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Invitation

**WREN – Waldorf Researchers and Educators Network
The 11th International Conference
24th to 27th September 2008 in Mannheim/Germany**

Dear friends, dear Colleagues,

This annual conference is organized in order to bring together Waldorf Teacher Educators, colleagues active in fields closely allied to Steiner Education, and those interested in areas of educational research inspired by its insights.

After the 2007 meeting in Stockholm was cancelled we seem to need a new start, and we are happy to invite you to come to Mannheim. The colleagues of the Mannheim Freie Hochschule für anthroposophische Pädagogik have offered their infrastructure to organize the 2008 meeting from 24th to 27th September.

During the conference workshops we will be hearing about and debating aspects of educational research that have a bearing on the Waldorf impulse, sharing the fruits of our own research projects. We will also look towards future tasks in this area in order to assist in the development of education practice in Waldorf schools and kindergartens and explore ways of further collaboration in the field of teacher education.

As a keynote speaker we have invited Raoul Kneucker from Vienna to lecture on Prospects of Waldorf teacher training on a European level.

On Thursday morning Christopher Clouder will talk on Pedagogy as an Art.

Friday and Saturday morning we will focus on the Problem of Inversion in Lecture X of Study of Man (Ernst Schuberth, Martin Basfeld).

In the evenings there will be a series of talks by Albert Schmelzer on a Goethean approach to contemporary questions of history teaching.

But, a lot of time will also be given to discussions that will intensify our cooperation. Please feel free to announce subjects that you would like to discuss with colleagues. Each group will decide how often they want to discuss a subject. After the presentation of Raoul Kneucker there will be time to make an offer with a small presentation of your subject.

There will be regular artistic activities to provide a healthy balance to the more thought oriented sessions.

We all are looking forward to this meeting and ask you kindly to send the application form back to Freie Hochschule. For special questions, please contact Monika Feles-Baumann, +49-621-30948-61 (or -0) or mail to hochschule-mannheim@t-online.de. Further information and also useful research papers can also be found on the Wren website www.ecswe.net

For more information on programme, application etc. please see the attached papers.

We heartily invite you to come.

Kind regards

Christopher Clouder
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Ernst Schubert
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Mannheim, April 22st, 2008

Some suggested subjects of our discussion in smaller working groups are

- social and emotional learning (Christopher Clouder)
- languages in the first four grades (Patricia Fahlbusch)
- dyscalculia (Ernst Schubert)
- human senses (Martin Basfeld)

Please note that the conference will be in English with some translations from German.

Encl.
Application form
Programme