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1. INTRODUCTION

From the point of view of financial sustainability, the year 2013 has undoubtedly seen several strengthening processes. This situation has materialized in spite of the persisting global crisis at economical level and thank to the endurance of the Eranos Foundation Council (later referred to as EFC) and to the generosity and understanding of our scientific and financial partner.

Among those we count since several years The *Fetzer Institute* of Kalamazoo (Michigan, USA) and the *Pacifica Graduate Institute* of Santa Barbara (California, USA). The first has to be acknowledged for its invaluable trust represented by the granting an additional financial support for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. The second must be praised for the continuing scientific collaboration that ended up in several highly interesting seminars that confer prestige and visibility and permit to our Foundation to better follow its own mission.

The EFC has furthermore been able to consolidate the financial strategy and to identify the best possible conditions for the management of the real estate mortgage thank to the kind assistance by *Banca della Svizzera italiana* and by the commune of Ascona. The EFC has guaranteed the necessary support to the scientific program elaborated by the president Prof. *Fabio Merlini* in collaboration with the scientific secretariate assured by Dr. *Riccardo Bernardini*.

The tasks of the Foundations can be resumed as follows:

- a) identification of conditions of long term financial consolidation;
- b) strengthening and renewal of relationship with partner and sponsors;
- c) continuation and development of the scientific activity and of the science-society dialogue according to the statutes;
- d) constant search of novel solutions to ameliorate in the long term the access and utilization of its own archives.

Along the entire 2013 the long lasting and extenuating legal procedure initiated by the federal authority on the basis of the activity under the former president (2005-2009) has continued to drain energy and resources. The allegations against former and current members of the EFC have demonstrated beyond any doubt to be unsubstantiated. However, this procedure has subtracted once more precious time and resources that could have been better invested. Nonetheless, we all feel morally compensated by the strong fidelity of the audience that has kept filling the conference rooms and by the dedicated attention by the media.

2. EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE FOUNDATION

In 2013, the Foundation held the following events (sometimes, in collaboration with its scientific partners):

- **The 2013 Eranos Conference, on the topic “Il denaro: simbolica, incanto e disincanto” / ‘Money—Symbol, Enchantment, and Disenchantment’ / « L’argent : symbolique, enchantement et désenchantement » / „Das Geld. Symbolik, Verzauberung und Entzauberung“, on September 4-7.**

The 2013 Conference, in the same spirit that inspired the historical colloquia in Ascona, aimed to develop understandings about what is a civilization crisis, as well as the new paths that, from today’s crisis, open up. If we recognize that today’s economic crisis is something more than one of the many short-term disasters, if we accept the idea that this crisis reveals us a much deeper one—a mortification that we can reasonably call a ‘crisis of civilization,’—then, time has come to wonder about the form of our relationship with ourselves, with the other, and with the social and natural world. From this starting point, we should try a deep analysis of our present relationship with that ‘universal equivalent,’ which is money. The reflection about money and its meaning for us is a too important issue for being left only to the ‘dismal science.’ Disciplines such as philosophy, psychology, anthropology, and history should be consulted too. In this way, perhaps, it could be possible to inaugurate a more extensive look at the impasse in which we have fallen.



Beyond the technical prescriptions that indicate how to come out from this crisis—i.e. beyond the mere administration of the crisis,—it should be possible to mobilize a knowledge, which may help us to understand why we cannot persist on the same path. The symposium lasted four days. Among the renowned scholars who took part at the Conference and discussed about a so crucial and living matter, we mention: Stephen Aizenstat (Pacifica Graduate Institute), Gianni Aprile (BSI Bank), Leonardo Boff (State University of Rio de Janeiro), Claudio Bonvecchio (Insubria University), Adriano Fabris (Pisa University), Mauro Guindani (Musikhochschule Stuttgart), Clarisse Herrenschildt (CNRS), Bernardo Nante (Fundación Vocación Humana, Universidad del Salvador of Buenos Aires), Gian Piero Quaglino (Turin University), Francesca Rigotti (Università della Svizzera Italiana), Lawrence E. Sullivan (Fetzer Institute), Amelia Valtolina (Bergamo University), Jean-Jacques Wunenburger (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3), and Luigi Zoja (International Association for Analytical Psychology). The presentations were held, on September 4-6, at Eranos in Ascona-Moscia, whilst, on September 7, at the Monte Verità Congress Centre in Ascona.

• **The 2013 Eranos-Jung Lectures, on the topic ‘Soul in the Age of Neuroscience | 1. Human Science Perspective,’ at the Monte Verità Congress Center.**

The new cycle of lectures, building on the success of the 2012 edition, had the purpose is to enquiry about the persistent notion of ‘Soul,’ which continues to accompany and to inspire us, not only in the dialogue within ourselves, but also in the perception of the world around us and in the relationships with the persons surrounding us. The idea is to push the enquiry beyond the several oversimplified ideas that are in fashion nowadays and that seem to be reducing all expressions of the ‘Soul’ to the materialism of its neuronal origin. In 2013 the following lecturers took part in the series: Pietro Barcellona (Catania University), with a lecture on “Il destino dell’anima” (January 11); Franco Ferrari (Salerno University), with a lecture on “I confini dell’anima nel pensiero antico” (February 1); Bernardo Nante (Fundación Vocación Humana, Universidad del Salvador di Buenos Aires), with a lecture on “Scienza ed esperienza religiosa. Una prospettiva junghiana” (March); Antonio Prete (Siena University), with a lecture on “Nel tempo-spazio dell’anima: lontananza e prossimità del tu” (April 19); Ginette Paris (Pacifica Graduate Institute), with a lecture on “Jung is passé, Jung is of the future. The relevance of depth psychology in an age of neuroscience” (May 31); Angelo Malinconico (Associazione Italiana di Psicologia Analitica) and Silvano Tagliagambe (Sassari University), with a lecture on “Pauli e Jung. Le convergenze tra cultura scientifica e umanistica” (June 7); Fabio Merlini (Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Eranos Foundation), with a lecture on “Anime belle e bellezze senz’anima” (October 25); Amelia Valtolina (Bergamo University), with a lecture on “‘Saetta tarda, che dardeggi dall’anima’. Le neuroscienze al tempo della poesia” (November 7); and Gian Piero Quaglino (Vivenzia), with a lecture on “L’anima non abita più qui” (December 6).

• **The 2013 Eranos School, in form of seminars held at Eranos in Ascona-Moscia.**

The workshops were the following ones: “Paranoia: una realtà dell’anima che non riguarda solo la psichiatria,” by Luigi Zoja (International Association for Analytical Psychology) (February 23); “Recovering from Heartbreak, Mourning, Loss,” by Ginette Paris (Pacifica Graduate Institute) (June 1-2); and “Collective and Transgenerational Unconscious in Jungian Psychodrama,” by Maurizio Gasseau (Aosta Valley University) (September 28-29).

• **The publication of the 71st Eranos Yearbook: *Beyond Masters – Spaces without Thresholds / Dopo i maestri: spazi senza soglie – Proceedings of the 2012 Eranos Conference and Eranos-Jung Lectures, Eranos & Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland / Atti del Convegno di Eranos e delle Eranos-Jung Lectures del 2012, Eranos e Monte Verità, Ascona, Svizzera, Eranos Yearbook / Annale di Eranos 71 / 2012*, Eds. F. Merlini and R. Bernardini. Einsiedeln / Ascona: Daimon Verlag / Eranos Foundation, 2014 (412 pp.; ISBN 978-3-85630-754-7).**

The book collects the presentations held at the 2012 Eranos Conference, on the topic “On the Threshold: Disorientation and New Forms of Space,” and at the 2012 Eranos-Jung Lectures, on the topic “The Disappearance of the Masters?.”



- **The publication of the 1st volume of *I Saggi di Eranos* series: Maurizio Ferraris, *Realismo positivo*, Ed. F. Merlini. Torino: Rosenberg & Sellier, 2013.**

The series gathers, in form of monographic books, the contributions presented at the Eranos Conferences or at the Eranos-Jung Lectures, but also other papers that, for their originality and scientific value, are close to the Eranos work.

The above-quoted events attracted both a local and an international public, which was very involved and motivated. A lot of new contacts—participants and supporters—were also added to our mailing list.

3. EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN HOSTED BY THE FOUNDATION

The conference room of Casa Eranos and the garden in Moscia together with the guest rooms in Casa Eranos and casa Gabriella are since decades a privileged place for meetings, events, and internationally appraised seminars.

Besides individual guests from various parts of the world, many groups and institutions have held their seminars end meetings and sojourned in the various historical rooms. The following table summarizes the most relevant guest events.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Use of rooms</i>
Feb 23	Dr. L. Zoja (seminar) <i>Paranoia. Una realtà che non riguarda solo la psichiatria</i>	Conference room (CR)
May 24 -26	Dr. W. Scategni (workshop) <i>Writers Retreat</i>	all bedrooms and CR
June 01-02	Dr. G. Paris (workshop) <i>Recovering from Heartbreak, Mourning, Loss</i>	all bedrooms and CR
June 13 -16	Dr. R. Hinshaw (workshop) <i>Fall-Kolloquium</i>	all bedrooms and CR
July 01-03	IUFFP (institute retreat)	all bedrooms and CR
July 05-12	E. Haas e D. Kaetz (workshop) <i>Der Seele Heimat geben – Traumarbeit</i>	all bedrooms and CR
July 25-28	G. Walch (seminar) <i>Die Weisheit der Träume und der Sterne</i> (secondo la psicologia del profondo di C.G. Jung e E. Neumann)	all bedrooms and CR
October 12-17	Pacifica Graduate Institute, St. Barbara: <i>Legacy Tour</i> , with R. Hinshaw, S. Aizenstat, S. Rossi, W. Joung, S. Shamdassani, L. Corbett, Sh. Sabbadini, and others	all bedrooms by Staff and CR
October 20-24	Pacifica Graduate Institute, St. Barbara , with L. Corbett: <i>Psyche and the Sacred</i>	all bedrooms by Staff and CR
September 28-29	M. Gasseau (workshop) <i>Inconscio collettivo e transgenerazionale nello psicodramma junghiano</i>	all bedrooms and CR
November 01-03	Dr. Wilma Scategni (workshop)	all bedrooms and CR

Globally more than 1200 people have been visiting the real estate in Moscia and about 800 thereof have spent a night, partly for free (138 thereof) because they were special guests of the Foundation. The main apartment of Casa Gabriella has been utilized for about 100 days by an average of 2.1 people.



4. MEDIA VISIBILITY OF THE FOUNDATION

The activity of the Foundation has attracted also in 2013 a substantial audience. The events organized at the Monte Verità (Eranos-Jung lectures) have seen an overall attendance of 950-1000 people, and at the Moscia location the visiting people reached another number exceeding the thousand (see above). The activities were reported in several local and national media.

The internet site www.erasosfoundation.org had reached after its refurbishing in 2010 15'000 visits by the end of 2011, and 30'000 by the end of 2012. At the end of 2013 the cumulative visits reached a number above 65'000. If we consider the highly specialized audience and the non-commercial character of the WEB contents, these numbers witness an intense and faithful interest. The scores indicate an average of 50-100 visits per day with an average time of 2-3 minutes per visit, that indicate that the web followers are not just hit-and-run but make a fully conscious use of the pages contents.

In the search engines the web site maintains the top ranking when searching by the keyword "Eranos". Like in 2012, the geographical distribution of the web followers sees in top position the US together with Italy, followed in the order by Switzerland, France, Germany and United Kingdom. In the list we noted an increase of the followers from South America and we are not even missing additional interest from Asia and Australia.

5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2014 PROGRAM

In 2013, the Foundation is going to hold the following events (sometimes, in collaboration with its scientific partners):

- **The organization of the 2014 Eranos Conference, on the topic “Cura del mondo e cura di sé” / ‘Care of the World, Care of the Self’ / « Souci du monde et souci de soi», on September 3-6.**

The symposium will last four days. Among the renown scholars who will take part at the Conference and discuss about a so crucial and living matter, we mention: Victoria Cirlot (Universitat Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona), Claudio Bonvecchio (Insubria University), Adriano Fabris (Pisa University), Grazia Shōgen Marchianò (Elémire Zolla International Research Society), Bernardo Nante (Fundación Vocación Humana, Universidad del Salvador of Buenos Aires) and Riccardo Bernardini (Eranos Foundation), Elena Pulcini (Florence University), Silvano Tagliagambe (Sassari University), Mohammed Taleb (Ecole supérieure en éducation sociale de Lausanne), Emanuele Trevi (writer, Rome), and Amelia Valtolina (Bergamo University). The presentations will be held, on September -5, at Eranos in Ascona-Moscia, whilst, on September 6, at the Monte Verità Congress Centre in Ascona.

- **The organization of the 2014 Eranos-Jung Lectures, on the topic ‘Soul in the Age of Neuroscience | 2. Natural Science Perspective.’**

The following lecturers will present, on this topic, the point of view of natural science: Giuseppe O. Longo (Trieste University), with a lecture on “Anima artificiale?” (February 7); Aldo Fasolo (Turin University), with a lecture on “Il cervello fra caso e necessità” (March 14); Massimo De Carolis di Prossedi (Salerno University), with a lecture on “La natura dello spirito” (May 16); Giovanni Berlucchi (Verona University), with a lecture on “Cervello, corpo e mente” (June 6); Salvatore Maria Aglioti (“Sapienza” – Rome University), with a lecture on “Il cervello mistico” (October 24); Ferruccio Vigna (Associazione per la Ricerca in Psicologia Analitica, Turin), with a lecture on “Il ritorno dell’isteria: l’anima a confronto con la modernità” (November 14); and Silvano Tagliagambe (Sassari University), with a lecture on “L’Io e il Sé ai tempi delle neuroscienze” (December 12). The lectures will be held at the Monte Verità Congress Center.

- **The organization of the 2014 Eranos School.**

The workshops, to be held i at Eranos in Ascona-Moscia, will be the following ones:

- Presentation of the book *Realismo positivo*, Saggi di Eranos 1 (Torino: Rosenberg&Sellier, 2013), by Maurizio Ferraris and Fabio Merlini (February 20);



- “Introduzione alla vocazione umana”, by Bernardo Nante and Riccardo Bernardini (February 22-23), in collaboration with Fundación Vocación Humana (Buenos Aires);
- “Semi di ecologia umana nel pensiero olistico di Elémire Zolla”, to be held at the Abbazia di Spineto i Sarteano (Tuscany, Italy), by Grazia Marchianò, Silvia Ronchey, Fabio Merlini, Bernardo Nante, Riccardo Bernardini, *et al.* (February 28 -March 1), in collaboration with Abbazia di Spineto Incontri e Studi (Sarteano), Fondo Scritti Elémire Zolla (Montepulciano), and Fundación Vocación Humana (Buenos Aires);
- “Parlare di utopia nel XXI secolo”, by Luigi Zoja (April 12);
- “Tentazioni totalitarie e aspettative di rinnovamento. Il caso di C.G. Jung e di M. Eliade”, by Giovanni Sorge (April 26);
- “I luoghi e l’atmosfera della cura”, by Roberto Malacrida, Graziano Martignoni, Fabio Merlini, Guenda Bernegger, Riccardo Bernardini, Brenno Boccadoro, Gian Piero Quaglino, and Amelia Valtolina (May 22-23), in collaboration with the Osservatorio per le Medical Humanities of the Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana (Manno) and the Istituto di Ricerca Interdisciplinare in Etica Clinica e in Medical Humanities of the Fondazione Sasso Corbaro (Bellinzona);
- “In analisi con Jung: i diari di Emma Hélène von Pelet-Narbonne”, by Riccardo Bernardini (November 22).

- **The preparation of the 72nd Eranos Yearbook**, edited by F. Merlini and R. Bernardini, in collaboration with Daimon Verlag (Einsiedeln, Switzerland).

The book will collect the presentations held at the 2013 and 2014 Eranos Conferences, as well as the 2013 and 2014 Eranos-Jung Lectures.

- **The publication of the second volume of *I Saggi di Eranos* series**, edited by F. Merlini, in collaboration with Rosenberg & Sellier (Turin, Italy).

The book will present a paper delivered at the 2012 Eranos-Jung Lectures by Pietro Barcellona, who sadly passed away in 2013 and to whom the Eranos Foundation is indebted for the very significant intellectual and human contribution given to our institution.

- **The preparation of the first volume of the *Eranos Series***, in collaboration with Spring Journal Books, Inc. (New Orleans, Louisiana, USA).

- **The preparation of the special issue of *Spring: A Journal of Archetype and Culture*, N. 92: *Eranos (Ascona, Switzerland)—Its Magical Past and Alluring Future: The Spirit of a Wondrous Place. The oldest journal of Analytical and Archetypal Psychology***, *Spring: A Journal of Archetype and Culture*, founded in 1941, will dedicate the 92nd issue of the series to Eranos.

The issue, edited by N. Cater and R. Bernardini, will collect the contributions of Fabio Merlini, Hans Thomas Hakl, Michel Cazenave, Antonio Vitolo, David L. Miller, Bernardo Nante, Grazia Marchianò, Moshe Idel, Jean-Jacques Wunenburger, Gian Piero Quaglino, Sigurd von Boletzky, Augusto Shantena Sabbadini, Stephen Aizenstat, HRH Irene of the Netherlands, and Riccardo Bernardini.

- The publication of **Carl Gustav Jung, *The Solar Myths and Opicinus de Canistris. Notes of the Seminar given at Eranos in 1943***, Eds. R. Bernardini, G. P. Quaglino, and A. Romano. Einsiedeln: Daimon Verlag (Italian edition: Bergamo: Moretti&Vitali).

Jung held an ‘extemporary’ seminar on *The Solar Myths and Opicinus de Canistris* at the 1943 Eranos Conference on The Religions of the Sun in the Mediterranean. In a complete version for the first time, this book presents everything that could be found about Jung’s 1943 Eranos seminar, based on meticulous documentary research in the archives and correspondence. The notes taken by two of his students, Alwine von Keller and Rivkah Schärf Kluger, were found at the archives of the Eranos Foundation in Ascona and of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich. The outline that Jung himself prepared for his seminar was only recently found in the family archives too. The book includes Prefaces by Thomas Fischer, on behalf of the Foundation of the Works of C. G. Jung, and by Fabio Merlini, on behalf of the Eranos Foundation, and a contribution by Nomi Kluger-Nash, Rivkah Schärf Kluger’s step-daughter.



6. CONCLUSIONS, PERSPECTIVES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The EFC keeps looking forward to consolidating and ameliorating the economical situation of the foundation. For the fourth year in a row, the accounts were ended not only with a small positive balance but even with a built up reserve dedicated to the development of the archives. The foundation maintains its commitment towards a widening of the network of partner and supporting institutions.

Also in 2013 the Foundation could count on the generous support by public, non-profit as well as private finances, these latter including Banca della Svizzera italiana. As described above, the Foundation has been able to stipulate conventions with institutions and editors that are genuinely interested in its activity. The search for further potential scientific and financial partners remains one of the priorities of the EFC.

Thus, the Foundation has again continued in 2013 to move along several lines in parallel to confer continuity to its mission and to implement its own visions (see under chapter 2). The EFC is particularly proud to have been able to reach all the foreseen objectives. For 2014 the scientific program has been enriched by several novel elements (see under chapter 5) and has been conceived in a format that should be attractive for different kinds of followers, while strongly maintaining the original spirit of Eranos, with particular care to the quality of the invited speakers and of the publications.

Thank to the support of the Government of the Canton of Ticino, of the Town of Ascona, of the Lago Maggiore Tourist Office, of the Banca della Svizzera italiana, of the Fetzer Institute, and of the Pacifica Graduate institute, as well as of all those who keep demonstrating their trust in our organization, we look forward to guaranteeing a bright and stimulating future that will bring many further satisfactions.

The Foundation expresses to all the above mentioned organizations and to the persons representing them its most sincere thanks!



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