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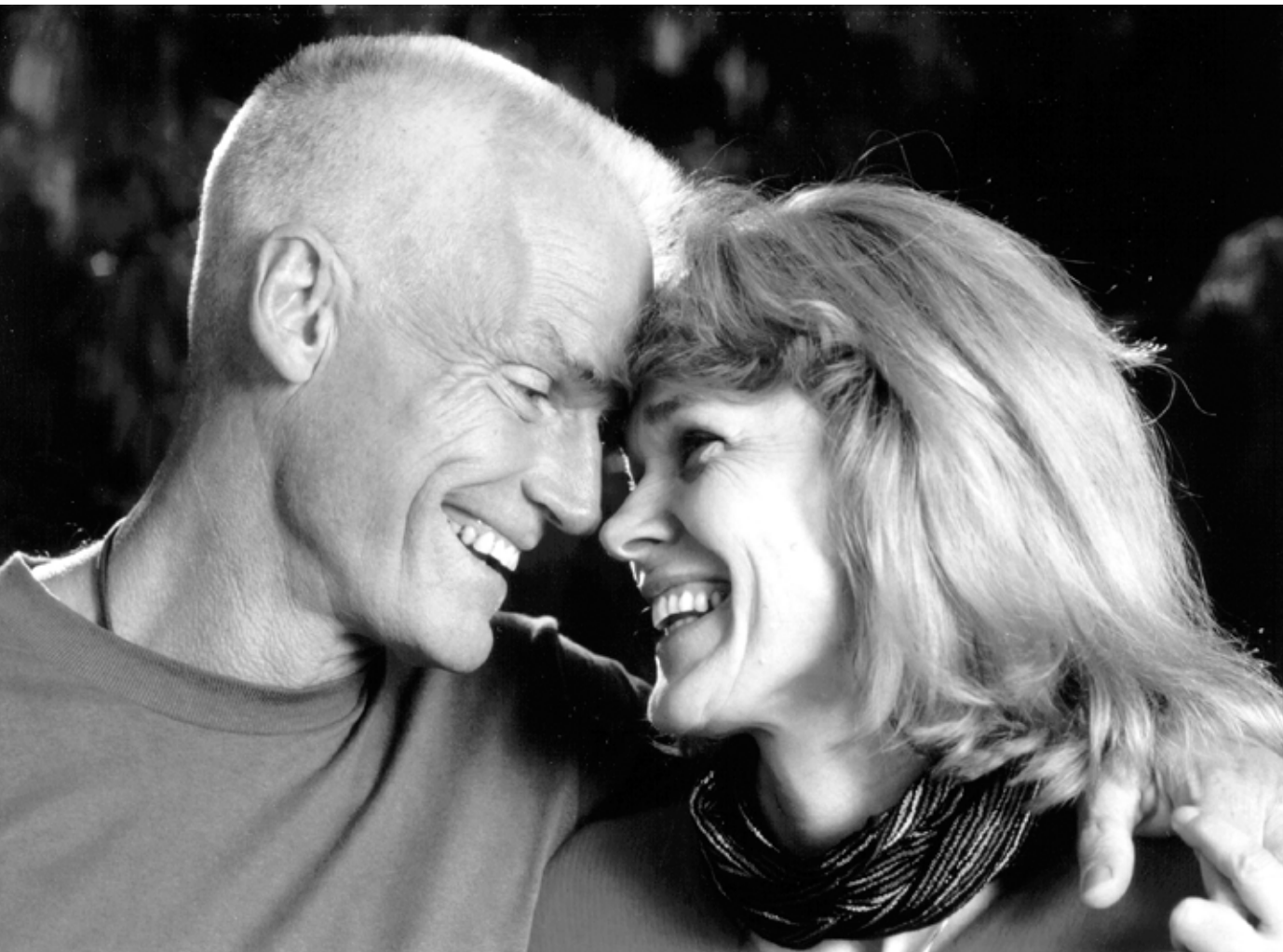
DIAMOND WAY BUDDHISM
KARMA KAGYU LINEAGE

*The
Europe
Center*



„This would be a place where many cultures will cross in a Buddhist setting, where many people will learn from each other, where a lot of fertile minds, a lot of sharp people, a lot of very idealistic people will be able to influence each other, fall in love privately and just really grow as human beings and share with others at the same time.“

Lama Ole Nydahl



Everything began in the early 70's when the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa asked Hannah and Ole Nydahl to teach Diamond Way Buddhism in the West. The first groups and centers appeared and grew into many, then about 10 years ago the idea emerged to buy land in the middle of Europe, to hold courses and ensure the transmission of the lineage. The idea caught the imagination of not only the European Centers but those worldwide – the Europe Center project was born.



Eight years of looking for the right place has brought the best imaginable result: our own land in the foothills of the Alps at an altitude of 850 m above sea level.

We are fulfilling several functions of a regular center and some others too. There will not only be meditation programs, but also international courses, various workshops with people like center representatives, traveling teachers, board of trustees, and a huge international library.

Caty Hartung

All these things and more are happening here.





The search went on for eight years, in that time many potential places were found, however nothing really fit until the day the Hochreute was found in January 2007.

It is a place close to society and
life. A place where Buddhism and
the modern world meets.





The Europe Center project wishes to preserve the living transmission of Diamond Way Buddhism, and be an international meeting point for all groups worldwide.



Our wishes are steadily coming true and we will be able to offer our societies a place from which all the wisdom and means of the Diamond Way can flow.



The house faces south onto a beautiful natural lake. It is about 4km to the next town and about 150km to the next big city and International Airport.



The houses were built between 1911–1913 in Art Deco Style by an Industrial Family as a resort and hunting estate. There are three main buildings situated around a large courtyard surrounded by walls.



The estate used to be self sufficient: they produced their own food – vegetables, milk, meat, and game. It was built as a very modern building at the time, much discussed in art and architectural magazines. All the buildings are of good quality and remain mostly their original condition. The estate is under monument protection.

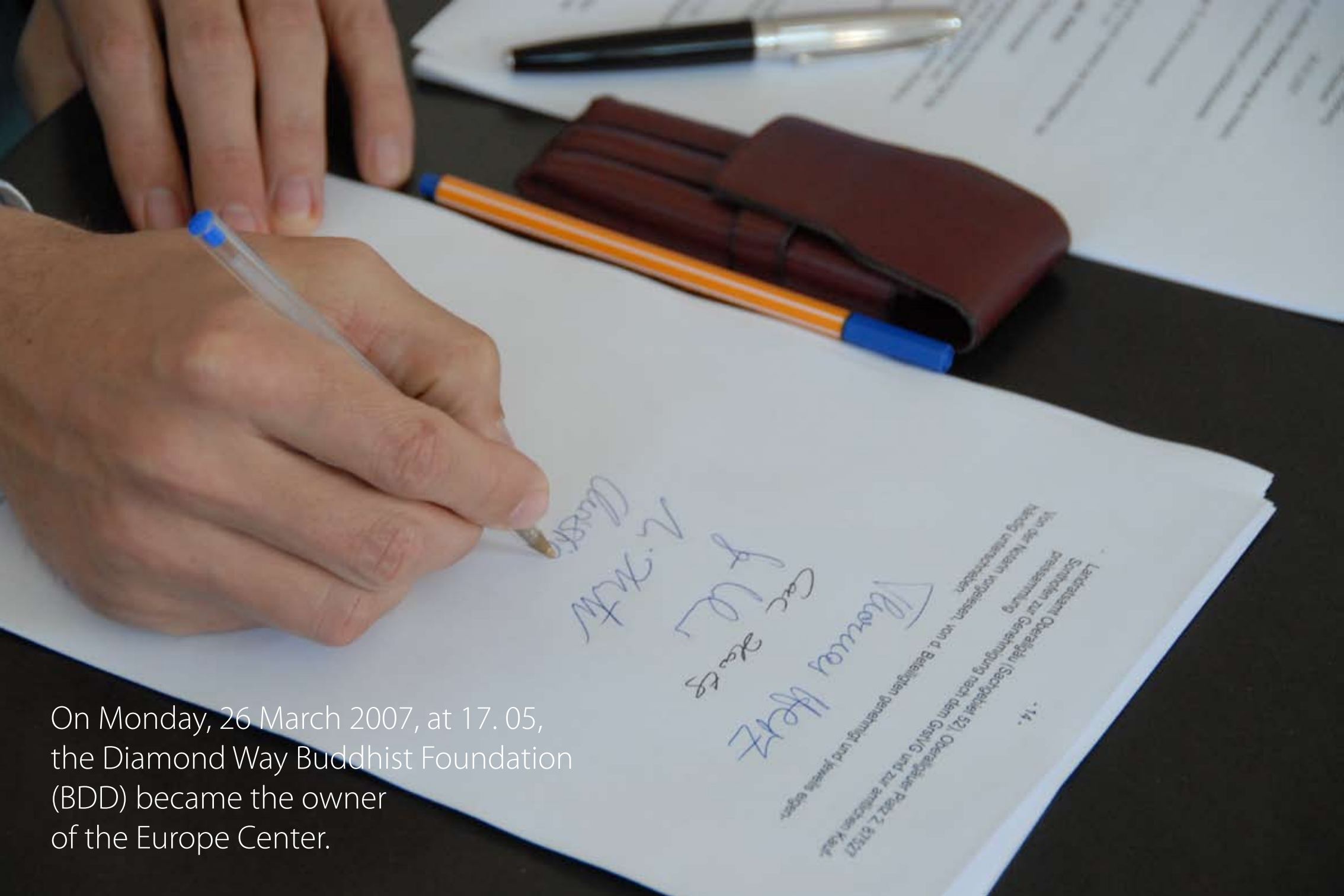








On Monday, 26 March 2007, at 17.05,
the Diamond Way Buddhist Foundation
(BDD) became the owner
of the Europe Center.





welcome home!!!





H.H. 17th Karmapa Trinlay Thaye Dorje
visited Hochreute for the first time on
06 June 2007. He was greeted and
shown around by Lama Ole, Caty and
others closely involved in the project.











The gompa, which was inaugurated in April 2008, is the most beautiful and biggest room in the main villa, complete with a stunning Buddha Sakyamuni statue.

Buddha zieht hoch überm Alpsee ein

Landgut Hochreute Gepflanztes Apfelbäumchen als Symbol für ein wachsendes Meditationszentrum der fernöstlichen Weltreligion

Immenstadt | pts | Für einen groß angelegten buddhistischen Stützpunkt im katholischen Allgäu ist gestern der symbolische Spatenstich erfolgt. Auf dem einstigen Landgut Hochreute bei Immenstadt pflanzten die Ole Nydahl, von Haus aus Norweger, zusammen mit deutschen Anhängern dieser fernöstlichen Weltreligion sowie mit Bürgermeister Bischoff ein Apfelbäumchen. So wie der junge Stamm soll auch das überm Alpsee gelegene Landgut unter Denkmalschutz steigendstilvilla mit ihren Neugärten gedeihen, zu einem buddhistischen Meditations-Zentrum für Besucher aus aller Welt. Die 10 Millionen Euro will die als weltweit anerkannte Buddhistische Diamantweg, die sich aus Tibet verbreiteten Glaubensgemeinschaft orientiert, nach und nach realisieren. Dies berichtete am Freitag der Architekt Philip Nydahl (Oy-Mittelberg). Dort hat er seit 25 Jahren Fuß gefasst. Mehrere Millionen an Spenden sind bereits beisammen. Der neue Neubau wird dem alten Augsburger Indus-

triellen erbauten Ensemble ein Veranstaltungssaal angegliedert. Außer einigen buddhistischen Lehrern (Lama heißt nichts anderes als Lehrer) würden keine Mönche im Hofgut leben oder zu Kursen unterge-

bracht, sondern nur Laien. Man wolle auch keinesfalls missionieren und nicht politisch werden, sondern sich lediglich spirituell dem Glauben widmen. So versichern es die neuen Eigentümer des Anwesens.



Apfelbäumchen und Bernsteinsplitter: Am Buddhismus-Zentrum
Bürgermeister Bischoff, Architekt Nydahl

An apple tree, which is a symbol of growth and fruitful development, was planted on the most radiant day by Mayor Bischoff of Immenstadt.

SOM

Festtag

Die vers
feuert
sind
Sonst
stehen
ein
Sach
Leit
Haus

Pol

SONTAG

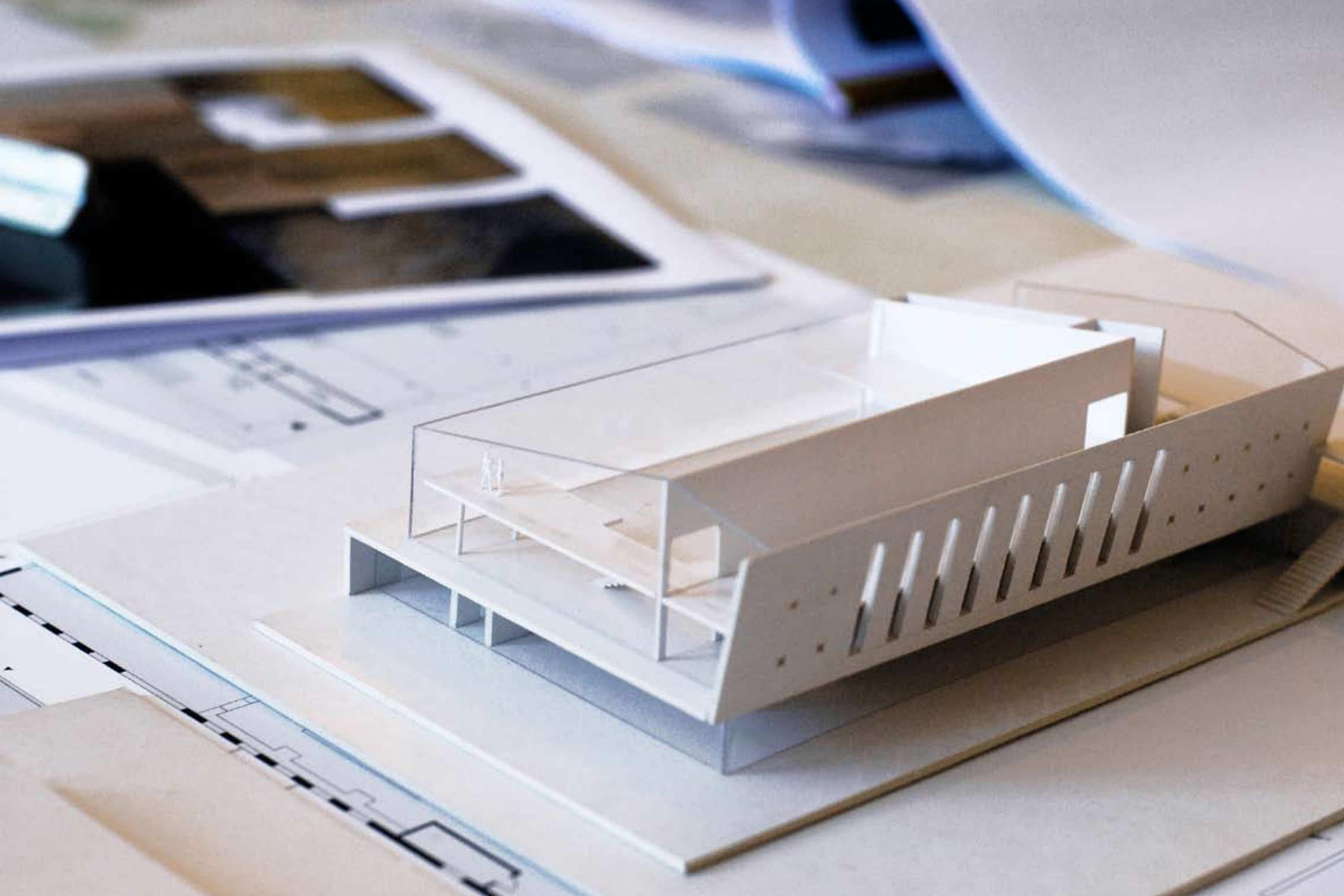
Rowe
Autos

Mit Fuß
Außen
Sonthofe
auf einen
tenstraße
sah gegen
Meter gro
Hose und
mals gegen
den Zeuge

At the 2007 International Summer Course in Kassel, the idea for an architectural contest to design a new gompa for the EC was initiated.

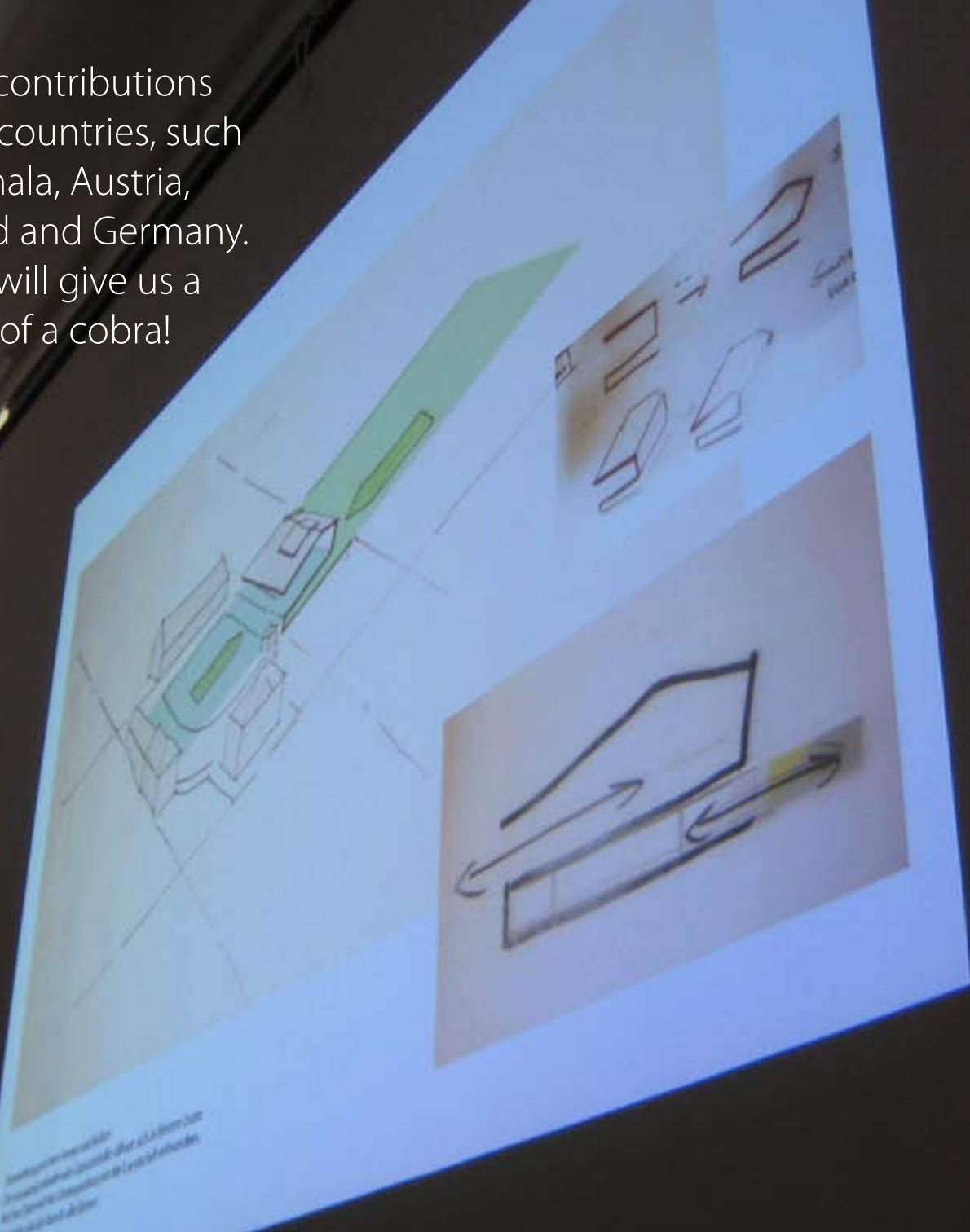






There were thirteen contributions from many different countries, such as Poland, Guatemala, Austria, South Africa, England and Germany. The winning design will give us a gompa in the shape of a cobra!

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The construction phase started in February 2008. The main tasks were widening the road, a new roof for the second house, creating the plateaus for the big tents and infrastucture for the summer course.













SHUTTLE



NIGHT SHUTTLE



CAR PARK



PRESS AREA



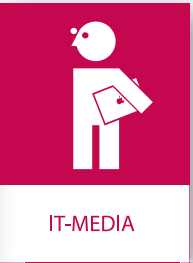
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MED PERSONNEL



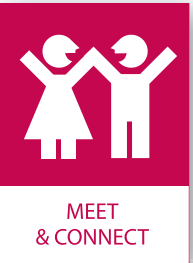
LAMA SERVICE



IT-MEDIA



FINANCE



MEET
& CONNECT



LOST
AND FOUND



PUBLIC
LAUNDRY



CAMPING
GROUND



TELEPHONE



FIRE PLACE



TEAM



WELLNESS



SERVICE



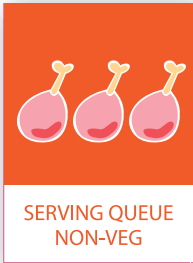
TRANSLATION



TEAM SUPPORT



SERVING QUEUE
VEG



SERVING QUEUE
NON-VEG



KITCHEN



DISH WASHING



NIGHT CINEMA



REGISTRATION



QUICK CHECK-IN



MEETING ROOM



LECTURE TENT
GOMPA



JOB CENTER



CHILDCARE



CHILDREN
AGED 10-13



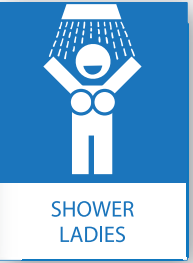
BABY TENT



COURSE
INFORMATION



PRIVATE
INFORMATION



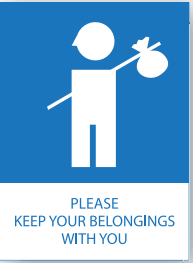
SHOWER
LADIES



SHOWER
MEN



KEEP IN MIND
YOU'RE NOT ALONE



PLEASE
KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS
WITH YOU



for hygiene reasons
ONLY USE IF YOU HAVE
STOMACH PROBLEM



RADIO RENTAL



MANTRA
COUNTING



EC SHOP



CAFETERIA



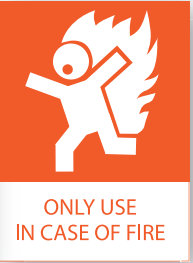
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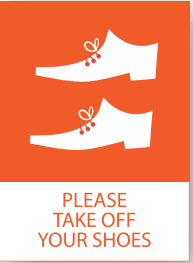
SWEETS



DORMITORY



ONLY USE
IN CASE OF FIRE



PLEASE
TAKE OFF
YOUR SHOES



CHEMICAL CLEANING
DON'T USE





BIG TEAM MEETING

DISTANTING
PHASE ✓

Nature
protection

1st hour
of the
course

Service team
book
(communication
room)

Communication
Workflow

Team
price

"Special"
Team
explanation

BADGES

Bar map
explanation

TEAM
AREA
in the group

Team price list
+ TL

OTHER

meetings

opening
hours

summerhouse
park

Team based
future course









"We need people with experience, an international mindset and those who like communicating and helping. Also there should be representatives from our work in the different continents. It's the ideal place for spending a sabbatical year or some months to learn. Afterwards they should keep a living contact and represent the work of the EC in the world."

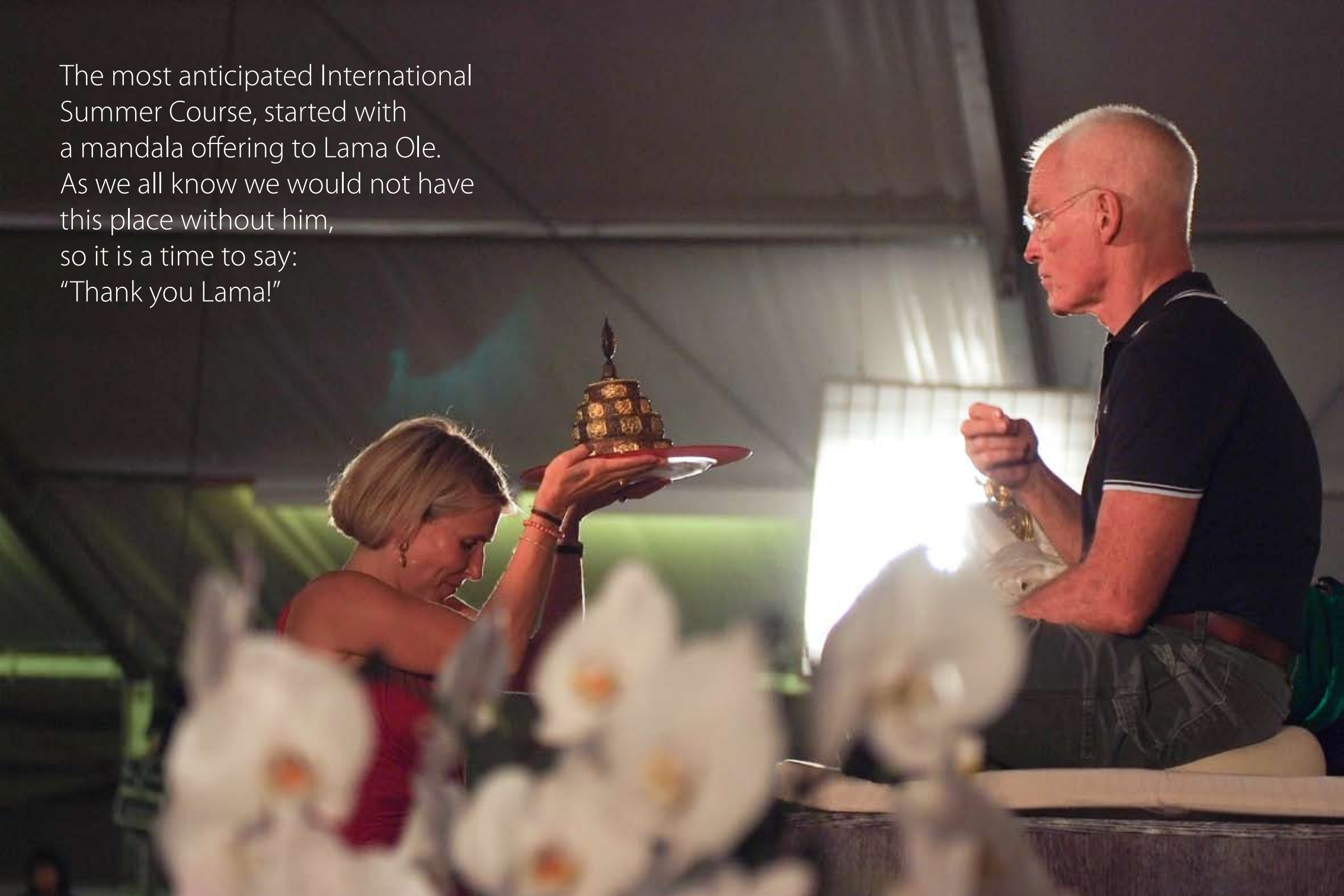
Lama Ole Nydahl







The most anticipated International Summer Course, started with a mandala offering to Lama Ole. As we all know we would not have this place without him, so it is a time to say: "Thank you Lama!"





Kunst öffnet die Augen





The Phowa – the practice of conscious dying – helps to guide us through the dying process, leading us all to a state of great bliss.



Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche, born 1950 in Nepal, a Buddhist teacher of the Karma Kagyu Lineage and a meditation master, especially of Loving Eyes practice, joined us for the 72hr meditation and gave us wonderful teachings on the Loving Eyes practice.







Buddha of Compassion or Loving Eyes (*tib. Chenrezig, skt Avaloketisvara*) is the embodiment of the love and compassion of all Buddhas.

Mediation on this aspect brings benefit for all beings and strengthens our main motivation – the wish to help all sentient beings.









A 72 hour meditation on the Buddha of compassion in the presence of Sherab Gyaltsen Rinpoche was held not only at the Europe Center, but in all Diamondway Buddhism centers worldwide via streaming.



notes...









H.H. the 17th Karmapa Trinlay Thaye Dorje, the spiritual head and highest teacher of the Karma Kagyu Lineage, arrived at 7pm on the evening of 21 August. He was welcomed by Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche, Lama Ole, Caty and many others.

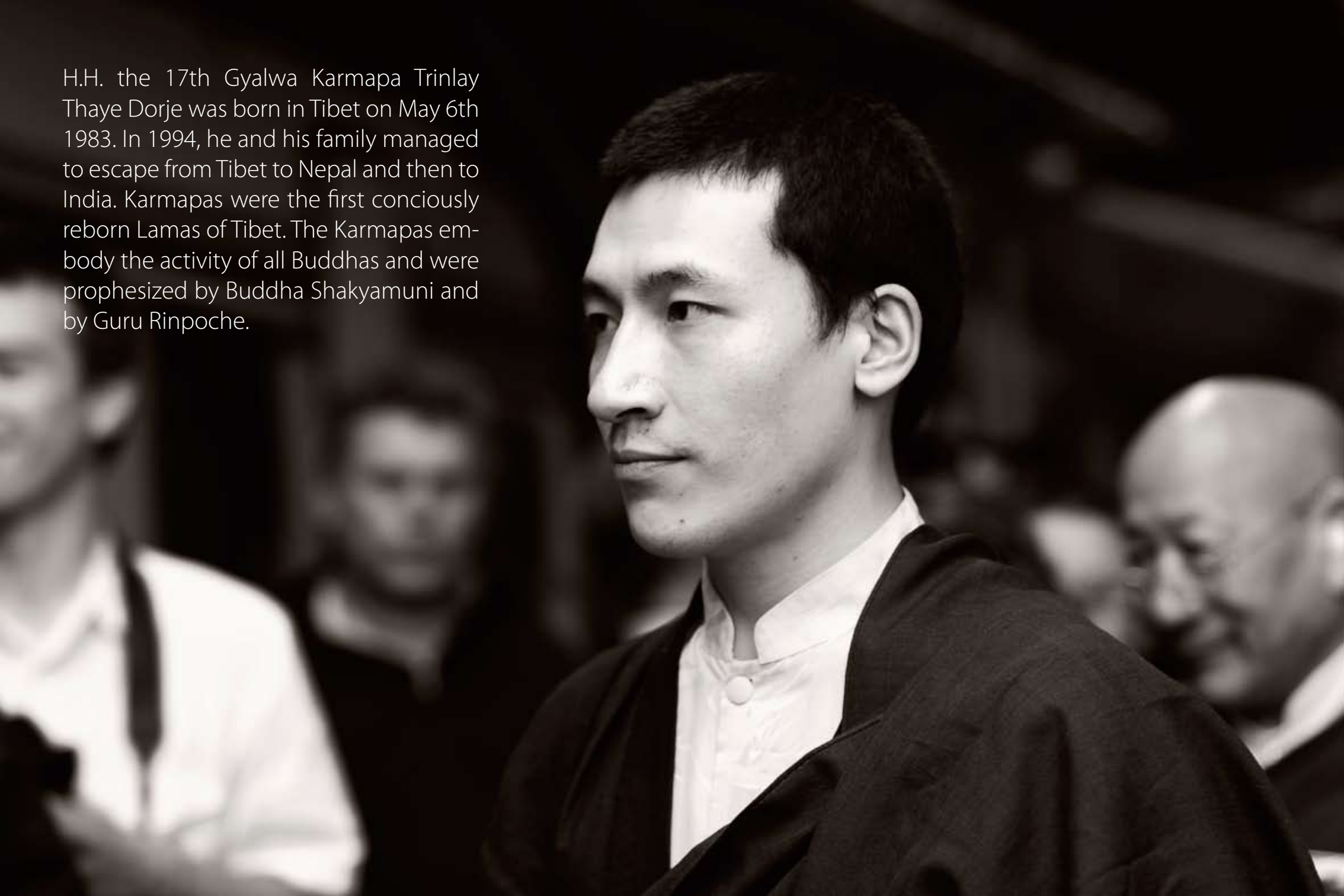








H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa Trinlay Thaye Dorje was born in Tibet on May 6th 1983. In 1994, he and his family managed to escape from Tibet to Nepal and then to India. Karmapas were the first consciously reborn Lamas of Tibet. The Karmapas embody the activity of all Buddhas and were prophesized by Buddha Shakyamuni and by Guru Rinpoche.





At the welcoming ceremony for H.H. 17th Karmapa, representatives of the 55 countries present offered him a rose and welcomed him home in their own language.





















I GROW EC!









**Life Is Full Of
Difficult Decisions**

*Come to us
it's easy
Mac Vodka
Pineapple
Lemonade
Pink Lemonade*









EC LIVE
REPORT

We are now really placing Buddhism on the map of our European countries; our centers are radiating and have a very positive influence into the world, and we are all growing as human beings."

Lama Ole Nydahl

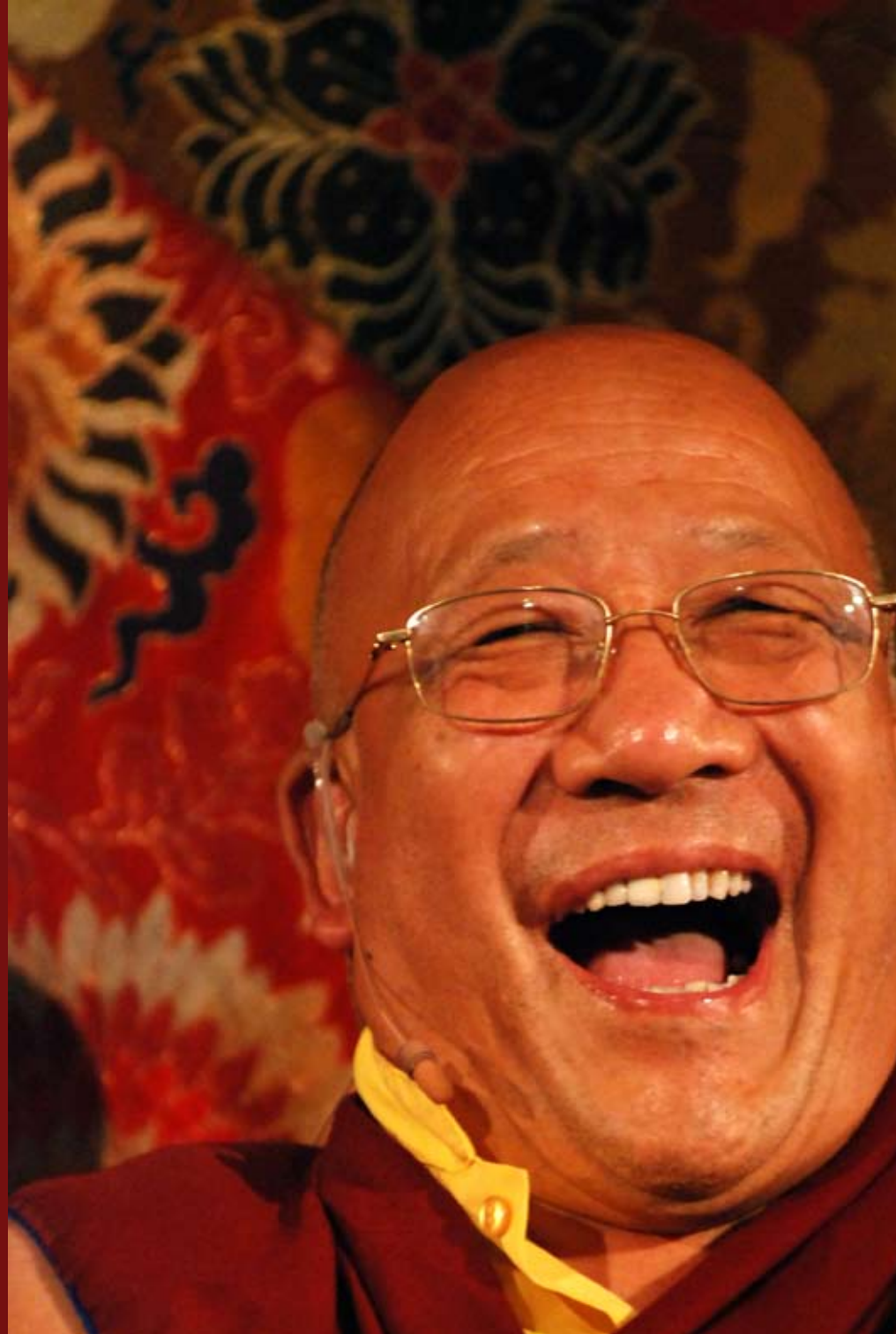




Buddha gave instructions for three different types of people. Those who wanted to avoid suffering received the instructions about cause and effect called the Small Way. Those who wanted to do more for others were given the teachings on wisdom and compassion called the Great Way. Where people had strong confidence in their own and others' Buddha nature, Buddha taught the Diamond Way.



































The teacher

»The higher one can see the teacher, the more directly one can receive the methods from him or her.

Being able to avoid sentimentality and seeing the Lama as a clear expression of one's own inherent qualities, pushes the most enlightenment-buttons in the own mind.«

Lama Ole

































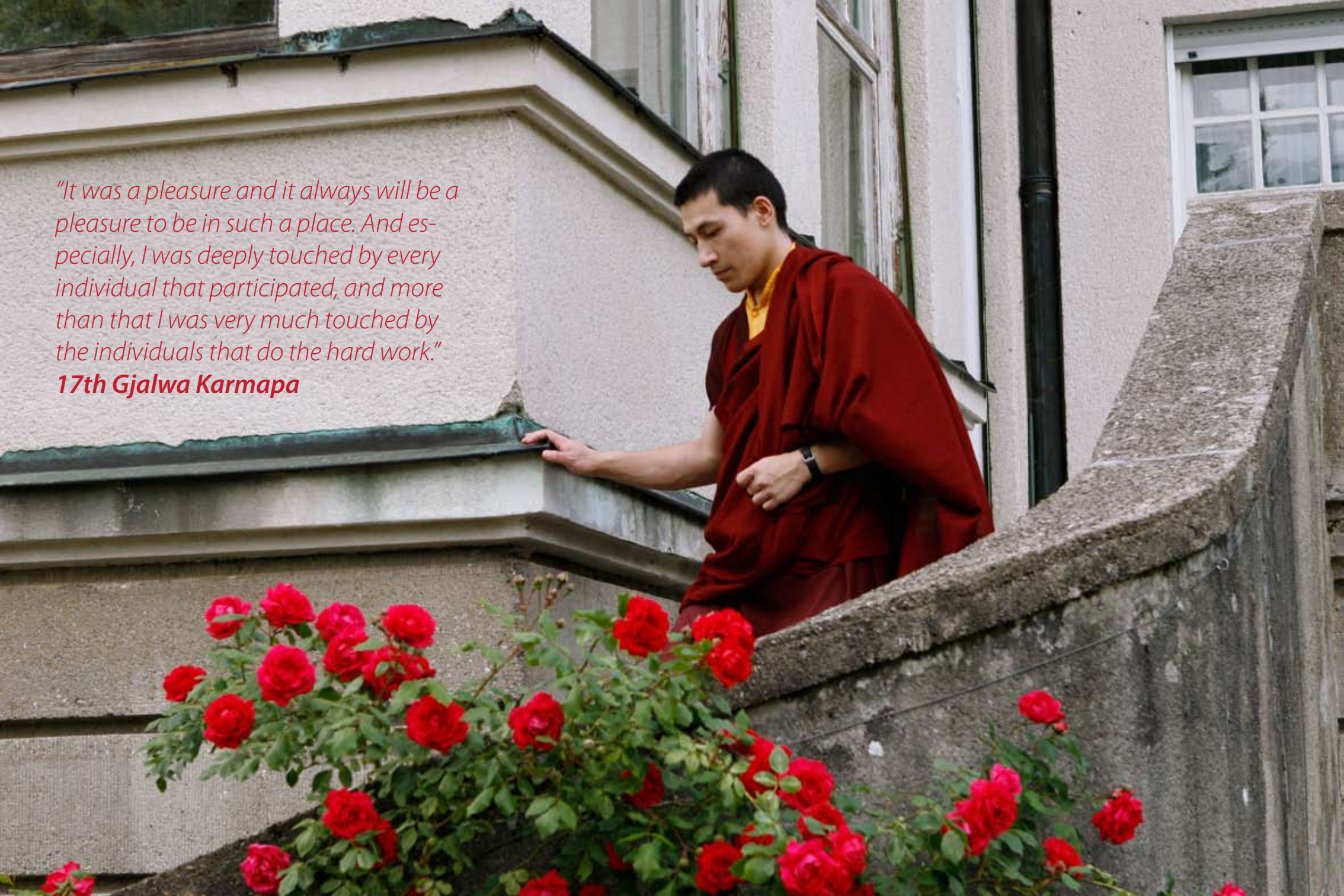
Der Geräte
eigene Gefahr

mit der Hand



"It was a pleasure and it always will be a pleasure to be in such a place. And especially, I was deeply touched by every individual that participated, and more than that I was very much touched by the individuals that do the hard work."

17th Gjalwa Karmapa









**THOUGHTS
&
IDEAS
FOR NEXT YEAR**

1 person overall
in charge of
the eating tent

A meeting point,
where everyone
can get together and
share their ideas



You can give people money or food and help them for a while, you can give them an education and help them for one life, but if you give them an opportunity to really meet with their mind, to understand that their mind is indestructible space, you help them for life, for death, what comes after death and for all future lives."

Kalu Rinpoche





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In 1969 Ole Nydahl and his wife Hannah met the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa, historically the first incarnate lama of Tibet. Since then the teachings of Diamond Way Buddhism have gradually found their way to the West. His Holiness asked them to teach, establish meditation centres, and ensure that the teachings would remain alive and attractive to intelligent, critical, lay people in the Western world.

There are 585 lay Diamond Way Buddhist centers and groups of the Karma Kagyu Tradition under the spiritual guidance of His Holiness the 17th Karmapa, Trinley Thaye Dorje, and directed by Lama Ole Nydahl. They are not abstract institutions but friendly places where all can meet to learn from Buddha's timeless wisdom, meditate, share experiences and development, and actively participate and do the work which makes all this possible.

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