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Yoga in Daily Life Zagreb is inviting you cordially to special program:

## "NONVIOLENCE IS A WEAPON OF THE STRONG" on the UN International Day of Non-Violence in honour of Mahatma Gandhiji, on 2 October 2016, Rijeka, Croatia

## <u>Program</u>

## Venue: Rijeka City Hall, Korzo 16

**11,00 – 12,00 dialogue about non-violence** (planned speakers: HE Sandeep Kumar, Ambassador of India to Croatia, Mayor of Rijeka Vojko Obersnel, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vivekpuri, Prof.dr.sc. Cornelius Mrnjaus, Head of Department of Education, Faculty of Philosophy in Rijeka, Mrs Vanja Djuric Bjelanović, Nansen Institute - Nansen Dialogue Centre, Peter Toth, President of the Russian-Croatian Friendship Society PGC, Sandra Viškanić, President of the Rotary Club Rijeka, Marin Blazevic, quartermaster Croatian National Theatre Ivan Zajc, Dr. Manfred Stepponat, President of the International Fellowship - Yoga in Daily Life)

12,30 planting of the Peace Tree (Park near the monument to the liberation, near center)13,00 Refreshment for the honourable guests at the hotel Continental

Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council has organized a series of international peace prayers, the first of which was held in Croatia, the historical town of Umag on 21 September 2001 with more than thousand people and honorable gests that lit candles at the sea coast.

The first ever Peace Summit in independent Croatia was held on 9 October 2005 in Zagreb. With that event, Croatia joined several countries around the world which have hosted the Summit consecutively each year since 2002. Peace Trees, planted in Zagreb, Čakovec, Split, Umag, Duga Uvala, Karlovac and Varaždin testify a decade of active peace activities in Croatia.

The "Day of Non-Violence for World Peace" under high patronage of the President of Croatia, dr. Ivo Josipović was first commemoration of UN Day of non-violence in the historical town of Umag. Thousands of people from all of Croatia as well as from other European countries and representatives of USA, Australia and India came to Umag to reinforce the idea of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

In order to maintain the numerous peace initiatives which started in Umag and expanded all over the world, it would be our great honour if this gathering in Rijeka might be dignified by your presence. We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vivek Puri, president of Yoga in Daily Life Society