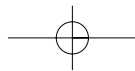
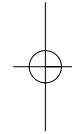
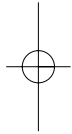




GUERRAND-HERMÈS FOUNDATION
FOR PEACE

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THE GUERRAND-HERMÈS FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

BACKGROUND

The Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace is a private foundation created by Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermès and Sharif István Horthy. It is a non-profit organisation.

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermès
Hubert Guerrand-Hermès
Sharif István Horthy

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermès (Chairman of the Board)
Sharif István Horthy (President)
Alexandra Asseily
Dr. Patrice Brodeur
Isni Astuti Wirjohudojo Horthy
Rosanne Le Roy
Prof. Garrett Thomson
Hardin Tibbs

Ms. Scherto Gill (Executive Secretary)

MISSION

- The fostering of peace, harmony and understanding between people
- The promotion of interfaith understanding through dialogue and deepening of individual religious experience
- The provision of education and experiences for the development of the full potential of each person, including the stimulation of an entrepreneurial spirit that enables people to use their talents to improve the quality of their lives and of those around them
- The seeking of innovative solutions to the problems of poverty and injustice, and to the need for sustainable development

I. THE FOUNDATION'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

2002 was an important year for the Foundation. It was a period of questioning, reflection and learning, as we undertook to re-think the GHFP's mission.

We began the year with a strategy workshop in Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermès' home in Marrakech, Morocco. The meeting was facilitated by strategy consultant Hardin Tibbs, who offers scenario planning, strategic analysis, and creative thinking to corporate, government, and non-profit organizations internationally. His approach involves enabling organizations to pinpoint first, the fundamental ideals that motivate their work; second, the specific attainable objectives that translate those ideals into action plans and third, their context of operation.

The Board identified that a core ideal of the GHFP is to work from, cultivate and support humane qualities and values. The Foundation will focus on enabling individuals and organizations to meet and engage in dialogues that can lead to a transformation of understanding with regard to the development of a humane culture in the world.

To make such meetings productive, it was decided that the GHFP would investigate key issues in education, development, inter-religious dialogue and peace building, enabling creative and probing questions to be addressed in an open and safe environment.

Expansion of the Board

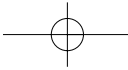
In January, we strengthened the Foundation's Management Board by inviting Mrs Alexandra Asseily, Prof. Garrett Thomson, and Mr Hardin Tibbs to join the team. All three have been actively involved in the work of the Board. The expansion grew out of our new strategy and inaugurates a new phase in the GHFP's work.

Self-Managed Learning Workshop

In May, the Board invited Prof. Ian Cunningham to give a workshop on self-managed learning, on which he is an expert. The purpose of the workshop was to help the members of the Board to form a learning group in which each person is challenged to define an individualized learning agreement with the others. The workshop has helped to strengthen our research for the common interest of the Foundation's work in a mutually supportive way.

Life Force Workshop

In order to gain a deeper understanding of factors involved in implementing peace, in late June the Foundation organized a small-scale workshop in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia, on the influence of life forces, understood as energies and powers that accompany human life.



18 people attended the workshop, coming from Europe, North America, Latin America, Indonesia and Australia. The participants were experts in various fields, such as education, religion, philosophy, psychotherapy and human development; and most employ an understanding or concept of life forces in their professional activities. During the 4-day workshop, we explored questions such as:

- 'What is our understanding of life forces?
- How do we apply this understanding in everyday life?
- How do we learn how to manage the life forces?
- How can we use this understanding to facilitate peace in the world?'



The participants of lifeforce workshop.

In his concluding remarks to the meeting, Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermès spoke as follows: "In

the sense that we use the word 'peace', it is essentially a human-level concept that can be applied in many fields, such as education, politics, economics, ethics, our relationship to our environment and so on, while in contrast, it is the other forces that disturb peace when they have not been integrated into human life."

II. THE BIRTH OF NEW VISION AND MISSION

A. Collaboration with other organizations

1) One World International Foundation

One World International Foundation (OWIF) is an established global news brand, a source of information on global issues through its own portal site www.one.world.net. It is dedicated to using the potential of the internet to promote human rights and sustainable development. One World and the GHFP have long been acquainted. However, during this year, the two organizations established common ground for a promising collaboration. Additionally, the GHFP became a donor to the OWIF. In order to secure long-term reserves and a flow of income to support its work, the OWIF initiated an Endowment Fund Project. The GHFP has decided to support this initiative through financing the One World Endowment Fund Manager, who will launch, promote and manage the Endowment Fund. The total grant provided is \$60,000, half of which was delivered in 2002. The GHFP feels that this step will bring financial independence and sustainability to the OWIF and will relieve a burden on the One World centres worldwide.

2) Education as Transformation and Peaceful Schools International

Education as Transformation (EAT) is an international Movement that seeks to stimulate processes in higher education that embrace, celebrate, and learn from religious pluralism in diverse college communities. Peaceful Schools International (PSI) is a Canadian based international organization that provides support to schools that have declared a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture of peace. Both organizations were introduced to the GHFP as



Meeting with the partners.

potential partners with whom to organize international conferences. In October 2002, the Directors of both organizations, Peter Laurence of EAT and Hetty Van Gorp of PSI, were invited to attend the Foundation's Board meeting. The three organizations shared their experiences and explored issues connected with personal transformation in education. It was agreed that all three organizations will jointly call a conference at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre in Nova Scotia in 2004. The conference will be the third one in the series of Varindra T Vittachi (VTV) Youth Conferences. The first two VTV conferences were sponsored by the GHFP.

The purpose of this third conference will be:

- * To stimulate the participants to define an education that leads to a viable human future;
- * To ask participants to consider what makes an education experience transformational; and
- * To make the conference sufficiently inspiring that the participants will themselves be transformed.

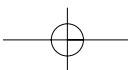
B. Initial research and individual publications

1) Research

During this year the GHFP defined its initial research programme more in two areas: education and development. The goal is to survey the current 'landscape' in these two fields and to identify innovative and strategically important questions as a basis for future conferences. In education, the GHFP is mainly concerned with



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exploring two areas of interest: 1) how alternative educational approaches can contribute to the existing state education system, initially in the UK; 2) transformative vision of education.

In the field of livelihood and development, the Foundation has started to put together an overview of development studies. It wants to screen out distortions caused by aid agencies' ideology and self-interest, and to understand better the mechanisms that perpetuate poverty in many parts of the world. Initially, we will focus on understanding more clearly how the various agencies in the 'development industry' perceive their work.

2) Publications

A number of members of the GHFP have independently written books and articles that are pertinent to the Foundation's mission.

Dr. Patrice Brodeur, member of our Executive Board, published the following articles:

"The Changing Nature of Islamic Studies and American Religious Studies (Part 2*)," in *The Muslim World Journal*, Vol. 92 (Spring 2002), pp. 185-220.

"Islam and Democracy: The Hopeful Sign of Indonesia," in *The Democracy Reader*, ed. by Sondra Myers, (New York: International Debate Education Association, 2002), pp. 261-263.

"Pour faire place à l'Étude critique appliquée de la religion," forthcoming in *Religiologie*, (Autumn 2003).

"From Postmodernism to 'Glocalism': Towards an Integrated Theoretical Understanding of Contemporary Arab Muslim Constructions of Religious Others," in a forthcoming book provisionally entitled *Islam/s and Postmodernism*, ed. by Birgit Schaebler (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2003)

"Bediuzzaman Said Nursi's Ethics of Dialogue in light of his concept of 'Europe'," in a forthcoming book on the proceedings of the Sixth Annual International Symposium on Said Nursi provisionally entitled *Globalization, Ethics, and Bediuzzaman Said Nursi's Risale-I Nur*, ed. by Ian Markham and Ibrahim Abu Rabi' (UK/USA: Ashgate, 2004?)

"Theory and Method in the Study of Women in Islam," in a forthcoming encyclopedia entitled *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures* (Leiden: Brill, 2004?)

Professor Garrett Thomson, member of our Executive Board, published the following books:

'On the Meaning of Life', Wadsworth Press, Belmont, California

The book attempts to explain the meaning of life in a way that permits appreciation of the spiritual dimension of life and an understanding of human values, without relying on the traditional claims of religion.

'On Philosophy', Wadsworth Press, Belmont, California

One of the central aims of this book is to reconcile the nature

of scientific knowledge with the claims of religion and morality in an attempt to show how a proper understanding of human values is possible even given a broadly scientific framework. It contains chapters outlining alternatives to the traditional conception of God, the mind-body problem, the limits of science, and the nature of morality. This book is also published in Spanish by Pan Americana Press, Bogot, Colombia.

'On Gurdjieff', Wadsworth Press, Belmont, California

Gurdjieff is often considered one of the great mystics of the 20th century, who provides a vision of the human condition that is an alternative to the great religious traditions. This book explains his ideas and system in simple terms and, at the same time, tries to evaluate them critically but sympathetically.

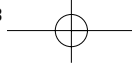
Hardin Tibbs wrote an article titled 'Saving the World Slowly' after attending the World Summit for Sustainable Development.

3) Events and activities

Throughout 2002 the members of the GHFP have attended a number of events, through which the Foundation has built an extended network and learned from the experience of other organizations.

Simon Xavier Guerrand-Hermes met with the founder of the Museum of World Religions (MWR) in Taiwan early this year. Buddhist leader Dharma Master Hsin Tao is also renowned for his effort in establishing interfaith dialogues between religious leaders. During Simon's visit to Dharma Master Hsin Tao, they discussed a number of possibilities for inter-faith activities, including a visit to UNESCO in Paris for an inter-faith dialogue to take place in May 2003 between Islamic leaders in Europe and Dharma Master himself as a Buddhist leader. Simon's meeting with Master Hsin Tao has inspired a further connection between the Museum of World Religions Foundation and the GHFP. The MWRF invited the GHFP to select a young person from the participants of the VTV Youth Conference 2001 as the representative to attend its Youth Interfaith Conference at the MWR's one-year anniversary celebration. Munyaradzi Muzenda, the leader of the Africa Speaks Project, was chosen to attend the event. His trip was funded by the GHFP.

Later in June Simon attended a meeting organized by World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP) in Nairobi Kenya. Simon is the Treasurer of WCRP. During this meeting, discussions were opened up about issues involved in support work for orphans with HIV/AIDS in Africa. The meeting highlighted the importance for religious leaders to experience first hand the impact of HIV / AIDS on children and how communities are responding. The meeting played a vital role in helping change the perceptions of the religious leaders so that they could organize all the resources to best support the children of HIV/AIDS.



In April this year, Scherto Gill attended a Peace Education Workshop organized by Peaceful Schools International (SPI). Scherto found the workshop inspiring because it illuminated her understanding of the concept of peace and the potential significance of peace education in schools. Sharing peace education experiences with teachers, humanitarian workers and students also provided Scherto with the opportunity to raise further questions for her research in relation to education and peace.

The GHFP funded Rosanne Le Roy to attend two of the Preparatory Committee meeting to the Earth Summit (New York and Bali) as well as funded both Rosanne and Hardin to attend the Summit itself in late August.

In September, Alexandra Asseily was invited by Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) to participate in a think-tank meeting at the Ritz Carlton, NY concerning 9/11, during which 12 YPO members and three guests discussed how business leaders could contribute to sustainable global peace through developing learning shifts and by using the entrepreneurial spirit outside the business context. Alexandra's main input was to urge YPO members to take responsibility for peace, on a personal level, by questioning news reports and becoming more inquisitive with regard to why governments urge war. Later she joined with a thousand people in Washington Square, who were praying and discussing peaceful solutions to current conflicts.

2002 was Dr. Patrice Brodeur's Sabbatical year. He attended many conferences and events. To mention a few:

In September, Patrice attended International Metropolis Conference in Oslo, Norway and presented his paper "The Pluralism Project: the Challenges and Opportunities of Mapping the New American Religious Urban Landscape," for the workshop on "Making Religious Space in the Metropolis"

In the same month, he attended the Sixth Annual International Symposium on Said Nursi in Istanbul, Turkey, where he presented a paper titled "Bediuzzaman Said Nursi's Ethics of Dialogue in light of his concept of 'Europe'"

In October, Patrice attended the annual conference of the Organizational Development Network at Montreal, Canada. He participated a workshop on Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service and presented his paper "A Peace Building Process of Reconciliation to Develop Political Will."

III PROJECT SUPPORT:

A. Spiritual Awareness

At the centre of all the Foundation's endeavours is the wish to bring people closer to an awareness of God's grace, leading to personal growth as well as responsibility, compassion and understanding towards others. To this end, from the time of its creation in 1996, the Foundation has supported the translation of the works of M.S. Sumohadiwidjojo.

This year, the Foundation continued to commit to fund the English translation of these works.
[\$50,000]

B. Education

1) Lewes New School

In 2002 the pupil intake at Lewes New School grew steadily, and by the end of the year it had 62 pupils. The school invited Lorena de Silva - an educational consultant with many years of experience - to work with the governors and staff for most of the year to help the school review and restructure its development, and to create a clear school management plan. With her help the school established a two-year curriculum development plan, which is helping create a happy learning environment for the children. Lorena also contributed to the school's new vision statement.

In 2002, the GHFP completed its commitment to cover the school's budget shortfalls during its first three years of operation. However, the school's educational approach, which includes teaching according to children's individual learning styles and brain modalities, remains of great interest to the GHFP in relation to the Foundation's own research programmes. In light of this, the GHFP will support the school's three-year development project in two areas: emotional intelligence, and teaching and learning styles and methods. The



inclusion of emotional intelligence in early education reflects the Foundation's belief that peace can become a reality only when it is learned and practiced at early age so that it can be cultivated from within.

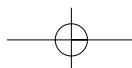
The GHFP also believe that learner-centred education is vital to the nurturing of psychologically balanced and healthy individuals.

Grant to cover third year shortfall

[\$41,000]

Three-year Development and Research Fund

[\$20,000]



2) *Colegio Amor*

Colegio Amor, near Bogot- in Colombia, has been one of the educational initiatives supported since 1996, when the GHFP recognized the value of the school as an educational model and a community development project. The school teaches entrepreneurship and provides a holistic educational experience to children of dislocated families in an urban community mainly consisting of peasants displaced from their land by the never-ending civil war.

During the last two years there has been some confusion regarding the management of the project. When the founder Monica Ramirez stepped down as its leader, many former supporters raised doubts concerning the viability of the project. In order to evaluate the situation, the President of the GHFP Sharif Horthy and board member Garrett Thomson, visited Colegio Amor in May 2002. They met with the new Director, Sebastian de los Rios, visited each class, observed the running of all the educational programmes and interviewed many teachers, students and volunteers. They also reviewed the financial situation of the school.

The conclusions from the visit were that Colegio Amor has made important steps towards securing its financial viability and independence, and towards fulfilling its original educational vision. The project continues to provide a unique educational experience to many disadvantaged children and families in Bogot-. Therefore the GHFP decided to continue supporting the project, focusing on specific programmes that contribute to the quality of the school's education, rather than funding infrastructure and running costs. As a sign of its commitment to the work of the school, the Board decided to donate to Colegio Amor the site adjacent to the school that was acquired by the GHFP in 1997.

3) *Amanecer New School*

In response to demand from the local community, a new school was born at the end of 2001 in Amanecer, Colombia. By 2002, the school, Nuestra Señora de Fatimah, had 24 children in three classes. The project is still in its initial phase both in terms of its size, and in terms of developing its own approach to education, which involves combining elements from Montessori and ICDP to identify learning styles, and to provide faith in and loving attention to the individual child. Sharif Horthy and Garrett Thomson visited the school in 2002.

The school follows the national curriculum, but to this, they add their own specific objectives for each grade, which concern emotional intelligence, character development and a spiritual dimension. The school's effort to develop a new and appropriate educational approach dovetails with the GHFP's own educational research, which will be focused on integrating alternative educational approaches and state school curriculums. The GHFP provided a development fund to support the initial growth of the school. [\$4,500]

One of the main teachers of Amanecer New School, Chayatun Valencia, who is also the driving force of the school's innovative programmes, has made great commitment to the school's development despite her personal difficulties caused by the country's political situation. The GHFP, recognizing the quality she has shown in her teaching and her devotion to the children at the school, decided to provide a grant for her professional training at the Pestalozzi school in Ecuador and with International Child Development Project (ICDP). [\$3,000]

4) *ICDP*

International Child Development Project was initiated by the Norwegian psychologist Dr. Rukman Hundeide and has been supported by the GHFP's long-term partner Susila Dharma International. Mufridah Cole-Williams is volunteering with an ICDP project in Angola and will work as research assistant for Dr. Rukman Hundeide to investigate the psychological effects of ICDP's child-care programme. The GHFP provided a grant to cover some of Mufridah's travel expenses from London to Angola. [\$500]

5) *Love Exhibition*

The GHFP believe that as a person develops, the need to express feelings should be encouraged. These feelings and inspiration can often be expressed through talents and ability such as creativity and imagination. The outcome of these expressions, such as art works, is a milieu through which human beings are touched and connected. In this context, the GHFP supported an art exhibition of the works of over 30 artists from all corners of the world to tour the UK, Western Europe and South America. The title, 'The Love Exhibition' embodies the link between all the art works that made up of the exhibition: the experience of the love and peace within each individual artist. [\$500]

C. Development

1) *Leonardo Wild's book*

Throughout 2002, Leonardo Wild has been working on preparing, plotting, and researching, a novel on the problems of the economy, which is provisionally titled *Hungry As Wolf*. The book investigates the concept of money, its history and its power over us as a commodity. Leonardo realized that, although there are several academic publications discussing these issues, there are few works of a fictional nature that could reach a wider audience. The GHFP offered a small grant to Leonardo to encourage his work. [\$500]

2) *Project Quest*

Project Quest is a health care project based in Portland USA, which provides education, services and a community for those diagnosed with chronic and life-threatening illness,

including HIV/AIDS and cancer, in order to help them heal, regain health and live life fully. In their Eliot Centre for Integrated Health Care, 11 practitioners provide a range of health care services to up to 400 people weekly. In 2002, Project Quest launched a Health Care Fund for low-income individuals who would otherwise be denied of such services. The GHFP contributed to this Fund. [\$2,000]

D. Youth

The GHFP believes that young people represent tomorrow's world, and that it is important to support their initiatives because of their capacity to turn inspiration into reality and create positive changes in the world. Given this, the GHFP hopes that, by supporting the projects of young people and international youth conferences, a worldwide youth network can be formed.

1) YES Quest

YES Quest was one of the most successful youth projects supported by the GHFP in 2001. YES Quest 2001 in Central Kalimantan provided inspiring experiences for its young participants from around the world. This year, the project team turned the Quest into an exciting video programme and wrote a complete 'Quest Manual' in order to provide a reference guide for organizing similar youth activities. Given the importance of sharing the success of the YES Quest, the GHFP provided a grant to the project team to organize a second YES Quest in 2002/3. The grant will also enable workshops for interested facilitators and organizers to share the YES Quest experience. [\$20,000]

2) Africa Speaks Strategic Planning Meeting

Africa Speaks was inspired by the Varindra T Vittachi (VTV) Youth Conference 2000, which was supported by the GHFP. The Africa Speaks Strategic Planning Meeting was the second major meeting of the organization, after its first regional conference held at Great Zimbabwe, Masvingo in 2001, which was also funded by the GHFP. The objective of the Africa Speaks Strategic Planning Meeting was to establish an action plan for Africa Speaks for the future of young people in the continent by bringing together experts and pan-African youth.

40 young participants from various African countries attended this meeting and, after seven



days' work, they agreed a detailed and innovative plan, which includes a Youth bank and various Africa Speaks festivals. The GHFP provided a grant for Donald Charumbira, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, to travel to Zimbabwe to facilitate the planning meeting and a grant for an international youth worker, Okok-Obuoga Bernard, to travel to Zimbabwe to observe and evaluate the meeting. [\$8,000]

Following the success of this Strategic Planning meeting, the GHFP has provided a further grant for the construction of the Africa Speaks Web Portal, which has been available since the end of 2002 at www.afrikaspeaks.org. [\$7,050]

3) The Second Varindra T Vittachi Youth Conference

2002 saw a great deal of interaction between the participants of the first Varindra T Vittachi Youth Conference, held in June 2001 in Jakarta. The first conference resulted in an internet e-mail group (OurHumanFuture@yahoo.com) in which individuals share their learning experiences from their world-wide community work. Also the email group discussion has focused on choosing the theme and programme of the second VTV Youth Conference which is scheduled for 2003.

The second VTV Youth Conference will be held at the Atalanta Center, in Colorado, USA. It features two one-week sessions, where young people can share educational experiences and ideas of personal sustainability. The theme of the conference is 'Learning to Live a Personally Sustainable Life'. The GHFP provided a grant towards the planning and preparation for the conference. [\$9500]

4) International Student Conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims

In March this year, the Foundation sponsored the International Student Conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims (JCM), organized by the Leo Baeck College, and held in Bendorf, Germany. This was the third time that the Foundation helped with partial funding of the Conference. The JCM's continuing mission is to promote dialogue, understanding and solidarity amongst members of the three Abrahamic faiths. [\$3,600]



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

INCOME	\$	\$
Donations received		341,890
Interest received		<u>78</u>
		341,968

EXPENDITURE		
Accountancy fees	2,050	
Bank charges	2,548	
Computer costs	2,473	
Consultancy fees and honoraria	85,665	
Entertaining	183	
Health Insurance	5,787	
Library costs	1,003	
Meeting costs	48,666	
Office costs – Offices in the UK	11,646	
– Worldwide Offices	28,500	
Professional fees	21,128	
Publication	1,104	
Rent, rates and repairs	3,991	
Training costs	429	
Travel	<u>6,981</u>	
		<u>222,154</u>
		119,814

DISTRIBUTIONS TO PROJECTS		
SPI Bapak's Talks	50,000	
Lewes New School	40,180	
One World International Foundation		
– Endowment Fund	30,000	
YES Quest	20,000	
Project Quest	2,000	
Africa Speaks	14,160	
Second VTV Youth Conference		
– Preparation Grant	12,706	
World Summit for Sustainable Development		
– Grant for Attendees	6,879	
Amanceer New School	4,500	
Interfaith Meeting: Leo Baeck College	3,550	
Chayatun Valencia	3,000	
Museum for World Religions		
– Grant for Attendee	1,612	
Peace Conference in New York City	938	
ICDP – Grant for M. Williams	500	
SICA - Love Workshop	500	
Leonardo Wild Book Grant	500	
SICA - Musica project funds returned	<u>(2,742)</u>	
		<u>188,283</u>
Total net outgoing resources		<u>(68,469)</u>



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