

International Gathering of Young Theosophists



Dates: 3rd to 7th June 2022

Location: International Theosophical Centre (ITC) Naarden, The Netherlands

Event theme: Treading the Path to Self-Transformation

Guest speakers: International President Tim Boyd & former President of the Philippines' section, and Indo-Pacific Federation, Vicente Hao Chin Jr.

Participants: TS members, under 41 years old

Language: English

Sponsors: The event is organized under the auspices of the ITC Naarden and the EFTS and sponsored by both, together with a number of Sections in Europe.

Prices:

<i>Registration fee</i>	<i>Accommodation fee</i>		<i>TOTAL FEE (per person) (*)</i>
EUR 40	Single room	EUR 60	EUR 100
	Double room	EUR 40	EUR 80
	Tent	EUR 0	EUR 40
	Not staying overnight	EUR 0	EUR 40
<i>(*) The cost of meals, drinks will be sponsored by theosophical parties</i>			
<i>(**) Donations for the ITC are welcome to contribute to its future work</i>			

Registration: Fill in your online application form at <https://forms.gle/PQjZuHJGbGqEWW6CA>
The number of places is limited, therefore, reservation will only be made final after payment of the fee (see table above).
Registration for the program can only be done **before May 25th 2022**.

Contact: Any questions can be addressed at ts.youth.gathering@gmail.com

Promo video: https://youtu.be/MqMy_GYHeTc

Organizing Committee's message

An organizing team of young members are planning and coordinating preparations for this gathering. We aim to create, build and strengthen bonds of friendship and brotherhood among the youngest members of the TS, and to provide an open space to share experiences and points of view on theosophical topics. A real sense of unity and interconnectedness between new generations of theosophists will benefit from this event, therefore, we encourage TS sections to reach out and help their young members to join us in this gathering.

We are glad to announce the gathering will take place at the ITC Naarden (The Netherlands). During the conference, you will be able to join lectures by our guest speakers, youth panel talks, workshops, study groups, volunteering activities at the Centre, yoga or meditation, and enjoy the beautiful premises and nature around the Centre.

We hope that many young theosophists from around the world will come and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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THEME: “Treading the Path to Self-Transformation”

Self-transformation is a concept widely discussed in theosophical literature (*Light on the Path*, *The Yoga Sutras* or *The Voice of the Silence* among others). Joy Mills described this process of self-transformation as follows:

“It is a journey towards knowing, feeling, and comprehending more; towards a transformation that will carry us beyond ourselves. It is a journey in which the very process of travelling is not distinct from the unfolding awareness of our own mystery – the beautiful and awesome mystery of being human”.

However, being human, as well as being a young theosophist, nowadays can be challenging. We are confronted with a system and society that puts pressure on us and tries to steer us in a certain direction, making it more important for us to grow in self-awareness and to find our own values and nurture our virtues. During this conference, we will search for the essence of who we really are and learn practical tools that help us better cope with the challenges we face in our lives. Some of these tools are described in the book ‘The Process of Self-Transformation’ by Vicente Hao Chin Jr., who will participate and share his views and experience on how to learn more about ourselves, as well as stand firmer on our own personal path to self-transformation.

VENUE: The International Theosophical Centre (ITC Naarden, The Netherlands)

The ITC aims to be an active and inspiring spiritual Centre contributing to the service of the world and the uplifting of mankind in particular. The ITC, therefore, invites people of the world at the Centre to work on the process of human regeneration through individual transformation.

Any stay at the Centre is meant to promote quietness of mind, peace and a harmonious life. Therefore, smoking or using drugs on the estate is not allowed; furthermore, only vegetarian/vegan meals and non-alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

ITC website: <https://www.itcnaarden.org>

Covid disclaimer

Although the situation is improving (and it is expected to be by late spring), it is not possible to predict whether there will be restrictions in the Netherlands in June. If the situation deteriorates we will inform you in time. If the event is eventually canceled, reservations will be refunded.

Some recommendations to bear in mind:

- Please, check that the airline will reimburse you when the corona situation deteriorates (normally to return the money or hand out vouchers if tickets are cancelled for covid-reasons)
- Travel insurance is recommended

The ITC does not require a vaccination pass for admittance to its activities, but (so far) strictly enforces the rule of keeping 1,5 meter distance indoors between members of different families. Surely, this may be different in the summer as last year by that time circumstances eased down.

Please check traveler requirements to entering into The Netherlands from abroad at the official site: <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry>