

## **ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE FOR SANTI MAHA SANGHA EXAMINATIONS**

To register for a Santi Maha Sangha exam (including the Base), you must be a member of the Dzogchen Community. For the Base Level exam the membership fee must have been paid at least one year before the examination; for the next levels it should have been paid continuously since the year of the Base examination.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

The candidate must complete the official form, including the admission request and a record of his/her Karma Yoga collaboration, in the period two months to one month before the examination date.

The candidate cannot consider him/herself enrolled in the examination until he/she receives the written confirmation that his/her admission request has been approved by the examiners.

The Karma Yoga service to the Community, obligatory for entrance to all SMS examinations, must have begun at least a year prior to the Base exam (if the exam is scheduled for 2009, the Karma Yoga must have started no later than 2008). In subsequent years, you must be able to demonstrate a continuous history of Karma Yoga between one level of SMS exam and the next. Any suitable work offered for the benefit of the Dzogchen Community is valid as Karma Yoga, provided that it is done upon request of, or agreement with, the Dzogchen Community Gakyils and related associations (Shang Shung Institute or Edizioni, A.S.I.A.). Therefore Karma Yoga should always be arranged through the Gakyils, Shang Shung Institute/Edizioni and A.S.I.A.

The completed form should be sent by the candidate to his/her local Gakyil. The necessary form can be downloaded from the webpage:

<http://www.dzogchen.it/dzogchen/teachings/santi-maha-sangha>

If the Karma Yoga was done for a Community organization(s) other than the local Gakyil, the candidate should send the completed form to the appropriate organization, which is responsible for validating it and sending it either to the Gar where the exam will be held and to the SMS Co-ordinating Center:

<[sms@shangshunginstitute.org](mailto:sms@shangshunginstitute.org)>.

A copy can be sent also to the candidate.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LOCAL GAKYILS**

As soon as the form filled out by a candidate is received, the local Gakyil should validate the Karma Yoga claim (if the Karma Yoga was offered to the local Gakyil itself), and should add a brief evaluation of the candidate's conduct, participation and activity within the context of the Community.

The evaluation of the candidate's conduct should be approved by at least three Gakyil members after consulting with the SMS co-ordinator of the Gar.

The form completed in this way should be sent to the SMS Co-ordinating Center:  
<[sms@shangshunginstitute.org](mailto:sms@shangshunginstitute.org)>.

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