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Mt. Tron with parts of the village of Alvdal in the foreground. View towards North-East. Photo: BP, summer 2003.

What is happening with the University of Peace?

During the last two-three years

the Foundation has worked steadily and continuously to make ready all the plans and drawings for a preliminary project for the University of Peace.

This year (2003)

the fruits of this work are being reaped with the **Mt. Tron University of Peace, Preliminary Project 03.03.2003**. Contemporaneously intense work has been going on during the whole year with various presentations of the project. In the middle of March the Foundation's new WEB-pages on the Internet were published and can be found at

www.tronuni.org

Also a new brochure has been made this summer, and just now we are in the final phase of a bigger detailed description of the whole project in English.

More on the next pages of this and the next.

Most important now

is to find persons or institutions interested in the Mt. Tron University of Peace who will provide the project with financially and/or moral support. Now that the Foundation has done everything it can so far by producing the necessary plans and presentations, and while the planning work for the Mt. Tron area by the Alvdal municipality is pending, the Foundation will focus fully internationally on finding persons who might wish to offer financial support for the project.

An international peace symposium

in Australia at the end of September will be the first advance in the world. Thanks, not least, to the Foundation's WEB-pages on the Internet our project for the Mt. Tron University of Peace has been noticed outside the country borders, and so has led to the invitation of two of the Foundation's members to the symposium.

What happens with the University of Peace?

New brochure

This summer an entirely new brochure has been made which summarises the whole project and shows the latest development of the University of Peace. It is fully coloured and made in A3 format folded two times down to A5 format and will be published in both Norwegian and in English.

The English edition will come first and is now being printed at one of the main printers of the district. The Norwegian edition will come next year and it is planned to distribute it freely to the households of the district to provide them with updated general information about the Foundation's work to build and establish a University of Peace on Mt. Tron in Alvdal.

For some time now there has been a demand for easily available information on the University of Peace and this brochure, together with the new WEB-pages on the Internet, should answer most of the main questions about the project.

3-D

The work of making a three dimensional model to illustrate the latest drawings of the University of Peace by Knud Larsen has also been resumed this summer (for a number of reasons the previous attempt had to be abandoned).

The work this time is being done by an architectural student at the Norwegian Institute of Technology, Kristine Solberg, under the direct supervision of Knud Larsen, and is now well under way.

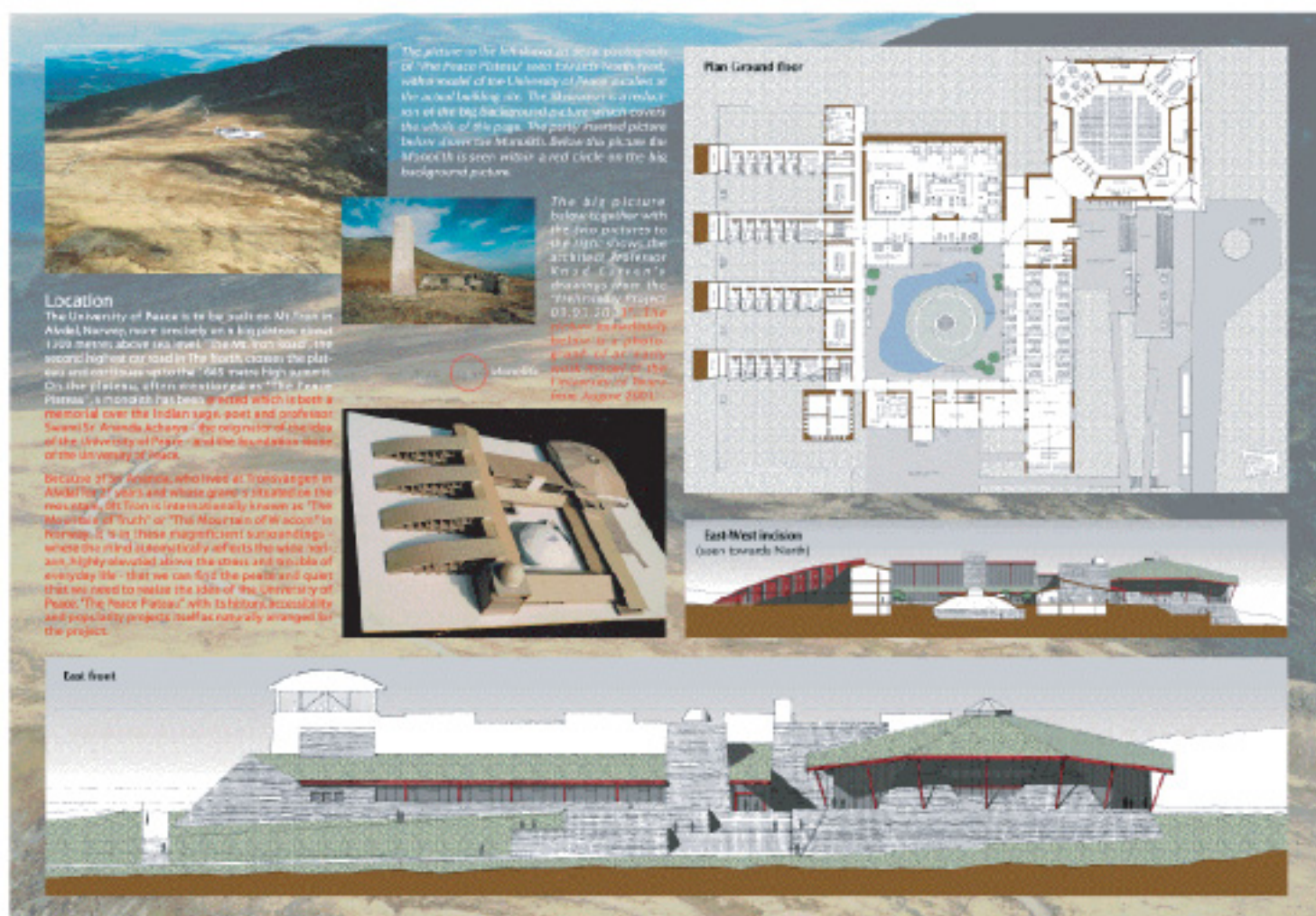
Detailed presentation

During the whole summer intensive work has been going on to make a larger detailed presentation of the whole project in English. This presentation will be printed and published in a limited edition as a booklet in the format 28cmx28cm.

This booklet, which will be printed, cut and bound with a simple metal spiral using the Foundation's own equipment, has the title "The Mt. Tron University of Peace. A humaniversity of universal harmony. Detailed project description".

This detailed project description contains an extensive description of the whole conceptual basis with texts on the world situation, Sri Ananda Acharya and Swami Paramananda, the fundamental idea of the University of Peace together with its present form, a plan of activity, descriptions of the Foundation and the project's history up to the present day with its view on ecology, economy and operation, the present situation in relation to the local authorities, legal conditions and the further progress of the project and last, but not least, it contains an extensive, detailed description of the Preliminary Project 03.03.2003 with all functions and the display of all the drawings.

The presentation, which moreover contains hand-drawn maps and many magnificent captioned photographs, a summary and a preface signed by the Foundation's chairman, is designed especially for possible financial and moral supporters of the project.



The picture above shows the inside of the English brochure as it will appear fully folded out in the A3 format. Here are photographs from the "Peace Plateau" with text, and drawings from Professor Knud Larsen's Preliminary Project 03.03.2003.

PATHWAYS TO PEACE

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Examples from the WEB-pages of the Symposium in Brisbane which show the participation of two of the Foundation's members.

International Peace Symposium in Australia

Both the Foundation's chairman Bjørn Pettersen and the board member Tripti Chatterjee have been invited to participate in an international peace symposium in Australia during the last weekend of September this year.

The symposium will be held at the Griffith University in Brisbane under the title "Pathways to Peace". On the first day, Saturday 27th September, TriptiMa will be holding a workshop on the theme of ahimsa or non-violence, while Bjørn will be participating in a forum with the title "Cultivating Inner Peace" - an exploration of the prerequisites for inner peace. On the second day, Sunday 28th September, Bjørn will be giving a key note address with his speech entitled "In the Bosom of Universal Peace".

This speech will contain themes on human knowledge and peace as one of its positive side effects, the art of life and science of peace, definitions of peace, inner and outer peace, the present world situation and a concrete plan for world peace.

The symposium is being arranged by the Total Health and Education Foundation (THEF) and who also issued the invitation to participate. The Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation is the only participant from Norway and we have been asked to spend some time with members of the founders of the THEF after the symposium so that they can get better acquainted with the idea behind and the work for the University of Peace.

Both the symposium itself and the time afterwards should provide good opportunities for the spreading of the message of the University of Peace in the world and to make known the Foundation's ongoing work to establish the Mt.Tron University of Peace. The Foundation's project will be duly presented and Mt.Tron with Alvdal and Norway will emphatically be placed on the world map on the other side of the Globe.

More about "Pathways to Peace" in the next issue of The Mt.Tron Mail in December.

Other speakers at the symposium include:

- Ralph Summy** Founder of Peace Studies, University of Queensland, Australia
- Toh Swoo-Hin** Director, Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University Laureate, UNESCO Prize for Peace Education, University of Alberta, Canada
- Teresa Hsu** Heart to Heart Foundation, Singapore, known as the "Mother Teresa of Singapore"
- Ann Mason** Teaching and Learning for Peace Foundation, Adelaide, Australia
- Amanda Allan** International Conflict Resolution Centre, School of Behavioural Science, University of Melbourne, President, Psychologists for the Promotion of World Peace, Australia
- Richard Waters** Principal, School of Total Education, Warwick, Australia
- Piero Giorgi** Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience, Medical History and Peace Studies, University of Queensland, Australia
- Louise Porter** Psychologist in private practice, Adelaide, Australia
- Gayre Christie** PeaceBuilders, Brisbane, Australia
- Solafa Goueli** PhD in International/Intercultural Education at the University of Alberta, Canada



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Mt. Tron seen from Tynset with the river Glomma in the foreground, a warm summer day in 2003. Photo: BP.

Thanksgiving

The Editor has noticed that some of The Mt. Tron Mail's most loyal readers and supporters who have been subscribing since the very first edition in May 1998, uncharacteristically have still not paid this year's subscription. We hope that this is only an oversight and that you still intend to be with us!

Without you and all the other subscribers' help we would not have been able to maintain the vital office for our project during these past years and have come forward to where we are today. We therefore take the opportunity to address a word of thanks to all our subscribers and especially to all those who have been with us all the way for all the good help and support!