



To the member associations of
RCI-international

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Dear TCI enthusiasts, members of the associations, responsible and interested people of the Ruth Cohn Institute!

Christmas is upon us and with it the end of an eventful year. Beginning with the intensive preparations for an international general meeting, we have set the course for an organizational change in the association. From a position of "we cannot go on like this" (waning resources, laborious and inflexible structural rules, complicated and frustrating special regulations ...) we have arrived at a point of departure with a new vision and the assurance that the RCI international with its member associations can and intend to make an essential contribution to this world through TCI.

Lees verder

For some this is exhausting and frustrating: "Once again this mad dash for structures when we would much rather be working on content ..." – This is precisely the point: to release energy for important tasks and sustainable projects. The IGA has commissioned the IIC to work on how the instructors can take more responsibility for education.

In the IIC in November in Bad Bevensen, all instructors developed concrete ideas on how to take up training responsibility in the IIC. I was impressed that everyone was ready to take such responsibility.

Of course, it must be taken into account that the IGA is the highest body and "responsibility" cannot be given but can be delegated to a great extent. The Executive Committee will deal with this delegation in January and submit an application to the IGA by May.

Join in - supraregional forums in BONN and MUNICH, Germany

In order that all member clubs, executive boards, delegates and members have the opportunity to co-design and to discuss we will offer two supra-regional forums, each from 11am to 5pm.

On **16 February 2019 in Munich, Paul-Heysel-Straße** (especially for the south-eastern regions, Austria, Switzerland and Hungary)

On **February 23, 2019 in Bonn-Königswinter, Germany** (especially for the north-western regions, Luxembourg and Lage-Landen).

We would like to offer a Skype conference for the two regions in India, and ask the sections to decide on time and place.

We will

- Focus and discuss mission and vision,
- Continue the current discussion on the development process,

- Create space for questions, concerns and ideas.

Please pass on the dates as quickly as possible. Exact content will be available shortly after the January board meeting.

Changes in the office

The board has decided that the role and function of the management must be remodeled - especially with regard to future undertakings. For this reason Martina Bürster is parting ways with us, leaving the association on 30.04.2019. Martina set up the office, managing and designing it over 13 years: As well as setting a great deal in motion, she created structures and also developed and worked with many different boards. Now she is to map out a good transition by the coming April for which we offer our sincere thanks, as well as for all her work.

"Why should I still be a member of the RCI?"

Someone asked me this recently at a symposium (and I'm sure you have heard the question - I often come across it ...).

Members ask about the benefits of membership and criticize unattractive offers. They complain that the association is too inward-looking and debates about structures lack life.

I realized that I do not like to answer the question of why someone should be a member of the RCI. I can only say what motivates me: that in this association people who have committed themselves to human values come together and spread a method of living learning with TCI, that counter to a simplification of the world here ambivalences are addressed, that respect and self-direction go hand in hand, that - I could go on writing. On December 10, we celebrated 70 years of the Human Rights Convention. An amazing anniversary for me! And celebrated with such calm. At a time when national rights are loudly protested, people are being deported and borders are being reinforced again, this is exactly where there is a need for coalitions of people from all over the world who show how good cooperation works. We can do that! Whether in schools, universities or in the economy.

The dissemination of TCI needs international associations, recognizable public relations, lively engagement. That's why I'm in the RCI. It's worth it to me!

Outlook

- A group was formed at the IGA to consider how an international exchange meeting can be designed. The board wants to stimulate network meetings and participation in addition to the IGA and therefore proposes the regional forums in 2019.
- In 2020 the work on the archive will be finished and 10 years after the death of Ruth Cohn it can be made accessible to research. Matthias Scharer is working hard on this with his wife Michaela. We are looking forward to the upcoming science congress!
- January 30, 2020 marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Ruth Cohn for which there will be a commemoration. Also in 2020, RCI India is celebrating 20 years of TCI in India, and by 2022, the RCI will be 50 years old internationally.
- The seminar directory should be better: international, more accessible and easier to create. We are working on this and hope to have a new form by 2021.

- The green book has been revised, the Ruth Cohn Foundation for the promotion of young adults has launched a book project with special certification work on the launch and, in January 2019, a book will be published: "Theme-Centered Interaction (TCI) in Higher Education" and Dirk Rossmann has written several pages about Ruth Cohn in his biography.
- I could add to this the many regional and specialist group projects, cross-over workshops, expert conferences on controversial topics or job-specific educational days.

For this, and for all the energy that you give to TCI, we give our warmest thanks from the management board. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a vibrant, constructive and inspiring 2019 year!

With sincere greetings from Klaus-Gerd Eich, Kristin Fumagalli, Ute Schmitz and Wim Stevens,

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Whenever we seemed
 To have found the answer to a question
 One of us untied the string of the old rolled-up
 Chinese scroll on the wall, so that it fell down and
 Revealed to us the man on the bench who
 doubted so much.

I, he said to us
 am the doubter. I am doubtful whether
 The work was well done that devoured your days.
 Whether what you said would still have value for anyone if it were less well said.
 Whether you said it well but perhaps
 were not convinced of the truth of what you said.
 Whether it is not ambiguous; each possible misunderstanding
 is your responsibility. Or it can be unambiguous
 and take the contradictions out of things; is it too unambiguous?
 If so, what you say is useless. Your thing has no life in it.
 Are you truly in the stream of happening? Do you accept
 all that develops? Are YOU developing? Who are you? To whom
 Do you speak? Who finds what you say useful? And, by the way:
 Is it sobering? Can it be read in the morning?
 Is it also linked to what is already there? Are the sentences that were
 spoken before you made use of, or at least refuted? Is everything verifiable?
 By experience? By which one? But above all,
 Always above all else: how does one act
 If one believes what you say? Above all: how does one act?

Reflectively, curiously, we studied the doubting
 blue man on the scroll, looked at each other and
 made a fresh start.

Bertold Brecht, The Doubter