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Using The Law to get Ibogaine into the system

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Our Constitution says:

Article 7

The state and religious communities shall be separate.

Religious communities shall enjoy equal rights; they shall pursue their activities freely.

Which means that Republic of Slovenia can not interfere with religious subjects of Sacrament of Transition. Which again means, that we are free to perform all our religious related work (including initiations with Ibogaine).

Article 41

Religious and other beliefs may be freely professed in private and public life.

Which means that anyone can choose to have initiation in the Sacrament of Transition.

Our Law on Religious Freedom says:

Article 2

(1) Religious freedom in the private and public life is inviolable and guaranteed.

(2) The scope of religious freedom includes right of free choice or acceptance of religion, freedom of religious belief, as well as the rejection of its expression, and the freedom that everyone, alone or jointly with others, privately or publicly, express their faith in worship, teaching and practice or otherwise.

5) The State ensures undisturbed exercise of rights of religious freedom.

Which means that anyone can choose and express their religion and religious beliefs anywhere, and the State of Slovenia is responsible for undisturbed initiations.

Article 4

(3) The State should be neutral with regard to religious beliefs.

(4) The State can not advocate on religious issues.

Which means that we can do whatever we want – as long as we define it as a religious practice (and it's not against The Law)

Article 24

(1) Persons who are under arrest by a court decision or have been limited movement <...and so on...> have the right for the regular individual and collective religious spiritual care.

(2) The material conditions for the exercise of the rights of the preceding paragraph provides the Ministry of Justice.

5) Every detained person must have, within the limits of possibilities, a possibility to participate in religious ceremonies, which are organized in an institution.

Which means that we can visit prisoners and perform initiations in jail. Ministry of Justice pays for all material conditions we need, except our work and our Sacred Sacrament.

This subject of religious practicing in jail is further detailed in special Regulations.

Article 25

(1) Persons in hospitals or social security institutions, which provide institutional care, have the right for regular individual and collective religious spiritual care.

(5) Hospitals and institutions that provide institutional care, provide space and technical conditions for religious spiritual care.

Which means that we can visit patients and perform initiations in hospitals. Ministry of Health pays for all material conditions we need, except our work and our Sacred Sacrament.

This subject of religious practicing in hospitals is further detailed in special Regulations.

Practically, this means:

1. Sacrament of Transition is in the process to sign a Treaty with the Republic of Slovenia, by which the State will recognise our need and right for pure air, pure drinking water, and religious use of our Sacred Sacrament.

2. From December 2008 to middle February 2009, I was regularly visiting jail in Maribor, providing religious spiritual care to one of the believers of the Sacrament of Transition, who was a guest there. I demanded a special room for performing religious ceremonies, which must be at least 25 sq. meters big, must be warm, and there must be two wooden beds 1 by 2 meters inside, together with a wooden desk, a carpet made of natural fibres (minimum 1,5 x 2,5 meters), and Wi-Fi. Since I didn't get anything demanded by the date I specified, legal actions were taken (because of violation of Constitution).

3. I am preparing to perform initiations in the only Detox center in Slovenia, in Ljubljana. One of our believers is currently there for 14-week detox program. Dr. Kastelic, head of the Detox center, was initially very cooperative. At the beginning of February, I had a meeting with him to discuss details of initiation, and he was (not surprisingly) very much against a Sacrament of Transition initiations in his Detox center. He said that he will not allow patients to receive any psychoactive substances, except those prescribed by his Medical Doctors. The meeting ended with this, and I started to complain at Human Rights Ombudsman, Patient Rights Ombudsman, Ministry of Health, Medical Chamber of Slovenia... I haven't taken this to Court so far, hopefully I will not have to.

4. Sacrament of Transition is in the process to sign a Treaty with the Republic of Slovenia, by which the State will recognise our right to deliver religious spiritual care in prisons and hospitals. The draft of these Treaties are written in such a manner that Sacrament of Transition will have much more rights than are »guaranteed« by special Regulations. Hopefully, these Treaties will open doors to prisons and Detoc center.

5. There's lot of work to be done.....

There are three other things I'd like to draw attention to:

1. A priest of mine had a case when a male wanted to repeat the initiation. The priest knew that at the first initiation of this person everything was really easy and smooth. The second initiation, though, was the hardest experience for both! After initiation, it turned out that initiate took some LSD four days before initiation, and this was likely the cause for such a terrible time they both had.

2. Digital scales with precision of 0,01 g are NOT showing precisely 1/100 of a gram! The last digit (1/100) is informational. These digital scales are showing precisely 1/10 of a gram. So, it's not a very good idea to weight 100 mg (0,1 g) into each capsule separately, because the end amount may differ from the wanted dose for someone. I suggest to weight the whole dose for a given person, and then fill this dose into capsules.

3. As of April 2008, Ibogaine is illegal in Croatia.