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In this issue, the latest from partners in China, Spain, the Balkans and a short synthesis of CPNN training workshops on 3 continents.

## Introducing the Interns

Acadia University, Wolfville, Canada (10-13/5/99). Nine Interns recruited in co-operation with the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO to work on CPNN were trained in this intensive Moderator Training Session. This training focused on preparing the Interns who will be working in UNESCO field offices (Amman, Maputo and Santiago), ngos (in the Gambia and Zimbabwe) as well UNESCO headquarters to develop the project further over the coming six months.

## Key Change

The most important news for this issue is that the wording of the eight keys has been changed. The reason for this is to fit in with the Manifesto 2000. Manifesto 2000 is an initiative of the International Year for the Culture of Peace and the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. The Manifesto asks people to sign a pledge to respect all life, to reject violence, to share with others, to listen to understand, to preserve the planet and to rediscover solidarity. You can find out more about the Manifesto on [www.unesco.org/manifesto2000](http://www.unesco.org/manifesto2000). We have therefore prepared a new version that synthesizes the Manifesto and the UN General Assembly Resolution 52/13 on which the original eight keys were based:

- ♦ *Respect all life*: Respecting the rights and dignity of each human being
- ♦ *Non-violence*: Rejection of violence, obtaining justice by convincing and understanding.
- ♦ *Sharing*: Developing attitudes and skills for living together in harmony, putting an end to exclusion and oppression.
- ♦ *Listening to understand*: Giving everyone a chance to learn and share through the free flow of information.
- ♦ *Preservation of the planet*: Making sure that progress and development are good for everyone and for the environment.
- ♦ *Tolerance and solidarity*: Appreciating that people are different and that everyone has something to contribute to the community.
- ♦ *Equality of men and women*: Ensuring an equal place for men and women in building society.
- ♦ *Democracy*: Making decisions by having your say and giving others theirs.

This new version keeps the spirit of the UN Resolution while being consistent with the Manifesto. The short titles for each key as well as a sentence describing each, will be helpful for reporters and moderators in rating news and media items.

## CPNN in China

It is technologically feasible to sponsor a CPNN site in the People's Republic of China according to the findings of a study recently carried out by the National Commission of China in co-operation with Nankai University (Tianjin, P.R. China). The study points out that there were 2.1 million Internet users in China by the end of 1998, a figure which is expected to grow by 20 per cent every year. Nankai University in Tianjin, south of Beijing, has shown great enthusiasm in initiating the project and will be instrumental in its implementation. Further development of this site is foreseen in the coming months.

## Update from the Balkans

The Balkan Peace Studies Center (BPC), in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia has held a series of training seminars on Information and Media for the Culture of Peace as part of its development of a CPNN site. The seminars, started in January 1999, aim to give students knowledge and practical skills on culture of peace, tolerance, conflict resolution, information and media. BPC professors and students as well as communication, media and informatics specialists and professional journalists have come together as both trainers and trainees of the seminars.

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## Solidarity Movement

CPNN partners have undertaken actions in solidarity for a non-violent resolution to the conflict in the region. In response to BPC's call for peace transmitted by email, the University of Thessaloniki sent a letter expressing solidarity for the struggles in the region to UNESCO Chairholders on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace. The letter, signed by Dr Papadopoulou of the University of Aristotle '...expresses sympathy and solidarity to colleagues in the Universities of the region...'. Participants of the Moderator Training Session in Paris 17-18 April 1999 drafted a letter of support to our partners in Skopje.

## September in Spain

A Moderator Training Session in Murcia, Spain is scheduled to take place immediately preceding the III International Seminar on Human Rights and III International Conference on the Model United Nations (12-19 September). Some 130 university students from countries such as Argentina, Chile, Columbia, Turkey, Morocco, France, Italy as well as those from different regions of Spain are expected to attend this event. The University of Murcia is organizing the Moderator Training Session and the Seminars. The promotion of human rights in building a culture of peace will be the focus of the week.

## Training Workshops

As the project grows, the training workshops are getting more diverse and frequent. Here's a short overview of all the workshops that have been held just since January!

- ♦ 29<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree. Pícarquin; Chile (27/12/98 - 6/1/99). At the Cyber Café held at the 29<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Scouts from all regions became 'Scout Reporters', for a culture of peace. The Cyber Café, run by volunteer Scouts, was a big hit as 'Scout Reporters' submitted reports about their Scout Group's actions for a culture of peace and discussed the 8 keys. Some 35,000 Scouts attended the Jamboree, which is the Scouting Movement's largest gathering, held every 4 years.
- ♦ Washington DC, USA (20-22/1/199). Members of the Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), a division of the American Association of Retired People (AARP), one of the largest organizations in the United States, participated in this three-day training. Central to the discussion was the building an Internet 'learning community' and attracting an audience to the site. The final day of the training addressed issues related to the needs of AARP such as publicizing the project and recruiting volunteers. This training originated from a Memorandum of Understanding signed between AARP and UNESCO cementing their commitment to CPNN.
- ♦ UNESCO, Paris France (17-18/4/99). Representatives of educational institutions and NGOs for peace participated in this training held at UNESCO headquarters. Following a hands-on session working on Reporting and Moderating, participants worked in small groups on a simulation of a functioning site related to their own special areas of interest.
- ♦ Acadia University, Wolfville, Canada (10-13/5/99). Please see details at the beginning of the update.

## What's Next?

After all these training the project is moving into a new phase in which sites will start to go up and emphasis will be on consolidating the energy generated from the training workshops for the Year 2000, the International Year for a Culture of Peace. Here's a look at what's planned for the rest of the millennium.

<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>
♦ June	Planning for Curriculum Workshop (Paris, France)
♦ July	Curriculum Workshop (Paris, France)
♦ August	AARP Training (Washington; USA)
♦ September	Moderator Training (Murcia, Spain) Moderator Training (Paris, France)

Please note UNESCO's General Conference will take place from 26 October 1999 to 17 November 1999. For further information on any of these training workshops, please contact CPNN at the contact address below.

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