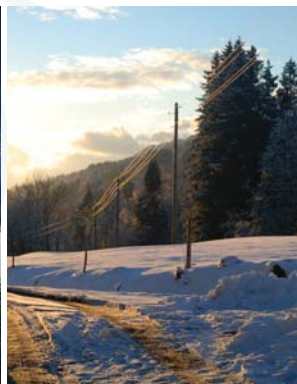
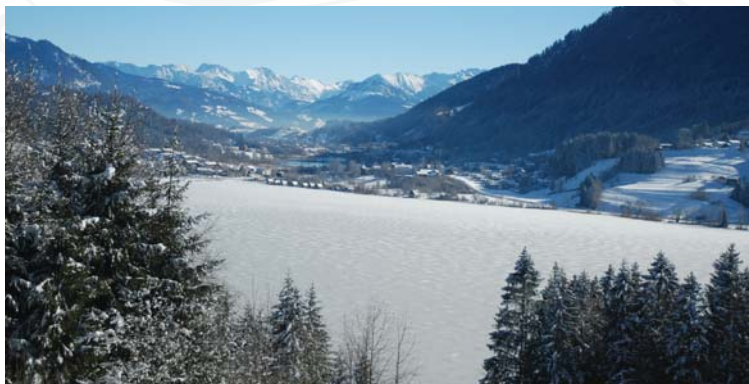


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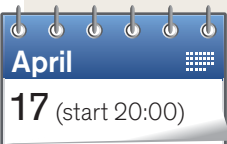
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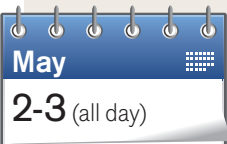
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Public lecture: "Buddhism Today" by Lama Ole Nydahl

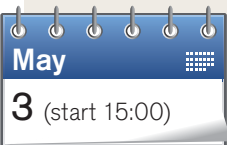
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Lama Ole Nydahl will give a public lecture entitled "Buddhism Today" in Immenstadt. Please check the website for further details.



Big Summer Course meeting

A meeting of all those participating in the organization of the 2nd EC International Summer Course. During this weekend, all team members will come together within their teams. There is also interaction between the various teams, to ensure the successful organization of the summer course. Should you wish to be part of the organization or simply help, please write to helpers@international-summercourse.org.



Timeless Values – Statue Exhibition at the Europe Center

Every Sunday from 03 May – 26 July, 15:00 to 17:00

Tibetan Buddhist statuary is the embodiment of a profound symbolism that goes far beyond purely artistic expression. The statues displayed are used as support and inspiration for Buddhist meditation practice – with the goal of, developing for the benefit of all.

The exhibition will start on the 3rd of May 2009 from 15:00 until 18:00 and will continue each Sunday between 15:00 – 17:00, until the 26th of July. Entrance fee 5 euros.

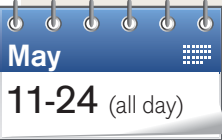
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Europe Center statue filling weeks

It was an exciting first year for the Europe Center, and already there are lots of new plans for this year. Friends from many different countries are coming together to continue meeting and working on various projects including restoration, planning, construction, and vision development.

One of the biggest projects was assigned to us by H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa himself, during his visit to the EC last summer. Seeing the many beautiful, small and large Buddha statues at the EC, he expressed the wish that all of them be filled before the 2009 International Summer Course. He told us: "Filling these precious statues will be like filling a stupa."

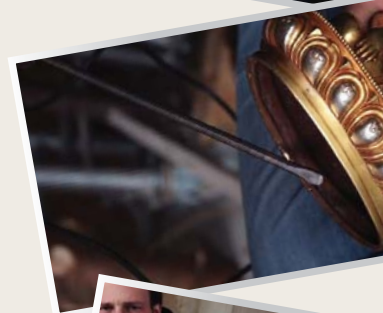
In order for the statues to unfold their full blessing power, it is important that they be filled using the correct traditional methods, before being blessed by our Lamas. This of course means lots of work - and it is a great project for all of us to share. With the Europe Center being the heart of all Diamond Way Centers around the globe, it will be very meaningful for all centers to actively help filling them, and take part in this event. The idea is, that the filling of the statues will be accomplished by involving and drawing on the power and activity of every country.

The various preparations, including cleaning the statues, will take place from May 11 – 15, 2009 at the EC. The actual filling of the statues, which will be a shared effort, and happen under the guidance of our authorized statue fillers, will take place during the week of May 18 – 24. Everyone, regardless of prior experience, is warmly invited to come and help during these weeks, please register by emailing: join@europe-center.org

If you are not able to make the trip, your Sangha can also help support this project remotely: The filling of each statue requires many mantra rolls and gifts to the Buddhas. If your sangha would like to help with the preparation of mantra rolls, please send an email to: ec-statues@europe-center.org.

For the gifts to the Buddhas everyone can help by collecting jewelry, semi-precious stones, gold, and silver, and deliver them to the Europe center at the beginning of May, together with all your mantra rolls.

We look forward to sharing this big event with everyone!



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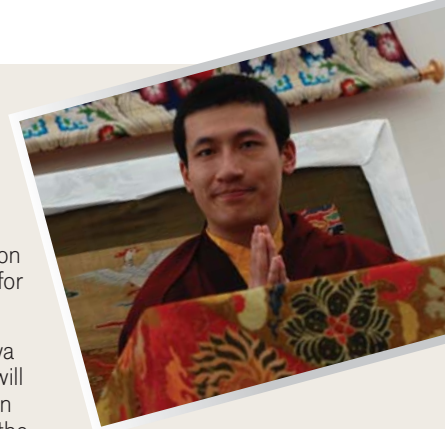


2nd transmission weekend – Finding H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa

After the successful start of a new series of courses at the EC, the so-called transmission weekends, many friends have asked for them to continue. These weekends are crucial for one of the main roles of the Europe Center – a place where transmission happens.

The second weekend comes with a slightly different topic: Finding H.H. the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa. During this weekend Pedro Gomez from Spain and other traveling teachers will share their knowledge and experiences from the time of the Karmapa controversy, when two candidates for the 17th Karmapa appeared in the Karma Kagyü lineage as well as the story how the 17th Gyalwa Karmapa was found. The story of how 17. Gyalwa Karmapa fled from Tibet will be also disclosed during the weekend.

You can now register for the upcoming 2nd Transmission weekend at <http://tinyurl.com/deega9>



“108 ways for effective center meetings“ weekend workshop

Bored by endless meetings and discussions? No free time to meditate, see friends, write or even read the minutes of the last meeting, before the next one?

As we grow, as an organization, there is more and more to discuss, plan and decide. Meetings seem to take up more time in our lives than anything else. Surely there is more to life than this? Wouldn't it be nice to actually look forward to meetings?

We think so! We would therefore like to invite you to a weekend of insights and easy methods on how to make your center & team meetings more effective.

Topics: meeting basics, planning, tips for starting and finishing, how to make meetings fun, the art of clarifying questions & listening, buy-in for meetings.

The program will be led by our friends who have many years of professional experience consulting on these topics.

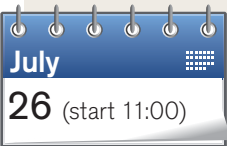
Registration form and detailed program at <http://tinyurl.com/aaqtw>.



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2nd "Matinee" classical music concert

On the last weekend of the statue exhibition we want to present another cultural highlight: our second summermatinée, with classical music from all over the world amidst our wonderful courtyard, with a buffet afterwards...



2nd International Summer Course

We are happy to announce the 2nd International Summer Course in EC, which will take place from 4-16 August, 2009. The program includes HH 17th Gyalwa Karmapa giving an Amithaba initiation, followed a Phowa course with Lama Ole Nydahl. Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche will again join the 72-hour meditation and then Shamar Rinpoche will round off the course by giving a 3 day Mahamudra course, commenting on the Great Seal text composed by the 3rd Karmapa and will also give a Guru Yoga initiation at the end.



8th Karmapa course with Lama Ole Nydahl and Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche

We would like to invite those practitioners who have finished the Preliminary Practices (tib. Ngöndro) and have been given the 8th Karmapa as their Yidam practice, to join us for this very special course with Lama Ole Nydahl and Sherab Gyaltzen Rinpoche, who will also give an initiation on Red Wisdom (tib. Dorje Pagmo) during this course.

