

June 2010

Jaya Guru Datta! Dear friends of Sri Swamiji,

it's only a short time until Sri Swamiji will finally come back to Germany. We will be able to enjoy in total ten days with Him, from July 18th to 27th 2010. We are very happy that so many of you have already registered for the 1st Gnaa Naa Bha Yoga conference in Europe as well as for Guru Purnima celebrations in Geseke (Northern-central Germany).

With this document, we would like to update you on several topics and give useful hints to you.

You can find the preliminary program of all events on our website **www.gnby2010germany.org** (all information is available in english and regularly updated.). Also available is a sheet with more detailed information on the speakers of the conference and their lectures.

Collective present for Sri Swamiji: We all together will gift a golden crown with a special gem to Sri Swamiji at the occasion of Guru Purnima. According to Indian tradition, the crown ist the physical symbol for accepting the guru as 'king' and therefor as our protector. In Geseke, all will have the opportunity to contribute to this present (in average, we should need approx. 20 € (Euro) per person. The proceeds will be used for the charity acivities of the ashrama.

Further information regarding the events and the supporting program:

- **Translation:** We will offer a simultaneous translation via headphones (german-english and vice versa). The fee per headphone is 20 € for the whole week (incl. weekend) resp. 10 € for the weekend only. Children only pay 5 € per headphone. The deposit is 50 € per headphone and will be given back at the end of the events in Geseke.
- **Puja / Homa:** There will be a Sri Chakra Puja almost daily and a Homa on Guru Purnima Sunday. Please register yourself, family and friends at the puja & homa counter.
- **Flowers:** There is the possibility to sponsor large flower malas which can be offered to Sri Swamiji personally: the big flower mala is 54 € and the large mala is 108 €. Single flowers will also be available.
- **Yoga:** Daily, there will be TriYoga (with Kaliji Kali Ray and her staff) as well as Kriya Yoga classes from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Please register at our info counter when checking-in at Geseke. For Kriya Yoga, please bring a large white cloth (approx. 1x2 m) or white clothing and, if possible, a yoga cushion with you.
- **Children's program:** Preparations for a versatile and interesting program for groups of different ages are fully ongoing. The children should wear comfortable clothing for TriYoga, playing and drawing. Important: please bring a short-armed, plain / white tee-shirt (already washed) for each child on which they will draw & paint. It will be the 'festive dress' for the Friday evening (children's performance) and also be a souvenir for the children of the memorable time with Sri Swamiji.

- **Child care in Munich:** Child care will (also) be offered at the concert in Munich (for children up to 7 years).
- **Bookshop:** As usual, the bookshop will be available on-site daily with a broad assortment of new releases, CDs, books and other articles (also in english).

Organisational topics: Many frequently asked questions are answered on our website

www.gnby2010germany.org (please accept our apologies that this has been or will be established that late). Some important ones are answered right here:

- **Registration in advance:** A written registration is necessary in any case (not per telephone; please use the official form only). Please do refrain from coming without registration (we need this for planning, e.g. of the food). Also, we ask you to contribute 30 € for covering the costs of the event even if you come (spontaneously) only for the weekend (please go to our info counter in Geseke in this case).
- **Registration / info counter on-site:** Please register after arrival at Geseke at our info counter (near reception of the guest house). You will receive some documents (information about the events) and your concert tickets. Please also check-in at the reception of the guest house. Our info counter is also happy to answer whatever question arises.
- **Payment of the guest house:** The payment of accommodation & food has to be made at the check-in at the reception of guest house Dicke Birken. In addition to cash (€uros) or cash card (EC/Maestro) payment, also credit cards are accepted (Visa, Mastercard).
- **Rooms with shower / WC:** Unfortunately, there are now only rooms left at guest house Dicke Birken with shared shower / WC, that is, outside the rooms. Whoever wishes to have a room with shower / WC or a single room, has a chance in nearby castle hotel 'Schlosshotel Eringerfeld' (registration only via DYC Germany; only very few rooms left!). Otherwise you can try on your own, e.g. at 'Hotel Feldschlösschen' in Geseke (Tel. +49 (0)2942 98 90); please then also register additionally at DYC!). Please keep in mind that only 'Schlosshotel Eringerfeld' is close-by; at all other accommodations, you would need an own vehicle or a taxi.
- **Address of guest house:** Gästehäuser Dicke Birken gGmbH, Dicke Birken 7, 59590 Geseke-Eringerfeld; map of the area: <http://dicke-birken.info/gaestehaeuser-dicke-birken/lageplan.html>
- **Pick-up-service:** Due to the large number of participants, we can only pick up devotees from the train station or airport in exceptional cases (i.e. handicapped persons). So please also organise the 'last mile' on your own (this is also valid when departing from Geseke), e.g. by taxi (see below). On Sunday, unfortunately, there is no bus service from Geseke train station to Eringerfeld.
- **Bus:** From Monday to Friday, there is a small bus going from Geseke train station to Eringerfeld (approx. once per hour, only until early afternoon; the bus stop is only 200m away from the guest house. For timings see: <http://www.ruhr-lippe-fahrplaene.de/soest/pdf/695.pdf> (in german only; Geseke train station = Geseke 'Bahnhof', destination: 'Eringerfeld Mitte')
- **Taxi:** 'Taxi Müller' in Geseke: 0049-(0)2942-5515 (one-way trip from Geseke train station to Eringerfeld: approx. 18 €, in a large taxi for more persons: 23 €) or 'Taxizentrale RoLi (Lippstadt)': 0049-(0)2941-2 21 21. Suggestion: take a taxi together with other devotees and it will be only a few Euros per person.
- **Shuttle to the canteen:** For handicapped persons, we will have a shuttle service from the guest house / the hall where all events take place to the canteen (which is a few minutes away by foot) and, of course, back to the guest house.

- **Payment only in Euro:** please change a sufficient amount of Euros in cash before your travel to Geseke. There is no ATM or bank in Eringerfeld. The next bank and ATM is approx. 4 km away in the town of Steinhausen ('Volksbank Steinhausen').
- **Control at the canteen:** there will be a control at the canteen if you are authorised to have your meals there. Participants who are not staying at guest house Dicke Birken (where the food is included), are kindly asked to pre-pay the food at the reception of the guest house.
- **Hotel in Munich:** We have negotiated a special hotel offer at 'Hotel IBIS München City-West': double room for 72 € per room & night incl. breakfast buffet (single room: 58 €). The offer is valid for 2 nights from Monday, July 26th to Wednesday, July 28th 2010. Please make your reservation directly at the hotel (code word: "DATTA"). The offer is valid until the end of June, so please make your reservation soon. You pay at the hotel. The hotel is only a few km away from the concert venue (20 minutes by underground & bus). From Munich central station, it's only 5 minutes by underground. Address: Hotel Ibis München City West, Westendstrasse 181, 80686 MÜNCHEN, Tel : (+49)89/5794970; email: H6903@accor.com
Further accomodations (all price categories): Munich tourist office hotel reservation telephone: 0049 (0)89 233 96 555; Open: Monday to Friday 8am – 7pm (CET), Saturday 9am – 5pm (CET)
- **Visa:** in case you are a non-EU resident (e.g. NRI), you most likely need to apply for a visa at German embassies or consulates. We are happy to assist you with an invitation letter if necessary. Please start as soon as possible with this procedure.

Sponsoring: There is the possibility to sponsor devotees who are undergoing financial difficulties (e.g. by sponsoring the contribution for a weekend visitor (30 €), the conference fee (180 €) and / or the excursion (35 €); any amount is welcome).

Please make a bank transfer only (no cheques). Recipient: Datta Yoga Center Germany e.V.

Account number: 6433031 05, BLZ (bank code) 300 700 24 (Deutsche Bank, Düsseldorf)

IBAN DE15300700240643303105, BIC/SWIFT Code DEUTDE33

Please write your name and purpose of payment on the transfer. Payment should be made only in Euros.

Volunteers: At such a great event, the help of many is needed, visible or invisible. Whoever is interested to do seva has several opportunities (e.g. build-up or dismantling, transport, kitchen for Swamiji's entourage etc.). Please contact Nahusha by email (egonh@gmx.ch) or by telephone (+41-(0)61 7021688).

If you want to come to Guru Purnima and haven't registered yet, you are most welcome to do so!

The guest house Dicke Birken and the hall offer enough rooms and space for up to 1,000 persons. We would be very happy to welcome you together with Sri Swamiji.

News and all relevant documents for registration can be downloaded on our website

www.gnby2010germany.org. Simply click on the British flag / icon to access the web pages in english. For **further information in english, please ask Ranjani, phone: 0041 43 888 53 54** or write an email in english to <**registration@gnby2010germany.org**>. Here also you can ask for information to be sent to you in case you don't have access to internet.

In very pleasant anticipation of Sri Swamiji's blissful visit

The organising committee of Guru Purnima & GNBV conference 2010 in Germany

Sri Guru Datta!