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**Signs of “Connected Consciousness” Detected on Global Scale**

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MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ, September 29, 2014 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE)Our individual minds, though distinct and uniquely ours, may also join with others in a kind of mental symphony that now and then becomes audible against a prevailing background of static. That’s a research conclusion appearing today on the World Future Society’s website. Reported by futurist Richard Samson, Director of EraNova Institute, the conclusion is based on 16 years of analysis by the Global Consciousness Project (GCP), based in Princeton, New Jersey.

The research project, led by cognitive psychologist Roger Nelson, began at Princeton University in 1998 and continues as an international consortium with logistical support from the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), founded by Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

After monitoring more than 480 world events, the article reports, GCP researchers have accumulated strong evidence of some kind of transpersonal mentality that seems to emerge when many people share a common concern or experience. At such times, a global network of devices employing quantum tunneling has found weak but definite signs of coherence arising out of background “noise” or randomness.

Although the evidence has been known by specialists for years, it has grown so strong it now warrants public attention, Samson asserts. “And it comes at a time when the materialistic assumptions of traditional science, particularly physics, are being challenged.”

The measured effect, though faint and fickle, is statistically significant to an extremely high degree, according to Nelson and his fellow researchers. It shows up during times of crisis or celebration, such as an earthquake or New Year’s Eve, when millions of people focus on the same thing at the same time.

Although far from final, the research suggests that our minds may not be bounded by our heads but somehow extend out into the world and commingle, at least at times. “What we can interpret from our experiments is that we really are interconnected,” says Nelson. “Human beings are simply not isolated islands of consciousness.”

The report, “Signs of ‘Connected Consciousness’ Detected on Global Scale,” is available now on Samson’s World Future Society “Futurist” blog: <http://www.wfs.org/blogs/richard-samson>.

Nelson laid the groundwork for the Global Consciousness Project at the Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research (PEAR) laboratory at Princeton University, established by physicist Robert Jahn. GCP co-developers include Greg Nelson, John Walker, Dean Radin, Paul Bethke, Richard Adams, Peter Bancel, and Rick Berger.

Links:

* Global Consciousness Project (GCP): <http://global-mind.org>.
* Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS): <http://www.noetic.org>.
* The Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research (PEAR): <http://www.princeton.edu/~pear>.
* EraNova Institute: <http://www.eranova.com>.
* Samson’s World Future Society blog: <http://www.wfs.org/blogs/richard-samson>.

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Interview with Richard Samson available on request, as well as print-ready images and logos.