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Editorial

This semester we are organising several talks and seminars emphasizing Mediumship Studies. We can see, in Kardec's time, some of his considerations regarding this theme:

"It would be difficult for us to compute the number of those who have come to us since we have been occupied with Spiritism and how many of those we saw who remained indifferent or incredulous in the presence of the most evident facts and were only convinced by rational explanation. There are also many others who were predisposed by reasoning. Then there are a number who have already been persuaded about the truth of Spiritism, though they had seen nothing, because they had read and understood the rationalisation about the subject matter! We therefore say, from our own experience, that the best method of acquiring knowledge of Spiritism is to first of all bring reasoning to bear on the subject and afterwards to confirm reasoning by experiment.

(Allan Kardec (*Mediums' Book*, 1st part, Chap. III-Item 31)

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Holy Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will have dreams." (Acts, 2:17)

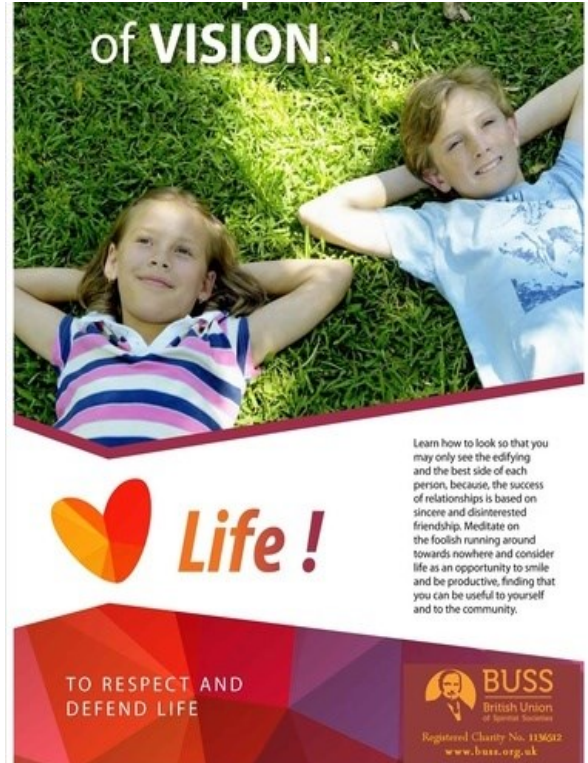
"Mediumship is that light that would be spread upon all flesh and promised by the Divine Master in the time of the Consoler, now in course on Earth." Emmanuel (*The Consoler*, question no. 382)

"In the field of Mediumship, do not forget that a duty correctly fulfilled is the compass that will propitiate you the right direction." Emmanuel (*Religion of the Spirits*)

"The first enemy of the medium resides within his/her own self. Usually it is ego, ambition, ignorance or rebelliousness - in the voluntary ignorance of one's own duties in the light of the Gospel. These are factors of moral inferiority that, quite often, will drive the medium towards lack of vigilance, frivolity and the confusion of unproductive fields."

Emmanuel (*The Consoler*, subject 410)

"In this manner, even if you feel imperfect, unbalanced, unhappy or ill, make good use of your medianimic forces by helping and enlightening, aiding and serving, thus assisting your fellow beings, because the good that you do will come back from those you helped to your own road, as a blessing from God to shine upon you."



TO RESPECT LIFE

It is a question of Vision

Learn how to look so that you may only see the edifying and best side of each person, because the success of relationships is based upon sincere and disinterested friendship. Meditate on the foolish running around towards nowhere and consider life as an opportunity to smile and be productive, finding out that you can be useful to yourself and to the community.

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Nestor João Masotti.

He was the 15th President of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation. Born in Pindorama in the State of São Paulo, Brazil, on 21st June 1937, the son of Damiano Henrique Venâncio Masotti and Eloyda G Masotti, both parents were Spiritists.

He graduated in Dentistry in Araraquara and practiced this profession for less than a year in Tupã - S.P. Professionally he worked as a Civil Servant in Government Treasury Departments in Fernandópolis and São Paulo.

Nestor was always very active in the Spiritist Movement in both of those towns, where he integrated the work of Spiritism right from the Spiritist Youth up to Directing a Spiritist Centre. He took part in Spiritist Youth events on a regional, inter-state and national level. He was President of the Union of Spiritist Societies for the State of São Paulo (from 1974-1982) and Vice-President (from 1982-1986), integrating together with the National Federative Council (CFN) of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation (FEB). At the invitation of Francisco Thiesen, the President of FEB in Brasília, he became its Director from 1986-1990 and then the General-Secretary of the CFN. Later he became Vice-President and finally President of FEB. Nestor also took a very active part in the setting-up of the Regional Commissions of the CFN of FEB.

At the beginning of his period as President, Nestor began the reform and modernisation of the FEB printing department, together with ideas for new designs for book covers and new formats for books. During the period of his mandate there were two Brazilian Spiritist Congresses (2007 & 2010); commemorations for the Bicentenary of the birth of Allan Kardec, with the emission of a commemorative stamp by the Post Office; the Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of *The Spirits' Book* with the emission of a commemorative stamp by the Post Office and the "Centenary Project for Chico Xavier" 2010; the Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of "*The Mediums Book*" (2011); Centenary of the Historical Headquarters in Rio (2011). Also during Nestor's mandate, the CFN of FEB approved the "Activity for the Preparation of Spiritist Workers" (2002), which brought about a Course for "Administrative Capacity of the Spiritist Centre" and the campaign "Constructing Peace by Promoting Goodness" (2002). Then came a "Work Plan for the Brazilian Spiritist Movement" (2007-2012); a campaign for "The Gospel in the Home and in the Heart" (2008); *Guidance for Unification* (2009) and Internal Regulations for the National Federative Council of FEB (2011).

FEB also upheld the creation of the "National Movement in Defence of Life – Brazil without Abortion"; the reforming of the installations of the Model Farm and the construction of the C.E. Memorial to Luiz Gonzaga from Pedro Leopoldo (Minas Gerais); backing for the films "Chico Xavier", "Nosso Lar", plus "And Life Goes on...", simultaneously with the many other tasks he had within FEB.

Together with the ex-presidents Francisco Thiesen and Juvanir Borges de Souza, Nestor worked ardently for the foundation of the International Spiritist Council, which became effective in 1992. He then carried out the position of 1st Secretary and General-Secretary to the International Spiritist Council (ISC). Within this final task he then created TVCEI and EDICEI with books translated into various languages; the Administrative Centre of the ISC in Brasília; he promoted the World Congresses in Guatemala (2001), Paris (2004), Cartagena das Indias (2007) and Valencia (2010).

Nestor also participated in two ONU events in New York; the *Millennium World Peace Summit* (2000) and the homage for the Centenary of Chico Xavier (2010); plus he continued to take part in talks, seminars and many other events in various countries in the three Americas, Europe and Africa. Towards the end of his mandate within FEB, there was the de-activation of the outdated printing system and the initiation of outsourcing. Furthermore he carried out the 21st mandate of the President of FEB from 2001-2013, but had to take a furlough in 2012.

In May 2012, he became withdrawn from the Presidency for reasons of health treatments, but only resigned definitively in March 2013.

On returning to Brasília in August 2013, after more than a year in São Paulo undergoing treatment, Nestor returned to some of the mediumship meetings and gave a few lectures in FEB. On a variety of occasions, the actual President of FEB paid homage to Nestor. During the CFN in 2012, after the beginning of his medical treatment he was presented with a collection of signatures in book format and together with a silver plaque. Then during his first public appearance at the Spiritist Museum in São Paulo (April 2013). Then again in November 2013 at the inauguration of his photo in the Gallery of Ex-Presidents in the Cultural Space at FEB.

Finally, at the opening of the Extraordinary Meeting of the CFN of FEB, held on 23rd August 2014 – when Nestor gave the opening prayer. This was Nestor's last public appearance and his last visit to FEB.

Married to Maria Euni, they had three children – Miriam, Mário and Mariane. Together with his son-in-law Rubens and daughter-in-law Sibeli and several grandchildren, all of the family members have been linked to Spiritist activities within FEB.

I got to know Nestor while he was still single, during the 1970's. Ever since then I have accompanied his pathway through life, and most especially during his period at USE-SP and his journey through FEB and the ISC. I have always appreciated his positioning within the Spiritist Teachings, within Unification and the dissemination of Spiritism. By coincidence, my family and I moved to Brasília for professional motives two months before he assumed the Presidency of FEB. We have participated with him in the activities of both FEB and the ISC, learning to valorise and respect his efforts and struggles for the Cause. Our dear friend opened many pathways and contributed enormously to the spreading of the Spiritist message.

Written by Antonio Cesar Perri de Carvalho translated into English by Janet Duncan

BUSS NEW ADDRESS in the same Building

With your monthly donation is helping our British Union of Spiritist Societies move on. Now we are in a new room, bigger than the previous one, where our Bookshop is more organised for everyone. We have Spiritist titles in several languages, and we keep special prices for Groups, and also a permanent week offer some titles in Portuguese and English.



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Also, our room can held a meeting with 40 chairs. In this way, BUSS can do more Events for Preparation of Workers, as we are about to do the next year, a Spiritist Healing Course for Spiritist Centres for UK attendees and abroad.

Please, come to visit us in our new room, in the same building **Oxford House**, that is a Charity as well, as others institutions in this part of London. Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, London E2 6HG

About **Oxford House** & 130th Anniversary: Oxford House (OH) is a community and art centre in the heart of London's East End. OH was originally established in 1884 by Keble College and the University of Oxford to provide a centre of religious, social and educational work among the poor of East London.



130th Anniversary of Oxford House In September 2014, Oxford House will be officially celebrating its 130th anniversary.

130 years providing services to the community, being part of the East End history, and evolving into a Community and Arts space.

Did you know that Oh! owned a cinema or that our great Victorian building was used as a shelter for 600 civilians during the blitz?

To learn more about our hidden history, visit our new blog *If This Building Could Talk*. If you have any stories connected with our past or want to participate in our anniversary, contact us at heritage@oxfordhouse.org.uk

More details about BUSS events and history—visit our website www.buss.org.uk

ISC NEWS

ISC General Meeting - Leiria, Portugal

3rd – 5th October: to be hosted by the Spiritist Association of Leiria, organised by the Portuguese Spiritist Federation. BUSS will be there, represented by Elsa Rossi. Directors from the Americas and Europe will link their plans and organisation together for the future events of the ISC.

More Information: ceieuropa@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE UK GROUPS

Dr Sergio Thiesen will give talks in English and Portuguese in different Groups in London:

Sergio Thiesen



Sergio Thiesen, M.D. is a Cardiologist and Professor of Medicine, at the National Institute of Cardiology and at the General Hospital of Ipanema. He also holds degrees in Physics, specialized in Solid State Physics, Magnetism and Superconductivity.

Dr. Thiesen was born in a Spiritist family and he is a founder member of many Spiritist groups in Rio de Janeiro. He has been an effective member of the Superior Council of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation for 25 years. He is also an international speaker on the field of Medicine as well as Spiritism.

SEPTEMBER 2014 - LONDON

5th / Friday - 7.00 to 8.30pm
FRANCIS OF ASSISI SPIRITIST STUDY SOCIETY
 Theme: "Brilhe a vossa luz" Portuguese
 Venue: Oxford House, Derbyshire Street,
 Bethnal Green, E2 6HG (Central Line)
www.francis-of-assisi-uk.org

7th / Sunday - 2.30 to 4.30pm
SIR WILLIAM CROOKES SPIRITIST SOCIETY
 Theme: "Reincarnation, Medicine for the Soul"
 (with live translation)
 Venue: West Hampstead Women's Centre, 26-30 Cotleigh Road, London NW6 2NP (Tube/Overground - West Hampstead;
 Bus - 139 & 328 - Stop D)
www.sirwilliam.org

7th / Sunday - 5.30 to 7.30pm
FRATERNITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY
 Theme: "Espiritismo e Transformações"
 (talk in Portuguese)
 Venue: Philbeach Hall, 51 Philbeach Gardens,
 London SW5 9EB
www.fraternityspiritistsociety.org.uk

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 "2014 - The Year of the Family and
 the Gospel at Home in the UK"

8th / Monday - 7pm to 9pm
ALLAN KARDEC STUDY GROUP-UK
 Theme: "Depression - the scourge of the
 century - as seen by Medicine and Spiritism"
 Venue: 1A, Jewel Road, WALTHAMSTOW,
 London - E17 4QX
www.aksq-uk.org.uk

10th / Wednesday - 10.30 to 11.30am
SPIRITIST GROUP FOR PEACE
 Theme: "Reincarnation and Immortality"
 Venue: Oxford House room 8 Bethnal Green,
 Derbyshire Street, E2 6HG
<http://http://peace-uk.webs.com>

10th / Wednesday - 7.30 to 9.30pm
SIR WILLIAM CROOKES SPIRITIST SOCIETY
 Theme: "Madness and Obsession"
New Venue: St Silas Community Hall,
 Penton St, London N1 9UL
 (Tube - Angel) - Buses - 4, 19, 30, 38, 43, 56, 73, 153,
 205, 214, 274, 341, 394, 476 www.sirwilliam.org

11th / Thursday - 6.45 to 7.45pm
SOLIDARITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY
 Theme: "Astronomia e Cosmologia - uma Visão
 Espírita" (talk in Portuguese)
 Venue: 59 Wandsworth High Street,
 SW18 2PT
www.solidarityspiritistsociety.org.uk

LATEST NEWS:

SPIRITIST CENTRE FOR PEACE,
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SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF LONDON
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FRANCIS OF ASSISI-Society of Spiritist Studies
francisofassisiuk@gmail.com

Are in new premises same address but in different days and times: Room 2, Second Floor, Oxford House in East London, E2 6HG, TEL: 07950181581

The Seminar with Dr Sergio Thiesen and Dr David Luke was a great success on Saturday 6th September. The majority of attendees were English speakers.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL "SPIRITIST MEDIUMSHIP SEMINAR"

Saturday - 27th September 2014
 From 2pm to 8pm

Marta Antunes
 de Moura



This Seminar is the initial preparation for the eventual formation of a fixed and regular Spiritist Mediumship Meeting or learn about it. Open to participants from other countries and the UK.

[Under reservation only - bussevents@gmail.com](mailto:bussevents@gmail.com)

Marta A. de Moura is Vice-President of the Brazilian Spiritist Federation and National Coordinator for the Mediumship Dept. of the National Federative Committee-Brazil.

Organized by: BUSS, Assisted by: GII, Sponsored by: FEB

Marta Antunes & Ruth Salgado:
27 September - Mediumship Special Seminar for Preparation workers of the Spiritist groups in the task of Mediumship.

Reserve place for your Group workers
Please call us:
07950181581

Saturday 25th October 2014 - 3 Doctors from AME International-Brazil
3.30pm to 6pm - QMUL-Mile End Campus
Under reservation only:
bit.ly/BUSS_conference

Speakers:
 Giancarlo Lucchetti,
 Alessandra Granero and
 Jorge Daher

"Spirituality, Consciousness and Health Research Conference"

25th OCTOBER 2014
 Saturday - 2pm to 6pm
 London - RESERVATION ONLY

SPEAKERS



Dr. Alessandra Granero Lucchetti



Prof. Giancarlo Lucchetti



Dr. Jorge Daher

Post-life Memories
 Historical and cultural aspects of the pineal gland
 Survival of consciousness after death

Location: Queen Mary University of London, Mason Lecture Theatre, Bancroft Building, Mile End Campus, Mile End Rd, E1 4NS.
 Free Admission
 Reservation: www.bit.ly/BUSS_conference
bussevents@gmail.com
www.buss.org.uk



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More events in Sept Oct in the BUSS website
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