

European 7 Day Workshop in Schloß Fürstenried, Munich, Germany in German Language, 22. – 28. July 2012

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Just a few days ago the 7 day workshop has ended and still the last images and songs are passing through my mind. I've heard Divine Principle lectures thousands of times, but still they seem new to me, always refreshing to the soul and heart.

This time we were a colorful mixture of nine guests and Ambassadors for Peace, who attended for the first time a Divine Principle seminar, five youngsters of our 2nd generation, eleven senior members caring for their guests or just refreshing their understanding of the Divine Principle and five members of staff – altogether 30 participants from Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Additional to them one guest came from Spain and one staff member from Sweden, Annemarie Persson, who was the workshop mother.

The special aspect of this workshop was that the national presidents of our movement in these three German speaking nations gave the lectures. Dieter Schmidt taught the first three days, Peter Zöhrer the 4th and 5th and Heiner Handschin the 6th and 7th and Fritz Piepenburg was our coordinator guiding through the program, supported by Takanari Wakayama and Daniel Mehlis, our 2nd gen music team. This was surely a good example of the fruitful cooperation between three countries.

Again the palace Schloss Fuerstenried with its optimal setting and standard served as a wonderful environment for the workshop. Heaven gave us plenty of sunshine as well.

Already at 7 o'clock you could see not only the youngsters, but also the senior participants doing morning sports and at 7:15 we had our first session, the morning meditation.



On Tuesday evening we had a movie night. And then in the evening of the next day, Robert Bentele explained about the power of prayer. Then everybody went out into the park, first to pray in groups and then having a quiet time for meditation.

On Thursday there was time for an outing. One group went sightseeing to the city of Munich and the other group went to the nearby Lake of Starnberg, visiting the castle where the late Austrian Empress "Sissi" was born. Some even used the opportunity to take a swim in the lake.

The entertainment evening was then the final highlight. Some members of the Munich community joined in, too. Different international songs were presented, a piece of humoristic Bavarian literature and a romantic Peruvian dance – a wonderful conclusion of a wonderful week.

God was present in the Divine Principle and in the faces and hearts of all of us.