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Tickets now on sale for the 2018 World Bufo Alvarius Congress

It is with great pleasure that we announce the launch of the first World Bufo Alvarius Congress (WBAC), to be held in City July 27th-29th, 2018.

The Bufo Alvarius toad, also known as the Incilius Alvarius, or the Sonoran Desert Toad, is native to the Sonoran desert of northern Mexico and over into the southern United States. The venom contains potent chemicals that protect it from predators, amongst which are powerful psychedelic compounds like 5-MeO-DMT, that have also brought it to the historical attention of consciousness researchers.

Current explorations of this compound by scientists, academics and independent researchers show promise as a medicine, a spiritual key and a consciousness tool that can perhaps aid in the transformation of humanity.

It is the sincere intention of the WBAC organizers to invite those that have been touched by the power of the Bufo Alvarius toad to finally come together and meet one another face to face, as brothers and sisters in this work. In that vein we are pleased to announce our first round of local and international speakers, with more to be confirmed:

SPEAKERS: Raymundo Barnett (Seri tribe), Maria Garcia (Tohono tribe), Albert Most (Church of the Toad of Light), Wade Davis (Professor of Anthropology), Ralph Metzner (author, psychedelic pioneer), Martin Ball, Ph.D (author), Dr. Gerry Sandoval (practitioner), Octavio Rettig (practioner), Beto Basilo (co-ordinator), HariHar Fink (therapist), Pit Prieto (media maker), Dean Jefferys (documentarian), Rak Razam (author), Sebastian Job (Ph.D, anthropology), Flor Bollini (psycho-spiritual entrepreneur), Rita Kokarova (researcher), Yannina Thomassiny (journalist), Tricia Eastman (psychedelic pioneer), Dr. Joseph Barsuglia (research director), Jack Charles Alloca Ph.D, (research fellow), Dr. Michael Villaneuva (clinical psychologist), Dr. Juan Acosta (neuroscientist), Chad Charles (breathworker), Kira Kitane (environmentalist), Hope Latimer (integrationist), Filipe Zaruba (filmmaker), Leo Bondani (filmmaker), Tanya Phoenix (integrationalist) and more TBC.

We believe it is no coincidence that the toad medicine is making itself known now, in these times. This is a unique moment in history, and we believe that we are all playing a vital role in it. The medicine of the Bufo Alvarius toad, while new to the world, is fast becoming a potent tool of consciousness transformation. It is sacred medicine and necessary medicine. It is asking all of us to step up, step forth, and be carriers of its light, and we can best do that together.

We understand that this medicine does not have a lineage with modern Sonoran tribes and its usage by historical Mesoamerican tribes remains to be proven, but this medicine is now coming out now to the world. The knowledge of the toad cannot be retroactively taken back—the genie cannot be put back in the bottle—but collectively we can shape and ensure best use and appropriate relationship with the toad as this medicine continues to be a necessary force for transformation in the world.

The diversity and approaches to toad medicine have caused division and concern between many members of our evolving global community, online and off. Certain practitioners styles and concerns over adequate duty of care to seekers who experience the medicine, their integration and wellbeing, are foremost issues in online community discussions. We believe that these issues are real and valid, and that this conference can act as a meeting point, a gathering of the global toad tribes to witness, discuss, and move forward beyond division towards consensus on these issues.

We have invited speakers and organizations from many disciplines and arenas, even those that are controversial within our community. We do not endorse any one practitioner or organization, nor condone certain behaviors, but we do recognize that for there to be change, there has to be agreement. And to reach agreement we need to talk openly in person about the issues, to discuss the hard questions and to do so in a civil and mature way. This is the mark of a true community, and we believe this is the way forward.

Like other entheogens before it, the Bufo Alvarius medicine is also entering the Western commercial arena, and there are valid and pressing concerns around the sustainability of the toad, its commodification and role in the shamanic and scientific communities. By gathering together leading scientists, academics, practitioners, elders, indigenous people and commentators, we hope to pool this wisdom into an open council with the larger toad community to create momentum and action on these pressing issues. We hope we can recognize the diversity of our growing community and the legitimate paths the medicine is forging around the world, and that beyond the cultural politics, the egos and the personalities, we can work together in unity, as the promise of this medicine has shown.

Despite our differences—maybe because of them—we can be stronger. We can guide and support one another on this journey. This is why we invite you ALL to be part of the World Bufo Alvarius Congress 2018 to be part of this conversation, to contribute your wisdom to the cultural dialogue, and to be part of the solution.

Join us!

All is One.

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