USA = = The twelve-page autumn issue of the AVI USA Connect newsletter reached us with an abundance of information re the recent AVI/AUM meeting in Woodstock through Friederike’s detailed report and Vikas’s personal reflection, as well as updates on various Auroville projects. This 5th AVI USA Connect newsletter, rich with photographic material, can be downloaded from aviusa.org/news

FRANCE = = Significantly, the first weeks of December have been quite Auroville-oriented in Paris.

On the evening of Friday 4th, ‘La Cite de l’Architecture et du Patrimoine’, a prominent museum of architecture in Paris, invited its audience to come and see three documentaries depicting “Auroville, an urban experiment in India”, followed by an interactive talk with Auroville-associated architect Anupama Kundoo. Shown were ‘Auroville, histoire d’une utopia’ by Hélène Risser; ‘Auroville, l’esquisse d’un monde’, by a Belgian team; and ‘Auroville, la ville dont la terre a besoin’, by Guillaume Estivie. Details can be found at goo.gl/5QKEmV

Furthermore, in collaboration with AVI France, l’Atelier Fil Rouge hosted in the evening of Wednesday 9th an informative programme on GEN, the Global Ecovillage Network, with various participants who had come to Paris to attend the Climate Conference, and who graciously gave time on the side to present their projects such as Auroville, Findhorn, Damanhur, Arcosanti, Sri Lanka’s Sarvodia, Konahana in Japan and more. Marti Mueller, who is a UN ECO-SOC representative to Geneva and has lived in Auroville, explained Auroville’s involvement in the GEN and also presented her ‘Greenland Spirit’ project about safeguarding the Inuit Culture in the face of climate change.

Last but not least, on Saturday 12 December, an Interactive Café Auroville will meet via Skype with Sandrine Denier, one of the co-founders of Auroville’s ‘LilaLoka, who will discuss the project with several Paris-based educationists, parents and children who were invited to Atelier Fil Rouge for the occasion.

ITALY = = As a note on the side and not directly related to the AVI Italy centre, we’re happy to inform readers that, gradually, the Auroville website is being translated into the Italian language. Take a look: www.auroville.org/language/it

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