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**International biodynamic viticulture conference
New ways for the regeneration of the Vine**

Colmar (F) 16th-18th November 2012

The vine is a plant that has accompanied man since remote times. Nowadays the vine is endangered. Soil problems, pollution, diseases, biodiversity, etc. Winegrowers face many questions. Every time more wine growers become interested in biodynamic wine growing. In this context, this conference will bring interested wine growers together to exchange their experience and learn from the presentations of various contributors (Nicolas Joly, Georg Meißner and Pierre Masson have confirmed their presence). We will mainly be concerned about the questions: How to understand the foundations of biodynamic wine growing? What is the nature of the vine? How to best cultivate, care for and prune the vine? What landscape components can promote the health of the vine? How can we understand the substances used in the production of wine? What is the role of the wine grower nowadays?

To enhance the exchange, this conference will be held in three languages (German, French and English) and take place in Colmar – the historic capital of the Alsatian wine growing region. To get in touch with the work of Rudolf Steiner – the founder of anthroposophy and biodynamic agriculture – we will spend half a day in Dornach (near Basel/Switzerland) and visit the Goetheanum and its garden park – the world wide centre of Steiner initiatives (biodynamic agriculture, Waldorf pedagogy, anthroposophic medicine, etc.). This visit shall bring us closer to the roots of biodynamic wine growing.

The substantive work with questions concerning the vine will be complemented by comforting and festive moments such as tastings, dinners and performances.

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