

# WHAT IS THE EARTH ASKING OF US?

*Announcing a series of colloquia building upon the October 2020 Natural Science Section conference at the Goetheanum, “The CLIMATE needs our CHANGE.”*

We are pleased to offer to the English-speaking world presentations from the conference on Climate that was held at the Goetheanum in October 2020. The conference program—together with a preliminary sketch of our intention for these virtual gatherings—has been published in our *Correspondence* newsletter (pp. 4-9 [here](#)). The breadth of themes and presenters is more than “scientific.” It should be of interest to a **broad audience**, encompassing social, economic, psychological, and spiritual themes as well.

On the **fourth Saturday monthly**, beginning February, online meetings will be themed around pre-recorded presentations from the October conference—originally delivered in German. Some presenters were willing and able to re-record their talk in English (as below). Other talks will be given voice-over interpretation in English. A collaboration of carrying groups in the US and UK together with the Section leadership at the Goetheanum has made this translation work possible.

*Prior to each virtual meeting, participants will preview the recordings and ancillary material on the theme. Some presenters may also join us online as guests. An **orientation meeting** will be held Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at which those interested may join us in crafting our colloquium process framework. We intend to do some earnest reflection and seek what is emerging in our souls, asking “How do we have to change so that knowledge and feasibility come together?”*

*This flyer also advertises a special live online presentation in English by Dr. Meinhard Simon, reprising his talk at the October conference, followed with time for Q&A.*

**Online Presentation: Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 11 am PT, 2 pm ET, 8 pm CET.**



**Meinhard Simon, PhD.** *Born 1953, studies of biology and hydrology in Constance and Freiburg. Since 1997 at the University of Oldenburg worked as a professor for Marine Microbiology and Biological Oceanography. He has undertaken research cruises in the Southern, Atlantic, and Pacific Ocean, and occupied himself for some time with issues of climate change and its impact, especially on the seas. He is a member of the Section Collegium of the Natural Science Section at the Goetheanum.*

**Climate and the Human Being - a shared history under the responsibility of humanity today.** In the course of the history of the earth, the mean annual temperature has leveled off to around 15°C and reached great constancy in the Late Tertiary, roughly when the first human ancestors appeared. This is a signature of the earth's homeostasis and individuality, which is comparable to the human being's ego existence. This homeostasis was only possible through the “anabolic” and “catabolic” life processes of the entire biosphere, plants, animals, and especially, microorganisms. Human beings have been part of nature over this long period of our presence on earth.

**Register for this presentation [here](#). See the schedule [here](#).**

*Look for further announcements from this collaboration of the Natural Science Section of the Anthroposophical Society in America, the Natural Science & Math Group of Great Britain, and the Natural Science Section at the Goetheanum.*