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Ripa International Summer Retreat / 26 July – 17 August 2014

## Summer Retreat 2014

We are delighted to announce the 3rd Ripa International Summer Retreat 2014, which will take place in the beautiful setting of the Ripa International Center (RIC), in Switzerland, from July 26th until August 17th.

This wonderful retreat will be blessed by one of the most auspicious and unique events of Buddhism in the West! After repeated requests from both western and eastern students, for the first time in Europe, the Great Tertön H.E. Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche will bestow his Gongter, the full cycle of Empowerments from his own Mind Treasures, preceded by three days of Enriching Gesar Drupcho. With great love and compassion His Eminence has decided that these empowerments will be granted to his devoted students from the East and West and will be open to all those who would like to receive these wonderful blessings. The Summer Retreat 2014 will open with traditional teachings on Sutrayana, led by Khenpo Pema Thenpel – a «Dean» of the Orissa Monastery, in Buddhist philosophical studies. The Sutrayana teachings are suitable for both beginners as well as experienced students, as they reveal the traditional academic study of Buddhism, and will include daily question and answer sessions, as well as meditation and Yogom practices led by François Bertolero.

The Drupcho which follows, is a Vajrayana practice that will assist in the accumulation of merit and the dispelling of obstacles on the path. This intensive practice is combined with morning Ngondro accumulation practice, and the King of Confession practice which restores our Samaya, which is our commitment towards the Teacher, the deities and other beings of the MANDALA. These practices enable our mind to transcend its habitual tendencies, to become receptive, and to be able to open and to absorb the great power, blessings and wisdom of the Gongter transmission.

*Historically, in the 8th century in Tibet, Guru Rinpoche gave countless tantric teachings to King Trisong Detsen, his sons,*

*and other disciples. Out of great love and compassion, they decided to hide most of these teachings to benefit future generations.*

*These concealed teachings constitute the Terma lineage, and are classified as either Earth Treasures or Mind Treasures.*

*Earth Treasures: Yeshe Tsogyal, the spiritual consort of Guru Rinpoche, and some of his main disciples wrote down the teachings in different scripts, such as the Dakini's secret language, and hid them in the earth, inside the rocks, trees and in the water.*

*At the appropriate time, many years afterwards, the great Tertons, who received from Guru Rinpoche the blessings to find these treasures, reveal these concealed teachings.*

*In the case of the Mind Treasures, or Gongter, through the blessings of Guru Rinpoche the brief and extensive texts and their meaning flow profusely from the awakened minds of the Tertons to benefit all sentient beings.*

We extend a heartfelt invitation to you, and hope that you will be able to attend this auspicious event and that you will be able to find the time in your schedule, so that your heart may be touched by the compassion and the profound wisdom of a living Tertön. Allow yourself to discover your clear and luminous nature and dive deep into three weeks of inner peace and beauty!

In the case you are unable to participate on all days of the Gongter, we offer the unique opportunity to participate in the empowerments on a daily basis. It is wonderful that we have a center that makes it possible for newcomers and students from all over the world to meet together, and to combine East and West, to develop our practice, to share experiences, to enjoy the support of the Sangha and to find new friends. With great inspiration we look forward to the auspicious and fruitful presence of the Ripa teachers, which will bring us much happiness and clarity!

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# Overview Program

## PART 1

26 JULY – 1 AUGUST

**BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY & PRACTICE**  
Sutrayana & Yogom

### ARRIVAL

July, 26 / from 4pm

### DEPARTURE

August, 1 / check-out 9am

## PART 2

1 – 16 AUGUST

**BUDDHIST RELIGION & PRACTICE**

**PROGRAM A: 1–5 AUGUST**

**Gesar Enrichment Drupcho**

### ARRIVAL

August, 1 / from 4pm

### DEPARTURE

August, 5 / after lunch

**PROGRAM B: 6-17 AUGUST**

**Gongter transmission**

### ARRIVAL

August, 6 / from 11am

### DEPARTURE

August, 17 / check-out 9am  
End of the Summer Retreat

You may participate in the Part 2 of the retreat according to your individual schedule: program A, B, or A&B.

## GONGTER

**BESTOWAL OF THE COMPLETE CYCLE OF EMPOWERMENTS OF THE GREAT TERTON H.E. NAMKHA DRIMED RABJAM RINPOCHE'S MIND TREASURE**

The precious introduction teaching on Gongter by His Eminence Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche

August, 6 / 4pm

Guru Rinpoche Empowerment  
Dorje Drolo Empowerment

August, 7 / 9.30am

August, 7 / 3pm

Vajra Kilaya Empowerment

August, 8 / 9.30am–5pm

Dakini Yeshe Tsogyal Empowerment  
Dorje Sempa Empowerment

August, 9 / 9.30am

August 9 / 3pm

Gesar Lama Empowerment  
Pacifying Gesar Empowerment

August, 10 / 9.30am

August, 10 / 3pm

Magnetizing Gesar Empowerment  
Gesar Lord of Drala Empowerment

August, 11 / 9.30am

August, 11 / 3pm

Shitro Empowerment:  
100 peaceful and wrathful deities

August 12 / 9.30am–5pm

Wrathful Gesar extensive Empowerment

August 13 / 9.30am–5pm

Wrathful Gesar brief Empowerment & Gesar Protectors

August 14 / 9.30 am–5pm

Enriching Gesar Empowerment

August 15 / 9.30am–1pm

**His Eminence's Long Life Puja and closing Thanksgiving Ceremony**

**August 16 / 6.30am**

Lingdro dance by Tibetan Community & closing performance

August 16 / 3pm

Each empowerment can be attended separately or attended from afar with donation. Please refer to [www.ripa-international.com](http://www.ripa-international.com)

On site accomodation is given, in priority, to guests staying for the whole period of Part 2, August, 1-17 e.g. programs A&B together.

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## BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

### SUTRAYANA & YOGOM

#### Introduction to Shine meditation

In 2012 Dungsey Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche initiated a 5-year study course of the Jewel of Dharma from the Sutra up to highest Yoga Tantra. It consists of study and practice. The intellectual, analyzing mind that wants to fully discern the truth and the contemplative state of being at ease that could actually experience the truth going beyond intellectualization.

**STUDY:** Dungsey Lhuntrul Dechen Gyurmey Rinpoche, and Khenpo Pema Thenpel, responsible for the philosophy training in the Ripa Monastery in Orissa will introduce to us the foundation of the Buddha Dharma.

**PRACTICE:** We will focus on the primary meditation method called «Shamata», «Shiné» or «Calm abiding». To find this calm and keep the meditative posture, François Bertolero, an experienced yoga teacher, will train us in YOGOM, a special technique developed by Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche. «Yog» in Sanskrit means «unify» and «Gom» in Tibetan means «meditation and perfecting». Combining yoga exercises and the meditative state, we will unite body and mind.



Khenpo Pema Thenpel



François Bertolero

#### KHENPO PEMA THENPEL

Khenpo Pema Thenpel from his young age onwards has devoted his life to the Buddha Dharma. Under the guidance of the Ripa lineage holder, and elder brother of His Eminence, Kyabje Amzin Rinpoche, he started his training in the monastic life and perfected it with the full nine years cursus of Nyingma Training under the guidance of H.H. Penor Rinpoche. Today Pema Thenpel is in charge as resident Khenpo of the Ripa monastery Rigon Thubten Mindrolling in Orissa (India) and works closely under Dungsey Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche in ensuring steady flow of study and training of young monks, encouraging and upholding traditional monastic values, preservation and promotion of the Buddha's teaching.

#### FRANÇOIS BERTOLERO

François Bertolero, professional Yoga Teacher, is a close student of Gyetrul Jigme Rinpoche since the foundation of Padma Ling France. Rinpoche has developed with François the technique of YOGOM. For the Yogom part please bring comfortable clothes and yoga mat with you.

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### PROGRAM A

BUDDHIST RELIGION & PRACTICE

## GESAR ENRICHMENT DRUPCHO

1 – 5 AUGUST 2014

«Drupcho» means «Great Accomplishment» in Tibetan and is one of the most elaborate forms of Vajrayana Buddhist practice. This part introduces us to the Tantric view: transformation from our confusion and dualistic approach into the pure spontaneous manifestation of our basic sanity.

Drupcho consists of the elaborated performance of a sadhana of the Three Roots or a particular Guru, Yidam or Dakini, led by a Vajra master. The practice includes the recitation of the approach, accomplishment and activity mantras, as well as the preparation of a mandala with tormas and other ritual elements, and beautiful performances of ritual musical instruments.

A Drupcho is a rare opportunity to concentrate body, speech, and mind in spiritual application, resulting in realization and merit to sustain spiritual development in this and future lives. Sincere participation in a Drupcho is said to generate great merit and the potential to attain realization. Dedicating the practice to all sentient beings extends this benefit and enhances world peace and prosperity.

King Gesar, originating from the ancient kingdom of Ling, an enlightened ruler, represents the enriching activity of both spiritual and material pure energies. It's enriching aspect increases prosperity in all aspects of life, restores the vitality and splendor of the elements, increases material and spiritual wealth and fortune, creates positive conditions to practice Dharma and enhances our wellbeing.

Gesar practices are the mind-treasures of His Eminence Tertön Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche, and bring inconceivable blessings!

Participation in the Gesar Enrichment Drupcho increases merit, life force, windhorse, health and wealth both in material and spiritual aspects. We welcome you wholeheartedly to participate in any way suitable for you. You can participate from afar with a donation. Please refer to: [www.ripa-international.com](http://www.ripa-international.com)  
May good qualities, virtue, excellence and happiness increase!



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### PROGRAM B

#### BUDDHIST RELIGION & PRACTICE

## GONGTER TRANSMISSION: BESTOWAL OF THE COMPLETE CYCLE OF EMPOWERMENTS OF THE GREAT TERTON H.E. NAMKHA DRIMED RABJAM RINPOCHE'S MIND TREASURE

6–17 AUGUST 2014

In his previous lifetimes, H.E. Terton Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche was born as one of the greatest masters of India, the Mahasiddha Hunkara, and also in Tibet, as Lhopon Namkhai Nyingpo, one of the 25 main disciples of Guru Rinpoche who accomplished a great level of realization. In his present lifetime, he clearly recalled having been the brother of Gesar, Gyatsa Zhalkar. At the age of thirteen he vividly met Guru Rinpoche and received his blessings, and from this moment he repeatedly encountered the Three Roots, especially Gesar and his retinue, and received blessings from all of them. As a result, his Mind Treasures started to arise in his mind stream.

His Eminence's Gongter are characterized by the cycle of Rigsum Norbui Gongdzö – The Treasury of Gesar, the Incarnation of the Three Families, and also include practices of the Three Roots. The Guru practices comprise the peaceful and wrathful aspects of the Guru: Guru Rinpoche's brief, medium and extensive sadhanas, and Dorje Drolö's cycle. The Yidam practices consist of Vajrasattva's cycle and Vajra Kilaya's cycle. The Dakini practices take in Yeshe Tsogyal's brief and extensive sadhanas.

The Rigsum Norbui Gongdzö cycle encompasses the three aspects of Gesar as a Guru, as a Yidam performing the four Enlightened Activities – Pacifying, Enrichment, Magnetizing

and Wrathful – and also in connection with the 100 Shitro deities, and as a Protector under the form of Gesar Lord of Drala.

Regarding the Mind Treasures or Gongter, Gong means «awakened mind», a mind that is not confused, which abides in the true nature of the mind and phenomena. The general meaning of Ter is «endless» in the sense of «extremely abundant» just as the ocean contains plenty of water. In the same way, the brief and extensive texts and their meaning flow profusely from the awakened minds of the Tertons, by the blessings of Guru Rinpoche, to benefit all sentient beings.



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## THE RIPA TEACHERS

The 2014 Summer Retreat will be blessed by the presence of H.E. Terton Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche and Dungsey Lhuntrul Dechen Gyurmey Rinpoche. The two Rinpoches will lead the Gongter ceremonies and Empowerments.

### H.E. TERTON NAMKHA DRIMED RABJAM RINPOCHE

His Eminence Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche is the supreme head of the Ripa lineage of Nyingma Vajrayana Buddhism and a living Terton. The Ripa Lineage has its historical roots in the supreme head, Glorious Master Ripa Pema Deje Rolpa, the leader of both the family and Dharma lineages of Rigon Tashi Choeling Monastery. The practices of the Ripa lineage are based on Taksham Samten Lingpa's vast Terma cycle of revealed teachings which also includes the most elaborate account of the life of Yeshe Tsogyal. (Note, the Taksham teachings come from a time prior to Pema Deje Rolpa and are a Nyingma Cycle of teachings originating from Yeshe Tsogyal and her consort Arya Sale). Rinpoche is also the revealer of the complete cycle of teachings on the life of Gesar of Ling, the enlightened warrior-king of Tibet.

### DUNGSEY LHUNTRUL DECHEN GYURMEY RINPOCHE

Dungsey Lhuntrul Dechen Gyurmey Rinpoche was born in 1976 as the son of Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche and Khandro Chime Dolkar. He was recognized as the reincarnation of Jigme Tempay Gyeltsen, the 3rd Tamdrin Lhunpo Chogtrul and was enthroned by Kyabje Drupwang Penor Rinpoche. He completed the full nine-year studies and contemplation of SUTRA, TANTRA and general liberal arts topics at the Ngagyur Nyingma College in Mysore. He received a sacred stream of initiations, scriptural transmissions and instructions by the esteemed masters Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Kalu Rinpoche, Penor Rinpoche and by his father Terton Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche. He is widely renowned for the beneficial power of his ritual presence and his blessings. He continues to expand his positive deeds in the domains of teaching, practicing and the ritual arts.



H.E. Terton Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche (left) and Dungsey Lhuntrul Dechen Gyurmey Rinpoche (right)

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# General Information 2014

## REGISTRATION

### VENUE, REGISTRATION AND REQUEST

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### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 4th, 2014

To facilitate planning and to ensure attendance, please adhere to the deadline date. It is advised to register as soon as possible, using the registration form. **In order to participate in the Gongter transmissions on a daily, or selective basis, please use the «Registration for Daily Participation for the Gongter» form.** Please note that we expect that Part 2 of the retreat will attract many visitors. Accommodation on site will be distributed by priority, for those guests staying for the entire period. Registration and payment are to be made in advance. After registration closes, available beds still remaining can be booked on a daily basis.

**Please, have a close look at the general information and use the registration form attached or go to:**  
[www.ripa-international.com/en/program/summer-retreat](http://www.ripa-international.com/en/program/summer-retreat)

## PAYMENT

To prevent difficulties and high commission, please pay by SEPA wire and include exactly the following information.

### For all payments

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**BIC / SWIFT** UBSWCHZH80A  
**CLEARING NUMBER** 0235

### For payments in Euro

**ACCOUNT NUMBER** 0235 0013094260M  
**IBAN** CH77 0023 5235 1309 4260 M

### For payments in Swiss Francs

**ACCOUNT NUMBER** 0235 1309 4201B  
**IBAN** CH12 0023 5235 1309 4201B

Due to high fees, we cannot accept checks.

Persons with low income may apply for a reduction of the accommodation fees, for this a statement and a verification are required. Social discounts are limited and will be given according to the date of request.

## CANCELLATION

**UP TO THE 26th OF JUNE 2014** Money will be fully refunded with a deduction of 30 SFR to cover office charges.

**UP TO 17th OF JULY 2014** 50% refund

**AFTER 18th OF JULY 2014** No refund. Please inform us as soon as possible, so that others may participate. In exceptional cases it is possible to deviate from this rules. The decision will be taken after written and reasoned request.

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# General Information 2014

## BEGINNING/END

The reception of the participants starts 26 July 2014, 4pm. Welcome and general information will be given the first evening after dinner at 8 pm.

Arrivals are on July 26th, August 1st and August 6th. Departures are on August 1st and August 5th. The Retreat ends on August 17th after breakfast.

We are always grateful for help afterwards! (see below).

## ACCOMMODATION

Men and women are accommodated separately unless you are a couple or wish to be together with friends. Please note the names of your friends you wish to share the room with on your registration form.

## CHILDREN

Parents have to take care for their children; they may also organize child caring among themselves. We provide help to connect parents.

## MEALS

Usually it is part of the practice to fast after 2pm. Half board (breakfast and lunch) is recommended! Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) is available, all meals are vegetarian. Please note on the registration form if you suffer from allergies.

## RULES OF THE RETREAT

At particular times of the day we will observe silence. All participants should refrain from sexual activities, alcohol, smoking and drugs. We are engaged to protect and support life in any ways (insects as well). It is forbidden to light candles or incense in the rooms.

## KARMA YOGA

All participants agree to contribute to the common good by assisting at the center during special karma yoga hours. We need the help of each and every participant to keep prices low for the sangha events. Ripa International will provide meals and accommodation, transfer from the railway station Niederwangen to the center for the group of participants who could arrive July 25th, and help in setting up the Gompa and other facilities. Your help is really needed. We are grateful for your help to set up Part 2A on August 1st and part 2B on August 5th and 6th. Please mark in your registration form the help you are ready to offer during the retreat and tell us about your possibilities to come one day earlier or to leave one day later to help afterwards with either the setting up or the dismantelling of the event facilities.

## TO BRING WITH YOU

Wearing formal, nice attire at the ceremonies, empowerments and Tsok is very welcomed. Texts: The Sutrayana Text «Treasury of Precious Qualities» by Jigme Lingpa is available in English or French by Padmakara editions. Please bring with you: For Drupcho «Gesar Enrichment Drupcho» (For newcomers the complete edition of 2012 will be available). For the Drupcho: «Gesar Enrichment Drupcho» text (the 2012 complete edition, new edition will be available for newcomers), Ripa Ngondro. For the Gongter: «Ripa Ngondro,» «Prayers Before and After Teachings,» «Prayers before Initiation,» «Protectors» prayers, «Narak Kong Shak,» «Samanthabadra prayers,» «Gesar Lhasang,» and «Shower of Blessings: Swiftly Granting Supreme and Common Siddhis, A Guru Yoga of Guru Rinpoche, in Connection with the Seven Line Prayer.»

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** For Dormitory category please bring your sleeping bag. It is also advisable to bring a flashlight, earplugs, power adapter for swiss sockets and mosquito protection. **For those requiring translation please bring either an FM radio or a compatible mobile phone. New radio ear-phones can be rented on site with the deposit of SFR 50.**

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## HOW TO GET THERE

### BY CAR

Highway exit Niederwangen near Bern (see following Link)  
<http://route.search.ch/3172-niederwangen-bei-bern/hilfligweg-10> or [www.maps.google.ch](http://www.maps.google.ch)

### BY TRAIN

(including coming from the airport)

Link to the schedule of SBB (Swiss railway) [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

#### From Basel or Zürich

Take Intercity (IC) or Interregional (IR) train to Bern main railway station – Bahnhof Bern. There change to line S1 (direction Fribourg) or S2 (direction Laupen), exit at Niederwangen (3rd stop after Bern).

#### From Geneva

Intercity or Interregional (IC or IR) up to Fribourg. Change at Fribourg railway station to S-Bahn Nr.1 direction Bern up to Niederwangen.

#### From Bern railway station

Take S1 direction Fribourg or S2 direction Laupen, exit at Niederwangen.

Shuttle Service from the railway station Niederwangen is available (recommended if you have luggage as the road goes up the hill).

Please note your exact arrival time at Niederwangen on your registration form (please reconfirm by mail)!

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call +41 (0)31 981 03 77 possible on arrival days only.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

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Persons who have an official authorisation by the Ripa Masters should note this on their registration form. Furthermore they need permission from the Ripa Council. In any case all taken photographs must be submitted to the Ripa Council within one month. The copyright of the entire photographs taken during the retreat belongs to the Ripa Masters, represented by the Ripa Council.

## INSURANCE

The insurance of Padma Ling and Seminarhaus Landguet Ried does not cover accidents, sickness, loss of luggage and other personal belongings. Please check your personal insurance on this matter.

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