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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dear Friends,  As already announced during the Agriculture Conference 2024 in February, Jean-Michel Florin stepped down as co-leader of the Section for Agriculture at the end of August. We sincerely thank him for his enormous dedication and his work in the global biodynamic movement. Jean-Michel Florin has been deeply committed to establishing biodynamics worldwide, especially in countries with low GDP. He will now continue this mission as co-president of the Biodynamic Federation Demeter International. In addition, he will continue his work with MABD (Mouvement de l’Agriculture Bio-Dynamique) in France. We wish Jean-Michel Florin all the best in his future endeavors and look forward to staying connected with him.  At the same time, we warmly welcome Eduardo Rincón Gallardo! He now leads the Section for Agriculture together with Ueli Hurter. As the former president of the Biodynamic Association of Mexico and a biodynamic farmer, advisor, teacher, artist, researcher, and founder of La Huerta de Vinci – a project dedicated to biodynamic education, practice, and the production of medicinal plants and remedies – he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. You can read more about Eduardo Rincón G. in our [**Circular 124 (pp. 5–6)**](https://www.goetheanum.org/fileadmin/landwirtschaft/Dateien_zum_downloaden/Circular_124_EN.pdf). We are very pleased that Eduardo Rincón G. has joined us, and we look to the future with confidence.  Your team from the Section for Agriculture | | |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **FREE NOW Monthly online courses "Agri-culture: rhythms and rituals"** With Jean-Michel Florin and Eduardo Rincón  We have decided to offer a free monthly online course to allow as many interested people as possible to participate. However, we would be grateful if you could support our work by making a contribution. The courses are held in English and translated into Spanish.  [**Making a contribution**](https://www.sektion-landwirtschaft.org/en/deepen-biodynamics/agri-culture-rhythms-and-rituals?tx_pxpdonatesaferpay_pi2%5Baction%5D=mediathekSelected&tx_pxpdonatesaferpay_pi2%5Bcontroller%5D=Product&cHash=224a9eaca073bd5c4707acf7be0156e1)  **September Course: "The active role of the farmer"** Monday, 9 September 2024, 2–3.30 PM CET  The world is constantly in motion. Every place on Earth, every farm, has its unique character and individuality concerning its environment and biography, in which humans play a central role. As humans, particularly farmers, we are called upon not only to remain in motion but to develop, shape, and transform ourselves. Transformation can occur through the conscious development of our inner attitudes and deliberate action in the outer world. Together, we will explore various tools to connect with nature, a farm, and the world, contributing to the healthy transformation of the Earth.  **October Course: "Cosmic influence on plants"** Monday, 7 October 2024, 2–3.30 PM CET  Plants, as mirrors of the environment, are very receptive to cosmic influences. To understand this better, we also need to look at the cosmos. In what rhythms do the sun, our moon and the planets in our solar system move? What qualities do they characterise? We look at Rudolf Steiner's image of the superior and inferior planets  and identify various sources of cosmic influence on the plant world. | | |
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