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Dear members and friends of the Ruth Cohn Institute for TCI international,

With this new issue of our RCI News we welcome you and send sunny greetings from the office in Berlin.

Since our last newsletter, the world events are coming thick and fast, nobody would have thought that it would come to a war like the one we have to experience now - with all that follows from it. And the pandemic is not over yet either... The Globe is deeply shaken.

It is exciting and enlightening to read Ruth C. Cohn's books in these times. They are more topical than ever and one could quote from them page by page. Especially in the book "It's all about sympathy" there are many sentences which help to free oneself from bewilderment and numbness and to contribute what one can without losing sight of oneself.

We hope and wish that you all find a way to deal with the disturbing news from all over the world; that you can find support and distraction with family, friends and/or seminar participants; that you will experience relaxed and beautiful moments this spring.

The sun and the blossoming of nature will certainly contribute their part to it.



Welcome at the Main Office of RCI international in Berlin! Credit: Kathrin Giogoli

With warm regards from the office
Kathrin Giogoli and Jasmin Lütz

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1. On the occasion of the death of Claus D. Stahl - Obituary by Arnulf Greimel

Reflections on a special person

Publicity was not his thing. Whether he would have wanted us to remember and honour him now that he has passed away is an open question. Claus D. Stahl was one of the original members of TCI, certainly in Württemberg. He learned TCI years ago from and with Ruth C. Cohn, taught TCI in his own way and developed it further. For many years he was a professor of psychology at the University of Applied Sciences in Esslingen and active in our region as a TCI graduate.

The founding of WILL-International and WILL-Württemberg, the forerunners of the RCI in the 1980s, was also his work. He led a wide range of uncounted courses, many of them with his wife Christina. In Württemberg, together with her, he was involved in the committees from the beginning, and he conveyed his convincing and very personal image of TCI to many TCI beginners in entry colloquia and personal counselling interviews. This happened in action and without big words, but always with impressive thoughts and "apt" sentences that moved: intellectually as well as emotionally. Claus, together with Christina, was a people catcher for TCI. For many years they both formed the centre of a lively region. He accompanied many of us graduate colleagues, all of whom could count on his support and learn a lot from him. In international committees, Claus represented the region convincingly and unconventionally during his time.

He never made an issue out of his brilliant commitment to TCI, to the region and to many people here in our South. In his personality and method courses he reached out to people, mediated and gave important impulses. With his imagination workshops he opened up exciting accesses to our unconscious. Claus never acted as an "authority". His reserved, always attentive presence was very impressive for me. Participants or co-leaders had room for creativity with him and felt expectation and trust at the same time. He met us in a very clear, humorous and friendly way. Claus combined professionalism with a sure feeling for people and processes. He embodied constructive, appreciative confrontation, which seldom caused defensiveness, often deep thoughtfulness. With his empathy, with his unerring eye for the essential, he was an approachable authority, in his very human, quietly ironic, warm manner. The fact that I met him is extremely important and valuable to me.

There was no other person with whom I had so much fun in the years we spent together in TCI as Claus: sitting together in the evening after the course work had been done, throwing ideas and formulations at each other in an ingenious way, having a dialogue about a theoretical question, that had quality, was pure joie de vivre, wonderful!

When Claus retired from teaching to the Black Forest to devote himself to counselling work, astrological psychology and his publishing activities, there were many who were attracted to him behind the seven mountains by his wise advice, his attentive understanding and the loving hospitality in the Stahl house. His last years were not easy. He had to bitterly experience how his abilities became more and more limited due to illness. Claus D. Stahl died in Gaggenau at the beginning of March at the age of 88.

Arnulf Greimel

2. International Exchange Workshop IEW – Cancelled – RCI DL

Everything different – everyone different? Living changes boldly!

Yes, everything really turned out differently than we had thought: The IEW 2022 in Freiburg did not take place. There were many registrations – but not enough to be able to hold the exchange meeting with financial security. Therefore we, the board of RCI Dreyeckland, decided to cancel the IEW at the beginning of March.

We did not take this decision easy for ourselves – especially in these turbulent and worrying times, in which the theme of the IEW "Everything different - Everyone different" has become topical in a completely new way. Perhaps you can guess how much commitment, heart and soul we have put into the preparation. We agree that we are grateful for the wonderful cooperation in the preparation team, for the inspiring conversations with many participants and the good encounters during these months of preparation.

We are also thankful for the many understandings, disappointed and at the same time encouraging feedbacks we received from people who got involved or wanted to participate.

In the Dreyeckland region, we looked at the process together in the general meeting. The IEW has taken up a lot of space in our region for two years. Now we are looking to the future. Here are two voices from the final round of the GM that show our perspective: "It is important to now turn our focus back onto us and our region." – and – "It is important to continue to commit ourselves as a region to internationality in the RCI."

[Board RCI Dreyeckland](#)

3. Reminder: General Assembly (IGA), 26-28 May 2022, online this year

The Board has decided to hold this year's General Assembly **online** again.

The IGA will take place **from Thursday, 26.05., 15.00 - Saturday, 28.05., 13.00.**

The invitation and information on the schedule have already been sent out. Please register for the IGA **by 20 May 2022 at the latest.**

We ask all those who are planning to submit motions to send them to the Executive Board <https://www.ruth-cohn-institute.org/vorstand.html> or to the office office@ruth-cohn-institute.org

Kind regards from the Board RCI-international

4. Contribution and feedback to the TCI web seminar - RCI RW

Online seminar to get a taste of TCI found encouraging response

"How can we raise curiosity about TCI, invite people to experience it for the first time and thus awaken their interest in more?" The idea and momentum for a web seminar emerged in the virtual get-together of the RCI Rheinland-Westfalen.

In autumn 2021, the prototype was ready: a presentation with concise images, impulses for discussions and structure. This is how the web seminar could succeed in two hours of time. It succeeded and the response of the 17 participants in October 2021 was more than encouraging.

"Informative, enlightening, appreciative and engaging" are some keywords from the final round.

So we continued. The announcement was distributed via a circular email to members "Forwarding expressly desired!" and via www.tzi-forum.com.

And this is what happened: we had 16 participants on 10.02.2022. An interesting mix: people with little or no knowledge of TCI, those who wanted to get back into TCI and – what made us particularly happy – members from other regional associations. They came with the question "How could we use the format?" to discuss this in their boards.



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Die TZI beschnuppern
sich orientieren und informieren

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For the second time, the web seminar "TZI beschnuppern, sich orientieren und informieren" proved to be a good way to make TCI experienceable at a relatively accessible level. We are very pleased about this and that our project is making a name for itself in the RCI.

This is the way forward: We are aiming for a pool of facilitators, each of whom will supervise a web seminar in pairs. We use www.tzi-forum.com for organisation and coordination.

The offer is becoming increasingly supra-regional and one RCI region at a time is promoting it as a focal point. We are curious to see how "our" project develops for the RCI as a whole.

With many greetings to the RCI world

Dorit Keese, Karin Gante and Steffi Adam-Bott (team of facilitators)
and Sabine Jongmanns (Board RCI RW)

5. Newly founded peer group is looking forward to more companions

Our newly founded peer group is still looking for companions between **Ravensburg, Offenburg** and **Düsseldorf**.

If you would like more information, please contact

Martina Fach-Overhoff: supervision.mfo@t-online.de or mobile: +49 (0)172/2440009

6. Peer group in the North-East is also looking forward to more members

At the online concept workshop in January 2022, people from different regions were able to participate easily. For the peer group phase, however, the desire for meetings in presence was huge, so that several regional peer groups are in the making – one of them is us, with four participants so far, living in Hamburg, Berlin and Leipzig.

We are looking forward to hearing from interested people and the chance to get to know other TCI practitioners in our region and then, ideally, to start our peer group together as a group of eight or nine.

Are you thinking about starting the TCI diploma training? Or are you already in your diploma training but have not yet found the right peer group? Are you motivated and have the possibility to participate in meetings in person, mainly in Berlin?



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Of course, we are also open to your needs, ideas and wishes.

Feel free to contact us at alenathiem@gmail.com and we will arrange to get to know each other online.

We would also be happy if you share our request in your networks.

Kind regards

Christine, Kathrin, Antonia and Alena

7. Workshop with Matthias Scharer: Living Diversity with Courage - RCI LX

An invitation of RCI Luxemburg

Thursday, June the 23rd 2022, 19:00-21:00

Ruth C. Cohn – a therapist against totalitarian thinking
Lecture by Matthias Scharer

Friday, June the 24th 2022 10:00-19:00

Courageously living multiplicity – accompanied by Ruth C. Cohn
Workshop with Matthias Scharer and Bernd Steinmetz

We are extremely pleased to host this special event in our local region and to welcome Matthias Scharer as our honored guest.

Anxiety about the future, worries regarding national and religious identities, xenophobia, ... encourage a black-white-thinking, dividing society and leading towards totalitarian patterns. The invasion of the Ukraine being just one example of an authoritarian head of government leading to a dead end. Shaped by her experience as a migrant fleeing the Nazi tyranny, Ruth Cohn, a therapist of german-jewish descent, evolved an art of living that links everyone and everything, thus celebrating omniconnectedness.

But: „How can we courageously live multiplicity/diversity under current circumstances provided by the Globe?“ Being just one of the questions we are going to explore together.

Venue: Herz-Jesu-Kirche, Friedrich-Wilhelm-Straße, 54290 Trier

Costs: lecture+workshop 70€, exclusive lecture participation 20€

Registration deadline: May the 15th 2022 under:

<https://www.tci-living-learning.org/angebotsplattform/marktplatz/2022/vielheit-couragiert-leben-mit-ruth-cohn-als-weggefahrtin>

8. Congratulations

We would like to congratulate all members who had a birthday in March and April! Special birthday wishes from Ulrike Rietz to Marga Müller-Mehring and Karin Fritzsche.

All the best and take care of yourself! 🎁 🌸

**Dear Karin Fritzsche
and dear Marga Müller-Mehring,**

It is a matter close to my heart to congratulate you, as my oldest TCI and RCI friends, in this public setting especially on your anniversary birthdays in 2022.



Happy Birthday. Credit: jlü

You, dear Karin, were born 80 years ago in April and you, dear Marga, will be 90 years old on June 26.

Since the seventies you have been connected in different ways with TZI and at that time WILL-Rheinland -Westfalen in WILL- Europa.

You, dear Marga, have remained faithful to the region. I don't know of any committee in our association, hardly any task, in which you haven't helped shape and contributed to this day. You invited us to countless 'Regional Teaching College Conferences' in your hospitable house in Ratingen near Düsseldorf. As a former grammar school teacher, your special attention and care was and still is devoted to TCI in schools.

In 1975 we founded the 'Didactics Group' together for work in schools. Until the transfer to the RCI specialist group 'TCI in schools' at the end of the nineties, you generously promoted and helped to advance this work in a special way - and it is still the case today! Thanks to your commitment and your expertise in pedagogical role play – together with Jan Tillmann – whole generations of TCI trainers have brought lively teaching and learning into their everyday school life.

Also legendary were the intervision weeks of our group in your holiday home in the South of France under your strict regiment with strict division of tasks into demanding content work and pleasurable leisure time enjoyment. Or for decades the carnival weekends in St Pantaleon, Cologne, when committed teacher trainers from further education institutes in all German states came to us to research on TCI didactics and exchange experiences.

Keywords that come to mind about you are:

Rhenish temperament, fighter for your convictions (whatever the cost?!), Cologne girl and cheerful nature, perseverance in responsibility for the common cause...

You are still involved today, and at the ILK 2021 in Erfurt you recently mirrored the process as a 'spirit holder' in the sociocratic model as the oldest member of the large plenum. How naturally you are now familiar with technical media that enable you to participate in Zoom conferences, online trainings, virtual regulars' tables, etc....

Dear Marga, if you did not exist, we would have to invent you!

You, dear Karin, after our beginnings in WILL Rhineland-Westphalia, among other things as head of the 'organisation commission' and co-organiser of the international exchange workshop in Düsseldorf in the 80s, you oriented yourself towards the south, co-founded WILL South-West there and were active in it for years up to the merger with WILL Mitte to RCI-Rhein-Main-Lahn in all possible functions and committees.

Together with me, you initiated three basic training courses up to the certificate level and, thanks to your versatile additional qualifications – not least with the further development of pedagogical role play – you taught and experienced in an exemplary way what TCI can achieve with living teaching and learning. As a former secondary school teacher, you were particularly interested in the training of teachers. That is why you also co-founded the school section and keep it going until today. In the 90s, as a delegate of the national representation on the OE path from WILL-International to the Ruth Cohn Institute -for TCI International/RCI, the idea of internationality was a special concern for you, which you consistently represented for many years in the International General Assemblies/IGA.

Within our international education system, you have been a stable constant in the graduation committee for years with heart, expertise, and socio-cultural prudence, especially for our Indian graduates on their way to graduation. As a member of the 'Teaching Staff for RCI India' you deserve extraordinary recognition for your commitment to the development of the TCI training and the implementation of its concept in India. For many weeks over 12 years, from 2006 to 2018, you worked so purposefully with the European part of the Teaching Staff and with the Indian colleagues in Kerala, in Tamil Nadu and in Mumbai that there are now 7 graduates there, RCI India has become increasingly independent and has taken the TCI training into its own hands since 2021.

With satisfaction and gratitude, we can rejoice with you in the fruits of your labour.

Ulrike Rietz, Neustadt, Easter 2022

9. The new issue of the TZI journal 1/2022 is published

The editorial team has done a great job again and now it is here, the new issue of the TCI journal! It is published twice a year and all members receive it free of charge. The current issue 1/2022 has already been sent out. If you need more copies, you are welcome to order them at our office.

The individual articles and the complete issue are available for download on MyDrive. If you no longer have the access data, you will receive it by e-mail: office@ruth-cohn-institute.org

Topic of issue 1/2022: "If you are with us, we work better" - TCI in organisations



Credit: Kathrin Giogoli

10. Current informations from the main office in Berlin

We have changed our office hours for you:

As of May 3, 2022, we can be reached Tuesday - Friday from 10am - 3pm.

Since the pandemic, we are partly working in home office. If we cannot be reached directly, this may be because we are in another call or in an online meeting, because we are briefly out of the office, or because the telephone forwarding system is not working as it should.

You are welcome to leave us a message on the answering machine at any time or, even better, write us/mail us and we will get back to you as soon as possible: office@ruth-cohn-institute.org.



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And: In addition to our daily tasks, we continue to work diligently in the office to present our association RCI international and the work with TZI to a broader audience. For this purpose, we have been on social media since the beginning of the year.

We try to regularly post news, impressions and events on our profiles (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Xing). The first content is already finding supporters - thanks to everyone who follows us so far and likes, shares or comments on our posts - that's great and helps to expand our reach.

But we want our community to become even bigger and grow further. For this, we need your support.

All of you who are on social media, please feel free to stop by and subscribe and comment on the pages here:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RuthCohnInstitute>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ruthcohninstitute/?hl=de>
- LinkedIn: https://de.linkedin.com/company/ruthcohninstitute?trk=public_profile_top-card-current-company
- Xing: <https://www.xing.com/pages/ruth-cohn-institute-for-tci-international>

We ask for your understanding that we do not advertise seminars, workshops or courses here. We would rather like to convey what concerns the RCI and its member associations. Therefore, please feel free to send us new publications, book tips on the topic, or perhaps there is a report, article about Ruth C. Cohn/TZI, which should be read and deserves more attention.

We also gladly accept dates, if for example in your/your region a taster seminar "What is TZI" takes place.

And we are also happy to receive pictures and photo material.

Please send all info and material to office@ruth-cohn-institute.org.

Thank you very much!

11. Upcoming Events 2022

26- 28 May 2022

International General Assembly - ONLINE

20-22 October 2022

Ruth C. Cohn (1912-2010) - The life and work of a courageous woman – International symposium on the opening of her estate in Berlin

Unfortunately, places are very limited - we currently have a waiting list and are looking for a solution to make the symposium accessible to more people.

If you are interested please contact the office: office@ruth-cohn-institute.org

12. Call For Papers & Release Date RCI-NEWS 3/2022

For the next issue of RCI-NEWS 2/2022 we look forward to receiving your comments, especially about dates and events in the member association.

The deadline for contributions is **August 18, 2022**.

Please note when sending the texts:

- 1,500 characters maximum incl. spaces, Microsoft Word format, font **Verdana 11**
- Write in mother tongue **and in English** please
- Images only as jpg files

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Just in time for the RCI-News 2/2022 our office flower got a blossom. Credit: Kathrin Giogoli

Thank you very much and have a good time!

