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Literature – Paulo Coelho's latest book is entitled "The Road to Santiago". The Waldzell Institute hosted a reading in the Kolomani Hall of Melk Abbey.

## World Star as distinguished guest in Melk

**Melk/** Nobel Prize winners, theologians and managers examined the search for meaning in life at the Waldzell Meeting two weeks ago in Melk Abbey. The Waldzell Meeting has dedicated itself to bringing together outstanding personalities and their knowledge to implement concrete projects for the spiritual advancement of mankind.

### **"The Pilgrimage"**

Last Wednesday the founders of the Institute, Dipl. Ing. Gundula Schatz and Dr. Andreas Salcher, welcomed the Brazilian author Paulo Coelho in the Kolomani Hall of the Benedictine abbey. After a tour of the 44 km-long Austrian section of the Road to Santiago between Göttweig Abbey and Melk Abbey, the renowned author (60 million books sold worldwide) "strolled" along "The Pilgrimage" with his audience. Actor Karl-Heinz Hackl read from Coelho's book of the same name. For Paulo Coelho, the essential element of the search for meaning is the ability to dream: "A person must never stop dreaming. The dream is for the soul what food is for the body."

### **An endless dream**

At the end of the reading, the author engaged in a question & answer session with his enthused audience – so many had come that some had to be turned back at the doors for lack of space – and discussed man's search for his purpose. "My dream is an endless dream: for me being an author does not mean selling books or being famous, but rather writing a book," explains Coelho.