It is our great pleasure to submit this report to the IPPNW Board of Directors. It is a snapshot of student activity since the Helsinki Congress and we hope it gives a taste of the victories and challenges of the last year. Some countries where there is student activity are not represented in this document as we are dependent on national and regional student representatives to submit their individual reports.

Student Activity by Region

Africa
African Students’ Representative: Mansur A Ramalan

Activities:
1. Participation of students in research work and activities of the multi-national Injury Surveillance Project in Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.
4. Recruitment of more student affiliates in Africa – ongoing process. The target countries for this where initial content has already been made include South Africa, Congo DRC, Sudan, Liberia, Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana and Tanzania.

Future projects:
2. Research activities – into the issues of refugee health, small arms, and gun shot injuries.
4. Upcoming Target X in Nairobi

Europe
European Students’ Representative: Alexandra “Andra” Corbu

These have been some very important and interesting years for the IPPNW students. Many groups have become active at universities all across Europe and new and exciting projects have started. We also had two great annual conferences in Naples and Porto that strengthened the determination of some and gave ideas to others.
I’ve felt the need to summarize all of these things and also to update the existing lists of IPPNW student members and projects. Though this is not complete, I hope it will give you an idea of what we’ve done in those past years:

**Finland**
NSR: Aino Hakkarainen: amhakk@hytti.uku.fi

The ongoing projects are the ones that we are doing together with FiMSIC, the Finish part of IFMSA, of these the most important ones are:

- Näetkö Nälkää? (are you hungry?)-project, which aims to raise awareness of famine in the world. This is a joined project with FiMSIC. There are lectures, panel discussion, a photo display and an event in the market square, to give information to as many people as possible. Contact person: Paula Väre, vare@hytti.uku.fi.

- NALLE-hospital (teddybear-hospital), this is a project from IFMSA, mainly executed by FiMSIC in Finland, but partly financed by LSV, the finish part of IPPNW.

Local projects include discussion evenings, movie evenings, visits to different places (re. prisons). 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**
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NSRs: Christina Mussler: christina_mussler@yahoo.de , Daniela Calvano: Bruuce@gmx.de

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. The result: a new Iranian IPPNW student affiliate. Among other things, Jakob also helped to organise a workshop in Bristol against Trident for NWIP.

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.

**France**
NSR: Anne-Lorraine Bouquiaux: alstrasbg@yahoo.fr

We started the group in Strasbourg last October. So we are pretty new. We are the unique group in France and we hope that it will become bigger and bigger. So our main aim is to recruit some more students and make the movement, IPPNW students better known in France.

In October, we plan to organise some meetings to allow medical students to discover the activities of IPPNW. We are also planning to join the Peace Test and to go to school to talk about nuclear weapons. Last year, we did two Target X and one CentralX (it is like a targetX, but instead of a nuclear bomb, we talk about the explosion of a nuclear plant). We joined huge manifestations with other big ecological organizations, like Greenpeace, because in France, nuclear power is a real issue.

We also did our national conference in Strasbourg, organised by students. We planned to participate in all European and international meetings, like we did in Porto. We hope to
can participate to MedEx and to have more cooperation and involvement with NWIP (I went with a NWIP delegation in China and Mongolia last June).

**Norway**  
NSR: Mari Jetlund: jetlund@legermotatomvapen.no  

The total of 40-50 active student members in Norway are organized in individual groups in each of the four universities. We don't have any big projects going, but each group organize local activities like Target X-demonstrations, student meetings and documentary movie nights.

In 2007 we are participating in the International Campaign for Abolishing Nuclear weapons (ICAN) and we arranged ICAN-demonstrations in every University City on the 23rd of April (for the anniversary of Albert Schweitzer's appeal for disarmament). Together with the doctors of NLA (the Norwegian IPPNW org) we have for a whole year, as part of the ICAN-campaign, gathered signatures for putting pressure on the government to take a lead in demanding international abolishment.

Norwegian students also participate in international meetings like the European student conference in Portugal and the coming conference in London this October. Beside, all medical students in Norway take part in a huge humanitarian campaign called MedHum, which is an individual and non-IPPNW-related project. It is in short all the Norwegian medical students raising money for a medical project in a developing country. The campaign takes place every second year, next and 9th time will be in September 2007. The recent campaigns have involved about two thousand medical students and have raised about 200 000 Euro. Contact: medhum@medhum.no. Web-page: www.medhum.no.

**Portugal**  
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A commission of medical students of the Institute of Biomedical Sciences of Abel Salazar (ICBAS) of the University of Porto, with the support of the Executive Commission of ICBAS, logistic support of the Students Association of ICBAS, and in collaboration with the international organization IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War) medical students and the Association of Portuguese Doctors for the Prevention of Nuclear War, organized the European Medical Students Conference of IPPNW, between 27 and 30 April 2007, in the city of Porto, Portugal.

The main theme of the 8th EMSC of IPPNW was "Nuclear War throughout Time". However, our understanding of a conference theme is that of an igniter - "Nuclear War throughout Time" it was a starting point to talk about lots of others things. There were more than 150 medical students and more than 20 projects from different countries were presented. It was a great opportunity to share ideas that one can only hope to be repeated in the years to come.

**Sweden**  
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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.

Life-Link Friendships-Schools 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 worldwide.

Russia
NSR: Vilena Dyakova: leleo@mail.ru

Last winter we performed the project "Russia - point of view". Now, we are busy with Videoproject for conference in London. We contact people from nuclear states and trying to get some videos of their activity. We already have 4 movies and a little time to compile all this. In the middle of this fall, we're planning to make Target X in Saint-Petersburg. Now, we're waiting for official permission. Tamara, one of the active Georgian students studying in Russia is organizing new Georgia's affiliate. She already has several active students who made Target X in Batumi on 14 of August.

Poland
NSR: Karina Heleniak karinaheleniak@gmail.com

In Poland it is just a reactivation of student section of IPPNW, so it is not possible to give you addresses of IPPNW people. In fact there are about 25 active members, nominally more. Because of the reactivation of student section in Poland we are trying to take part of some current projects. We would like to make projects together with SCORP members. There are people who are highly interested in.

We would like to take part of ICAN from this year. We have some ideas and I hope it would be possible. 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 the participation of Dr Liz Waterston from Great Britain. We are also planning to organize a workshop with students on the same topic.

Italy
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European Medical Students Conference of IPPNW 2006 was organized by Italian students successfully. Besides they are involved with local IPPNW related activities.
New Student groups
Ukraine
Georgia (Batumi)
Austria (Vienna)
Switzerland (Friebourg)
Netherlands (Amsterdam)

Other affiliates with fewer or no student activities, or simply no report submitted
Belgium
Denmark
UK
Spain
Serbia
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Czech

Latin America
The RSRs: Cesar Aleman and Nidia Rodriguez
Membership
Spread in: Colombia, Nicaragua, Chile, Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador and Honduras.
Major Activities of the year
2) Participation in 2007 Student PSR (Physicians for social responsibility) National conference on Medical consequences of the war, held in Stanford, California USA. Cesar Aleman participated in the event.
4) Got new coordinators and Opened new chapters of IPPNW medical students members in Chile, Peru, Honduras, Ecuador, Panama and Brazil
5) Target X of medical students in Brazil and Peru http://www.ippnw-students.org/Chapters/Brazil/Brazil.html and http://www.ippnw-students.org/Chapters/Peru/Peru.html
6) MedEx program being started between SPSR and IPPNW, Nicaragua students.

In the pipeline
1) Participation of IPPNW Latin America with abstract submission at 9th world conference on injury prevention and safety promotion March 15-18, Merida, Mexico 2008 http://www.safety2008mx.info/
2) Participation of IPPNW Latin America at 18th world congress IPPNW Delhi -India March 2008 www.ippnw2008.org
3) Participation at the IFMSA PAMSA (International federation of medical students associations) Regional meeting 27th to 31st of January, 2008 to be held in Brazil
4) Regional conference: Host, plans and projects.
5) Student Recruitment for various projects and to extend the activities in different countries of LA and to new chapters that have been recently formed.
6) Target X: The LA students want to organise more Target X and want to involve more students into that program.

Middle East
No report received.

North America
Student PSR Accomplishments 2006-2007 (USA)
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Projects: We currently have two main national areas of work – Environment and Health, and Security.

Environment & Health
Medical Alliance to Stop Global Warming: During the past year we have been working on a national collaboration between Student PSR and American Medical Student Association (AMSA) to promote measures to reverse global warming. This project includes participation of around 20 medical schools across the country, and promotes educational events, local initiatives, and national legislation to reverse the changes of global warming.
- During the last year we started building a network of SPSR and AMSA students working on this project.
- Identified a national SPSR leader for this project, regional leaders and have a developing list of chapter leaders.
- AMSA signed on to PSR’s environmental principles – a document that will be used in showing that medical organization support efforts to slow and reverse global warming.
- We are currently working on an online petition to be signed by deans, medical faculty, students and other healthcare professionals that will be sent to US legislators.

Learn more about this project online at: http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=MedicalAlliance_to_StopGlobalWarming

Security
During the last year, Student PSR leaders sent video clips about US student and citizen perspectives on nuclear weapons to show international support for disarmament initiatives. The Long Beach Target X Video may be seen at: http://www.ippnw-students.org/epulse/current.html.

We are currently working to build a national US security movement. This project will be largely framed around the upcoming US elections to generate student interest and engagement on the issues of a) nuclear weapons production in the US, b) nuclear power, c) the Iraq war and d) Iran. Our security website is here: http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SPSR_Nuclear

Conferences
- Medical Consequences of War: The 2007 National Student PSR Conference at Stanford University (in February 2007) was planned and implemented entirely by National Student Representatives.
  o Write-up in IPPNW student (international) publication
  o 100 attendees, a number of travel scholarships from national SPSR (around 10)
  o Keynote address by renowned researcher Dr. Les Roberts – author of Lancet article on Iraqi mortality following US invasion of Iraq
• Interview with Les Roberts in ePulse
  o Published conference materials for download (ppts, websites) online
• National Student PSR leaders represented SPSR at the Think Outside the Bomb conference in October 2006 and in August 2007
• IPPNW delegation to Helsinki in September 2007
  o 9 US students attended and participated in international discussions, scholarships provided by national student PSR based on essays
• SPSR was represented at the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) conference in DC. AMSA is one of the largest medical student organizations in the US.

Administrative
• Applied for and received private grant for $2500 towards membership recruitment for Student PSR
• Designed student recruitment ad to appear in September and October issues of AMSA’s journal, The New Physician, using grant monies
• Website and database converted to online system from antiquated Yahoo list and Excel spreadsheet
• August-September 2007: updated entire database, and updated chapter leaders (approximately 20 leaders), setting up framework for easily sustainable network. We are currently updating our online resources, including an events calendar that is visible here: http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SPSR_Events. We will also be cataloguing student projects over the next year using our online server.

North Asia
No report received.

South Asia
Bangladesh, SPSR
Activities/Programs

An advocacy meeting was organized with students, young doctors and journalist on the theme Reverence for Life/Music for Life on April 22, 2007 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Campus. About 75 persons participated on that meeting.

Voluntary free medical services to flood affecting peoples: Out of 64 districts 43 was flooded from May to September 2007. About 30 million people suffered from its consequences. Our Doctors and clinical students became forward to serve diarrhea suffering peoples at different hospitals. Many doctors served at different hospitals voluntarily. Other students served to make Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) in hand.

Voluntary blood donation and posthumous eye donation campaign: This is our ongoing regular program. On the International Mother Language Day,07 (February 21) in association with other medical students group we organized a day long voluntary blood donation program at Central Monument of language murder at Mymensingh city. Hundred and six people donated blood voluntarily there.

Strengthening activities: PSR-B students’ chapter is trying to expand in other medical colleges of Bangladesh. Several view exchange and motivational program were organized in three medical colleges. We have taken preparation to organize national Students convention soon after Emergency Power Rule becomes relaxed or withdrawn.

Hiroshima Day, 07: Bangladesh is running under Emergency power Rule 2007. To organize any gathering, govt. permission is mandatory. PSR-B applied to Govt. to organize a rally and a discussion meeting on Hiroshima Day. Govt. didn't permit us to
organize a rally but discussion meeting. PSR-B organized a fruitful discussion meeting with Social activists, eminent journalists, physicians & medical students where Dr. Anowar Hossain, former chairman, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Wali-ur Rehman, former Ambassador & foreign secretary; Mr. Jogilul Ahmed Chowdhury, Chief Editor, Bangladesh News Agency; Ms. Ayesha Akter, General Secretary, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (Bangladesh Women Association) and Dr. Sarwar Ali, Trustee Independent war Museum & former Secretary General of Bangladesh Medical Association, former councilor, IPPNW were discussed on the topic "IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPON ON HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT: HIROSHIMA TO BANGLADESH". Dr. Kamrul Hasan Khan presented the key note paper and the session was chaired by eminent economist & leader of civil society Professor Mozaffor Ahmed. The news of this program was covered by various TV (Satellite) channel and the National Dailies.

Participation in 17th IPPNW world Congress, Helsinki, Finland: Along with two PSR-Physician, our students’ representative Moshiur Rahman Khasru participated actively in that wonderful congress on September 6-9, 2006.

Participation in South Asian Students Meet 2007, Kathmandu, Nepal: On August 28-29, a seminar was held on Kathmandu, Nepal organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility Nepal. It was a South Asian Students Meet. The theme of the conference was ‘A Call from Medical Community for the Prevention of Small Arms Violence’. PSR, Bangladesh sent a team to attend the meeting. The members are as follows: Moshiur Rahman Khasru- (Team leader), Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury and Anarul Islam

Total five countries attended the conference namely Bangladesh, India, Germany, Poland and host Nepal.

**Pakistani Doctors for Peace & Development, Student Chapter**

**ACTIVITIES**

PDPD student chapter mainly organizes DwDM meetings and NWIP delegations to various Pakistani universities.

**Problem:**
Unfortunately in the past couple of years the student’s wing and its related activities once again saw a sharp decline mainly due to the financial crisis that have prevailed throughout its existence. The chapter organized various campaigns to acquire financial support from the leading financial and business institutions but no one seemed to respond due to fear of extremist’s threats for supporting a purely antinuclear organization. Today the student’s wing comprises of 5-10 students (?) who are plagued by lack of finances and are unable to convey the message of IPPNW to the ignored people of Pakistan.

**In the pipeline:**
The student’s wing wants to conduct student dialogue with the decision makers in Islamabad and Karachi before the Delhi Congress in New Delhi 2008. The aim of that meeting will be to make the Pakistani decision makers aware of the student’s force which the IPPNW currently holds and to compel the decision makers to recognize and support the student’s wing in Pakistan.

The dialogues will be followed by an Islamabad-Wagah van tour with full media coverage so that the message of IPPNW reaches every individual of the country.

**Conclusion**
The PDPD student’s wing would like to request the board to sort out a way or allocate a specific amount to support the students' activities which can be carried
out in the major cities of Pakistan. We also request the board to insure and support once a year participation of at least three PDPD students in the international events so that the students are able to expand their horizon and effectively participate in IPPNW events nationally and internationally.

**PSR, Nepal Students**

**Seminar on Health Structure of New Nepal**
The anti-monarchist people’s movement of April 2006 ushered Nepal into Federal Republic set up. Though it has not been established yet, Nepalese people hope there country will be of federal republic type after the election of constituent assembly which is scheduled to be held on November 2007. On light of this political environment PSRN Student Chapter organized a one day seminar on the topic “Health Structure of Federal Nepal: an Overview”. The programme was divided into expert session and student session.

Lots of renowned people including Prof. Krishna Bhattachan, a renowned sociologist and leader of ethnic tribe, Dr. Saroj Dhital, vice president of PSRN highlighted upon the intricacies of politics and other dimensions of society, Dr Arjun Karki, Dr Sarad Onta, General Secretary of PSRN.

**Interaction Program on Beauty Pageant and Women Empowerment**
As a nationwide debate was underway, on whether beauty pageant were a means to woman empowerment or a tool for their exploitation, an interaction program to discuss the pros and cons of such events was organized. The speakers included organizers of such pageants, participants and woman rights activists. The program was followed by healthy interaction

**Essay Competition on “Thoughts on New Nepal: Challenges and Solutions”**
After the April Revolution, New Nepal has become the talk of the town. In the same context PSRN Student Chapter organized a nation wide essay competition on the topic. The visionary essays we received depicted enthusiastic and youthful hope for ushering the country into the new arena. We hope the planners and political leaders can learn a lot from the visions put forward by the youths.

**Observation of 61st Hiroshima Day**
PSRN Students actively participated on the observation of Hiroshima Day organized by PSRN on 6th of August in Katmandu. Nepalese artists performed in the program. There was also a drama depicting the tragedies of war and violence and highlighting on the enormous possibility of peaceful society.

**Help for Flood Victims**
Recently there was a heavy flood in Southern Belt of Nepal and it claimed dozens of lives and destructions of enormous amount of property. Though nothing in the world can replace the sufferings of the relatives of the deceased ones, but a small help in the time of need indeed serves the humanity. PSRN Student Chapter collected old clothes from the students and sent to the victims and we had done it last tear also. Indeed it is time to work out for prevention of flood for there are many man made causes responsible for it.

**South Asian Students’ Meet – A Call from Medical Community for the Prevention of Small Arms Violence**

The student chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Nepal (PSRN) organized a two day South Asian Students ’ Meet – a Call from Medical Community for the Prevention of Small Arms Violence on August 28-29 in Bhaktapur, a historical city of Nepal. Bhaktapur lies to the east of capital city of Nepal and it is about 45 minute-bus-ride from the capital city.
PARTICIPATION
The students from different medical colleges and public health colleges of Nepal, India, Bangladesh and Germany had active participation in the program. Prof. Dr. Mathura Prasad Shrestha, the President of PSRN and eminent figure of civil society, Er. Dr. Rajan Suwal, Dr. Mahesh Maskey, the former Vice President of IPPNW for South Asia and currently the Chairperson of Nepal Health Research Council, Dr. Khagendra Dahal, IMSR of IPPNW, Mr. Chudamani Giri, the National Student Representative of PSRN, spoke in the program.

The program mainly consisted paper presentation and interactions. Finally the students came up with Solidarity for Peace.

South-East Asia/Pacific
IPPNW SEAP students have been busy since the Helsinki Congress working to foster regional cohesiveness and collegiality. The development of a regional newsletter, with a strong student contribution, has been an important part of this process. This was supplemented by our regional student meeting 'History Health and Hope' in Adelaide in July. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss national events and share local challenges. Participants were individually able to refresh and revitalize their idealism; aided in no small part by a number of exceptional speakers and presenters. Plans for a second conference in New Zealand 2008 are underway. Regionally there has been an increase of 'Facebook' utilization and this has provided an informal mechanism for contact and support between meetings. Goals for 2008 include improving our regional newsletter and engaging the Pacific medical schools in IPPNW. There is also a regional student website under development which will contain full conference report, a photo album, and an archive of our regional newsletter.

There are active students in Australia with two newly elected NSRs, New Zealand with a new NSR and new national organisation, and in the Philippines where the main activity is running the Global Health Course.

International Student Projects

NWIP
Major activities
- Delegation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea June 2007
- Delegation to China and participation in North East Asia regional meeting in Mongolia May 2007
- Participation in European Student meeting, Porto April 2007
- Delegation to Iran (Andimeshk, Tehran) February 2007
- Participation in SPSR meeting, Stanford January 2007
- Delegation to Tehran January 2007
- DwDM Islamabad January 2007
- Coordinators meeting in Stockholm January 2007
- German National Student meeting in Cologne November 2006
- Meeting in Bristol October 2006

Target X
This project has progressed a lot over the last year. It has been installed in different locations throughout the world. Recent Target installations were made in Cologne, Ulanbator, Batumi, Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth, Patna, Helsinki, Kotka, Porto, Lima, Quito, Dusseldorf, Tehran, Bergen, Dover, and most recently in London.

Advantages:
1. Cost-effective program
2. Even local affiliates with limited resources can do one.
3. Result-oriented: as gives opportunity to go to the public and express our agenda
4. Joint action between physicians and students:
5. Have opportunity to work with other people outside medical community

ReCap
This project aims to address the challenge of Palestinian refugees. They are one of the largest displaced populations in the world and we have the responsibility to do our best towards improving their conditions and better understanding their problems and needs. In the summer of 2007 ReCap undertook a nine day workshop at the Al-Quds University of Jerusalem. Discussions were held on the situation of Palestinian people, refugees, children and war, and participants received skill-training in psychological programming theory and practice. There was a social activities program in the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem over three weeks which included English classes and drama activities. Student involvement this year included delegates from Germany, Austria and Denmark, in addition to the Palestinian student leaders.

Overriding Trident Tour
For full details and photos of this bike tour from Dover to London, please go to the student website: ippnw-students.org/OTT

ICAN
In addition to the use if ICAN materials in NWIP work and at student gatherings around the world, specific local ICAN goals have been set by all participants at the recent South-East Asia/Pacific student meeting, which had representations from seven medical schools in three countries. Students in Norway have been working on ICAN along with doctors, collecting signatures for the ICAN petition, and in Kenya high school students are being enlisted to sign the petition, largely through the work of the Special Ambassador for the Gun Free Africa Campaign, Dr. Kalsi.