European affiliates are: Austria, Belgium (French), Belgium (Flemish), Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia (FYROM), Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

AUSTRIA

IPPNW Austria Short report about activities 2014/15

2014:
Several presentations on Humanitarian and Health aspects of Nuclear weapons (Klaus Renoldner): at ACUNS conference (UN Vienna), at Red Cross Vienna, at Academic Forum for Foreign Policy Vienna, and at Medical University Vienna.

Participation at Long Night of Peace, Linz (Michael Schober and Michael Baier)
August 2014: participation at IPPNW Astana Conference and bike tour (Michael Schober), presentations of small arms poster exhibition

Coordination of preparations for Conferences on Humanitarian Aspects of Nuclear Weapons in Vienna (Michael Baier).

Participation of IPPNW in both conferences in December 2014 in Vienna (Michael Baier et al.)

Poster Exhibition on Nuclear Weapons finished. (Michael Baier et al.) Both poster exhibitions (NWs and small arms) showed in Vienna at various places including Museum of 9th district. (Michael Baier, Vera Gruner, Bettina Weiskopf et al.)
Regular meetings on small arms in Austrian Foreign Ministry (Michael Schober)
Regular participation in meetings of NGO-committee-on peace at UN Vienna
Student exchange program (Sophia Dotzler et al.)

2015:
Meeting with Vice president of Austrian Chamber of Physicians to talk about upcoming WMA decision on a ban of all NWs. Support was promised.
April/May: Participation of Klaus Renoldner at NPT Review Conference in NY including several side events.
June: Participation at ATT Preparation Conference for the first CSP, Vienna; Participation at Long Night of Peace, Linz (Michael Schober et al.)
July/August: Student exchange program with Kasachstan in Linz (Michael Schober)
6 August: Participation and Speech on abolition of NWs at Genbaku Nohi Celebration at UN Vienna
6 August: Co-organizing Hiroshima Event at Stephansplaz in City Center of Vienna including public action of dismantling a nuclear weapon (see pictures)
2 September: UN Vienna: start of cooperation of IPPNW with UNODA in establishing disarmament education programs. 1st Steering team meeting, consisting head of UNODA Vienna, representative of UNODA NY, Ambassadors and representatives of international organizations (OSCE etc.) plus 1 NGO representative of IPPNW.
21 September: on the occasion of UN International Days of Peace and for Elimination of NWs, in cooperation with UN film screening and speech. NW poster exhibition

2 October: at UN Vienna celebration of UN Day of Non-violence, speech on NWs, IPPNW and NGO-cte.-on-peace (Klaus Renoldner)

5 October: Speech on NGO-cte.-on-peace and IPPNW at 70 years celebration of UN

21 October: Ambassador of Norway to UN Vienna invited to speak to NGOs on cooperation with NGO activities for disarmament.

Regular meetings of IPPNW Austria in Vienna, participation in NGO-cte.-on-peace meetings and activities.

Newsletter: OMEGA-News

**Publication:** Michael Schober et al.: "Improving care for victims of violence in resource-poor settings such as Lusaka, Zambia: results of a low-budget intervention" in IP Journal of British Medical Journal group, February 2015

**FINLAND**


PSR Finland has a lot of other activities besides peace issues. We have several large development co-operation projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These have been mainly funded by governments NGO-funds, but we have had to collect some money on our own. Mainly for these projects we had an office with 3-4 persons. Already in the beginning of 2015 the funding of these projects was cut somewhat. But after the elections on April 2015 we have a new very conservative government which has now cut all Finland’s development co-operation funding over 40%. That means heavy shutdowns also for NGO projects and PSR Finland has to dismiss employees and use much energy on fundraising for our development work. This has of course affected also the work on peace issues – more has to be done by voluntary work, the reduced office cannot support us as it used to.

In spite of these financial problems PSR Finland has managed to be active in many issues regarding war and peace. The peace group has had regular meetings with 4-8 participants (some via skype) and has regular email contacts.

There were three Finns in the IPPNW world congress in Kazakhstan, and both Kati Juva and Vappu Taipale chaired one plenary. There was also a workshop by PSR Finland about Nuclear Exits – countries that has abandoned nuclear weapons. This was based on a previous seminar on the same theme held in Helsinki in Autumn 2013. Medicine, Conflict and Survival published a special issue on this theme and Routledge published a book Nuclear Exits edited by Ilkka and Vappu Taipale.

3rd Congress on Humanitarian Impacts on Nuclear Weapons was held in Vienna in December 2014, and two representatives of PSR Finland attended the Civil Forum. Finnish peace activists met representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs before the conference.

PSR has translated in Finnish and printed some of the posters in the series Hibakusha Worldwide. These posters were on display in several medical conventions and libraries. In Autumn 2014 PSR sent a letter to the Finnish leaders of Danske Bank concerning their investments on nuclear weapons (Don’t bank the bomb – campaign). They answered very politely and told us they have decided to stop investing on nuclear weapons and are taking steps to implement this. [http://www.lsv.fi/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Danske-Bank-vastine-LSVlle-4.12.2014.pdf](http://www.lsv.fi/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Danske-Bank-vastine-LSVlle-4.12.2014.pdf)
We also sent a letter to the Israeli ambassador in Helsinki regarding the denial to let a Norwegian colleague Mads Gilbert back to Gaza to help the wounded there. To this letter we got quite a bilious answer.

A flyer about the impacts on nuclear weapons was distributed to medical students and there were small events in every medical faculty (we have 5) about PSR activities. PSR was also introduced at the annual meeting of Finnish Medical Students International Committee. In Helsinki there was a special seminar for all the 6th year students regarding global health and prevention, where also the threat of nuclear weapons was well represented.

PSR has been in close contacts with Finnish Medical Association regarding the resolutions on nuclear issues in World Medical Association (WMA).

The co-operation between different peace organisations has a long time been good but informal. On April 2015 we established an ICAN Finland network with several organisations and individuals attending. So far four other organisations (besides PSR Finland) have joined as ICAN partners. We have regular meetings within this network, and also some organisations (e.g. researcher’s network SaferGlobe and Finnish Red Cross) which will not be official partners, will attend the meetings and are on our mailing list. We have also established a facebook page ICAN Finland.

https://www.facebook.com/icanfinland

During the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Helsinki on July PNND (Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament) had a meeting on nuclear weapons (funded by Finnish MoFa), where also representatives from peace organisations (including PSR) attended. We took part in the lobbying of participants and in the final statement the Assembly supports the Humanitarian Pledge to ban nuclear weapons http://www.pnnd.org/article/osce-parliamentary-body-highlights-nuclear-threats-supports-humanitarian-pledge

At the Hiroshima day there were at least 10 different events around Finland. They were mostly organised by local or national peace organisations, and people from PSR and ICAN network took part of the organising. The main newspaper Helsininki Sanomat published a letter-to-the-editor by PSR chairperson about nuclear threat and the need for Finland to sign the Humanitarian pledge.

Out next task is to take care that also Finland signs the Humanitarian Pledge. We have applied an audience with our new Foreign minister, but do not yet now whether he will meet us. We will also organise small discussion events on nuclear issues (Atomic café or “beer and discussions”).

We have also tried to combine our development co-operation work and peace work and have together with our Nigerian IPPNW affiliate planned a development co-operation project of sending radio-programmes against small arms violence. Unfortunately we didn’t get funding for this year, and because of our new government the future funding is also uncertain. But we will try to do a new application next year.

Besides peace work and development cooperation PSR Finland has distributed statements against TTIP and the plans of the new government to close down the ministry on environment (and to combine it with the ministry of natural resources, which fortunately did not happen thanks to resistance). Both statements got publicity in our main newspaper Helsingin Sanomat as letters to the editor.

Kati Juva
chairperson PSR Finland
FRANCE

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Medical action: We had organized training for physicians about nuclear threat and health consequences included after a nuclear accident (in military or civilian area) in PARIS, GRENOBLE, AIX, and at the end of 2015, NANTE, BREST.

Action with ICAN FRANCE:
With PNND, we had a big meeting in French parliament about humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons, on January 2014. During 2014 and 2015 we had important meetings initiate by AMFPGN with high level HOLLANDE administration (Elysee Palace), and also with the minister of foreign affairs about NPT, UN session and after, about NPT failed consequences.
WE also participate in AUGUST 2014/2015 in Hiroshima’s day meetings in Paris and Valduc (the place of British-French nuclear testing simulation). In April 2015, we participate in a meeting day for a nuclear weapons ban treaty in “place de la Republique” downtown in Paris.

CLIMATE CHANGE
AMFPGN is very active around the future international meeting “COP 21” on December in Paris. We had numerous open meetings about “NUCLEAR THREAT AND CLIMATE CHANGE” in PARIS, STRASBOURG (with medical students), LYON, NIMES, GRENOBLE, AIX LES BAINS, LILLE, and CRETEIL etc. Finally, with “International climate coalition” we co organised an international conference about “WAR, ARMS, and CLIMATE” and leaded “nuclear threat and climate change” with ALAN ROBOCK and, we hope, with ANDY NIEDECKER.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION
We were in ZAGREB (Croatia) and in SARAJEVO (Bosnia) to support nuclear weapons ban treaty an important step for human security in 2014.
We were in IPPNW meetings (ASTANA and BELGRADE). We sent also a delegation in Vienna for international ICAN meeting.

PUBLICATIONS
We published a book about “HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI MEMORY” and we wrote also some articles in News- papers (LE MONDE, MEDIAPART) with former French generals and MICHEL ROCARD (past prime minister)

Miscellaneous
The French prime minister nominated Prof A.BEHAR, and behalf of AMFPGN in “NATIONAL COMITEE FOR NUCLEAR TESTING VICTIMS COMPENSATION” as medical councillor.

GERMANY
1. Affiliate activities related to ICAN and nuclear weapons.
Many within our affiliate are worried about the increased tensions between the major nuclear powers of NATO and Russia. The situation e.g. in the Ukraine and in Syria bears high risks of further escalation up to the actual use of nuclear weapons. The intended modernization of nuclear arsenals, which includes the B61 bombs deployed in Buechel, are an obvious sign of the ongoing reluctance of nuclear powers to comply with the NPT. This increases our motivation to work for the abolition of nuclear weapons, but also for more immediate goals. The promotion of peace negotiations, international understanding and the creation of public awareness regarding the risk of nuclear devastation are important elements of our engagement.

Members and staff of IPPNW Germany took part in the Civil Society Forum in Vienna as well and the 3rd international conference on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear
weapons in December 2014. In the run-up to this IPPNW Germany engaged in lobbying parliamentarians and staff of the foreign office.

IPPNW Germany continues to engage in the German campaign network “atomwaffenfrei.jetzt” (“nuclear free.now”). Members took part in a 65 (!) days blockade of the nuclear weapons depot in at the Buechel air base from March 26th to May 29th.

Prior to the publication of the ICAN-study “Don’t bank on the bombs” local groups of IPPNW Germany took part in protests at branches of e.g. the Commerzbank in order to raise awareness about their investments in nuclear weapons. Members, particularly students, took part in the “ICAN Action Academy” in Berlin as well as in “ICAN Campus” trying to raise awareness about nuclear weapons at universities.

Our new ICAN working group is coordinating our affiliates ICAN activities.

2. Affiliate activities related to Aiming for Prevention
IPPNW continues to play an active role in our national campaign network „Aktion Aufschrei: Stoppt den Waffenhandel!” (Stop the arms trade). We participated in and co-organized several protest actions at weapons producers, in front of the public prosecutor’s office in Stuttgart (for delaying a case against Heckler und Koch) and started a collection of signatures against weapons exports to the “Middle East”. For a documentary film project we invited Walter Odhiambo from Kenia to speak at a gathering in Oberndorf.

3. Student development and activities
All together there are more than 500 medical students organized in groups at most of the medical schools in Germany. They form an important and active part of our affiliate with good representation at our annual assemblies and conferences. There are two student representatives in our board of directors.

“F&E, famulieren und engagieren” (practise and engage), our international student exchange-program, continues to be an effective part of our students efforts to keep IPPNW alive.

Examples of further activities:

• We continued our activities regarding the “Nuclear Chain”: We revised and re-issued the exhibition “Hibakusha Worldwide” in English and German with new data and images. It was presented at many locations in Germany and around the world. The full exhibition can be downloaded (and printed) from [http://www.ippnw-students.org/Japan/hibakushamap.html](http://www.ippnw-students.org/Japan/hibakushamap.html) and can be ordered at our Berlin office.
• A delegation from our affiliate will take part in the symposium “Nuclearisation of Africa” from 16th to 19th November in Johannesburg.
• Together with our sister affiliates from the USA and Canada we issued a report on the casualty figures after 10 years of “War on Terror”, the Body Count. It was published in English at the 12th anniversary of the attack on Bagdad in March, followed by a German version in September. The study can be downloaded from the three affiliate’s websites, a printed version is available from our Berlin office. The appalling figures we present in the Body Count are increasingly being quoted in the media.
• In October 2015 we held a peace conference in Frankfurt with ~250 participants.
• We continuously produce numerous press reports and information material on various peace related issues which are being sent to agencies and journalists and we publish them on our newly renovated website [www.ippnw.de](http://www.ippnw.de)
• We continue maintain the European website [www.ippnw.eu](http://www.ippnw.eu)

Helmut Lohrer, International Councilor
GREECE

January 2014 Meeting about the future of EU in Athens, Declaration about Iran and Nuclear free Middle East, Letter to minister of Foreign affairs about Humanitarian pledge, publications against the destruction of Chemicals from Syria in the Mediterranean sea, and about criminalisation of Physicians who treated protesters in Turkey, Actions of children in Santorini against nuclear

February 2014 Collected 13 MP’s signatures about Humanitarian pledge, speech about the hypocrisy in nuclear policy of Europe, publications condemning Greece’s absence in Mexico conference,

March 2014 Press release and publications for the Crimea crisis and the danger from nuclear plants in Ukraine, letter to Putin Obama

April 2014 Peace boat in Pireas, actions for Chernobyl anniversary

May 2014 Honoring Gregoris Lamprakis and Marathon peace march

June 2014 Actions against chemicals weapon in Crete, publications about UNSCEAR report about Fukushima, presence of Maria Arvaniti Sotiropoulou in ICAN Forum in Ankara, speech of Hibakushas in Kyparissia

July 2014 Press release against the bombing in Gaza,

August 2014 Hiroshima day actions

September 2014 Peace boat visit actions, visit of Nobel Peace laureate Maired Maguire in Athens- actions, activities about World Day against nuclear weapons, press release about the Jury of MDs in Turkey

October 2014 Activities for 70 years from the deliberation of Athens and 69 UN anniversary,

November 2014 Activities for Vienna conference, letter to ministers, press conference for Vienna’s Humanitarian appeal

January 2015 Letter to the new Greek government about the policy on nuclear issue

February 2015 Activity honouring the first antinuclear martyr (Nikiforidis), visit to minister of European affairs to promote Austrian pledge

March 2015 Letter from PM Tsipras office to minister of foreign affairs to answer in our letter

April 2015 Press publications asking the Greek government to sign Austrian pledge

May 2015 Visit of Peace boat in Pireas, official ceremony in Parliament, and official acceptance of representatives by the President of the Greek Republic, speech of Maria Arvaniti Sotiropoulou for 70 years from Holocaust in Ioannina,

June 2015 Visit of Angelika Claussen- Alpen Oktem in Athens and solidarity appeal of IPPNW for the health effects of economic crisis in Greece, world medical prize to the ex-president of the Greek IPPNW affiliate Fotis Pavlatos

August 2015 Activity 70 years from the first nuclear bombs, publications to stop the attempt to create facilities for nuclear disposal in municipalities of Greece!! According to the EU agreements!

September 2015 European meeting in Belgrade, visit of Peace boat in Pireas, Mediterranean anti-war and solidarity Appeal, presentation of Maria Arvaniti Sotiropoulou during Peace boat trip, meetings with pacifists in Venice, Dubrovnik, Zagreb.

October 2015 Publications in Mass Media on the occasion of the first officially accepted victim of Fukushima

THE NETHERLANDS

1. Mayors for Peace

We are coördinating Mayors for Peace-The Netherlands with quite some success. In 2012 we raised the Dutch MfP-membership within one year from around 50 to more than double (103), and counting. The most recent number in 2015 is 139 members, that’s over one-third of all mayors in the Netherlands, representing ca. 50% of the population. The background of our success is that we asked four MfP-members of different political color (Liberal, Christian and Social Democrats), Jan Hoekema (Wassenaar), Frank Koen (Capelle a/d IJssel), Hans Martijn Ostendorp (Bunnik) and Geert van Rumund
(Wageningen) to put their names under several letters we send (mailed) to the Dutch mayors who still weren't MfP-members. This is a strategy that really works. Mayors persuading their colleagues. It's not that hard, in every country you can find some of these dedicated Mayors for Peace. We write the letter (true ghost writers), we send the concept next, they agree or adjust the text and we may use their autographs.

2. I sign against nuclear weapons:

Our major achievement with Mayors for Peace last year however was our contribution to the PAX-initiative: sign against nuclear weapons. By collecting > 40,000 signatures they have forced our Parliament to reopen the debate on nuclear disarmament. We approached our Mayors for Peace to give their signature in public and inform local media about this. An action that became a big success. We travelled all around the country to visit Mayors who were willing to sign. An example is below, but also see the attachment for more Mayors signing.

Photo above: 'I sign against nuclear weapons'. Mayor Hoekema of Wassenaar and NVMP co-chair Herman Spanjaard pose with the 'bomb'.

3. Nuclear weapons, our one concern/who cares? (Kernwapens, ons een zorg)

Dutch medical world warns for old and new dangers nuclear weapons On September 26 - UN-declared International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons Full - the medical world also sets this issue on the agenda! On this day the NVMP organized in De Balie in Amsterdam the symposium Nuclear weapons, our one concern. That afternoon culminated with the presentation of a penetrating Medical Appeal, where 100 well known and well respected VIPs from Dutch health care postponed that elimination of nuclear weapons is the only option to prevent unprecedented medical and humanitarian disasters.

Photo above: Peter Buijs, co-chair Dutch affiliate NVMP

Seventy years after the two devastating atomic bombs on Japan - 250,000 casualties-worldwide -there are still 16 500 nuclear weapons to 1,000 times as strong. And instead of phasing elimination - to which the nuclear weapons states have committed themselves in 1970 in the non-proliferation treaty - a multibillion-consuming modernization takes place. By contrast the Appeal stated: medical and infrastructural consequences of a nuclear explosion will be so devastating that doctors and other professionals can do nothing. Contingency plans do not work, hospitals have collapsed. Moreover, it is calculated that even a limited nuclear war between India and Pakistan, for example, will lead to years of 'nuclear winter': soot in the atmosphere keeps away the sunlight, resulting in about two billion deaths, mainly by massive crop failure. And finally, near-accidents with nuclear weapons, through technical and human error, brought us several
times very close to the nuclear abyss. The Medical Appeal states the only cure is prevention: make sure that these weapons of mass destruction cannot be used, intentionally or accidentally. Eliminate them, as advocated by the UN.

*Photo on previous page: Susi Snyder*

 Foto left: Herman Spanjaard

This message was be presented to civil society and offered to politics. Lectures were given by Susi Snyder (PAX), Herman Spanjaard (co-chair NVMP), Henk Groenewegen (NVMP). Rutger Jan van der Gaag (president Royal Dutch Medical Association), Jan Hoekema,(Mayor of Wassenaar, chair Mayors for Peace The Netherlands), Mirjam de Bruin (Red Cross) and Alexander Rinnooy Kan (personal capacity; was four years in a row the most influent Dutchman). Chairman Peter Buijs, (co-chair NVMP).

*Photo left: Hoekema and Van der Gaag receive the Medical Appeal from Peter Buijs (left)*

So after 26/09 we have approached the Parliamentary Commission of Foreign Affairs and also our Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders to hand over and explicate this Medical Appeal. Both did invite us to do so the coming weeks/months!

4. Organisation

The Board: The Dutch affiliate (NVMP) still has duo Chairmen (Herman Spanjaard and Peter Buijs). This has become a near to perfect structure for our organization. Herman Spanjaard remains International Councilor of IPPNW. Margreet Bakker and Peter Buijs are deputy International Councilor. In the past years we have not been able to stop the decline in membership.

There are hardly any active students that participate in IPPNW-student activities. Student Niloufar Rahim has been elected International Medical Student Representatives (ISR), however we remain hopeful for getting some more active students in the near future.

The Board has actively had discussions on how to continue the affiliate in the future. Will NVMP broaden its scope to human rights (the field in which many students are more active) or do we keep primarily focused on the fields we have traditionally worked on?

**Main Themes** 1) Nuclear weapons in the world 2) Armed violence is bad for health 3) Medical misconduct (eg torture or developing weapons) is unacceptable 4) Nuclear power has too great medical risks

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**Members** around 600, of which a few medical students

**Newsletter**, together with the Flemish-affiliate, is published 4 times a year in hard copy and is visible on the website.
NORWAY

Norwegian physicians against nuclear weapons (NLA) – Norwegian affiliate of IPPNW

Activity report for the year 2014
Through grants from the Norwegian MFA, NLA has, together with the NGOs No to nuclear weapons and Norwegian Pugwash in 2014 been able to continue to facilitate the Norwegian branch of ICAN which already has broad participation from about 42 NGOs and civil society in Norway. This work is done in close collaboration with ICAN in other parts of the world. NLA is permanently represented in the steering committee for ICAN Norway. NLA has also continued to work for funding from the Norwegian MFA for ICAN in Europe and internationally. NLA has been represented at all HINW conferences in 2013 and 2014.

The group of medical students in Norway (MedFred) is established at all four faculties of medicine, however not with the same level of constant activities at all sites. Norwegian students mostly participate at international student events.
NLA has no activity on its own for the IPPNW program Aiming for prevention (AfP), but enjoy and admire the achievements from other IPPNW chapters and individuals in their important work, and is constantly in search for ways to support AfP from Norway.

Membership numbers have been gradually declining over many years; however NLA still counts about 750 members of which about 50 are medical students.

The web-based course Medical Peace Work (MPW) has been developed by NLA board member Klaus Melf on collaboration with other European IPPNW affiliates and universities. It is a free course available globally at http://www.medicalpeacework.org/. In 2014 MPW was granted 290,000 Euro from the European Union project ERASMUS + to further develop the course with case based learning. The work will be carried out until 2016 in collaboration with nine European partner organizations.

NLA is collaborating with our Swedish sister-organisation SLMK on a major revision of the web-based program “Learn about nuclear weapons”.

Together with other NGOs, NLA is taking part in many different national activities for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons, and is actively working for contacts with politicians and media on nuclear issues. Representatives from NLA have in 2014 participated at several international events organized by ICAN, IPPNW, UN and others. NLA was from 2004 until 2012, and again from 2014, privileged to have representation in the board of IPPNW.

Please see also www.legermotatomvapen.no (mostly in Norwegian)

SWEDEN

Student activities
David Victorin is the new Student Representative. Under the fall we have had several lectures for students and we will continue with the lectures next year. A challenge is to get more students involved in the organization so we can get a self-going student group. A challenge is also to find the time and arrange activities for students.

Regional report
The last year has been full of activities in Sweden. We work closely with ICAN and we have attended both NPT and First Committee this year. We attended the ICAN campaigners meeting in London with other organizations from all over Europe and of course Belgrade for the European regional IPPNW meeting.
We have updated our learning site, Learn about nukes (laromkarnvapen.se/english) and also launch a new website (slmk.org).

For the anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki we held four demonstrations, in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Örebro and Lund. We got a lot of media attention.

In May, Peace Boat stopped by Stockholm where hibakushas met with the foreign ministry and they visited two high schools. Last year, in December, hibakusha Setsuko Thurlow came to visit us. Setsuko talked in the Parliament together with author Eric Schlosser and visited both a high school and Stockholm University. She was also a guest on a famous Swedish/Norwegian talk show on TV.

Last year we released a Swedish version of Don’t Bank on the Bomb and focused on Swedish banks and fund. It has been a great success and now most banks in Sweden is adopting regulations on investment in nuclear weapons. This year we didn’t release a report on our own but used the global report and got some media attention around it.

Swedish Physicians against Nuclear Weapons have about 2500 members and 20 students as members. We have created 'associate membership' in SLMK for former members of three dissolved professional organizations against nuclear weapons. Our member magazine is published four times a year and comes out in an edition of 3800 copies.

UNITED KINGDOM

The 20 page report was too large to be included in the printed report. It will be available in the online version - http://ippnw.org/board-reports-2015.html)
Chair's Report

I have been involved with Medact for many years and have had the privilege of being its chairman during 2014, which has been a stimulating and humbling experience. This report sets out the amazing range of activity, influence and impact that is produced by a very small number of staff volunteers and supporters who all give generously of their time, energy and commitment. The growing evidence on the breadth of issues that affect health has both exposed and expanded our activities. The experience and influence of the supporters and contributors to our reports means that our evidence is trusted and widely used.

During this year we have been continuing our efforts to revitalise Medact, increase its membership and improve its financial position so that it can further develop its role as a forum for health professionals and others who have an interest in the many areas that affect global health and peace.

To achieve these aims, we must maintain our legitimacy and credibility and the sound ethical and evidence-based positions and arguments that underpin our campaigns and advocacy. New members from all the health professions will broaden our expertise and enhance our influence and impact.

We must also continue our efforts to put Medact on a more secure and stable financial base to ensure it can create a credible strategy for the future development of our organisation and its important work in an increasingly fragmented world.

The impressive list of activities reported here would not have been possible without the courage and generosity of our Director, Dr ClareWMcClay, and our hardworking team and leadership in all aspects of our work, from “routine”, through research, fundraising, presentations and teaching, national and international advocacy. We have been central to the increased visibility of Medact and its concerns. It has been supported by our staff members, Chris Warden and Victor Pomphrey, who have also given generously of their time and effort. Their energy and commitment are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank very warmly the many volunteers who have contributed so much to our work.

I wish to thank most warmly all the Trustees who continue to give time and expertise to Medact and who have also given me so much support.

I hope you find this report of interest and that you will continue to seek ways in which you can support Medact and its work in the future.

Dr Jane Crow CBE
Chair

Medact in a Nutshell

Who and what is Medact?

Medact is an organisation for and of health professionals. It is a truly multidisciplinary, non-partisan, non-profit-making organisation of health professionals (doctors, nurses, dentists, midwives, health care workers, researchers, students, residents, fellows, and others) working to improve health and wellbeing. Medact is a member of the Alliance of Health and Human Rights Organisations (AHHRO).

Medact is also the UK affiliates of the 1968 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), and the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (MCANW).

Medact’s core purpose is to conduct and inform the wider health community on the issues it works on and to lobby and campaign for change. But such these sets of activities are based on an analysis of data and evidence and the construction of a sound argument for change, as well as explicit values and principles.

Medact works with other professional organisations in the UK, such as the BMA, the Royal Colleges, the Royal Society of Medicine, its affiliated university faculties, and public health departments to support the wider health community to lobby for more effective social change agents.

It works with similar overseas organisations, including Physicians for Social Responsibility (USA) and Medico International (Germany), to strengthen the global health and peace and justice movement. It has also formed a partnership with Health Poverty Action, a UK-based charity that works with marginalised communities in 15 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

It seeks to strengthen links between professionals and communities and has collaborated with the People’s Health Movement, which is a loose transnational network of community organisations, individuals and non-governmental organisations with strong roots in the global South.


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Economic Justice

A redistribution of less than 1% of global GDP would instantly lift billions of people out of poverty. tackling tax avoidance, limited access to medicines and health services, and under-nutrition in a world which currently over-produces food. Many of our economic policies and systems are unfair, undemocratic, and inefficient. They certainly do not promote health. Social-economic inequality continues to grow globally, and within countries, undermining health and social well-being. Raising violent conflict and inhibiting good governance and sustainable development.

A new economics

We are working to provide accessible critiques and explorations of the reasons why mainstream economics is not working for most people or for the planet. More importantly, we went the health community to consider new alternatives to the dominant neoliberal paradigm that is no longer fit for purpose.

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Medact’s website has become a hub for the online public and global health community and includes a blog, library and a ‘take action’ page with petitions and letters organized by members, partner organizations and Medact.

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For the year ending 31st December 2014

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Medact provides an alternative analysis of current health crises that looks beyond the images of bombed hospitals, rushing ambulances and biohazard suits.

In the case of Bolivia Medact published a joint titled ‘The social, political and ecological pathologies of the Bolivia crisis’ to stimulate debate about the wider political economy of Bolivia.

During the 2014 Israel-Gaza conflict Medact published a blog that included graphic images of Palestinian victim sent to by doctors working in Gaza. The blog called for a more honest account of the conflict and also defended the latest journal from accusations of anti-Semitism.

Online Actions

In 2014 we experimented with new campaigning techniques and created an Online Actions page where health professionals can quickly add their name in support of petitions or letters.

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Economic Justice

A redistribution of less than 1% of global GDP would instantly lift billions of people out of poverty. Global health justice campaigners called the government to establish a public inquiry into the role of the UK pharmaceutical industry in the current Ebola epidemic.

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Tax and Health

We are working to make tax a more visible public health issue. This has multiple functions including raising revenue for the health system, mobilizing public funds and promoting equal opportunities, regulating aspects of the market economy that are damaging to health and strengthening the social contract between government and society.

A series of papers outlining the connection between tax and health is being prepared for your review. The principle is simple: tax avoidance is illegal, tax evasion is illegal, and tax havens are illegal.

Economic Justice

Trade and investment

The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment (TTIP) negotiations are commonly portrayed as a ‘turf war’ between US and EU interests. In reality, they are a ‘turf war’ between financial and corporate interests on the one hand and democratic institutions and citizens on the other. High up the list of concerns are proposals that would undermine public health regulations and food, environmental and chemical safety measures and accelerate the commercialization of pharmaceuticals and public services across Europe. Last year we organised a round-table on TTIP with the Royal Society of Medicine and the Faculty of Public Health. It brought together trade, public health and investment experts to discuss the truly important issues. The Faculty of Public Health subsequently published a report, supported and reviewed by Medact, which called for the EU to resist TTIP and put health before profit.
Health and Human Rights

Medact does not provide frontline clinical services or humanitarian relief, but it promotes a culture of medical and clinical care that is ethical and based on universal human rights. It exists to defend and protect the rights and health of those who are uniquely persecuted, oppressed, imprisoned, tortured and made to suffer cruel and degrading treatment.

Medact also acts on the premise that in today’s economically integrated and globalised world, rights and entitlements to essential health care should not be denied on the basis of a person’s official migration status.

Climate and Ecology

Climate change threatens to reverse the health gains made over the last century. Importantly, it is a “threat multiplier” that will impact negatively on health by increasing socio-economic inequality and raising the risk of conflict. In spite of this, the world as a whole is still burning fossil fuel in greater amounts from one year to the next.

There is a growing recognition in the health community that climate change is potentially the most important threat to global health. Medact is at the heart of the growing movement of health professionals in the UK calling for action on climate change and making the argument that an ecologically sustainable world could also be a better, healthier and fairer world.
Land, food, farming and climate

Globally, food systems and human diets are unhealthy and unavailing and Medact has worked and advocated at desiring the inter-connections between land, food use, the sources of antibiotics in farming, climate change and diets.

As part of this, in 2014 Medact joined the Eating Better Network, which is a coalition of organisations such as Oxfam and the Soil Association that have come together to promote sustainable food systems and diets. Medact is one of the few partners in the coalition that approaches food from a health angle, for example, by looking at the benefits to health and the environment of reducing meat consumption.

Added to this, major concerns exist about the unregulated use of antibiotics in farming. Medact, along with the Royal Society of Medicine and Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics, held a roundtable at the RSM drawing together international public health specialists, veterinarians and policy makers to discuss these issues.

Peace and Demilitarisation

War, conflict and military threat cause widespread human suffering and perpetuate inequalities and injustices. Despite their best efforts, the last year has seen humanitarian organisations struggle to alleviate the suffering caused by war and conflict in Syria, South Sudan, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Palestine (Israel) and elsewhere.

It is likely that the danger of rising conflict and conflict wars will increase unless we halt further global warming, reverse the widening of inequalities, and diminish mistrust between countries, regions, religions and cultures.

However, peace advocacy has stepped off the agenda of many public health institutions, both in the UK and worldwide. Medact hopes to change this and strengthen public health and ‘social medicine’ as countering forces to militarism.

Peace and Demilitarisation

Gaza, 2014: Findings of an independent medical fact-finding mission

Until July 2014, Medact did not conduct a solidarity mission to the Gaza Strip. During the course of the conflict, Medact, in July 2014, supported an independent medical fact-finding mission of eight health professionals to Gaza to investigate concerns over human rights violations. The mission, organised by Physicians for Human Rights-israel made three separate trips to gather forensic, medical and testimonial evidence.

The subsequent report was presented to the United Nations and its recommendations included that the primary focus of the investigation should be upon the purposes of legal determination of violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, whether through local or international justice mechanisms.

Divestment

Over the last 12 months, Medact has been working with a group of medical students, health professionals and partner organisations to support the divestment movement. Divesting from fossil fuels sends an important message to the world that climate change requires immediate preventative action through an urgent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and transitions to a low carbon energy system.

As a community committed to improving health worldwide, UK-based organisations such as the medical Royal Colleges, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Wellcome Trust, should reverse their investments from an industry whose very business model threatens to undermine human and planetary health.

In June 2014, the health divestment campaign enjoyed its first success when the British Medical Association voted to take its investments out of oil, gas and coal companies, becoming the first medical representative body and health institution in the world to do so. In February 2015, Medact worked with a coalition of health organisations led by Health Planet UK, to produce a report ‘Unhealthy Investments’, outlining the moral, financial and unjustifiable health case for divestment.

Medact has been at the forefront of attempts to quantify the costs of war. In 2013 it released an influential report on a modelled estimate of the impact of the Iraq Invasion of 2003. Health Impact Assessments use sometimes used by governments to assess the impact of peace-time infrastructure projects. To help universities and researchers navigate ethical issues and avoid supporting the military industrial complex, we produce a set of methodological guidelines that were presented with the report.

Divestment

‘We should push our own organisations to divest from fossil fuel industries completely and as quickly as possible, reinvest in renewable energy sources, and move to “renewable” energy suppliers.’

Editorial in the British Medical Journal, 28 March 2014

‘The arguments against fracking on public health and ecological grounds are overwhelming. There are clear grounds for adopting the precautionary principle and prohibiting fracking.’

Letter in the British Medical Journal signed by prominent health professionals in support of Medact’s report on Health & Fracking, 27 March 2015

Medact has been involved in the ‘military industrial complex’ as it relates to the health sector for many years. Its December 2010 report ‘Atoms for Peace?’ was a seminal report through which Medact has made recommendations for government and parliament on the potential for both peaceful and military purposes. To help universities and researchers navigate ethical issues and avoid supporting the military industrial complex, we produce a set of methodological guidelines that were presented with the report.

Medicine, Conflict and Survival (MCS)

Medicine, Conflict and Survival (MCS) is the designated journal of Medact and its international partner (IPMS) MC S aims to address the health aspects of violence and human rights.

Founded in 1985, it is published quarterly by Routledge. MCS has published material on the following issues: the causes and consequences of war and group violence; the health and environmental effects of war and preparations for war; especially from nuclear, radiological, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction; the influence of war and preparations for war on health and welfare services and the distribution of global resources; the abuse of human rights; its occurrence; causes and consequences; the ethical responsibility of health professionals in relation to war; social violence and human rights abuses; non-violent methods of conflict resolution; medical and humanitarian aid in conflict situations; relationships between the environment, development and global security; and the role and responsibilities of governments and international governance in reducing the risk of violent conflict.
Nuclear disarmament
Medact, the UK affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), is the UK’s medical voice for a nuclear weapons-free world and works closely with like-minded organisations including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and BAN (the British American Security Information Council).

Although the current non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) obliges nuclear states to disarm, its non-compliance scale and the nuclear powers are frustratingly static. In December 2014 Medact was in Vienna where it supported the Austrian Parliament which adopted a speedy new legal process to ban nuclear weapons. Lack of consensus or any progress at the Nineteenth Conference of the NPT in May 2015 has locked 280 nations to sign up to the Treaty.

Medact follows regularly in IPPNW programmes, has boasted conferences with IPPNW colleagues, the EU and NATO and has held discussions with Westminster and Scottish parliamentarians. Earlier this year at Falmouth, Medact Scotland and ICAN UK demonstrated against Trident.

Medical Peace Work
Medact is the UK partner for a EU-funded Medical Peace Work (MPW) project. MPW is an on-line learning platform for health professionals. As part of this project, Medact is developing teaching materials on the health impacts of climate change and on the role of health professionals in advocating for the prevention of torture. Through MPW Medact has provided grants to enable five young people from the UK to attend a week long course in Geneva on ‘Violence, Health and Peace: Letter from Geneva’, a medical student at the University of Newcastle, was one of those who went.

It was great experience to be able to study alongside and learn from health students and professionals from our many different countries and professional backgrounds: from German medical students campaigning on asylum issues in Palestine; nurses caring military employees to get to wars; and British medical doctors working with victims of torture. Thanks, Medact, for giving the opportunity to go.

Website: www.medical-pawork.org

Facebook: Medical Peace Work

Accounts

Summary of Accounts financial year ending 31st January 2015
Management Summary of Accounts (Total for FM ending 31st Jan 2014 in full columns)

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Notes

1. Investments currently £17,570 in bank accounts.
2. Current grant grants for specific management of the Medact IPNW Journal: Medical and Social Activism for the NRT and ICAN UK projects.
3. Stagel for five members of staff cost £9,480, when not included expenditure.
4. Consultants included: financial; 65% UK and specific projects HR and staffing.
5. Office costs for 2014 included £480 for computer upgrade and website development.
6. Tangible assets include equipment and include depreciation costs.

Medical Peace Work
These accounts are unaudited management information and are currently being independently examined. Compared with the previous year of 2013-14, membership subscriptions during 2014-15 were down by £3,204; donations by £6,214 and appeals by £12,129. Consequently, the amount received from GI4F had also reduced — by £6,072. The donations during the previous year 2013-14, at £32,512, seems to have been particularly well-funded, as during 2012-13 they were £16,645 and during 2014-15 were £19,943. Furthermore, the special appeals raised a very disappointing £13,121 — less than half the amount in recent years. Hence the total net contributions during 2014-15 was £103,162 compared with £234,912 the previous year. However, careful management and reduced staff costs during 2014-15 have led to an expenditure of £103,987, producing a deficit of only £85.

During 2014-15 we received grants of £43,157 for restricted projects, almost entirely from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, and the Robin Hood Railways Charitable Foundation, for supporting the work of ICAN UK. These grants were £26,971 more than the single grant of £16,186 received in 2013-14 for the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) project.

The overall effect on income is that the total (restricted and unrestricted) during 2014-15 was £146,319, only £1,917 less than the total (restricted and unrestricted) £148,236 received in 2013-14.

In addition, significant project underpinnings in 2014-15 had the effect of increasing our reserves, so that our total assets at 31st January 2015 are recorded at £67,023. This position is not quite as healthy as it appears, as we are obliged to complete the expenditure on all our projects during the current year which would decrease our reserves by about £18,000.

Fundraising and building up a healthy reserve therefore remain high priorities for all involved with Medact. Hard work and an increasing profile of Medact’s activities have reversed the trend of a falling membership which should increase our membership-related income. It is also highly desirable to procure more donations from non-member sympathisers and address the falling income from the Special Appeals, especially in this 70th Anniversary year of the founding of Medact and its target.

I am particularly grateful to Medact’s staff; Chris Verdon, and Vic Prior, for their commitment to the volunteers managing the membership data-base, to the anonymous donors, and to William Backland who has accepted take over the Treasurer’s function from the beginning of the current financial year.

Treasurer’s Report

Frank Boujon
Treasurer
14th June 2015
First of all I do not want to make this a very long speech so I will try to summarize the essential points and later add a few more.

We must highlight the existence of IPPNW because since the Cold War onwards, there were no remarkable periods when it did not make its presence felt. All those who belong to this organization are convinced that the best thing for the security of mankind is a world without nuclear weapons and thus, through the ages, and in different methods were developing policies of action according to each region and to their particular characteristics.

It is now my turn to analyze it from a Latin-American point of view. The world in which we live today is challenged by crisis and conflicts, some of them new and others archaic. Since 2008 the planet has been trying to surmount one of the worst intrinsic calamities of modern capitalism, some of which have produced a deep regression in the social and economic fields, mainly in developed countries of Europe and USA.

The dramatic flood of immigrants into Europe, caused by the forced eviction of thousands of persons fleeing from war or extreme poverty in their countries, is a brand new humanitarian tragedy of our times.

The tremendous climate changes, which were brought upon by the unlimited artificial modifications of the natural conditions of our own existence as a species, are the main cause of the alterations of normal weather conditions, causing the atypical droughts and floods which are now so common.

All this is mentioned by Pope Francis in his last encyclical “Laudato Si”, where he emphasizes the need to protect and take care of “our common abode”.

Our beloved Latin America, an area of peace and democracy even with some difficulties, has shown during these last few years, that the path to follow is not dictated by the instructions specified by multilateral international loan organizations nor their conventional economic impositions.

We would like to openly point out our own ordeal fighting against the holdout funds, known in our country as “vulture funds”. After succeeding to restructure more than 90% of our external debt, Argentina must now face the attack of an insignificant group of bond holders which, helped by certain spheres of the New York judiciary system, unfairly pretend to claim exorbitantly more than those who voluntarily accepted an inferior swap rate.

Fortunately, this battle which Argentina is undertaking against these funds and for international financial “Fair Play”, is not fought in isolation. Most of the countries in the planet followed Argentina at a recent UN meeting, in a motion to regulate national debt processes, explicitly excluding holdout funds, so that they could not force speculative claims as those currently taking place in the USA Courts of Justice by those we call “vulture funds”.

Our region, abundant in unexplored natural resources, capable of producing food for the whole world, with an invaluable supply of fresh water and surprising biodiversity, can still be predicted as a nation for the future prosperity of the planet.

Our compromise must then be to make every effort to overcome the obstacles that might frustrate our goal of grandness, to reach out to that unavoidable future so that the next generations might live in peace, democracy, with dignity and eliminate all poverty and social exclusion.

The circumstances, facts, and initiatives, endorses how much we can contribute from Latin-America as a region which, in spite of the effects of an international and financial crisis, is still an area of peace. I will remark some important facts.

First several important recent situations:
1. The president of CELAC (COMUNIDAD DE ESTADOS AMERICANOS Y CARIBEÑOS which was created in May 2010) Mr. Correa; and the one for UNASUR, Mr. Vazquez, simplified and accompanied Presidents Maduro (from Venezuela) and Santos (from Colombia) to solve the critical border problems.
2. And the remarkable progress towards peace concerning the FARC army in Colombia.
3. The declaration, from all the Latin America and Caribbean countries, in defense of the humanitarian respect for the refugees and migrants in Europe.
4. The important Celac declaration which I will try to resume very briefly now.

First of all, we are proud of the formal proclamation by Latin-American and the Caribbean as a “Zone of Peace”. Repeat once again our grave concern on the threat for humanity caused by the existence of nuclear weapons and the possible use or the threat of their employment. Endorse our greatest concern about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the vast proportions and global effects of any accidental or intentional nuclear detonation. The declaration is too long and it is impossible to read it so I will distribute a copy to each one of you.

Another important aspect we must consider is the active demonstration of Pope Francis who, besides his universal declarations, is seen by everyone as an offspring of Latin-America, an issue which he constantly underlines and also his important declarations in relationship with the nuclear war.

"The Preamble and the first Article of the Charter of the United Nations set forth the foundations of the international juridical framework: peace, the pacific solution of disputes and the development of friendly relations between the nations. Strongly opposed to such statements, and in practice denying them, is the constant tendency to the proliferation of arms, especially weapons of mass distraction, such as nuclear weapons. An ethics and a law based on the threat of mutual destruction – and possibly the destruction of all mankind – are self-contradictory and an affront to the entire framework of the United Nations, which would end up as "nations united by fear and distrust". There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation Treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons."

With regards as what has happened during this period in our region, I would like to underline the Regional Encounter in Argentina during the 17th and the 19th of June this year.

What happened in Buenos Aires was very important for the Argentine Movement which put his presence in the Argentine society, with multiple communications in the media and in the civil society, we invited the University of Buenos Aires and other organizations which have the same objectives like SHELAC and Npsglobal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (who was present during all the deliberations and
confronted and brought ideas with such seriousness and responsibility that until now had not been evidenced), the Minister of Health, the Minister of Defense and the Medical Association of Buenos Aires. We consolidated our organization during these activities and we had meetings followed by deep discussions and opinions. We formed a great and beautiful group.

It was important for the Latin American movements because they realize that there is an organization that shares with them their concerns, has the same problems, and wants to perform a greater role in their countries.

We joined several chapters of Latin-Americans countries which made a great effort to be present and I will include some of their opinions as a separate the final statement.

These are some of the comments that reflect the climate in which the meeting took place

Prof. Dr. Cs Carlos Pazos Beceiro, President of IPPNW-CUBA
I will condense the most important concepts, but in your papers you have the complete account.

We have just finished the 8th Latin American Regional Meeting of IPPNW in Buenos Aires, absolutely satisfied of its results.

Where in first place, we had the pleasure to have met again with old and dear friends from Argentina and Nicaragua, with whom we have shared for many years a lot of work and tasks within IPPNW, and besides, to have met here new partners from Bolivia and Costa Rica, with whom we have completely identified ourselves, establishing an excellent personal and working relationship, looking forward to all the important future tasks of our affiliates on behalf of the mission and objectives of IPPNW.

This meeting had as a particular motivational frame, the CELAC’s Declaration of Peace, without any precedent in humankind’s history, as an expression of consensus from all the countries of a continent in offering its absolute conviction and will about that without the previous consolidation of an effective pacific world scenario, it is impossible to obtain any sustainable development and less the abolition of the arms race, particularly the nuclear one, that are menacing the survival of civilization.

The analysis and debates that were made during this meeting were deep and constructive, centered on different transcendental themes for IPPNW and particularly for its Latin American chapters, among them the following:

- Medical and ecological consequences of a nuclear explosion.
- The multiple genesis of the present world crisis.
- Economic and general causes of the present world crisis.
- Causes and consequences of the economic problems which affects the Latin American chapters in order to be present at the international events of IPPNW, in special at its World Congresses.
- The importance of organize a meeting for the interchange of Latin American, North American, Canadian and European physicians, relative to a better understanding of all our concepts, objectives and regional characteristics, for the end of assemble effective efforts in favor of gaining a sustainable peace, to end wars and to avoid a nuclear holocaust.
- The importance of strengthen the communication and efforts among the Latin American chapters in order to reach the objectives pointed out in the former paragraph.
At last, we received with great satisfaction the letters sent to our Meeting by the Board of IPPNW and by IPPNW-Germany, which served us of stimulus during our work in Buenos Aires.

Bolivia who has just incorporated to IPPNW and this was its first meeting attended: “Useful and very interesting, we hope to strengthen our Latin-American topics.”

Costa Rica: “The encounter seemed great etc etc”
We received many more replies but we have had no time to analyze them all.
Now it is the turn of the reports.

The chapters sent their reports but some are missing because they did were not delivered on time.

BOLIVIA
We start by noting that our organization is newly created, so that our efforts at this time is to create militancy, that is, to grow organically with participating physicians, but extended to health personnel and others interested in the subject.

The Latin American meeting of the IPPNW, June 2015, allowed us to be convinced of the need to fight for a world without nuclear energy use, and the use of nuclear weapons, because this would be catastrophic for the humankind.

We are making contacts with health organizations that exist in our country Bolivia. One of our goals is that we get to work with the Medical College of Cochabamba, and within this society Medical health workers, because we find an ideological affinity but also methodological with the work with the community
Another goal is participate organically in the Latin American Association of Social Medicine - ALAMES subsidiary Bolivia, the next month of November plans to conduct a national meeting.

The main topic of discussion that has ALAMES, in the current situation is the implementation of the Universal Security, whose main obstacle is the lack of financial resources, which the government of Evo Morales ignoring He has a project construct a nuclear reactor in the mountains of Lake Titicaca and other Nuclear Reactor "for research in the city of La Paz" (south - Mallasilla)

This is an issue that has generated debate in Bolivia, where the health system is still very fragile, health services do not exceed either regular attention, but there is contradictory considerable resources for other programs for other sectors, but not decisively to address what it says the Constitution of the State: the obligation to ensure health care for all Bolivians.

The government of Evo Morales has held the 2nd. "World Peoples' Summit on Climate Change and Defense of Life" from 10 to October 12 was held in Tiquipaya (Cochabamba), the second summit on “climate change in the world”, with the participation of social movements from several countries, which since 2010 are analyzing and discussing change climate and rights of Mother Earth.

While many citizens participated, social and political organizations, and discussions were long and intense. For example there was a ban on installing a table to discuss the impacts in Bolivia of the activities that contribute to change the climate. Finally addressed issues such as the consequences of the oil expansion, or the changes in the land causes for the expansion of soy monocultures or the implementation of a first nuclear plant in Bolivia for charity.

For this reason, the government of Bolivia was criticized his ambivalence, who harshly criticized the industrialized countries, but declined to discuss serious problems.
occurring into Bolivia, for example the issue of to continue dependence on the exploitation of hydrocarbons with multinational and thus enter the protected areas, such as the construction of the highway through TIPNIS, Cochabamba highway - Beni.

Another thought about it, is that with the collapse of international prices of crude oil, Evo Morales is promoting a program of support for the oil sector, providing more than 3,500 million dollars in incentives for exploration of hydrocarbons. However, the Summit of Tiquipaya conclude with a document that will be presented at year-end in Paris, at the UN Conference on Climate Change (COP 21), urgently calling for a paradigm shift to save the planet.

To survive, humanity must rid of capitalism that is leading humanity towards a horizon of destruction that death sentence to nature and life itself », which points the way which we must move the peoples of the world.

The outcome document states that "The world is being battered by multiple global crisis that manifests itself in a climate, financial, food, energy, institutional, cultural, ethical and spiritual crisis and a state of permanent war. This tells us that we are living an integral crisis of capitalism and a model of society. To survive, humanity must break free of capitalism that is leading humanity towards a horizon of destruction - The world needs to move towards the holistic vision of Living Well, deepening the complementarity between the rights of peoples and the rights of Mother Earth."

A unanimous request of participants was taken into account that the transition to a new model of sustainable production and consumption cannot be done without protect workers affected. It was said that a just transition requires ensuring employment opportunities and quality that can only be done with public policies, planned and sustainable.

Dr. Joseph Maroon F., President, Bolivian IPPNW

COSTA RICA
Alex Arce von Herold sent her report from Costa Rica and explained that she is no longer the president. The current president is Carlos Umaña Silesky.

- In February I helped with the IPPNW campaign for the Ukraine situation: (We refuse to be enemies).I took pictures of people from civil society, the parliamentarian Natalia Diaz Quintana (and others) and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias and others in government.

- For the RevCon, with the organization Bang (with Christian Ciobanu and Anna Ikeda) we did a documentary about what has been happening in recent years and how youth is important in these processes. An editor friend and I got to put everything together. They sent material from 19 different countries across 5 continents and it was shown in a side event at the UN and on a screen during the first week of the RevCon. Also, with the same material, we made a motivational video that IPPNW Germany used at a conference in Berlin. It was also recently shown in Japan in the Youth Summit, in which I participated. You can see it in the BANG Facebook here: https://www.facebook.com/banallnukes?fref=ts many of the big donations for this project were given by various affiliates of IPPNW and the motivational video was a petition from IPPNW Germany. There was also a campaign called Global Wave where you had to film ourselves saying goodbye to nuclear weapons and members of IPPNW Costa Rica participated in making a video in this aspect. ******* I think, but I’m not sure, that Carlos participated in the RevCon as part of the Costa Rican delegation and probably did some lobbying, but Carlos would have to confirm that.
- Now for the UN General Assembly, members of IPPNW Costa Rica, inside and outside the country, reported in the Nuclear Abolition Day, what we do not want to see destroyed through the Unfold Zero campaign. In the Legislative Assembly 50 of 57 parliamentarians have signed the PNND-ICAN and we have more than 10 members of PNND (Parliamentarians for the Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and I coordinate here) and it has passed two motions unanimously. Last year it was for Nuclear Abolition Day and this year it was to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

CUBA
- We celebrate every two or three months, a meeting of IPPNW-CUBAs National Executive Board where are invited members of different Cuban organizations, governmental and NGOs: ACNU (Cuban Association of United Nations), Cuban Movement For Peace, AIN (International News Association), Radio Habana Cuba, National Council of Scientific Societies of the Public Health Ministry, including lectures on the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, on the mission and objectives of IPPNW and on its principal events.

- Our President, Dr. Carlos Pazos, was interviewed by Radio Habana Cuba in an international program about the mission and objectives of IPPNW-CUBA related with the present world crisis and the menace of a nuclear war.

- We sent information to the International Relationships Department of the Cuban Communist Party Central Committee, and to the Cuban ministers of Foreign Relations and Public Health, respectively, about the 8th Latin American Regional Meeting held in Buenos Aires on last June, including its Final Declaration and particularly, our proposal of celebrate in La Habana. A North-South meeting of IPPNWs in 2016 will take place with physicians in favor of its objectives.

- The 6th of August, as we do every year, this time in the 70th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, IPPNW-CUBA organized a central act in commemoration of both genocides, where Dr. Pazos offered a lecture: "Multifactorial genesis of the present global crisis".

- Last 25th of September, Dr. Pazos was invited at ACNU, to integrate a panel in the International Day For the Complete Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, where he referred to the mission and objectives of our organization in the context of the present global crisis, and gave a particular information about our efforts in order to hold in La Habana the IPPNWs physicians event related before.

- We keep working very hard with the end of obtaining enough funds to guarantee the so mentioned event, having received an excellent offer from the Hotel Palo for its performance. Besides the support offered by our friends of IPPNW-GERMANY, we have not received so far another contribution in that direction, so we beg from all IPPNW affiliates to help us to make possible this important activity.

EL SALVADOR
- Formation Board Directors. 5 members (Meeting every 15 days)
- Teams works 10 members. (Including Nurse, youth Doctors and Health Educators).
- Assemble 65 members affiliates
- Friend members.145

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**NICARAGUA**

Medipaz IPPNW Nicaragua is working with the analysis of the world crisis, economical, military and regional. This was the subject of our statement in Argentina which we reproduced in conferences, articles, and a book where we warned against military power...we explained that the present level of conflicts develops into a nuclear war and that we must constrain the industrial military evolution.

**MEXICO**

IPPNW activities in Mexico have been related with the academic group studying disarmament and peace processes and also with political lobbying activities. There has been contact with other organizations committed with nuclear disarmament as well as one on one work with staff of the Mexican Foreign Ministry in charge of disarmament issues. Besides this continuous academic activity and political contacts, we wish to highlight three important events in 2015.

The first event that was attended by IPPNW-Mexico was the participation in the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the first detonation of a nuclear weapon, which marked the beginning of the Nuclear Age. The Directorate General for the United Nations in conjunction with the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) organized this event that was held on July 16, 2015 at the Chancellery of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. This meeting allowed not only for the presence of IPPNW-Mexico, but also strengthened the ties to National interests in relation to nuclear disarmament.
The second event was the participation of IPPNW-Mexico at the opening of the World Touring Exhibition: "Everything you treasure: for a world free of nuclear weapons" from Sokka Gakkai International supported by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). Our participation was as speakers during the opening that was carried out in two educational institutions of the highest level in the country: the National Polytechnic Institute (INP) and the Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM). We emphasize close cooperation and constant exchange between the Sokka Gakkai Mexico and our partnership to deepen academic knowledge and social awareness in these institutions of higher education.

The third major event this year was the invitation of IPPNW-Mexico, through Ruby Chirino and Jans Fromow to participate in a plenary forum organized by the Senate of Mexico in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs titled “Public hearings and preparation to establish Mexico’s position in the UN General Assembly.” The symposium was aimed to listen to NGOs position, academics and politicians and try to work together and specify the position of our countries society. Participation was in the panel discussion of international security and disarmament with the participation of senators, academics and members of the Mexican Foreign Ministry.

Programming our activities for the next period:
For the first time we got in touch with the Brazilian Representative whom we interviewed and he committed starting a Brazilian branch. We created a Forum, the Latin-American Google Forum; to improve communication between us

We are aware that there is a great insufficiency of work related to ICAN and the students. We will try during this year, and in the future, to overcome this shortage. We have reached a point of scarce activity and poor connection among us, but we are trying hard to surmount this deficit and we will find ways of solving the situation. The most important proposal for the near future will be the North-South IPPNW’s meeting in La Habana, Cuba, during May 2016.

Its objectives are:
- To strengthen the relationships among physicians of IPPNW, members of different affiliates from Latin America, USA, Canada and Europe, with the objective of interchanging criteria about their future joint actions towards the mission and objectives of IPPNW in order to put an end to war and to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons within the present global crisis.
- To analyze the precarious economic situation of the Latin American affiliates with the end to guarantee their participation in the international events of IPPNW, particularly in its world congresses, and regional meetings.
- To expose the advantages in order to reach the former objectives, within the frame of CELAC’s Declaration of Peace, an unprecedented antecedent for a whole continent in the history of all the struggles for the consecution of a sustainable peace in the Planet, and as a consequence of it for set an end to war and to eliminate completely nuclear weapons.
- To take advantage of the re-establishment of the relationships between Cuba and the United States and the firm hope to eliminate the blockade on Cuba, as an extremely favorable sign in favor of a sustainable peace, all what reinforces the decision to celebrate this event in Cuba.
- Characteristics of the event: To hold it in May, 2016, 2 days of event, with the participation of 60 people, 30 foreigners and 30 Cubans, in Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation, and all the expenses covered for the guests, with the exception of the stay for the Cubans.

We can affirm that we are on the correct path in Latin-America, but there is still a long way to go. We believe we are prepared to do so.

Thank you.
Briefing:
- IPPNW Middle East Region, has three active national affiliates; Egypt, Israel, and Iran which had full membership as IPPNW members.
- Working on recruitment of new affiliates to join IPPNW in Sudan and Jordan.

National Affiliates Reports

PSR EGYPT
1. Egyptian IPPNW Affiliate still operates actives in different social and Medical activities promoting the purpose of IPPNW to abolish Nuclear weapons from the region and the whole world.
2. Re-election of Mohamed Shouman for new term as a National Student representative.
3. Recruitment of new students.
4. ICAN: continues to do work on both diplomatic and grass root level.
   a. Joining the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) which is the diplomatic NGO acting as the Think tank for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.
   b. Hold awareness sessions in different cities in Egypt.
   c. Partnership with Egyptian Pugwash.
5. Operate in four cities: Cairo, Ismailia, Mansoura and Benha.

IPPNW IRAN
Brief report of IPPNW-Iran activities in 2014-2015

September 2014:
- An exhibition of “ICAN painting cards- Convert a Bomb” was held in the Art for Peace Gallery of the TPM on the occasion of the International Day of Peace (21 September). The cards were art works of the Iranian students and the goal was to raise awareness against Nuclear weapons through art work. The exhibition was free to visit to the public from 20 to 24 Sep 2014; and a large number of visitors visited this successful exhibition.
- The ICAN booklet “Ban Nuclear Weapons Now” was translated into Farsi by the ICAN-Iran volunteers and was published by the TPM in 2014. The booklet was distributed in several public events and meetings.

August 2015:
- Three young volunteer members of the Tehran Peace Museum represented the city of Tehran at the International Youth for Peace Conference hosted by the Hiroshima municipality in Japan from the 4th to the 14th of August 2015 with the theme of nuclear free world. The conference was one of the commemorative projects taking place during the 70th anniversary memorial of the atomic bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6, 1945. The Iranian team gave a presentation during the opening ceremony of the conference on the role of youth in promoting a culture of peace in Iran.
• The A-Bomb Exhibition has been translated into Farsi by the volunteers of the Tehran peace Museum and it is available for exhibition in relevant occasions in the public places.

Updates:
1. Leila Moein is now in charge of the IPPNW-Iran activities and Dr. Shahriar in contact with her to continue the activities.
2. The Irani Students Affiliate is sharing actively in Tehran peace Museum activities.

IPPNW ISRAEL
Unfortunately I did not get any answer from Dr. Ra’an Friedmann.
Canada

Physicians for Global Survival (PGS)

Brief Past History
Like many chapters of IPPNW, we began in the early 1980’s with the heightened awareness of our world precarious existence with nuclear weapons having grown up after WWII, atomic bomb testing, particularly through the 1960’s (2053 tested 1945-1998), and the Cuban Missile Crisis. We had about 5,000 members at our height. Then came the end of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and new problems of the environment and thus our declining membership. We changed our name to Physicians for Global Survival to concentrate on not only nuclear but all war issues and the larger picture of nuclear power that makes the products for nuclear weapons as well as other social justice issues. Our mission statement is;

Because of our concern for global health, we are committed to the abolition of nuclear weapons, the prevention of war, the promotion of nonviolent means of conflict resolution and social justice in a sustainable world.

Another organization, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Climate Change is the current issue.

These past few years, our Canadian government has been Conservative, with an increased emphasis on using the military to solve world problems. We were involved in Afghanistan (158 soldiers killed) and then in Libya. We closed our embassy in Iran and have supported NATO and the US with Britain in their military involvements, most recently in Syria with Islamic State and in posturing with the Ukraine. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that at the outset in 2006, that people “won’t recognize Canada when I’m through with it.” This is the one true thing that he has said. He has been a strong advocate for Israel. Canada has not approved the Austrian ICAN pledge.

Harper through the Atomic Energy Canada Ltd (AECL) has sold Darlington nuclear power station to SCN-Lavalin, in June 2011, the company that took bribes in Libya with Gadhafi, Bangladesh and in South Africa. The government has loosened corruption laws. Luckily, with the help of Ian Fairlie, Gordon Edwards and our own board members Cathy Vakil and Linda Harvey and others, the federal court said no to building two new reactors at Darlington on the shores of Lake Ontario May 2014.

The province of Quebec with the help of PGS members like Michael Dworkind and Juan Carlos Chirgwin closed down its only nuclear power station Gentilly 2, a Candu -6 reactor 130 miles downstream of Montreal on the St. Lawrence River in 2012.

The Federal Government has helped Cameco sell uranium to China (2013) and India (April 2015) which will allow India to use its own uranium for nuclear weapons without the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). India of course used Canadian Candu and nuclear technology and uranium to explode its first nuclear weapon.
in 1974. India has also not signed the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) along with Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.

The federal government has approved Deep Geological Repository of low and medium level nuclear waste near Kincardine Ontario’s Bruce Nuclear Power Plant, the world’s largest, beside the Great Lake Huron in May 2015. (I won’t get into other things that our current government has done in weakening environmental legislation, firing scientists, cut backs to our national Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio and TV, support of the Alberta Tar Sands, etc.)

Our Conservative government has also clamped down on volunteer non-profit organizations like PGS, that didn’t support their policies by withdrawing their charity status and hence funding for advocacy. This has further curtailed our membership and income. With finances declining, we moved to a more modest rental unit in the Ottawa Unitarian church, and unfortunately, had to let our CEO, Dale Dewar go.

We have worked with Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons that has been led by Bev Delong and Lawyers Against Nuclear War and about 15 other allied groups such as Pugwash (Arctic Nuclear Weapon Free Zone), Voice of Women, Ploughshares, Veterans Against Nuclear War, World Federalists, etc. but the latter two are also at risk of folding due to loss of charity and loss of members. Doug Roche is also instrumental in running CNANW and got the Middle Power Initiative to push for a legal framework to abolish nuclear weapons. I gather that Michael Christ and IPPNW have pulled out of this project as there has been an active turnover of lead people.

Murray Thompson who is one of Canada’s highest honours, the Order of Canada, has gotten over 800 of his colleagues to sign a petition to work for nuclear disarmament. Further he has got both houses of parliament – House of Commons and the Senate to pass unanimously a motion 7th Dec. 2010 on working towards nuclear disarmament incorporating UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon’s 2008 5 point plan for nuclear disarmament. Sadly, nothing has been done since. PGS is giving Murray who is now 92 years old, the Tom Perry Peace Award this year.

This past year, we have supported Debbie Grisdale in pushing for the Marshall Island International Lawsuit appeal to declare the nuclear states not in compliance with the 1968 Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Article 6 to work towards nuclear disarmament.

We supported Alyn Ware and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non Proliferation and Disarmament with the formation of Canadian Members of Parliament.

We have supported Dr. Neil Arya who heads up our charitable non-advocacy wing C-PREP – Canadian Physicians for Research and Education in Peace to put on a conference on Global Health in 2012, and Pegasus Conferences in 2014 and 2016, www.pegasusconference.ca.

This past year, we, along with other organizations such as our Aboriginal groups have sponsored the World Uranium Symposium in Quebec City, where in 1943 Roosevelt, Churchill and Mackenzie-King met to sign the Quebec Agreement to share nuclear technology to further the Manhattan Project. Several IPPNW board members attended. Our hope is to have the province of Quebec have a moratorium on uranium mining similar to the Provinces of Nova Scotia (with the help of Nancy Covington, PGS board member and others) and British Columbia. Quebec has yet to make a decision on this. Please see the declaration at http://uranium2015.com/en/news/Quebec-declaration-uranium

We are holding our annual meeting 25th and 26th September and will consider supporting the Greenland Inuit Ataqatigiit Party that are protesting uranium mining in Greenland with a conference next year. Sara Olsvig was a speaker at our World Uranium conference.
Various members attended Hiroshima and Nagasaki 70th anniversary events in their communities – President Juan Carlos Chirgwin in Montreal, Vinay Jindal in Toronto (Ground Zero to Global Zero: Hope after 70 Years).

Nancy Covington helped get the Halifax mayor Mike Savage to join Mayors for Peace Campaign in 2014.

Jonathan Down, another board member is working on revitalizing a chapter in Vancouver British Columbia. He is also helping to get the book “From Hiroshima to Fukushima to You” authored by Dale Dewar, our former PGS CEO and Florian Oelck in our medical school libraries.

We are working with other groups such as the Ottawa Peace Festival to put on a movie, “Nuclear Savage” about the Marshall Island Nuclear Weapon testing and as mentioned, give Murray Thomson the Tom Perry Peace Award.

Finally, our office Administrator Andrea Levy is instrumental in putting out our “Turning Point” magazine and fund raising letters and hopefully we can get a change in government as this is a federal election year in October. Visit our website at www.pgs.ca.

We have worked with ICAN promoting its values and objectives. We haven’t done much about small arms control – Aiming for Prevention (Canada does host a selling of small arms and weapons in Ottawa each spring and we have protested this meeting). We have mentioned above putting Dale’s books in medical school libraries and trying to start Medical student chapters but the medical schools need the students to request outsiders in before a chapter can be formed which is slowly our progress.

Submitted by: Richard Denton

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)

Ira Helfand, MD chairs the PSR Security Committee, which is staffed by Martin Fleck, Security Program Director, and Theresa Shaffer, Security Program Outreach Associate. These are both full-time PSR employees. PSR Security program hosts a once-a-month conference call, maintains a listserv of 50 contacts, and new this year, we have conducted three educational webinars with average attendance of about 35 people. PSR Security works with 11 chapters and with individual PSR members in DC and 5 states.

PSR involvement in the Vienna Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons Initiative

Ira Helfand and Catherine Thomasson represented PSR at both the ICAN Civil Society Forum (Dec 6-7) and the Vienna HINW Conference. At the Forum, Ira gave a plenary presentation on nuclear famine, and Catherine conducted a workshop on how to influence elected officials. In the conference proper, Mary Olsen of Nuclear Information Resource Service included the PSR/IPPNW Nuclear Famine research in her plenary presentation. PSR was one of five U.S. NGOs who delivered an official statement to the conference.

PSR authors worked to spread the word in the U.S. media about the Vienna conference and to encourage decision-makers to oppose nuclear weapons modernization spending. This included op-eds in the N.C. Citizen-Times on Dec. 19, the Portland, Maine Press Herald on Dec. 23, in Common Dreams on Dec 31, Buffalo News and in both Common Dreams Jan. 1 and Truthout Jan. 2.
Doomsday Clock Media Wave
PSR pre-planned a media wave on the occasion of the January Bulletin of Atomic Scientists’ press event. PSR compiled a list of talking points for members, who in turn drafted op-eds and contacted local media, resulting in 7 national level op-eds including CNN.com, Los Angeles Times, and The Hill, 16 local op-eds or letters in 12 states, and 3 radio interviews. All these op-eds called for nuclear disarmament and opposed nuclear weapons modernization.

Engaging Rotary Clubs and Rotary International
So far in 2015, Lynn Ringenberg, Bob Dodge, Tom Newman, and Ira Helfand have presented or scheduled presentations to local Rotary Clubs in California, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina. Bob Dodge and Ira Helfand worked with multiple Rotary connections in several states, Rotary International formally invited Ira to speak at a plenary session of the Rotary Peace Symposium, a two day meeting on peace issues to be held just before the RI World Convention in Sao Paolo, Brazil in June where Ira and Bob appealed to Rotary International to join the campaign for a nuclear weapons ban.

Promoting HINW in Medical Associations
Medical Association resolutions, in support of the WMA resolution, were introduced by PSR were passed by the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Maryland State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. A PSR article challenging physicians to actively address the dangers of nuclear war (titled Docs and Nukes-Still a Live Issue) appeared on line in the New England Journal of Medicine on October 14 and will appear in the Nov 19 NEJM print edition.

Body Count
IPPNW Germany sent an English-language draft of the Body Count report to PSR and Physicians for Global Survival (Canada) and asked us to publicize it in the United States. After some editorial give and take, PSR and PGS decided to cosponsor the report and publicize it in the USA and Canada. On March 19, PSR broadcasted a press release about the report to over 600 media outlets. On March 26, Bob Gould and Hans von Sponeck appeared live for interviews on Amy Goodman’s Democracy Now. Amy Goodman’s column about Body Count, titled We need to take responsibility for the true cost of war appeared March 26 at rabble.ca.

Slowing U.S. nuclear weapons modernization plans
Ploughshares Fund has designated staff administering a “Nuke Budget Coalition” that includes PSR. On nuclear budget issues, we tend to follow the lead of this constellation of NGOs, as well as the long-standing Nuclear Weapons Working Group, administered by Council for a Livable World and FCNL. The SANE Act, reintroduced this year would save $100 billion over the next 10 years by cutting select nuclear weapons programs from the budget. PSR was an original endorsing organization, which means that we were listed among the endorsers in press materials Markey and Blumenauer sent out upon introduction. PSR seeks to cut funding for the so-called “National Sea-based Deterrence Fund,” new generation of cruise missile, and for development of a new submarine to replace the existing Trident fleet.

Security Webinars
New for 2015, PSR launched a series of webinars with the goal of educating PSR members on specific issues and providing them with the tools they need to act on those issues. Recordings of webinars are available online.

- January: “Debunking the Myths of Iran Sanctions” featuring Kate Gould of FCNL.
- February: “Wait...Nukes Cost HOW Much?” featuring Laicie Heeley from Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation.
- March: “Paths to disarmament: the NPT and the Humanitarian Initiative” featuring John Loretz from IPPNW.
**NGO Collaboration**
PSR has been working to strengthen ties with like-minded NGOs. We are in constant contact with ICAN and IPPNW. PSR and Pax Christi filed an amicus brief in support of the Nuclear Zero lawsuit. We have worked with FCNL to promote each other’s events across the U.S. We have also connected with Pax Christi USA to help populate Security lobby teams with people representing the faith message.

**Nukebusters Video Conference**
Fourteen filmmakers submitted qualifying short films about nuclear weapons in PSR’s *Nukebusters* contest. More than 500 people voted online for their favorite film in each category. Three judges then chose the final winners, which PSR plans to use for large-scale social media outreach to millennials.

**Nukes in Your Backyard**
Martin compiled a chart of startling accidents and mishaps involving nuclear weapons in the United States and around the world based on Eric Schlosser’s *Command and Control*.

**UNGA**
Ira Helfand presented to the informal meeting of the UN General Assembly on Sept 10, 2015. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fs-WcHi32c

**More information about PSR’s activities can be found on PSR’s website:**
www.psr.org.
A. General Activities of North Asia Region
Five member affiliates of China, South Korea, North Korea, Mongol, and Japan (JPPNW) are somehow inactive these years except JPPNW.

As President of IPPNW North Asia Region, Dr. Masao Tomonaga and JPPNW have been working to revitalize this region by encouraging each country's affiliate.

- **China** is keeping affiliate with office in Chinese Medical Association but without any physician’s involvement. Only correspondence with JPPNW office has been continued.
- **South Korea** affiliate has long been inactive, however at present some physicians seem to be interested in joining IPPNW. However, their final conclusion to establish new affiliate is not yet made. JPPNW is going to contact with Medical Association of South Korea for attending our Regional Meeting which will be held in February 2016, as an observer.

- **North Korea** has stopped to correspond with JPPNW for several years.

So far no good means to recover correspondence is available.

- **Mongol** affiliate has been inactive due to the sudden death of its president, Dr. Tubshinbat three years ago. Thereafter JPPNW has been contacting with Mongol affiliate’s consultant former Ambassador Enksaikhan (former Ambassador to United Nations). His effort and Dr. Tomonaga's effort to seek for some physicians now established a new step towards revitalization of Mongolian affiliate. In July Drs. Tomonaga and Kayano visited Ulanbaataar to meet Dr. Delgertsetseg Davaa, Chief of Department of Radiology at Shastin National Hospital and other two younger doctors of National Cancer Center. Together with Amb. Enksaikhan we discussed about the revitalization of Mongol affiliate. They decided to take a chance of medical conference on radiology sponsored by Dr. Delgertsetseg, as the Mongol affiliate’s restart. They will have this conference on November 7 and 8. Prof. Mariko Mine, Secretary General of Nagasaki IPPNW affiliate and another ENT doctor of Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Hospital (the former Director was Dr. Tomonaga) will attend this conference to give lectures on human health effects of Atomic Bombings during the past 70 years and introduction of IPPNW activities. We are confident that Mongol affiliate will restart soon.

B. JPPNW activities
Lectures, Reports
Prof. Katsuko Kataoka
- Effects of Radiation on Human Health and the Environment (October 11, 2014 / Gifu Prefectural Medical Association)
- Report on the 21st IPPNW World Congress/ Health Effects of Radiation (October 18,
Prof. Masao Tomonaga

Prof. Noboru Takamura
✧ Consideration of the Current Situation in Fukushima from the Lessons Learned from the Chernobyl Accident (January 24, 2015 / Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association)

Student Support
Dr. Ryoma Kayano took a pivotal role to establish the Students and Young Doctors Division within JPPNW from 2014. JPPNW has been financially supporting the division since its inception.

JPPNW is annually invited by Hiroshima University to give a lecture on the activity of IPPNW and its significance. This is also a great opportunity to recruit medical students. Prof. Katsuko Kataoka spoke about the health effects of the atomic bombings and the history of IPPNW, and called for the students’ participation in IPPNW, together with Dr. Ryoma Kayano. (May 20, 2015)

Prof. Katsuko Kataoka also gave a lecture for IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Student Associations) students on health effects of the atomic bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and health effects of radiations. (July 28, 2015 / Hiroshima Prefectural Medical Association)

Exchanges
MedEx Program between IPPNW Germany and JPPNW:
JPPNW invited Mr. Patrick Schmidt (University of Leipzig) to Hiroshima in the summer of 2015. During his stay in Hiroshima, he participated in “Hiroshima and Peace”, an intensive summer course at Hiroshima City University, and received a practical medical training at Hiroshima University Hospital. JPPNW concluded a treaty with Hiroshima University in April, 2015 and is given generous support to host a medical student from Germany.

Mr. Shinichi Kusamoto (Hiroshima University) was invited to Germany in the summer of 2015 and received a practical medical training at Giessen University.

Conference
- 21st IPPNW World Congress in Astana
13 physicians and 2 medical students from JPPNW participated in the congress. Prof. Shinji Tokonami from Hirosaki University was invited to the congress by JPPNW. JPPNW held a poster exhibition and a workshop on health effects of radiation on human body during the three-day congress in Astana.

Prof. Masao Tomonaga gave a lecture on the health effects of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and presented recent evidences and new topics. Prof. Shinji Tokonami gave a lecture titled “Comparative study on the radiological impact due to nuclear accidents occurred in Chernobyl and Fukushima”. Prof. Tokonami also spoke in the plenary session “The Impact of the Nuclear Chain on Health, the Environment, and Security”.

- 25th United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues
Prof. Katsuko Kataoka participated in 25th United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues held in Hiroshima from August 26 through 28.
9th IPPNW North Asia Regional Conference will be held in 2016
JPPNW is holding the 9th IPPNW North Asia Regional Conference in Hiroshima City on February 27 and 28, 2017. This conference is co-hosted by JPPNW, HICARE and Hiroshima Prefecture and supported by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. The theme is “70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings --- Renewed Commitment to the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons--- / ---Inheritance of the Experience of Medical Care for the Radiation-Exposed and International Contribution---”. The keynote speaker is Professor Fred A. Mettler at the University Of New Mexico School of Medicine.
This report has not been submitted.
REGIONAL REPORT FOR SOUTH ASIA

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In South Asia there are 5 IPPNW affiliates in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Reports from these countries are as follows:

BANGLADESH

1. Regional Meeting
Bangladesh is going to organize a regional meeting on 8th and 9th of December 2015 with the agendas fixed as –
   a. Arms Trafficking
   b. Regional Conflict Resolution
   c. Nuclear energy and safety
   d. Health Status in South Asia and
   e. Physicians involvement in anti-nuclear movement: past, present and future Participation from all the affiliate countries are expected. Prof AKM Salek, General Secretary of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Bangladesh is coordinating the meeting.

2. Conferences
21ST WORLD CONGRESS OF IPPNW FROM 25TH TO 30TH AUGUST 2014, ASTANA, KAZAKHSTANA
A group of delegates including president and general secretary participated the world congress of IPPNW held at Astana, Kazakhstan.

INDIA

The Indian affiliate IDPD (Indian Doctors for Peace and Development) has remained very active in the region. Dr. Arun Mitra is in regular touch with other affiliates including Nepal.

1. Seminars
IDPD SEMINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE
On 30.12.2014 IDPD organized a seminar at Government College for Boys Ludhiana on Climate Change and Health with particular reference to the disasters following a limited nuclear war which could lead to starvation of over two billion people

IDPD INTERACTIVE SESSION AT NEW DELHI ON 8TH MARCH 2015
Alyn Ware, Director of the Basel Peace Office, Switzerland was the main speaker.

IDPD SEMINAR AT HANUMANGARH (RAJASTHAN) ON 12 APRIL 2015
The Rajasthan unit of Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD) has decided to form peace committees in the villages starting from village Makkarsar near Hanumangarh. As a part of this initiative the village was declared as Shanti Gram (Peace Village). A display board in this regard was installed at the outskirt of the village. Dr. Arun Mitra – National General Secretary IDPD inaugurated this along with Dr. Rajeev Munjal – President Rajasthan Unit IDPD, Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Verma – General Secretary, Dr. Rishi, Dr. Teerath and Dr. Rameshwar Singh.
HOMAGE TO THE VICTIMS OF ATOMIC BOMBING AT HIROSHIMA ON THE OCCASION OF 70TH ANNIVERSARY
A meeting was organized on 6th August 2015 at Hanumangarh at Rajasthan.

CME AT GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE AMRITSAR 9TH AUGUST 2015 ON PEACE, HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT & Ethics.

Dr. S S Soodan Vice President IDPD, Dr. Tejbir Singh Vice President IDPD, Dr. Arun Mitra General Secretary IDPD and Dr. Bharti Uppal Finance Secretary IDPD gave presentations.

2. Conferences
21ST WORLD CONGRESS OF IPPNW FROM 25TH TO 30TH AUGUST 2014, ASTANA, KAZAKHSTANA
A 38 member delegation of Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD) participated in the 21st world congress of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) held at Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan.

3. Central Council Meeting
IDPD ANNUAL CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING 1ST FEBRUARY 2015 AGRA (UP)
Proceedings of the meeting The meeting was held at Guest House of S N Medical College, Agra 1st February 2015 under the chairmanship of Dr. S S Soodan – Senior Vice President IDPD. Meeting started by paying homage to Mrs. Perin Chandra, the founder member of IDPD. By observing two minute silence in her memory. The meeting charted out plan of action for the coming period.

4. Cultural Activity
The medical student performed Target X and street plays during the Central Council meeting at Agra.

5. Statements
IDPD CONDEMNS CUT ON HEALTH BUDGET BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(Date: 25.12.2014) Indian Doctors for Peace & Development (IDPD) strongly condemned the decision of government of India to cut health budget by 20%.

IDPD COMMENTS ON PUBLIC NOTICE BY MHFW GOVT. OF INDIA ON USE OF GENERICS DRUGS
IDPD endorsed the initiative of the Government of India to prescribe drugs in legible and capital letters in the generic names only.

IDPD COMMENTS ON DRAFT NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY -2015
IDPD submitted comments for increasing public health expenditure.

IDPD STATEMENT ON INTOLERANCE AND VIOLENCE
(IDPD) has expressed grave concern at the efforts to spread intolerance in the country which is threatening the social harmony and the basic concept of unity in diversity of our country.

6. Publications
Regular news bulletin

7. Disaster Management
THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE HAD UNPRECEDENTED FLOODS ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2014.
People in the disaster affected areas in Jammu and Kashmir were reeling under severe health problems and economic difficulties. IDPD sent a medical team and other relief material. Nearly 10000 patients were examined and given medicines.
Relief material in form of blankets & cloths worth US$ 10000 were distributed in the far flung rural areas.

**IDPD RELIEF WORK FOR EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL**
The Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD) in coordination with Indian Medical Association (IMA) Punjab sent a truck load of relief material with 200 shelter tents and medicines worth 3 lakh rupees to Nepal for the victims of earth quake which devastated large part of Nepal on 25th April 2015.

8. **Liaison with other affiliates**
Dr. Arun Mitra visited Kathmandu during the earth quake to plan about the relief work in consultation with PSR Nepal.

9. **ICAN**
IDPD JOINED THE WORLD WIDE VOICE FOR THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
Dr. Arun Mitra represented in the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons and the Civil Society Forum (CSF) of International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

**NEPAL**

1. **Central Committee Meeting**
Physicians for Social Responsibility, NEPAL (PSRN) is holding its central committee meeting every fortnight to discuss the contemporary issues. On 25 April 2015 Nepal devastating earthquake of 8 magnitude shook entire Nepal and the nation is reviving back to normal. Reconciliation of health facilities are in progress. For the last two months there is short supply of necessary health supplies including drugs and medical supplies. An acute shortage of petroleum from neighboring county has augmented the problem.

2. **Conferences**
A 6 member delegation of PSRN participated the 21st world congress of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) held in Astana, Kazakhstan. Nepal was chosen to be the vice-president of South Asian Region for this tenure.

3. **Statements**
**STATEMENT DURING SAARC SUMMIT**
SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) summit was held in Nepal on 25 & 26 November 2014 in Kathmandu, Nepal. On 21 November 2014, PSRN handed over a memorandum to Hon. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal, on behalf of PSR, Nepal and South Asia Region (IPPNW) to discuss the agenda of regional conflict and control of nuclear weapons to prevail peace and prosperity in the region. Dr. Krishna Adhikary (Vice President IPPNW South Asia), Dr. Bharat Pradhan (President of PSR Nepal, handing over the memorandum), Dr. Ganesh Gurung (General Secretary of PSR Nepal) and Bimal Khadka (International Student Representative, IPPNW) were present in the occasion.

**STATEMENT OF BLOCKADE OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES**
On 11 October 2015 PSRN published an appeal 'An Appeal from Physicians for Social Responsibility, Nepal to citizens of India through Indian Doctors for Peace and Development' stating shortage of essential and lifesaving medicines in several health facilities particular in rural Nepal. The copy of which was also sent to IPPNW headquarters.

4. **Publications** - Regular news bulletin

5. **Disaster relief work**
The devastating earthquake on 25 April 2015 and aftershocks terribly destructed the infrastructures and supplies in Nepal with near about 10,000 deaths and many injured. PSRN members were involved in the rescue and treatment facilities after the mishap. PSR Nepal distributed the tents in affected area donated by IDPD, India. Dr. Arun Mitra visited Kathmandu after the earthquake to plan about the relief work in consultation with PSR Nepal. Thanks are due to IDPD and Indian doctors for their contribution in relief work.

6. **Liaison with other affiliates**
PSR Nepal is in communication with India and Bangladesh affiliates.

7. **Hosting International Conference**
The Central Committee of PSR Nepal has expressed its interest to host upcoming International Conference of IPPNW.

**PAKISTAN**

*No report available*

**SRI LANKA**

*No report available*

Dear friends,
Due to financial constrains I could not participate the meeting. Wish all the participants for a successful meeting in London.

Dr. Krishna P. Adhikary, VP, South Asia
November 12, 2015
AUSTRALIA
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION OF WAR

- The hundredth anniversary of the start of World War 1 has been a key focus of MAPW’s work in 2014/15. We provided a range of activities promoting a deeper understanding of the impact of WW1 on Australia and the rest of the world. A number of MAPW state branches organized events or took part in events organized by other peace groups in each state. The theme of these events was “the War to End All Wars” this included;

- a Melbourne concert of music and speakers including federal and state politicians, veterans and Kellie Merritt who’s partner died in Iraq raised the need for Australia to change the way going to war is decided. The event was a sellout and attended by over 400 people. Videos of the event can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUGfbjms_MqgLNYG8u_aRzA
- a dinner in Canberra hosted by MAPW with guest speaker Prof. Joan Beaumont
- a public meeting in Brisbane attended by peace groups and war veterans calling for a greater emphasis on diplomacy to reduce the risk of future conflicts
- a number of editorials in medical and mainstream media
- a set of twelve papers written by a wide range of academics, researchers and campaigners entitled War to End All Wars: honoring the dead-learning the lessons https://www.mapw.org.au/download/war-end-all-wars-honouring-dead-learning-lessons

- Together with ICAN and the Australian Red Cross we commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. All MAPW branches held vigils in each state capital. The vigils highlighted the terrible cost of using nuclear weapons and the events provided an opportunity to call on our government to support the Humanitarian Pledge to have an international treaty negotiated to ban nuclear weapons once and for all. There was some very good media coverage of the events.

- SA Royal Commission in to the nuclear fuel cycle – the South Australian government announced it will hold a Royal Commission early in 2015. In partnership with the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), MAPW made a comprehensive submission to the inquiry. The inquiry is still on-going and MAPW has offered expert testimony to the Commission. It would seem the most likely reason for this commission is to make a strong case for a nuclear waste dump,
but all elements of the nuclear cycle including uranium mining and nuclear power are also being considered. MAPW & PHAA lobbied successfully to have health impacts included in the terms of reference of the commission. 


- **Independent & Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)** – MAPW is a member of the IPAN network and assisted in the development and running of the second national IPAN conference held over three days in Brisbane. The theme of the conference was “dangerous allies” inspired by former Australian Prime Minister, Hon Malcolm Fraser’s book of the same name.

  The conference was attended by over one hundred delegates representing fifty organisations from all over Australia. Prof Richard Tanter (ICAN Board member) and Sue Wareham both spoke at the conference. The event was well received by everyone who attended. Next year’s event will be held in Alice Springs with an emphasis on the role Pine Gap, a joint Australian /US facility responsible for monitoring a wide range of communications and military activities across the world.

- **Other issues**
  
  a. Submission to the Federal Government’s white paper on defence
  
  b. Various press releases and letters to the editor in support of medical professionals working in Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan
  
  c. Formation of new medical student groups in Melbourne at three universities with plans to expand
  
  d. Future Fund divestment campaign – ongoing joint work with ICAN
  
  e. Rallies in support of medical staff working in Australian offshore refugee detention centres
  
  f. Postcard campaign to promote the humanitarian pledge to ban nuclear weapons
  
  g. Working with members to lobby their members of parliament to support the parliamentary pledge to ban nuclear weapons

**MALAYSIA**

**MALAYSIAN PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (MPSR)**

**BRIEF REPORT (2014 - 2015)**

Malaysian Physicians for Social Responsibility (MPSR) has been more active on the local issue of nuclear power than nuclear weapons because the Malaysian government plans to build a nuclear power plant by 2021, whereas it is fully supportive of the abolition of nuclear weapons. MPSR has not been able to recruit medical students because the government stops them from participating in civic activities outside university campuses. We hope that will change as there are a number of private universities. MPSR also regrets that it does not have an Aiming for Prevention programme.

The following brief report on MPSR’s activities on nuclear disarmament therefore reflects the situation in the country and MPSR’s focus.

**International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**

MPSR continues to work closely with the Malaysian ministry of foreign affairs on the elimination of nuclear weapons. Both the Malaysian government and a member of MPSR’s council (Dr Ron McCoy) participated in the diplomatic conferences on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons in Nayarit (February 2014) and Vienna (December 2014).

It was heartening that the Vienna Conference concluded with the declaration of the Humanitarian Pledge “to identify and pursue effective measures to fill the legal gap for
the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons.” Many states have since formally endorsed the Pledge, signalling their intent to work with relevant stakeholders “to stigmatise, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons.”

IPPNW 21st World Congress in Astana, Kazakhstan, in August 2014
MPSR was represented at the Congress by Drs David Quek, Thong Kok Wai and Ron McCoy.

Public lecture by Gareth Evans on 15 October 2014
Members of MPSR enjoyed listening to Mr Gareth Evans who gave a scintillating public lecture on nuclear disarmament at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Kuala Lumpur.

Engaging medical students
MPSR has engaged medical students at the International Medical University and Mahsa University College through two separate teaching modules on “Radiation: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” in February and August 2015. Each module consisted of lectures on radiation science, radiation and the human body, the nuclear industry and radiation in war, as well as an essay competition, a poster exhibition, and a debate on “Nuclear energy is not an option for Malaysia.” As both are private institutions, there are signs that some of the students are showing an interest in joining MPSR as student members.

Nuclear Power
MPSR has organised two public conferences on nuclear power and is also playing a prominent role in a coalition of NGOs which has produced material to educate the public and dissuade the government from proceeding with its plans to construct a nuclear power plant by 2021. A public petition is in circulation to make the case that nuclear power is not cheap, clean or safe and calls for an end to plans for nuclear power.

Commemoration of Hiroshima Day - 6th August 2015
MPSR had planned to revive its previous annual commemoration activities on 6th August, but once again there was not enough enthusiasm to organise such activities, even though it was the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Instead, Dr McCoy persuaded three mainstream English newspapers to publish three different aspects of the bombings and the need for a treaty to ban nuclear weapons on humanitarian grounds.

Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP)
MPSR continues to support the People’s Green Coalition which is opposed to the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant, a rare earth refinery plant in Gebeng, Pahang, on grounds of environmental and health hazards arising out of the production of radioactive residual waste, containing thorium and uranium.

Fund raising for IPPNW
MPSR has succeeded in raising USD 5,000 for IPPNW.

ICAN Australia Report (12 October 2015)

1. Activities in Australia–Pacific

Australia:
ICAN has worked to strengthen the support of the opposition Labor party for negotiations on a treaty banning nuclear weapons. In July the party adopted a new policy platform formally endorsing this goal. More than 130 Australian parliamentarians have now signed ICAN’s appeal for a ban. Unfortunately, very few of them are from the governing Liberal–National coalition, which continues to oppose a ban on nuclear weapons.
Through freedom of information laws, ICAN revealed in September that the government believes a ban on nuclear weapons is “the next cab off the rank” in disarmament negotiations, following the failure of the NPT review conference in May. It is worried about the momentum behind the Humanitarian Pledge and has described the ban treaty as the “moral” approach, in contrast to its own “pragmatic” approach. ICAN’s research was reported on in the Guardian:


New Zealand:
Following meetings with ICAN, the Labour party’s spokesperson on nuclear disarmament, Phil Goff MP, delivered a speech in August strongly endorsing the ban treaty approach. Shane Reti MP, from the governing National party, visited Hiroshima this year and attended the NPT review conference. He is a medical doctor and is interested in ICAN’s work. However, New Zealand has so far failed to endorse the Humanitarian Pledge, probably due to US pressure. Events were held throughout New Zealand in August to promote ICAN and the need for a ban.

Pacific Islands:
Campaigners in Fiji have promoted the campaign among NGOs throughout the Pacific. The banning of nuclear weapons, based on the catastrophic humanitarian impact of their use and testing, has become part of civil society’s regional strategy for promoting peace and security. The Pacific Islands Forum secretariat has been encouraged to play a more active role in nuclear disarmament.

2. Activities in Southeast Asia

In March 2015, ICAN participated in a roundtable meeting hosted by the government of Thailand on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons and prospects for a ban. Thirteen governments from across the Asia Pacific region – as well as Austria, Mexico and Norway – participated in the meeting. The discussions were a useful prelude to the NPT review conference in May.

Full report here: http://nwp.ilpi.org/?p=3600

ICAN partner organisations in Southeast Asia have continued to carry out activities to raise public awareness about nuclear dangers and build support for a ban. Our two strongest partners are in Indonesia and the Philippines and are recipients of ICAN small grants. Both organised events to mark the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, and have had opinion articles published in major newspapers. An ICAN/SGI exhibition was displayed in Malaysia and Brunei in August.

3. Humanitarian Pledge outreach

ICAN has encouraged all governments in Southeast Asia and the Pacific to endorse the Humanitarian Pledge to stigmatise, prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons. We expect more to do so in early November when the Pledge is put to the UN General Assembly’s First Committee for a vote. Some countries appear reluctant to endorse it because of US and Chinese opposition to a ban treaty.

Southeast Asia Endorsers (8):
- Brunei
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
• Philippines
• Singapore
• Thailand
• Timor-Leste
• Vietnam

Southeast Asia Non-endorsers (3):
• Cambodia
• Laos
• Myanmar

Pacific Endorsers (11):
• Cook Islands
• Fiji
• Kiribati
• Marshall Islands
• Nauru
• Niue
• Palau
• Papua New Guinea
• Samoa
• Tuvalu
• Vanuatu

Pacific Non-endorsers (5):
• Australia
• Micronesia
• New Zealand
• Solomon Islands
• Tonga

Roundtable meeting in Thailand, March 2015.

ICAN event at Labor party national conference in Australia, July 2015.
ICAN campaigners in Indonesia, August 2015.

ICAN event in New Zealand, August 2015.

ICAN campaigners in the Philippines, September 2015.