



From the Executive Director

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With the incorporation of Waldorf Publications as its new publishing arm, the Research Institute for Waldorf Education has significantly enhanced the scope of its activities this year. Under the able leadership of Patrice Maynard as its newly appointed Director of Publications and Development, the Research Institute has broadened its platform of publications to include several hundred titles inherited from AWSNA Publications.

In addition to acquiring this inventory, the Research Institute has launched eight new titles into production, with the aid of a newly formed Publications Committee. A new catalog of Waldorf titles (the first in seven years) was completed in January for distribution to AWSNA member schools. It includes a comprehensive listing of Waldorf Publications available in hard-copy for teachers, parents, and children.

Meanwhile, the Research Institute has increased its production of eBooks to 175, including a growing repertoire of titles freshly translated into Spanish with the help of a translating service in Spain. Other Spanish manuscripts are being translated here in North America. We are exploring ways to promote both the eBooks and the books themselves with tools we have built during this new phase of operations.

The first new title published in hard copy this year was *The Invisible Boat* by Eric Müller, a tribute to the elemental world as well as to the world of childhood. Other titles currently in production include:

Trailing Clouds of Glory edited by Douglas Gerwin

Creating a Circle of Collaborative Spiritual Leadership edited by Roberto Trostli (a

publication of the Pedagogical Section Council)

The Sun with Loving Light edited by Stephen Bloomquist

The Seven Liberal Arts by Frans Lutters

Chemistry: A Teacher's Resource Book by Robert Sonner

Physics: A Teacher's Resource Book by Robert Sonner

Recorder Ensemble: First Collection edited by Stephen Bernstein

A new title currently being translated and scheduled to be published in the next fiscal year is *Rubikon*, a book requested by the Waldorf Early Childhood Association (WECAN) to be translated and published in preparation for a conference planned for 2015 in Dornach. Addressing the significant life changes at ages nine and twelve, this book contains Rudolf Steiner's indications about these nodal moments. The hope is that this publication will be made available immediately as an eBook on the website of the Research Institute's Online Waldorf Library (OWL). A separate report on the most recent activities of the OWL appears in this issue of the *Research Bulletin*.

In the meantime, the Research Institute's own website has been enlarged with a new generation of articles and links to material related to the Institute's mission. It is our hope that these additions will help stimulate conversation and debate among those researching Waldorf education.

On other fronts, the Research Institute continued to sponsor the "Teaching Sensible Science" program with two more cycles of this popular course, one in Baltimore, MD, and the other in Seattle, WA. Already the next cycle is being planned for Toronto, Ontario,

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the first time this course will be offered in Canada. Those interested in registering for this course—which meets for three weeks over the course of a year—can contact the Research Institute for details.

Finally, to those who responded to our annual giving campaign, we extend heartfelt thanks for your generosity. We are also grateful to several generous donors and philanthropic foundations that have stepped forward to support the work of the Research Institute. Those wishing to contribute to this year's appeal are invited to forward donations to Patrice Maynard's office in Chatham, NY, or give online by using the secure button of our refurbished website:

www.waldorfresearchinstitute.org.