

MURLI NOTICEBOARD – 18/07/03

☪ UPDATE ON THE SELF-MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP (SML) COURSE ☪ TRAINING 6-12 OCTOBER 2003 – GYAN SAROVAR

Dear Centre Co-ordinators,

The demand for the SML course has increased since its start in 1993. An estimated 100.000 people have been through the program and a recent survey amongst Brahmins shows that during the past 2 years many thousands have taken the course in BK centres and at BK programs in more than 40 countries. In order to manage the scale of the program and because the requirements of individuals and organizations vary, a new system of management and governance of the SML course is being developed. This includes an improved, streamlined SML course for centres and also a version of the SML course for organizations, which has a different name – Oxford Leadership Program (OLP) and governance structure.

To serve at the professional organizational level, a separate company has been set up, called Oxford Leadership Academy (OLA). It will offer the new Oxford Leadership Program, and it will charge for the course. For more information about this contact info@oxfordleadership.com.

The BK centres will continue to offer the basic SML course without fee at the centres to individuals as a course for personal and spiritual development. However, all those SML facilitators must undergo a refresher training to keep up with the latest developments. There will be a short course given by Br Ken and Br Brian for facilitators about the improved SML, which is less organisational, more easy and personal.

This training is designed for those BKs who have given the SML course or for those who took the training but have not given the course. Participants will receive a new manual and guidelines. The training will take place in Gyan Sarovar during Peace of Mind Retreat, 6-12 October 2003. Please note that all accommodation for the trainees will be in Raj Rishi Bhawan, Gyan Sarovar only. Those who are interested can apply through their NCO. The NCO can collect applications and contact Sr Sonja, Copenhagen at sml@brahmakumaris.dk.

Some points to remember:

- Fees will not be charged for SML (exception to cover costs). SML trainers never receive fees for conducting SML. SML cannot be conducted in outside organisations, without special permission and never as a commercial training.
- All commercial programs are conducted by OLA. If a commercial (in-company) training is required and requested, OLA will do this and it is not called SML.
- Those BKs who wish to conduct the SML course must have suitable background and skills and be accredited to run the course. This accreditation will be provided only to those who have undergone the new training.

Om Shanti