

**Report Form Type A (Organizational Project or Publication)**  
**of IABC Grant Aid from June 2016 thru May 2017**

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\* Title of Project or Publication I. Regular activities

**\* Aim of Project or Publication**

We would like to reach also the younger generation with our universal message of wisdom and compassion, especially in this time where the ability of youngsters to make real human contact is being challenged by the abundant presence of social media. We continue our strategy of (1) to learn to know the Buddha Dharma; (2) to experience and deepen the Dharma and (3) spread the Dharma.

2017 was a year of transition for our sangha. Fons passed on some of his responsibilities to different sangha members to be able to focus primarily on his health and his recovery. Although it was a tough year, we are confident that we can continue Fons' work with the same commitment into the future.

**\* Summary of Project or Publication (description of contents and procedures)**

Gradually taking over some tasks of Rev. Daijo Fons Martens, we discover and appreciate his organizational skills and we can build on the foundations he laid for our organization the years to come. After a year of transition, we are ready to carry on and expand our activities in the following year.

We will do this first of all by offering weekly services and holiday services, and by offering a weekly dharma talk. We are currently looking for a new manager for our new website [www.jiko.be](http://www.jiko.be) and we will continue to spread the Buddha Dharma and Shinran Shonin's teachings by the publication of our quarterly magazine EKO. To reach an even more varied audience, we consider to start up giving courses

again. The document *Report of activities 2017* pictures our activities of the past year in greater detail.

**\* Current State of Progress**

In 2017 we have managed to keep functioning as a sangha, despite the health problems of our temple manager and having to take over some of his tasks. With our small but engaged group, we make a slow but certain progress.

**\* Results**

2017 was a challenging year for our sangha, but it was also clearly proof of our commitment to continue the work of Fons and his predecessor Shitoku Peel.

**\* Future Prospects**

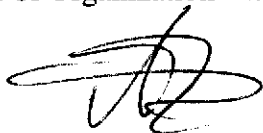
We are determined to continue our engagement for several years to come, despite the current problems we face (state of health of Fons, major urgent reparations on our building in 2018).

**\* Report of Expenditure**

Description	Amount Paid	Description	Amount Paid
Taxes	€ 1290,31,-	Various Expenses	€ 29,50,-
Materials & Furniture	€ 89,93,-	Shop & Library : acquisitions	€ 0,-
Maintenance & Repair	€ 3700,09,-	Publication Eko	€ 1000,52,-
Insurances	€ 780,52,-	Courses - costs	€ 0,-
Electricity & Gas	€ 1647,35,-	Bank - costs	€ 10,-
Water : A.W.W.	€ 367,45,-		
Administration	€ 838,63,-		
Memberschip	€ 140,-	<b>Total costs</b>	<b>€ 9894,30,-</b>

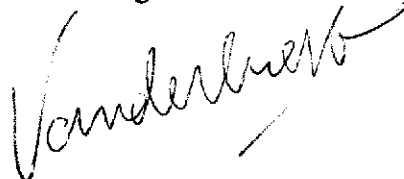
We hereby certify that all the above information is correct. We agree that any of this information is released to the committee members of IABC and the third-party committee for the IABC Grant Aid, and disclosed on the IABC website. We will provide additional information if requested.

Signature of Organization Member One Rev. Daijo Fons Martens



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Signature of Organization Member Two Sven Vanderbiest



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# Activity Report Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme vzw 2017

## 1 Real estate

During the month of January, Nicolas noticed a small leak on the upper floor of the building : a puddle of water had appeared under the hatch to the attic.

On Wednesday the 17th of May, a worker of Roof-it, made us an offer for the reparation of the leak. He also noticed that the roof over the library still needed some finishing. These works were succesfully carried out at the beginning of August.

## 2 Library and publications

In June Het Boeddhistisch Dagblad published an interview with Fons and a book review of a book written by Thich Nhat Hanh by Heidi :

- "I take refuge to Amida Buddha" (interview with Fons, text Kees Moerbeek, the 20th of June 2017)
- "In each one of us there is the wil to create a land of bliss" (text Heidi Verwimp based on the book Finding Our True Home, Living in the Pure land Here and Now by Thich Nhat Hanh, the 21th of June 2017)

From the autumn edition, the editing of our magazine EKO was taken over by Sven. Heidi has the booklets printed at a new printer XPO in Mortsel. Even now many people still appreciate our magazine!

## 3 Internal contacts

In order to relieve Fons' tasks, the **monthly newsletters** are made and sent by other sangha members, starting from January. The first 3 news letters of the year 2017 are sent by Heidi, from April onwards, Benny takes over.

Sunday the **12th of February** at 10.00 am, we celebrated **Nehan-E**, Nirvana-day or the passing into parinirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha.

Ater a simple meal for the participants, our annual General Meeting of our association Centrum voor Shin-Boeddhisme, started at 1.30 pm. Afterwards, a report of this meeting was sent to all members.

Sunday the **9th of April** we celebrated "**Hana Matsuri**" or the Japanese floral festival.

Tuesday, the **25th of April** we exceptionally had no ceremony, but a little meeting/brainstorm session concerning the future of Jikoji.

At the meeting a number of useful things were brought about again about the urgent repairs of the building. It was confirmed that we remain committed to the building and the future of our organization, regardless of the limited financial resources and the lower number of visitors in the past year.

In **May** our temple manager, Fons, announces that he will be less active for a while. His state of health is more serious than expected and he will have to focus on his recovery.

The dharmatalks are each week (as much as possible) given by another member of the sangha. Because this is quite a change for everyone, it is not always possible to stick to the announced monthly theme.

In the future we want to experiment with an "open circle discussion" and "question and answer".

If this is received positively, we possibly could reserve a fixed Tuesday evening for this.

Sunday the **11th of June** we had a meeting during brunch. Additional to solving practical issues (to ease Fons' work), attention was given to the aspect of content. A recurring concern was that we should not neglect the Dharma. There must be some room for social, informal contact, but we must also continue to engage in the spiritual experience. A follow-up meeting will take place at the end of the summer.

Despite the summer break in the month of July, a number of sangha members were present on Tuesday, **July 11th**, to clean the temple rooms more thoroughly and to maintain the garden.

At the beginning of **August** the company Roof-it repaired the leak in the roof, they also finished the flat roof above the library. According to the craftsmen, long-term consideration should be given to a complete replacement of the roofing on the upper roof. For now, we will stay dry for a while...

On the **13th of August** we celebrated **O-Bon** in Jikoji and we were pleasantly surprised by the big attendance.

**August 15** there exceptionally was no ceremony. We received a short visit of Frank Kobs from the German Anjin-do temple.

Chewang, a Nepalese friend of Fons and living in Japan, led the ceremony and gave a dharma talk on **the 5th of September**. He told us about the many activities in the Jounji temple where he works and resides. Afterward he gave all the sangha members a nice gift. It certainly was an evening to remember for Jikoji!

On Friday **the 8th of September**, Fons and Benny, along with some other members of the sangha, showed Chewang around in the centre of Antwerp.

On Sunday, **September 24**, there was a follow-up meeting on the future of Jikoji. Jeannine took initiative to let this meeting take place at her home instead of at the temple.

**O-Higan** was celebrated on Tuesday, **September 26**, and Marcus, known for his poetry in EKO, could exceptionally be present on a weekday.

On Friday, **October 20**, a number of sangha members, went to watch the meditative film "Walk with me" in the city cinema Cartoons.

On the **24th of October** three female students paid us a visit regarding a school task on buddhism.

On **November 12th** we celebrated **Ho-on-ko** at 10.00 am, the feast of gratitude for Shinran Shonin, with no less than 12 participants!

In **November**, sangha member Sven put his monthly guided meditations on hold. The initiative will be restarted later.

On **December 19th** we discussed the transfer of the Jikoji websites [www.jikoji.com](http://www.jikoji.com) & [www.jiko.be](http://www.jiko.be). Fons is looking for someone to replace him in managing these websites. The jikoji mailbox [info@jikoji.com](mailto:info@jikoji.com) was also handed over to Benny.

On **December 21**, two employees of Monument Watch came to see the building on the inside and outside and to point out the urgent and less urgent repairs. At the beginning of 2018 they will send us a voluminous report with numerous photographs.

On **December 28th** we joined at 3pm concerning the moving and returning of the keys of Nicolas. This meant the end of his very successful job as a janitor.

#### **4 Participation of Jikoji in the activities of other sangha's**

Unfortunately, the meditation meetings of Tom Hannes (Bodaishin) ended (April).

#### **5 Other external contacts**

In 2017 we had **8** contact moments with a total of **25** external visitors

On Friday, **January 6**, Charlotte Rahier, Eline Schoors and Hannelore Vermeylen (students nursery school Campus Vorselaar) came to visit for an interview.

In **February** Elena (granddaughter of Jeannine) and her friend Chaima came along to make a documentary for a school work. The result is a very nice and positive video about our Sangha. Make sure you take a quarter of an hour to view it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vt19j8E6NmcY&feature=youtu.be>

On Sunday, **the 12th of February**, prior to the Nehan-E celebration, we were visited by the son, grandson and granddaughter of Jeannine.

On **February 20** Finn Vanderbiest, Svens cousin and trainee from 30/11 - 06/12/2015, visited the temple.

On Friday, **February 17** we went - for the third year in a row! - to the Cardinal Van Roey Institute, Mgr. Donchelei 7, 2290 Vorselaar in the context of their "Dialogue between different life philosophies".

An activity also took place on **February 22** for another four classes at this institute, both in their department in Vorselaar and in Lille.

Tuesday, **March 14th** - between 4.15 pm and 6.00 pm - 23 students and their 2 supervisors from the 6th year internship ASO of the Abdijschool van Zevenkerken visited us for a short meditation exercise and introduction to Shin Buddhism.

We would like to share a bit of the response of the teacher of religion & philosophy:

*"[...] In the past few days I have asked the pupils about their findings and these were unanimously*

*positive, and they have gained a better insight in the religious traditions of the East, and have had some enriching experiences."*

In **May**, Jikoji took his first steps on Facebook. It is a good medium to announce our Tuesday nights and extra activities to a varied audience. If you have a Facebook account, you can find us by typing "JIKOJI.Antwerp" in the search bar.

In mutual agreement with the sangha, Fons sent an update of his state of health to Esho Sasaki on **July the 4th**.

In July, **Benny** came into contact with some of Bodaishin's former visitors through social media. Despite the fact that the meditation sessions with Tom Hannes ended on Monday evenings, there was clearly still interest in meditating together and in the future a new initiative could be started in our temple.

On **the 13th of August**, Robin Poortmans, Christel and Rune visited the temple.

On **the 29th of August** it was Paul Moors' turn to visit us and a colleague from hospital and his wife, paid Fons a visit on **August 31**.

On **the 5th of October** Fons, together with his sisters Margriet and Annie, had a meeting with Prof. Takao Aoyama in Eko-Haus, Düsseldorf.

## **6 Financial report**

### **I Revenues**

In 2017 we received a recurrent gift of Japan of € 4769,48 (line 5), one of the most substantial gifts Jikōji ever received. Member-donations from the Netherlands and Belgium dropped down to € 621,50 (line 6). In February 2017 one of the two Zen-groups terminated their weekly activities in Jikōji, being the main reason why revenues out of lectures diminished to € 544,8 (line7). In 2017 we booked € 2200 (line 8) for the temporary rental of rooms to a sangha-member, which started in 2016. During the whole of 2017 no courses were organized in our class room. Sales from our shop amount to € 180 (line10). The revenues out of bank interests further went down to a historical low amount of € 21,45 (line 11). We booked some various revenues for the value of € 77,14 (line 12).

### **II Expenses**

The first of our expenses are required taxes. In 2017 we payed the amount of € 1290,31 (line 16), which includes the tax on non-profit association and twice the taxes on estate property (due to a recurring tax of 2016 which was not yet paid). On the upper floor of our house we replaced the existing lights with more ecological ones valuing € 89,93 (line17). Most of our expenses in 2017 went to repairing the roof by the company Roof-It for which we paid € 3635,80 (line 18). And for the renovation of the front door-lock we were billed € 64,29 (line 18).

In 2017 For insurances we paid two amounts: one amount for fire insurance concerning our building and its furniture (line 19: € 724,46) and one for insuring our volunteers of our association (line 19: € 56,06). Due to a permanent occupation of the upper floor of our house and the weekly presence of zen-groups costs for gas, electricity and water doubled compared to previous years (except for 2016), totaling € 2014,80 (lines 20 and 21).

Administration costs of € 838,36 (line 22) included our internet connection, the payment in advance of web hosting for two years and the printing of ceremonial texts. We renewed our membership of Monument Administration and payed an overdue membership for the Buddhist Union of Belgium, both valuing € 140 (line 23). Under diverse expenses we booked costs of our general annual meeting (line 24: € 29,50). In 2017 we renewed the publication of our quarterly magazine Ekō. Printing and shipping costs were €1000,52 (line 27). The costs for our bank account (line 29) ran into € 10,00.

### **III Revenues minus expenses**

In our financial report of previous year we already remarked that the favorable positive balance of 2016 was mainly due to urgent repairs which were postponed. Indeed, in 2017 we had a negative balance of € -1479,93 (line 46) essentially because of roofing-works. This year we will proceed with urgent renovations of timberwork and the sink roof-covering in order to avoid falling or collapsing wood causing damage to property or people. We hope our bank savings (line 43: € 16911,18) will suffice to finish these repairs.

Expenses and Revenues 2017										
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
I	Revenues									
	Subsidies/Legacies	0,00	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	955,90	0,00	0,00	500,00
	Grants Japan	4 769,48	5.497,71	4 437,87	4 383,20	3 865,68	4 828,50	3 279,50	3 130,63	2 946,38
	Grants B/NL	621,50	798,93	1 336,41	2 209,20	2 685,00	4 076,89	2 781,34	3 101,61	3 466,84
	Lectures	544,80	1.584,09	70,68	1 631,40	80,00	0,00	120,00	0,00	0,00
	Renting rooms	2 200,00	2.200,00	409,00						
	Courses - enrollments	0,00	48	1 813,00	1 719,00	214,00	1 406,00	1 582,00	1 834,00	1 460,00
	Shop sales	180,00	29	289,00	263,00	201,00	264,00	1 009,50	200,17	1 056,44
	Bank - interests	21,45	40,39	69,21	139,26	166,13	159,09	253,71	271,58	16,99
	Various revenues	77,14	7.814,33	27,35	322,05	0,00	292,73	599,39	10 385,85	2 893,91
	<b>total</b>	<b>8 414,37</b>	<b>18.012,45</b>	<b>8 452,52</b>	<b>10 667,11</b>	<b>7 211,81</b>	<b>11 983,11</b>	<b>9 625,44</b>	<b>18 923,84</b>	<b>12 340,56</b>
II	Expenses									
	General expenses									
	Taxes	1 290,31	177,39	738,88	797,96	782,81	421,42	432,22	514,85	415,58
	Materials & furniture	89,93	81,66	0,00	1 187,00	1 366,02	922,70	909,54	16 519,74	0,00
	Maintenance & repair	3 700,09	2.324,78	1 904,93	360,98	447,40	627,68	2 402,44	4 205,03	1 612,06
	Insurances	780,52	771,05	771,99	766,29	756,81	687,53	394,17	384,63	386,09
	Electricity & gas	1 647,35	1.521,27	808,23	986,93	1 077,37	974,88	1 255,75	1 450,46	1 873,34
	Water: A.W.W.	367,45	244,49	142,64	157,53	101,04	98,18	98,77	361,31	709,26
	Administration	838,63	567,27	1 393,31	1 586,32	1 215,73	1 210,21	809,18	1 010,98	3 010,28
	Membership	140,00	40	140,00	240,00	240,00	240,00	240,00	235,00	185,00
	Various expenses	29,50	7.017,79	0,00	0,00	7 000,00	0,00	158,78	0,00	0,00
	Publications									
	Shop & library: acquisitions	0,00	0	0,00	0,00	37,35	0,00	690,20	0,00	1 069,88
	Publication Eko	1 000,52	757,57	1 637,11	1 161,09	1 030,69	1 014,26	1 156,22	996,80	927,26
	Courses - costs	0,00	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	130,00	35,47	75,84	349,40
	Bank - costs	10,00	60	10,00	10,00	10,00	20,00	70,25	0,00	0,25
	<b>total</b>	<b>9 894,30</b>	<b>13.563,27</b>	<b>7 547,09</b>	<b>7 254,10</b>	<b>14 065,22</b>	<b>6 346,86</b>	<b>8 652,99</b>	<b>25 754,64</b>	<b>10 538,40</b>
III	Revenues minus Expenses (I-II)	-1 479,93	4.449,18	905,43	3 413,01	-6 853,41	5 636,25	972,45	-6 830,80	1 802,16
IV	Start balance book year	1/01/2017	1/01/2016	1/01/2015	1/01/2014	1/01/2013	1/01/2012	1/01/2011	1/01/2010	1/01/2009
	Cash	373,77	473	564,00	299,00	312,00	382,00	517,00	711,90	440,00
	Bank current account	4916,07	2.207,95	757,80	710,49	2 242,14	1 661,46	754,98	607,82	1 177,56
	Bank savings account	16895,52	15.065,23	15 518,95	12 418,25	17 727,01	12 601,44	12 400,47	19 183,53	17 083,53
	<b>start book year</b>	<b>22 185,36</b>	<b>17.746,18</b>	<b>16 840,75</b>	<b>13 427,74</b>	<b>20 281,15</b>	<b>14 644,90</b>	<b>13 672,45</b>	<b>20 503,25</b>	<b>18 701,09</b>
V	End balance book year	31/12/2017	31/12/2016	31/12/2015	31/12/2014	31/12/2013	31/12/2012	31/12/2011	31/12/2010	31/12/2009
	Cash	729,22	373,77	473,00	564,00	299,00	312,00	382,00	517,00	711,90
	Bank current account	3 065,03	4916,07	2 207,95	757,80	710,49	2 242,14	1 661,46	754,98	607,82
	Bank savings account	16 911,18	16895,52	15 065,23	15 518,95	12 418,25	17 727,01	12 601,44	12 400,47	19 183,53
	<b>end book year</b>	<b>20 705,43</b>	<b>22.185,36</b>	<b>17 746,18</b>	<b>16 840,75</b>	<b>13 427,74</b>	<b>20 281,15</b>	<b>14 644,90</b>	<b>13 672,45</b>	<b>20 503,25</b>
VI	Difference start & end balance (IV-V)	-1 479,93	4.439,18	905,43	3 413,01	-6 853,41	5 636,25	972,45	-6 830,80	1 802,16