August 2010 – August 2011

This report from the two board chairs is meant as our description of the structure and the activities of the Board of Directors of IPPNW (BoD) and its Executive committee (EC) during the period from the 19th world congress in Basel in August 2010 up to the Board Meeting in Boston in September 2011. The report has to be seen together with reports from the co-presidents, the Central office (CO), and the programmatic work, and there has been an aim to reduce overlap.

At the 19th World congress of IPPNW held in Basel from 25th to 30th of August, 2010, the IC of IPPNW elected the following persons to serve in the BoD:

Co-Presidents:
- Sergey Kolesnikov (Russia)
- Robert Mtonga (Zambia)
- Vappu Taipale (Finland)

Regional Vice Presidents:
- Africa:    Daniel Bassey (Nigeria)
- Europe:    Lars Pohlmeier (Germany)
- Latin America: Antonio Jarquin (Nicaragua)
- Middle East: Ahmed Saada (Egypt)
- North America: Ira Helfand (USA)
- North Asia:    Shizuteru Usui (Japan)
- Russia/CIS:    Armais Kamalov (Russia)
- South Asia:    Asoka Hettiarachi (Sri Lanka)
- South-East Asia/Pacifics:    Tilman Ruff (Australia)

At Large Members:
- Vladimir Garkavenko (Russia)
- Bjørn Hilt (Norway)
- Andrew Kanter (USA)
- Arun Mitra (India)
- Andi Nidecker (Switzerland)
- Wenjing Tao (Sweden)

International student’s representatives:
- Leila Moein (Iran)
- Ogebe Onazi (Nigeria)

Ex-officio members:
- Speaker of the IC:    Herman Spanjaard (The Netherlands)
- Deputy speaker of the IC:    Kati Juva (Finland)
- 2012 Congress president: Jiro Yanagida (Japan)

At the first meeting of the incoming board held on 30th of August, Bjørn Hilt was elected chairman of the board and Wenjing Tao deputy chair. Along with them, it was decided that the Co-presidents Vappu Taipale, Sergey Kolesnikov, and Bob Mtonga, the elected secretary of the board Ira Helfand and the elected treasurer Lars Pohlmeier, together with the two ISRs Leila Moein and Ogebe Onazi, were to serve as the EC of the board.
The IC at the Basel congress decided that the three core federative programs for IPPNW for the period 2010-12 should continue to be

- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)
- Aiming for Prevention (AfP)
- IPPNW student movement development

ICAN

John Loretz and Tilman Ruff, along with several other IPPNW members have served in the core working group of ICAN. The campaign has expanded this year with a head-office in Geneva and three new co-workers. Vibrant work is being done in ICAN-Europe and Australia, and the campaign has been successfully launched in Africa during the IPPNW African Regional Meeting in the Summer of 2011.

IPPNW representatives have been invited to contribute in the drafting process of the proposed ICRC resolution on nuclear weapons, further deepening the cooperation between our two organizations.

Interesting progress has been made in the research on nuclear famine, with Ira Helfand taking a central role in the project. The research is funded through a grant from the Swiss government. Results from a new study are expected to be released shortly.

Please see John Loretz and the co-presidents report for further activities and achievements.

Aiming for Prevention

The AfP-program continues to be coordinated by Maria Valenti at the CO with contributions from several IPPNW individuals and affiliates from South-East Asia, Africa, Latin- and North America. Several important achievements has been made this year, amongst others several publications and presentations and successful IPPNW delegations to the two last Arms Trade Treaty PrepComs in New York in February/March and July 2011.

Please see Maria Valenti and the co-presidents reports for activities and achievements.

Students

The student movement is governed by the leadership from the two international student representatives (ISRs) Ogebe Onazi and Leila Moein. As always, the students have engaged themselves in several creative activities, and are planning for the Hiroshima BAN Bike Tour and a Target X exhibition in connection to the World Congress in Hiroshima 2012.

Please see Ogebe and Leila’s report for further activities and achievements.

Other programs and activities

Several IPPNW affiliates have been working on spreading information on nuclear power and health, attracting significant media attention after the Fukushima disaster. The CO put together digests of media interviews, articles and other resources produced by IPPNW experts during the height of the crisis, and compiled a special edition of “Medicine and Global Survival” with the highlights of this material. The IPPNW position on nuclear power has become topical once again. A working group, including several board members, are putting together suggestions for how to proceed in this matter. Their recommendations are expected to be brought forth during the board meeting in September.

An IPPNW resolution and/or program on globalization and health has been up for discussion previously. IPPNW members have been invited through the mailing lists to submit papers with their views on the topic, as a contribution to the discussion in Boston. Due to a moderate amount of submissions, half a day will be dedicated for the topic during the board meeting in Boston, with the hope of arriving to a conclusion.
Several IPPNW regional meetings have taken place during the past year. Please see the reports from the regional presidents for further information.

Regional IPPNW meetings

Joint North- and South Asian Regional Meeting
March 4-6, 2011. Kathmandu, Nepal

Nordic IPPNW Conference
May 6-8, 2011. Uppsala, Sweden

African Regional Meeting
July 6-8, 2011. Livingstone, Zambia

Board matters

During the course of the year, the Executive Committee has had 12 conference calls, focusing on the programmatic work and the financial situation of the federation, including fundraising. Individual board members have been invited to attend the EC calls to report on their activities and engagements. The protocols from the EC calls have been distributed to the board and the International Council through mailing lists from the CO. The board and IC have also been informed about the agenda prior to the conference calls for input and suggestions.

A self-evaluation of the Board has been conducted during the spring and summer of 2011. The results from the evaluation will be presented during the board meeting in September.

The main fundraising activity outside the US of the board and the CO has been the annual IPPNW raffle, made possible through the tireless effort from our treasurer, Lars Pohlmeier, and the CO. This year’s profit from the raffle has been dedicated to the International Fund. The EC decided that the raffle should continue to be organised next year, to the benefit of the Hiroshima BAN Bike Tour. Some board members also contribute individually on a voluntary basis to funding for IPPNW.

Most of the fundraising are taking place in the U.S. through the CO. The CO has welcomed a new co-worker, Garret FitzGerald, working half-time on fundraising. The EC acknowledge the unequal geographic distribution of fundraising sources, and intend to work out strategies to increase the donations and grants from Europe on account of the international federation.

The board chair and central office have contacted affiliates with unpaid dues at several occasions, with meagre results. Decisions of moving some of these into silent affiliate status will be taken at the board meeting.

Finally, the EC and the board, on account of the federation, must express our gratitude to the CO that has done tremendous work with outmost limited resources. The EC and the CO have cooperated very well, and the CO has also invested a lot of energy in providing assistance and resources to affiliates and other IPPNW members.

Working with IPPNW is like gardening; no matter how hard you work, you could always do more. Unlike gardening, you may not always be able to see the immediate fruits of your effort. However, we have seen the results throughout the years, the gradual change in international opinion and the increasing awareness amongst decision makers. Our hope for a safe world without nuclear weapons remains as vivid as ever. As IPPNW activists, we are ready to struggle for it.

Trondheim / Stockholm August 2011

Bjørn Hilt         Wenjing Tao
Board chair of IPPNW  Dep. board chair of IPPNW
APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

Country: Republic of Macedonia  
Name of Organization: Physicians for Peace and Social Responsibility of Macedonia  
President: Goran Trajkovski  
International Councilor: Elizabeta Zisovska  
Medical Student Representative: Borko Ivanov  
Approximate # of Members: 10

PPSR was established in December 2010 following a symposium held in July 2010 in Skopje which was attended by colleagues from Germany, Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia to exchange ideas and promote the idea of peace.

Main Goals and Activities
- Adheres to the Constitution and goals of IPPNW
- Development, promotion and dissemination of education
- Undertake activities relevant for peace keeping
- Prevention of military conflicts
- Promote peaceful conflict resolution
- Minimize the effects of war and preparations for war on health, development and the environment
- Undertake actions generally aimed at preserving peace, health and welfare in the country
- Collaboration with both governmental and non-governmental organizations

AFFILIATES IN VIOLATION OF THE AFFILIATE DUES PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Background: In 2010 in Basel the International Council passed a resolution outlining a series of steps for non-paying affiliates. One of the steps says “After two years with no payment the affiliate should be downgraded by the board to be considered a silent affiliate and is to be notified from the board about this at least six months ahead of the next world congress.” The resolution defines a silent affiliate as “a member of the federation, but without voting rights, and not counting in the quorum necessary at IC meetings.”

- China – last paid on 28 March, 2008
- El Salvador – no record of payment since before 2001
- Kenya – last paid on 19 February, 2004
- Mongolia – became an affiliate in September 2006 but has never paid dues
- Pakistan – last paid on 6 September, 2006
- Palestine – last paid on 31 January 2008
- Uganda – no record of payment since before 2001
- Venezuela – became an affiliate in March 2008 but has never paid dues

PROPOSED FOR DISAFFILIATION

Background: In 2005 the Board of Directors voted to suspend 12 affiliates to be referred to as “Silent Affiliates”. Since then 3 of those affiliates have been reinstated with full voting rights. 7 others are still in the “silent” category but are either actively involved in IPPNW, have paid dues, or are in the process of re-organizing. These include: Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, Portugal, and...
Spain. Romania and Uruguay are being proposed for disaffiliation. The criteria used for suspension and disaffiliation are:

1. At least 10 active members according to the Constitution
2. Annual reports of program activities
3. Attendance at Congress and regional meetings
4. Annual payment of affiliate dues

**Romania**
- Former International Councilor has informed CO that they have not been active since 2002
- Former active medical student group supports disaffiliation
- No evidence of program activities
- No attendance at IPPNW meetings for at least 10 years
- No payment of dues for at least 12 years

**Uruguay**
- No evidence of program activities
- No attendance at IPPNW meetings for over 14 years
- No payment of dues for over 14 years
- No reports filed
- No contact with the Central Office

**REQUEST FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFFILIATE WITH A NEW NAME**

**Background:** Serbia has had an affiliate since 1993 with the name Physicians for Peace. In 2011 Physicians for Peace lost their status as an official NGO in Serbia. In order to continue with the re-estabilishment of a Serbian IPPNW affiliate the group used a new organization called Physicians Union Lege Artis – ULLA. In June 2011 a ULLA assembly was held in which mission and values were discussed and accepted, promotion of IPPNW among Serbian physicians was agreed and proposals for new projects were discussed and accepted.

**Country:** Serbia
**Name of Organization:** Physicians Union Lege Artis - ULLA
**Contact:** Dragan Veljkovic
**Goals:** raising the level of consciousness about the use of nuclear energy and informing professionals and the public in the usage and the sources of detrimental radioactive emission
**Mission:** improvement of people’s health, promotion of healthy models of behavior and creation of a more peaceful and safer environment without the use of nuclear energy

**AFFILIATES IN FORMATION**

**Kosovo**
- Decided by unanimous vote at a July 2010 meeting of doctors and medical students from former Yugoslavia held in Skopje, Macedonia
- Recommended by Dr. Gottstein
- Have received application forms and the IPPNW Constitution