

**INSWaP  
International annual  
conference 2014  
AUSTRIA**

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Dear parents of Steiner Waldorf schools all over the world, we are glad to invite you to our next conference of INSWaP, this year held in the center of Europe in Vienna, the capital of Austria.

Our meeting will take place mainly in the **Rudolf-Steiner-Schule Wien-Mauer** ([www.waldorf-mauer.at](http://www.waldorf-mauer.at)) situated in the south of Vienna in a former castle, with a nice courtyard and a wonderful garden around it. We will also visit another school in the countryside about 30 km from Vienna, the **Rudolf Steiner Landschule Schönau** ([www.waldorf-schoenau.at](http://www.waldorf-schoenau.at)). Its building is situated in the amazing old garden of the nearby castle and you will have the opportunity to take part at the **Annual Autumn Festival on Saturday**, including a *special thanksgiving event* initiated by the parents' council of the school there and a *traditional dancing lesson* for you.

We will also prepare **typical Austrian food** for you, Viennese coffee and of course the best cakes our Waldorf mothers have to offer. You will get a taste of Austrian **classical music**, and in the evening you will enjoy the atmosphere of one of our famous "**heurigen**", an Austrian winery.

The weekend of the conference will conclude with a guided tour by bus through the **city of Vienna** so that you can carry your impressions home with you.

But beside all this, you will especially benefit from our programme consisting of various interesting topics.

For your **children and teenagers** we will offer an appropriate programme, so you can take them with you! Kindergarten teachers and pupils from the upper grades will be at their disposal. So come and join us!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Vienna in October!



Rudolf Steiner Landschule Schönau

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Complete and send the registration form until the 30<sup>th</sup> September by email to:

[welcome@waldorf-mauer.at](mailto:welcome@waldorf-mauer.at)

## ACCOMODATION

There are three hotels offering special prices for participants. Accommodation can be booked individually until the 15<sup>th</sup> September directly at the hotels

Look at the attached information

Karin Daurer

# “HOW CAN WE BEST SERVE TODAY’S AND TOMORROW’S CHILDREN?”



RUDOLF  
STEINER-SCHULE  
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## Programme

INSWaP International Conference  
Vienna, 10 - 12 October 2014

### Friday, 10 October

- 16.00 - 17.00 Registration of participants  
 17.00 - 17.30 Opening – Welcome: classical music with Waldorf pupils  
 17.30 - 19.00 Circle of introduction of participants and countries  
 Retrospection INSWaP Riga 2013 (Anita, Latvia)  
 19.00 - 19.15 Break  
 19.15 - 20.15 Opening lecture "**INSWaP past, present and future: what does INSWaP wish to accomplish?**" (Gitte, Iceland)  
 20.30 Dinner

### Saturday, 11 October

- 09.00 - 10.30 Lecture "**Waldorf parents' role in the Waldorf communities**" (Hilde Lengali, Norway Waldorf community)  
 10.30 - 10.45 Break  
 10.45 - 11.45 Group session  
 12.00 - 12.45 Transfer to the Rudolf Steiner Landschule Schönau  
 13.00 - 13.30 "**Thanksgiving to the parents**" a practical example of parents' involvement in the community (Karin, Austria)  
 13.30 - 16.00 Lunch, **Bazaar of the autumn festival, folklore dance**  
 16.00 - 16.45 Transfer back to Rudolf Steiner Schule Wien-Mauer through the vineyards  
 17.00 - 18.00 INSWaP-ECSWE (European Council of Steiner Waldorf Education), results of discussion for becoming a legal association (Márti, Hungary-Mariam, France)  
 18.00 - 18.30 Break  
 18.30 - 20.00 Lecture "**How can parents help move Waldorf education forward in the 21st century?**" (Christopher Clouder, Waldorf teacher, writer, Great Britain/Italy)  
 20.30 Dinner at a Viennese winery with folklore music

### Sunday, 12 October

- 09.30 - 11.00 Group session  
 11.00 - 11.15 Break  
 11.15 - 12.45 Summary of conference. Final remarks. Next year's planning  
 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch  
 14.00 - 16.30 **Guided bus tour through Vienna**  
 Transfer to the CAT terminal (for transfer by train to the airport) or back to hotels

# Updates

## Report of the Meeting with ECSWE European Council for Steiner-Waldorf Education

The first INSWAP meeting in Paris in June 2007 was followed the next year at Michael Hall School in England. There we were hosted by a wonderful group of parents, teachers and *Christopher Clouder*, the CEO of ECSWE, whose offices were located on the grounds of Michael Hall.

That year marked the beginning of a very friendly and informal “partnership”, with a representative of ECSWE present at every annual meeting of INSWAP ever since.

It must be mentioned that INSWAP had much to gain from this cooperation since ECSWE regularly accepted to publish our annual meeting report and always showed a very positive and encouraging attitude towards our growing structure. Our sincere gratitude goes out to our ECSWE friends.

A recent meeting in January 2014 between the ECSWE board and two representatives from INSWAP (*Mariam Francq* and *Márti Domokos*) was a worthwhile opportunity to clarify the terms of our future relations. The question which was immediately raised concerned the structure of INSWaP and of whom the

coordinating group was composed of.

Were we representatives of our national parents’ association or did some of us take part out of pure personal motivation and interest?

The answer to this question, whether regarding the coordinating group or the participants at large, is that we come from both horizons.

From the dozen or so countries which have been represented over the years, seven have a national parents association whereas others are in the process of setting one up, and others are still debating.

This is mainly because it may not be a priority in their situations.

ECSWE’s recommendation was that a formal association with a board should be formed with the countries which do have a NPA.

The board should comprise very motivated persons who are willing to take on this task and “incarnate” our existence into reality.

Hopefully this situation will prod countries with no NPA to create one and therefore become part of the board and allow the expansion of our structure.

INSWaP will thus become an official SW organ and will

gradually gain recognition in the same manner as ECSWE grew into its present structure.

We naturally agree that this process should commence sooner or later, and it is important that prior to an official founding of a registered association, the “core” persons carefully re-define our objectives and our strategies for attaining them. Since our last meeting two countries have already set up a NPA, and a few more have started to sow the seeds of one.

And ideally, every country with SW schools should have one, but it will take time.

A charter was drawn up at our meeting at Michael Hall precisely (INSWaP newsletter n.1), with an outline of our aims. Possibly this existing document should be studied carefully again so as to define our mission as clearly as possible in view of the evolution of our group since then.

So more news will follow on this subject after our next annual meeting in Vienna, October 10-12, 2014.

*Mariam Francq  
and Márti Domokos*

# News

One is not enough. By the need to educate the children, the freedom to belong to a movement for the renewal of education.

How the national network of Steiner Waldorf parents in Italy was born.

From April 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 2014, the thirteenth "Waldorf Italia" meeting took place in Rimini, organized by the Federation of Steiner Waldorf schools in Italy and dedicated especially to parents.

The primary reason for the parents' participation was first of all the pleasure of comparison with others and to know other schools with their own characteristics and own biography through the people who compose them, taking inspiration for those who are engaged in this great adventure and feel that their enthusiasm is also yours. Their problems are similar to yours and the parents could find inspiration and ideas to improve and grow, acquiring the awareness of being part of a movement that goes beyond their own reality and the neighbouring schools, which include the nation, Europe and the World! As the Chairman of the Federation Council said: *"is like a homeopathic dose that taken only once a year has a relapse over time and throughout the movement"*. The conference dealt with the **"Fairy Tale of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lilia"** by Goethe and the four constituent arts of man. These moments of study have allowed us to connect on a higher plane, inspired and helped in the work of the group to find the right questions to the common themes of our schools: the involvement of parents in the

school, the quality of relationships between its various components, the relationship between ideals and their practical implementation.

Everything refers to the theme of the conference "One alone is not enough. By the need to educate the children to the freedom to belong to a movement for the renewal of education": we are a heterogeneous reality that looks for the right ways and means to create "the parents' network". *A network that connects good ideas and projects, a network such as the fisherman who fishes plenty of valuable treasures for our children.* Among the relations and the group work we have questioned the indispensable role of parents in our schools and how to awaken in each of them a sense of belonging to a movement for which are like the "walls of a fortress". The theme during the group work was "what are the questions from the parents" and in the second part "try to find the appropriate answers", through a process of self-education, the overcoming of sympathy and antipathy, open interest for the humanity of the other. Pursuing this way, the parents, *the bridge with the outside world*, become conscious of being men of culture who with the gesture to bring their children to the Waldorf School build the future, not only for them, but for all humanity.

To do this, the time has come to give life to a conscious connection

between all parents. And it is in this light, that the Federation in this process and meeting has accompanied and supported the newly formed National Network of Waldorf Parents in Italy.

After the embrace of the community, warmth and strength of the Waldorf Italy, the first steps on the path to the National Network of Parents were taken. On the final day we shared with those present the path made by the Group of Foundation of the network and the method of work. It was asked of the parents present during the meeting to show their willingness to be advocates of the network project in their own schools, and they have responded with enthusiasm and agreed to participate in this fascinating challenge for a National Network of Parents to be woven in time. As an ideal continuation of the dialogue begun, and with the confidence that this new organization will be joined by the entire Waldorf movement, later we will invite the parents of locations that were not present at the Waldorf Italy to check the availability to become parent referents in their own school. All this is meant with care and love to be a journey made with engagement, understanding, trust and mutual respect in the interest of our schools and our children.

*Margarida Tavares*  
One of the eight founders

## News

### A new network of Steiner Waldorf parents in Sweden (SWaN)

Sweden hasn't had a Waldorf parents organisation since the old one dissolved some years ago (there was a disagreement about the fee, big schools felt they paid too much, withdrew their memberships, and the organisation died). In recent years, hostile government policies threatened with the closing down of the Swedish Waldorf teacher college, thereby leaving Sweden without proper Waldorf teacher education.

Many parents saw the foundation for Waldorf schools in Sweden wither away slowly but surely. After demonstrations outside the parliament, articles and petitions, the school was saved. The need for a Swedish parents' organisation became apparent, so:

On the fifth of April, a bright and sunny Saturday in Stockholm, seventeen parents from ten different Waldorf schools in Sweden met at the **Kristofferskolan**.

Their purpose was to form a network for Steiner Waldorf parents in Sweden.

It was a very constructive meeting. We worked through the purpose of and the organisational plan for the network. INSWaP stands as the international model for the organisation. On the national level it is called SWaN (Swedish Waldorf Parents Network). The meetings of SWaN on a national level are going to be held once a year, but locally more meetings might be held. Two local networks were also formed: **Stockholm-Malardalen** and **South Sweden** for closer cooperation.

The prime subject for the network in this first year is sharing. A lot of creative ideas came forward like: treasure chest, everyone contributes with concepts, methods used in their school, joint marketing, joint negotiations, example energy-insurance contracts. We are leaving the door open for a more formal organisational form some years ahead, if we can make this work. We don't want to make the same mistakes twice.

*Mikael Cederqvist*

One of the seventeen founders



### INSWAP

#### INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF STEINER WALDORF PARENTS

##### COORDINATING GROUP

Anita Legzdina	<i>Latvia</i>
Gitte Lassen	<i>Iceland</i>
Hilde Lengali	<i>Norway</i>
Janey Lee Grace	<i>Great Britain</i>
Karin Daurer	<i>Austria</i>
Margarida Tavares	<i>Italy</i>
Mariam Francq	<i>France</i>
Márti Domokos	<i>Hungary</i>
Mikael Cederqvist	<i>Sweden</i>
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## Practical information



**INSWAP**  
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*Dear Waldorf-parents and friends of Steiner Waldorf education!*

*We are pleased to invite you to our annual conference, which will be held in Vienna this year. Here is some practical information for you. In case you have further questions please don't hesitate to contact:*

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### Meeting location

The meeting will be held in the **RUDOLF STEINER SCHULE WIEN-MAUER**, Endresstrasse 100, 1230 Wien (www.waldorf-mauer.at) in the South of Vienna (23th district). An excursion will be made on Saturday to the **RUDOLF STEINER LANDSCHULE SCHÖNAU** (www.waldorf-schoenau.at) located in the countryside.

### Accommodation:

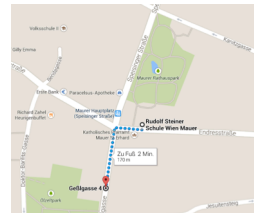
You can choose between the following hotels which are available at special conditions for participants of the INSWaP meeting. **Until the 15<sup>th</sup> September!** Please contact and book directly. Keyword: "Rudolf Steiner Schule"



### Gösser Bräu Wien

Gesslgasse 4  
A-1230 Wien  
Tel: +43 (1) 887 45 67  
reservierung@goesserbraeuwien.at  
http://www.goesserbraeuwien.at  
Price per person/night: € 42,00 (in double room).

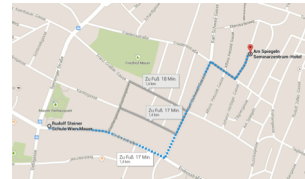
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### Hotel Am Spiegeln

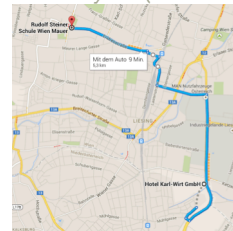
Johann-Hörbiger-Gasse 30  
A-1230 Wien  
Tel: +43 (1) 889 30 93  
rezeption@amspiegeln.at  
http://www.amspiegeln.at  
Price per person/night: € 60,00 (in double room).

*17 min. walk from hotel to school*



### Hotel Karl-Wirt

Brunnerfeldstraße 75  
2380 Perchtoldsdorf  
Tel: +43 (1) 865 99 86  
hotel@karlwirt.at  
http://w1.karlwirt.at/hotel/  
Price per person/night: € 49,90 (standard double room), € 42,00 (low budget room).  
*10 min. by car (transfer will be organised)*



*We would like to ask those who can afford it to leave the cheaper rooms to others!*

### Registration:

Please fill in the registration form attached and return to: [welcome@waldorf-mauer.at](mailto:welcome@waldorf-mauer.at)

**Registration fee: € 130/adult.** Payment at the **latest by the 30<sup>th</sup> September** The fee includes programmes for 2½ days: 2 lunches, 2 dinners, all beverages and a guided tour through Vienna. **Children/teenagers:** childcare facilities and an activity programme for teenagers will be on offer for a small additional charge.

### Arrival

By car: RUDOLF STEINER SCHULE WIEN-MAUER

Vienna International Airport:  
Schnellbahn (train) S7 or CAT (CityAirportTrain) to Wien Mitte Underground line U4 (green) to Hietzing (direction Hütteldorf) - Tram Nr. 60 to Maurer Hauptplatz (direction Rodaun), the school is beside the church.

Cost: Schnellbahn 4,40 €/CityAirportTrain 24€ (return ticket) journey time approx. 60 minutes

Wien Westbahnhof: Underground line U6 (yellow) to **Längenfeldgasse** (direction Siebenhirten). Underground line U4 (green) to **Hietzing** (direction Hütteldorf) - Tram Nr. 60 to **Maurer Hauptplatz** (direction Rodaun). Cost: 2,20 €/ approx. 40 minutes

Wien Hauptbahnhof: Underground line U1 (red) to **Karlsplatz** (direction Leopoldau) Underground line U4 (green) to **Hietzing** (direction Hütteldorf) - Tram Nr. 60 to **Maurer Hauptplatz** (direction Rodaun). Cost: 2,20€ / approx. 40 minutes.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## INSWaP 2014

Vienna, October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Please fill in and return to **welcome@waldorf-mauer.at**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Country (and name of the school): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

@-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: € 130,- /adult**

Incl. 2x lunch, 2x dinner, all beverages, guided tour through Vienna, programme for 2 ½ days.

**Payment: at the latest by the 30th September**

WALDORFBUND ÖSTERREICH  
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BIC: RLNWATWWBAD

**Accommodation:** to be booked individually! 3 hotels are available at special conditions for participants of INSWaP (see accommodation information sheet)

**Childcare:** Childcare facilities and an activity programme for teenagers will be on offer for a small additional charge. Please let us know if you want to avail of these. If travelling by plane please inform us of your time of arrival at and departure from Vienna Airport

**What else should we know:** \_\_\_\_\_

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