GOETHEANUM COMMUNICATIONS

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**Tackling the challenges facing society**

**Ueli Hurter will be appointed to the Executive Council at the Goetheanum +++ Further appointments to the School of Spiritual Science**

**Four leadership changes will take place at the Goetheanum by Easter 2020. Ueli Hurter has been appointed as the fifth member of the Executive Council. This appointment still requires the approval of the General Assembly in April. The leadership positions of the Natural Science Section, the Visual Arts Section and the General Anthroposophical Section will also be newly filled.**

The Executive Council at the Goetheanum has appointed Ueli Hurter as fifth member of the Executive Council. He knows the Goetheanum well – as co-leader of the Section for Agriculture, the biodynamic farmer is already a member of the Goetheanum leadership. Ueli Hurter is also a member of Weleda‘s Board of Directors. “The representatives of the 36 Anthroposophical Societies around the world have urged us to increase the work of the Executive Council (300 percent by position),” says Justus Wittich, longest serving member of the Executive Council at the Goetheanum, on the reason for the addition. Since the General Assembly in 2018, the Executive Council at the Goetheanum has only been working with four members.

The Executive Council at the Goetheanum appoints a new colleague in three steps: It nominates a member in consultation with the Goetheanum leadership and the Conference of National Societies, and then asks the members for approval at the General Assembly of the General Anthroposophical Society. The next General Assembly will take place at the Goetheanum from April 2 to 5.

As of January 1st , 2020, Christiane Haid will take over from Marianne Schubert (retired) as head of the Visual Art Section, in addition to her leadership of the Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities. Also, at the beginning of the year, physicist Matthias Rang and biologist Johannes Wirz will succeed Johannes Kühl (also retired) as head of the Natural Science Section. Starting at Easter 2020, Constanza Kaliks, Claus-Peter Röh and Peter Selg will take over the hitherto vacant leadership of the General Anthroposophical Section. Until then Joan Sleigh will coordinate the work on a provisional basis.

With these changes in leadership, the Goetheanum leadership is drawing on proven personalities who are closely linked to the practical side of the challenges facing society and who know the Goetheanum well through their work.

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