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I RUN FOR MY ♥

124 children participated in the second "ENDURO" race on Wednesday, 11 th December, at the School Sports Complex. Altogether they ran a total of 284 kilometres. In each category (junior, intermediate and senior), the two fastest girls and boys got a prize.

Congratulations to all participants. The kids were highly motivated by the encouragement and cheering of the parents/spectators. Thank you for making it such an enjoyable event.

Prize Winners 2002

Category	Name	Age	Distance	Duration	Position
Junior					
Girls	Saranya	9	1700 m.	9 min.	1 st
Girls	Alexandra	9	1700 m.	9min.	2 nd
Boys	Satya	9	1900 m.	9 min.	1 st
Boys	Raffaello	8	1800 m.	9 min.	2 nd
Inter.					
Girls	Abhirami	9	2400 m.	12 min.	1 st
Girls	Nandini	11	2300 m.	12 min.	2 nd
Boys	Gurudev	11	2600 m.	12 min.	1 st
Boys	David	11½	2600 m.	12 min.	2 nd
Senior					
Girls	Manjula	14½	4100 m.	20 min.	1 st
Girls	Leela	16½	4000 m.	20 min.	2 nd
Boys	Kumaran	16	5300 m.	20 min.	1 st
Boys	Selvam	15½	5100 m.	20 min.	2 nd

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

L'ŒUVRE DIVINE

Comment procèdera le karmayogi, de quelle manière particulière ? Aucune règle générale ne peut en décider. C'est du dedans que l'œuvre doit s'élaborer ou se définir ; la décision est une affaire entre Dieu et notre moi, entre le Moi suprême et le moi individuel qui est l'instrument de l'œuvre ; avant même la libération, c'est du moi intérieur, dès que nous en devenons conscient, que vient la sanction, le choix spirituellement déterminé. C'est du dedans absolument que doit venir la connaissance du travail qui doit être fait. Il n'est pas de travail particulier, pas de loi ni de forme invariable de travail ni de manière de travailler qui puisse être fixée du dehors et dont on puisse dire que c'est le 'mode de l'être libéré.' Certes, la phrase de la Guîtâ définissant le travail qui doit être fait, a été interprétée dans le sens que nous devons faire notre devoir sans nous soucier du fruit. Mais cette conception est issue d'une culture européenne qui par ses concepts est plus morale que spirituelle et plus extérieure qu'intérieurement profonde. Ce que nous baptisons 'Devoir' d'une manière générale, n'existe nulle part ; nous avons seulement *des* devoirs, et ils se contredisent souvent entre eux, et ils sont déterminés par notre milieu, nos relations sociales ou notre position extérieure dans la vie. Ils sont d'une grande valeur pour éduquer la nature morale tant qu'elle n'est pas mûre et fixer des formules qui découragent l'action du désir égoïste. Déjà, nous avons dit que tant que le chercheur n'a pas la lumière intérieure, il doit se gouverner selon la meilleure lumière dont il dispose, et le devoir, les principes, les nobles causes, font partie des formules qu'il peut temporairement ériger et suivre. Mais après tout, les devoirs sont choses extérieures, ils ne sont pas de la substance de l'âme, et, sur ce chemin, ils ne peuvent pas fournir une règle d'action ultime. Se battre est le devoir du soldat quand il est appelé sous les armes, et même tirer sur ses parents et ses amis, mais pareille règle ou toute autre de ce genre, ne saurait être imposée à l'homme libéré. Par contre, aimer, avoir de la compassion, obéir à la plus haute vérité de son être, suivre les ordres du Divin, ne sont pas des devoirs : c'est la loi de notre nature lorsqu'elle s'élève vers le Divin, c'est une action qui découle d'un état d'âme, une haute réalité de l'esprit. De même, l'action du travailleur libéré doit être comme une coulée de l'âme ; elle doit venir à lui ou jaillir de lui comme un résultat naturel de son union spirituelle avec le Divin, et non être le produit d'une construction édifiante de la pensée et de la volonté mentale, de la raison pratique ou du sens social. Dans la vie ordinaire, une règle, une formule ou un idéal personnel, social ou traditionnel, est le guide, mais dès que le voyage spirituel a commencé, tout cela doit céder la place à une règle ou à une manière de vivre intérieure et extérieure qui ait sa nécessité pour notre discipline particulière, pour notre libération et notre perfection, une manière de vivre qui s'accorde à la voie que nous suivons ou qui est ordonnée par le guide, le maître spirituel, le Gourou, ou dictée par le Guide qui est en nous. Et quand nous parvenons à l'ultime état, qui est d'infinitude et de liberté d'âme, toutes les règles extérieures sont laissées de côté ou s'effacent ; il reste seulement une obéissance spontanée et intégrale au Divin à qui nous nous sommes uni, et une action qui accomplit spontanément la vérité spirituelle intégrale de notre être et de notre nature.

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THE DIVINE WORK

How he shall do this, in what particular way, can be decided by no general rule. It must develop or define itself from within; the decision lies between God and our self, the Supreme Self and the individual self that is the instrument of the work; even before liberation, it is from the inner self, as soon as we become conscious of it, that there rises the sanction, the spiritually determined choice. It is altogether from within that must come the knowledge of the work that has to be done. There is no particular work, no law or form or outwardly fixed or invariable way of works which can be said to be that of the liberated being. The phrase used in the Gita to express this work that has to be done has indeed been interpreted in the sense that we must do our duty without regard to the fruit. But this is a conception born of European culture which is ethical rather than spiritual and external rather than inwardly profound in its concepts. No such general thing as duty exists; we have only duties, often in conflict with each other, and these are determined by our environment, our social relations, our external status in life. They are of great value in training the immature moral nature and setting up a standard which discourages the action of selfish desire. It has already been said that so long as the seeker has no inner light, he must govern himself by the best light he has, and duty, a principle, a cause are among the standards he may temporarily erect and observe. But for all that, duties are external things, not stuff of the soul and cannot be the ultimate standard of action in this path. It is the duty of the soldier to fight when called upon, even to fire upon his own kith and kin; but such a standard or any akin to it cannot be imposed on the liberated man. On the other hand, to love or have compassion, to obey the highest truth of our being, to follow the command of the Divine are not duties; these things are a law of the nature as it rises towards the Divine, an outflowing of action from a soul-state, a high reality of the spirit. The action of the liberated doer of works must be even such an outflowing from the soul; it must come to him or out of him as a natural result of his spiritual union with the Divine and not be formed by an edifying construction of the mental thought and will, the practical reason or the social sense. In the ordinary life a personal, social or traditional constructed rule, standard or ideal is the guide; once the spiritual journey has begun, this must be replaced by an inner and outer rule or way of living necessary for our self-discipline, liberation and perfection, a way of living proper to the path we follow or enjoined by the spiritual guide and master, the Guru, or else dictated by a Guide within us. But in the last state of the soul's infinity and freedom all outward standards are replaced or laid aside and there is left only a spontaneous and integral obedience to the Divine with whom we are in union and an action spontaneously fulfilling the integral spiritual truth of our being and nature.

Report from the Auroville Council and Working Committee

Reminder of who we are: Adhara, Ananda*, Fred*, Janet, Jaya*, Jill, Jothi, Joy, Mauna, Renu*, Santo (TOS), Sanjeev*, Selvaraj*, Stuart* (Prayatna)(TOS), Swadha, Ulli. All of us are members of the Auroville Council and those with an asterisk next to their name do the Working Committee work.

Meetings: We have been meeting now for one month. On Monday afternoons we meet as a full group to discuss general matters which have been referred to us and on Wednesday mornings to discuss policies and directions. These meetings happen in the SAWCHU Conference Room. The Working Committee meets alone in their office on Monday and Thursday mornings and the rest of us may or may not meet depending upon the topics before us. Valli our acting secretary and office assistant is present in the Working Committee Office everyday. Auralee will join as our secretary in mid-January.

Conflicts: Most conflicts are being handled by the Harmony Group. We are only involved in cases which involve a Working Group. Presently we are facilitating meetings among the Solar Kitchen Team, which has been having some communication difficulties.

Matrimandir: A substantial part of our energy has gone into seeking a way to solve the current problems at Matrimandir. We have had many meetings with people from all sides. None of this has been easy because the Council members themselves do not have a unified view as to what should happen. However the majority of us feel that the issues (lake, garden, passageway etc.) have to be looked at one by one by study groups or TORAs and that we need a group of trustees, who don't belong to either side, for resolving contentious issues. Although we recognize that there also have to be other changes, most of us don't feel they can come about by replacing one team with another, even if the present members are invited to join the new team. We feel that changes in the way things are done will evolve organically as the issues are worked out.

Relationship with Surrounding Villages: Objections among some villagers from Kottakarai about Auroville fencing peremboke land served as a strong reminder that establishing better relations with the villagers must be given top priority if Auroville wants to realize its goals. Although for many years we have been talking about a Joint Development Council, very little effort has actually gone into making this happen. We have

been having meetings with all of the Working Groups concerned, (VAG, LEM, IDC etc.) and with various groups in the village. We have also been looking into the legal aspect, although this can never replace the need for an ongoing friendly, collaborative relationship with the surrounding villages. The AVC/WC sees the establishment of Joint Development Offices in each of the villages, within the township i.e. Edayanchavadi, Kottakarai/Bharatipuram, Irumbai, Sanjeevnagar, Alankuppam, and Raya Pettai (and also Kulapalayam, which lies just outside the township but whose development has been inextricably involved with that of Auroville since the beginning) as a priority.

Igor: Several members have been meeting Igor and his brother to sort out the best course of action. Nothing has yet been decided and the process is ongoing.

Roy of New Creation: Roy went to England recently for emergency surgery and when he returned he was refused entry by immigration. We are looking into the matter with the concerned authorities.

ID Cards: As we grow, it is becoming more and more difficult for people to know who is an Aurovilian. Some Aurovilians have had a lot of trouble getting into the Matrimandir because they were not known to the security personnel. For a long time the idea has been around that we should have ID cards to make identification of residents, newcomers, employees and long-term friends easier. (Guests already have an ID Card.) Some people object to the idea because they think it will lead to a system whereby entry will be refused to people who are not carrying a card. We want to try ID cards on an experimental basis for one year and some designs are being prepared for Aurovilians and newcomers. (Such cards were used for Aurovilians in the early days when Mother was still physically present.)

Guest Cards: We have asked all guest house managers to make sure that their guests have a Guest Card and pay their contribution to the Central Fund. We are also reminding the Solar Café that they should not serve guests who do not have a Guest Card.

Requests: (1) We ask all members of the community to not write directly to either the Secretary or the Governing Board regarding internal disputes but to route these matters through the WC. (2) We also ask you to please not make allegations in the News against another person or a Working Group without first checking all of the facts. Last week two letters to the Entry Group were published in the News, each giving a one-sided view of

a situation. The News and even the supplement are read by all sorts of people outside who may believe that what they read is a complete picture. When people have an issue with an individual or Working Group there are other ways to tackle it, such as bringing it to the Harmony Group or Council, or in some cases asking for a meeting to be called.

Improving our Organizational Skills: Several members of the Council and other Working Groups will be attending an eight-day seminar, which begins this week, called the Human Element, which addresses all phases of organizational development.

Immediate Goals: We are working on making a list of our main priorities but as we are a new group this takes time. We are still in the process of trying to understand each other and seeing where we agree and where our differences are. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to serve the community and move in the direction of The Dream. In this light, we feel that an urgent priority is to have a seminar, open to the whole community with specific invitation to Entry & Housing groups and Aurovilians from the neighbouring villages, to explore together how to address the large number of applicants from the bioregion in a proper way.

GENERAL MEETING of DECEMBER 11, 2002

Present: about 50 people

Chairperson: Ulli

Notes: Auralee

Summary:

1. The proposal for Core and Completion Teams plus a TORA for all the pending issues (such as garden, lake, visitors and access, interaction with the city, etc) will be revised to incorporate all that has been agreed upon today and in the previous General Meeting. It will include the functioning, scope, and manner in which disputes on the structure will be resolved. A study group of experts would be created within the framework of the TORA, as outlined in the Experiment, to look into the pending issues related to the structure. This group would be comprised of professionals and take into account the studies already made by the Matrimandir Design Study Group.

2. A Residents' Assembly will be held on Monday, December 23rd to approve the revised proposal, provided that the proposal has been published and distributed to the community at least one week earlier.

Discussion:

Chair: a summary of the last general meeting: the proposal to create core and completion teams has been amended. The present proposal states that all who work at MM are automatically part of the teams unless they specifically remove themselves. The issues of the garden, lake, access and visitors, interaction with the city, etc. would be looked at by a TORA. Issues such as security and handicapped access would be brought to Roger, in the correct spirit, and changes would likely be made.

Need for Dialogue

- The conditions for a change are a dialogue, not simply a change of management. It was felt that no space for dialogue had been created up till now and these proposals and changes to these proposals cannot be communicated without a dialogue.
- They are invited. We've been coming. We have spent 100 hours in meetings and nothing has yet changed.
- There's a need to be clear about what direction we should be taking. There's a perception that until certain issues are worked out, frustrations and divisions continue on both sides. This is a path of fighting, of division. Please perceive that it is not working.

Chair: Let's go deeper into the TORA, as we agreed last week to do.

Background History

- 18 months ago MM Design Study Group met to discuss technical issues. The Matrimandir Workers Team refused to talk. We always have to bend over backward for them, and they don't believe in the process we've gone through. I don't believe more discussion will get an agreement. Now they point to the lake, plus the Master plan, and later to something else.
- When I hear these allegations, they seem too superficial to really be considered. Where problems of design arose between MMWT & Roger, it created a division and impossibility of understanding. Of the work that is actually carried out, 75% is under the direction of M.B. with his own people and understandings. Unloading all on a few people is counterproductive. On the 2nd level we have to proceed with the inner skin, which requires huge scaffolding and 2 years to execute. MB has opined it is urgent to finish the marble work. We are blocked for any major work (e.g. glass parapet process is stuck in Calcutta).
- The Matrimandir Design Study Group never came out with a decision. After 6 months of meetings it collapsed because Roger refused to discuss, NOT the MMCG. We formulated a list of issues to have the opinion of Roger. He refused to even speak about it, unless there was a new management. Clarifying with Roger points that are unclear seems the better way to go.

Chair: the mandate of the Matrimandir Design Study Group was to study, not to mediate or to take decisions. With feedback on the narrow entrances, and too-sharp corners, for example, Roger agreed to round the edges 2-3 mm. The Design Study Group was then asked to make sure this was done – and with this change of purpose the group collapsed. It took six months of work to realise that the problems at Matrimandir were not mainly due to design problems but rather due to a fundamental disagreement on how Mothers Vision was to be translated into matter.

Method of finding a Synthesis

- ❖ **Defining points of difference would be the first task of a TORA.** Once we define the rules, then they can't be changed.

❖ What about the Architect's Communication Team (ACT) and technical experts?

Chair: They are not meant to be the same as a TORA.. Does the Matrimandir Design Study Group have anything else to clarify?

❖ The Matrimandir Design Study Group cleared 3 issues for execution. Does that final report of the Design Study Group reflect the view of the whole group? If the last statement is not backed by the whole group, I'd like to have that clarified. A list of 21 points was published in the *News*; it is ready to be discussed by the next group, if we want.

❖ A **structural change** should be reviewed; there's a definite need for it, but with full space for anyone and everyone. There is no place for bosses in the proposal. It is an enlargement of what exists now. We invite all working there and all who want to work there. We cannot go on in only one direction and one line. We should be able to discuss the structure of the organisation of the management – now.

❖ **The TORAs have to be clearly defined.** The entire Residents' Assembly, including the technical experts and the 4 representatives of the architect all have to be invited to attend and to commit to continuing right through to the end. Let's use common sense. Let's give it a 2nd chance. Let the knowledgeable technical people discuss it.

Why the Work is Blocked

➤ Roger told me to go ahead with the work. D refused us materials, tools and people. He also blocked J's work, and J was never allowed to have access to any MM computer. The marble on the floor was also blocked. We found funds and did the plywood blocks, ourselves, ready for marbling. But will we take 3 years for each issue? Three meditation chambers *were* plastered, but the delay came with the trap doors, where we are told to do one at a time.

➤ What we have to do is study the issues in depth, but the TORA will again be amongst ourselves because they (the MWT) won't come.

➤ **Question:** a change of management or an enlargement of management?

Answer: In the last proposal, so far 5 have proposed themselves to serve in the core team (as facilitators). It's open to everyone and anyone.

➤ The last meetings have been positive. We have been listening to the inputs. I'd like now to take the pressure off, and let's hope the doors open. Anybody is welcome

What Next?

Chair: if there are any steps needed to go forward, we should define them at this point.

▪ Maybe we should stop all work at Matrimandir as an incentive to dialogue. The hostaging of the whole community is not acceptable. Every step of the way one side has kept moving, accepting, enlarging. The other side hasn't budged one bit. I feel it's better to stop the work, (except may be for the team of M B), if that's the only way left to get a dialogue started.

▪ My perception is very different. The AVCouncil agreed with a proposal for resolving conflicts (Matrimandir Trustees). We know the personalities there. Confrontation is not right, and when a new person says, "I want to do this work", it really means the person already doing the work should go.

Chair: it's proposed that disputes be taken *off* the site.

▪ The effect of moving in would be a confrontation – it's a significant danger if we haven't created a significant dialogue.

▪ I understand what he's saying. It can be extremely aggressive to say, "I'd like to work with you". It could also be understood as meaning "Move over. Give me a little bit of a place". But people working at MM have decided to say to the architect: "Go away. We don't need you any more" – without asking the community. On what authority can they decide that?

▪ Compromise is possible between rules & regulations (about safety) and aesthetics. There was a progression of events, and R was told to go only after pounding his fist on the table, asserting that *he* has the authority to decide.

Need for Consensus in the Community

○ Now the proposal is milder than a couple of weeks ago, but it doesn't include what happens if no agreement is reached.

○ Once the community (and not just a part or portion of it) comes to an agreement no one group can oppose it. Let's go ahead with the TORA.

Chair: We call for a TORA on the first 3 or 4 issues.

○ Can we agree on the announcement of an RA, and the knowledgeable people present their view of the lake, gardens and park (preferably beforehand, in writing)?

Chair: We have a structure (The Experiment) agreed upon by consensus. We now have to implement it. It's not necessary to have an RA for every blocking issue now.

○ There are two streams of thought: that concerned with problems of design, and that which considers the design problems are not relevant, but simply a smoke screen.

Chair: We agree. We want to bring about a change, but it seems we've reached the limit of what a large group can do now. Dialogues within small groups are now needed.

Follow up process

○ We will revise the proposal with what has been said up to now in the two general meetings, including today's, and then call for a Residents' Assembly to approve it.

Chair: Let's say tentatively Monday Dec. 23rd, in 10 days, whenever the proposal is judged by the writers to be ready for publication and distribution, plus one week. That's when you set the date for the RA.

The meeting ended with a moment of silence.

The flower mandala was still fresh, fragrant, beautiful.

C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER – 7.30 PM (Film show
starting at 7.45 sharp) “CHARULATA” (The
Lonely Wife”) Directed by: *Satyajit RAY– India,*
1964 With: Madhabi Mukherjee, Sailen Mukherjee,
Soumitra Chatterjee

*Synopsis: Calcutta, 1880. In her beautiful mansion, Charulata is bored. Her husband, Bhupati, neglects her, being busy with the little political newspaper he has founded. Nevertheless, having discovered in her some talents at writing, Bhupati requests his young cousin, Amal, who is himself a would-be writer, to encourage her to write... Very sensitive adaptation of a novella by Rabindranath Tagore, *Nastanirh/The Broken Nest*) and one of S. Ray's best film. It also follows “Mahanagar”/The Big City (screened last month) in Ray's filmography.*

Original Bengali version, with English subtitles -
Duration: 1h.57' – 35mm film – B. & W.

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VENDREDI 27 DECEMBRE – 7.45 PM (Film
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Réalisé par Satyajit RAY – Inde (Bengal), 1964 Avec Madhabi
Mukherjee, Sailen Mukherjee, Soumitra Chatterjee

*Synopsis: Calcutta, 1879. Dans sa belle maison, Charulata s'ennuie. Son mari, Bhupati, la délaisse pour s'occuper d'un petit journal politique qu'il a créé. Cependant, il a reconnu en elle des dons d'écriture et il demande à un jeune cousin, Amal, qui se destine lui-même à l'écriture, de la pousser à écrire. Très sensible adaptation d'une nouvelle de Rabindranath Tagore, *Nastanirh/Le Nid brisé* et l'un des meilleurs films de Satyajit Ray. Il suit directement “Mahanagar”/La Grande cité (projeté le mois dernier) dans la filmographie de Ray. *Version originale en Bengali avec sous-titres en Anglais – Durée: 1h.57' – N. & B. – film 35mm**

Christmas Constellation

“At Christmas play and make good cheer,
 for Christmas comes but once a year”
 (Tomas Tusser. Five hundred points of Good
 Husbandry).

Every year we celebrate Merry Christmas and Happy New Year under Capricorn constellation. Capricorn time is from Dec. 22 to Jan. 20. According to astrology, people who are born under Capricorn, are conservators of what is useful and of value from the past, knowing that this the best basis for future success.

In numerology, number 2002 is four (2+2), it means manifestation, materiality. The number of next year (2003) is five. It is Sri Aurobindo's number, means Power and Perfection.

Tibetan New Year (Year of Sheep) will start on March 3 Under Pisces (fish) constellation. It is Mother's constellation. Auroville was born under Pisces too. Tibetans do not work in the day of their New Year. They drink a national tea without sugar but with salt and butter. In Europe the Eastern calendars have usually named next year (2003) as Goat Year. 2002 is a Horse Year

Many constellations have the animals names (and also some names of years in East calendars). There isn't a motorbike, car or lorry among them.

Auroculture was born Dec.18 under Sagittarius constellation.

Happy birthday, dear Auroculture!
 Boris

THE SENSE OF THE INFINITE

A multi-media History of Indian Culture

Venue:

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Brain Storming Sessions

29th Dec. 2002 - 1st Jan 2003

Bharat Nivas will be will be organizing a brain-storming session to envision an exhibition which will become the permanent presentation to be housed in Bharat Nivas : an exploration of India set in the context of Auroville and its International Zone. These sessions have been encouraged and sponsored by the prestigious Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla and with Dr. Kireet Joshi's assistance.

The sessions will center on a few texts by Sri Aurobindo which urge a 'recovery of India's spiritual knowledge'; 'the flowing of this spirituality into new forms'; and an 'original dealing with modern problems in the light of Indian spirit' aimed at a greater synthesis.

Participants will include members from the Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, media persons and Aurovillians.

The opening and closing sessions will be open to all. However if you wish to participate as an observer during the working sessions please give your name by Wednesday, 25th December. Either call CIC at 2622 253 or email: cicbn@auroville.org.in

The Bharat Nivas Group

THE ART OF CHI workshop

- basics of Tai chi quan and Chi
- work on posture and relaxation
- intro to and work on the small orbit

25dec/wednesday 15-18.30

26/thursday 7-9.00, 27/friday 15-18.30

28/saturday 7.00-9.00. +15-18.30

sunday/29 7-9.00, monday/7-9.00+15-18.30

All are welcome in Tadvanam Hall, in
Evergreen. Course guided by Hans.

NEWS FROM POUR TOUS

HOLIDAYS

Pour Tous and Financial Service will be open full day on Wednesday, 25.12. and on Tuesday, 31.12.02.

We will be closed on Wednesday, 1.1.03.

SNACKBAR

The snackbar will offer now daily Idlis and Pooris for breakfast only.

NEW PRODUCTS FROM AUROVILLE

- AV Homemadecakes: Dr. Nibbles 5 Grainmuesli with cinnamon and cloves
- Ganeshbakery: Ragimaltjaggerycake
- Kofpu: Ragibased Muesli, Organic Cake (yoghurt and choco) at bakerycorner
- Siddhartha Forest: Aloeverabreadsread

CHRISTMAS CAKES

>From Friday, 20.12. until Tuesday,31.12. some delicious Christmascakes and - biscuits made by Aurovilians will be available for you under the Christmastree.

If you are looking for a lovely gift to present to your family or friends, they'll be an excellent choice. Or simply enjoy them yourself. Bon appetit!

NEW PEOPLE

Two new people have recently joined our team. They are Ralph and Hartmut, both from Germany. Hartmut will help us in the mornings, Ralph will serve you in the afternoons. Welcome!

Wishing you a jolly good time,
Your Pour Tous Team.

News from Auroville Health Centre

THis is to inform the community,that although Auroville Health centre is providing a 24 hrs. Ambulance, Nurse and first aid Service,there is NO 24 hrs. Emergency or Doctor-Service.

Doctors are only available between 8.30a.m.- 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m.-4.30p.m.

Emergencies should go directly to Pondy or preferably to P.I.M.S. Hospital.

AVHC-Team

Erratum:

In the minutes of the Forest Group meeting of the 4th of December , put in the last AV-news (14th of December) , it says that the Vikas Windmill is for sale.

This is not the case, not now and not in a few months, we have decided to keep the Windmill at Vikas.

Request for Kabaddi Tournament & announcement.

Dear Aurovillians, Av. Units holder and friends of Auroville.

Kindly contribute towards our Auroville Kabaddi Tournament that is going to take place for two days from the 19th and 20th of February'2002 (to celebrate Mother's and Auroville's Birthday) at New Creation sports ground. 38 mens team are participating in this Pondicherry state level tournament.

We request you to contribute towards our urgent needs. We have to provide food, transport, referee charges and the prizes.

Thanks for your kind co-operation.
with regards,
Auroville Kabaddi team members.

VIDEO IN GERMAN

Mittwoch, 25.12. @ 19:30 h
DIE NEBEL VON AVALON

USA 2001

Epos in 2 Teilen, ca. 180 min., nach dem Roman von Marion Z. Bradley, Bernd Eichinger Production.

Glanz und Niedergang der beruehmten Tafelrunde Koenig Artus und des sagenhaften Reiches von Avalon.

Achtung: wegen Ueberlaenge beginnen wir 30 min. frueher!

Creativity Flower Pots , horses and gods

We have had a potter making pots for the experimental roofs we are making in Creativity for a long time and now his work is complete.

We like his work so much , we have decided to keep him on for a while and have him make flower pots for sale ...The proceeds we will donate to Creativity to make it as complete and beautiful as possible .

If you have a model pot of any shape or kind and wish to have more made come over to the site with it and we can show the potterhe will give an estimate for it .

We will go into production on old favorites this week and in two weeks or so we will have them all ready for saleHe can even make horses and gods and is ready to make anything we want .

This is a luxury we havent had in Auroville for a long time .

His prices are very reasonable and the transport is much cheaper than from Pondy .

We are on site each morning between 9 am and 11 am . Come see us if you have a pot or anything made from terra cotta you wish to have reproduced and we will order it for you

Gillian and Jocelyn for Creativity

Bed Frame

I have a medium size mattress, but no frame. Anyone has one to sell? Contact me at Prayatna at 2622-435 or agni@auroville.org.in thanks

Agni

For sale..

One round table teak wood with two chairs

1 modem

1 cycle rockshock men or woman

contact 2623019 Nilatangham

For Sale:

Enfield Bullet 350cc 1987 model Euctrola, in perfect condition. Contact Bosco, Aspiration

Tel. 2622-283 from 12.30 - 1 PM or 7 - 7.30 PM

SAVITRI BHAVAN

Nature - our joyous companion

Video

Thursday December 26, 6.30 – 8.00 pm

“THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY”

A heartwarming story of three animals in search of their lost home and family

For children of all ages

Everyone is welcome

NEWS OF MOTHER'S PHOTOS

A number of photos have been received from Sabda, New Delhi. So far they have developed all sizes of about half the photos ordered. The delay is due to a combination of things; each photo has to be retouched, and their best person is doing all the developing; he is very careful and not fast, and has other duties to attend to.

The following is a list of people whose orders are complete. They can pick up their photos at Pitanga.

Michael Zelnik,	Bill No. 9	Juanita,	Bill No. 97
Franz,	Bill No. 19	Aruna,	Bill No. 129
Vina/Manoj,	Bill No. 27	Soham,	Bill No. 155
Miki,	Bill No. 43	Nevi,	Bill No. 160
Marika,	Bill No. 47	Tapas,	Bill No. 179
Volker,	Bill No. 64		
Bindu	Bill No. 79		
(For Bibek Mohanty)			
Patrick & Heidi	Bill No. 86		

There are many people who ordered a number of photos, and some of those photos have arrived, but their order isn't complete yet. I don't want to keep people waiting for their photos, so those people who must wait to have their full order and who want to have whatever photos have arrived can call me at 262-3144 and arrange to come and get whatever photos I have.

Love,

Loretta

NO MORE PESTICIDES ACTION 2003

First, to all who donated money for the Pesticide Victims in Kerala, a big thank you from them. They have sent pictures of the Relief Distribution Event. A few of these can be seen at the LIBRARY till the 31ST Dec. After, they will be exhibited at various other public places in Auroville : Pour Tous, Solar Kitchen, HERS, NCC, etc.

In February, we will open the Information Desk at "Neem Spray Trial Area", which we will now call "INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRIAL AREA". LIMONOL – neem oil supplied by 'Pest Control India' company at a specially discounted price of Rs. 153/- per litre will be again available, also the consultancy of Dr. Narayanan.

Just as for the past spraying season, for 2003 also, we request everybody's collaboration. Please talk once more about the dangers of chemical pesticides to your employees, friends and neighbours. Chemical pesticides are recognized as a problem worldwide and there are Movements of people everywhere fighting to stop their use. There are viable alternatives, notably IPM. The IPM that we propose for cashews consists of neem oil, knowledge about predators such as weaver ants, praying mantis, ladybird beetles, birds, etc., field hygiene, knowledge of root/stem borers, how to recognize the attacked trees early, treatment, and much more.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE INFORMATION DESK (Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests, Neighbours). Please get in touch with us. For those who would like to help financially, the accounts are :

PESTICIDE VICTIMS 0648
NO MORE PESTICIDES 0672

Thank you to those who made good the deficit of last season's expenses. We are hopeful of receiving funds for the expenses of 2003 Action.

We wish to express our appreciation of AUROTRADUCTIONS who consistently rendered the Pesticide Action related articles into French and ESPECIALLY INTO TAMIL, which were very handy in our communication effort.

Wishing us all a happy, healthy and poison-free 2003!

Rita and Njal, Center Field, ph: 262 2234

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL...

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO SEE A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO THE AUROVILLE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES: FUTURE SCHOOL, THE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMPUS. PLEASE JOIN US ON JANUARY 1ST AT 4 PM IN CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS VERY EXCITING PROJECT. THERE WILL BE TEA, JUICE AND BISCUITS, AND LOTS OF FRIENDLY PEOPLE TO SHOW YOU AROUND! WITH LOVE,
THE FUTURE SCHOOL TEAM

NEW CREATION CORNER RESTAURANT

Dear Friends,
We are open on Christmas - 25th
Wednesday of December -2002

Only for Lunch from
12.00 p.m to 2.30 p.m
DINNER WILL BE CLOSED.

We wish you all a Prosperous & Merry Christmas.

Thanking you, NCC team.

On sunday the 15th of october I lost one of my chappels (blue+black, leather, Jack Wolfskin)
if anybody found it, please contact
christopht@auroville.org.in
Thank you very much!

FOR SALE: Bullet Diesel 350cc - Very Good Condition - Leave Message at Cafeteria to GANDI or KRISNA . Gerald 2622 248

EVENING VIDEOS AT THE VISITORS' CENTRE

Tuesday the 24th @ 8PM: Video in English
" Three seasons"
Wednesday the 25th : Video in German
Please see elsewhere in the News for details
Thursday the 26th @ 8PM : Video in french
" Le Dictateur "
Charlie Chaplin, 1939
Friday the 27th @ 6.30PM : Cartoon for kids
" James and the Giant Peach"
Saturday the 28th:
Program to be announced

**New Year's Eve / Nuit de la Saint Silvestre
TUESDAY THE 31ST OF DECEMBER****BUFFET DINNER AT THE CAFETERIA
VISITORS' CENTRE****FROM 8PM ONWARDS**

Vegetarian buffet : Rs 95 per adult

Rs 65 for kids under 10

Non veg buffet : Rs 135 per adult

Rs 90 for kids under 10

On that evening the price will be same for
Aurovilians and guests alike

There will be a cartoon for children at 6.30PM
Title to be announced

AMPHITHEATER

"Savitri" by Sri Aurobindo is an initiatic epic poem :
Savitri has come on Earth to defeat death and
thus allow the advent of a New Creation based on
Light, Love and Truth.
Sunil's music accompagnies Mother reading " Savitri".

On Tuesday 24th december at 5.30 p.m. for
sunset it will be :

Book 2	The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds
Canto XII	The Heavens of the Ideal
Canto XIII	In the Self of Mind
Canto XIV	The World Soul
Canto XV	The Kingdoms of the Greater Knowledge

For Thursday 26th december at 5.30 P.m.
We will put extracts of a text on evolution from Sri Aurobindo read by Nolini.

All are welcome to experience our extraordinary
collective space

Sigrid

Matrimandir

New Year's Eve

The Inner Chamber of Matrimandir
will remain open until 1 a.m. on the night of
31.12.2002 to 1.1.2003 for all those who wish to concentrate.

The earthen lamps at the Banyan Tree will be lit from 6 p.m. onwards to welcome you in silent concentration.

The Matrimandir Workers Team

Connections

Connections always invites the Units of our community to discuss the help they need to reach their aims. There are Aurovilians, Newcomers, and Long-term Guests who are looking for activities to fulfil their commitment to Karma Yoga and the community. Please feel free to visit us at the SAWCHU building to discuss jobs and activities. **Connections is opened on Monday, through Friday mornings from 9.00am till 12.00 am or by appointment. You can also reach us by email <connections@... >**

❖ Two Highly Qualified Internet-related Positions

○ Solid Programming Foundation

Mysql and database experience is necessary. Understand that you will be trained in high-level Internet skills, so the desire to learn and acquire these skills is important.

○ Marketing for Internet Business

This unit is looking for someone who is excited by Internet business. The person should be able to work independently. Familiarity with a text editor is important. Tamil preferred. If interested, please contact Connections.

❖ French translator

Auro-Traductions needs a French translator on a voluntary basis . (Perhaps a Newcomer or Long-term Guest whose first language is French). This work can be done at your convenience, at home or in our office, on computer or in handwriting. Time involvement is flexible.

Please contact Swar at Auro-Traductions (2622713; avtraductions@auroville.org.in)

❖ Where the Gourmet meet to Eat

(1)Manager

A personable, energetic and well-organised person is needed to manage one of the AV restaurants. Responsibilities are to maintain a warm and welcoming physical environment; maintain good relations with and among the personnel; organise and oversee the tasks needed to run the entire.

(2)Maitre d'hotel

Of course, what we mean is the headwaiter. He runs the serving floor and insures that all patrons are having a delectable time. Obvious qualifications are being friendly, patient, and having good appearance. The timings are six evenings a week from 5-10, including Sunday. Monday evening is off. It is possible for two persons to do half the work each

Please contact **Connections**

The **Connections** team

Anand, Don, Jaya, Marijke and Paulien

SAWCHU Building,

Tel.: 2623440, email: connections@auroville.org.in

Latest News from the Travel Shop

For the last two years we in co operation with the Working Committee where able to get considerable lower airfares to Europe exclusively for the Auroville Community.

For the coming year we also want similar deals for destinations like USA/Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, South East Asia etc. To reach this aim we need the support of all travelers. Please make your reservations for your summer travel already now (all our regular clients know this procedure).

INSIDE INDIA – The Travel Shop

Petra

Our price guarantee still exists: We will match any quotations you get from a Pondy Agency.

An evening of Songs and Bhajans

The students of Nanditadi are happy to present you all **Indian Classical & Vocal Music** Shri Somnath Nandi from Pondicherry accompanies on the tabla.

Pitanga Hall
22nd December, Sunday
7.30 pm
 Event duration – 2 hours

PITANGA Cultural Calendar

"The silent dance of universal lotus"

Exhibition
of paintings
by Sarasija

Dec. 17 - 30, 2002
Mon-Sat 8 am - 5 pm

* "An Evening of Songs & Bhajans"

Presentation of Indian Vocal Music
by Aurovilians
guided by Naditadi
accompanied by
Shri Somanath Nandi on tabla.
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002
7.30 pm

* "Musical Journey on piano"

An evening of improvisations
by Hartmut
Monday, Dec. 30, 2002
8.00 pm

Duration: approx. 45 mn.

*
Pitanga remains **closed** on
New Year's Day,
Wednesday, 01/01/2003.

Pitanga Ph. 262 2561, mail: pitanga@auroville.org.in

OPEN NOTICE TO ALL MUSICIANS

PANDIT L.SUBRAMANIAM WILL BE PAYING A SHORT VISIT TO AUROVILLE SOMETIME IN JANUARY. HE HAS EXPRESSED THE WISH TO MEET WITH MUSICIANS FROM HERE. HE WOULD POSSIBLY LIKE TO WORK WITH THEM.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE GIVE A SAMPLE OF YOUR RECORDED MUSIC TO TAPAS BHATT SO THAT SHE CAN SEND IT TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU COULD ALSO E-MAIL ME AT tapas@auroville.org.in or PHONE 2622382.

TAPAS BHATT,
PRARTHANA

Office space available for rent:

Office room (43.14 sqm), well located and recently refurbished, is available for rent inside Aurelec premises. Alternatively, smaller individual or double desk spaces with possibility of internet connections can be made available. Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec in person, or by phone 262-2293/2294 or email: adps@auroville.org.in

FOR SALE MOUNTAIN BIKE A VENDRE VELO TOUT TERRAIN CYCLE FROM USA :

" SPECIALIZED " ROCKHOPPER .

SIZE : 15 (perfect for ladie).

EQUIP : SHIMANO DEORE . FRONT SUSPENSION
"MANITOU MAGNUM", V BRAKE, VERY LIGHT USE.

PRICE :RS 20.000. CONTACT : KAIVAL , ASPIRATION ; 2622283

MATRIMANDIR NURSERY EXCESS PLANTS

We would like to announce that the Matrimandir Nursery is giving excess plants to Aurovilians against a small contribution on Friday, 3. January 2003

The time is as always between 8.30 a.m. and 12.00 noon

Please select your plants only from the two excess plant sections; you will find most of the varieties of the nursery there. Kindly give your contribution before you take the plants.

Matrimandir Nursery team

Small New Comer family looks for small house To rent or care for.

Please contact: Marie-Noelle - New Creation-2 622 125 or 2 623 054.

For reference ask Andre at New Creation as we spent already 1 year there,
Thanks for all kind of propositions.

NEWS SNIPPETS FROM THE LANGUAGE LAB

Egle, from Lithuania, has done a fantastic job cataloguing the Language Lab library. All those who have borrowed any books, CDs, magazines, or video/audio cassettes, please return them as soon as possible. Any morning between 9-1. This includes teachers, students and others who have done any work with the Lab on one project or another. You can borrow the material once again after it is entered into the Catalog.

All donations of language learning material for both first and second languages are very much needed and welcome. If you have CDs, dictionaries, books, audio-cassettes, etc for any languages, please consider donating them to the Language Lab library so that we can make them available more widely. This is applicable even for guests passing through Auroville; language travel guides are also useful. Materials can be either donated or given for replication.

ALL now has an email address ALL@auroville.org.in ... Please use this email address if you want to communicate with the Lab, enquire about or register for classes, etc. You can also call Egle for all information at the Language Lab 2623661.

News regarding Language Classes :-

Tamil :- Shankar will start a New Beginners Class in January.

An "Intermediate" class (for those who already know some Tamil) is on and open. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-5:30, at Last School Campus. Please contact Shankar 2622918 for further details or simply show up.

Andrea in spite of her busy work schedule at Pitanga Hall is kindly helping with a Beginners' Tamil class specifically for Germans and another more general Beginners' Tamil class.

Sanskrit :- Katia's class, Mondays 2:30, (at the T'aiChi Hall/Tadvanam/Evergreen) different levels; (please contact CIC for Sampath's classes). Agni is very happy to offer individual private classes for anyone who wants to learn Sanskrit, at any level. An Intensive Class on the Sanskrit Alphabet will take place in January.

English :- Jyotiprem's classes: Beginners Mondays (Certitude) and Wednesdays (Merriam Hill) 3:30-5:00; Pre-intermediate Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 (certitude); Intermediate Thursdays (Merriam Hill) and Fridays (Certitude) 3:30-5:00. Individual classes are available. Contact Jyotiprem at Certitude 2622797.

Ruslan :- Wed and Fri 3:30-5:00 Merriam Hill.

The Oxford University Press video material "Headway" will soon be available on CDs for Intermediate English students.

French :- The French in Action program (a university level beginners course including video lessons on CDs, textbooks, workbooks, audio-cassettes) is available for borrowing. Elicha offers her help for consistent help with this material; in addition to French conversational classes, as does Elie. Tapas is still occupied with finishing our pending projects, but is continuing a few individual classes. We are looking for other French teachers. There is now a wealth of material available for French at the Language Lab, including songs, CDs, internet sites, besides the French in Action material. New classes will start if we get the CFL Building (hopefully from February). Mother's Prayers and Meditations are being recorded at Sunshine Music (Tina/Holger – Sharnga) in French for the use of French students. About 10 Aurovilians have already participated in this wonderful experience. Anyone else who would like to participate is welcome; please contact Tapas.

German :- We are working towards offering an intensive structured "Introduction to German Language and Culture" course in Feb. This will be co-taught by 3-4 teachers with the involvement of German aurovilians. All those interested, please contact Egle by email to ALL@auroville.org.in or phone. Elicha and Hartmut are also willing to offer private/individual classes in the meantime. We have some German material but are on the lookout for more.

Spanish :- Students who had followed Ana's course we organized last year will be happy to know she will be coming back in Feb. We have also acquired some good books for Spanish.

The Language Lab has applied to the School Board for use of the CFL building come Feb. If this comes through, Auroville will finally have a base, a centre for language classes and research. At the moment, classes are dispersed all around Auroville. It will also give an opportunity to experiment on a smaller physical scale, the research work towards the larger Language Laboratory project, which is projected in the University Area near Transformation (Planning Group has assigned a Plot for the project)> the construction is envisaged under the 4th year of the CIRHU project.

The work on a "sitography" (a "bibliography" of Internet sites related to language learning) is ongoing; we have now built up quite a list which is a wonderful resource for both teachers and students. Any persons who have done internet research on languages are asked to send their research to vigyanagni@auroville.org.in, who is compiling them. Any people with the facilities and inclination for internet research, who would like to help out, please contact Agni, Mita or Egle.

Mozart CDs from Elicha (refer her articles separately in the News): inspired by Dr. Tomatis' work with the healing powers of sound, a set of 5 CDs of Mozart especially for pregnant women, are available with the Lab. Please contact Egle. A set of 5 CDs costs Rs. 250/-

There is a host of other work going on :- for more information and to participate (participation of Newcomers and guests is especially welcome), please contact the Lab at 2623661, or by email. (Those who love languages and/or know computers well can work on/help with specific projects) (Note: If anyone would like to translate the ALL Proposal into Russian, please contact Egle).

HEALTH FIRST

Classical homeopathy child care personal development

Consultation in English, French, German and Tamil

With Sigrid, healing practitioner, Heilpraktikerin

Timings for consultations every morning :

Mon, Wed. Fri 9 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.

Tue, Thu 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.

and on appointment at Health First, Prayatna ,
phone 2623669 Sigrid

WU JI QI GONG

Wu Ji is the chinese concept of the Great Nothingness out of which everything else came into existence. Qi Gong literally means breathwork or energywork.

Wu Ji Quan is an ancient chinese martial art and health practice that has vast repertoire of very soft and subtle exercises to balance the body's energies.

Starting January 2003 a free Qi Gong course will be offered which is mainly based on the art of Wu Ji Quan, as taught by the late Grandmaster Chee Kim Thong.

Everyone is welcome to join in.

Place: Verite Meditation Hall

Time: Tuesdays 5-6 pm

Starting: 7th of January 03

For further information please ask Chris:

chris_ruby_arts@yahoo.com

Results of the latest Pulse check.

What do you think should count as an 'agreement by consensus' in Auroville?

100% agree : 15% (11)

66% agree : 32% (23)

Something else?: 53% (39)

We have received 12 comments. You can see all in the AVnet Pulse archives.

The next question:

Who should have the final say re. Matrimandir?

The Residents Assembly / The MM Workers Team / The Architect

Thank you,

Pulse team pulse@auroville.org.in

RENEWED INVITATION**to Walk in the PEACE AREA**

Due to the enthusiastic response to our recent invitation to walk in the Peace Area, we are extending this series of walks throughout December.

Come and discover the land, the trees and the views in the Peace Area.

We invite you all to walk with us on any of the following mornings:

Saturdays: December 21st, and 28th

Sunday: December 22nd, and 29th

The walk will start on these four days from the Matrimandir Office at 9 am.

We would recommend that this is one of the best ways (beyond all words) to experience the material reality of the Matrimandir and its Peace Area.

The Matrimandir Workers' Team

PS. If these dates or timings do not suit you please feel free to e-mail or telephone us so that alternative timings or days can be arranged.

DEAR AUROVILIANS, NEWCOMERS AND LONG-TERM GUESTS

The suggested wages list for 2003, increment schedule and paid holidays list for gardeners, domestic workers and watchmen is available at SEWA's office. If anybody needs to refer it, please contact by email sewa@auroville.org.in or in person at SEWA office Bharat Nivas between 9.30 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Monday through Saturday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,

Nolly, Meenakshi, Lourde (Auroyogi) & SEWA Staff.

Telephone : 2622 709

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests,

This is to inform you that a Video CD (22 min) visit of Dr. Nirodbaran (Sri Aurobindo Ashram) on 12.12.2002 at CIC is ready. Whoever wants to have a copy please contact AERC. (Phone Nos. 2622290, 2622793)

Thanks,

Peace, Joy, Love and Truth,

Auroyogi, AERC (a unit of SAIIR)

A visit to a Pitanga Art exhibition - Report by After School students

Recently IX grade students at After school visited Pitanga to view Gopika Kaarthikeyan's show titled 'Voices of Light'. Here are comments by two of the students.

I like the 'Inner Vision' painting because there is a bird flying in the sky; at that time, it rains. The rain drops are like eyes. They are falling in a pond and the water evaporates; it goes to the sky and comes back to the pond, like a water cycle. I like the water colour paintings very much.

M.Leela (15 years)

I enjoyed the painting of lotus petals, and the two heads opposite to the birds. It wasn't looking like a water colour. Mostly in her art, I like the two faces; they were half in day and half in night. I like to see like that. Another one is the many eyes and light coloured faces. In future, I would like to draw like this. I like to meet her and talk to her about the Art.

J. Mahalakshmi (15 years)

Meditation, Music and Flowers

to start off the New year together.....

1.1. 2003 6 a.m. Amphitheater.

Sigrid

BODY AWARENESS

WORKSHOPS OF THREE MORNINGS (2HRS)

Concentrating on the means whereby we do things, we effectuate an opening toward real change in posture.

-24 TUES, 25 WED, 26 THURS

-28 SAT, 29 SUN, 30 MON

TIMINGS 10-12.00,

courses guided by Hans

All are welcome in TADVANAM HALL, Evergreen.

The AV Bus Service to Pondy is cancelled on Dec.25th for X-MAS and on

Jan. 1st '03 for the New Year.

Have a happy X-MAS and New Year.

AV Transport Service. (Abri)

The AVNews does Printing jobs

(all kinds) for a very reasonable rate. For further information; Phone 2622133 or drop by with a sample and see with either Jayamoorthy or Ritam.

The AVNEWS Team wishes you all a merry X-Mas

For Sale:

Mahindra Van (Model 1986). Those interested may inspect the vehicle at Abri, Transport Service on any day between 10:00 AM and 12 noon until the 26th of Dec.

AV Transport Service

RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY POSTPONED TO MONDAY, JAN 6TH '03

The AVCouncil/Working Committee and the Study Group for the implementation of the Sept. 30th resolution, has met together and decided to postpone the RA called for on Monday December 23rd to January 6th.

This decision has been taken in an attempt to work out a more comprehensive proposal, that could serve as a base for achieving an agreement. In the two weeks up to Jan 6th, people concerned will focus on this in various smaller work meetings.

If they don't succeed in that attempt, the proposal already published in the last AVNews (# 969, Dec 14th) will be then presented for ratification to the RA of the 6th.

In case they do succeed, their new proposal will be then presented for ratification to the RA of Jan 6th.