

Sufinews from Europe

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Greetings from the heart!

What a privilege it is to belong to a spiritual family that stretches across the entire globe, united beyond all differences of race, nation and religion. And yet, united though we are, it is often a challenge to stay abreast of all that is happening in our blessed Order.

Sufi News from Europe is a wonderful response to this need. It is my sincere hope that, through Sufi News, our sense of unity, already so strong in its inner dimension, will be strengthened in its outer dimension. My thanks go out to all who make this possible.»

Pir Zia Inayat Khan

Dear sufi friends!

In the early days of the Sufi movement, a newsletter was circulated among the many suficenters in Europe. Our aim now is to revivify this former activity.

Coming from Norway; a small country with three small suficenters; we are eager to learn more about what is going on in the European sufisociety of today. This newsletter is ment to serve as a tool to increase the flow of information and thereby the contact between us.

The European newsletter in Murshid's time contained, amongst other a list of new leaders appointed in each country, a short article about progress in the work and articles by the head of the Order or other leaders. Now we invite all sufis to write here in this column.

Please use English in your articles or anything else you want to share.

On the following pages you will find an extract of what is happening in Europe this summer. We are grateful to the secretariats of Germany and United Kingdom for their cooperation.

Thank you! Thank you also to Hadi for his presentation of the Suficentre in Athens.

The next presentation wil be from Norway. You will also find links to sufi European websites.

We encourage all national leaders to forward information concerning their centres/ activities. If we receive enough material, and the newsletter is met with positive response, we will publish a new edition in October 2009 and hopefully in March 2010. Please send your contribution by the end of August 2009 and January 2010 to ki.a@online.no

Toward The One; the perfection of love, harmony and beauty.

The only Being – united with all the illuminated souls who form the embodiment of the Master – the Spirit of guidance

In love and service,
Zamyat and Alia



Events

Here are some events taking place in Europe this summer.

We invite you to send in information that may be of interest to a travelling sufi friend

JUNE

30.5.-6.6.: Raphael Healing Work. Group retreat. By Johne and Sirkar Erdmann
Location: La Salindre. Tel. 0241/77293 Sabine.
Johne@nwn.de www.lasalindre.eu

29.5.-7.6: Discover the Inner Guidance.
Pentecost seminar by Munir Voß
Location: Schweibenalp Switzerland
Registration: info@schweibenalp.ch

06.06 – 07.06: Seminar with Pir Zia Inayat Khan: Awakening to the Prophetic Call
Location: Colet House, 151 Talgarth Road., London W14 9DA
Registration: info@sufiorderuk.org
Tel: 020 7266 3099

08.06: Pir Zia Inayat Khan - evening talk on Seven Pillars House of Wisdom
Location: Alternatives, St. James's Church
www.alternatives.org.uk/

22.06: Universal Worship at London Sufi Centre to mark the Urs of Pir Vilayat and the birthday of Hazrat Pir O Murshid Inayat Khan.
info@sufiorderuk.org Tel: 020 7266 3099

24.06: The Ruba'iyat of Omar Khayyam.
Location: New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich, England
Registration: Tel: 01473 295900

26.06 – 30.06.: 3-day Interfaith course/retreat: Sufism and Tibetan Buddhism - Paths of the Heart – with Dechen Pende and Kim Shams Richardson.
Location: Holy Isle, Scotland. Info: www.holyisle.org or <http://www.samyeling.org>

27.6: Seminar by Sharif Munawwir Graham
Location: München, Germany Info:
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JULY

17.07 – 23.07: Alchemical Retreat with Nigel Wali Hamilton
Location: Hourne Farm, Sussex, England
Info: info@sufiorderuk.org tel: 020 72663099

26.7.-1.8 & 2.- 8.8. Seminar followed by individual retreat week.
By Daena M. Bernhold in La Salindre / Southern France. www.lasalindre.eu

25.07 – 15.08: Zenith Institute Summer Camp www.zenithinstitute.com

AUGUST:

3.08 - 8.08
Individual retreat in Denmark. Contact telephone +4547524019 or +4547524757

13.08 – 18.08: Journey Deep into the Heart of Remembrance – Dances of Universal Peace, Zikr and Sufi Practice, Taize Singing, Bhajans and Kirtan, Breton Dancing, Tibetan Sound Meditation, Yoga Information: <http://yoganature.co.uk/pdf/Heart-Remembrance.pdf>

THE UNIVERSEL IN SURESNES

There is a meditation every thursday at 20 pm in French, and every first sunday of the month.

It is possible to visit the Universel by appointment tel: +33147284846



Presentations and links

Information about the Athens sufi center by Hadi



Our meetings take place every Thursday, ten months a year (excluding the months of July and August), in my house. We have a Gathas Class from 8 to 8:30 pm, and then an Open Class from 8:30 to 10:30 pm.

The Gathas Class is now in its fourth year. It is attended by seven mureeds and we have begun Gatha III. The Gathas are being translated into Greek as we proceed. Six out of the seven mureeds in the Gathas class do at least one individual retreat a year. The retreats take place in a small room on top of my house. They vary from four to forty days.

The Open Class includes the above mureeds plus about five more people who are interested in the Message but have not taken /bayat/ as yet. A new Gathas class is set to start in February 2009, which will have three participants, as they have been in the Open Class for some time and have shown great enthusiasm to be initiated. This second class will be held every Friday, and will be led by Rashi-da Charalambous who is the Coordinator of the Athens group and an apprentice retreat guide.

We do not hold any open seminars or group retreats, but on March this year Joy Azima came to Athens for a week-end of chanting, voice-work and dances.

In service,

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Austria: <http://www.sufiorden.at/index.htm>

Belgium: <http://www.sufismus.ch/>

Denmark: <http://www.sufi-danmark.dk/>

France: <http://www.ordre-soufi-international-france.org/>

Germany: <http://www.sufiorden.de>

Holland: <http://www.lightsong.info/>

Norway: <http://www.sufi.no>

Switzerland: <http://www.sufismus.ch/>

United Kingdom: <http://www.sufiorderuk.org>

<http://www.sufiorder.org>

<http://www.nekbakhtfoundation.org>

<http://www.sulukacademy.org>





A Spiritual Conspiracy

On the surface of the world right now there is war and violence and things seem dark. But calmly and quietly, at the same time, something else is happening underground. An inner revolution is taking place and certain individuals are being called to a higher light.

It is a silent revolution.
From the inside out. From the ground up.
This is a Global operation.
A Spiritual Conspiracy.
There are sleeper cells in every nation on the planet.
You won't see us on the TV.
You won't read about us in the newspaper.
You won't hear about us on the radio.

We don't seek any glory.
We don't wear any uniform.
We come in all shapes and sizes, colors and styles.
Most of us work anonymously.
We are quietly working behind the scenes in every country and culture of the world.
Cities big and small, mountains and valleys, in farms and villages, tribes and remote islands.

You could pass by one of us on the street and not even notice.
We go undercover.
We remain behind the scenes.
It is of no concern to us who takes the final credit.
But simply that the work gets done.

Occasionally we spot each other in the street.
We give a quiet nod and continue on our way.
During the day many of us pretend we have normal jobs.
But behind the false storefront at night is where the real work takes a place.

Some call us the Conscious Army.
We are slowly creating a new world with the power of our minds and hearts.
We follow, with passion and joy.

Our orders come from the Central Spiritual Intelligence.

We are dropping soft, secret love bombs when no one is looking.
Poems ~ Hugs ~ Music ~ Photography ~ Movies
~ Kind words ~ Smiles ~ Meditation and prayer
~ Dance ~ Social activism ~ Websites ~ Blogs ~
Random acts of kindness...

We each express ourselves in our own unique ways with our own unique gifts and talents.
Be the change you want to see in the world.
That is the motto that fills our hearts.
We know it is the only way real transformation takes place.

We know that quietly and humbly we have the power of all the oceans combined.
Our work is slow and meticulous.
Like the formation of mountains.
It is not even visible at first glance.
And yet with it entire tectonic plates shall be moved in the centuries to come.
Love is the new religion of the 21st century.
You don't have to be a highly educated person.
Or have any exceptional knowledge to understand it.
It comes from the intelligence of the heart.
Embedded in the timeless evolutionary pulse of all human beings.

Be the change you want to see in the world.
Nobody else can do it for you.
We are now recruiting.
Perhaps you will join us.
Or already have.
All are welcome.
The door is open.

-- Brian Piergrossi