

**Cancelled | Jungian Odyssey 2020 | New Coronavirus** March 15, 2020

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and ISAP Students,

With great regret, we must inform you that we are compelled to cancel this year's Jungian Odyssey (May 23-30). We delayed our decision as long as possible. However, we now have no choice but to adjust to this challenging collective situation, characterized by daily uncertainties arising from the unexpected rapid spread of the New Coronavirus and the rapidly expanding restrictions on international travel.

Correspondingly, the Swiss Federal Government and the cantonal governments have strictly limited group sizes, reserving the right to tighten the limits on short notice. The Odyssey 2020 is especially impacted by the rules recently put into force by Canton Wallis to the effect that groups consisting of more than 50 people are banned. Further, we are required to advise people age 65 and older to avoid not only groups of this size but also even smaller groups. The latter warning applies to *all seniors*, i.e. not only to those with health conditions that do or could increase one's vulnerability to the contagion.

The federal and cantonal rules—not to mention common sense and concern for our common welfare—make it impossible for this year's Odyssey to take place.

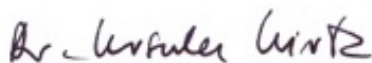
**Next Steps**

- If you already paid your Odyssey registration fees, we offer to: (1) credit your payment toward the Odyssey 2021 (May 22-29); or (2) refund your payment now without the imposition of administrative fees. **Whichever way you choose, we kindly ask you to inform us of your decision by contacting Kathrin Schaeppi: [kathrin.schaeppi@jungianodyssey.com](mailto:kathrin.schaeppi@jungianodyssey.com)**
- Remember to cancel your flight and/or other personal travel arrangements in due time. If you reserved a hotel for your transitional stay in Zürich, we remind you to cancel this, too, in due time. For such purposes, feel free to present this letter and/or contact us if further verification is needed.

We grieve this turn of events, descending upon us like a *deus ex machina*. Bending to the will of greater forces, we see the special irony of abandoning our most pertinent topic: *Searching for Soul in Times of Anxiety*. Or, perhaps we needn't abandon it for now, but instead, enter into it and ponder such questions as: in the midst of collective and personal anxiety, might soul be discovered or restored in the shape of *communitas*? We will revive this topic and address such questions at the Odyssey in 2021.

We will truly miss seeing you this year but hope to welcome you at a future Odyssey. Meanwhile, we thank you for your kind understanding and send you our warmest regards.

On behalf of the Jungian Odyssey Committee  
and ISAPZÜRICH,



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