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Dear Friends,

I hope everything is going well for you, in good health in body and mind.

This is the invitation to the annual seminar organized by Sōtō Zen Buddhism Europe Office, to be held as planned at La Gendronnière from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st October 2012.

As announced during the annual conference in late May, this year the seminar will be about the way of studying the teaching which constitute the doctrinal foundation of Japanese Sōtōshū, to better understand the character of the institution to which we refer, always with the purpose of clarifying the orientation of Zen in Europe. The speaker will, Professor Seijun Ishii¹, President of Komazawa University, a leading scholar of Sōtōshū teachings, one of the great experts at academic level of the traditional and modern methodologies, both Japanese and Western, of research in this field. One of the arguments he will deal with will be the connection between original Buddhist teaching and Dōgen's one.

The seminar, organized by the Sōtō Zen Buddhism Europe Office and hosted by Sōtō Zen temple of La Gendronnière, is open as usual to external participation, with the only limit of availability of seats. So we are asking you to spread this information as much as possible between people you consider could be interested in the theme of the seminar. These people should contact: Emmanuel Risacher - Association Zen International, 175, rue Tolbiac - 75013 Paris, Tel [0033] (0) 1 4589 1400, email azi-tolbiac@wanadoo.fr to ask information to attend the seminar: reservations will close by October 14.

Best wishes with the hope to meet you on this occasion

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