IPPNW has affiliates in the following European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey. There are also active IPPNW student groups at many universities all around Europe, see www.IPPNW-students.org. It is a goal for IPPNW strengthen existing affiliates and to extend our activities to more countries in Europe.

European IPPNW affiliates are working for the goals of IPPNW, are taking part in federal campaigns, and are also running several national projects on their own. European students are running the Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project and the Palestinian refugee camp project called Recap.

European affiliates are involved in continuous Dialogs with Decision Makers in the Nuclear Weapons States, in the federative small arms project “Aiming for prevention”, in peace work in general, in work for human rights, and in Abolition-2000-Europe. Some affiliates are also engaged in the work to document medical consequences and human suffering resulting from the war in Iraq. Another priority for some affiliates has also been to work for a peaceful solution of the conflict with Iran’s nuclear program, and to prevent any use of armed forces against Iran. Another topic engaging European affiliates of IPPNW is health effects of nuclear energy and focus on the link between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons. IPPNW in Europe also prioritizes further initiatives and cooperation with other chapters of IPPNW to create a medical road-map for a stable and lasting peace in the Middle-East-region.

Several European IPPNW affiliates took part in the launch of a new IPPNW campaign called International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in April 2007. The goal of the campaign is to finally achieve nuclear abolition through a Nuclear Weapons Convention that has been presented (www.icanw.org).

In Europe there have been several other IPPNW events during the last year. In September 2006 the Finnish affiliate hosted the 17th World congress of IPPNW with the title “Mission for physicians: war or health”. In March 2007 the Swiss affiliate hosted an four days international congress in Mt. Veritá titled “Nuclearisation in Europe and the Middle East – From threat to preventive action”. IPPNW attended the Article six forum of the Middle Powers Initiative hosted in Vienna at the end of March, and was present with several European and international representatives at the NPT prep com meeting in Vienna in the beginning of May.

As this report is written, IPPNW together with Medact (the British affiliate) and the British Royal Society of Medicine are preparing a medical international conference titled “Nuclear weapons, the final pandemic – Preventing proliferation and achieving abolition” to be held in London on October 3 and 4, 2007 (www.ippnw.org ). The European IPPNW student meeting 2007 was held in Porto in Portugal on April 27-30, 2007 (www.IPPNW-students.org). For more information, please see the European IPPNW web site www.ippnw-europe.org
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Belgium, Dutch speaking, Artsen voor Vrede
By Eduard Kusters MD, Contact: jefdeloof@pandora.be

The abolition of Nuclear weapons stays our main purpose. Still intentional killing by mechanical, chemical, biological or economical means is also a theme of great concern and discussion. Our main activity is a yearly symposium in Antwerp or Brussels. Nearly 50 people attended last year the symposium in Antwerp. The theme was Peace and Diplomancy.

The number of our members stays more or less the same. There is certainly an interest by younger colleagues and medical students about the problematic of peace and violence but they are more focused to other organizations which seems more practical orientated like Artsen zonder Grenzen or Greenpeace.

Although we have good contacts with the French speaking affiliation of IPPNW (chairman: Prof. Henri Firket) we work more together with the Netherlands. Our Newsletter appears 4 times/year in close cooperation.

Belgium French speaking, AMPGN
By Henri Firket, Ampgn.firket@skynet.be

Our main activity remains the quarterly newsletter that is sent to more subscribers every year. In addition to the comments on the political events in disarmament and proliferation problems, including important articles from various specialists (senior politicians or ministers) otherwise unavailable in the current newsheets of this country, we have analyzed the problems of energy renewal, as linked to the general warming up and the depletion of resources, of radiation effects on special population groups, the long term consequences of Chernobyl accident compared to that of nuclear weapons tests, the effects of uranium shells, etc. Some of these analyses were from local contributors; others were translated, usually from English. We managed further to have two articles published in our main newspapers, Le SOIR and La Libre Belgique, notably as an answer to a general praising the deterrence concept. Some of our members participated in “marches” against the nuclear heads located at the Belgian Kleine Brogel airbase in contradiction to our international engagements. We were also present at the international IPPNW Congress in Helsinki.

We have also had several times discussions with Belgian political authorities (ministries, representatives, etc, and at the receptions of the Mayor of Hiroshima) in coordination with other Belgian peace movements, including our Flemish counterpart. We participated in the several IPPNW visits in Brussels (Belgian Senate, Defence Ministry, European Parliament, NATO) at the end of March 2006.

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We have also given talks to several medical groups in hospitals or in suburban districts, We have also talked to schools, pupils and staff, centring less on the medical aspects but on the necessity to understand the different effects of nuclear weapons and industrial nuclear plant accidents.

As every year, we have organised a meeting on the anniversary of the Japanese nuclear bombings, in Mons, a city where a small but moving Hibakusha Garden had been established by the botanist, Pierre Pierart, member of our committee. This was as usual the occasion of several lectures on nuclear subjects, to a larger public.
Denmark, DLMK
By Caecilie Buhmann, www.dlmk.dk

Membership: here are 250 paying members and approximately 10 active members. For a number of years there have been few students involved in the organization. This past year passive and active student membership seems to have increased a bit.

DLMK have previously had an official partnership agreement with IFMSA-Denmark. This year IFMSA-Denmark has restructured and we are currently exploring new ways of cooperating that would increase student involvement.

Steering Committee: Povl Revsbech – President, Niels Dahm – Treasurer, Caecilie Buhmann – International Councilor, Jacob Obbekjaer – Deputy International Councilor, Klaus Arnung – at large member, Anton Aggernaes – at large member, Ole Breyen – at large member

Newsletter and Homepage:
DLMK has now for a couple of years successfully cooperated with SLMK on a newsletter published 3-4 times a year. DLMK has a homepage in Danish maintained by the President

Co-operation with other peace organizations
The past year DLMK has participated in weekly meetings with Pugwash, the Danish peace academy and Soka Gakkai (SGI). DLMK is a member of the Danish Peace Council and the Danish Peace academy. DLMK has an agreement of cooperation with IFMSA-Denmark.

Activities
- In 2006 Alyn Ware from the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament visited Denmark and DLMK and Pugwash arranged for several dialogues with Danish parliamentarians.
- In the spring 2006 DLMK, SGI and Pugwash hosted a public symposium on Chernobyl. It had around 50 participants and was a great success.
- In August 2006 DLMK, SGI and Pugwash hosted a one-day seminar on Hiroshima with 150 participants. Speakers were Mai-Britt Theorin from Sweden (Canberra commission), the Japanese ambassador to Denmark and Caecilie Buhmann.
- In the fall 2006 DLMK hosted a dialogue training for students and members of the Danish peace organizations which was a great success. Afterwards participants from the training and members of DLMK undertook a dialogue with decision-makers with the head of the department for disarmament affairs of the Danish Foreign Ministry. Discussions focused on Trident upgrading and a European Nuclear Weapons free Zone.
- In the fall 2006 DLMK and Pugwash launched a campaign to make the mayor of Copenhagen join Mayors for Peace. A successful vote on membership is expected in June 2007. When the Mayor of Copenhagen has joined Mayors for Peace DLMK plans to contact other Danish mayors.
- DLMK had its annual meeting in August 2006.
- 3 DLMK members participated in the IPPNW world congress 2006 in Helsinki.

Publications on war & health by DLMK members
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Niels Dahm, on health and nuclear weapons, op-eds written for several newsletters of the Danish regional medical associations.

**Finland, Physicians for Social Responsibility – Finland**  
By Kati Juva MD, chairperson, [www.kaapeli.fi](http://www.kaapeli.fi)

Our membership has been stable during the last year, we have about 950 members including 50 students. We still do not have any permanent personnel, the work we do is mainly done on voluntary basis.

We supported the translation and publishing of Michael Renner’s book *Anatomy of Resource Wars* and did send it to all our members. We also published a brief history of PSR Finland. Only three issues of our newsletter “LSV-tiedote” was published on the year 2006.

The main activity of PSR-Finland in the year 2006 has of course been the organising of the IPPNW 17th world congress in Helsinki in September. There were 380 participants and additional 120 students from over 50 countries. The International Peace Bureau IPB had their own meeting at the same time in Helsinki. The main theme of the IPPNW congress was Mission of physicians: War or Health, and there were 25 workshops, 3 plenary sessions and one symposium. IPPNW board and council had also their meetings in Helsinki. We feel that the organisation went well and the congress was a success.

After the IPPNW congress we had a national symposium on energy security on November. The title was Energy – Security – Health.

Besides the IPPNW work our development co-operation projects have been running all the time. We have now two projects in Nigeria. The other deals with reduction of maternal morbidity in Ibadan and the other one is a HIV/AIDS project among car mechanics. In Angola we support health care of pregnant women by providing insurances in case of complications and in Somalia we support a campaign against tuberculosis. One project in Zambia we had to interrupt because of suspicions of the money being spent to other goals then it was meant to.

In Finland PSR has been active in developing proper training in international health issues, and several years ago we initiated a project of organising Global Health diploma courses. On the year 2006 the course was organised and funded by the University of Tampere, but PSR is still taking part in the steering committee of the course.

PSR Finland is also part of the Health Action International (HAI) network. On the year 2006 the main activity of this group has been launching the no-free-lunch network in Finland. This network is worried about the influence of pharmaceutical industry on physicians.

PSR students have taken part in many of the main activities of PSR. They were also organizing the IPPNW student meeting in Helsinki in September, part of which was a Target Helsinki action against nuclear weapons. Locally the students have taking part in fundraising for the development co-operation projects and activating students to blood donors. There have been local student happenings in Turku about human rights and in Kuopio against racism. The students groups have worked in collaboration with Amnesty International groups and UN activity groups and with FiMSIC (Finnish Medical Students International Committee), e.g. in Peace Test project.
Germany, Internationale Ärzt e für die Verhütung des Atomkrieges / Ärzte in sozialer Verantwortung
By Helmut Lohrer, www.ippnw.de

Phasing out nuclear energy
The German affiliate is suing for the closure of the Biblis nuclear reactor due to safety deficits. Our campaigner for the phase-out of nuclear energy, Henrik Paulitz, wrote an expertise based on official documents of the German nuclear safety authority and found more than 50 severe safety deficits in the Biblis B reactor.

IPPNW in Germany is one of the organisations that runs the campaign "Do-it-Yourself Nuclear Phaseout", in which we encourage people and businesses to change their energy provider to one that supplies only renewable energies.

In 2007 the National Flower Show was held in Gera and Ronneburg, on the site of the old German uranium mine Wismut. This area is being decontaminated at a massive cost of 30 billion Euros. IPPNW took this opportunity to more deeply explore the effects of uranium mining on health and the environment, and to show the connection to nuclear weapons and nuclear energy.

IPPNW congratulated the IAEA on its 50th anniversary in July by encouraging people to send it an eCard. The eCard pointed out the double nature of nuclear energy with the motto “Nuclear Power powers the Bomb”.

Working for Sustainable Peace
The international IPPNW student project NWIP is co-coordinated by a German student, Jakob Gierten, who took part in a student delegation to Iran this year. Among other things, Jakob also helped to organise a workshop in Bristol against Trident for NWIP.
The German website "Nuclear Weapons A-Z", which is managed by IPPNW, continues to grow and now has over 150 glossary terms.

IPPNW Germany is a member of the German Abolition Network (Trägerkreis Atomwaffen abschaffen). This network was very successful in getting new members for Mayors for Peace and reactivated many local peace groups with the 2020 Vision campaign. Building on that work, the network has launched a new campaign: “our future – nuclear weapon free” for the withdrawal of nuclear weapons from Germany, and an end to nuclear sharing in NATO. This campaign is our main contribution to ICAN. We also plan to update the German translation of the Nuclear Weapons Convention to correspond to the new book “Securing Our Survival”.

Xanthe Hall continues to attend Middle Power Initiative meetings, including the Article VI-Forum, and is now a member of the MPI Executive Committee.

IPPNW is - within the German Abolition Network – contributing to the design of a disarmament education project for schools. Here we are working closely with teachers and educators, as well as the teacher’s trade union GEW.

The work of IPPNW Germany in Turkey has been continued over many years now.

IPPNW Germany continues its aid work for children in Iraq. 64 children have been operated in German hospitals since 2003. Herewith "IPPNW children’s aid for Iraq" not only gives humanitarian aid but contributes to peace and reconciliation.
This year’s Peace Film Prize was awarded to the film “Goodbye Bafana”, which deals with apartheid in South Africa. IPPNW has co-sponsored the Peace Film Prize since 1991.

In June 2007, a symposium on “Health in the context of structural and military violence”, organised by IPPNW Germany, took place in Hannover.

IPPNW Germany is helping to facilitate a model conference of Middle East NGOs under the heading “Dialogue without Preconditions”. The aim is to promote and demonstrate the idea of a CSCME (Conference for Security and Cooperation in Middle East), based on the example of the CSCE (Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe).

In the context of the “Globalisation and War” programme proposed in Helsinki, a segment of which is Networking and Bridge-building, IPPNW Germany is establishing contacts with physicians in countries of the global south. After being formally invited, Christoph Krämer visited Venezuela during presidential elections in December 2006 as an official election observer. Various Venezuelan colleagues were interested in IPPNW and are now, with the help of Antonio Jarquin, in the process of re-establishing a Venezuelan affiliate.

The German affiliate is contributing to the development of the internet study course “Medical Peace Work” and has devised lessons on the medical effects of nuclear weapons, biological, chemical and radiological weapons, landmines, non-lethal weapons and rape as a weapon. We are also involved in developing case studies for the course and producing film clips for the site.

**Physicians for social responsibility**

In October 2006, IPPNW Germany held the third in a series of congresses on the subject of “Medicine and Conscience”. This congress dealt primarily with the tension between the forces of the economic market and solidarity with patients.

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Cooperating with other German peace and solidarity groups including "European Jews for a Just Peace" and the Palestinian Community in Germany, IPPNW organised a conference in November 2006 entitled "Stop the wall in Palestine" in Berlin, with participation of activists from Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, who explained the situation in their region. 200 participants discussed possible solutions for this conflict, and what opportunities there are for the European peace movement to take action.

The exchange programme for medical students “practice and engage” continues to win new student members for IPPNW Germany. These students often continue to be active for IPPNW after their time abroad. We also received visitors from abroad as part of this project – from Japan, Kenya, India, Nepal, Turkey and Serbia.

The Clara Immerwahr Award is given by IPPNW Germany to people of outstanding courage. In March 2007, the Turkish conscientious objector Osman Murat Uelke was presented with this award for his contribution to peace and human rights in Turkey. The award ceremony took place in Berlin and again in Izmir, because Uelke was not allowed to leave the country to receive the award.

IPPNW Germany continues to act as webmaster for the European homepage (www.ippnw.eu) and has added a new language to the site: Spanish. We also send
out regular newsletters to the European affiliates detailing new items on the European homepage.

**Italy, AIMPGN**  
By Michele Dipaolantonio, MD, [www.geocities.com/ippnwitalia](http://www.geocities.com/ippnwitalia)

The Italian Chapter of IPPNW, AIMPGN, is continuing its activity to spread in Italy and in the Mediterranean Area the global movement Mayors for Peace, looking forward for a Regional Meeting of MfP in 2009 during the Mediterranean Sport Games that will be held in Italy. In that perspective AIMPGN is continuing its cooperation with the Italian Chapter of IPB. For this activity, AIMPGN was invited by Mayor Akiba Tadatoshi to the ceremony helded in Hiroshima on august, 6th, 2007, to honor the victims of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima.

**The Netherlands - NVMP-Dutch affiliate of IPPNW**  
By Hans von Iterson, [www.nvmp.org](http://www.nvmp.org)

**Mayors for Peace.** One of the most important activities the last couple of years has been the support for the Dutch Mayors for Peace campaign. Together with Dutch coordinator Karel Koster from Eurobom we worked hard to make this campaign successful in our country. In case of this important project which puts nuclear weapons on the political agenda again as well as in the media we did achieve more then we expected. A group of almost 90 cities/communities has given support to the Mayors for Peace declaration, of this group 22 Mayors actually became a Mayors for Peace member.

Most important happening this year was the visit of Mayor Abika to the Hague, July 4-5. Akiba and an international delegation of mayors visited the Peace Palace and the city hall where he introduced the next step in the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision campaign, 'The Good Faith Challenge'. An extensive report of these meetings is published and is available from July 2007.

We also were successful in producing a 'Hiroshima and Nagasaki'-exhibition. This exhibition is a very important back up for the campaign. On July 4 the exhibition had full media attention when Mayor Akiba opened it in the city hall of Leidschendam-Voorburg. NVMP sees this campaign as one of the most important campaigns at the moment as it brings the dangers of nuclear weapons to a much wider audience. Mayors are in fact an important instrument being a spokesperson for the general public.

**Global Health Education, Medical Peacework (Leonardo da Vinci).** The successful Global Health Education project was finalised in 2005 resulting in a CD-rom containing the four developed 'modules'. These modules can be used for Global Health courses at universities. The project got financial support from the NCDO (national commission on development). The GHE-project in fact continues to develop itself and will start promotion of the, from time to time actualised, courses.

This project led to join the Medical Peacework-project (Leonardo de Vinci, LdV) initialised by the Tromso-university in Norway. Also this project has major financial support from the European Commission, which makes it possible to pay for Dr.Leo van Bergen who is working at materials for this 'distant e-learning' project.

**Other initiatives.** The NVMP supported a publication from Karel Koster 'Nuclear Disarmament, still necessary'. It tells the ongoing dangers of nuclear weapons. Karel
interviewed some well-known activists, scientists, NGO's, diplomats and politicians about their point of view in this matter.
Less successful was our leaflet put in Medisch Contact, the weekly magazine from the Royal Dutch Society of Medicine (35,000 copies). It brought only 30 reactions and a handful of new members.

NVMP in 2007. Our organisation is enthusiastic about the new ICAN-Campaign. A part of that we organised the symposium 'Are nuclear power and nuclear energy Siamese twins?' Our conclusion was there is indeed an indissolubly connection. The spreading of 'peaceful' nuclear energy leads to a grave risk of nuclear weapons proliferation.

Finally (after many years without student Board members) during our annual membership meeting we succeeded in finding two student members for our board, Annemieke Groen and Masha Montazeri.

Norway, Norwegian Physicians against Nuclear Weapons (NLA)
By Tordis Høyfødt, MD, www.legermotatomvapen.no.

A full annual report in Norwegian can be found in our newsletter “Norske Leger mot Atomvåpen” 2007; Vol 25 (No1)
NLA has 1000 personal members, among them about 850 physicians and 150 medical students.

The board: Elected members of the board of the NLA in 2006 have been Tordis Sorensen Høifødt (leader and international councilor, Tromsø), Klaus Melf (Deputy leader, deputy international councilor, Tromsø), Ingvild Fossgard Sandøy (treasurer, Bergen), Bjørn Hilt (Vice President Europe IPPNW, IPPNW Board chair from September 2006, Trondheim), Cecilie Bredrup (London/Bergen), John Gunnar Mæland (Bergen), Christin Morup Ormhaug and Per Wium, (both Oslo). Student representatives to the board are Rune Dahl (Oslo), Ashras Pakzad (Bergen), Gard Jørgensen (also international student representative, Trondheim) and Ole-Kristian Losvik (Tromsø).

Student groups. NLA has active student groups in all four Norwegian universities, Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø.

Journal. In 2006 there were three issues of our journal “Norske Leger mot Atomvåpen”. The journal is distributed to all members, to medical and common libraries, and to some newspapers. The editor was Trygve Berge, medical student, Oslo, together with Torbjørn Hugo.

Web-page. The editor is board member Christin Mørup Ormhaug, Oslo. Web-master was Egil Veland, medical student, Oslo the first months of the year.

Annual assembly 2006. The annual assembly 2006 was held in on March 4th in Trondheim.

Per Wium, board member, had an introduction on the topic “WHO’s report on Health effects 20 years after Tsjernobyl, what should NLA mean?” Bjørn Hilt, regional vicepresident for IPPNW in Europe, held an introduction to discussion on the topic: “IPPNW will support a campaign for a Nuclear weapons Convention – why and how?”. In connection with the annual assembly there was an information desk with a demonstration of Target X, “Target Trondheim” in the city centre of Trondheim.

Collaboration with other NGOs. NLA is a member of the Norwegian Peace Council and of Abolition 2000. NLA collaborates with “No Nuclear Weapons” (Nei til Atomvåpen) and The national Pugwash committee in arranging meetings and making contacts with MPs and the government on disarmament issues.

Dialogue with decision makers. NLA has not been very active in this program in 2006. Gard Jorgensen, medical student, participated in the delegation to Moscow 2.-4 April. NLA try to visit the embassies of the nuclear weapons states in Oslo at the
same time as the Dialogue meetings. The Russian embassy in Oslo was visited on May 15. 2006.

**Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project.** Medical students from NLA have contributed to the international student project NWIP in 2006. Gard Jørgensen and Sindre Svedahl took part in NWIP meeting in London in August 2006.

**Norwegian campaign for a nuclear weapons convention.** The campaign is a cooperation between IPPNW Norway (NLA), The Norwegian Pugwash-committee and the Norwegian grass root movement No to Nuclear Weapons (NTA). The idea was first introduced to the public in a newspaper article 3. May 2006: “Can nuclear weapons be abolished?”

The Model Convention of 1997 is presently being translated into Norwegian with financial support from the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, as a basis for the campaign. **Small arms.** Christin M. Ormhaug participated on the UN conference on small arms in New York in June/July 2006.

**World Congress, Helsinki, 7.-10.09 2006.** NLA was represented by four physicians and seven medical students at the conference. Consultant Knut Langeland from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had an introduction on the topic of “The seven country initiative” in a plenary session.

During 2006 representatives from NLA participated in 15 international and national meetings about peace and disarmament, and published 10 contributions or articles to newspapers. We have also taken several contacts with the Norwegian government and other politicians about nuclear weapons issues, peace and disarmament.

**Poland, Lekarze Przeciw Wojnie Nuklearnej**

**Polish Section of IPPNW**

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Leading person: Bohdan W. Wasilewski, MD, PhD.
Medical Student Representative: Krina Heleniak
Number of members: 25 active members, nominally 350

The polish IPPNW chapter will organize on October 25, 2007 in Cracow educational session on medical and psychological consequences of classical and nuclear terrorism. This session will be organized together with Cracow Jagiellonian University, Cracow Pedagogic Academy and Psychosomatic Education Society as part of the 17th European Symposium of Somatotherapy and Psychosomatic Education. The Cracow meeting will continue IPPNW conferences on medical consequences of nuclear conflict which we have organized in Warsaw on November 2005 and on May 2006 with distance participation of Dr Liz Waterstone from Great Britain. We are also planning to organize a workshop with students on the same topic. Working together with SCORP IFMSA-Poland, ICAN, and the Polish Medical Society

**Sweden Annual Report of the SLMK (IPPNW-Sweden)**

**Sept 1, 2005 – Aug 31, 2006. A short summary.**

By Frida Sundberg MD and Meit Krakau MD. [www.slmk.org](http://www.slmk.org)

SLMK, Svenska Läkare mot Kärnvapen (Swedish Physicians against Nuclear Arms) is the Swedish affiliate of IPPNW. About 3400 members, including about 80 medical student members (a slight increase since last year). President: Frida Sundberg. Deputy Presidents: Martin Tondel and Leonore Wide. SLMK has a central office staffed with two persons, Klas Lundius, who is the cashier.
of SLMK, and a part-time secretary. Most of the work in SLMK is performed on a voluntary basis. About 40 individuals reported a total of 735 working days during the year.

SLMK’s web page www.slmk.org has a link to nuclear-related news in media from all over the world.

SLMK’s quarterly journal also serves as newsletter for our Danish sister affiliate, the DLMK.

**International activities**

Gunnar Westberg, our former president, is now the Co-President of IPPNW.


IPPNW World Congress took place in Helsinki in the beginning of September 2006, outside the period of this report. Before the congress, however, we organised and sponsored the participation of delegates from Iran (one doctor, one student), from China (6 students) and from North Korea (two doctors and one student, in this case the costs were shared with the German IPPNW affiliate).

**Dialogues and Seminars with Decision-makers, DwDm**

These seminars have been an important part of SLMK activities since several years. The responsibility for the program has been transferred to the central office of IPPNW. In March 2006 a delegation from IPPNW including Gunnar Westberg visited NATO HQ in Brussels and the Belgian DoD. In april 2006 Gunnar Westberg, Monika Palmgren and Thomas Silfverberg from SLMK participated in dialogue meetings in Moscow.

**Iran.** Following an initiative taken by Hans Levander, SLMK has taken steps to support the formation of an IPPNW chapter in this country.

**The Nepal project.** SLMK supports a regional office for IPPNW in Kathmandu, Nepal, in cooperation with the Physicians for Social Responsibility Nepal, PSRN. By way of this office, the Indian and the Pakistani affiliates are able to stay in contact.

**Istanbul.** An international meeting in Istanbul in November 2005, focusing on nuclear weapons issues in the Middle East, was arranged by individual members of Pugwash in cooperation with SLMK. Three persons from SLMK participated in the meeting.

**Russia.** SLMK used to support the PPNW-Russia office in Moscow. We have stayed in contact with it and we support it in connection with common projects.

**International student programs and the Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project, NWIP.**

www.ippnw-students.org/NWIP

The student members of SLMK have their focus on international activities. Originating from an idea from Hans Levander and students at a meeting in Uppsala in 2001, the NWIP has grown to become one of the most successful student projects of IPPNW. Small delegations of students go to meet groups of students in the nuclear weapon states in seminars and workshops and make them reflect on how they feel about inheriting the nuclear weapons. Camilla Mattsson, Sweden, has acted as an international coordinator of NWIP together with Inga Blum, Germany, from September 2004 to September 2006. SLMK has continuously supported and sponsored the NWIP projects in different ways.

In September 2005 a NWIP delegation with students from many countries visited NATO HQ in Brussels, Thomas Silfverberg from SLMK participated.

SLMK sent 10 students to the IPPNW European student meeting in Naples in May 2006 and the Swedish students had workshops there.

Two Swedish students, Thomas Silfverberg and Wenjing Tao, went to the World
Peace Forum in Vancouver in June 2006 and had workshops there about NWIP. From 
Vancouver they travelled to Las Vegas to see the Mayor and talk about Mayors for 
Peace and as a result the Mayor registered for M4P.

**Domestic activities**

**Embassy visits.** The North Korean Embassy in Stockholm was visited in October 2005 
and the Iranian Embassy was visited in May 2006 by delegations from SLMK. 
**Hiroshima Day,** August 6th. SLMK arranged or participated in several manifestations 
all over Sweden that day. 
**Letter-writing.** SLMK reacted strongly to a statement made by the Jacques Chirac, 
President of France, in January 2006, saying that France could use nuclear weapons 
against states that support terrorism directed against France. Our President Frida 
Sundberg sent a letter of disapproval to President Chirac and received an answer. 
She also wrote to the UN representative of Nepal to protest against the 
imprisonment of our colleagues in Nepal. 

During the summer 2006, several members of the SLMK BoD wrote letters to 
Swedish MEP’s and suggested that they support the Written Declaration on the 
Withdrawal of US Nuclear Weapons from European Territory. 

Before the general elections in Sweden 2006, we sent an inquiry to the Swedish 
political parties and asked them about their views on nuclear weapons. Their 
answers were published on the SLMK website and sent to the media. 
**Life-Link Friendships-Schools** [www.life-link.org](http://www.life-link.org) is a program for peace education in 
schools, created by Hans Levander who is also an active member of SLMK. The 
program has been endorsed by SLMK. The Life-Link program has reached many 
countries world-wide. 
**Media.** Several articles and letters written by SLMK-members have been published in 
national, local and professional newspapers and journals. 
**Seminar.** The Nuclear Threat – Alarmism or Realism? was the title of a seminar held 
in March 2006, arranged by SLMK. A scenario with a nuclear terrorist attack on 
Gothenburg was the starting-point. About thirty journalists, doctors and medical 
students participated. 
**WMDC,** the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, chaired by Hans Blix, handed 
over its report to the Secretary General of UN on the 1st of June 2006. One week 
later there was a full day public meeting in Stockholm, arranged by some ten 
Swedish NGO’s including SLMK, to explore the report. 
**Local activities** were reported by several chapters or local SLMK groups. Many SLMK 
members have been participating in out-going activities, meetings and exhibitions 
and as speakers at meetings and seminars concerning various nuclear weapons 
issues. 

**Switzerland, Switzerland PSR / IPPNW**
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A detailed report for the year 2006 may be found on the following website: 
**2006 focus Chernobyl:** For the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, 
publication of the talks from the PSR / IPPNW conference on “Health of Liquidators 
(Clean-up Workers), 20 Years after the Chernobyl Explosion” in Bern in November 
2005. Event Chernobyl solemn vigil, memorial concert, information events and film 
projections. Organization of lunch-meetings in collaboration with physicians for 
environmental protection, to recruit new members amongst young physicians from 
the medical faculty. Support of Swiss students for the participation at the 
international IPPNW student conference in Naples.
2007: Focus NWFZ: Organisation of the conference “Nuclearisation in Europe and the Middle East – From Threat to Preventive Action” that took place on Monte Verità in March 2007. During three days, opinion makers from Iran, Germany, Switzerland, Israel, Sweden discussed nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction in Europe and the Middle East, about nuclear weapons free zones and peace plans. A publication of the summaries has been issued and the planning of a follow-up conference 2008 has begun.

Further activities: Realization of a student – weekend with the aim to found the IPPNW student-group.

Support of the “Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament” and the peoples initiative “For the Protection Against Weapons”. Membership in the forum Stopp Atom.

Turkey, NUSED – Health Professionals for Peace and Environment and Against Nuclear Threat

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NUSED held its ninth (biannual) general assembly in July 2006 and amended its constitution allowing students to become members. As the five members of the executive board Leziz Onaran was elected president, Sukriye Sagbil vice-president, Derman Boztok general secretary and international councilor, Ercan Tanrikulu deputy gen. sec. and Cemal Oner treasurer. Ozen Asut and Ferruh Yavuz were elected as deputy international councilors. NUSED has 183 members from all parts of the country. The General Assembly elected deputy gen. sec. Dr. Erkan Yavuz from Diyarbakir to respond the enthusiasm of colleagues from this province with expectations of fresh contributions to the fulfillment of the Affiliate’s aims. NUSED has a yahoo group’s members list with about 55 participants.

ICAN, Global Peace and Security. NUSED communicated ICAN campaign to its antinuclear NGO network and key members of parliament in every opportunity underlining the threat posed by the NATO’s 90 nuclear war heads positioned in Incirlik, Adana.

On the 6th of August 2007 at the anniversary of Hiroshima massacre Boztok and his colleague Dr. Mehmet Kum (deputy health director and president of locally active NGO) declared to press the Igdir Appeal of NUSED and several local NGOs of Igdir Province (the most eastern province) condemning the use and development of nuclear weapons, reminding IPPNW’s ICAN efforts globally and pointing out the very imminent threat posed locally by the Metsamor nuclear plant at the Armenian border. The local and national press and TV covered the activity. Boztok thus initiated an IPPNW-ICAN activity through the opportunities of public health programs in the Eastern Anatolia recruiting new leaders to NUSED.

On 27 January 2007 within “The Week for Justice and Democracy”, on the anniversary of the assassination of Ugur Mumcu a democracy martyr journalist, NUSED with its allied NGO network organized a conference-discussion with a luncheon at Ankara’s politically active quarter Cayyolu. Prof. Dr. Yakup Kepenek, MP of Republican Peoples’ Party was the speaker on the topic of “Globalization, Religion, Politics and Business” where over a hundred participants had an active participatory session.

Boztok participated in IPPNW 2006 World Congress in Helsinki and focused mostly on Middle East peace activity links.

Antinuclear NGO network for safe environment. NUSED promotes collaboration catalyzing the antinuclear national network with more than hundred NGOs. Our activist Umur Gursoy from Gaziantep coordinated the development of a scientific statement collaboratively produced and signed by outstanding national academicians
on the threats and problems posed by nuclear energy plants. This statement and other antinuclear network statements signed by hundreds of thousands of citizens were submitted to the head of the parliament and thus the government during the anniversary activities of Chernobyl disaster. NUSED also collaborates with Rhodes antinuclear movement.

**Support public health (health for all) policies.** NUSED continues defending socialized public health system of Turkey joining the opposition NGOs against governments’ so called health reforms destroying socialized health system and aiming restructured adjustments for global financial integration. In November 2006 on the commemoration of Prof. Dr. Nusret Fisek the founder of the socialized health care system in Turkey, NUSED organized again its traditional “Peace Concert” performed by the Angora Quartet. Every year the peace concert and the reception besides several policy forums bring together Fisek’s followers, peace, democracy and public health activists. NUSED collaborates mostly with Turkish Medical Association, Consumers’ Rights Association, SCA Musical Foundation and Cankaya Municipality for such activities.

**United Kingdom – MEDACT**  
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Throughout the last year (2006-2007) Medact continued to promote the right to health and peaceful existence worldwide through campaigning, research and advocacy on health as it relates to conflict, the environment and poverty.

Activities included opposition to renewal of the UK Trident weapons system, including a joint report with Greenpeace: “Britain’s New Nuclear Weapons, Illegal, Indiscriminate and Catastrophic for Health”; a submission to the House of Commons Defence Committee; a visit by former Co-President of the IPPNW and member of the Russian Duma Dr Sergey Kolesnikov to the All-Party Group on Non-proliferation and Global Security and officials from the FCO and MoD. Medact organised a health professionals day at the Faslane nuclear submarine base as part of the Faslane 365 campaign.

Medact is planning a fourth Iraq health report which will evaluate the assistance given to the health sector since the 2003 invasion; Medact has collaborated with Landmine Action on a Register of Explosive violence, analysing media reports on incidents involving explosions. As part of the Crisis Action coalition, Medact contributed to the campaign against any military action against Iran and the publication “Time to Talk”, and was part of the ‘Ceasefire Now’ campaign during the Israeli / Lebanon conflict. It continues to be a member of the Peace and Security Liaison Group.

Medact is on the Steering Committee of the Global Health Watch, (www.ghwatch.org/) the second edition of which will be published early in 2008; with the British Medical Association and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health Medact contributed to a report on ‘Improving health in the developing world: what can national medical associations do?’ Medact hosts the meetings of the People’s Health Movement UK group, and is coordinating a submission to the Committee for Economic Social and Cultural Rights. The third Elisabeth James Memorial Lecture was on “Notions of mental health as a western cultural export: a critique”.

Working closely with the British Medical Journal Carbon Council Medact has promoted contraction and convergence as the model to address climate change in a sustainable way. Medact has been involved in Campaign against Climate Change and Stop
Climate Chaos events and in the publications of the Working Group on Climate Change and Development, raising awareness of the health impacts and how health professionals can respond. Medact has lobbied decision makers on the limitations and dangers of using nuclear power as part of the response to global warming, as summarised in our submission to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee.

Medact is part of the Refugee Health Network – an influential advocacy group for the right to access to health care for asylum seekers and a practical network providing information and contacts for practitioners; it made a submission to the Joint Committee on Human Rights and assisted the Department of Health to develop their website in this area. Medact’s Reaching Out Project promotes the reproductive health and well being of marginalised and minority women in UK, developing materials to improve awareness and understanding of services.

Medact has collaborated in the development of web-based peace medicine educational materials as part of a European-wide project, and with Skillshare International on promoting global health in the regular medical curriculum. Medact has a close working relationship with Medsin - the national medical student organisation, and AlmaMata - a group of young doctors promoting global health.

Medact will continue to work closely with other NGOs, with campaigning and professional organisations, and to consult with government, in order to promote health globally. Medact welcomes the support, input and collaboration of other organisations.

For more information please visit our website – [www.medact.org](http://www.medact.org)

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*More extensive and comprehensive activity reports from the affiliates are available at the European IPPNW web page [www.ippnw-europe.org](http://www.ippnw-europe.org) and on many of the web pages of the separate affiliates. For addresses please see table and text.*