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**International
Theosophical Centre**

**Welcome to the
International Theosophical Centre**

The ITC was founded in 1925. It was donated for the work of the Theosophical Society (TS). It is the international centre for the TS in Europe, and is as such directly connected with its international headquarters in Adyar, Chennai, India. Various TS European organizations have frequent meetings at the Centre.

A Theosophical Spiritual Centre

A spiritual Centre has many different dimensions. The essence is that it has a special atmosphere which supports sensitive visitors in their spiritual endeavour. Inner silence is a prerequisite for deeper understanding on the spiritual path. The ultimate aim of this path is Regeneration or Transformation of the Mind. An open spiritual approach is therefore essential.

The Centre may be considered a centre of Light, or Positive Energy for the world, transforming finer energies to the levels at which it can be used. The Centre is therefore a place for study, meditation and service.

Supporting the Centre

Such service may well include supporting the Centre itself, maintaining and further vitalizing it for generations to come. This can be done individually, during a personal retreat or in groups. This can be enriched by meeting people in different activities in the same quest for Truth.

Friends of the ITC

The work of the ITC is done by volunteers. Friends of the Centre help to preserve this unique spiritual centre for the future, to maintain the estate and to organize the activities, which are vital for the ITC.

Since the foundation of the ITC, many Friends from the Netherlands and abroad have supported the ITC. The ITC has always had a special relationship with its Friends. Being a Friend of a spiritual Centre implies a much deeper relationship than just being a financial sponsor.

Friends are required to subscribe to the aims and activities of the ITC. This results in a bond, which is experienced by many Friends, even those who live far away.

Friends are expected to offer a financial contribution of at least € 35 per year. They can also support the ITC through practical service or through their meditation. On request Friends will be sent a special meditation, linked with the work of the ITC.

Aims of the Centre

The International Theosophical Centre (ITC) aims to foster the principle of Universal Brotherhood and Peace under the inspiration of the highest human values, with the will to serve the world and having regard for the Oneness of Life in all living beings.

Role of the ITC

The International Theosophical Centre (ITC) aims to be an active and inspiring spiritual centre, contributing to the service of the world and the uplifting of mankind in particular. The ITC invites people at the Centre to further the process of human regeneration through personal transformation.

Core values

The core values of the ITC are based on the notion of unity of all life:

- Human regeneration through personal transformation, based upon a deeper understanding of one's true nature. This quest for truth involves a particular interest in esoteric wisdom.
- Freedom of thought, which implies non-sectarianism, no dogmas. Each one is responsible for his own spiritual path.
- Beauty and Service in activities as well as maintaining the beauty and profound atmosphere of the estate. This implies work in harmony with nature.

Activities of the ITC

The ITC is a retreat and study centre. It therefore organizes seminars and retreats on different aspects of spiritual life for both members and non-members of the TS. The ITC has a fine library and a meditation room. The activities in the Centre support the spiritual development of the participants.

Contact with Friends

The ITC organizes special Friends days, which allow Friends to meet each other and to exchange experiences in the work at the ITC. Friends frequently receive *Centre News* which is the official publication of the ITC.

The Estate

The ITC estate consists of 16 hectares of beautiful woods and gardens, with the original mansion St. Michael's House located at the centre, now a residence for workers. Participants of the activities of the ITC enjoy walks in the peaceful grounds. Meditative walks may contribute to personal spiritual development.

Any stay at the centre is meant to promote quietness of mind, peace and a harmonious life. Therefore smoking and the use of drugs on the estate is prohibited; furthermore only vegetarian meals and non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

More information on the ITC

The website of the Centre, www.itc-naarden.org, contains additional information, and the ITC has published an eBook entitled *Past and Future* on www.theosophyforward.net (look under Special Editions)

When these ideals formulated in this leaflet appeal to you, we invite you to join the Friends of the ITC. Please fill out the following form, and send it by email or mail to:

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Application Form

I support the aims and activities of the International Theosophical Centre in Naarden and would like to become a Friend of the International Theosophical Centre.

Name Mr./Mrs.
Address
Postal Code
City
Country
Email
T.S. member yes/no

I donate € and/or intend to support the ITC through

Date
Signature