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YEARBOOK



New Acropolis is an international school of philosophy

that promotes culture and practices volunteering.



Philosophy

The aim of Acropolitan philosophy is to become more conscious, to learn to act from the heart and to awaken all our human potentials.

Carlos Adelantado Puchal





Culture

We need a culture that celebrates human values, rather than the instinctive, mass reactions that sometimes end in cruelty and uncontrolled aggression.

Delia Steinberg Guzmán

Volunteering

There is an ever greater need to promote noble and altruistic sentiments, a generosity capable of embracing others, whether they are close to us or not.

Delia Steinberg Guzmán



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Unity in Diversity

In this issue of the Yearbook, we look back at another year of philosophical, cultural and social work carried out by New Acropolis across five continents under the motto "Unity through Diversity", which we consider to be an essential factor in understanding human life.

We think that union can only be achieved through diversity, because it will be a union in which each part is a whole and the whole is present in each part.

As Acropolitan philosophy is fundamentally about developing the ability to see and appreciate human beings and their expressions from the highest level of consciousness, it is natural that love of wisdom, which characterizes this School of Philosophy, should become a flow of energy that can harmonize differences in an upward movement towards unity.

We know that division and separation are the result of a lack of unity, when fracture lines become activated. But we also know that the different expressions of diversity are the result of different ways of understanding the movement of life. And although this movement may express itself in a multitude of different forms, at its root lies the desire and the need to achieve the same goals.

Acropolitan philosophy helps us to perceive that initial impulse towards a unity which we can imagine as being made up of archetypal elements related to the beautiful, the good, the just and the true. Unity acts from above, from a high point, like a magnetic force of attraction.

This idea of unity can be brought into reality through the union and unification of aims and principles. Principles allow us to connect with the original motivation, the force of the initial energy, while aims remind us of the goal and help us not to get lost on the path that we human beings are travelling, which perhaps is essentially the same for all.

Thus, we understand unity as the quality which is there at the beginning and also at the end, while multiplicity forms part of the path we have to take in order to unite the alpha and the omega. That path is what is known as 'evolution'.

Professor Livraga once wrote that, just as rivers flow towards the sea, so states should flow towards one another and all of them should flow towards universal fraternity.

To walk in the same direction is to move forward in the direction of life: it is the evolution of the human species towards the archetypes.

That is why, as Acropolitan philosophers, we oppose lies, ugliness, evil and injustice. We advocate a society free from these scourges that darken the brightness of self-improvement, harmonious coexistence and hope for a better future.

This brief summary of our activities throughout 2024 is an illustration of this.

New Acropolis School of Philosophy

New Acropolis is an international school of philosophy that promotes culture and practices volunteering. It proposes an ideal of permanent values to contribute to both individual and collective evolution.

It was founded in 1957 in Buenos Aires (Argentina) by the historian and philosopher Jorge Ángel Livraga Rizzi (1930-1991).

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

New Acropolis is based on three founding principles:

FRATERNITY

To promote an ideal of fraternity based on respect for human dignity, beyond any differences of gender, culture, religion, social class, etc.

The strength of this ideal of fraternity lies in what unites us, rather than what separates us. It is firmly based on the recognition, protection and safeguarding of those universal values, which, while respecting diversity, transcend local practices and customs and result in a set of common ethical principles that are inherent in the dignity of every human being.

KNOWLEDGE

To encourage the love of wisdom through the comparative study of philosophies, religions, sciences and arts, in order to achieve a knowledge of the human being, nature and the universe.

The love of truth and knowledge sets out from the legitimate aspiration to develop our own discernment in order to gain a better understanding of the world and ourselves. We see philosophy as an axis connecting the different facets and angles of human knowledge.

Philosophy can bring together the sources of the past and the present in a holistic, broad and integrating vision, becoming a real force for progress that seeks to understand life more deeply and to harmonize all aspects of knowledge and experience.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

To develop the best part of the human being by promoting each person's fulfilment as an individual and as an active member of society. To act in harmony with Nature in order to improve the world.

Our work enables individuals to improve themselves and so to contribute to sustainable social development. All human beings still have an enormous latent potential within them. To get to know that potential and to develop it is one of the fundamental pillars of life itself and provides a source of lasting satisfaction. A balanced and all-round development of ourselves, and the actualization of the best qualities and values of our human nature, are the solid basis for a better world.





ITALY

In Milan, practical training was provided to civil protection volunteers.



CANADA

In Toronto, NA organized a volunteer training activity.





UKRAINE

Open-air philosophy classes in Dnipro.

The following table of figures for 2024 shows the scale and diversity of initiatives promoted by our School of Philosophy, the central core that connects and inspires our Culture and Volunteering programmes. In the first half of the year alone, more than 8,000 activities were organized to promote philosophy, attended by 180,683 participants and having an impact on almost 4.8 million people, with highlights such as World Philosophy Day. In the sphere of culture, our 5,048 initiatives attracted 109,415 visitors, while nearly 410,000 hours were dedicated overall to our 7,139 volunteering activities, demonstrating our commitment to social transformation and care for the environment. These figures reflect the strong partnerships we have developed and the positive impact we have had on the communities where we are present.

Philosophy

8,191

181,068

4,869,872

New Acropolis in FIGURES



VENEZUELA

NA volunteers offered philosophical talks in Mérida during a walk in the forest.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF PHILOSOPHY

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMMES

NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED BY PHILOSOPHY ACTIVITIES (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)

Culture

5,049

109,432

394

725,524

3,953

CULTURAL EVENTS

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR CULTURAL EVENTS

NUMBER OF LIBRARIES AND READING PROGRAMMES

NUMBER OF BOOKS IN LIBRARIES WORLDWIDE

NUMBER OF NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED THIS YEAR

Volunteering

7,150

60,118

409,668

9,564

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED

NUMBER OF RECORDED VOLUNTEERING HOURS

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF OUR VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

Our Programme of Studies

Philosophy for Living

Philosophy has always been a search for spiritual truth, a process of going deeper into the knowledge of nature, human beings and the universe.

Our Vision of Philosophy

For us, philosophy is an innate attitude in human beings. Our task is to try to translate it into actions that will enable us to develop our full potential and make the world a better place.

We propose a practical philosophy that will be useful for each individual and for society as a whole. We do this not only through reading, studying and acquiring theoretical knowledge, but also by learning the art of living with strength and efficiency at every moment of our lives.



A School of Philosophy in the Classical Tradition

At the heart of the activities of New Acropolis is our School of Comparative Philosophy of East and West, understood in the classical manner, i.e. as a way of accessing knowledge and achieving individual and collective self-realization.

The programme of studies is common to all the countries where New Acropolis is present. It is taught in successive levels and is a prerequisite for membership. It is a modern version of the traditional knowledge of East and West which, in accordance with classical humanism, brings together sciences, arts and philosophies.



Introductory Programme

NATURAL PHILOSOPHY: The art of learning how to live. The human being and the cosmos.

The wisdom of ANCIENT INDIA: Dharma-Karma. The Bhagavad-Gita: The inner battle.

Teachings from TIBET: Ancient texts.

BUDDHIST philosophy: The Dhammapada.

CHINESE wisdom: Confucius and Lao Tzu.

EGYPT: The purpose of life and the afterlife.

GREECE, the great philosophers: Plato: the myth of the cave. Aristotle: the pursuit of happiness.

ROME, Stoic philosophy: Courage and fortitude. Inner freedom and power over oneself.

The NEOPLATONIC school: Plotinus. The three ways of approaching wisdom.

The human being and SOCIETY: Factors that help us live together in harmony.

The human being and HISTORY:

Historical cycles: can we change the world?

Practical PSYCHOLOGY EXERCISES: Memory, concentration, attention, imagination and others.

Further courses

Psychology, Eastern and Western Wisdom (two levels), Symbology of Civilizations, Applied Philosophy and Ethics, Sociopolitics, Public Speaking (two levels), History of Philosophy (four levels), History of Religions, Anthropogenesis, Cosmogenesis, Astrology, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysical Aesthetics.

Concert in honour of

Delia Steinberg Guzmán

Last June, at the Teatro Victoria in Madrid, a heartfelt artistic tribute was offered to Delia Steinberg Guzmán, who was the international director of New Acropolis for more than 30 years and the founder of the International Piano Competition that bears her name. The competition was founded in 1988 and has passed through 41 editions, giving hundreds of young pianists the opportunity to display their talents.

The day was divided into two parts: in the morning, members of New Acropolis from different centres in Spain came together to stage a variety of artistic events. Theatre, songs, poems, piano or guitar performances, choral pieces, etc., were offered as a gift to one who had been a great lover of music and all artistic expressions. There were almost four hours of intense and moving performances.





In the words of the director of New Acropolis in Spain, Isabel Pérez, who opened the tribute: "Today we can celebrate this tribute one year after Delia's passing. But Delia is still in our hearts and we need to express what have been more than 30 continuous years of shared experiences. She would have liked this aesthetic gift, a gift that is from one soul to another, which is something she always taught us."



In the afternoon, a ceremony was held in which Dr. Antonio Alzina, the promoter of the competition, and some of the members of the jury, said a few words in honour of Delia and her educational work in relation to the piano. Professor Marcela Linari, a former pupil of Prof. Steinberg Guzmán, gave an interesting presentation on the educational aspect of the piano, in which she mentioned some of Delia's teachers.



This was followed by a memorial piano concert performed by four former winners of the international competition who, at the invitation of the competition's organizers, agreed to travel to Madrid to perform some pieces in recognition of the work of its founder. Giulio de Padova, the winner in 2017, who travelled from Rome for the occasion, performed the Chaconne by J.S. Bach. Dong Wan Ha, the winner in 2016, performed three Chopin nocturnes. The 2009 winner, Jackie Jae-Kyung Yoo, who travelled from New York, delighted the audience with Maurice Ravel's Pavane and Francis Poulenc's Trois Novelettes. Finally, Michael Davidov, the winner in 2014, a professor at the Fundación Conservatori Liceu de Barcelona and a member of the jury in recent editions of the competition, performed Schubert's Impromptu D. 899 No. 4, Ottorino





Respigui's Nocturne and Rachmaninov's Moment Musical Op. 16 No. 4.

A beautiful video was shown, which gathered together the experience of 41 years of the piano competition, including speeches by Delia Steinberg Guzmán and other figures connected with the competition.

A few final words from the president of the International Organization New Acropolis, Carlos Adelantado Puchal, put the finishing touches to a day full of musical and artistic activities, where the piano took centre stage.



We would like to thank the many friends, professionals and pianists who have taken part in the Delia Steinberg International Piano Competition over the years for their expressions of affection and words of love towards the person who was its promoter. The competition was always intended to encourage young people not only to perform, but also to teach and even promote new competitions in the future.

"Music, art, should allow people to find in themselves those essential and fundamental elements which exist within all human beings. In the case of the artist, what he has to bring forth in others is a great love for beauty, so that anyone who attends an artistic event will feel the desire to come closer to art."

International Programmes

Motto "UNITY through Diversity"



This motto has been the guiding idea behind many of the actions of 2024 and is reflected in the activities carried out by New Acropolis centres around the world; because although from one point of view humanity can be considered as one, as a single living species, at the same time there is a diversity of cultural and religious expressions, many different ways of resolving the problems that life presents us with.

We are aware that many of the problems that human beings have to face are due to the difficulty of harmonizing concepts that seem antagonistic, but are part of the complexity that characterizes human beings and humanity as a whole. We follow the example of the philosophers of all times who have provided us with interesting reflections to explain the mysterious relationship between the one and the many, from the realm of metaphysical essences to the sphere of moral values. It is with this ideal in mind that we have designed our international programmes.

World PHILOSOPHY Day

In 2024, World Philosophy Day was celebrated under the theme "Unity through Diversity", highlighting the importance of philosophy as a bridge between cultures.

In more than 50 countries, New Acropolis organized lectures, panel discussions, artistic workshops and presentations that promoted dialogue, respect and mutual understanding. Many people came together – from young students to specialists – to explore philosophical ideas that connect humanity in its diversity.

It was a global event that reaffirmed the role of philosophy in building a more united and harmonious world.



BRAZIL
The lectures offered in Fortaleza in celebration of World
Philosophy Day attracted massive audiences.



ISRAELIn Tel Aviv, NA offered various activities under the motto "Opening the Door to Hope".



ARGENTINA

In Buenos Aires, World Philosophy Day was celebrated with a play about a meeting between philosophers.



AUSTRIA

NA celebrated World Philosophy Day in Salzburg with various public events.



PORTUGAL

In Guimaraes, NA celebrated World Philosophy Day with a talk on the Platonic school of Florence.



UNITED KINGDOM

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NA}}$ organized a philosophy event on the streets of London, interacting with passers-by.



PERU

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day, NA gave an educational presentation on philosophy in Lima.



REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

A workshop entitled "Active Tolerance" was held in Belgrade.

MOTHER EARTH

Day

We celebrated International Mother Earth Day in over 500 cities around the world, with a vast array of activities such as clean-ups in nature areas, reforestations, lecture series, etc.

This year we have been working under the motto "Unity through Diversity", promoting activities in many countries and cultures that can deepen our understanding of the different expressions of nature and the best values of humanity. We are convinced that, together, we can build a future where environmental management and mutual respect can steer a common path.

We promote activities that not only reduce environmental impact, but also highlight the practical knowledge of peoples and cultures that have contributed to sustainability throughout the ages. All this is related to the goals promoted by the United Nations in the "UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration" (2021-2030) for the benefit of all living beings and future generations.



COSTA RICA

In Alajuela, an ecological clean-up day was organized in celebration of Mother Earth Day.

PARAGUAY

A workshop on kokedama, a Japanese technique of plant cultivation, was offered in Asunción.



FRANCE

At the Cour Pétral, various actions were carried out on the occasion of Mother Earth Day, including shellfish farming.



MEXICO

Creation of an urban garden in Morelia.



CZECH REPUBLIC

Tree planting in Zlín on the occasion of Mother Earth Day.



SOUTH AFRICA

In Johannesburg, Mother Earth Day was celebrated with permaculture classes and planting.





CHILE

Among the activities celebrating the Day of Arts, a conference was held in the city of Santiago.



IRELAND

In Dublin, a mandala-making workshop was held.



INDIA

In Mumbai, there were performances of traditional Indian music and dance to celebrate the Day of Arts.



URUGUAY

A tango performance was held at the main centre of NA in Montevideo, along with other musical presentations.



Day of ARTS

In line with the proclamation of World Art Day by UNESCO in 2019, New Acropolis decided to add its voice to this initiative by celebrating a Day of Arts every year at its different centres around the world.

In 2024, we managed to offer a wide variety of activities to promote art as a universal language that transcends differences and unites people in a spirit of joy and diversity. Through seminars, lectures, workshops and performances that included a wide variety of artistic expressions, from singing, dancing and theatre to painting and drawing, participants were able to experience for themselves the enriching and uplifting power of art.

This first Day of Arts was a great success. The enthusiastic response from participants in so many countries confirmed our decision to include this celebration in our annual programmes.



ROMANIA

To mark the Day of Arts, an open-air painting workshop was held in lasi.

SPAIN

In Granada, a series of talks were given on artistic themes.







Artistic presentations from different countries: music, theater, dance





Artistic classes and workshops.

1st International ARTS Event

From 22 to 26 July 2024, New Acropolis held the 1st International Arts Event in Chinchilla de Montearagón (Spain), attended by delegations from 25 countries.

The aim of this event was not only to promote a spirit of harmonious coexistence between people connected with the performing arts (music, poetry, dance and theatre), but also to improve the quality of the activities promoted by New Acropolis, as well as to develop the enormous philosophical potential of these activities.

The event consisted of four days full of music, dance, theatre, poetry, improvisations and collaborations between artists from all the participating countries and was promoted by the international president of New Acropolis, Carlos Adelantado

The meeting was coordinated by the Tristan Institute, under the guidance of its international director. Sabine Leitner.





3rd International PHILOSOPHICAL SPORTS Preseason

In collaboration with the Brazilian Pierre de Coubertin Committee, New Acropolis promoted the 3rd Philosophical Sports Preseason, an event aimed at providing education and training for its philosopher members who share a passion for sport.

Held at the International Olympic Academy and at Agios Mamas in Greece in the last week of August 2024, the event brought together 220 philosopher-athletes from around the world. Founded in 1961, it is an institution dedicated to promoting the Olympic ideals and the philosophy of the Olympic movement, acting as a centre for the study, research and dissemination of the guiding values behind the Olympic Games.

The connection between sport, philosophy and history was the starting point for classes, sports training, artistic activities, group reflections and cultural visits to historical sites.

For New Acropolis, sport is a powerful educational tool that goes beyond mere physical activity; it is a means of transmitting fundamental values such as solidarity, cooperation, respect and self-improvement.





Opening of the event, with delegations from all countries.







Sports activities: volleyball, chess, archery, among others.



Presentations, lectures and cultural tours of Greek monuments.

New Acropolis and Sustainable Development

EDUCATION (SDG 4)

In alignment with SDG 4, New Acropolis works to promote inclusive and quality education through various initiatives. For example, in El Salvador we organized a Youth Literature Competition, which has benefited thousands of young people with university grants and fostered intellectual development in the community.



In the Dominican Republic, we coordinated with companies and volunteers to provide children with school materials at the Hogar Santa Rosa de Lima, strengthening community engagement.



New Acropolis understands sustainable development as a process that goes beyond the mere management of natural resources or the promotion of clean energy. Our School of Philosophy advocates a new vision of the human being, in which development encompasses internal and spiritual qualities as well as material aspects.

It therefore proposes that the real progress of society depends not only on technological and economic improvements, but also on the development of character, the strengthening of solidarity and the cultivation of an education that fosters wisdom, and therefore peaceful coexistence. Consequently, our work aims to build individuals and communities committed to peace, justice and respect for nature, essential elements for a truly sustainable society.

Here are some examples of specific contributions we have made to different areas of development, as set out in the 2030 Development Agenda.

In Ecuador, we organized events such as the 16th Schools Public Speaking Contest, which promotes the development of communication and dialogue skills among young people around the motto "Unity through Diversity".



ENVIRONMENT (SDG 15)

Our position is that care for the environment, in line with SDG 15, is essential to preserve biodiversity and restore terrestrial ecosystems.

We advocate ethical and sustainable initiatives that combine consideration for human beings with respect for and conservation of nature.

In Belgium, New Acropolis carried out ecological work in an urban garden in Brussels, promoting community participation and the preservation of biodiversity in an urban environment.



Similarly, in Bolivia, an innovative urban forest project has been developed, aimed at the restoration of local ecosystems and the ethical management of natural resources, strengthening social integration and environmental awareness.





PEACEBUILDING AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS (SDG 16)

We would like to highlight two activities in 2024 that contributed to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and expressed the philosophical approach of New Acropolis. One was the organization by New Acropolis Brazil of a round table discussion entitled "Education for Peace: Lessons from Brazilian Civil Society", which was hosted by the Consulate General of Brazil in New York and explored educational strategies that foster a culture of peace.

The other was a panel discussion entitled "The Power of Dialogue", held in Chicago during World Philosophy Day, in which experts and cultural leaders highlighted the importance of dialogue for building just and resilient societies. These initiatives, which aim to integrate human development with social transformation in the pursuit of peace and the strengthening of institutions, are a natural expression of our vision of the human being and society.



PARTNERSHIPS (SDG 17)

New Acropolis has strengthened its international presence and consolidated a wide network of strategic partnerships. Through its commitment as a School of Philosophy to education, environmental protection and promoting culture and peace, it has worked in collaboration with hundreds of organizations, educational institutions, local governments and private companies.

These partnerships have enabled us to develop projects ranging from the promotion of philosophy to community initiatives with social impact, reflecting a truly global effort. More than 67% of the cultural and volunteering activities featured in this Yearbook have been in collaboration with local actors in the private, academic and public sectors.

New Acropolis and Institutional Relations





The United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) was held from 8–17 July 2024 in New York and focused on the importance of strengthening the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development in a context of major global challenges.

Within this framework, New Acropolis participated through two of its member associations, both with **consultative status with ECOSOC**, who contributed to the forum in different ways:

New Acropolis Brazil, in collaboration with the Brazilian Consulate, organized a side event during the Forum. This event provided a space for dialogue on the role of education and philosophy in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting reflection and cooperation among different stakeholders.

New Acropolis Chile participated directly in the main forum by presenting an oral statement before United Nations representatives. In this intervention, the speaker highlighted the key role of philosophy and education in building a deeper and more philosophical understanding of global challenges.

New Acropolis on social media

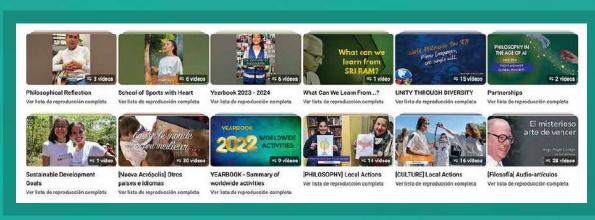
In 2024, New Acropolis has been more active than ever on social media around the world. Thousands of items of content were produced in a variety of formats: lectures, classes, courses, articles and videos, reaching different audiences and cultures. These materials were offered in more than 20 languages, including Portuguese, English, French, Spanish, Mandarin, German, Japanese, Danish, Slovak, Slovenian, Polish, Italian, Greek, Russian, Ukrainian and others.





Using social media, websites, blogs and streaming platforms, we are strengthening our commitment to provide quality content, with respect for factual information. Each publication, video or article reflects our mission to bring philosophy, culture and volunteering to as many parts of the world as possible, connecting people with the great teachings of humanity.

This collective effort reaffirms the strength of our digital presence as a pillar of our mission to inspire and promote universal human values.





Universitas a holistic approach to knowledge

The challenge of **Universitas General Studies** in 2024 has been to reach more and more people. We have worked to strengthen communication on social media, while at the same time continuing to offer new courses in different areas of knowledge.

Universitas currently has more than 7,600 subscribers on its YouTube channel and 1,300 followers on Instagram. We have increased the publication of free videos on YouTube, with more than **80 videos published** on different topics such as art, science, architecture, psychology and ethics.

The Universitas blog contains **over 50 articles** in different categories, related to the eight areas of study offered by Universitas.

The most popular articles are:

- 1. **Sacred Architecture in Egypt:** the Temple of Horus at Edfu.
- 2. Symbolic Interactionism and Communication Theory.

3. **The Hero's Journey according to Joseph Campbell:** a Path of Self-Discovery
and Transformation.

4. Metaphors in Literary Texts.

Currently, most of the courses are in Spanish, with a few in other languages (Portuguese and English). Some courses are now being translated to make them available to a wider audience.

In terms of the courses on offer, **5 new courses** have been published, and the 9 courses already published have been maintained.

The new courses published this year were:

- 1. New Paradigms in Neuroscience.
- 2. Therapeutic Keys to the Hero's Journey.
- 3. **The New Anthropological Spirit:** The Symbolic Human Being.
- 4. Artificial Intelligence and Law.
- 5. Introduction to Philosophy of Science.

By 2025 we will continue to expand the Universitas brand as a holistic approach to knowledge, on the basis that knowledge is a powerful tool that can lead to wisdom.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSITAS THROUGH ITS DIFFERENT DIGITAL CHANNELS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NEW COURSES AND CONTENT.

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- instagram.com/universitaseg
- youtube.com/UniversitasEstudiosGenerales







Declaration of the 2024 General Meeting

Held in Brasilia, Brazil

The General Meeting of the IONA approved the following Declaration:

1. The International Organization New Acropolis (IONA) has been carrying out activities for World Philosophy Day uninterruptedly for the last sixteen years at its different centres around the world. In addition, over the last five years, it has also recommended that the different centres should organize activities for Mother Earth Day, which is celebrated around the world on 22 April each year. Along similar lines, all the national associations affiliated with the IONA are now encouraged to incorporate a Day of Arts into their calendar of activities. This event, which will be celebrated on or around 21 June, will consist of activities related to this expression of the soul which ennobles human beings and is intrinsic to the corporate aims and objects of the IONA.

The General Meeting approves the initiative of its International Board of Management to implement the philosophical, cultural and volunteering activities under a common motto, in accordance with the principles and aims of the IONA. Accordingly, the motto "Unity through Diversity" has been chosen, which will motivate and give direction to the international programmes which the IONA undertakes each year, namely: Earth Day, the Day of Arts and World Philosophy Day. This motto reflects the reality and the aspiration of our international organization, as stated in numerous Declarations of the Annual General Meeting and recorded in their respective minutes.

In alignment with the spirit of the motto, each national association affiliated with the IONA will organize its activities according to its means and possibilities, with the same aspiration of harmonizing the unity and diversity that characterize the more than 50 countries where the IONA is working for a better world.

3. The General Meeting commends the willingness of the IONA's volunteers to travel to Morocco in 2023 to join with other private and public organizations in the search and rescue operations that were carried out following the earthquake that devastated an extensive area of that country last year.







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