



Annual Report 2024/25

For the General Anthroposophical Society
and the Goetheanum as the
School of Spiritual Science

*Are we up to the
challenges of our times?*



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Situation of the General Anthroposophical Society from the Perspective of the Executive Council

Justus Wittich

2024 - A Special Year of Intensive Contact with Members

For the Executive Council and the Goetheanum Leadership, 2024 was inwardly and strongly characterised by the references to and the reflections on the parallel year 1924, 100 years ago. The most intense year of Rudolf Steiner's life unfolded between the impulse-giving Christmas Conference of 1923/24 being the new foundation of the Anthroposophical Society and his Last Address on 28 September 1924. It was therefore important for us (Goetheanum Leadership) to retrace the individual milestones throughout the year in their respective centenary timeline, such as the first Class Lessons of the School of Spiritual Science on 15 February, the founding of Biodynamic Agriculture in Koberwitz and of Supportive Education at Lauenstein [Supportive and Educational Institute], the September Lessons (Recapitulation Lessons) of the School and the weekly Leading Thoughts for members

The important Annual General Meeting in April 2024 was largely devoted to the more than 20 motions from members on the progress of the constitutional process. The dialogue-styled work experimented with in the eleven member forums to date continued intensively, up to and including the Annual General Meeting. All concerns and motions were addressed. In addition, the path taken to address the constitutional question and the formation of a convention in 2025 was endorsed by a large majority after extensive discussion.

After serving on the Executive Council for seven years, Matthias Girke returned to Berlin at the age of 70. With the approval of almost all members, we warmly welcomed Stefan Hasler to the Executive Council with his impetus, experience and expertise.

The turbulence caused by a motion of order not to enter discussion of a problematic motion led to the development of jointly proposed 'rules for the submission of motions and the conduct of negotiations' (around 'motions of order') in subsequent Member Forums in Dornach.

The Annual General Meeting also approved a proposal from the Dornach Members' Forum, which had been developed over the previous year, for a 'Weleda Advisory Board of the General Anthroposophical Society'

formed from within the membership. The deliberations of this advisory board, together with me as treasurer responsible for the shares of Weleda, have begun very positively over the year in three meetings and have brought an increased understanding of the situation of Weleda (see report of the Advisory Board on page 38 in this report). The controversial Weleda issues, spanning from the 2022 Annual General Meeting to the Extraordinary General Meeting in January 2023, have now led to a much greater sense of cooperation between members and the Executive Council. This path is to be continued.

Strengthened National Societies

Collaboration with the Country Representatives has also changed in the two annual meetings in the past 2 years and is becoming increasingly important in discussions about the overall development of the Anthroposophical Society. In September, we were delighted to officially welcome the 37th National Society of the Anthroposophical Society in South Korea. There are now numerous anthroposophical institutions and several branches there. In other countries too, work is intensifying between members, and transformative processes are taking place, as is the case this year in Japan, France and Canada. And very recently, preparations for forming National Societies are underway in Taiwan, Malaysia and Africa, among other places. It has been decided to form the society in a different way – appropriate to the continent – such that in Africa, an 'African Community' is to be founded, instead of a 'national society', which would include all members from the various African countries.

The Twelfth Section of the School of Spiritual Science

In October, after many years of preparation, the School of Spiritual Science opened a twelfth section for 'Supportive Education and Integrative Social Development'. The international supportive education movement marked the formation of this Section with great interest at its large, fully booked 100-year anniversary conference. Jan Göschel joined the Goetheanum Leadership



as a Section Leader, while continuing as a member of the Section Leadership Team together with Sonja Zausch and Bart Vanmechelen. In this way, in the 100th year of this large movement, which is active in many countries around the world, research and awareness-raising in this field is now integrated into the School of Spiritual Science.

Improved Communication at the Goetheanum

After the general media ‘bashing’ of anthroposophists during and immediately after the Corona period, which to this day has had a significant impact on new registrations, for example, of pupils at Waldorf schools and on the recruitment of new teachers, particularly in Germany, reporting and sentiment are now shifting back towards a more friendly tone. The Goetheanum and some National Societies, particularly in Germany, have

increased their communication efforts. More and more video material and activities on social media channels are part of this and are important because a wide variety of material on Anthroposophy can be found and has accumulated on the internet. Our observations so far indicate that this virtual presence increasingly leads to people ‘stumbling’ across Anthroposophy by chance but does not necessarily lead to lasting contacts with individual people or institutions. This can be seen, for example, from the fact that the question of the next generation and quality assurance in anthroposophical institutions is a major concern everywhere.

At the Goetheanum itself – as a working organisation with around 180 employees – we are also clearly experiencing the tension between sold-out, magnificent performances of the opera ‘Parsifal’, a lively stage programme and an increasing number of visitors on the one hand, and the tendency to overburden the few employees due to financial reasons on the other. With a great deal of idealism, the Goetheanum is kept open 365 days a year and is brought to life with daily conferences and meetings, many events and an intensive programme at the weekends. Regarding the financial consequences, see my report as treasurer in this below.

As members of the management team (with Rebekka Frischknecht and Stefan Hasler), we faced a variety of challenges – and also some surprises: on the west terrace, water penetration endangered the stability of the load-bearing iron-concrete, which required a quick repair (at a cost of over CHF 350,000); the fire alarm system in the carpentry workshop had to be replaced (CHF 130,000); unfortunately, the fire protection curtain between the large hall and the stage has unfortunately been in need of renewal for 10 years and cannot simply be replaced. A new fire safety concept – which is absolutely necessary for the theatre to continue operating – will probably cost CHF 200,000. So, there are a number of problems to be dealt with every week, comprehensive solutions need to be sought, and the ‘gears’ of the complex Goetheanum operation need ‘oiling’.

Thanks to the great team at the Goetheanum, which has formed over the course of the year, we have been able to maintain, care for and develop the Goetheanum operations. We are therefore very much looking forward to welcoming you back to the Goetheanum soon!

Constanza Kaliks

On the Life of Anthroposophy in the School of Spiritual Science, the Society and Its Institutions

It is a Society committed to the continued existence and further development of the School of Spiritual Science. A School of Spiritual Science, which in turn is dedicated to the challenges and tasks of the present, contributing to the transformative processes of Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science in all areas of life, and fosters and promotes this living relationship was the motivation behind the intensive work of the Executive Council in 2024.

This multi-faceted reciprocal relationship—which forms the foundation for the existence and legitimacy of the Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science which is being made ever more visible in the context of current events—is the inner guideline in all discussions, events and contributions. Like any living relationship, it needs to be nurtured. It is fragile and vulnerable, and yet has an astonishingly strong life force that, in retrospect and despite all the challenges and concerns, repeatedly points to the future, while looking back on its first hundred years.

One of these of the challenges is living Anthroposophy in the many institutions. As a seed for initiatives all over the world, Anthroposophy has proven to be a forward-looking source of inspiration. How can it be perceived and nurtured as an open, developing force in the continued existence of the institutions?

A global, diverse, cosmopolitan Society has become reality. How can it feel and see itself more clearly as such? It is a cosmopolitan reality—laid out a hundred years ago and at that time, a seed and promising endeavour—containing a treasure trove, a 'wealth' that can be more clearly demonstrated. An effective impulse yet accompanied by the realisation that its tasks need to be redefined now after its first century of growth. This motif shaped the joint work with the General Secretaries and Country Representatives of the National Societies; it was the content of many contributions and publications in my work at the Goetheanum, on trips and online.

How does the Anthroposophical Society live in the consciousness of anthroposophically-inspired professions? For example, at the large pedagogical teacher conferences in Denver (USA) in June and in Santiago de Chile in July (see Pedagogical Section's report), I was able to raise these questions, which were taken seriously, discussed

and considered. The Anthroposophical Society and its School of Spiritual Science are an important topic of conversation in the training courses on Anthroposophy at the Goetheanum – in the full-time study programme and in the online courses (see General Anthroposophical Section's report).

The School of Spiritual Science conferences—in February, on the beginning of the Class Lessons in 1924, and at Michaelmas on the last September Lessons given by Rudolf Steiner, its preparation of which I was involved—were closely related to questions of shaping the Society. The work on Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts—now available in the newly published bilingual edition German English—is directly connected to the Society, as were the encounters with publishers within the framework of the initiatives of the General Anthroposophical Section, involving the questions around the worldwide presence of Rudolf Steiner's work.

The polarising forces in the world are also reflected in the Anthroposophical Society. Opinions are offered – and demanded. Supporting, promoting and preserving the human being is undoubtedly our task within the Executive Council of the Anthroposophical Society as well. Shaping a Society that is open, permeable and diverse, as a free encounter between people from different cultures, ways of thinking and worldviews is and remains a central concern and an understanding that guides the work of the Executive Council, and one that is also very important to me. The enquiries, the huge number of electronic correspondence that this generated, the many conversations and even arguments have shaped this year. It was very inspiring and touching to meet Bassam and Rami, the two 'fathers for peace' [Palestine/Israel] at the Goetheanum. It is a shining example of humanity in action, overcoming all obstacles and despite both suffering the greatest personal misfortune.

The Personnel Department, reliably and attentively led by Caroline Döhn, has had a busy year. A constant readiness to take on the tasks at hand prevails, even when work intensity is very high. Given the numerous discussions, it was important to find the right balance. Through their daily work, the staff at the Goetheanum make possible both the large as well as the inconspicuous yet indispensable projects.

I am very grateful for the excellent cooperation of the many different areas of activity at the Goetheanum, with wonderful colleagues and co-workers. Without the great support of Patricia Sethaler, it would be difficult for me to manage all these different tasks at the same time.

The working together of the Executive Council is lively and supportive. The conclusion of Matthias Girke's

seven-year term of office and the arrival of Stefan Hasler signifies a change in continuity of work and brings with it a shift in emphasis. We look with confidence to 2025, the end of a century in which the effectiveness of Rudolf Steiner's impulses has unfolded beyond his death – worldwide, supported and made possible by human beings for whom the Anthroposophical Society is a matter close to their hearts.

Ueli Hurter

A Year of Work of Anthroposophy in Action: From an Overarching Picture to the Heating System

My year of work as a member of the Executive Council (Vorstand) for the Goetheanum was strongly characterised by the 100th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's Agricultural Course and connected biodynamic impulse. The Section for Agriculture's detailed report can be found below.

Are Rudolf Steiner's courses for the specialised professions only relevant to their specific areas of life, or for the School Spiritual Science as a whole and the Anthroposophical Society as well? I believe that it is part of the very essence of Anthroposophy that it can immerse itself in various specialised disciplines without losing itself as Anthroposophy. Indeed, it even strengthens its inspiring radiance by placing itself entirely at the service of a particular discipline. Out of Anthroposophy, biodynamic agriculture has been able to acquire the substance that facilitates it being a 'transformer' now and in the future in fulfilment of the ancient motto for agriculture, true since Persian times, 'From the sun through the earth for man – may man become sun for the earth'.

An Overarching Picture of the Relationship Between the Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science

One theme that prevailed through our work throughout the year was the question of a consistent overarching picture of the School of Spiritual Science and its Sections in connection to the Anthroposophical Society. The question was originally sparked by a motion proposed for the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society—which was then not approved—that called for members to have a say in

matters concerning the School Spiritual Science. In this context, how do the Sections relate to this? How are the Sections of the School of Spiritual Science, as real working and research centres, which includes global networks, positioned in relation to the First Class of the School, for which there is a formal membership? The question has also been raised regarding the relationship between the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum and the corresponding fields of work in the numerous countries.

In the second half of the year, a number of meetings, such as a Goetheanum Leadership retreat, the School conference in November and the conference of Country Representatives, succeeded in painting this overarching picture. 'Michaelic Courage and Rosicrucian Deed' was the title of a co-presentation with Matthias Rang at the conference to mark the 100th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's Last Address.

Perspectives for Development

In the project team with Johannes Kronenberg, we worked intensively on future perspectives. Entitled: '100 + 1', seven proposals for the developmental impulses of the Anthroposophical Society and its 37 National Societies have been formulated. The aim is to work with the Country Representatives to find a common intention for developing the Society, now that we are in year one after the 100 years since the Christmas Conference. The 100-year turning point calls on us to take up anew the impulse of a cosmopolitan society for the representation of Anthroposophy in the public sphere. At the same time, we have completed the follow-up to the Goetheanum World Conference Michaelmas 2023.



This was summarised in the form of a poster and a booklet presenting the future perspectives developed at the conference for the seven years up to 2030. These perspectives reflect what happened during the World Conference in three creative impulses, seven developmental perspectives and twelve fields of action. In this way, a multi-perspective development space for the global anthroposophical movement has been visualised as a ‘working-shop’ for the future.

Membership and Constitution

We have formed a ‘General Anthroposophical Society Team’ with all employees who work directly with the Executive Council in the secretariats. There are up to 10 of us in the weekly team meeting. A common picture has emerged encompassing ‘what has come about’ and ‘what might become’, which allows each member of staff to work independently yet in coordination with the others.

In the worldwide membership, we feel the ‘substance of destiny’ of the Anthroposophical Society, which cannot be valued highly enough. However, the administration of the Membership Secretariat of the approximately 40,000 members with 37 National Societies and the many other groups is a real challenge. Overall, member numbers have stagnated – but for the first time in 2024, we have just as many new members as deceased members, members who have left or no longer respond (‘lost members’). All the more reason for us to heartily

welcome every new member, and we are continuing to work towards our goal of becoming a growing society again.

As the General Anthroposophical Society, we have a constitution that has gone through a complicated history since 1925 after the Christmas Conference. There is a need to revisit this constitution in a way that corresponds to picture with relevance for today. Significant preparatory steps were taken in 2024, so that it is possible to start working on a new proposal at the Annual General Meeting in 2025.

Heating, Landscape and Gardens

The Goetheanum’s heating system is getting on in years and needs to be modernised. As the Executive Council member responsible for this area, for two years now, I have been continuously involved in the intensive steps of concept development and planning work. If everything goes according to plan, we should be able to start work in September 2025 to be ready for the 2026/27 heating season. We have decided in favour of wood-chip firing. This is the best way to achieve our 4-part concept goals: 1. The heating power plant must deliver high flow temperatures so that we can heat the large rooms with the small radiators. 2. The historic boiler house designed by Rudolf Steiner with its organic chimney should continue to be in operation; the chimney must emit smoke. 3. The heating is to be as ecological and climate neutral as possible. 4. The heat must be

economically affordable. We are able to achieve the last two goals by a supply of wood from the surrounding forests, which has already been contractually secured. We are presenting the finalised plans at the Annual General Meeting in 2025. We then need planning permission and, above all, financing. The treasurer will report on this.

I took over responsibility for the gardens and landscape from Stefan Hasler as part of my mandate from the Goetheanum Leadership. Benno Otter has retired after 42 years of working and managing the gardens and a new management team has taken over responsibility with and around Markus Wespel.

Weleda on the Upswing

As a member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society, I was elected to the Board of Directors of Weleda AG as Vice Chairman and fulfil

this mandate as 50:50 share with the Executive Council. Weleda did well again in 2024. Following the severe crisis in 2022 and a detailed analysis, corresponding reorganisation and new appointments in 2023, the company was able to achieve a positive growth in the 2024 financial year, both in terms of sales and earnings, without any compromises in quality. It is also particularly pleasing to note that both key figures improved significantly in 2024, including the medicinal products. A turnaround like this requires a great deal of commitment from many people, so Weleda has gone through an intense time during these last two years. This mandate is a good complement to my work at the Goetheanum. Bridging the gap between the Goetheanum as an anthroposophical school of spiritual science and Weleda as an anthroposophically-inspired company is an exciting and often fulfilling task.

Stefan Hasler

Reflections on My First Year in the Executive Council

After a long period of preparation for taking on a role as an Executive Council member, which involved a lot of careful deliberation and decision-making, every weekly meeting or discussions in-between are interesting and exciting for me. How can the responsibility of the Executive Board be translated into reality? What does it mean to really extend inner consciousness to the worldwide Anthroposophical Society? What does it mean to be so connected to the essence of Anthroposophy that we are open to making meaningful decisions through our working together? Where are we currently in the development of the anthroposophical movement? Reports and emails of all kinds help, but it is actually the travelling and human encounters, the conversations with colleagues here in Dornach and around the world that are decisive. So, I am very grateful for the many meetings with people and groups worldwide and for the many individual surprises.

The fact that we form an anthroposophical world community, that no matter where we are, no matter what field of work we work in, we have a strong foundation that connects us, shows the enormous power that is potentially available. We don't always realise this. It is not only our inner work, our inner attitude that can be felt, but also the common will to live on this earth at

this time and to draw on our connection to the spiritual, on our understanding of the spiritual in the 'here and now'. Many courses and encounters take place at Rudolf Steiner centres or Waldorf schools, and there is a special atmosphere in them worldwide that immediately makes you feel welcome. After 100 years of 'living Anthroposophy', this is a special achievement that leaves a strong impression. The mutual carrying and support of each other's fundamental concerns – this is a strength and a reality.

Since taking on the role as a member of the Executive Council, I live in a field of polarities during the many trips I make on behalf of the Section, while at the same time being active as an Executive Council member, and vice versa. This also provides the foundation for a healthy culture of discussion and debate, so that we can approach each other as critical friends united by our common bond. The more painful are the moments when this doesn't work, and we stand in each other's way. These are wake-up calls that we certainly need on our journeys.



The 2024 Theatre Festival

From my Section work, I would like to mention in this context the major Theatre Festival that took place at the Goetheanum last summer. The Executive Council had the responsibility to further demonstrate how one of the last specialised courses of Rudolf Steiner's life's work is effective for Anthroposophy. Through 25 different productions of various kinds, from drama and readings to eurythmy, colleagues showed in different languages that Rudolf Steiner's Dramatic Course is still very alive today.

Each group of artists engaged with different motifs and suggestions from the course, worked with them differently and were delighted to experience each other's work. Rudolf Steiner's intention for the movement as a whole was emphasised once again. The preparatory team—Torsten Blanke, Maria Lucia Carones, Silke Kollewijn and Agnes Zehnter and I—are delighted that his impulses in this particular course have proven to be so fruitful on the occasion of the centenary celebration.

Ongoing Research Work

The fruits of the research into the following volume (GA 277c) of Rudolf Steiner's lectures on eurythmy from 1918 to 1920 carried out with Martina Maria Sam was finally completed (see Section Report of the Section for the Performing Arts).

My experience as a eurythmist and musician is the basis for my co-responsibility for the development of stage work at the Goetheanum. In this task, as an Executive Council member, I am active in shaping stage events as School events. How does this stage work appear as the centre of the School of Spiritual Science?

With regard to the stage work at the Goetheanum, we are very grateful that we were able to produce for a second round of performances of Parsifal last year, in part with Claus Florian Voigt in the leading role. A record of the performances has been published by the renowned publishing house Schott. We are very grateful to the initiator and facilitator of this endeavour, Alexander von Glenck, that through this kind of collaborative work with the opera world, a further step in the development of eurythmy has been undertaken.

The Four Mystery Dramas were performed during the Christmas period, in clear winter weather and under a starry sky. Gioia Falk and Christian Peter did a great job of networking and deepening, so that all the performers, who came from such different fields of work, were bonded together to form an ensemble. The audience was able to connect life on the threshold portrayed in the drama with their own experiences – just as I continue to work as a eurythmist myself, I am able to continue working on the inter-penetration of body, soul and spirit.

I am working with a group from the Goetheanum Leadership on preparations of the major conference commemorating the 100th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's



death, and together with Ueli Hurter and Rosario Gabrielli, on the planning and organisation of commemorative events in north-western Switzerland entitled 'Rudolf Steiner 100', with the aim of facilitating and maintaining as many contacts as possible with public cultural institutions and to strengthen the memory and awareness of Rudolf Steiner in the region. Among other things, Rudolf Steiner's travelling suitcase, cast in bronze, will be placed next to a bench at the Dornach railway station and will thereby become a modest memorial that alludes to his relationship to the world and his travels to and from Dornach. The great spirit of Rudolf Steiner has become a part of this region. It was here that he was able to bring his work to life, and it is here that we have been able to cultivate and develop this impulse ever since.

Rebekka Frischknecht, Justus Wittich and I work in the Goetheanum's 'Operations Management' which brings me into contact with all intersection points of all the Goetheanum's operational processes. We emphasise that each area carries responsibility for itself. This gives us great strength and ensures a relationship to our own actions, but it also creates the need to coordinate the various activities, which can be quite challenging at times.

In conjunction with my responsibility for building administration, which used to include the Garden Park (now under the supervision of Ueli Hurter), I am particularly pleased that two new buildings were constructed on the site last year. This is the first new construction since the sixties of the last century. Thanks to a donation from the Software AG Foundation, we were able to erect a hexagonal bee sculpture designed by Barbara Schnetzler. Coated with clay on the outside, which was applied by a large group of people through social interaction corresponding to bee life, and coated with wax on the inside, this sculpture will become a home for several bee colonies, so that we human beings can immerse ourselves in their world using our senses. Thanks to a donation from a member in Berlin, a pavilion for BD preparations was created based on designs by Yaike Dunselmann. Through an opening gesture of twisted beams and the basic shape of the roof makes it possible to experience a reference to the cosmos, a place between Haus Schuurman and the east façade of the Goetheanum, which, in addition to its actual purpose of storing the preparations (the landscape park is the place where biodynamic work has been carried out for a hundred years now), is now also a place where people can meet. The people responsible for the building administration have also taken care of numerous repairs, both large and small. Visitors to the Goetheanum hardly notice these. However, anyone who has ever had anything to do with a building that is almost a hundred years old can imagine that the effort involved is enormous and that, with limited resources, the question of sensible prioritisation always arises.

Thus, the sheer abundance of tasks seems to be somewhat divisive. Ultimately, however, they are enriching, because all activity is subject to our concerns for Anthroposophy, for allowing the spiritual to be experienced in the earthly.



Goetheanum – the School of Spiritual Science and its Fields of Work (the Sections)

In the following short reports from the now twelve sections of the School of Spiritual Science and the Goetheanum Stage, the responsible Section Leaders each highlight the past working year and upcoming projects.

Further insights into the current and ongoing activities and publications of these Sections can be found on their respective websites.

Anthroposophical Spiritual Science

General Anthroposophical Section

In 2024, we were delighted that Andrea Keim complemented our Section's team at the Goetheanum! The following is a brief report on the various activities of the working year.

The Class Holders and the School of Spiritual Science conference took place at Michaelmas with great intensity, reflecting on and in appreciation of Rudolf Steiner's last address on 28 September 1924. A great many people attended; all seven September Lessons of the First Class were held in German and English, and substantial contributions to the revitalisation of the image of the School of Spiritual Science as conceived by Rudolf Steiner.

During the year, 550 new members were admitted to the School of Spiritual Science and 48 new Class Holders began their work. The newsletter for School members was published at Easter and Michaelmas, in five languages, and distributed worldwide.

The Section leaders continued with their studies of general Anthroposophy and Rudolf Steiner's biography, with works and events on developments during 1924, in German and English, leading from The Easter Festival in the Evolution of the Mysteries, the Karmic Relationship lectures and Leading Thoughts, to Supportive Education and Agricultural Course, through to contributions on the last lectures given by Rudolf Steiner in September 1924 and to his sickbed.

Publications

A special edition of Leading Thoughts in both German and English [George and Mary Adams / Thomas O'Keefe] was published as a project of the Section and the Ita Wegman Institute, in collaboration with three publishers [the Ita Wegman Institute Press, Steiner-Books and Univers Enciclopedic], as well as a special edition of Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships held in Breslau in the proximity of the Agriculture Course. Peter Selg has also published, among other things, writings about the events of September 1924 in Dornach, letters from Ita Wegman from the closing period of Rudolf Steiner's life, an extended study on a child's destiny from The Curative Education Course and works by Ita Wegman on The Mysteries and Essentials for the enhancement of the art of healing. Constanza

Kaliks and Peter Selg published their lectures from the Christmas Conference 2023/24 [Ephesus, Chartres, Goetheanum. Werdestufen einer Freien Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft ['Ephesus, Chartres, Goetheanum. Stages in the Coming into Being of the School of Spiritual Science']; Constanza Kaliks, Philipp Reubke and Peter Selg's work on the last educational course by Rudolf Steiner in Stuttgart in April 1924 [The Essentials of Education, CW 308]; Constanza Kaliks, Jan Göschel and Peter Selg and their basic contributions to the understanding of destiny in Anthroposophy, anthroposophical education and supportive education. Peter Selg, Susanne H. Gross and Matthias Mochner, published the first of three volumes on Anthroposophic Medicine, Supportive Education and Pharmacy during the Nazi era, at the Basler Schwabe-Verlag with over 900 pages [in German only] entitled Anthroposophischen Medizin, Heilpädagogik und Pharmazie in der Zeit des Nationalsozialismus.

Studies & Further Education

In 2024, 47 people from 23 countries studied at the Goetheanum in the General Anthroposophical Section's 'Studies & Further Education' programme; seminars with the students were again held in Chartres and Weimar in addition to the ongoing classes on Rudolf Steiner's works, with contributions from the professional sections, and artistic work. 35 students stayed at the Goetheanum for three semesters. An online course 'Five Weekends of Anthroposophy' was attended by 57 students from 26 countries in February, including former students of the Goetheanum and people who were enrolled at the Goetheanum for the academic year 2024/25. In June, a week-long gathering of alumni from 20 countries took place at the Goetheanum, culminating in an artistic performance on St John's Day. In October, the artistic social project 'Question! Encounter! Play!' was organised at the Goetheanum as a joint project by students, migrants and refugees in Europe. In November, an online pilot project entitled 'The Earth as Substance of our Destiny' was launched in collaboration with the Section for Agriculture with 47 students from all over the world.



Other Events

Section leaders at the Goetheanum continued with the series of events on the shaping and spiritual perspectives of Jewish humanism during the past working year, with studies on Margarete Susman, Franz Kafka and Gershom Scholem. To mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Franz Kafka, Peter Selg and Constanza Kaliks published the essay «Die wahre Gebetsprache. Franz Kafka, Margarete Susman und der jüdische Humanismus» [‘The True Language of Prayer. Franz Kafka, Margarete Susman and Jewish Humanism’]. The written version of the contributions on Gustav Landauer, Margarete Susman, Paul Celan and Emanuel Levinas will be available in 2025.

The General Anthroposophical Section held—after a long break in related activities at the Goetheanum—a well-attended international publishers’ meeting was held in June in on the question of the presence of Rudolf Steiner’s work in the public domain and in

anthroposophical training seminars. This will be an annual event from now on. The Section continues to work on an initial overview of the international distribution of Rudolf Steiner’s lectures and writings [translated titles] on the 100th anniversary of his death [Joshua Kelberman]. A special highlight was the event on 26 July 2024 in the Goetheanum’s Grundsteinsaal to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Sergei O. Prokofieff.

Peter Selg

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Youth Section – Section for the Spiritual Striving of Youth

An Overview of 2024

As the calendar year draws to a close, we are filled with gratitude and joy as we reflect on the many youth events and projects that took place in the worldwide network of the Youth Section.

This year was characterised by a reconnection with the original tasks as we celebrated the centenary of the Youth Section's founding. We revisited the intentions behind the Section, reflecting on how they relate to some of the big questions of our time.

What is the significance of encounter for youth spirituality? How can we understand the spiritual significance of young adulthood within the arc of human existence and life? What is the significance of being out in nature today, working with art and crafts, and what importance has it had for young people over the last century and today, during the technological revolution? How can the challenges of technology so important for young people today be taken on in a way that is guided by a deeper understanding of the human being?

In this spirit, collaborations of all kinds flourished throughout the year, with youth groups supporting and inspiring one another in creative ways. On our website, a collection of colourful posters as well as articles and reflections from these events can be found— testimony of the work shared by Youth Section co-workers and friends across the globe.

The team at the Goetheanum served both as stewards and companions to the initiatives, facilitating global collaborations while also providing a grounding presence in Dornach.

Events and Projects

Throughout the year, intensive weekend retreats and weekly study groups were held at the Youth Section House in preparation for artistic projects and events. Weekend seminars focused on inner work, and a community dinner took place every Thursday. Hands-on service projects, including the renovation of the Youth Section House in Dornach, were also a great part of the work.

We started off the year continuing our reading sessions on the *Leading Thoughts (CW26)* by Rudolf Steiner, to prepare for the 'February Days' event, 'Digital Technology and Spirituality' where we invited young people to engage with burning questions of our generation. As part of the event, members of the team dedicated time to creating a unique light show of 'Visual Music' with modified overhead projectors called Light Horses. An art form that is still being developed. Throughout the year several shows were presented, all of them with variations in their choreography related to the particular context. The next one, for the 'ISC'. The latest version of this human machine interface design process with 3D-printed parts was assembled in December.

In April, the great 'International Students' Conference' (ISC)**: 'Taking Heart – Finding our way together' took place. Over 700 participants gathered at the Goetheanum to explore regenerative agriculture, social approaches to economics, and understandings of love. A red thread through the conference was 'one of the greatest stories of peace'*** and transformation, which was invoked through a large, participatory pageant performance in the city of Basel.

In May, the network traveled to the Netherlands; first to the 'Youth Education Days'****, where educators and youth program creators working with Anthroposophy met, and moved questions of great relevance and interest to our youth network, which tends to seek out programs that show alternative ways to mainstream education. It laid a great foundation for the coming days when the 'Co-workers' Gathering'***** (CWG) was going to take place.

During the CWG, we took the chance to celebrate the Youth Section's 100th anniversary and revisited the foundational tasks and reconnected with the thoughts of the first leader of the Section, Maria

* Digital Technology and Spirituality Conference – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/digital-technology-and-spirituality-conference>

** Taking Heart – Finding our way together – <https://24.isc.international/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/ISC24-Conference-booklet-final-14h02.pdf>

*** Thinking Should Replace Killing – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/thinking-should-replace-killing>

**** Harvest of the Youth Education Days – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/harvest-of-the-youth-education-days>

***** The global work of the Youth Section – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/the-story-of-the-elephant-and-the-worldwide-youth-section>

Röschl-Lehrs through the compilation of her articles *The Second Man in Us*.

To make it possible for young people to attend, a strong team of co-workers met online from June of 2023 – when the ‘Global Access Fund (GAF)’* was established – to raise enough funds to support members of all youth groups from more than 15 countries to come. In 2024 the decision was made to expand this fund. We encourage annual collective contributions from affiliated youth groups, and we will now not only support attendance to Youth Section Co-workers’ Gatherings but we will also provide resources to strengthen local initiatives, which are vital for the integrity of the network, in the form of grants. We not only want to support with financial resources but also consult initiatives that have growing projects. In this way, the Youth Section groups will be able to count on reliable perspectives on how to carry them out, as well as on a feeling of collective effort through gifts raised as joint work among youth groups.

In June, the team and friends of the network came together for an intimate ‘Youth Section Retreat’ where visions for the coming years were discussed. Some of these include developing youth programs at the Goetheanum, working toward more ‘pictorial’ and artistic styles in engaging with Anthroposophy, supporting student conferences around the world, and much more.

The intergenerational gathering ‘Working for freedom and the common good’** in September, a collaboration with the World Goetheanum Association, was inspired in large part by the centenary of the first World Power Conference inaugurated by Daniel Dunlop. For this event, a group of young people sought out old folk songs, in different languages, that touch on social issues from around the world. Inspired by Rudolf Steiner’s ideas presented in *Towards Social Renewal* (CW23), they sang them, spent time creating illustrations, and discovered new verses, that try to express the warm and bright ideals.

Since the summer, *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt as well as *Youth and the Etheric Heart* (CW217a) by Rudolf Steiner offered great content for the team at the Goetheanum to have conversations around the impact of technology and the experience of being young today.

‘Question! Encounter! Play!’*** brought together young people from 19 different countries. Over six days, through biography work and social and artistic activities, they co-created a theater piece entirely from scratch. The story they told was about Faith, Hope, and Love.

In preparation for the coming February Days event in 2025, ‘In search of an artistic understanding of Anthroposophy’****, the team started to work with excerpts of *Karmic Relationships and The Philosophy of Freedom* (CW4) by Rudolf Steiner. The event in February involves a process where, through different forms of art, we can experience core dimensions of Anthroposophy in a pictorial and imaginative way.

The podcast ‘Questions of Courage’ has continued.

Visiting Youth Leaders: we had 8 people as guests in the House over a period of 7 months. (June – December) to connect with the Goetheanum and one another and strengthen the international ties.

Throughout the year there have also been many opportunities to reflect with gratitude on the support from individuals, foundations, Anthroposophical Society and the deeds of love that created the Goetheanum, which make this youth work possible.

Nathaniel Williams

Section Leader: Dr Nathaniel Williams

Section Team: Gabriele Nys [Belgium], Jacinta Gorchs (Argentina), Duncan Norbron (Germany), Keivan Azimi (Germany) und Katrina Hoven (USA/Germany)

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* Youth Section: Global Access Fund (GAF) – <https://youthsection.org/en/ysgaf>

** Working for freedom and the common good – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/embarking-on-a-journey-that-started-100-years-ago-working-for-freedom-and-the-common-good>

*** Question! Encounter! Play! – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltsr_oojVHs

**** In search of an artistic understanding of Anthroposophy – <https://youthsection.org/en/news/in-search-of-an-artistic-understanding-of-anthroposophy>

BECOMING HUMAN in Healing

Medical Section

The Medical Section celebrated a whole series of centenaries last year, marking the period from 1924 when Rudolf Steiner was still living and working with incredible intensity until his last address at Michaelmas.

How do I find the Good? was the title and guiding question of the Course for Young Doctors conference with which we began 2024. In view of the reality of medicine today, three inner questions are particularly pressing: How do I find the Good? How do I develop the courage to heal and the ability to respect individual destiny in doing so? A hundred years ago, Rudolf Steiner followed these questions like a compass when he gave the course Meditative Contemplations and Instructions for Deepening the Art of Healing for medical students and young doctors, the so-named Course for Young Doctors. For those who were unable to attend the conference in Dornach, an online conference was offered concurrently, which was attended by over 100 participants from Asia, Australia, America and Europe.

'The Heart Awakens' was the theme for the international conference on Art Therapies. We looked at the development of the centre of being of our children and young people in today's world using illustrative case studies. The theme of our research conference 2024 was entitled 'The scientific status and future of the therapies in Anthroposophic Medicine', which was dedicated to determining its current position, the possibilities and obstacles of research in our different therapeutic modalities.

This year, the hybrid 'dialogue-events' on current medical affairs were continued for members and interested parties. The topic in March was 'On the homeopathic debate - What does it mean for Anthroposophic Medicine?' and in October the theme was 'Questions of geriatric medicine and the aging culture of today'.

Our major 'Life Forces' conference of the working group on Pregnancy, Birth and Early Childhood (Care I) dealt with the twelve senses and their connection to 'life forces'. The question was: 'How can we reawaken life forces in a world of exhaustion?' This conference resulted in a book publication that will be released in 2025.

'Stepping into the new' with our spiritual medicine was the purpose of our Pastoral Medical Conference,

because Rudolf Steiner's Pastoral Medicine Course, which points the way to the distant future, also celebrated its centenary this year. At the conference for doctors and priests, the question was explored of how the specific esoteric aspects of professionalism in each of the two professional groups can be taken to a new level through working together. Further pastoral medical conferences with the participation of the Section leaders took place in Eastern Europe (Estonia) and for the first time in the USA.

The second Summer School in England—'100 years since Rudolf Steiner's Visit to Tintagel Castle and his Torquay Lectures'—was a joyful summer event with international participants from almost all medical professional groups. After visiting Tintagel Castle, intensive group work was undertaken at Emerson College on the esoteric foundations of Anthroposophic Medicine within the context of the mysteries. Impulses were taken up for the future development of the individual professional groups, which will be further developed at the next Summer School in August 2025. A format has been arisen here that will hopefully continue to stimulate the work from within the Medical Section in the future.

The highlight of the year was the annual international conference devoted to the theme 'Therapeutic Intuition - Perception and Reality', encompassed several specialist conferences. A special moment was the founding of the inter-professional group Care VI on 'Age culture and geriatric medicine' at the specialist conference for the care of the elderly. A 'Teach the Teachers' conference led by Adam Blanning, with broad international participation, addressed the question of how to convey an anthroposophical understanding of karma in illness and health.

The international symposium on therapeutic speech formation and drama therapy took up the theme of the annual conference from a specialist perspective: 'Therapeutic Intuition - Source, Word and Deed'.

The most significant historical event for the Medical Section this year was the transfer out of 'supportive education' 100 years after Rudolf Steiner's Curative Education Course to the founding of a new section—Section



for Inclusive Social Development—the 12th Section of the School of Spiritual Science. It was like a birth – both painful and an immense joy. We now look forward to a fruitful and fraternal co-operation, since we will continue having common and overlapping tasks in many areas of our work.

The first session in the English language and online internationally ‘Anthroposophic Medical Grand Rounds’ initiated by Adam Blanning took place, with a focus on scientific research of potentiation. The significantly expanded and updated new edition of the *Vademecum of Anthroposophic Medicines*, including images, was an important new publication in collaboration with the GAÄD. An additional WebApp extends the possibilities of its use.

Particularly noteworthy among the work of the Care Groups is an article on post-COVID and post-vaccination syndrome from the perspective of anthroposophic medicine – symptoms and treatment options.* A podcast on the latter was made available to the public by

our employee, the journalist Julia Demming and Prof. Dr med. Harald Matthes.**

Marion Debus

Section Leaders: Marion Debus, MD, Karin Michel, MD and Adam Blanning, MD

Section team: François Bonhôte, Dagmar Bauer, Sonja Burger, Julia Demming, Mathias Hofmann, Claudia Holtermann, Stefan Langhammer, Esther Maryns, Birgit Schweizer (until 9/2024), Carol Brousseau (from 8/2024)

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<https://medicalsection.goetheanum.ch>

* <https://www.anthromedics.org/PRA-0993-EN>

** <https://www.podcast.de/podcast/2612712/anthroposophie-zur-sache>. [In German only]

BECOMING HUMAN with Nature

Natural Science Section at the Goetheanum

Fortunately, we were able to achieve one of the important goals of our Section this year. With the help of foundations, we have started three new, multi-year research projects and have therefore taken on two new members of staff in the Section. One is a project on 'Plant Colour Research' with pigments and plant toxins by Robert Wroblewski. Another is a project on 'Basic research into the qualities of metal-coloured light in anthroposophic metal-coloured light therapy' with Jan-Dirk Monden, together with Torsten Arncken and Matthias Rang. And finally, the 'Rising Picture basic research project' contributing to the understanding of herbal medicines by Vesna Forštnerič Lesjak.

A Colourful Year Full of Activities

2024 was a very colourful year full of various activities. The ongoing series of seminars on 'Goethean Science' in Bucharest, which Johannes Wirz started two years ago, has now ended; a repeat of the course has been planned in Timisoara, Romania. At the beginning of the year, the annual meeting of mentors and students of the in-service training in 'Goetheanistic-anthroposophical natural science' took place in Dornach. This group took a further step in its development: the training initiative is becoming even more international and accessible to everyone. It will soon be integrated in the Goetheanum Studies programme. The Bellis working group for 'Goethean Plant Knowledge' conference followed, 'Working Days for Physicists' and 'Working Days for Microbiologists'. In spring, we held a series of public research colloquia on various topics, which are also available to view on Goetheanum TV.**

The Meditation Colloquium of the Section in May was dedicated to the theme: 'Reflections on the Elements as Paths to the Spiritual World' — the presence and activity of the four elements in the various kingdoms of nature from a spiritual scientific perspective. The elements were conceptualised as four stages of knowledge. Once again, the meditation weekend was designed as a meeting place with three parallel working groups and was well attended. In 2025, we will continue studying the theme by including the four etheric realms.

Torsten Arncken continued conducting various plant experiments using his 'smelling, tasting and painting method'. In addition, he worked on research questions from Weleda. Matthias Rang completed a project to further develop the FAS apparatus in collaboration with the Kwalis Institute and has now started a follow-up project. Johannes Kühl gave various seminars for teachers in South Korea and contributed significantly towards the re-establishment of the Anthroposophical Society there. Ruth Richter is still involved in biodynamic breeding and works tirelessly as the editor of our journal *Elemente der Naturwissenschaft*. Johannes Wirz is involved in biodynamic beekeeping in various groups internationally. Vesna Forštnerič Lesjak gave a presentation on the 'Farm Organism' at the Agriculture Conference marking the 100th anniversary of the Agriculture Course and contributed to various other fields with short addresses. At the beginning of the year, she published the book *Wilde Karde und Borreliose – ein Brückenschlag* ['Wild Teasel and Lyme Disease – Building Bridges'], which she co-authored with her student Patricija Senekar. She has started her five-year 'Rising Picture project' in cooperation with the Hiscia Cancer Research Association in Arlesheim. Both Section leaders participated in the Climate Conference of the Anthroposophical Society in Germany, which took place at the Dottenfelder-Hof (DE) in June 2024.***

More Than 100,000 Visitors Attended the Exhibition 'Experiment COLOUR'

The colour exhibition 'Experiment COLOUR', which was first shown at the Goetheanum in 2010 to mark the 200th anniversary of the publication of Goethe's Theory of Colour, has since been presented in many places around the world, including Berlin (DE), Halle (DE), Basel (CH), Järna (SE) and Stourbridge (UK). It was presented as a special exhibition at the Sensorium in Rütthubelbad (CH) lasting two years, from February 2022 to January 2024. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Sensorium for its excellent cooperation. Thanks to the many years of collaboration, and particularly this long-standing exhibition at the Sensorium, more than 100,000 visitors were able to see the exhibition, for which we are extremely grateful.

* <https://www.anthrobotanik.eu>

** <https://goetheanum.tv>

*** <https://en.dottenfelderhof.eu>



The exhibition then travelled to the USA and was part of the 'Renewal of Science' conference at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, in the middle of Silicon Valley and just a few miles from the headquarters of many technology companies such as Google etc. The conference was buzzing with enthusiasm for the 'renewal in science' impulse and was an enormous achievement on the part of the young team from the Foundation for Cultural Renewal, who organised and hosted the conference.

'Real Colours and Cultures' was the name and theme of the conference held by the University of Mulhouse and which took place at the Goetheanum on 24 April in collaboration with the Natural Science Section. It brought together 'colour' researchers from eighteen countries. Guided tours of the Goetheanum, the hall with its painted ceiling and coloured windows and architectural tours of the surrounding buildings were part of the conference programme.

The highlight of the year was our autumn conference, 'Evolving Science', which takes place every three years in this setting. This year it was dedicated to the theme 'Diversity strengthens identity', with the aim of contributing to new forms in social life from an understanding of nature – a major objective of Goetheanism. Biodiversity in nature was a central theme of the conference, closely linked to biodynamic agriculture. The term 'diversity' was also discussed in terms of a holistic description of identity using various methods, approaches and perspectives. Complementing science through art

was an important focus of this event. In addition to the keynote talks by speakers from different countries and the colourful working groups, conference highlights included Eurythmy, music and group painting.

From the above, our assistant Mara Born has a lot to do, with all our programmes, travels and projects. We are very thankful for the precision, commitment and accountability she brings to her work. There is a good dynamic in our team, and we also maintain good relationships outside our circle, with our goetheanistically-oriented colleagues in our field and in other fields of work, be it agriculture, medicine and pharmacy, art, education or mathematics and astronomy. As a Section, we see with growing clarity that in the future our work will increasingly need an intersectional and transdisciplinary approach.

Vesna Forštnerič Lesjak

Section Leaders: Vesna Forštnerič Lesjak, Dr Matthias Rang

Section team: Thorsten Arncken, Mara Born, Johannes Köhl, Jan-Dirk Monden, Ruth Richter, Dr Johannes Wirz, Robert Wróblewski

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<https://science.goetheanum.org/en/>

Section for Mathematics and Astronomy

In the Section for Mathematics and Astronomy, astronomers meet twice a year in a colloquium on astronomy for sharing their work. In 2024, Iris Stocker (DE) gave a lecture on the astronomical and astrological world view of Johannes Kepler. Liesbeth Bisterbosch (NL) dealt with the rhythms of Venus and its significance in Rudolf Steiner's Agricultural Course.

Søren Toft, an astronomer and teacher from Copenhagen (DK), has coordinated the astronomy colloquia for over a decade and has now passed this responsibility onto Iris Stocker. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking both for their voluntary engagement!

For the past three years, Elisabeth Anderegg (CH) and Klaus Schäfer-Blankenhorn (DE) have co-ordinated the working group on 'Astrologie, Freiheit und soziale Gestaltung' ['Astrology, Freedom and Social Development'], which meets about five times a year at the Goetheanum.

In 2024, the retired astronomer Dr Charles Trefzger offered nine Star Tours at the Kepler Observatory, each on current celestial phenomena. These voluntary 'star evenings' (with a voluntary donation) will continue in 2025. They are open to the public and published on the Section for Mathematics and Astronomy's website. In addition, other experts such as Wolfgang Held, Sven Baumann and Dr Clio Motta offer Star Tours on request.

In the field of mathematics, the working group on Projective Geometry, founded by Dr Charles Gunn (DE), has attracted a great deal of attention. In recent years, it has been working on the geometry of conic sections and came across a theorem enunciated by Roger Penrose (GB) 70 years ago, but which had not yet been proven. Sir Roger Penrose (born 8 August 1931 in Colchester, Essex) is a British mathematician, theoretical physicist and Nobel Prize winner. The working group—initially consisting of Charles Gunn, Albert Chern (USA), Thomas Neukirchner (DE), Russell Arnold (CH), Morten Eide (NO)—set about proving the Penrose Theorem and contacted Penrose directly. Today, Roger Penrose is a regular at the online meetings of this working group. The six authors presented their work together at the 'Mathematic Teachers' conference in Berlin and in the mathematical colloquia of the Section and published their proof in the preprint: Penrose's eight-conic theorem via Penrose's eight-quadric theorem.*

The mathematics colloquium meets three times a year, twice at the Goetheanum and once in Holland or another location in Europe. The work of this colloquium is coordinated by Matthias Lerchmüller (CH).

Charles Gunn and Russel Arnold successfully conducted a short course on 'Projective Geometric Algebra' at the Goetheanum in October 2024. In October 2025, we are offering the 'Autumn Study Days' to the broader public on the topic of 'Borderline experiences on the threshold of the spiritual world through mathematics' (working title), with Detlef Hardorp (DE) as the main organiser.

The journal *Mathematisch-Physikalische Korrespondenz*, initiated by the former Section Leader, the late Dr Georg Unger in 1954, has been published since 6 January 1956 as part of the independently managed 'Mathematisch-Physikalischen Instituts' [Mathematical-Physical Institute]. After the death of Georg Unger, Prof. Dr Peter Gschwind took over the management of the institute in June 1999. Peter Gschwind closed the Institute in 2024, thus ending the publication of the journal. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Peter Gschwind and his wife Viola Gschwind for more than two decades of voluntary work in publishing the journal, *Mathematisch-Physikalische Korrespondenz*.

After a long interruption, the Section intends to publish another issue of *Jupiter* in 2025 at the request of various authors. *Jupiter* is a journal that publishes astronomical, mathematical and anthroposophical contributions, articles, and correspondence in German and/or English.

If you are interested in the work of the Section for Mathematics and Astronomy, please contact mas@goethanum.ch. The diverse events and colloquia are open to the public.

Oliver Conradt

Section Leader: Dr Oliver Conradt

Co-Worker: Russel Arnold, Wolfgang Held

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<https://mas.goetheanum.org/en/>

* Penrose's eight-conic theorem via Penrose's eight-quadric theorem – <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.17150>



Section for Agriculture

2024 was an extraordinary year: the centennial anniversary of biodynamic agriculture was celebrated worldwide. Biodynamics is now present on all continents, with an estimated 40,000 farms in 64 countries, 7,000 of which are certified with the 'Demeter' label. The Section for Agriculture participated in various celebrations and organized three anniversary events of its own.

Festivities at the Goetheanum

To kick off the year, the Section for Agriculture hosted the International Agriculture Conference from February 7 to 10, 2024, on the theme '100 Years of the Agriculture Course.' The guiding principle, 'From the sun through the earth for man - may man become sun for the earth' was meant to offer strength in the face of global economic, ecological, and social crises. The sold-out conference, attended by 1,000 participants from 50 countries, filled the Goetheanum with joy and enthusiasm, enabling many attendees and their communities to draw new strength. An emotional highlight was the farewell to Jean-Michel Florin, who was honored with a standing ovation after 14 years as co-leader of the Section.

At Pentecost, exactly 100 years after Rudolf Steiner's Agricultural Course in Koberwitz, a regional celebration was held in the Goetheanum Garden Park. About 800 guests followed the invitation from the garden team and the Section for Agriculture for an open house day that showcased the diversity of biodynamics. A special

moment was the inauguration of the new Preparations Pavilion.

The third event took place on August 30 and 31 with the 'Steinbeisser Evenings' celebrating the quality of biodynamic food. The creative studio Steinbeisser, together with top chefs Elif Oskan and Selassie Atadika, transformed the Goetheanum into a paradise for the senses and presented biodynamic principles in a refreshingly novel way.

Anniversary Events Worldwide

In April, the first African Biodynamic Conference was held in Sekem to mark the anniversary. Kalle Hübner, responsible for conference organization at the Section for Agriculture, attended and witnessed the great interest in biodynamic agriculture in African regions.

In May, Ueli Hurter, co-leader of the Section for Agriculture, was invited to anniversary celebrations and visits in Australia and New Zealand. The two-week trip demonstrated the deep connection between the biodynamic community and indigenous cultures.

In June, a five-day General Assembly of the Biodynamic Federation Demeter International (BFDI) took place in Krzyżowa (Kreisau), near the birthplace of the biodynamic impulse in Koberzyce (Koberwitz). Following the assembly, participants, including Section representatives Jean-Michel Florin, Jasmin Peschke, and Ueli Hurter, traveled to a grand anniversary celebration at

the Brodowin eco-village in Brandenburg, organized by Demeter e.V.

On July 11, Ueli Hurter attended the presentation of the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity to the Sekem Initiative and the Egypt Biodynamic Association in Lisbon. Receiving this prestigious award, especially in the centennial year, highlighted the growing recognition of biodynamic agriculture.

In October, the Representative Circle met in Belgium to prepare for the 2025 Agricultural Conference on the theme 'The Earth as a Living Being: The Future of the Biodynamic Impulse'.

The final major event of the year took place in November in the Philippines. Kalle Hübner led a workshop there and was inspired by the enthusiasm of participants at the 'Reconnecting: 100 Years of Biodynamics' conference.

Publications for the Anniversary

The study 'Die biodynamische Bewegung und Demeter in der NS-Zeit. Akteure, Verbindungen, Haltungen' ('The Biodynamic Movement and Demeter During the Nazi Era: Actors, Connections, Attitudes') commissioned by Demeter e.V., BFDI, and the Section for Agriculture, was published in June. Despite sensitive content, media criticism was largely absent, underscoring the thorough work of authors Jens Ebert, Susanne zur Nieden, and Meggi Pieschel.

To mark the anniversary, the Section for Agriculture launched a new magazine format and a short film illustrating the principles of biodynamics and their benefits for a sustainable future. The magazine, with a circulation of 15,000 copies in German, is published twice a year and is also translated into several other languages.

Developments in Specialized Areas

Education and Training: 2024 saw a remarkable achievement: bachelor modules in biodynamic agriculture were fully integrated into Heliopolis University. For the first time, biodynamic agriculture is now a permanent part of the curriculum at a state university. Another success was the monthly online courses in the series 'Agri-Culture: Rhythms and Rituals', which attracted 150 to 300 registrations per session. Equally noteworthy were training courses in Ukraine at the Potutory farm. In March 2024, Jean-Michel Florin taught on-site and felt that the course provided participants with a sense of purpose and stability amidst the ongoing war.

Nutrition: Dr Jasmin Peschke, head of the Nutrition Department, published the handbook *From the Nutrition System to the Nutrition Organism*, which sparked great interest, as did her monthly articles on various nutrition topics. Additionally, she founded the 'Dynamic Nutrition Network' where nutrition experts from around the world meet regularly online.

Research: The International Biodynamic Research Platform (IBRP) gained more members in 2024 and now includes over 200 individuals participating in regular online seminars on current research topics. Monthly research reports are also published.

Sustainable Development: In this new field under the leadership of Johannes Kronenberg, a compendium is being created with contributions from anthroposophical institutions on sustainable development. It illustrates how Anthroposophy contributes to a healthy development of our planet.

Outlook and New Co-Leadership

It is a great joy to witness the seeds of the biodynamic impulse flourishing worldwide after 100 years. We look to the future with great confidence and anticipate further developments, now under the co-leadership of Eduardo Rincón and Ueli Hurter. Eduardo Rincón, a biodynamic farmer, researcher, consultant, lecturer, and artist, is the former president of the Biodynamic Association in Mexico. In August 2024, he succeeded Jean-Michel Florin.

Ueli Hurter, Eduardo Rincón

Section Leadership: Jean-Michel Florin (until 8/2024), Ueli Hurter, Eduardo Rincón (from 8/2024)

Section Team: Kalle Hübner, Johannes Kronenberg, Lukas Maschek, Dr Jasmin Peschke, Jacqueline Reinmann, Sarah Sommer, Anna Storchenegger

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BECOMING HUMAN through Art

Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities

Individuality and World History — Mystery Centres and the Mysteries

An eleven-part lecture series on *Mysteriengestaltungen und Mysterien* ['Mystery Centres and the Mysteries'], which took place at the Goetheanum between 23 January and 14 May 2024, in conjunction with a conference on the work of Albert Steffen, dedicated to his drama, *Alexanders Wandlung* ['Alexander's Transformation'], marked the start of this year's work. Rudolf Steiner's lectures, *Mystery Knowledge and Mystery Centres* (CW232) and *World History in the Light of Anthroposophy* (CW233), provided the framework for both events. This made it possible to work across a broad historical horizon, which enabled an understanding of how Rudolf Steiner renewed the mysteries by founding the Anthroposophical Society during the Christmas Conference of 1923/24. A path of human development and individual schooling has thereby been made visible and available for the future. Some of the contributions in an expanded form are published in *STIL Journal*, *Michaeli 2024: Erinnern an die Zukunft. Alte und neue Mysterien* ['Remembering the Future. Old and New Mysteries'].

The Karmic Biography of the Novalis Individuality

In 1924, looking beyond the confines of time at the karmic past of individualities and karmic law, Rudolf Steiner was able to gain insight into the being of the individuality of Novalis, who in previous lives had been embodied as Raphael, John the Baptist and Elijah. On several occasions from 1909 onwards, Steiner had spoken about this individuality, which he described as a 'shining herald of the Michaelic Stream'. In his last address on 28 September 1924, he expanded on his insights, which he could nonetheless only hint at. He added a vertical dimension to his description of the horizontal line of incarnations, linking it to the series of incarnations of Hiram, Lazarus John and Christian Rosenkreuz.

During the eight-part lecture series from October to November, we looked at the lives of the Novalis individuality and questions related to this new development in karmic research. Further lectures on this theme were held in Stuttgart, San Francisco, Toronto and Antwerp.

Capably Prepared for the Future Through Cooperation Now

Genuine Rosicrucianism is about "developing a sense for that which the spiritual world offers to human beings in each particular epoch" (Rudolf Steiner). The Whitsun Conference: *Die Bedeutung des Rosenkreuzertums für die Anthroposophie* ['The Significance of Rosicrucianism for Anthroposophy'] was dedicated to this theme. Rosicrucianism advocated by Rudolf Steiner sees in Christian Rosenkreuz the 'leading spiritual individuality' for our cultural epoch. The development of Anthroposophy is characterised by the influence of the Rosicrucian approach. This can be seen in Rudolf Steiner's studies of Goethe, the transformation of Theosophy into Anthroposophy, the impulses for architecture and art, the development of eurhythm and the practical manifestations of Anthroposophy in various areas of life. In 1924 in *The Michael Letters*, Rudolf Steiner repeatedly emphasised the importance of the contribution of Rosicrucianism through its transformative experience of 'dying and becoming'.

Cooperation now facilitates being capably prepared for the future. The study conference in November—'Vom Offenbarwerden der Zukunft – Rudolf Steiners Forschungen über die Apokalypse des Johannes' ['On the Revelation of the Future - Rudolf Steiner's Research into the Apocalypse of John']—endeavoured to explore in greater depth the question of existential preparedness in the future: How can the apocalypse of our time be experienced and grasped as an inner development undertaking? The Apocalypse is one of the last great visionary insights into the future, enlightened through Anthroposophy in its overall significance and current relevance. Its cosmic imagery can inspire and encourage us; it opens up the meaning and content of a future for humanity in the light of Christ.

A central and contemporary question that has lived in the Section since 2018 is 'transhumanism', which has been explored in several conferences and colloquia. In February, a conference in collaboration with the Rudolf Steiner House branch in Hamburg was held on 'Transhumanismus und die Optimierung des Menschen' ['Transhumanism and the Optimisation of Human Beings']. In April, the Section contributed to a conference

organised by the Austrian Society on 'Künstliche Intelligenz und menschlicher Geist' ['Artificial Intelligence and the Human Spirit']. In October, the English Section group held a weekend conference at Rudolf Steiner House in London on 'Affirming our Humanity in the Age of Digital Technology and Artificial Intelligence'.

Publications and the Periodical STIL, Goetheanism in Kunst und Wissenschaft ['Goetheanism in Art and Science']

Philosophy plays a central role in Rudolf Steiner's work. In recent years, the philosophical sources of his thinking have been illuminated from various perspectives, with particular emphasis on his relationship to German idealism. However, little attention has been paid to his own original contributions to philosophy. Over a period of three years, a research colloquium was held on Rudolf Steiner's unique contribution to philosophy, resulting in a book, *Rudolf Steiner als Philosoph. Eine Standortbestimmung* ['Rudolf Steiner, a Philosopher: An Appraisal'], edited by Eckart Förster and Christiane Haid. It was completed at the end of 2024 and will be published by the Verlag am Goetheanum [in German] in March 2025.

As a follow-up to the study conference in March, 'Ich als Gemeinschaft – das offenbare Geheimnis der oberen Sinne' ['I as Community – the Revealed Secret of the Higher Senses'], we published some of the contributions in an extended form in the Christmas issue of STIL, *Goetheanism in Kunst und Wissenschaft* entitled, *Sinne – Tore zur Welt* ['The Senses – Gateways to the World']. The senses are threshold organs. They are bestowed upon us as part our bodily nature, yet need to be developed, nurtured and refined. Since digitalisation strives to 'emancipate' human beings from their bodily nature and to partially replace their activity, it is of utmost importance, indeed of existential significance, to recognise the importance of the senses for human development. Research into Rudolf Steiner's 'science of the senses' will be continued and deepened in colloquia held twice a year.

A publication on Rudolf Steiner's research into the 'Fünfte Evangelium' ['The Fifth Gospel'] is in preparation, and another entitled, *Sprache und Gebärde der Grundsteinmeditation* ['Language and Gesture of the Foundation Stone Meditation'] is almost complete. Both will be published in German in 2025.

Additionally, we are working on a collection of texts from lectures and writings by Rudolf Steiner on the literary arts and humanities, with the aim of creating a publication of basic texts for a course on 'The Literary Arts and Humanities'. We began this work at our School of Spiritual Science meeting with country and group representatives in October.

In September 2024, the North American Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities of the School for Spiritual Science organised an eight-day Section conference for the first time, which took place in two North American cities, San Francisco and Toronto. Sixty to seventy participants gathered in both locations and explored poetry: 'Beauty, Truth, and Goodness: Their Meaning for the Literary Arts and Humanities', and Rudolf Steiner's 'Last Address'.

At the beginning of December, the Belgian group of the Section for Literary Arts and Humanities held a conference on 'Novalis and the Logos'. Two lectures were given on the work of Novalis. The book, *Het Labyrint van de Logos – het woord dat werkt door de wereld* ['The Labyrinth of the Logos - the Word that works through the world'] was presented as well. The book had been in preparation by the Dutch group of the Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities over several years.

The Language Colloquium, which has existed since 2000, works on questions of language and its significance for a future society.

Ariane Eichenberg and Christiane Haid

Section Leader: Christiane Haid, Dr Phil.

Section Team: Monika Clément, Ariane Eichenberg, Dr phil., Nicolas Gadacz (Assistant).

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Section for the Performing Arts

Through the arts of eurhythm, speech formation, drama, music and puppetry, we have the opportunity of grasping each moment anew and enabling fresh creative works from 'the here and now, out of nothing', every day. Two major conferences shaped 2024.

At Easter, eurhythmists from around 20 countries met to explore the theme, 'Bewegung schafft Beweglichkeit – Lebensquelle Eurhythmie' ['Movement Creates Mobility – Eurhythm as a Source of Life']. New impulses and aspirations were exchanged with great enthusiasm. We used the experience of the last hundred years to look at the potential and objectives for the next hundred years.

In the summer, 165 colleagues from 18 countries celebrated 100 years of Rudolf Steiner's Speech and Drama Course (CW 282), with a major Theatre Festival of 27 productions and a subsequent colloquium.

For the Easter Edition of our newsletter (available to sample at srmk@goetheanum.ch), we asked colleagues worldwide about their current educational work. What has changed, what do you observe/perceive, and as an individual colleague, how are you dealing with them? Current social changes are most immediately visible in children and young people. As a society, we have the greatest responsibility of being relevant and approachable for the upcoming generations to engage with.

The third Eurhythm Lyre Festival took place in November. It was very inspiring to see how differently the four eurhythm ensembles worked with one and the same piece (a commissioned work for lyre and cello by Torben Maiwald) and how they were able to demonstrate their experiences through the tones of the lyre.

There are currently 765 people studying at 52 eurhythm training centres in 36 countries. There are currently 94 students in part-time and full-time training at nine speech formation and drama training centres. The anthroposophical approach is cultivated in various training and further training courses in music, singing and lyre playing. Puppeteers exchange ideas about their work in courses and colloquia.

The research on Rudolf Steiner's eurhythm work, which Martina Maria Sam and I have been working on for many years, has now come to an end: the third, and again very extensive volume of Rudolf Steiner's lectures accompanying the eurhythm performances will be published this year. Rudolf Steiner's tireless devotion and love for eurhythm and speech formation can be experienced in them. The lectures are also a treasure

trove for all anthroposophists interested in language, since Rudolf Steiner repeats certain content, but formulates it differently each time, sometimes giving it a completely different colouring depending on the context. A wellspring full of his creativity!

Two trainers' meetings took place in the Speech Formation and Drama department. The question arose once again: where and how can young people come into contact with the art of speech? What can we do to ensure that this artistic impulse is strengthened in the future? How can awareness of the necessity of speech formation grow in society?

A highlight of the year was the Theatre Festival at the Goetheanum to mark the centenary of Marie and Rudolf Steiner's lecture cycle Speech and Drama. There were four full days of theatre with numerous parallel events, a total of 27 productions. It was a place where many colleagues, some of whom had not seen each other for decades, could meet again. The subsequent colloquium spanned an arc from the past into the future by looking back, pausing to take stock ('Where do we stand?'), and sensing the way forward ('Where do we want to go?'). This gave rise to new ideas and initiatives.

The annual music colloquium took place in the Music Department from 15-17 March, and for the third consecutive year, it focused on Rudolf Steiner's musical indications in True and False Paths in Spiritual Investigation [CW243]. Several further meetings have taken place on the topic of the 'Schlesinger' scale. On 7 January, the centenary of the 'Werbeck Singing' [known as Uncovering the Voice, the title of Werbeck's book in English] was celebrated and worked on. In the series of archive concerts, the anthroposophical composers Emil Himmelsbach, Christa von Heydebrand, Hermann Picht, Viktor Ullmann and Botho Sigwart zu Eulenburg were individually honoured with a concert of their works. In addition, Torben Maiwald played a concert on the Campanula with works by composers associated with the first Goetheanum. On 24 August, a concert took place in cooperation with the Sampo Association, featuring the winners of a competition to implement Rudolf Steiner's musical instructions in 'True and False Paths in Spiritual Investigation'. A special event was a eurhythm performance with orchestral accompaniment on 5 May, with works by Joseph Gunzinger and Jan Stuten. This year, many works by anthroposophical composers were scanned and made available free of charge as PDFs on the Section's website.

In the field of puppetry, our new approach in the form of the Kinderspielplans [Plays-for-children plan] grew further and will be expanded in the coming year. Our weekend gathering for those puppeteers [hand and marionette puppets] who work with children took place from 10 to 12 March [2023] entitled 'Bildhaftigkeit und Humorvolles als Gestaltungskräfte im Figurenspiel' ['Vivid Imagery and Humour as Creative Forces in Puppetry'].

The Clown working group has grown; two new issues of the PDF journal Red Nose were published.

Nine people work in the Section here in Dornach, averaging 2.5 full-time positions.

Stefan Hasler

Section Leader: Stefan Hasler (Prof.)

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Goetheanum Stage

2024 was another very full and eventful year. Right at the beginning, as part of the large 100th year Agriculture Conference celebration, the Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble premiered its new programme 'An die Erde' ['For the Earth']. In view of the urgent nature of our current challenges, the programme was performed at numerous conferences and events.

The performances of the opera Parsifal took place at Easter for a second year running, and once again attracted almost 3,000 people from all over the world to the Goetheanum. Interest in this production remains as strong as ever, so that a cycle of three performances is being staged again this year with the financial support of Alexander von Glenck — and at the same time, planning is already underway for 2026. It is a great joy to see so many people finding their way to Dornach because of this project, as some of them would have never had a connection to the Goetheanum. The cohesion between the two eurythmy ensembles from Stuttgart and Dornach, singers and other project participants is growing steadily. Joyful anticipation for this year's revival is high.

In the summer, a major festival to mark the 100th anniversary of the Speech and Drama Course took place.

Many larger and smaller performances at a wide variety of locations in and around the Goetheanum have made it clear how lively and wide-ranging the engagement with Rudolf Steiner's drama course is. See the report of the Section for the Performing Arts as well.

In August, a sensational theatre production entitled Zünder ['Detonator'] took place in Dornach. Patrick Tschan, a local writer, wrote a play about the relationship between a eurythmist and a worker in a metal and munitions factory during the First World War. The play was performed in the Schreinerei at the Goetheanum and in the former Metall-Werken factory in Wydenhof, Dornach. During the performance, the audience was transported from one place to the other by bus. It was a wonderful production.

After the summer break, the Postgraduate Artistic Year in Performing Eurythmy (Bühnenfortbildungskurs) concluded. For a year, nine young people took part in a training programme that gave them the opportunity to delve into the practice of performing eurythmy. This course was offered in cooperation with the Eurythmeum CH. A rich and finely crafted final programme entitled 'Vernichtet... Ichten' ['Annihilated ... I-ness'] impressively showcased the fruits of the year and allowed many people to take part during a subsequent tour through northern Europe.

At the beginning of October, the Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble premiered a new production. This time it was a programme for children, based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale, Die weiße Schlange ['The White Snake'].

In November and December, as the crowning finale of the year, the rehearsals and performances of all four Mystery Dramas took place. Here too, large audiences



showed that a great many people are seeking to engage with this challenging subject matter and that, even after so many years, the enthusiasm and interest in this production by Gioia Falk and Christian Peter remains unbroken.

In addition, numerous guest performances and concerts took place during the year:

- Further performances of the chamber drama 'Der Besucher' ['The Visitor'] in January, May and July. The premiere took place in 2023.
- Three solo concerts by Hristo Kazakov in January, March and October, and then together with Giovanni Barbato in April and September.
- As part of this year's 'Dornach Night', an organ concert with organist Anna Linss, in May.
- During the Campus Festival in September, many small concerts could be heard all over the campus.
- Again, this year, the 'Schwarzbuebe Jodler' [yodler] in the great hall in the Goetheanum.
- 'Chiaoscuro', the anniversary programme of the of the Else-Klink-Ensemble in October.
- Two guest performances by the Lichtensembles.
- An anniversary concert marking the 60th anniversary of the Dornach Orchestra.
- A concert by the Faust Quartet playing a Schubert cycle.
- A concert by the Werther Quartet in December.

- In December, the students of 'Am Wort' presented the play, 'Wir spielen' ['We Play'], by Albert Steffen in the Schreinerei, directed by Gosha Gorgoshidze.
- The Oberufer Christmas Plays in December and January.

This year has witnessed several changes in the personnel of the Goetheanum Stage. We would like to thank our colleagues, who are continuing their work elsewhere, for their contributions to the stage activities at the Goetheanum. At the beginning of this year, we were delighted to welcome a new team of employees, with whom we will tackle the many and varied tasks over the coming years.

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Visual Arts Section

New Art Study Year at the Goetheanum

In autumn 2024, we began the first trimester of the One-Year Art Study Course at the Goetheanum in German, with 13 students from nine countries. This fulfilled a long-held wish to create an opportunity for learning about and deepening knowledge of Rudolf Steiner's art impulse, on campus in a full-time study programme. The course is divided into three trimesters, beginning with sculpture, followed by architecture and then painting. Weekly lessons in eurythmy, speech formation and art history are included, as well as one-hour lessons every day on Rudolf Steiner's basic works. The programme also includes excursions to local museums and a study trip to Chartres. A new course begins in Autumn 2025. This study year is recognised as the first year of the Four-year Art Therapy Training in Dornach.

Meeting for Trainers of the Visual Arts

In April, we held a second trainers' meeting with participants from Stuttgart, Alfter, Berlin and Mannheim. One existential question is how art lessons at Waldorf schools do not become victims of 'prioritised' natural science subjects or become greatly reduced due to lack of teachers.

Research Project: The Creative in the Artistic Process

Together with the Section for the Performing Arts, we have begun to bring together artists from different fields who want to work on this question in research, and to develop a research direction out of the questions on the topic, so that in 2025, a final formulation for the project is achieved.

Conferences and Seminars

At the beginning of 2024, we devoted two weekend seminars to the theme: 'Motif and Metamorphosis in Nature and Architecture. Goethe's Theory of Metamorphosis and its Application in the Arts'. Goethe researched the effectiveness of the formative forces in nature and described them in his writings on morphology. Building on Goethe's work, Rudolf Steiner introduced the principle of metamorphosis into the visual arts and architecture so that developmental life processes become visible and can be tangibly experienced. These can be seen in the capitals and bases of the columns at the Goetheanum, in the variations of the building motifs

and in the design of the adjoining buildings. Around 45 architects, visual artists and interested parties took part at the weekend.

In March, a seminar on architecture on 'Space, Perception, Consciousness' took place at the Alanus University in Alfter, and the Visual Arts Section worked in collaboration with the International Forum for Man and Architecture (IFMA), and the Architecture Department at the Alanus University. The contributions to this event have been published in the journal *STIL*, Johanni 2024, 'Metamorphosen des Schöpferischen' ['Metamorphoses of the Creative Processes'].

For the past two years, the Ascension Day conference took place in different countries, which has been a wonderful enrichment for the Section and the artists working there. New artists come to the conference who might have not been able to make the long journey to Dornach. The collaboration with the respective National Society is fruitful for both sides, as it leads to new relationships between the Society and the artists.

We explored the effect of colours at the Ascension Day conference 'The Creative Power of Colour – Between Light and Darkness, Spirit and Matter' – in May 2024 in The Hague.

Painters, therapists, doctors, artists from various disciplines, light designers and glass artists explored how light, colour and darkness can be recognised and applied in their relationship to the threefold human being in creating art, in colouring rooms, being supportive in healing processes and in the enrichment of our inner life. Phenomenological perceptions, artistic exercises and introductions from a wide range of specialist areas supplemented and enriched the topics. More than 100 participants from Europe and abroad gathered for a joyful exchange of ideas and intensive collaborative work. A diverse exhibition provided a beautiful insight into the artistry of several artists in the Netherlands.

The art intensive week—'The Steps Leading to the Second Goetheanum'—followed on from last year's week on the first Goetheanum. The inner path of development, which is reflected in the window motifs, was explored in relation to the architecture of the second building. The second Goetheanum presented a challenge for everyone, because unlike the first building, which is better researched and much more accessible, the second Goetheanum poses several riddles. The art intensive week made it clear that the second building

is only at the beginning of revealing its secrets. Rudolf Steiner's new approach goes hand-in-hand with the re-founding of the Anthroposophical Society and the School of Spiritual Science. Both are interconnected and remain a theme to be explored in more depth, to which we want to continue devoting ourselves in research.

The year ended with the November conference on the topic: 'The Creative in the Artistic Process'. Among other things, we took a comparison-based approach to the assertion that AI can create art. This calls for recognising the unique nature of human creativity and distinguishing it from what machines produce. Developing tangible criteria for this research is an essential task for art in the future of society. How can we succeed in recognising the hidden powers of art, created by human beings for human beings, and presenting them in such a way that they become effective as forces for healing and peace? A contribution about the healing powers of art impressively demonstrated how necessary and timely these questions are. We are continuing to work on these questions by devoting ourselves to the investigation of the sources of life.

Exhibitions at the Goetheanum

In 2024, we focused on sculpture. The exhibition 'Light Leaf and Fire Form' by the iron sculptor Ferose and the painter Stephane Zwahlen, which opened in September 2023, impressively showed a conversation between sculpture and painting. An interview with Ferose was published in STIL, Michaeli 2023.

From February to April, the sculptor Rik ten Cate from the Netherlands exhibited 52 sculptures from his Soul Calendar in the exhibition, 'Seelengesten im Jahreslauf' ['Soul Gestures throughout the Year'], which emerged from his inner engagement with Rudolf Steiner's poetry. The exhibition, 'A Wake-Up Call for Our Time: Edith Maryon'—to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of the sculptor and first leader of the Visual Arts Section—was organised in collaboration with the Edith Maryon Foundation. It was a special occasion, as it was possible for the first time to hold a comprehensive exhibition of her work on the 100th anniversary of her death. It was now possible to gain an insight into her early work. Two articles about Edith Maryon will be published in STIL Ostern 2024 [currently in German only].

From October 2024 to March 2025, we are presenting a comprehensive insight into the work of 'Walter Kniebe Painting (1884-1970). Sculpture, Graphics', at the Goetheanum. Walter Kniebe's painting of the face of St. Michael is on permanent display at the Goetheanum. His



work bears an imprint of his experiences through two world wars and their dramatic consequences.

Since summer 2024, we have been working intensively on the preparation of a major exhibition 'Ignite the Spirit of the Cosmos... - Rudolf Steiner 1861-1925. Life and Work', curated by Pieter van der Ree.

Christiane Haid

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BECOMING HUMAN in Social Life

Pedagogical Section

The dynamics of the Waldorf Education movement vary greatly from country to country. However, one factor affects them all: the lack of trained teachers in many schools and kindergartens. There are various reasons for this, but it shows how important it is for us to be able to offer good teacher training, a training that appeals to young people and gives them insights, perspectives and courage for the teaching profession.

In April 2024, the Pedagogical Section, together with a network of various teacher training centres, organised a worldwide teacher training conference at the Goetheanum (230 participants from 80 training centres). Topics included: methods in adult education, the relationship between Anthroposophy and Waldorf education, curriculum issues, and the further development of schools and kindergartens in the face of the ever-changing living conditions of our time. To facilitate regular exchange between training centres, the Section leaders hold monthly video conferences (International Teacher Education Forum, ITEF). The central question here is how to prepare future educators and teachers such that they remain lifelong learners who—with the help of the anthroposophical understanding of the human being—develop tomorrow's schools out of their relationship with children and young people and out of their deep interest in the contemporary world.

Travel, Events, Publications and Projects

This theme was often addressed during the Section Leaders' lecture tours, as was Anthroposophy and Waldorf education, cultural diversity and questions of how to organise pedagogical conferences as research and (postgrad) training programmes. Trips were made to Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Germany, England, France, the Netherlands, Lithuania, New Zealand, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

We were involved in the preparation and implementation of the following events on campus: 'Weiterbildungstage der Schweizer Lehrpersonen' ['Further training days for Swiss teachers'] in January on methodological diversity, a conference for religion teachers in May on 'The longing for a positive view of the world', and in October, a colloquium on 'supportive education'.

In 2024, one project in particular was a source of inspiration and joy for us. In collaboration with Peter

Selg and the General Anthroposophical Section, we explored Rudolf Steiner's lecture cycles held a hundred years ago, which presented some of the main themes central to current educational challenges. All these lectures were documented on video and can be found on the Pedagogical Section's website at: <https://www.goetheanum-paedagogik.ch/en/publications/mediathek>

A book was published on the last course Rudolf Steiner held in Stuttgart, 'True Knowledge of Man' – on Rudolf Steiner's Last Pedagogical Course in Stuttgart, April 1924, by Constanza Kaliks, Philipp Reubke, Peter Selg in Dornach, April 2024. A publication on the understanding of destiny has been published jointly by the General Anthroposophical Section and the newly founded Section for Inclusive Social Development: *Das Schicksalsverständnis in der Anthroposophie, der anthroposophischen Pädagogik und Heilpädagogik* ['Understanding Destiny in Anthroposophy – Education and Supportive Education'] by Constanza Kaliks, Jan Göschel, Peter Selg, in Dornach 2024.

Jointly with the Research Centre of the 'Bund der Freien Waldorfschulen', a project was carried out that will result in a 'study edition' of Rudolf Steiner's educational courses held in England, to be published by Rudolf Steiner Verlag in 2025. The research project 'Resilience and Education' was launched in 2023. Since 2024, Belle Leung, research associate at the Alanus University for the Arts Social Sciences', Faculty of Education, has been leading the study together with Jacinta Gorchs, research associate at the Pedagogical Section. The research project will run until 2026. Data collected from surveys and interviews with pupils and teachers will be used to examine the relationship between Waldorf education and the development of resilience.

The project 'Cultural Diversity' has gained a new dimension through the collaboration with Paula Edelstein and her colleagues from Buenos Aires. In previous publications, empirical/statistical methods were used to show that the teacher's interest in and relationship to the cultural background of a child's family has a decisive influence on the child's learning. In the study currently being conducted in collaboration with the Pedagogical Section, she and her colleagues want to determine how teachers in South America build up this interest and relationship with culturally diverse

homes and how they modify their teaching practices accordingly. The study is intended to stimulate creativity in school practice in line with what Steiner described in Oxford in 1922: “A school like the Waldorf School is an organism from the outset and cannot be organised by devising a programme. ... It is not an abstract programme of principles that is important, but the realities that are right in front of you.”

Online Library

At the online library ‘Waldorf Resources’^{***}, which has been built up by the Pedagogical Section over several years, we have set up a new category, ‘Scientific works’, in addition to the shorter texts helpful for lesson preparation, ‘Teaching material’. It consists of academic papers on Steiner/Waldorf education. You will find articles that have appeared in scientific journals, as well as master’s or doctoral theses that deal with Waldorf Education or are relevant to its concerns and methods. We are grateful to have Susanne Speckenbach and Jacinta Gorchs supporting the editorial work of this new department at Waldorf Resources.

Involvement with Umbrella Organisations and Guests of the Section

During 2024, the Section Leaders worked with various leadership and umbrella organisations within the International Waldorf School and Kindergarten movement: the Supervisory Board of the ‘Friends of Waldorf Education’ (Freunde der Erziehungskunst)^{***}; the Executive Council and Steering Group of the ‘International Council for Steiner Waldorf Education’^{****} known as the ‘Hague Circle’; the ‘International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education’ (IASWECE)^{*****}; the international working group on the ‘right of use’ of the names ‘Waldorf School’ and ‘Rudolf Steiner School’; the interdisciplinary working group on ‘Pregnancy, Birth and Early Childhood’ (Care 1, Medical Section). In addition, the Leadership team have occasionally attended meetings of the ‘Bund der Freien Waldorfschulen, Pädagogischen Forschungsstelle’^{*****} [BdFWS, Pedagogical Research Centre] and the ‘European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education’ (ECSWE)^{*****}.

* Rudolf Steiner Spiritual Ground of Education (CW 305), Lect. 7, Oxford, 23 Aug 1922.

** <https://www.waldorf-resources.org/en/>

*** <https://www.freunde-waldorf.de/en/>

**** <https://www.waldorf-international.org/en/>

***** <https://iaswece.org/home/>

***** <https://www.waldorfschule.de/ueber-uns/paedagogische-forschungsstelle>

***** <https://ecswe.eu>



We were particularly pleased to have received so many guests: many student graduates from various training courses for kindergarten and schoolteachers, as well as colleagues, who came to Dornach to get to know the Goetheanum in all its diverse aspects. The team of the Pedagogical Section enjoyed meeting and talking to our visitors.

We are very happy that Jacinta Gorchs has joined our team, which includes Dorothee Prange, Carmen Gloria Godoy and Roxane Fabry — a team to whom we and everyone in the school movement worldwide are very grateful.

Philipp Reubke

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Section for Inclusive Social Development

100 Years of Anthroposophical Supportive Education and the Birth of a New Section

In June and July 2024, the worldwide working community of anthroposophically-orientated supportive education*, social pedagogy, social therapy, social psychiatry and inclusive social development celebrated its 100th anniversary**. On 18 June 1924, Rudolf Steiner visited the newly founded 'Lauenstein Healing and Educational Institute for Children in Need of Soul Care' in Jena on his way back from the Agricultural Course he had just held in Koberwitz, Silesia. Back in Dornach, he held the course on Education for Special Needs (Curative Education Course) (CW 317) for the three young founders of this initiative: Franz Löffler (1895-1956), Siegfried Pickert (1898-2002) and Albrecht Strohschein (1899-1962). Ita Wegman (1876-1943) also attended, other staff from the paediatric department of her clinic in Arlesheim, and Karl Schubert (1889-1949), who was responsible for supportive education at the Stuttgart Waldorf School.

From these small beginnings, a collegial network has grown so that today it is active in a variety of differentiated forms of work in around 700 organisations involved in the educational and social care of people with support needs of all ages, in 63 countries, on all continents. The intention of this work is to both recognise and support individual biographies, as well as enabling and shaping transformative processes in the social environment that lead to an expanded capacity for inclusion in community contexts, organisations and society, as a whole.

This field of work was initially able to grow largely through the efforts of Ita Wegman and was subsequently represented in the Medical Section with a separate working group. Then in 1979, the 'Curative Education and Social Therapy Council' was formed, linked to the Medical Section. This ensured that the network, which had since grown internationally, was connected to the School of Spiritual Science with its own permanent office and coordinator, which had a coordinating function that enabled collaboration in line with the research and

development endeavours of the School of Spiritual Science and its professional sections. From 2018, this organ continued its work under the name 'Anthroposophic Council for Inclusive Social Development'***.

At the same time, discussions began between the Goetheanum leadership and those responsible for the Council about a new way of integrating this field of work into the overall context of the School of Spiritual Science. This culminated in the decision to establish a Section for Inclusive Social Development as the 12th Section of the School of Spiritual Science in 2024.

The Section was founded as part of the international conference—held every two years at the Goetheanum—between 2 and 6 October 2024 at the Goetheanum. With over 900 people from all over the world, including self-advocates with support needs, the conference was a festive highlight in which the past was honoured and focus turned to the future, with the question: What does 'inclusive social development' mean today and what is our social mission for the coming decades? Something of the mood and impetus of the conference can be seen in the documentary film, which is available on the Section's website****.

Activities, Projects and Fields of Work of the Section

Two publications appeared in time for the conference in October: A fundamentally revised, newly annotated and expanded German text edition of the Heilpädagogischen Kurs (GA 317) [known as Education for Special Needs: Curative Education Course] was prepared by Anne Weise, editor at the Rudolf Steiner Nachlassverwaltung*****.

In addition, a project group developed an accompanying academic volume. This publication is entitled '...ein fortwährender lebendiger Zusammenhang' edited by Jan Göschel and Rüdiger Grimm*****. English translations of both volumes are planned for 2026.

The Section's 'International Training Circle' brings together professional training and further educational

* The term 'curative education' has frequently been used in an attempt to translate the German term 'Heilpädagogik', which is a generally accepted term in German-speaking environments. It describes a regulated profession with a scope of practice that includes pedagogical, social and therapeutic support provided to children with disabilities in school settings and especially also in other settings beyond school. The term 'supportive education' is used here to refer to this broad field of work, regardless of the professional titles and designations, which may be in use in a given context.

** <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/celebration-100-years-of-the-lauenstein-day/>

*** <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/interviews-with-the-leadership-team-in-anthroposophy-worldwide-12-2023/>

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***** Göschel, J. & Grimm, R. [2024]. «... ein fortwährender lebendiger Zusammenhang». Beiträge zu Rudolf Steiners Heilpädagogischem Kurs. Dornach: Verlag am Goetheanum. <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/project/ein-fortwaehrender-lebendiger-zusammenhang/>



programmes in the field of supportive education and inclusive social development. For the first time in 28 years, the annual conference of the Training Circle did not take place in Germany, but in Buenos Aires from 30 April to 4 May 2024. Methodology and didactic issues were discussed. The conference also focused on topics relating to inclusive education and the participation of ‘self-advocates’ as learners and teachers in training, professional education and training.*

The inclusive conference series ‘Community in Conversation’, initiated in 2023, took place in 2024 in the ‘Gemeinschaft Altenschlirf’ [Altenschlirf Community] in Germany. Participants from seven countries exchanged views on the theme, ‘seasonal festivals and rituals’ in their anthroposophical communities.** The next conference in the series will take place in Järna, Sweden, in May 2025. Through the positive resonance with the international conference and an increased identification of the participants with the newly founded Section, impulses for further thematic fields of work have arisen.

The ‘International Training Circle’, the ‘Social Therapy’ working group, the group of ‘Future Shapers’ (young professionals) and a working group of ‘Class Holders of the First Class of the School Spiritual Science’, who are active in the field of inclusive social development, have been working together continuously for some time. A working group on ‘Medicine in Supportive Education and Social Therapy’, which forms an interface with the Medical Section, is currently developing an

English-language further education programme for medical professionals in the Section’s field of work.

The ‘Supportive Education and Inclusion in Schools’ working group, which intersects with the Pedagogical Section, is developing digital formats and preparing a first symposium for autumn 2025. The ‘Ageing Culture and Care’ working group will also develop a symposium and professional development format in cooperation with the Medical Section.

The ‘Research Council’ is going to identify, support and network research projects within the Section and its network and is also planning a symposium for autumn 2025. The ‘Esoteric Aspects of Professionalism’ working group deals with questions relating to the inner aspects of work as support for professionals and develops working formats that can be incorporated into conferences. The ‘Religion and Spirituality’ working group deals with the role and organisation of ritual, celebration and spirituality in the everyday life of communities. There are also initiatives to develop work under the umbrella ‘Body Therapies’ as practised in the field of inclusive social development, which will interface with the Medical Section, and on ‘Social Agriculture’, in collaboration with the Section for Agriculture.

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Current Information: <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/>

* <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/28th-annual-conference-of-the-international-training-circle-in-buenos-aires/>

** <https://inclusivesocial.org/en/conference-community-in-conversation-from-08-11-05-2024/>

Social Sciences Section

Every report should set priorities if it is not to degenerate into a mere list. Therefore, and against the backdrop of a world in which forces of the past are powerfully seeking to subject the future to their will, I want to particularly report on our work with young people in this year's Annual Report — because they are the ones preparing the future.

At Schools: Understanding the World Situation and Introducing Threefolding

In 2024, a very important aspect of the Section's work was again the encounter and working together with young people. Many of them are suffering from the state the world is in, fear of climate collapse and wars, poverty and dictatorship; they are afraid of the future. Devoid of a realistic vision of a better future and the enthusiasm to work for it, they are threatened with becoming cynical, empty, and resigned. Young people should be supported in growing up with an awakened understanding of human development, current social questions and the threefolding of the social organism. That is why I regularly visit schools and engage intensively with the entire upper school (in addition to lectures for parents, teachers and the public). For many of them, the effect is newfound courage and strength for having their own insights and for getting involved, becoming engaged.

The value of this field of work is emphasised by the fact that it often leads to lasting connections with young people and has inspired many of today's initiatives.

Openness and new initiatives for threefolding

Currently, the first indications of a renewed threefolding movement are emerging, driven by a new generation. In Germany, for example, the ongoing generational change in the 'Netzwerk Dreigliederung' (Threefolding Network) has led to new co-workers and forms of working together. 'Dreigliederung Schweiz' (Threefolding Switzerland) is increasingly expanding its activities. In other countries, too, the movement has been rejuvenated, has intensified, and is spreading. Local and thematic groups, online forums and communities, events, congresses, books, films, retreats, seminars and even courses of study have come about. The Section is indirectly involved in all of this, providing ideas, giving lectures, offering courses (offline and online), supporting and advising.

There is also a renewed interest in and openness to the threefolding of the social organism in society – especially in circles that, awakened by the experience of the Corona era and other developments, are looking for ideas for a fundamental social transformation.

The Festival: Family as the Nucleus & Future Source of Society

Of the many events held during the year, I would like to highlight the 'Family Festival': the Section succeeded in establishing a multi-layered and recurring new event format at the Goetheanum that will benefit the building and the surrounding area over the long term. The festival reaches a target group that is almost impossible to find here, but which is crucial for the future: children and young parents; young people who face life with freshness, strength and a sense of responsibility.

Every year, we invite young and old people to a four-day festival in the park of the Goetheanum, with inspiring encounters, lectures, talks and workshops, singing, dancing, puppet shows, fairy tales, soapbox cars, treasure hunts, theatre, pirate life – and with workshops where people carve, file, hammer, weave, dye, cook, play, paint, do and experience many things, marvel and laugh. The family festival meets a great need: to celebrate in community and to meet the longing to experience anthroposophically the bigger questions of birth and death, destiny and responsibility, one's own and other people's lives – in open, free, undogmatic, attentive, joyful and loving ways. At no other event do we experience as much intensity, enthusiasm and gratitude.

The theme of the 2024 Family Festival was: How do we want to live? How do we develop freely and together in relationships? Perceiving one's own needs and committing to the needs of others, individual destiny and responsibility, closeness and distance: crucial social skills are formed within the family. Understood correctly, a kind of initiation in dealing with our fellow human beings can be and are learnt in the family.

The Anthroposophical Society – En Route towards a Re-Formation

In last year's report, we looked in particular at the contribution of the Section to the work of coming to terms with the problems of the constitution and to the reorganisation of the Anthroposophical Society. This area



of work is continuing to unfold with full force. The task of fully getting to grips with the constitution is a project for a century! Thus far, we have successfully completed all planned steps – from setting up a specialist working group and compiling documentation on the constitutional process to holding public conferences: ‘The Constitution of the (General) Anthroposophical Society’: What was intended and what has come about? In 2024, we held two further conferences at which the following steps and basic stages of a ‘re-formation’ of the statutes were discussed: What might become and en route towards a re-formation. This led to a proposal by the Section and the Executive Council of the GAS and was submitted for the 2025 Annual General Meeting. It describes the next steps along this path, which we proposed, and which were unanimously supported by the conferences and member forums, as well as by the Goetheanum Leadership.

Handover of Section Leadership Underway

Responsibility for the development of a field of work in a Section can only be borne by a particular individual for a limited period. One of the tasks of this office is to consciously, willingly and at the right time pass on the responsibility. This is a great opportunity for any Section. It allows it to take a free and fresh look at the work of the Section – such as questions of focus and priorities, working methods, themes and direction/impulses for the future – and who you would like to handover to.

I am announcing that I have decided to hand over the leadership of the Section in autumn 2026 and place it in new and younger hands. We have appointed an 8-member committee to look globally for a new Section

leader. It is to make one or more proposals for the future leadership of the Section. Their job profile includes all tasks in the areas of work of the Section, as well as co-leadership of the School of Spiritual Science, and co-responsibility within the Goetheanum Leadership. Correspondingly, the new Section leader will ultimately be appointed by the Goetheanum Leadership in agreement with the Leadership of the Sections.

The current Section team consists of Gerald Häfner, Andrea Valdinoci, Silke Hohmuth and Lucia Szogs (intern). It is supplemented by freelance and unpaid staff in various countries and fields of work.

In 2024, important earlier driving forces in the area of work of the Section and important personalities have crossed the threshold. I would particularly like to mention Christoph Lindenau and Ingo Krampen. Our deepest heartfelt thanks go to them and everyone else on both sides of the threshold!

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Treasurer's Report

Annual General Meeting at the Goetheanum

Annual accounts close with slight surplus

Thanks to the efforts of the Goetheanum, members' contributions and major donations, the annual accounts closed with a slight surplus. Loans from members are being sought to improve liquidity.

In 2024 the Goetheanum with the School of Spiritual Science, which has now twelve sections, the stage and operations were intensively involved with projects and events. Starting with the conference commemorating the 1923/1924 Christmas Conference, the booked-out annual conference of the Section for Agriculture celebrating 100 years of the biodynamic impulse, the three Parsifal performances in Holy Week, which sold out months ahead, were followed by event after event. Goetheanum staff at all levels worked immensely hard, often far beyond the normal level. Despite all this our financial situation does not allow us to increase staff or adjust to the cost of living. Staff expenses have remained at just over ten million Swiss francs, that is 56 per cent of total costs.

Despite a fortunately balanced annual result at the end of 2024, financing an independent School and free cultural institution such as the Goetheanum remains a constant balancing act. Ultimately, the Goetheanum's existence is only possible thanks to the support of its members and of friendly institutions, foundations and companies. This results in a flow of contributions and donations from around the world, which in turn motivates an idealistic and dedicated staff ranging from cleaners to section leaders.

Ultimately balanced budget

After the audit and many millions of francs of expenditure and income, the annual result for 2024 surprisingly showed a slight plus of CHF 45,027. This was thanks to a large donation received at the very end of the year and the fact that the Goetheanum was able to add a property in Dornach (CH) inherited at the beginning of 2024 to the accounts at its taxable value. Without these two last minute additions we would have incurred a similar loss as in the previous year and hidden reserves from property would probably have had to be capitalised again.

Seeing a 13.5 per cent increase in total income to CHF 17.8 million in the past financial year was pleasing. Only a small part of this was a result of the Goetheanum's own efforts, however, since the rest was due to the generosity of several deceased members in Switzerland, Germany, the UK and the Netherlands, from whom the Goetheanum received CHF 4.4 million (compared to CHF 2.7 million in the previous year). I have the impression of a resonance of destinies even from beyond the threshold at the right time.

Even though expenses have fortunately only risen by 2.3 per cent to CHF 18.3 million compared to the increased income from the Goetheanum's operations, there is still a shortfall of CHF 478,219 in operational income (CHF 2.2 million in the previous year). This reduction was due to non-operational income, above all rental income from the circa forty properties, most of which are occupied by Goetheanum staff and pensioners. Considerable maintenance costs were incurred in the properties in 2024, which were largely financed from current rental income and therefore contributed less income than in previous years.

International cooperation of treasurers

At CHF 3.1 million (CHF 3.2 million in the previous year), membership contributions have remained more or less unchanged but, as in the previous year, fell short of budget expectations by around CHF 0.6 million. For some years now, those in charge of finances in circa twenty of thirty-seven country societies have worked together regularly twice a year in conferences and in between in video meetings to gradually engender a different awareness of the finances and achieve the contributions that the Goetheanum needs. Anthroposophy and the Anthroposophical Society are also a matter of will!

Thirty-five years ago, an Annual General Meeting recommended that the branches, groups and country societies contribute CHF 125 per member per year to the Goetheanum. The members in Switzerland, Germany and Italy usually achieve this, although according to the statutes of the 1923/1924 Christmas Conference the groups are responsible for raising the contributions and the individual members contribute to reaching this sum according to their means. A few years ago, the International Treasurers' Conference drew up guidelines

Operating Costs 2024

compared to 2023 and Budget 2025

Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft

In 1.000 CHF

Ergebnis 2023		Ergebnis 2024		Budget 2024		Budget 2025	
Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Netto
3.176	-1	3.167	0	3.167	0	3.167	3.700
523	-476	73	-75	-2	-2	-2	50
0	-109	0	-68	-68	-100	-100	-100
80	-404	58	-396	-338	-300	-300	-300
1.315	-480	935	-102	833	800	800	850
2.645	0	4.244	0	4.244	1.700	1.700	1.500
7.740	-1.471	8.477	-641	7.835	5.850	5.850	5.700
	6.269		7.835		5.850		5.700
	1.192		1.133		1.130		1.000
	360		332		332		750
	314		353		-33		-100
	11		0		-25		0
	10		42		-45		0
	236		221		-225		0
	40		46		-13		0
	17		44		-77		0
	61		71		-218		-85
	233		583		-656		-90
	249		222		-282		-60
	1.174		1.318		-1.440		-120
	439		491		-648		-120
	811		607		-725		-100
	72		92		-184		-75
	846		1.468		-1.533		-100
	237		492		-591		-100
	113		108		-203		-100
	380		349		-440		-110
	0		316		-330		-50
	4.614		6.115		-7.251		-1.090
	80		58		-396		-300
	1.099		1.167		-2.117		-875
	0		0		0		0
	9		6		-304		-300
	867		924		-923		0
	2		0		-90		-100
	16		6		-128		-85
	204		214		-327		-90
	2		17		-346		-300
	1.008		1.071		-2.813		-1.800
	0		0		-37		0
	89		80		-320		-50
	1.713		1.342		-4.578		-2.670
	243		248		-799		-480
	14		20		-258		-210
	59		168		-547		-350
	143		543		-240		800
	0		0		0		0
	9		60		-483		-430
	0		0		-155		-155
	323		0		0		200
	1		2		0		0
	700		503		-602		0
	18.229		20.714		-20.655		0

Mitgliederbeiträge
 Jahrestagungen
 Mitgliederekretariat
 Vorstand und Sekretariate (50 %)
 Mitarbeiterwohnungen/Liegenschaften
 Legate
Summe
 Förderbeitrag für die Freie Hochschule

Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaften

Ergebnis 2023		Ergebnis 2024		Budget 2024		Budget 2025	
Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Aufwand	Ertrag	Netto
6.269	0	7.835	-3	7.835	0	7.835	5.700
1.193	0	1.133	-3	1.130	0	1.000	1.000
360	0	332	0	332	0	850	750
314	-370	353	-386	-33	0	-100	-100
11	-30	0	-25	-25	0	0	0
10	-16	42	-45	-3	0	0	0
236	-236	221	-225	-3	0	0	0
40	-42	46	-13	33	0	0	0
17	-46	44	-77	-34	0	0	0
61	-204	71	-218	-147	-100	-100	-85
233	-302	583	-656	-74	-90	-90	-90
249	-309	222	-282	-60	-60	-60	-60
1.174	-1.350	1.318	-1.440	-121	-120	-120	-100
439	-559	491	-648	-157	-120	-120	-120
811	-899	607	-725	-118	-100	-100	-100
72	-166	92	-184	-93	-90	-90	-75
846	-937	1.468	-1.533	-66	-100	-100	-100
237	-337	492	-591	-100	-100	-100	-100
113	-229	108	-203	-95	-100	-100	-100
380	-518	349	-440	-91	-110	-110	-100
0	0	316	-330	-14	0	0	-50
	5.811		-7.251		-1.136		-1.090
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	0		0		0		0
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Förderung Allg. Anthroposophische Gesellschaft
 Spenden
 Spenden und Beiträge von Institutionen
 Hochschule allgemein
 beim Hochschulkollegium
 beim Veranstaltungen
 beim Studium und Weiterbildung
 beim Prolektre & Institute
 beim Erste Klasse
 Allgemeine Anthroposophische Sektion
 Jugendsektion
 Mathematische-Astronomische Sektion
 Medizinische Sektion
 Naturwissenschaftliche Sektion
 Pädagogische Sektion
 Sektion für Bildende Künste
 Sektion für Landwirtschaft
 Sektion für Redende und Musizierende Künste
 Sektion für Schöne Wissenschaften
 Sektion für Sozialwissenschaften
 Sektion für Heilpädagogik und iSe
Zwischensumme Sektionen
 Vorstand und Sekretariate (50%)
 Kommunikation und Dokumentation
dein Grafik & Prolektre
dein Dokumentation
dein Wochenschrift
dein Nachrichtenblatt AWW
dein Nachrichtenblatt AWW mehrsprachig
dein Goetheanum TV
dein Öffentlichkeitsarbeit
 Goetheanum Bühne
 Faust & Mysteriendimen
 Konferenztechnik
 Goetheanum Bauadministration
 Empfang und Veranstaltungsmanagement
 Personalwesen
 Finanzaufwand und -ertrag
 Betriebsleitung
 EDV
 Leistungen für pensionierte Mitarbeitende
 periodenfremder Ertrag und Aufwand
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Ergebnis

that the country representatives and councils agreed to (Anthroposophy Worldwide 11/2021). According to these guidelines the groups would try in the current economic climate to send at least 90 Swiss francs per member to the Goetheanum or, if that were not possible, half of the income of the country group. After all, the country councils and individuals responsible for the finances who agreed the guidelines represent around 80 per cent of the worldwide membership. In reality, the membership has been slightly decreasing for years by between one and two per cent and in 2024, only slightly less than 80 francs per member on average arrived at the Goetheanum. If, on the other hand, the 37 country societies and the branches and groups in the other countries would be able to make a concerted effort to apply the guidelines, CHF 4.8 million would flow to the Goetheanum and the current structural deficit would be covered. In addition, member numbers remained stable for the first time in some years on 1 January 2025 and significantly more people decided to become members. Perhaps a turning point has also been reached in this respect and the Anthroposophical Society can grow again worldwide.

It must also be mentioned that several thousand members paid CHF 1.1 million each year on top of their contribution, by making one or even several additional donations or a Christmas donation in 2024, which meant that, including donations from foundations and institutions, we received a total of CHF 3.1 million in designated donations or third-party funds for the work of the twelve sections and the stage (compared to CHF 3.4 million in the previous year).

Increased visitor numbers – and building costs

Visitor numbers have increased compared to the previous year and are higher than before Covid, as is reflected in the 38 per cent increase in income from events and study courses to CHF 2.8 million (compared to CHF 2.2 million). At the same time expenses increased in this area by nine per cent. Co-workers feel that it would be impossible to increase the number of events further.

The amounts to be spent on repairs to the building and technical equipment were unexpectedly high at almost CHF 1.1 million. They were not budgeted for to such an extent and exceeded the estimated annual costs tenfold. The greatest expense was for the repair of the terrace to the west of the Goetheanum, which amounted to circa CHF 350,000. Water leaks threatened to affect the iron reinforcements of the concrete ceiling and urgent action was required. A new fire alarm system also had to be installed at the request of the authorities at a cost of over CHF 120,000.

Member loans to ensure liquidity

Liquidity was problematic in the course of 2024. Expenses are usually due on a regular monthly basis, this time including the high repair costs in summer, while the main months for income are November and December. This meant that up to three million francs needed to be found temporarily. We will have the same difficulty in 2025, especially as we will have an interesting and full programme of events. Improvement can only be expected after some time, when a large inheritance from properties in Germany can gradually be converted into funds for the Goetheanum. Until then, loans from members would be of great help.

Major upcoming financial projects

The next challenge is the complete renewal of our heating system. The existing block-type thermal power station, which was state of the art when it was installed 25 years ago, needs to be replaced by the 2026/2027 heating period at the latest. We will therefore turn to you this summer as we will try to finance this CHF 4.5 million project with interest-bearing medium-term bonds and your help.

Now I would like to thank all donors from the bottom of my heart for their help. It is like a stream of warmth flowing into the Goetheanum. I would also like to thank Oliver Conradt and his team – Ileana Toma, Nanna Osmer, David Strahl and Sami Vaisanen – in the finance department.

Justus Wittich, Schatzmeister

Report from the new Weleda Advisory Board of the General Anthroposophical Society

At the Annual General Meeting at the end of April 2024, it was decided to set up an advisory board for the General Anthroposophical Society, in particular for its representative, the treasurer, to advise him on matters relating to Weleda. A dedicated pioneering group had already put together a suitable team. This team—consisting of Roland Appel, Reinhild Engelen, Stephan Eisenhut, Jonathan Neisecke, Christian Schikarski, Sören Schmidt, Frieder Sprich and Christina van Tellingen—was confirmed at the Annual General Meeting and the first meeting took place at the beginning of June. Shortly after the first meeting, an election of the Board of Directors of Weleda took place. A motion to the Treasurer from the Advisory Board on the election of candidates could only be given orally, as it had not been formulated on time for the process of the meeting.

We have now met four times. We will attempt to meet about five or six times a year. The work is divided into three areas of activity:

- Engagement and in-depth study that is necessary for understanding the background of anthroposophic medicinal products, cosmetics, and management.
- Getting to know the operational processes, markets and challenges, as well as responsibilities within the company.
- Exchange between those in charge and those involved to gain the broadest possible palette of perspectives.

The work is still in its early days, but a style of working has now been established in which trust and a very good exchange of ideas has unfolded. The challenge

of anchoring such a large company in the present in an anthroposophical way requires Anthroposophy to be represented in such a way that the freedom of the employees is respected, and the clarity of content is adapted to the circumstances. For example, Weleda has renewed its signet after an intensive process and has thus changed its public image to suit our times. So far, the advisory board has been able to satisfy itself that these processes have been carried out with intensity and awareness of their significance.

Manufacturing in an increasingly industrialised process, while maintaining the necessary 'spirit' remains a challenge, thus making it necessary to have a spiritually minded 'ecosystem' in and around the company that can make it happen. As always, a balancing act between externalising and internalising plays a role. As an advisory board, we will try to keep necessary focal points of attention at the forefront. In addition, we want to promote among the membership that a lot can be achieved with the support of a spiritual environment and thoughts associated with it. What we do should spark the interest of the spiritual world, our membership and interested people and groups. The externalisation that is taking place today needs a counterbalance, so that good ideas may arise. The advisory board will continue to work towards this in the future.

Christian Schikarski

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Bericht zur Prüfung der Jahresrechnung

Prüfungsurteil

Wir haben die Jahresrechnung der Allgemeinen Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft (der Verein) – bestehend aus der Bilanz zum 31. Dezember 2024, der Erfolgsrechnung und der Geldflussrechnung für das dann endende Jahr sowie dem Anhang, einschliesslich einer Zusammenfassung bedeutsamer Rechnungslegungsmethoden – geprüft.

Nach unserer Beurteilung entspricht die beigefügte Jahresrechnung dem schweizerischen Gesetz und den Statuten.

Grundlage für das Prüfungsurteil

Wir haben unsere Abschlussprüfung in Übereinstimmung mit dem schweizerischen Gesetz und den Schweizer Standards zur Abschlussprüfung (SA-CH) durchgeführt. Unsere Verantwortlichkeiten nach diesen Vorschriften und Standards sind im Abschnitt «Verantwortlichkeiten der Revisionsstelle für die Prüfung der Jahresrechnung» unseres Berichts weitergehend beschrieben. Wir sind vom Verein unabhängig in Übereinstimmung mit den schweizerischen gesetzlichen Vorschriften und den Anforderungen des Berufsstands, und wir haben unsere sonstigen beruflichen Verhaltenspflichten in Übereinstimmung mit diesen Anforderungen erfüllt.

Wir sind der Auffassung, dass die von uns erlangten Prüfungsnachweise ausreichend und geeignet sind, um als eine Grundlage für unser Prüfungsurteil zu dienen.

Verantwortlichkeiten des Vorstandes für die Jahresrechnung

Der Vorstand ist verantwortlich für die Aufstellung einer Jahresrechnung in Übereinstimmung mit den gesetzlichen Vorschriften und den Statuten und für die internen Kontrollen, die der Vorstand als notwendig feststellt, um die Aufstellung einer Jahresrechnung zu ermöglichen, die frei von wesentlichen falschen Darstellungen aufgrund von dolosen Handlungen oder Irrtümern ist.

Bei der Aufstellung der Jahresrechnung ist der Vorstand dafür verantwortlich, die Fähigkeit des Vereins zur Fortführung der Geschäftstätigkeit zu beurteilen, Sachverhalte im Zusammenhang mit der Fortführung der Geschäftstätigkeit – sofern zutreffend – anzugeben sowie dafür, den Rechnungslegungsgrundsatz der Fortführung der Geschäftstätigkeit anzuwenden, es sei denn, der Vorstand beabsichtigt, entweder den Verein zu liquidieren oder Geschäftstätigkeiten einzustellen, oder hat keine realistische Alternative dazu.

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Bericht zu sonstigen gesetzlichen und anderen rechtlichen Anforderungen

In Übereinstimmung mit Art. 728a Abs. 1 Ziff. 3 OR und PS-CH 890 bestätigen wir, dass ein gemäss den Vorgaben des Vorstandes ausgestaltetes internes Kontrollsystem für die Aufstellung der Jahresrechnung existiert.

Ferner empfehlen wir, die vorliegende Jahresrechnung zu genehmigen.

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Leitender Revisor


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Reinach, 28. Februar 2025

Beilagen:

- Jahresrechnung (Bilanz, Erfolgsrechnung, Geldflussrechnung und Anhang)

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Bilanz per 31. Dezember 2024 mit Vergleich 2023

(alle Beträge in CHF)	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
AKTIVEN		
Umlaufvermögen		
Flüssige Mittel	1'081'443	1'155'643
Forderungen aus Leistungen		
- Dritte	264'531	459'958
- Nahestehende	195'148	57'933
Übrige kurzfristige Forderungen		
-Dritte	185'465	61'131
Aktive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	456'089	433'365
Total Umlaufvermögen	2'182'676	2'168'030
Anlagevermögen		
Finanzanlagen		
Darlehen und langfristige Forderungen		
- Dritte	80'071	354'440
- Nahestehende	550'000	550'000
Beteiligungen	4'168'367	4'168'367
Immobilie Sachanlagen		
Goetheanumbauten, Gelände, Mobiliar	1	1
Grosser Saal	564'039	566'520
Goetheanum-Sanierung (fremdfinanziert)	3'015'112	3'016'062
Goetheanum-Sanierung (eigenfinanziert)	453'492	453'492
Mitarbeiterwohnungen	12'670'788	12'090'941
Total Anlagevermögen	21'501'869	21'199'822
TOTAL AKTIVEN	23'684'545	23'367'852
PASSIVEN		
Kurzfristiges Fremdkapital		
Verbindlichkeiten aus Lieferungen und Leistungen		
- Dritte	846'563	687'980
- Nahestehende	51'384	40'192
Kurzfristige verzinsliche Verbindlichkeiten	2'200'859	990'819
Übrige kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten		
- Dritte	59'464	88'024
Passive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	1'037'301	941'923
Total kurzfr. Verbindlichkeiten	4'195'571	2'748'939
Langfristiges Fremdkapital (Dritte)		
Schenkungen mit Rückfallrecht	2'654'924	2'803'447
Darlehen Goetheanum	2'470'032	3'474'676
Baubriefe und Darlehen Grosser Saal	564'039	566'520
Baubriefe und Darlehen Erneuerung Goetheanum	2'871'072	2'836'795
Darlehen Mitarbeiterwohnungen	9'598'000	9'466'000
Covid-19-Kredit	250'000	333'333
Total langfr. Verbindlichkeiten	18'408'066	19'480'771
Eigenkapital		
Diverse Rücklagen	1'613'017	1'379'149
Freies Eigenkapital		
Aufwertungsreserven	1'921'410	2'257'540
Ergebnisvortrag	-2'498'547	-1'223'698
Jahresergebnis	45'027	-1'274'849
Total Freies Eigenkapital	-532'110	-241'007
Total Eigenkapital	1'080'908	1'138'143
Total PASSIVEN	23'684'545	23'367'852

Erfolgsrechnung 2024 mit Vergleich 2023

(alle Beträge in CHF)	2024	2023
BETRIEBSERTRAG		
Mitgliederbeiträge	3'118'768	3'175'401
Beiträge von Institutionen, nicht zweckgebunden	337'710	364'002
Freie Spenden	1'125'321	1'189'535
Legate	4'433'425	2'645'112
Spenden Erneuerung Goetheanum	0	160
Zweckgebundene Spenden	3'093'524	3'441'175
Beiträge und Spenden	12'108'749	10'815'384
Veranstaltungen, Studium und Weiterbildung	2'831'321	2'049'113
Wochenschrift, Publikationen	1'032'721	953'066
Dienstleistungen	1'282'350	1'496'253
Finanzertrag	543'249	362'312
Nettoerlöse aus Lieferungen und Leistungen	5'689'641	4'860'744
TOTAL BETRIEBSERTRAG	17'798'390	15'676'128
Aufwand Veranstaltungen und Studium	-3'142'773	-2'882'391
Dienstleistungsaufwand	-2'218'236	-2'318'424
Unterhalt Gebäude, Gelände, Mobiliar	-2'381'645	-2'295'861
Finanzaufwand	-339'063	-357'072
Aufwand aus Dienstleistungen	-8'081'717	-7'853'747
BRUTTOERGEBNIS	9'716'672	7'822'381
Mitarbeitendeneinkommen inkl. Sozialleistungen	-10'194'891	-10'006'037
BETRIEBLICHES ERGEBNIS	-478'219	-2'183'655
Mitarbeitendenwohnungen		
Ertrag	1'345'566	1'337'070
Aufwand	-799'521	-452'231
	546'046	884'839
Leistungen für pensionierte Mitarbeitende	-154'849	-173'594
Ausserordentliche und periodenfremde Vorgänge		
Übriger ausserordentlicher und periodenfremder Ertrag	20'305	122'590
Erträge aus Liegenschaftsverkäufen	361'130	0
Übriger ausserordentlicher und periodenfremder Aufwand	-15'517	-23'026
	365'918	99'564
NICHTBETRIEBLICHES ERGEBNIS	757'114	810'809
Betriebliches Ergebnis	-478'219	-2'183'655
Nichtbetriebliches Ergebnis	757'114	810'809
JAHRESERGEBNIS VOR VERÄNDERUNG RÜCKLAGEN	278'895	-1'372'847
Entnahmen aus Rücklagen	206'437	277'148
Einlagen in Rücklagen	-440'305	-179'150
JAHRESERGEBNIS NACH VERÄNDERUNG RÜCKLAGEN	45'027	-1'274'849

Geldflussrechnung 2024 mit Vergleich 2023

(alle Beträge in CHF)	2024	2023
GELDFLUSS AUS VEREINSTÄTIGKEIT		
Jahresergebnis	45'027	-1'274'849
Abschreibungen	3'431	873'690
Auflösung stiller Reserven auf Immobilien	0	-2'257'540
Auflösung (-) / Bildung (+) gesetzliche Aufwertungsreserve	-336'130	2'257'540
Veränderung Rücklagen	233'868	-97'718
Cashflow	-53'805	-498'877
Veränderung kurzfristige Forderungen	-66'122	89'780
Veränderung aktive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	-22'724	-137'862
Veränderung kurzfristige Verbindlichkeiten	141'216	-90'445
Veränderung passive Rechnungsabgrenzungen	95'378	-89'452
Total Geldfluss aus Vereinstätigkeit	93'944	-726'855
GELDFLUSS AUS INVESTITIONSTÄTIGKEIT		
Investition Finanzanlagen und Beteiligungen	-115	-33'550
Devestition Finanzanlagen und Beteiligungen	274'484	33'939
Investition Sachanlagen	-929'846	-591'935
Devestition Sachanlagen	350'000	0
Total Geldfluss aus Investitionstätigkeit	-305'477	-591'546
GELDFLUSS AUS FINANZIERUNGSTÄTIGKEIT		
Geldzuflüsse aus kurzfristigem Fremdkapital	1'210'039	990'819
Geldzuflüsse aus langfristigem Fremdkapital	629'600	392'000
Geldabflüsse aus langfristigem Fremdkapital	-1'702'305	-1'448'288
Total Geldfluss aus Finanzierungstätigkeit	137'335	-65'469
TOTAL GELDFLUSS	-74'199	-1'383'870
Bestand zu Beginn des Geschäftsjahres	1'155'643	2'539'513
Bestand am Ende des Geschäftsjahres	1'081'443	1'155'643
Veränderung Fonds Flüssige Mittel	-74'199	-1'383'870

Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft

Anhang zur Jahresrechnung

1. Allgemeine Angaben

<u>Name:</u>	Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft (bekannt unter dem Kurznamen Anthroposophische Gesellschaft)
<u>Rechtsform:</u>	Im Handelsregister eingetragener Verein
<u>Sitz des Vereins:</u>	Rüttiweg 45, 4143 Dornach, Schweiz
<u>Zweck:</u>	Die Gesellschaft verfolgt ihre Aufgaben und Ziele nach dem ihr von Dr. Rudolf Steiner vorgeschlagenen und an der Gründungsversammlung am 28. Dezember 1923 von den Mitgliedern einstimmig angenommenen Gründungsstatut. Diesem Gründungsstatut entsprechend obliegt ihr die Aufgabe der Pflege künstlerischer, wissenschaftlicher und erzieherischer Bestrebungen im Sinne des Goetheanum als Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft.
<u>Mitglieder des Vorstandes:</u>	Stefan Hasler, Ueli Hurter, Dr. Constanza Kaliks, Justus Wittich
<u>Revisionsstelle:</u>	Santschi & Partner Treuhand AG, Reinach

2. Buchführungs- und Bewertungsgrundsätze

Die Buchführungs-, Bilanzierungs- und Bewertungsgrundsätze richten sich nach dem schweizerischen Gesetz, insbesondere der Artikel über die kaufmännische Buchführung und Rechnungslegung des Obligationenrechts (Art. 957 bis 962 OR) sowie nach den statutarischen Bestimmungen.

<u>Erfassung und Bilanzierung</u>	Sämtliche Geschäftsvorfälle sind in den Büchern der Allgemeinen Anthroposophischen Gesellschaft erfasst und am Abschlussstag gemäss den einschlägigen Richtlinien bewertet.
<u>Umrechnung von Fremdwährungen</u>	Bei Spendeneingängen in Fremdwährung wird der Betrag mit dem Monatsdevisenkurs der eidgenössischen Steuerverwaltung umgerechnet und in CHF in der Buchhaltung abgebildet. Monetäre Vermögenswerte werden am Bilanzstichtag zum vorgegebenen Kurs der eidgenössischen Steuerverwaltung bewertet. Wechselkursdifferenzen werden über die Erfolgsrechnung verbucht.
<u>Wertschriften</u>	Wertschriften werden nach ihrem Verkehrswert bewertet.
<u>Beteiligungen</u>	Beteiligungen werden nach dem Nominalwert (Weleda) bzw. nach dem Niederstwertprinzip bewertet. Die 3'299 (Vorjahr 3'299) Weleda Partizipations-scheine mit Nennwert CHF 500.00 wurden im Berichtsjahr 2024 (wie im Vorjahr) mit CHF 800.00 bewertet. Der Steuerwert der Weleda Partizipations-scheine per 31.12.2021 betrug CHF 1'740.00 (31.12.2020 CHF 1'575.00).
<u>Nahestehende Betriebe</u>	Weleda AG, Hestia Genossenschaft, Vital Speisehaus AG, Buchhandlung am Goetheanum, Verlag am Goetheanum.
<u>Sachanlagen</u>	Die Bilanzierung erfolgt zu Anschaffungskosten abzüglich Abschreibungen. Eine Ausnahme ist unter Punkt 12 umschrieben.
<u>Wertberichtigungen und Rückstellungen</u>	Für alle am Bilanzstichtag erkennbaren Risiken werden nach dem Vorsichtsprinzip Einzelwertberichtigungen und Rückstellungen gebildet.
<u>Steuern</u>	Das Goetheanum resp. die Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft, Dornach, ist von den Steuerbehörden des Kantons Solothurn als gemeinnützige Institution anerkannt und ist damit von der direkten Bundes-, Staats- und Gemeindesteuer befreit, wie auch von der Handänderungs-, Erbschafts- und Schenkungssteuer.

3. Erläuterungen zu Positionen der Bilanz und Erfolgsrechnung

In den Forderungen aus Leistungen Dritte ist eine pauschale Wertberichtigung von CHF 50'000 (Vorjahr CHF 50'000) berücksichtigt.

Übriger ausserordentlicher und periodenfremder Ertrag			
Rückerstattung von Vorsteuern aus Vorjahren	CHF	0	CHF 52'134
Beitrag Denkmalpflege an Gebäudesanierung	CHF	0	CHF 43'689
Rückerstattung CO2-Abgabe 2022	CHF	18'815	CHF 19'235
Diverses	CHF	1'490	CHF 7'532
	CHF	20'305	CHF 122'590
Übriger ausserordentlicher und periodenfremder Aufwand			
Teilerückzahlung Härtefallgelder	CHF	0	CHF -21'102
Bereinigung Forderungen und Verbindlichkeiten	CHF	-15'517	CHF 0
Diverses	CHF	0	CHF -1'924
	CHF	-15'517	CHF -23'026

4. Mitarbeitende

Am Goetheanum arbeiteten am 31.12.2024 193 Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter. Davon waren 94 Frauen und 99 Männer. Von den Frauen waren 33 in einem Vollzeitverhältnis und 61 arbeiteten als Teilzeitangestellte. Bei den Männern arbeiteten 65 in einem Vollzeitverhältnis, 34 arbeiteten in einem Teilzeitarbeitsverhältnis.

5. Wesentliche Beteiligungen

Weleda AG, Arlesheim	Herstellung und Vertrieb von Anthroposophischen Arzneimitteln und von Naturkosmetika	Aktienkapital CHF 4'750'000.-- PS-Kapital CHF 9'500'000.--	Anteil Aktienkapital 32.19% Anteil Stimmen 41.31% Anteil PS-Kapital 17.36% Anteil Kapital total 22.31%
Hestia Genossenschaft, Dornach	Betrieb von Verpflegungs- und Unterkunftsstätten am Goetheanum	Genossenschaftskapital CHF 400'000.--	Anteil Kapital 100.00%
Vital Speisehaus AG, Dornach	Betrieb von Verpflegungsstätten, insbesondere Betrieb des Speisehauses.	Aktienkapital CHF 600'000.-- PS-Kapital CHF 150'000.--	Anteil Aktienkapital 41.67% Hestia Aktienkapital 50.00% Anteil PS-Kapital 100.00%

6. Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber Vorsorgeeinrichtungen

Alle Mitarbeitende sind bei der Stiftung Abendrot, Basel, nach den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen versichert. Der Deckungsgrad bei der Stiftung Abendrot per 30.11.2023 war zum Publikationszeitpunkt bekannt. Er belief sich auf 115.6 % (Vorjahr per 31.12.2023: 112.6 %). Bestehende Arbeitgeberbeitragsreserven werden nicht aktiviert, für wirtschaftliche Risiken würden hingegen Rückstellungen in der Bilanz gebildet. Per 31.12.2024 bestehen Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber der Stiftung Abendrot in der Höhe von CHF 89'799.85 (Vorjahr CHF 88'894.25).

Die Stiftung Abendrot hat 5 Liegenschaften der Gesellschaft gegen Grundpfandsicherung im Umfang von CHF 1'445'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 1'445'000.00) finanziert.

7. Verpfändete Aktiven

Der Versicherungswert derjenigen Liegenschaften, welche unter der Bilanzposition 'Mitarbeitendenwohnungen' zusammengefasst sind, liegt deutlich über dem Bilanzwert von CHF 12'670'788 (Vorjahr CHF 12'090'941).

Auf den Gebäuden mit Mitarbeiterwohnungen bestehen per 31.12.2024 Hypothekarkredite über insgesamt CHF 9'598'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 9'466'000.00). Insgesamt sind 23 Liegenschaften (Vorjahr 21) mit einem Buchwert von CHF 7'785'823.49 (Vorjahr CHF 7'033'323.08) belastet. Von diesen Hypotheken sind CHF 9'478'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 9'346'000.00) Bankdarlehen oder Darlehen von Stiftungen, von Privaten kommen CHF 120'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 120'000.00).

Das Goetheanumgebäude ist frei von Bankschulden. Es bestehen lediglich gegenüber Mitgliedern Verbindlichkeiten in Form von Darlehen und Baubriefen entweder aus dem Saal-Neubau oder aus Bauspendenaufrufen zur Erneuerung des Goetheanum.

Als Sicherheit für ein Darlehen über CHF 350'000.00 (Vorjahr CHF 430'000.00) von einer Stiftung wurden 1'452 Namenspartizipationsscheine der Weleda AG verpfändet.

8. Eventualverbindlichkeiten

Es gibt ehemalige Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter vom Goetheanum, die bei der zweiten Säule nicht lange genug versichert waren und jetzt nicht von der Rente leben können. Die Allgemeine Anthroposophische Gesellschaft richtet zum Teil in solchen Fällen eine freiwillige Zusatzleistung aus. Im Jahr 2024 wurden auf diese Weise CHF 154'849.20 (Vorjahr CHF 173'594.20) exkl. Arbeitgeberbeiträgen ausgegeben und damit 10 Personen (Vorjahr 13 Personen) unterstützt. Bei einer durchschnittlichen Lebenserwartung in der Schweiz von 85.3 Jahren bei Männern und von 87.8 Jahren bei Frauen ergeben sich für die kommenden Jahre Eventualverbindlichkeiten in der Höhe von ungefähr CHF 0.6 Mio. (Vorjahr CHF 0.7 Mio.).

9. Honorar der Revisionsstelle

Dienstleistungen	2024	2023
Revisionsdienstleistungen inkl. MWST	28'513.25	28'540.50

10. Gliederung Erfolgsrechnung

Die Erfolgsrechnung wird in einen betrieblichen und einen nicht betrieblichen Bereich aufgeteilt. Der betriebliche Bereich umfasst alle laufenden Einnahmen aus Beiträgen, Spenden sowie Lieferungen und Leistungen abzüglich der Aufwendungen für die Leistungserbringung und die Mitarbeitereinkommen. Der nichtbetriebliche Bereich umfasst Aufwendungen und Erträge, die nicht direkt mit dem aktuellen Betrieb der Gesellschaft in Verbindung stehen, wie den Erfolg aus Mitarbeiterwohnungen, die Leistungen für pensionierte Mitarbeiter sowie ausserordentliche und periodenfremde Vorgänge. Die beiden Bereiche zusammen führen zum Jahresergebnis vor Veränderung der Rücklagen. Da die Rücklagen ein Teil des Eigenkapitals darstellen, sind erfolgswirksam verbuchte Veränderungen der Rücklagen separat ausgewiesen.

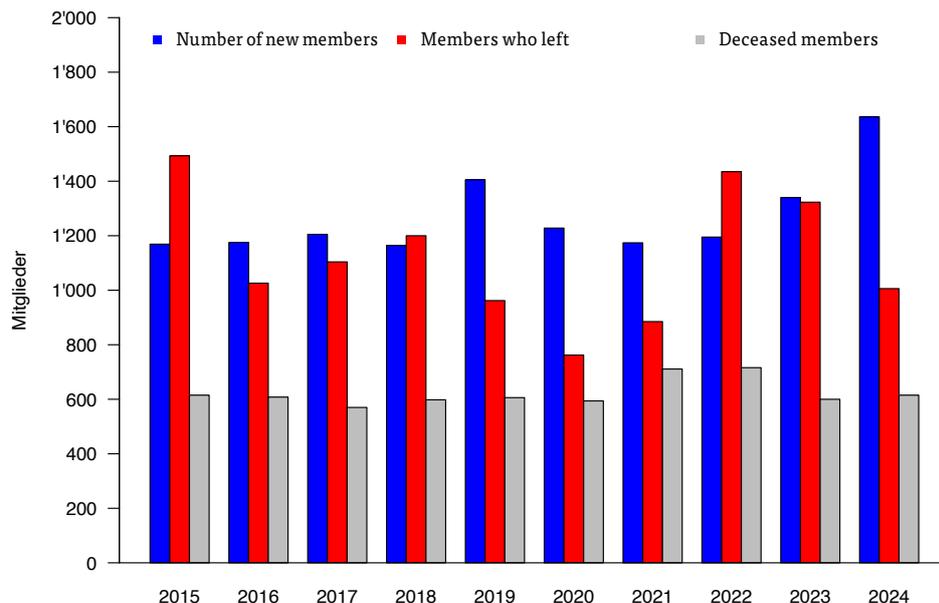
11. Covid-19-Kredit

Die Anthroposophische Gesellschaft hat 2020 einen verbürgten COVID-19-Kredit von total CHF 500'000 in Anspruch genommen. 2024 wurden CHF 83'333.40 amortisiert, so dass der COVID-19-Kredit per 31.12.2024 noch CHF 249'999.80 betrug. Für die Dauer der Inanspruchnahme des COVID-19-Kredits gelten verschiedene Einschränkungen, die z.B. die Gewährung und Ablösung von Darlehen gegenüber Nahestehenden betreffen.

12. Aufwertung nach Art. 725c OR

Zur Behebung der bilanziellen Überschuldung wurde im Vorjahr auf drei Liegenschaften der Bilanzposition 'Mitarbeiterwohnungen' eine Aufwertung gemäss Art. 725c OR um insgesamt CHF 2'257'540 vorgenommen. Der Aufwertungsbetrag wurde erfolgsneutral direkt im Eigenkapital als Aufwertungsreserve verbucht und ausgewiesen. Die Revisionsstelle hat in Ihrem Prüfungsbericht nach Art. 725c Abs. 2 OR vom 11. März 2024 bestätigt, dass gemäss Ihrer Beurteilung die Aufwertung in Übereinstimmung mit den gesetzlichen Bestimmungen vorgenommen wurde. Im Berichtsjahr wurde eine der Liegenschaften verkauft und die Aufwertungsreserve erfolgsneutral entsprechend reduziert.

Numerical Development of Membership



As at 31 December 2024, the Membership Secretariat calculated that there were 40,730 (40,734 in the previous year) members of the General Anthroposophical Society with groups in 55 (53) countries. There are 37 National Societies (South Korea was added in 2024). A total of 1,636 (1,340) people joined the Anthroposophical

Society in 2024 (blue column). By contrast, 1,006 (1,223) are no longer members, either because they have left or because there is no longer any contact with them (red column). 615 (600) members crossed the threshold to the spiritual world in 2024.

Key figures of the enterprises directly associated with the Goetheanum

For tax reasons, economic activities in connection with the Goetheanum have been separated off from the General Anthroposophical Society. Annual Results for 2024 had not yet been formally determined at the time this annual report went to press. The 2023 (2022) results are therefore shown here in CHF thousands in each case.

Apart from Vital AG ('Speisehaus Goetheanum'), the companies operated without a subsidy from the Goetheanum in 2023. While each of these companies with different legal forms is managed independently both legally and economically, they are accountable to the Executive Council of the Anthroposophical Society.

Company	Legal Form	President	Income	Expenses	Result
Buchhandlung a. Goetheanum	Association	Christof Hatebur	1'090 (972)	1'073 (751)	17 (7)
Verlag am Goetheanum	Association	Thomas Spalinger	543 (351)	538 (351)	5 (0)
Hestia	Cooperative	Christof Hatebur	473 (400)	483 (507)	-10 (-107)
Vital Speisehaus	Corporation	Thomas Didden	6'279 (5'032)	6'279 (5'097)	0 (-65)

Two charitable endowment associations still exist from the time before the Goetheanum was recognised as a non-profit organisation (Basel-Land and Solothurn). They were to be preserved for some time due to possible wills and legacies, or land ownership in South America. The endowment association in Basel-Land also serves as a fundraising organisation for various anthroposophical purposes outside the Goetheanum. Justus Wittich and Karl Buschor are president and vice-president of both associations. In 2024, the Baselland endowment association received earmarked donations totalling

CHF 65,614 (previous year: CHF 97,402) and donated CHF 59,960 (previous year: CHF 93,164). The Solothurn endowment association had no income in 2023 and 2024. It was therefore dissolved at the end of 2024 and is in liquidation. The legal successor – including Vital AG shares – is the 'Fondation Goetheanum', a charitable foundation that was run privately for a long time under the name 'Stiftung Alterra' by the former treasurer Cornelius Pietzner and has now returned to the Goetheanum under a new name. Its president is Oliver Conrardt.

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