and our hearts. I would say that it is a “triple h” responsibility. All individuals must act, be determined in their commitments, and feel that their efforts contribute to a common vision of global peace.

ABOUT „Yoga in Daily Life“



„Yoga in Daily Life“ International

„Yoga in Daily Life“ is one of the most famous and acknowledged systems of yoga throughout the world created by Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda. It is a holistic and comprehensive system concerning body, mind, consciousness and soul and its main goal is to attain and maintain our physical, mental, social and spiritual health. The system combines the ancient teachings and wisdom of India with the knowledge of modern time.

In one you can be perfectly sure: today the system „Yoga in Daily Life“ is practiced and known in every corner of the globe and is taught in thousands of locations and institutions throughout the world. We can find it in schools, pre-schools, sport centers, spas (e.g. it has been practiced for 25 years in the famous spa Resort of Piestany, Slovakia), rehabilitation centers, cultural centers, private clubs etc. The system has proven to be significantly beneficial for both rehabilitation and preventive health measures, such as problems of the vegetative nervous system, stress-induced illness, psycho-somatic illness, sleep disorders, cardiovascular disease and other functional illnesses. The practices are led by yoga teachers who pass an examination after several years of practicing and training.

In 1990, the foundation of „International Sri Deep Madhavananda Ashram Fellowship“ was initiated, in order to unite all associations of „Yoga in Daily Life“. This fellowship is the umbrella organization of „Yoga in Daily Life“. It is a non-profit organization seated in Vienna in Austria and it has initiated numerous humanitarian projects, like the relief for the victims of devastating cyclone in Orissa (India) and the victims of tsunami in 2004. Also, it is very active in organizing peace gatherings and meetings. The founder and members of „Yoga in Daily Life“ participated in many world conferences (The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual leaders, UN 2000; Earth Dialogs, Lion 2001; „World Summit on Sustainable Development“, Johannesburg 2002; „World Religious Parliament, Barcelona 2004“ etc).



„Yoga in Daily Life“ in Croatia

Approximately 10% of Croatian population was familiarized with „Yoga in Daily Life“ in the last 20 years. Nowadays people can practice this system in all bigger Croatian towns. Yoga classes are led by more than 50 yoga-teachers with an international certificate gained after years of education and taking of the certificate exam.

„Yoga in Daily Life“ has been incorporated as part of the physical training into the Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb ever since 1996. Two years later, also on the College of Food Science and Biotechnology and the College of Textile and Chemical Engineering. Three-year program is being run in cooperation with the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport since 2003. The program aims at improvement and support of physical, mental and social health of teachers. Approximately 200 elementary and secondary school teachers from the whole Croatia have taken part so far. They evaluated the content of the program, the expertise of instructors and operative organization as being extremely favorable. Beside the standard program, very successful Yoga program for children is being held (which was approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports back in 1992, and was found to be suitable for children in all elements of the program) as well as Yoga against back pain. The association has experience with running many different programs like Yoga for diabetics (since 1997), Yoga against stress (1999). All programs are run by specially educated yoga teachers who are teachers, pedagogues, psychologists or medical staff by profession. Yoga teachers co-operate very successfully with different institutions on some researches. In cooperation with Clinical Hospital Center „Srebrnjak“



research on influence of yoga exercises on children with asthma problems was initiated and some researches like research on influence of yoga against high blood pressure and yoga for healthy heart are in preparation.

„Yoga in Daily Life“ does not teach only physical and mental relaxation, gaining health and spiritual progress, but also conscious and active coexistence with other living beings. Its members have organized and taken part in numerous humanitarian actions throughout Croatia. The founder of the system, H. H. Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, is a regular guest in Croatia. He donated the profit from his lectures to the Association of the deaf and the blind, and to the people with cerebral palsy and infant paralysis. All the Croatian associations of „Yoga in Daily Life“ are united in the „Croatian Union of Yoga in Daily Life“. They are also creators of the foundation of the Croatian Yoga Union.

International humanitarian projects of „Yoga in Daily Life“

Members of „Yoga in Daily Life“ from all continents are involved in numerous, mostly humanitarian projects. In the year 1990, building of „Sri Vishwa Deep Gurukul Swami Maheshwarananda Ashram, Research and Education Center“ started in Indian state of Rajasthan, and this is now, even still unfinished, exceptionally powerful center of numerous humanitarian activities and projects.

Within the center, for the last 3 years, „Sri Vishwa Deep Gurukul“ school is active, currently housing 400 pupils from kindergarten age until 9th grade. Rajasthan government acknowledged this school, which is financed by donations from the whole world, so the pupils are mostly educated free of charge. Project „Gyan Putra“ also concerns children – scholarships for poor children, which covers 250 children since 1998.

Project „Om Sri Deveshwar Mahadev Gosala“ covers huge refuge for abandoned and ill animals, and it provides veterinarian care for hundreds of old, wondering, ill animals.

One of the main projects in the Center is „Rainwater Harvesting“, building of large artificial lake for rainwater collection in area of the World exceptionally affected by drought. „Swami Madhavananda Sarowar“ was build in 2003, and this project was accepted on „World Summit on Sustainable Development“ in Johannesburg as pilot-project for solving water problems in drought affected areas of the world. Within this project vehicles of the Center are used during drought to deliver water to people within the area as large as 60 km in radius.

Center has also long-term forrestification project, where until today over 200 000 trees were successfully planted in this desert area. Organic farm has the task to become role-model to the local community, because local farmers use pesticides in big amount. The research is in progress aimed to produce natural pesticides from local neem trees.

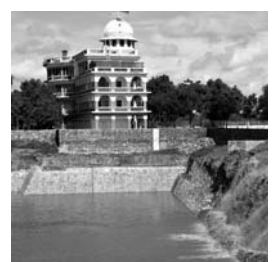
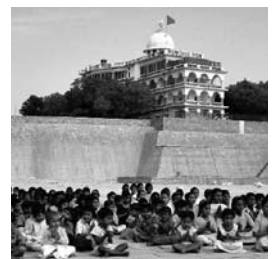
Building of naturopathic and allopathic hospital started in the year 2002, and until it's finish, the Center will continue to provide the service of free mobile ambulance to the surrounding area.

Central building in the center is OM Ashram, building of remarkable size, being build in the shape of divine syllable OM, and will be visible from the outer-space, as the largest OM symbol on the Earth.

All the projects in the Center employ international experts' teams, guided by H. H. Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, who hosts there many respected guests from the entire world.



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