Over 25 from MUM on Teacher Training Course in Bali

MUM is well represented at a course to train teachers of the Transcendental Meditation technique currently taking place on the Indonesian island of Bali, with 14 students, 11 former students, and 1 staff member taking the course.

The course, which began September 4 and goes through February 14, 2017, is the largest in many years, with about 100 participants. It’s oriented toward training young teachers who plan to make it a career.

“This course has been a learning experience on every level,” said MUM student Ty Brodale. “We’re becoming stronger in our experience and abilities with each passing day — quickly preparing us to lift the world from the suffering and mistakes it has become accustomed to. It is the greatest opportunity for anyone who wants to see real and permanent change towards peace and prosperity in the most fundamental value of world consciousness.”

This course has special features that will help the teachers enter their career. A new program will give them the opportunity to apprentice with established teachers of the Transcendental Meditation technique.

Also, a Young Governors Association will allow young teachers to network with each other and share best practices. It will also offer a communication link to the senior leadership of the Global Country of World Peace, the worldwide organization that oversees the teaching of the Transcendental Meditation technique.

Affordable Housing in Maharishi Vedic City Rapidly Filling Up

A renovated campus in Maharishi Vedic City that once housed over 1,100 Vedic pandits is now proving to be a popular residence for Invincible America Assembly participants, thanks to the low costs and idyllic atmosphere.

A group of pandits remains on the south part of the campus, while the northern part is quickly becoming a vibrant community of assembly participants known as the IdeaLife Campus, which is under the management of the Maharishi Foundation.

According to Hinton Clabaugh, campus manager, the goal is to provide affordable accommodations for those who want to be a part of the Invincible America Assembly, which entails group practice of the Transcendental Meditation® and TM-Sidhi® programs, with the option of extended practice. The assembly housing is also available to those who haven’t yet learned the TM-Sidhi program.

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“We're keeping the fees as low as we can because we especially want to make it affordable to those who have worked for Maharishi's organizations their whole lives,” Mr. Clabaugh said.

The two-bedroom cottages on the IdeaLife Campus are being snapped up as soon as they are renovated. They range from $250 to $600 per month, plus utilities. The lower-priced cottages have been deep cleaned, painted, and carpeted, while those on the higher range have been more extensively renovated, including new bathrooms, renovated kitchens, and a portico.

There are a total of 100 of the cottages, with 21 currently renovated and 29 scheduled for renovation. Each is 650 square feet.

The other housing option on the IdeaLife Campus consists of 14 buildings, each with four 2-room suites. Each suite is completely furnished and has a bedroom, living area/study, and private bathroom, as well as a shared kitchen and laundry facilities.

Two-room suites for assembly participants are $360 per month, including utilities and free Internet. The price for couples is $420 per month.

In addition to the donor-funded housing renovations, other improvements include landscaping, with many trees and shrubs being planted, new parking lots, and infrastructure improvements such as storm drains.

Currently there are about 30 residents on the IdeaLife Campus, and as more people join, there are plans to offer a restaurant, a store similar to Golden Dome Market, a bus service, and more.

The campus includes a lake with geese, a 22-acre area for hiking, a recreation room, renovated meditation halls, and a meeting hall.

The IdeaLife Campus is located on the northwest corner of Maharishi Vedic City on 170th St. near Rukmapura Park Hotel. It is 6.5 miles from MUM campus, which is about a 10-minute drive.

For information, see the website www.idealifeassembly.com. Those interested can call Mr. Clabaugh at (641) 451-7331 or email campusmanager@tm.org.

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“So, we are in the grip of that knowledge, and we are making our world a nice world. We don't mind all these mistakes and all that, because in the darkness so many wrong things must happen to everyone. But we are expert in putting the light on, putting the light on, putting the light on.”


Faculty, Alum Invited to Present at World Ramayana Conference

Scholars in India are again showing their appreciation of the Vedic knowledge found at MUM, most recently inviting professor David Scharf and alumnus Michael Sternfeld to address the World Ramayana Conference in Jabalpur, India, this month.

The invitation came about as a result of their presentations at the biennial meeting of the World Association for Vedic Studies held on campus two years ago. One of the organizers of that conference, Bal Ram Singh, appreciated their contribution to that earlier conference and recommended they be invited to the Ramayana conference in India.

“I consider it quite an honor, as a Western scholar, to speak in India to Indians on the Ramayana and to give Maharishi's perspective,” Mr. Sternfeld said.

Mr. Sternfeld, who teaches MUM continuing education courses on The Ramayana, will speak on “Ram's Dharma: Leadership Secrets of the Ultimate Warrior-Sage-Prince.” In his talk he distills the essential principles of dharma and ideal leadership from the original Ramayana text. He has identified 25 core principles that can inspire leaders to live and lead from the highest moral values and deepest levels of consciousness.

Dr. Scharf’s current research is on consciousness and quantum field theory and especially the nature of time in advanced physics.

At Mr. Sternfeld's suggestion, MUM professor Morad Malekghasemi was also invited to give a poster presentation.

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Dr. Heaton Publishes Two Book Chapters

After having published a book chapter in early summer on the Transcendental Meditation technique in education, professor Dennis Heaton has now published two additional book chapters that explore the role of development of consciousness in management education and sustainability.

His chapter “Consciousness-Development for Responsible Management Education,” coauthored by student Emanuel Schachinger, discusses the role of development of consciousness in areas of management such as human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-corruption.

The authors write about the need to shift to a deeper level of one’s humanity whereby one realizes one’s connectedness to one’s highest self, and through that, to others and to nature.

The chapter appears in Educating for Responsible Management: Putting Theory into Practice, published by Greenleaf Publishing.

In addition, Dr. Heaton has authored a chapter in the book Spirituality and Sustainability: New Horizons and Exemplary Approaches, published by Springer.

Dr. Heaton writes that to solve the problems that are affecting the planet, it’s necessary to develop higher states of consciousness, states that lead to an optimal quality of life individually and collectively.

He describes the Vedic tradition and the value of technologies such as the Transcendental Meditation technique and Maharishi Vastu® architecture. And he proposes Consciousness-Based® education as a means of directly experiencing a consciousness of connectedness.

The chapter includes a discussion of research on measurable increases in brain function and on the increased experience of postconventional levels of self-development.

Dr. Heaton’s chapter is titled, “Higher Consciousness for Sustainability-as-Flourishing.”

Dome Solar Array Saving Money

As of the end of November, the solar array west of the Men’s Dome had generated 38,300 kWh of electricity, having been put in operation in early April.

At a cost of $.06 per kWh, the total savings has been $2,300.

The array is not connected to the Dome but instead feeds electrical current into the campus grid for use as needed.

June was the most productive month for the array so far, with a yield of approximately 7,500 kWh.

The array was funded by donations from the Wege Foundation and Jeffrey Abramson, chair of the MUM Board of Trustees.

All of the details regarding performance of the array can be found online at tinyurl.com/hp7zxw4.

Maharishi School Ranks #2 Among Iowa Private Schools

Maharishi School was recently ranked in second place by Niche.com out of 27 schools in their 2017 listing of best private high schools in Iowa.

Niche “rigorously analyzes dozens of public data sets and millions of reviews to produce comprehensive rankings, report cards, and profiles for every K-12 school.”

In addition to the number two overall ranking for high schools, Maharishi School also placed first in the diversity category, second for kindergarten through eighth grade, and number three for college readiness.

Rankings were based on factors such as student-to-teacher ratio, composite SAT and ACT scores, quality of colleges that students consider, college enrollment percentages, racial and cultural diversity within each school, and surveys of students and parents.

Data was collected from the U.S. Department of Education, Niche users, and the schools directly.

Room for Rent

Long/short-term furnished room rentals in Vastu house on MUM campus near Domes & Market, with kitchen/laundry access. Starting at $485/mo. Room w/private bathroom and one with shared bathroom. Can do weekly and couples welcome.

Contact estrada.steven26@gmail.com or see Fiftytwo Vastu on Facebook.

Free Grant Writing Workshop

December 15, 7–9 pm, Festival Hall

Taught by Jane Goeken, community and economic development program specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. She has more than 25 years of successful grant writing experience, including extensive work with a variety of federal, state, local, and foundation grant programs.

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Mr. Blecher said that the number practicing the TM-Sidhi program together has exceeded the threshold that's predicted to create the Maharishi Effect in Johannesburg, which has a population of just under 4.5 million. Research has shown that when this threshold is reached, the quality of life improves.

He credits this Maharishi Effect with reducing the crime rate in Johannesburg. Recent public data has shown that Johannesburg, which used to be known as the “murder capital of the world,” is no longer in the top 50 crime-ridden cities.

“We are extremely grateful to the College of Business faculty and the whole of Maharishi University of Management for making this achievement of invincibility for Johannesburg possible,” Mr. Blecher said.

Johannesburg is the economic hub of South Africa, and a powerful economic hub for the whole continent of Africa.

**Dr. Manohar to Speak**

On Maharishi AyurVeda, as part of the continuing October Surprise program.
Fri., Dec. 16, 7:45 pm, Dalby Hall.

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**MUM Partner in South Africa Now Has 315 Sidhas**

A TM-Sidhi course has recently been completed at Maharishi Invincibility Institute in South Africa, with 170 students (including some staff) learning this advanced program.

There are now more than 315 people at MII who participate in the daily group practice of the Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi programs.

Students at MII enroll through MUM in their third and fourth years to receive an MUM bachelor’s degree in business administration. The courses are taught via distance education.

Maharishi Invincibility Institute, which was created under the guidance of Maharishi, currently has a 98% graduate placement rate, and over 90% job retention rate beyond the first year of work.

According to Maharishi Institute CEO Taddy Blecher, graduates are doing exceptionally well, with 146 graduates and students now working in just one major global consulting company alone.

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**New Short Course: Dharma Parenting**

Dharma Parenting offers a uniquely individual approach to raising a happy and successful child. The word “dharma” means a way of living that upholds the path of evolution, maintains balance, and supports both prosperity and spiritual freedom.

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To register and learn more about the book by Dr. Wallace and Dr. Travis, see www.mum.edu/mum-online and click on “Short Courses.”