

The work of the Council needs to be developed at all levels and above all we must also develop national and local networks. In our discussion, examples were given of how the work is done in different countries, where strengths lie and where there is need for development.

## Themes and issues for the future

Issues relating to overall structure should always be considered from a specific point of view.

Development of an International Publications Group concerned with readable international literature, to provide support, especially also in countries where little current literature is available.

In many countries, people are working more intensively with expert knowledge in the field. We should therefore also consider an international scientific conference.

The Social Therapy Group were asked to consider the question as to how people with disabilities may be actively involved in our national and international spheres of work.

The question as to whether there should be an international professional association that can function as an umbrella organization for national professional associations.

The question was put as to work done on the subject of autism in our movement. A review of the situation will be available shortly.

Do we do justice to the different groups of people in curative education and social therapy? Should we also focus more on children and young people who have suffered social damage?

Work on the question as to how we can develop a greater social awareness in different countries and at international level.

## From the Coordination Group

The Coordination Group had a constitutive meeting in Dornach on 7 - 9 December 2002, at which they established the general conditions for their collaboration. The Council meeting held in November was fully reviewed, also reflecting on what we learned from it, and the proposals for work to be done were given their first work outline.

The Group also reviewed the International Curative Education and Social Therapy Conference held at the Goetheanum in October. The response from people who attended had been very good. With regard to strategy, we need to consider a more



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intensive process of invitation to the 2004 Conference, so that numbers may be greater again.

The Coordination Group will not meet before the next Council meeting. Work that needs to be done will be dealt with by written forms of communication.

## Date of next Council meeting

4.30 p.m. on 13 September until 12.30 p.m. on 17 September 2003.

*Ruediger Grimm*, Secretary  
of the Curative Education  
and Social Therapy Council



## Meeting of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council, 15 – 18 September 2002

December 2002

## Medical Section Annual Conference

Once again the meeting of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council was held within the context of the Worldwide Conference of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum. The question the anthroposophical medical movement wanted to consider at the conference was: *How do we see and establish the identity and role of anthroposophical medicine?*

The question was further defined by asking certain questions.

What direction should research take?

What kind of training will be required?

What needs to be done with regard to publicity?

What forms of collaboration do we need to develop – for the work with patients and among ourselves in the medical movement?

Where do we stand as regards the inner (esoteric) and outer (exoteric) identity of the different professional groups?

The lectures and group work dedicated to these issues provided valuable ideas also for our Council meetings. The evenings were devoted to three great figures in anthroposophical medicine: Eugen Kolisko, Karl Koenig and Gerhard Kienle. *Peter Selg* spoke of them in a lively fashion that brought them alive for us.

## Meeting of Curative Education and Social Therapy Council

Reports from institutions in different countries gave us an initial feeling for developments, problems and progress, often in areas far removed from our own sphere of life. Thus it was considered a positive aspect that in recent years, more intensive collaboration has developed with tertiary educational institutions. The anthroposophical paradigm needs to be given a better foundation to facilitate representation in scientific circles.

A problem that exists in many countries is that there is not sufficient literature available, not only having it in the vernacular, but also offering material written at an international level. It was good to hear Ruediger Grimm speak of three projects in progress in this area.

## Devotion and attentiveness

A paper by *Andreas Fischer* on the subject of «Inner Attitude of Attentiveness and Devotion in the Curative Education Course», published in *Seelenpflege* provided the basis for an extensive conversation among Council members.

be realized in recent years in anthroposophical curative education.

Questions that remain are:

How do we work with the subject in training?

What is the situation in our work with children and young people?

The Social Therapy Group is planning a specialist conference on the subject in 2003.

## Integration Group

The group was established two years ago. *Goetz Kaschubowski* summed up the work done so far and points to be considered. The actual achievement of integration does again and again prove highly complex. People who are at different stages in life need very different social gestures. We therefore cannot have an ideology of integration but must ask ourselves how integration might be achieved in any given situation. The question requires different answers in curative education on the one hand and social therapy on the other.

Imposing integration as a legal requirement does have a degree of justification, but it also prevents the process of looking for a solution together, on the basis of ideals such as self-determination and the reality of being together.

One question raised in the discussion was how the Council presents its position concerning integration in the public domain. In a pluralist society, different possibilities must also exist for the lives of people with disabilities. This means that a standard pattern for integration need not be the right solution for everyone. People who do not have disabilities also cannot and do not always want to be part of everything.

Any position taken should as far as possible be substantiated by documents of a higher order, e.g. the EU Human Rights Declaration. It would be useful to include the needs of people with disabilities in such documents. One cannot think in terms of saving money when it comes to efforts serving integration. In curative education and social therapy it is therefore important to keep the focus on the people concerned.

We plan to produce a paper on integration in the next few months that will take account of the differentiated issues that are involved.

## Friendship, partnership and sexuality

The group presented one of its results in form of a paper in the second issue of *Seelenpflege* in 2002. The theses established are seen as building stones for further developments.

*Wolfgang Dahlhaus* spoke on experiences in his institution where partnerships have been given care and attention for about 10 years now. The importance of the subject in its individual and also social dimensions has only come to

## Coordination Group

The aim is to optimize the structures for the work of the Council.

Today the Council is a large body, with about 80 members, and this calls for a preparatory and follow-up group. This will be the work of the Coordination Group.

The Group has thus taken over the function of the former Section Group. The Section Group, having completed its work of transforming the Council, dissolved itself in the summer of 2002, to make room for new structures in the work of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council. On the basis of earlier structures, it had been appointed by the Section. Much of its original work had already been taken over by different organs of the Council that devote themselves especially to issues of professional expertise.

The Coordination Group was appointed on the basis of proposals made by the Council. Its function is to prepare for Council meetings and ensure that the work at the meetings goes well and smoothly.

The Council determine the subjects they work on; the form the work will take is to be prepared by the Coordination Group, however. The Group has been appointed for a 3-year period.

In discussing the composition of the group, preference was given to having a regional organ rather than international representation, as the former would be more flexible and less expensive.

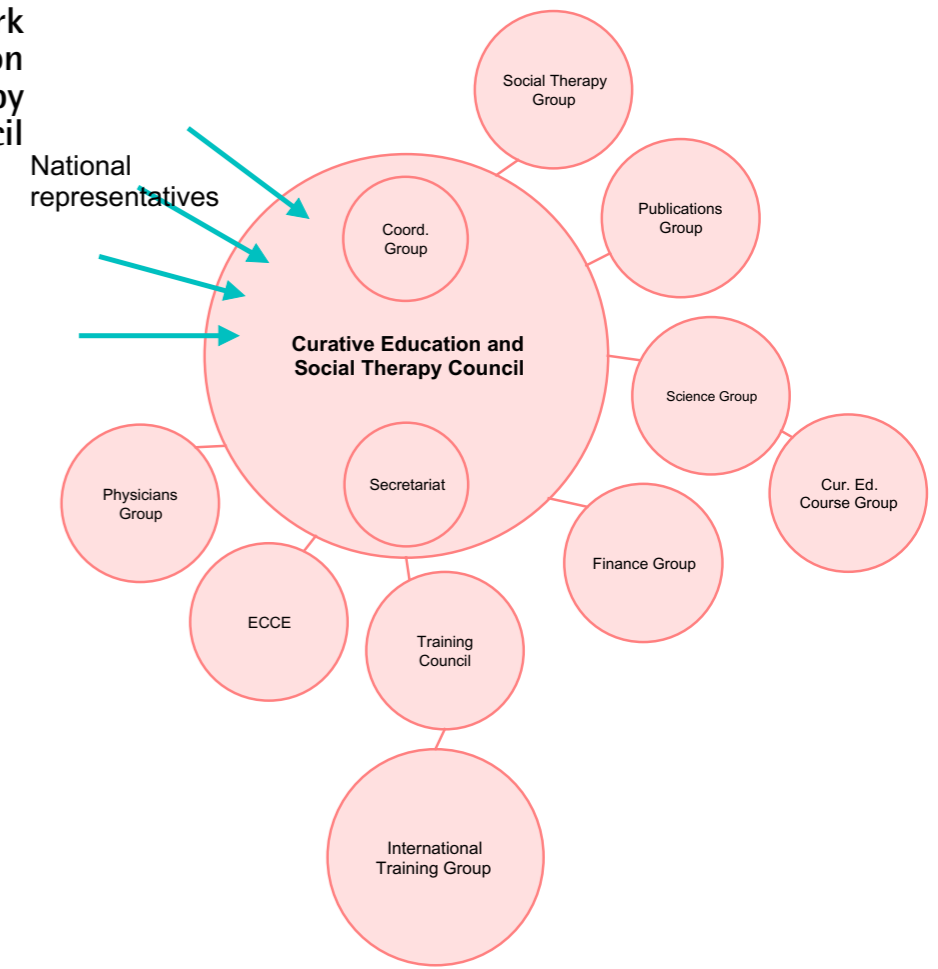
The appointed members are

*Michaela Gloeckler* as Section Leader  
*Ruediger Grimm* as Secretary of the Council  
*Maria van den Berg* (GB)  
*Michael Dackweiler* (DE)  
*Koop Daniels* (NL)  
*Brigitta Fankhauser* (CH)  
*Andreas Fischer* (CH)  
*Angelika Gaech* (DE)  
*Eric Kaufman* (FI).

The Section Group were warmly thanked for the work and responsibility they had carried for many years. Its members were

*Erika von Arnim*  
*Angelika Gaech*  
*Margret Mentzel*

## Structure for the work of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council



*Michael Dackweiler*  
*Ekkehard Fiedler*  
*Andreas Fischer*  
*Bart de la Houssaye*  
*Martin Kliewer*  
*Jack Reed*  
*Dick Tibbling*  
*Michaela Gloeckler*  
*Ruediger Grimm*

## Training issues

Training is one of our most important tasks. The activities of the Training Group have in recent years led to greater international awareness of training work, to which the annual conferences of the 50 training centres have also contributed. A high point came with the completion of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Training Handbook, which has also been translated into English and French, with work in progress on translation into further languages.

One of the next tasks will be to strengthen the network of training centres and establish closer collaboration on issues concerning recognition and comparability.

A different way of working has been developed for this: The rather loose collaboration we have so far had at the International Training Conferences in Kassel has become a committed network, the International Training Group. Training

centres will be able to become members of this. This creates a forum for collaboration on all training issues. A Training Council was also appointed to work on professional and organizational issues. Its members are

*Hans Egli* (CH)  
*Ekkehard Fiedler* (DE)  
*Ruediger Grimm* (CH)  
*Angelika Gaech* (DE)  
*Petter Holm* (NO)  
*Jean-Claude Hucher* (CH)  
*Aneszka Janatova* (CZ)  
*Natalia Savina* (RU)  
*Senta Stein* (DE)  
*Mikaela Stenius* (SE)

A separate newsletter will provide information on training issues in future.

## Council and overall structure

In his introduction, Eric Kaufman distinguished different levels of communication – between individuals, regions, within and between countries. Three aspects are important to us: developing the anthroposophical spiritual science basis, nurturing community life, and the necessary organization.