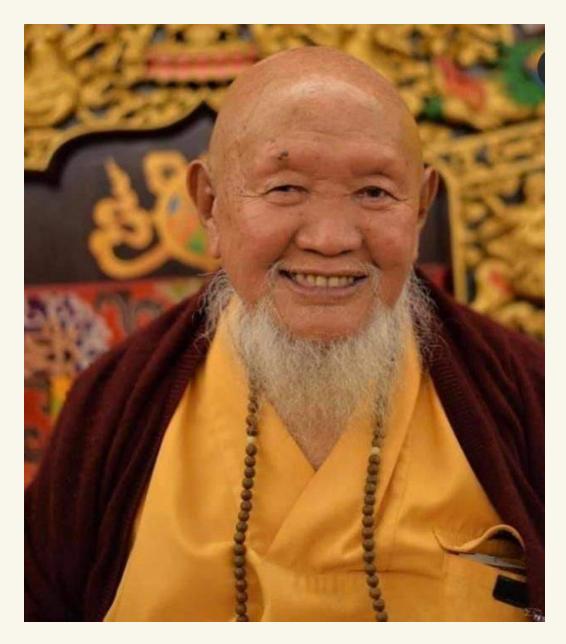


# Swift return

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Dear Friends,

I want to share some news with you.

When a great master such as Lama Gangchen Rinpoche leaves His body, there are many things that we, as disciples, should do as signs of gratitude and to create the necessary causes and conditions for His swift return back among us.

First and foremost, we should follow Rinpoche's precious advice: practice the Dharma well and keep strong unity and friendship among us.

Additionally, we should continue the Dharma activities Rinpoche started, such as our Dharma Centers, Foundations, publications and Help in Action.

There are some other specific things that we can do, some of which we have already started.



#### Stupa

As many of you know, following Rinpoche's advice, His holy body will be kept for at least one year before cremation. At present, we are working on the legal permissions to build a *stupa* in Albagnano and bring His holy body to be kept in Albagnano until cremation.

The place for the stupa has been chosen and prepared, and the project has been presented to the local government.

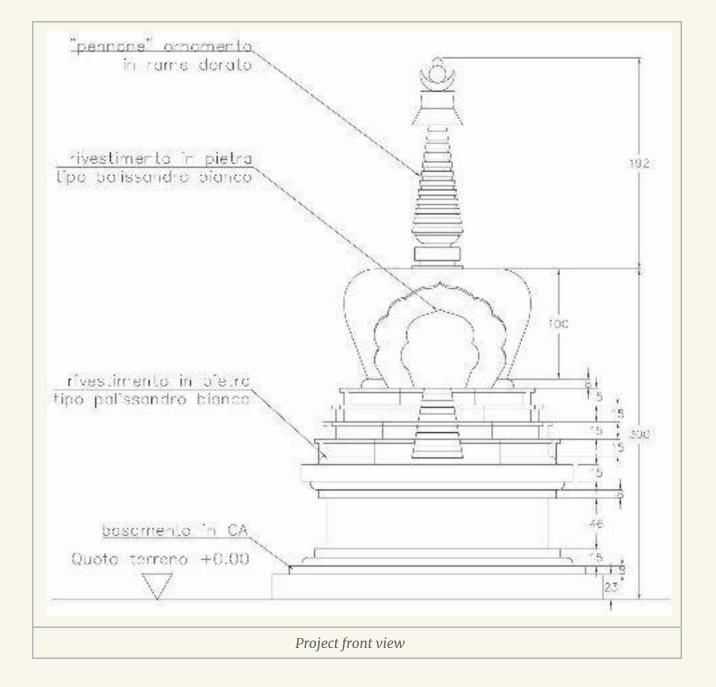
The stupa will be made in a local white stone called palissandro marble, with the front and top golden ornaments made in Nepal. The golden ornaments are being shipped this week from Nepal.

The estimated cost of the stupa is €71,651.57 euros.

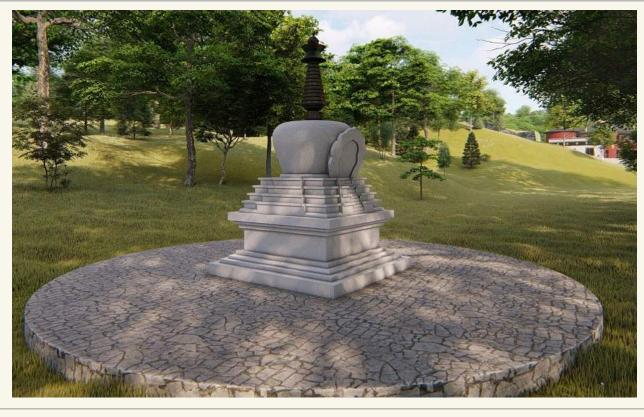
We can start building the stupa in November.

Description	Estimated cost
Construction work - stupa	€4,158.88
Construction work - paving	€5,843.89
Stupa stone cladding	€28,543.12
Floor stone cladding	€6,397.68
Outdoor lighting	€2,772.00
Golden ornaments from Nepal	€12,000.00
Professionals	€4,456.00
Landscaping	€6,600.00
Video surveillance	€880.00
Estimated total	€71,651.57









#### 3D rendering of the project



The position of the stupa

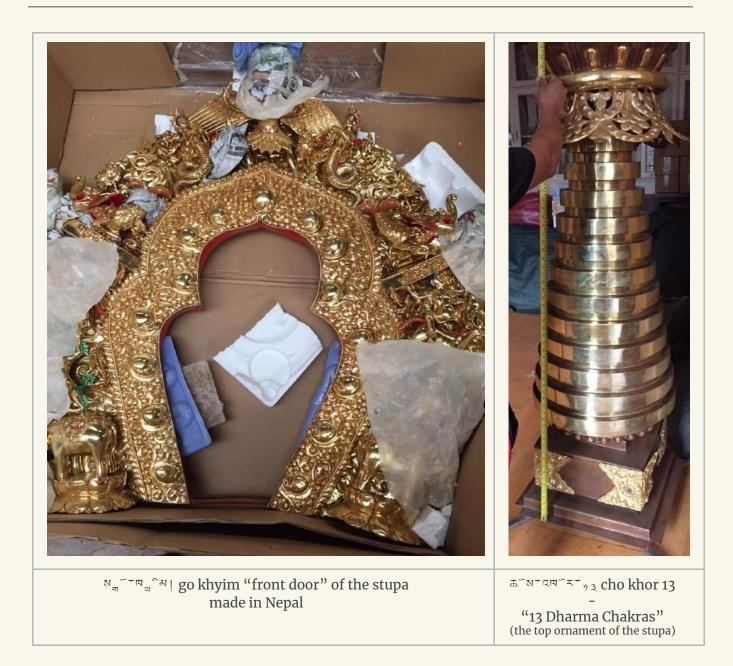




The location of the stupa as seen from above







For the permits to bring Rinpoche's holy body to Albagnano, we have started the bureaucratic process involving four different levels of government. Most probably, the permission should be granted by mid-November.

For the time being, we have made a beautiful monument in the form of Borobudur Stupa that has been placed at the cemetery in Biganzolo, not far from Albagnano.





Borobudur Stupa Mandala monument at the cemetery of Biganzolo



## Helping the local Hospital of Verbania Cardiotocography

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, we formally offered, in the memory of Lama Gangchen Rinpoche, a cardiotocograph to the Hospital Castelli of Verbania. This machine will help pregnant women during pregnancy and delivery time, both in the hospital and at their homes. Thank you very much for your support which made this offering possible.



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#### Hospital rooms

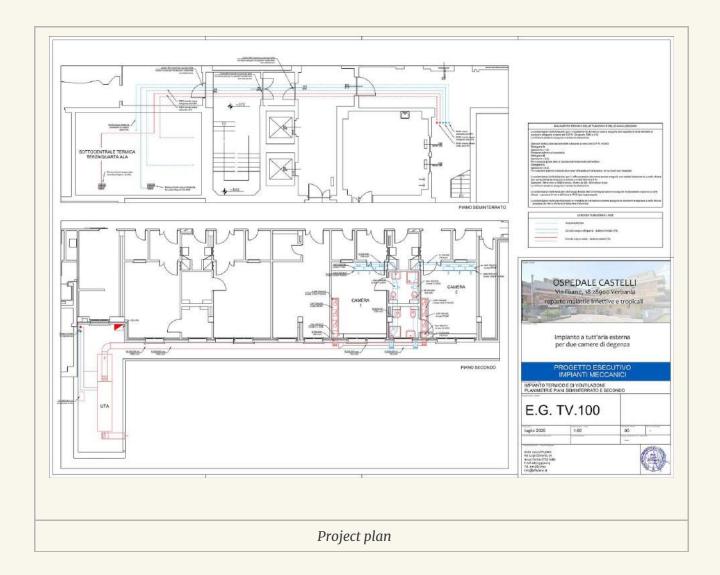
Following Rinpoche's wishes, we are offering two bedrooms with variable air pressure to the Hospital of Verbania. These would be the first such rooms in the hospital. They are vital to treating patients with infectious diseases or immune-depressed patients.

In this link you can see some details of the project:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kalqqhlvi27udv3/AADlWUraOeZLc2WKUCLkfZ1pa?dl=0

The total cost is estimated at €125.000,00 euros.

We will start realizing the project at the end of September.





# Near Future projects for the swift return of our beloved Guru

## Pujas and Offerings

At the most suitable time, we will request all the monasteries of our lineage to make pujas for the swift return of Rinpoche into a new body with all the perfect conditions to continue to spread the Dharma and benefit sentient beings.

There are many monasteries in Tibet, India and Nepal.

When requesting a puja, we offer the tea, food and a small offering to each monk.

At the same time, we should make offerings to the monasteries as a way of accumulating merits dedicated to Rinpoche's swift return.

We plan on starting with these pujas and offerings in 2021, and we will inform everyone about their development.

#### Pilgrimages

As per tradition, we as disciples should go for pilgrimage to the sacred places and monasteries connected to our lineage as a way to create causes and conditions for the swift return of our beloved Master.

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to organize any travel, especially a group trip to India and China. So, for the time being, we'll wait to see how things develop. We could try to go to Tibet in the summer of 2021; otherwise, we'll need to postpone it to 2022.

#### Statues

We are working on making a beautiful statue of Rinpoche in 3D so that it can be replicated in different sizes for the Monasteries, Dharma Centers and disciples around the world.

#### NgalSo Gyatso Sungrab The Collected Works of Drubwang Gangchen Rinpoche

As it is done traditionally, all the written teachings of a Master are put together as one grand publication. Lama Caroline is overseeing this project to review the books, *sadhanas*, transcripts and a long biography of Rinpoche.

#### Karuna Action

#### Action of Compassion

*Karuna Action – Action of Compassion* was the last project envisioned by our beloved Guru Druwang Gangchen Rinpoche.

Before his passing, he expressed the wish to create one space in our Dharma Center to take care of the sick and the dying.

A place to offer physical, emotional and spiritual support for the sick to recover to a healthy state and for the dying to prepare and to leave this body in the most peaceful and dignified way. Karuna Action is an opportunity to choose a home hospitalization within our Center's structure that will also allow the person and the family to receive spiritual and psychosocial support, to participate closely in all the Center's activities, to receive the Sangha's close support as well as a housekeeping and food service during a challenging time.



#### Swift Return Fund

The only way to make these projects become reality is with support of all the Sangha. It is our responsibility, as Rinpoche's disciples, to create the correct causes and conditions for His swift return.

For that reason, we have created the *Swift Return Fund* that will be used exclusively for these projects.

As Rinpoche often reminded us: "Together we can"

To participate, please donate to:

#### By Bank Transfer:

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Purpose of the transfer: swift return

#### By credit card:

Click on the following link:

http://bit.ly/swiftreturn

You can specify a specific project or make a general donation to the Swift Return Projects.

I am very grateful for all the support of each one of you from the Sangha. It is truly beautiful to see our unity and common effort.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:lamamichel@kunpen.it">lamamichel@kunpen.it</a>

Thank you very much,

With love,

In the Dharma,

Lama Milul

Lama Michel Rinpoche