

MEDICAL STUDENTS' REPORT 2005 - 2006

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Project Report

Target X: Started almost one and a half years ago, this project has now spread to many of the countries and cities of the world. It has been organized in New York, London, Patna, Nagpur, Katmandu, El Salvador, Berlin and many other cities of the world.

The project has immense potential to reach out to a larger group of people in general with clear medical message. This also provides a great opportunity for young doctors involvement in the federation.

Need: More Target X installments should be made and many times at the same time so that larger group of audience will be reached in different parts of the world.

ReCap: ReCap had its second round of experience last year which not only broadened students perspectives to refugee issues but also made students understand the realities of the middle East conflicts. In the current face of aggravated Middle East conflicts, such student endeavors really carry meaning and can act as a way to think beyond borders but to humanity at large.

e-Pulse: E-Pulse was started around one and half years ago. Although this has been rather irregular and needs lots of improvement, this is the only web-journal IPPNW students have. This can work as a great forum for the IPPNW students to express themselves and publish their articles and write-ups.

Need: Regular editors who could give some time for publication works.

NWIP: NWIP is as vibrant as before. Initially started by a small group of students under the inspiration of IPPNW physicians, it has now spread from West to East and North to South.

We organized various delegations and programs in Canada, Germany, London, Russia and South Asia last year.

SA Regional Team for Dialogue and Reconciliation

Under this concept, the students PSR, Nepal organized a regional seminar in Katmandu when they talked about the conflicts in SA and ways to transform conflict to establish peace in the region. Organized by the students from Nepal, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

More projects are planned for next year.

Book Project: The Palestinian students have recently reactivated their book project which is to help the Palestinian medical students with old or new books from different parts of the world so that many of them will benefit.

SPARC: This project is simply meant to spark a process of renewal and extension of membership of IPPNW students thinking about the federation in the years to come. Understanding that the federation has certain number of students in some parts of the world, this is to improve the members in different parts of the world so that the number of students and activity level will be similar all over the world.

MedEx: Medical student exchange program has been reactivated and last year we had many students experiencing new place and doing electives. We are expecting this project to pick up this year.

Need: More local student chapters to prepare themselves to welcome elective students
More local funding

Small Arms: This is a great student project being implemented in El Salvador, Nigeria, India and so on. The students and physicians are working together in research and advocacy on prevention of small arm violence and the health problems inflicted by the use of small arms.

The students have recently come up with the One Bullet Stories to show up the human face of the small arm violence. This is an effort to go into the depth of the sociopolitical and psychological impact of small arms and not just dealing with the dead statistics of small arm violence.

For an expanded report of medical student activities in any of the following countries, please see Alex Rosen or Khagendra Dahal.

Canada

Denmark

Egypt

Germany

Ghana

Palestine

Finland

Nepal

Austria