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Swiss superior court suggests GAS appeal should be withdrawn

SOLOTHURN (NNA) - In the legal dispute over the future of the "General Anthroposophical Society (Christmas Conference)" (CCS), reactivated in December 2002, and its proposed merger with the General Anthroposophical Society (GAS), the superior court of the Swiss canton of Solothurn has suggested to the GAS executive council that it should withdraw its appeal.

The court undertook this unusual step on the basis that it found the judgements of Dorneck-Tierstein municipal court to be convincing. Acting on behalf of the GAS, executive council member Paul Mackay however rejected the proposal and the appeal hearing went ahead.

In February, the court of first instance had ruled that the so-called Christmas Conference Society no longer existed and should be removed from the commercial register. This put the planned fusion of the GAS with the Christmas Conference Society on hold until the case is finally settled.

The ruling of the superior court will be made known to the parties within a month. Its judgement can be appealed in the Swiss federal court.

The GAS executive council intends to set out its further course of action at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the society at the Goetheanum in Dornach on 19 March 2005, a Goetheanum statement said.

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