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NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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TO: My friends and associates in noetics

Since moving our research and educational activities in March of this year from Houston to Palo Alto, I have not had the opportunity to share my thoughts with you through a newsletter. This IONS Newsletter No. 1 is the first in a series that will eventually grow into an Institute periodical.

Upon moving to Palo Alto we announced our growth plans for the Institute and plans to begin funding research at a modest level in June. Within a few days of the move our financial sources collapsed, leaving us, like the phoenix, to rise from our own ashes. THIS WE HAVE DONE!!.

As of this writing we can proudly announce the following accomplishments during the preceding five months:

1. Receipt of notification by the IRS that we have been granted tax-exempt status as a public foundation, under Section 509 (a) (2).
2. Growth from a three-person volunteer staff to a ten-person professional staff, with plans for several more staff members by year's end.
3. Completion, in conjunction with Hartley Productions, of two educational films on consciousness entitled The Ultimate Mystery and Inner Spaces. These will be released in the fall.
4. Participation in several national talk shows and news shows, including Jack Parr, Phil Donahue, Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin and Mike Wallace's 60 Minutes. Numerous regional TV programs have also been aired, all resulting in an exceptional amount of increased credibility and interest in the entire field of noetics and particularly in psi functioning.
5. Preliminary agreements with professional counselors to establish within the Institute a counseling program dealing with psychic and transpersonal problems.
6. Completion of initial steps to form a nationwide referral service utilizing credentialed members of the Association for Transpersonal Psychology and the Association for Humanistic Psychology to deal with the rising need for counseling services in psychic matters.

7. Beginning steps for a conference between professionals in noetics and officials in government to discuss appropriate methods to stimulate legitimate research and education activities and to control unscrupulous predatory groups who are misusing the public interest in noetics.
8. Completion of preliminary planning steps to institute a lecture and seminar series for executive and management groups which will introduce executives to some new developments and new potentials in the field.
9. A presentation on psychic research to the National Science Foundation. This has resulted in an expression of interest from NSF to consider funding projects in the field.
10. Completion of plans for a large fund raising dinner in Los Angeles which will introduce the Institute formally, open a few eyes (hopefully) to the meaning of noetics and raise enough funds to help keep us growing. A famous personality will be our MC and Dr. Wernher von Braun will join me on the platform. In addition we will premiere the films mentioned in item 3.

Yours truly has also carried out several projects which were begun before the move to Palo Alto and predate the Institute but which contribute to the overall goals. They are:

1. Continuation of heavy lecture commitments.
2. Completion of a pilot TV program with Four Star Productions entitled The X Factor.
3. Completion, with John White and our cast of notable authors, of our new book: Psychic Exploration (subtitle: A Challenge for Science). It looks like a winner and will come out next spring from G. P. Putnam's.
4. Presentation of numerous lectures on the research at SRI with Uri Geller, using the film of our research report.

Because of the encouragement of many of you, we have slowly brought, it seems, the Institute from its tottering beginnings to a position of promise. We have received gratifying moral and financial support from many friends. Thank you.

I will keep you informed as new progress takes place.

Shalom

  
Edgar D. Mitchell  
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P.S. We will be announcing our membership program shortly.