

## AEGEE Europe

26/11/00. AEGEE, having the aim to promote the European ideas amongst the youth in Europe as well as helps fostering European integration, democracy, human rights, tolerance, cross-border cooperation and mobility through the student world, accepted "Peace" as a yearplan topic for 1999 in the General Assembly of AEGEE on 19.04.1998 and initiated the project Peace Academy covering the whole year 1999. With the enthusiasm of the whole AEGEE network Peace Academy developed several conferences, seminars, a case study trip, a micro-university, summer universities and many other activities organized by AEGEE locals all over Europe, dealing with many aspects of peace. Peace Academy also wanted to contribute to the celebration of the World Peace Day on 1st of September by organizing a joint action; namely Peace Action Day on this date; which consisted of press conferences and local activities in more than 50 AEGEE branches, in order to promote efforts of the European Youth to contribute to the formation of a peace culture. After focusing on Peace by this project during the whole year 1999, Peace Academy took a further step and organized a Peace Summit to provide the European youth the necessary education on peace building and peace making. Learning and discussing about the several conflicts all over the world is the first, main attempt for the youth to confront the problems raised by deadly conflicts, but at the same time this action opens the door to several other actions to be undertaken by the European youth. AEGEE strongly believes, that providing a platform where the European youth, who have already experienced the intercultural cooperation between borders within AEGEE, can learn several techniques of conflict prevention, is a great contribution of the efforts of today's world on conflict prevention. AEGEE-Ankara, AEGEE-Athina and AEGEE-Istanbul; three active locals in the AEGEE network, organized a Peace Summit, where 250 University students from all over Europe, who were confronted with this issue by organizing and attending related events, had the opportunity to evaluate the input obtained and turn them into concrete results. During the Peace Summit a closer look was taken to the several techniques of mediation and conflict resolution in order to teach the members the necessary skills to turn the thematical backbone created during the Peace Academy into concrete proposals. Having the aim to evaluate the results of the Peace Academy in the most effective way and also to reach the professionals working on this field and cooperate with them, AEGEE-Europe was in close contact with several institutions such as UNESCO, European Commission, Council of Europe, International Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, European Cultural Foundation and many others. Furthermore, AEGEE wanted to raise the awareness of the World on the subject of peace by contributing to the International Year of Peace Culture 2000; initiated by UNESCO. (Extracts of the information provided by the organization).

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28/07/00. LES MAINS DE L'ESPOIR CHEZ LES DETENU(E)S. La paix n'est pas seulement le silence des armes. C'est aussi, entre autres, le refus de l'exclusion, l'ouverture au dialogue. En liaison avec la Fondation pour l'Assistance Morale aux détenus, des ateliers de dessins sur le thème de la non violence et de la paix ont été réalisés dans les prisons belges de Marneffe, Huy, Nivelles et Saint Gilles. Les objectifs étaient multiples : 1)

revaloriser le détenu par la participation à un projet personnel, local et international 2) favoriser la communication entre le détenu, son enfant, son entourage 3) valoriser l'enfant par une création commune avec son père 4) sensibiliser aux arts plastiques comme moyen d'expression et de communication. Le dessin est une création commune du détenu et de son enfant. A la prison de Saint Gilles l'ensemble des dessins encadrés ont constitué une exposition permanente dénommée "le Mur de L'Espoir" dont le vernissage a eu lieu dans l'espace enfant-papa de la prison le 7 juin 2000. Un détenu a déclaré : " tous ces dessins et ces messages sont du baume sur le coeur, une leçon, un détonnateur pour la reflexion."

#### ASIA PACIFIC FORUM – AWAJI CONFERENCE JAPAN

30/10/00. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE APF/ACJ (Asia Pacific Forum, Awaji Conference Japan) 1. APF/ACJ (representative board member: Mr. Satoshi Iue) held the Symposium on the 10th of August 2000 in the Hyogo Prefectural Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Center in Japan, in relation to the International Year for the Culture of Peace. 2. The objective of the Symposium was to globally spread the importance of symbiotic multi-cultural society, the idea we learned from the experience of the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake in 1995. Awaji was the geographical epicenter of the earthquake. 3. In the Symposium, Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO, made his presentation under the theme of "Dialogue among civilizations and UNESCO" as a commemorative guest lecturer. A panel discussion, coordinated by Mr. Makoto Iokibe (Professor of Graduate School of Law, Kobe University), was held under the theme of "Dramatic exchange among Asia Pacific Civilizations - Experience in the 20th century and prospects for the 21st century -". We were honored to have as panelists of the Symposium; Ms. Kuniko Inoguchi (Professor, Faculty of Law, Sophia University), Mr. Francisco Sionil Jose (Philippines' national novelist), Mr. Toshitami Kaihara (Governor of Hyogo Prefecture), Mr. Tadashi Shiraishi (Professor of the Southeast Asia Research Center, Kyoto University) and Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto (President of the Japan Center for International Exchange). 4. APF/ACJ is planning to organize this type of session on the theme of Asia-Pacific every year in Awaji Yumebutai.

#### ASSOC MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE

13-04-00. The Association Montessori Internationale, an NGO affiliated to the United Nations and an NGO in operational relations with UNESCO, was founded in 1929 by Dr. Maria Montessori to maintain, propagate and further her ideas and principles for the full development of the human being. AMI aims to accomplish this by all lawful means and one of its objectives is help create a climate of opinion and opportunities for the full development of the potential of all young people so that humanity may work in harmony for a higher and more peaceful civilisation. These objectives have always been recognized by the public at large, since in her lifetime, Dr. Maria Montessori was nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1949, 1950 and 1951. In its meeting in September, 1999 AMI's Executive Committee decided to sign a partnership agreement with UNESCO pledging its support for the International Year for the Culture of Peace. Subsequently, three major events have been designated as 'flagship events'. They are: - AMI's Annual General Meeting, Amsterdam, the Netherlands - AMI/USA's National

Conference on 'Freedom and Responsibility, A Glorious Counterpoint', Boston, USA - AMI's Trainers' Meeting in Ambleside, UK. The Annual General Meeting, taking place on April 29 and drawing an attendance from a dozen or more countries, offers us the possibility of bringing our members up-to-date with our endeavours to promote the Manifesto 2000 and collect signatures before September. On that occasion we will distribute specially printed material and will encourage those present to canvas in their own countries, schools, localities, etc. The National Conference, Boston, scheduled for July 20-23 and organised by our Branch Office, AMI/USA, is open to the general public and expects to attract approximately 400 participants. Apart from in-depth debate on Montessori principles, this conference is an arena for disseminating the ideas and philosophy of the International Year for the Culture of Peace. The AMI Trainers' Meeting, from August 19 to 25, is a gathering of AMI's Directors of Training, Trainers and trainees and takes place amongst the awesome beauty of England's Lake District. This meeting touches the core of AMI's work as the Trainers are the arteries through which Dr. Montessori's theories and practice are channelled. In addition, we already announced the International Year for the Culture of Peace in the first issue for this year of our publication Communications and we continue to invite all our e-mail contacts to sign the Manifesto 2000. As none of our 'flagship events' have yet taken place, this can only be an interim report. We expect that a few months from now we will be able to provide a host of encouraging details. Renilde Montessori General Secretary.

#### ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS PROJECT – ASPNET

03-10-0. For the promotion of the International Year for the Culture of Peace (IYCP), the Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet), a UNESCO global networks of schools, has created pedagogical material called 'Peace Package' to distribute among all the Associated Schools (primary schools). They are actively conducting signature campaigns for the Manifesto 2000 in many countries, and have collected over 265,000 signatures in Brazil recently. The ASPnet is inviting Associated Schools to participate in an activity called the "Peace Pillar Award Initiative". The objective of this initiative is to encourage Associated Schools to conduct innovative and effective projects on one of four/five main 'pillars' closely related to a culture of peace: (i) non-violent resolution of conflict; (ii) human rights and democracy; (iii) intercultural learning; (iv) solidarity; and/or eventually (v) a fifth pillar of their choice and corresponding to local needs. Those schools that have conducted significant projects are granted an ASPnet Peace Pillar Award in recognition of their contribution for a culture of peace. Over the past few years ASPnet has expanded considerably and includes 6,447 schools and institutions in 165 countries (12/07/2000). Their educational institutions include all levels such as pre-schools, universities and technical schools. The activities of the Associated Schools are supported and coordinated by National ASPnet Coordination Committee of the national and local government. In order to improve and strengthen its network, ASPnet exchanges reports and newsletters with the Associated

Schools, and it becomes a means of cooperation among local institutions. The ASPnet was founded in 1953 as a practical means to promote the ideals of UNESCO. ASPnet teachers often play a pioneering role in developing effective educational approaches in favor of a culture of peace thereby preparing children and young people to be in a better position to meet present and future needs.

#### ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES EDUCATEURS A LA PAIX

13-07-0. La sixième "Conférence sur l'éducation à la Paix" a eu lieu à Marly Le Roi et Paris du 8 au 13 juillet 2000 à l'initiative de l'Association internationale des éducateurs de la paix. Ce cycle de conférences mondiales a débuté en 1986 au Danemark. Les rencontres ont lieu tous les deux ans, notamment à Paris en 1992. Leur objet était de développer " la culture de la paix dans un monde avec plus de justice, plus de solidarité et plus de démocratie.". Des personnalités connues ou inconnues du monde entier et travaillant pour la paix s'y retrouvent pour échanger leurs expériences lors de conférences ou d'ateliers. Un "Comité d'honneur" soutient cette initiative: Nelson Mandela, Shimon Peres, Federico Mayor, Yasser Arafat, Rigoberta Menchu, Danielle Mitterrand et Geneviève Anthonioz De Gaulle en font partie. Une séance d'ouverture a eu lieu le 8 juillet de 15h à 18h au siège de l'Unesco à Paris (Place Fontenoy). La suite de la conférence s'est déroulée à Marly Le Roi à l'institut National de la Jeunesse et de l'Education Populaire. Quatre thèmes étaient proposés: " La culture de paix et solidarité internationale" ( 9 juillet), "Les défis éducatifs pour développer une culture de paix" (10 juillet), " le système éducatif, lieu de vie en démocratie et en sécurité, lieu de formation à la citoyenneté et à la responsabilité locale et globale" (11 juillet), " Droits de l'Homme et droits sociaux dans la société d'aujourd'hui : le droit de l'humain à la paix et à la justice" (12 juillet). Un "bal de la paix" a eu lieu sur une place de Paris le 13 juillet ainsi qu'un concert philharmonique le 11 juillet à 17h à l'Unesco. Cet événement se situe dans le cadre de l'année internationale de la culture de la paix et de la Décennie 2001-2010. (Extraits des informations fournies par l'organisation).

#### ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE PARTENARIAT ENTREPRISES/ONG

18-01-01. Voici quelques projets en cours à l'initiative de l'AIPEO qui correspondent au point 2 de la définition de la culture de la paix "mesures pour promouvoir le développement économique et social durable" : -Au Togo, nous avons un projet d'élaboration de toitures dans une perspective d'amélioration de l'habitat. L'AIPEO a mis l'ASAFED (Association Africaine d'Education pour le Développement) en contact avec SKAT, centre de coopération suisse pour la technologie et le management. Ce dernier organisme a créé de petites entreprises de fabrication de tuiles performantes -ne nécessitant pas de cuisson- en particulier au Bénin : Bénin Concept. La prochaine étape de ce projet consiste à

trouver un financement pour envoyer un technicien togolais faire un stage de longue durée au Bénin afin que ce dernier acquiert les compétences nécessaires au montage de l'atelier au Togo. - Au Gabon : une association féminine s'est créée sur place pour développer la culture du poivre. D'autres plantes seront également cultivées. La commercialisation est prévue par une entreprise belge. - Au Tchad : un prêtre souhaite créer un atelier de maintenance de matériel agricole par la récupération de vieilles 2CV (activité de recyclage). Ces voitures, à la fois solides et présentant une mécanique simple, peuvent servir à plusieurs titres : le châssis peut devenir le support d'une charette, la mécanique peut être réutilisée.. L'atelier constituerait un lieu de stockage et de formation des ouvriers. Et bien d'autres projets en République Démocratique du Congo (construction d'hospitaux et de dispensaires), au Niger (développer la culture du manioc), au Mali (réactiver une usine de raffinage du karité), à Madagascar (commercialisation de produits artisanaux élaborés par des femmes de pêcheurs)...

22/11/00. L'AIPEO a été créée par l'Union Nationale du Notariat Latin dont elle constitue une branche active. Elle a pour objet de contribuer à assurer le développement in situ, en mettant en relation des ONG et des entreprises, avec l'aide de fonctionnaires des organismes internationaux, en répondant à des besoins et à une volonté des populations locales. Ce faisant, elle développe la solidarité entre les personnes et les peuples d'une façon toute nouvelle. Elle apprend aux ONG et aux entreprises à s'écouter pour se comprendre malgré leurs "cultures" différentes. Dire aux personnes qu'elles ont des droits et ne pas leur donner les moyens de les exercer est illogique. La déclaration Universelle veut obtenir la PAIX en permettant à chaque être humain de développer ses propres qualités au profit de tous. Le développement est une condition de la paix. Le mécénat a montré ses limites ; un partenariat entre les ONG (y compris les ONG locales) et les entreprises permet de telles actions. Chacun doit répondre à sa vocation. L'entreprise, certes, peut répondre à une idée de service, mais elle doit être rentable ; l'ONG, sans se départir de sa fonction humanitaire, peut définir les besoins, aider à choisir et à former le personnel local, sans s'inféoder aux entreprises ; elle doit maintenir les objectifs de développement. L'AIPEO se donne pour mission de répandre ces idées et de contribuer à des réalisations pratiques ; elle joue là un rôle de catalyseur entre les entreprises et les ONG. Adresser la correspondance à Jacqueline Fourastié, 19, rue Monsieur, 75007 Paris. Tel : (33) (0)1 444 90 119.

## CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

07-98-0. Dans le cadre de ses actions de sensibilisation du public jeunes aux questions de pauvreté en France et dans le Monde, le Secours Catholique/Caritas France pilote depuis 1957 la campagne des Kilomètres de Soleil. Cette Campagne s'adresse aux enfants de 7/11 ans et touche environ 400000 jeunes chaque année. Elle invite à découvrir des contextes de vie différents et à être solidaires d'enfants vivant des situations d'exclusion, en soutenant des projets de développement, et en initiant des actions de solidarité dans leur quartier. Les

Kilomètres de Soleil sont animés par un collectif de 12 Mouvements/Organismes : ACE, CCFD, CNER, Coopération Missionnaire/Enfance Missionnaire, Enseignement Catholique, Guides de France, Jeunesse Mariale, MEJ, Scouts de France, Secours Catholique, BICE (membre associé), et avec la collaboration de Fleurus Presse. Chaque année un thème différent est développé (Environnement, Droit des Enfants, Vivre ensemble...). Pour l'année 2000, le thème est « Violence Hors Jeu ». A partir du Manifeste 2000 initié par l'UNESCO, la carte postale des « Kilomètres de Soleil » 2000 a été l'occasion pour les enfants investis dans la Campagne de manifester leur solidarité en signant leur engagement à mettre la violence hors jeu. Ces cartes postales rejoindront, par le biais des « Kilomètres de Soleil » les millions de signatures qui seront remises lors de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies en septembre prochain. La campagne « Violence Hors Jeu » propose plusieurs étapes aux enfants qui y participent : Ecouter, se Connaître, Communiquer, s'Exprimer, s'Engager. Cette ultime étape ouvre sur de multiple possibilité d'engagement, dont la signature du manifeste 2000. De nombreux mouvement d'enfant, organismes et services d'Eglise, des parents, des animateurs, des enseignants, s'engagent à leurs côtés pour susciter, encourager, soutenir coordonner cette multitude d'initiatives. Christophe DEBERGUE.

CENTRO SAN SEBASTIAN DE SAN SEBASTIAN/CENTRO DE FORMACION UNESCO-FLORICA ESKOLA

23-05-0. The International Year of the Culture of Peace is an event of 2000; but a long term project. The spirit of the Year is to be starting point, impulse that is prolonged in the time. The justice, foundation of the peace, is a constant chore. To evaluate each activity is to discover what is to make. The San Sebastián UNESCO Centre and the UNESCO Training Centre-Florida Eskola take place this Year underlining the gratitude. Gratitude that claims the International Year of Thanksgiving 2000. The continuous activities of this year 2000 of gratitude and peace they are: 1. Distance Learning Course for the Training of UNESCO Leaders (CDFAUN). Implanted in 33 countries, it is imparted from 1992 -from 1997 on line -. Believe expert for the peace. Their signs of identity are the human development, understanding and international cooperation. 2. International seminars of UNESCO Leaders -22 up to now -. Encounters to promote the peace. Every year, in one of the seminars of the series, a graduation of UNESCO Leaders is proclaimed -6 up to now -. These professionals are voluntary of peace. 3. World Association of Professionals UNESCO Leaders (AMUPRAUN) It coordinates the activities of those volunteers of peace who are the UNESCO Leaders in the entire world. 4. Ibero-American organization of UNESCO Associations (ORIBAUN). The associates try to erectin the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed. 5. The magazine monthly United Nations Observatory. It pursues the achievement of the peace informing

on the United Nations system to favor related activities with the purposes of the System. 6. Punctual and continuous activities of the UNESCO Leaders. They pursue the peace preventing the social maladjusted, and intervening in cases of natural or provoked disasters, as peacekeeping orange forces. The culture of peace needs open rationality, self-criticism, understanding and integration. It is an impossible achieve if this Year finishes with 12 months of aglow activities.

#### CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DE LA DANSE

14-11-0. Le Conseil International de la Danse (CID) prend une part active au développement de l'Education pour la Paix, en encourageant divers projets novateurs et notamment celui de la créativité sur le thème de la Paix. Trois projets voient le jour cette année 2000 et vont se relayer dans différents pays tout au long de la Décennie 2001-2010. En Avril dernier, à Ginosa (Italie), les 6èmes Rencontres européennes de création chorégraphique se sont tenues sur le thème de la Paix. Le Comité italien du CID, le Conseil Régional des Pouilles et la Province de Tarante, ont été les hôtes enthousiastes et solidaires de la Danse pour la Paix. De nombreux jeunes artistes se sont sentis concernés par le thème de la Paix et l'ont exprimé à travers leurs chorégraphies. Tel est l'enjeu de ces 6èmes Rencontres de création à travers l'art de la danse, aujourd'hui engagé à devenir messager de paix et si profondément enraciné dans l'essence humaine par le corps, le cœur et l'esprit. En septembre dernier, Le Comité argentin du CID et le Secrétariat Régional du CID pour l'Amérique Latine et les Caraïbes ont organisé la 1ère Rencontre régionale de la danse pour la Paix, trois journées d'études et de réflexions sur "le rôle de la danse dans la vie sociale et spirituelle de chaque culture" afin de favoriser la connaissance réciproque et le respect entre les êtres et les peuples. Les participants ont conçu, proposé et échangé des projets communs dans le cadre de la Culture de la Paix visant à libérer l'énergie, la générosité et la créativité des jeunes. Au terme de cette Rencontre, les participants ont rédigé et approuvé des recommandations qui seront portées à la connaissance des Secteurs de la Culture et de l'Education de l'UNESCO ainsi qu'aux autorités officielles de leurs pays respectifs. Un concours international vidéo est par ailleurs organisé. Il est ouvert aux jeunes chorégraphes de toutes les cultures du monde qui voudront présenter une création porteuse d'un message de paix. Une sélection régionale sera faite pour choisir les meilleures chorégraphies sur ce thème et feront l'objet d'un Prix : "La Danse et la Paix" qui sera remis aux lauréats lors d'une cérémonie à la Maison de l'UNESCO.

#### CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES ORGANISATIONS DE FESTIVALS DE FOLKLORE ET D'ARTS TRADITIONNELS

29-05-0. In the framework of the "Global Movement for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence", the International Council of Organisations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art (CIOFF) has made its wishes

known of participating to this Program. In this aim, CIOFF signed the Partnership Agreement with UNESCO and is now involved on the four levels of participation. In order to promote the year 2000 as the "International Year for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence" (IYCP), our organisation has associated each one of its members: nearly 250 festivals, 86 National Sections and Associated or Corresponding Members, to the dissemination of the Manifesto 2000. All have an internet account number which allows to register the collected signatures and permits to associate the different events organised by our members in the five continents to the IYCP. CIOFF has thus been designated as "Messenger for the Culture of Peace". Most of actions that CIOFF identified for the IYCP are folk festivals held all over the world through the five continents. All welcome various forms of expression such as traditional and folk singing, music and dancing. Expositions of traditional art (instruments, costumes, ...) and handicraft, conferences on various themes (the woman, child, artist or minorities' condition, ...) are also part of the program. Are also concerned festivals with specific theme such as: water festivals (Senegal, Benin) which emphasise on the specificity of lakeside cultures or children festivals (Bulgaria, Spain, France, Macedonia, Poland, China, USA, ...). Moreover, this year Japan will welcome the Second CIOFF World Folkloriada held each four years in a different country: it is our most important flagship event. It will be considered as a place of dialogue between different cultures (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Americas) and mutual exchange between local populations and troupes invited; the festival will last 10 days and will be held in 8 Japanese cities (see flagship event). CIOFF will continue its action for the Culture of Peace all along next decade through occasional or usual events and you will be informed in due time...

## **CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

09-11-0. The year 2000 is about to end and many CCIVS member organisations prepared and were involved in activities related to the IYCP. There was a wide range of events with a common element : participation in the celebration of a Culture of Peace. Some of the events are listed below. MS Denmark organized a seminar "Solidarity 2000" where the main objective was to create awareness about the importance of involving youth as a special group in peace and reconciliation work. During the summer, the project "La Maison Africaine" was carried out by SIW Holland. It gave its participants the opportunity to foster tolerance and understanding. In Togo, ASTOVOCT organized its "Artistic Workcamp" which allowed international volunteers to use artistic expressions as a peace conductor among the local community members. "The International Peace Youth Camp" organised by FC Nepal promoted a Culture of Peace as well as the "Turkish-Greek friendship Camp" organized by GENCTUR Turkey. In France,



Solidarites Jeunesses held its artistic project "Cartoon Stereotypes", in order to combat prejudice and to promote mutual respect. The Italian branch of VIDES with the intent to promote peace and intercultural education organized "The European Camp Roccaforte del Greco". Volu Ghana in Africa integrated foreign volunteers and community members. A school was rebuilt and local population was informed about the dangerous effects of HIV/AIDS, thanks to its "Workcamp at Nkwarteng". CCIVS had 2 flagship projects and one local project which received a very positive feedback from all its members. This initiative will give us the base to continue working during the decade for the culture of peace.

- 24-07-0. On July 10th, 2000 CCIVS celebrated the CCIVS Day for the Culture of Peace with all its members. It was an event that took place all over the world with participants from all regions. The idea was to produce many "Peace-Pieces", 50 x 40 cm cloths with drawings, pictures and words in which volunteers expressed their feelings and commitments to create a Culture of Peace. The enthusiasm and good will of all participants made up a great event for the Culture of Peace. The following is a letter of information sent to the CCIVS members explaining a bit more in detail the activity. "Here at the CCIVS Secretariat we are really happy about the answer we got from our members who participated in the production of Peace-Pieces last week. Almost sixty organisations participated in the action sending more than 100 pieces to Japan. This makes already a quilt of more than 30m2. What follows? We want to create the biggest « Peace-Flag » ever... Right now in Hiroshima they are ready to sew all the Peace-Pieces they will receive, just to start shaping the quilt. After the events in Japan, in October 2000 the second CCIVS flagship project will take place in Bethlehem, Palestine. There, an important number of volunteers will be ready to make the quilt bigger and the message of the Culture of Peace and Non Violence stronger. It might be possible to exhibit the quilt in the Centre for Peace in the city of Bethlehem. The journey for this Peace-Quilt does not finish there... CCIVS will also receive it at the Headquarters to launch the International year of Volunteering 2001 at UNESCO on December 5th 2000. The quilt will continue to travel through the year 2001 up to the General Assembly of CCIVS at the end of the year".
- 25-05-0. The Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is devoted to promote peace, development and the respect of human rights through the promotion of international voluntary service. CCIVS is an official partner of UNESCO in the framework of the IYCP and will therefore carry out a number of Peace activities through its 250 member organisations with their branches. CCIVS carries out two global Flagship projects and proposes a number of Flagship and local projects through its member organisations. the first Flagship project will take place in Hiroshima, linked to the international Day to commemorate the catastrophe of the nuclear bomb, on August 6th. the project

will be carried out by NICE, Japan. The second flagship project will be carried out by Youth Action for Peace Palestine and is situated in Bethlehem, Palestine. The international seminar will discuss the tools of resistance and limits of non-violence. Both Flagship projects shall be linked through a global awareness raising activity of all CCI VS members. The 10th of July has been declared the CCI VS Culture of Peace Day. CCI VS encourages all its members to produce a so-called "Peace-Piece", i.d. a message of peace on a piece of cloth during this day with the international volunteers involved in their projects. A big "Peace Quilt" made up of all the Peace messages shall then be presented in Hiroshima and later be passed on to the project in Bethlehem. The idea is to create a global action to increase the individual commitments towards a peaceful society and to visualize the global dimension of CCI VS'activities. CCI VS is also engaged in the dissemination of the Manifesto 2000. So far more than 1900 signatures have been collected from different Togolese and Congolese member organisations of CCI VS and this just the beginning!

#### DEVELOPMENT ACTION FOR WOMEN NETWORK

14-11-0. DAWN BRIDGING THE GAPS, HOPES AND DREAMS OF FILIPINO MIGRANT WOMEN AND THE JAPANESE-FILIPINO CHILDREN TOWARDS A NEW BEGINNING AND A PEACEFUL FUTURE. (A PHOTO ESSAY OF DAWN'S COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CULTURE OF PEACE). Traumatic experiences leave behind wounds that do not easily heal. Failed marriages, distressed women and abandoned children are only a few of the social costs of overseas contract work. The former Filipina entertainers in Japan, after their stint and due to their separation and/or abandonment by their Japanese husbands, find it hard and difficult to bounce back. Because of their former work as entertainers and the lack of economic alternatives at the home country, financial difficulties and the lack of understanding and support from the community, they often lead a miserable or a life of no alternatives. Often, they go on with their lives sulking. Their children of mixed parentage, called as Japanese-Filipino children, are the most affected. Denied them are their basic rights to a name and nationality. Jeopardized as well, because of the circumstances surrounding them are the right to education, adequate food, clothing and shelter, and protection from exploitation and oppression. Their longings to meet and be with their absentee fathers is always the priority concern and desire for most of them. DAWN, a development migrant NGO, envisions a society where women and men share equal opportunities for decent living, creating empowered and self-reliant families in communities where each one care for one another in the spirit of peace with justice; and where migration is an option that is respected and protected. Its strategies include such activities as: - Provision of social services for women and the Japanese-Filipino children to facilitate their reintegration into their family and the society and helping them

process their feelings from the negative effects of migration; - Conduct of counseling and creative workshops both for the women and children to help them understand their feelings, come to terms with the reality, and be able to approach the future with a positive outlook in life; - Showcasing their talents thru the Teatro Akebono - Lobby, advocacy work and networking to amend and incorporate provisions/legislations favorable to women migrants and their families and creation of a mass support base; - Provision of skills training and economic alternatives to women thru its Alternative Livelihood Program; - Conduct of educational activities to orient the women and children of their rights, facilitate their empowerment and shaping them to future advocates of peace and women and children's rights. - Promote exchange of ideas, skills and knowledge to enhance relationship with other sectors and nations. DAWN firmly believes that by creating alternatives, giving the former migrants a chance and opportunity to begin their lives anew (after negative experiences), helping the children realize their hopes and dreams and provide them a healthy and holistic environment, and where men and women share equal opportunities for a decent living and where one care for one another, can PEACE be made possible.

#### EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

15-06-0. EDUCATION UNIONS WORKING FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE. With the Summer Olympics in Sydney(15/09-1/10/2000) less than six months away, Education International encourages teachers worldwide to promote a culture of peace in schools during the Olympic Peace Truce. The Year 2000 is the UN Year for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence. Education Internationale (EI) is supporting this initiative with a pedagogical kit of materials for use by EI member organizations. The EI kit is putting the emphasis on the role of education personnel in the promotion of a Culture of Peace. The EI kit EDUCATION UNIONS WORKING FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE encourages education to become involved in the Olympic Peace Truce activities during the Summer Olympic Games in September 2000. The Kit also includes a copy of the Manifesto 2000. Developed by a group of Nobel Laureates, the "Manifesto 2000" outlines the six key principles that underlie a Culture of Peace. When examined closely, these principles relate to the work of EI and its members. The Manifesto addresses individuals directly -calling to them to take responsibility and to become involved in collective action on a daily basis. All the signatures will be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations for the millenium in September 2000. "What we teach in schools is very important. In future generations are to learn about conflicts, there is no better place to start than in the classroom. Respect for human rights and for the dignity of every person in the basis of education for a culture of peace" said EI General Secretary, Fred van Leeuwen, at the Launch of the International Year for the Culture of Peace, in Paris on 14 September 1999. Education Internationale is the

largest confederation of teacher trade unions with a membership of 24 million. (Extracts of information provided by EI).

#### EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING

07-06-0. This September a multinational team will build a medical clinic in the village of Gomoa Ajumako, Ghana. Access to health care in that village and surrounding area is unacceptably low. The new clinic and its staff of Traditional Birth Attendants and visiting doctors will address this. The project will enjoy communal labor from the villagers enabling participants to mingle and gain a much greater insight into Ghanaian rural life. The Experiment in International Living offers this as one of its Flagship Events in celebration of the International Year for the Culture of Peace. The program seeks to inform, educate, and enliven participants who in turn give back through community service. Each participant will live with a host family for ten days. This offers the opportunity, to both the host and the participants, to appreciate their differences and similarities - an opportunity to build lifelong bonds of friendship. Initial orientation in Accra will provide team-building and recreational activities as well as an overview of Ghana's historical, geographical, social, and political systems plus lessons in the Akan language to facilitate integration into the village. The Experiment in International Living exists in over twenty countries around the world. In Ghana it is represented by IYEP, International Youth Educational Programs. Through this and similar programs, IYEP has been offering community service to rural areas in Ghana. In partnership with the local community and the active involvement of students, beneficiaries include the people of Mprumem in the Gomoa District, Akwatia in the Kwaebibrim District, Amuana Praso in the Nkawkaw District and Krofa in the Ashanti Akan District. It is heart warming to see the young people of these communities beaming with smiles, thanks to IYEP and its partnership with other EIL member organizations. For more information visit <http://www.experiment.org/News.htm>.

#### FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES UNIVERSITES CATHOLIQUES

22-05-0. SOMMET SCIENTIFIQUE MONDIAL : L'organisation des universités catholiques d'Amérique latine (ODUCAL) a organisé, sous le patronage de la FIUC, du 25 au 29 avril 2000 à Buenos Aires, Ushuaia et en Antarctique, un sommet scientifique mondial réunissant plusieurs personnalités et représentants d'universités, d'organisations et d'entreprises du monde entier ainsi que des Prix Nobel. Ce sommet scientifique mondial s'engage à promouvoir et réaliser des actions qui favorisent les relations solidaires entre les hommes, entre les Etats et entre la science et la société. Il est nécessaire de suivre, du point de vue de l'enseignement et de la recherche scientifique, une perspective communautaire globale avec des approches multidisciplinaires qui contribuent au développement matériel, moral et spirituel d'une société qui s'oriente vers la Paix.

## FEDERATION SYNDICALE MONDIALE

25-06-0. SP(25/806/2000): extrait du courrier du 13 juin 2000 Lors de son 14ème Congrès, la Fédération Syndicale Mondiale a soutenu la campagne de diffusion du Manifeste 2000 et appelé ses organisations affiliées à participer activement à la popularisation du Manifeste, à la collecte de signatures et à l'organisation d'initiatives appropriées pour attirer l'attention des peuples dans les différents pays notamment les jeunes, afin que dans ce nouveau millénaire, la culture de la guerre et de la violence soit remplacée par la culture de la paix et de la non-violence; l'intolérance et la condamnation de l'opposition remplacée par la tolérance et le dialogue; le renforcement égoïste de soi-même remplacé par un partage généreux avec les plus faibles et les plus démunis, et pour transmettre la planète à la génération future comme un endroit très hospitalier, où les futures générations aimeront vivre et se développer.

## FELLOWSHIP OF ACTIVISTS TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

21-11-0. MANIFESTO 2000 EVENTS. In the wake of the year 2000 being declared as the International Year for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence as a precursor to declaring the decade 2001-2010 as the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World, Fateh carried out the following activities starting December 1999: DECEMBER 5-December 6 1999: Chandigarh Carnival is a much-awaited big festive event hosted by the Chandigarh administration every year extended over two days for the people of Chandigarh. These two days, where there is something or the other for each and everyone; the children, the adolescents, the adults, the old persons and infants even, without any discrimination or indifference towards anybody, sees a large participation of the people not only from Chandigarh but the neighboring areas of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and even Delhi. For us at FATEH, it was a good time to start off with the m-2000 awareness campaign. At the FATEHs stall in alliance with one another NGO, CEVA, we announced the arrival of the m-2000 in the city of Chandigarh. Big posters with m-2000 logo, the six-point agenda, the child labor posters and flyers attracted a lot many visitors to our corner. The Governor of Chandigarh, Lt. Gen. Jacob (Retd.), the honorary guest of the event appreciated the step taken; FATEH volunteers explained the six-point agenda to him. During the campaign, we made it a point not only to ask for signatures but for an active membership, which meant that a person who is signing the manifesto is going to spread the message to the people he/she comes in contact with and is also going to work towards the six-point agenda on a continual basis starting right from his/her own family to the neighborhood, the office, the community and so on. We ran short of the manifesto sign forms but the people still wanted to leave in their signatures as a token of their having received and understood the message

and probably committing too. Several inquiries poured in after the event and a few donations too. JULY 2000: Spokesman, a leading Sikh monthly (magazine) boasted of our manifesto ad in it, both in the Punjabi and the English circulation. July 7 2000: This day saw the m-2000 kick-off event at the Punjab Kala Bhawan, a cultural center in Chandigarh. A press release was taken out on this day as a start off towards entering the educational institutions with the message. THE CAMPAIGN The m-2000 sign forms at the Fateh front office for all the visitors to sign; Sent to all the supporters / donors with the Fateh semi-annual report. Sign forms kept at most of the leading bookstores: The Capital Book Shop, Sec-17 The English Book Shop, Sec-17 The Browser, Sec-35 Visits to the educational institutions; presentations by FATEH volunteers using m-2000 posters and encouraging extensive usage of the FATEH-m-2000 website to enter in the signatures. We targeted the audience of class 10 and above; we just didn't want to add the names to the list: NIIT (Computer Institutes) APTECH Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology (NIIFT) (Fashion Institutes) National Institute of Fashion Design (NIFD) Panjab University hostel's at campus (University); Home Science College, Sec-10 (Colleges); Govt. Arts College, Sec-10; Govt. Girls College, Sec-11; SD College, Sec-32; SGGGS College, Sec-26 (Men; women); St. Anne's Convent, Sec-32 (Schools); St. Stephens, Sec-45; St. Kabir's, Sec-26; Sacred Heart; Tender Heart; SD Public School, Sec-32; Shivalik Public School, Sec-41.

#### FONDATION APPEL PRIX NOBELS

17-1-01. ARTICLE BY UNIVERSIDAD NUR, MEMBER OF THE NETWORK OF THE "FONDATION D'APPEL DES PRIX NOBELS" : South American Students of International Relations for Culture of Peace. CONOSUR 2000, entitled "In the International Year for the Culture of Peace: South America working for democracy through integration", was a conference organised by the department of International Relations of the Nur University for students and graduates from the field of International Relations. Around 500 people from all over South America participated in this international forum, held between the 5th and the 8th of October in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. The Conference Statement, elaborated by the participants of this event, is divided into five domains: Culture of peace and Human Rights, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, Integration, Democracy, Environment and Development. In the area of Culture of Peace and Human Rights, the participants of the VI CONOSUR declare that: - "We recognise that peace is not solely the absence of war or of visible violence. Peace is a holistic concept that embodies a respect for cultural diversity and a respect for human rights as recognised by the international community. - Peace is a basic condition for the integral development of human beings and a respect for Human Rights is necessary for its achievement. - We consider that the respect to the Human rights is not an end in itself, rather a means to achieve Peace. - We reassert, as part of civil society, our commitment to spread and to promote a respect

for Human Rights in order to build a culture of peace, with the aim of strengthening our society. - We reassert moreover, our commitment to support the pledges of the Manifesto 2000 (UNESCO): preserve the planet / reject violence / respect all life / rediscover solidarity / share with others / listen to understand. The text of the entire Statement is available for all those interested in electronic format from: [depaz@nur.edu](mailto:depaz@nur.edu).

- 21-11-0. L'APPEL DES LAUREATS DU PRIX NOBEL DE LA PAIX. A l'attention des Chefs d'Etats de tous les pays membres de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations-Unies. (1997). « POUR LES ENFANTS DU MONDE ». Aujourd'hui, dans chaque pays du monde, de nombreux enfants souffrent en silence des effets et des conséquences de la violence. Cette violence revêt différentes formes : entre enfants dans les rues, à l'école, dans la vie de famille et au sein des différentes communautés. Que ce soit la violence physique, la violence psychologique, socio-économique, la violence quotidienne de leur environnement ou la violence politique. Beaucoup d'enfants - trop d'enfants - vivent une "culture de la violence". Nous souhaitons contribuer à amoindrir leurs souffrances. Nous croyons que chaque enfant peut découvrir, par lui-même, que la violence n'est pas une fatalité. Nous pouvons offrir de l'espoir, non seulement aux enfants du monde mais à l'humanité toute entière, en commençant à créer, puis en construisant, une nouvelle Culture de la Non-Violence. Pour cette raison, nous adressons cet appel solennel à tous les Chefs d'Etats, de tous les pays membres de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations-Unies, afin que l'Assemblée Générale des Nations-Unies déclare : - Que la première décennie du nouveau millénaire, les années 2001 à 2010, soit déclarée "Décennie pour une Culture de la Paix et de la Non-Violence" - Que la non-violence soit enseignée à chaque niveau dans nos sociétés pendant cette décennie, afin de rendre les enfants conscients de sa signification réelle et pratique et de ses bénéfices dans leur vie de tous les jours, dans le but de diminuer la violence et la souffrance qu'elle engendre, envers eux et l'humanité en général. Ensemble, nous pouvons bâtir une Culture de la Non-Violence pour l'être humain, qui donnera de l'espérance à l'humanité toute entière et surtout aux enfants de notre monde. Les lauréats du Prix Nobel de la Paix. Signataires : Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Aung San Suu Kyi, The 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso), Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev, Shimon Péres, Elie Wiesel, Mgr. Desmond Mpilo Tutu, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, Yasser Arafat, Mgr Carlos Felipe Ximenes Belo, José Ramos-Horta, Norman Borlaug, Oscar Arias Sanchez, UNICEF, Frederik Willem de Klerk, Betty Williams, Lech Walesa, Joseph Rotblat, The International Peace Bureau, The American Friends Service Committee, UNHCR, ILO, Jody Williams, John Hume, David Trimble.
- 20-11-0. La Fondation Appel des Prix Nobel de la Paix pour les enfants a joué un rôle de catalyseur pour lancer l' Appel par tous les prix Nobel de la Paix A l'attention des Chefs d'Etats et de

Gouvernements de tous les pays membres de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations-Unies. Pour la première fois, TOUS les prix Nobel de la Paix ont signé l'Appel: " au profit des enfants du monde". Les PRIX NOBEL DE LA PAIX ont réussi à ce que l'Appel devienne une préoccupation prioritaire pour la communauté internationale. Ils ont proposé des mesures concrètes pour la promotion de la paix et la pratique de la non-violence au profit de tous les enfants du monde. Comment est née l'idée de l'Appel... Thich Nhat Hanh est le premier à avoir prôné officiellement l'enseignement de la non-violence dans les écoles. Mme Marie-Pierre Bovy, membre de l'Arche de Lanza del Vasto et Présidente de l'IFOR (2) en 1996, a suggéré une " Année de la non-violence " lors d'une rencontre de ce mouvement. M. Pierre Marchand, fondateur il y a 24 ans de "Partage avec les enfants du Monde", et délégué de l'IFOR auprès de l'UNESCO dans le cadre du programme pour promouvoir une Culture de la Paix, a voulu relever concrètement ce défi et organiser en conséquence une campagne mondiale. Ce dernier a d'abord rencontré, à Belfast, Mme Mairead Corrigan-Maguire qui a accepté immédiatement de prendre la tête de cette campagne. Un généreux donateur, qui veut rester anonyme, a permis de financer intégralement cette initiative. Le texte de l'appel a été rédigé dans un Village d'Enfants en Inde, par Pierre Marchand. Il s'est rendu ensuite à Calcutta. Mère Teresa, alitée après sa dernière opération, a accepté immédiatement de signer cet appel. Mme Aung San Suu Kyi, après avoir reçu longuement Pierre Marchand dans sa résidence - très surveillée - de Rangoon a été le troisième Prix Nobel de la Paix à s'engager : . Mairead Corrigan-Maguire et Pierre Marchand ont été ensuite reçus à Washington par plusieurs personnalités dont le Dalaï Lama, puis au siège de l'ONU à New York par Mme Sorensen. M. Federico Mayor, Directeur général de l'UNESCO a accepté d'apporter son soutien à l'appel des Prix Nobel de la Paix, ainsi que Mme Carol Belamy, Directrice général de l'UNICEF et Mme Hildegaard Goss-Mayr, Présidente d'honneur de l'IFOR. Pour résumer, dès la première minute le consensus a été général. Aujourd'hui tous les Prix Nobel de la Paix (à l'exception de deux qu'il n'a pas encore été possible de contacter) ont signé. Une lettre a été adressée à tous les Chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement, à la fin du mois de mai 1997, leur transmettant l'appel des Prix Nobel de la Paix et la proposition de résolution ci-jointe. L'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies a voté et accepté le texte à l'unanimité le 10 novembre 1998. Il ne s'agit que d'une première étape. Le travail véritable commence maintenant pour que les bonnes intentions gouvernementales se transforment, dans chaque pays, en mesures concrètes. Comme nous l'avons déjà spécifié, l'éducation est notre maître-mot. Elle nourrit la culture. C'est un processus interactif qui commence dès les premiers instants de la vie. Nous savons d'ores et déjà pouvoir compter sur le soutien de plusieurs centaines d'organismes pour mettre en place, dans chaque pays, des programmes adaptés à la culture et aux conditions de vie des enfants, des jeunes et des adultes. Parmi ces organismes : le Serpaj d'Amérique Latine, le mouvement des



Peace People en Irlande, le Mouvement Social au Liban, Partager au Honduras, l'ASSEFA en Inde, House of Grace en Israël, Milijuli au Népal, et surtout l'IFOR. Fondé en 1915, l'IFOR est le plus ancien organisme de formation à la non-violence. Il a accepté de prendre en charge la préparation de cette année 2000 et de la décennie 2001-2010 contre la violence. L'IFOR est présent dans plus de quarante pays et réunit des milliers de femmes et d'hommes engagés dans la non-violence, il coordonnera les programmes à venir avec les Organismes, les Gouvernements, les éducateurs et les artistes de tous les continents. Enfin, l'UNESCO et l'UNICEF se sont également engagés à intégrer l'esprit et l'objectif de cet appel dans leurs programmes.

#### FRANCISCAIN INTERNATIONAL

23-08-0. Franciscans International (FI), a non-governmental organization at the United Nations, coordinates its work within three issue areas: poverty, ecology and peacemaking. FI has a multi-faceted program in place to support the UNESCO Decade for a Culture of Peace. Of prime importance is the effort led by FI-France through the use of our Web Site ([www.FranIntl.org](http://www.FranIntl.org)) to gain signatures for the UNESCO Manifesto. Through the FI Quarterly Newsletter, our members are also encouraged to use the UNESCO Commitment 2000: for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence as a tool to promote personal pledges of active non-violence in daily life. Following participation in The Hague Appeal for Peace Conference in 1999, FI continues to chair The Hague Appeal Focus Group on Religion and Spirituality. It has adopted as its goal the launching of an international peace education campaign, one of twelve action plans of The Hague Conference's Agenda for Peace. The Focus Group will solicit faith-based peace education contacts and programs for this campaign. The Focus Group is planning a regional conference for faith-based peace educators at the United Nations in early 2001. Violence reduction is a central concern of the human rights work of FI. Accordingly, our delegation at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva presents interventions annually on themes such as: the right to development; the need for women to participate in peacemaking; the harmonization of asylum procedures for refugees and migrants; and the protection of human rights defenders. FI played major roles in the Millennium Forum (22-26 May 2000 at the UN), including co-convenor of the eradication of poverty theme paper. From among the paper's recommendations, the Forum's Agenda for Action urges universal access to "education for all" that would include moral, spiritual, peace and human rights education for all children. The Agenda is an official document of the UN Millennium Assembly.

#### FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS FOUNDATION

16-08-0. BALKAN YOUTH RECONCILIATION SEMINARS (BYRSS)– A Success in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The 1st session of the BYRSS,

facilitated by FAF with the goal to bring together young students from the Balkans in an attempt to find new paths to peace through art and culture, proved to be a great success. The participants of the seminar attested to their claim and set the magic that allowed Plovdiv to be the melting pot of cultures throughout the centuries to work again. The students, although coming from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds, all agreed that the artistic and cultural workshops helped them gain a deeper insight to one another's world and discover friendship where they expected to find enmity. "... I strongly believe that art and culture could perfectly replace the language that politicians use to achieve the things they have never achieved in our region." - Rovena Aliaj, Albania. "... It was not words that brought us all to believe and trust each other - it was the act of getting together and understanding that life is too short to be wasted on wars and disputes - let us shift it to love and friendship...." - Bertan Selim, Macedonia. "I remember Patrick Sciarratta's words at the opening session: "I hope to see magic". ... What I felt during those five days was in fact magic. ... What I got convinced about during this seminar was that culture brings people to love one another. And is not that the perfect way to reconcile - through bringing people from various countries together, helping them know one another and understand that there is nothing wrong with people who differ from them as to religion, customs, language, and attitudes? - Desislava Dimitrova, Bulgaria.

#### GLOBAL EDUCATION MOTIVATORS

12-03-00. . United Nations Day On October 24th, GEM & CHC will host their 4th annual UN Day program. This year's theme is The International Year for a Culture of Peace. Each year we host approximately 250 secondary school students from the Greater Philadelphia area for a full day program to help them develop needed global perspectives and responsibilities for life in today's interdependent world. This year's program will incorporate Manifest 2000 with human rights action plans to promote a culture of non-violence and peace. Two students from each participating school will be selected to attend Human Rights Day at the United Nations on December 11th. 2. Human Rights Day at the United Nations GEM is a co-sponsor of Human Rights Day for youth at the United Nations. This year's theme will center on the International Year for a Culture of Peace and will involve GEM's network of schools and others from the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe, etc... It is expected that about 400 young people will attend this event. This event will celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the students will come prepared from work completed in their own localities to develop a human rights document to support Manifest 2000. 3. GEM is an affiliate of Partners in Distance Learning (PDL), a large consortium of US schools that have the capability for interactive video conferences. We are preparing a IYCP series for the fall. Selected students from these schools will participate in the Human Rights Day celebration on December 11th. 4. We will also prepare support for IYCP via our website and the Human Rights Day website that is managed by the Canadian co-sponsor of Human Rights Day. (Extracts of information provided by GEM).

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS FOR WORLD PEACE

23-04-01. THE DECLARATION OF MADRID FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE. The Foundation for A Culture of Peace, at its first Conference in Spain, December 11-13, 2000 developed this document which represents the first steps in proposing a formalization for the Culture of Peace. Included is a concept for four contracts : social, environmental, ethical, and cultural. The following process for the development of a Culture of Peace was presented and endorsed. The actualizing of a common vision and process for empowering youth, women, seniors, people living in poverty, and to include the people living in wealth - we include all of the 6 billion of our family. Three meaningful words to integrate: Globality, Accountability, and Spirituality. Recognizing that the Peace Process on Planet Earth requires extra-ordinary organization and commitment of Peacemakers around the world, we hereby agree to work for a Culture of Peace by bringing forth the programs of a Culture of Peace: reference at : [www.homeplanet.org](http://www.homeplanet.org) 1) An Education Curriculum for a Culture of Peace - includes the Manifesto of the Madrid Conference - a wholistic educational curriculum integrating the Manifesto Document 2) An Olympic Training Program - includes the Manifesto of the Madrid Conference a training program for Olympic Athletes, Educators and Community workers to implement 1) 3) A Media Relations Program - includes a media production of this Conference , a complementary educational program explaining the Contracts of the Conference 4) A Credit Card Affinity Program - a financial tool and benefits program that will benefit participants 5) A Financial Industry Investment Program a for profit driven marketing incentive program 6) A City Mayor Program (the above 1-5 included) a compilation of the above to be delivered to local communities through Mayors Offices An implied component of each of the above programs is the application at vendor level of a "global duty", or an amount of money from every business transaction to fund the implementation strategy of Culture of Peace. All of the above programs will be identified with a common Brand Label that will be brought forward through a Research program. By signing this document I indicate support of the Research Program. By initialing this paragraph I am also indicating a willingness to participate in the process of the Research Study and play a role in the further development and implementation of the Study. I sign this in my personal capacity.

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process actively Please Sign and mail a copy of this signed  
document to: Culture of Peace /IAEWP/ 2 Bloor Street West  
/Suite 100-209/ Toronto, Ontario M4W 3E 2 Canada.

- 22-04-01. DRUMMING FOR PEACE : A school related global initiative beginning Earth Day 2001, and to take place on every United Nations related celebratory day. This is intended to make the connection that all of our activities ought to be for a Culture of Peace. Whether it be for Earth Day, Family Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, World Health Day, World Water Day, World Environment Day etc. The Drum carries the heartbeat of Mother Earth and by playing the drum, gently, and with intention, we can bring together all of our human family to celebrate a Culture of Peace. Each child can make their own drum. It does not have to be elaborate, but it can be. It is up to the resources available and the ingenuity of the child. For instructions go to : <http://www.homeplanet.org>. Note also the following is on our site: 1) written Instructions on how to build a drum for under \$2. <http://www.homeplanet.org/events/index.htm> video instructions too! 2) Information from the Foundation for A Culture of Peace that relates to the Global Program. Madrid Declaration: <http://www.homeplanet.org/MadridDeclaration-English.htm> Program for Participation: [www.homeplanet.org/MadridDocumentFinalSigning.doc](http://www.homeplanet.org/MadridDocumentFinalSigning.doc) Proclamation 1: Educators: <http://www.homeplanet.org/cert1.jpg> Proclamation 2: Spending: <http://www.homeplanet.org/cert2.jpg> Proclamation 3: Time: <http://www.homeplanet.org/cert3.jpg>.

#### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ORGANIZATION

- 04-09-0. A CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE. The 100th edition of "Educational Innovation and Information" of the International Bureau of Education (UNESCO), Geneva was devoted entirely to a curriculum framework for peace education prepared by seven teachers from IBO authorised schools around the world. These schools implement the framework. Five elements are identified and described as contributing to peace education via active world citizenship: action - participation, service, conflict resolution; skills - thinking, communication, personal; learning themes - human rights, cultural diversity, social justice, population, sustainable development, health and housing, environment; values and attitudes - human rights and democracy, cooperation and solidarity, preservation of cultures, self and others, internationalism, protection of the environment, spirituality; guiding principles - equality, security, solidarity, dignity, justice, liberty, responsibility, democracy.
- 22-08-0. "For peace comes dropping slow" was the theme for the April 2000 issue of IB World magazine, published by the IBO. Articles cover: a visitor's look at Sarajevo's efforts to rebuild after years

of war; the sense of teaching war and peace to students in Azerbaijan; how primary students at one school in Ottawa, Canada, examine peace in their environment and the world around them; German language students in Colorado, USA, studying Stalingrad; middle years students in Arizona, USA, exploring their misconceptions about Africa; activities at a school in Olinca, Mexico that teach children to serve others in order to understand the need for peace; school children's efforts to build a better home for Palestinian refugees in Beirut, Lebanon; bringing peace to street children in Lusaka, Zambia; books for peace at the International Youth Library in Munich, Germany; a look at the labels we use for ourselves and others.

#### INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

21-12-0. I do not want to stay in a house with all its windows and doors shut. I want a house with all its windows and doors open where the cultural breezes of all lands and nations blow through my house. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any." - Mahatma Gandhi. The Zephyrs of cross-cultural convergence surely swept the participants off their feet at the "World Peace Conference" (WPC) hosted on 1-2 October 2000 in Bangalore by ICYE India and Sarvodaya International Trust. The WPC aimed at commemorating the UN International Year for the Culture of Peace and brought together around 250 participants from over 40 countries representing ICYE staff, as well as international volunteers, host families and students. The celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi's birthday seemed most apt to provide participants of this peace summit in India with the opportunity to participate in a series of workshops, public meetings, environmental awareness, and cultural expression activities. According to Gandhi, wars are created in the minds and peace therefore should first be created in the minds of people. Non-violence is not only a physical matter but of thoughts, words and deeds. "There is Everything for Man's Needs But Not His Greed." A unique feeling of togetherness was enhanced through a thought provoking presentation of a street play "The children of Gondwanaland", music and exotic dances from Sri Lanka, Africa, India, solo and duets. The 2nd day delegates assembled at Mahatma Gandhi park to pay floral tributes to the Mahatma and attended a unique inter religious/ interfaith prayer service. A session on environmental awareness and planting of saplings at a public park was followed by a panel discussion on the theme "TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD THROUGH TRUTH, PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE". The event closed with the Millennium Gandhi Jayanti presented by Sarvodaya International Trust.

#### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

16-05-0. IFHD has signed a Partnership Agreement with UNESCO to observe the year 2000 as the International Year for a Culture of Peace and has been organising events that promote the values

enshrined in the Culture of Peace programme. Our priority objective is to generate understanding, tolerance, recognition, non-violence, harmony and mutual enrichment among individuals and communities, locally, immediately and within the close neighbourhoods. As usual, the International Tolerance Day was organised on 16 November in co-operation with seven schools associated with IFHD. A report is available. However, this year, IFHD has not received any response from UNESCO-sponsored NGO Network formed earlier for the promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence in the Asia-Pacific region. Know Your Police Station Campaign: In co-operation with Lok Satta, these one-day campaigns are organised in a few police stations in order to improve the understanding of respective roles of the public and the police, to establish permanent channels of communications and ultimately to envisage practical co-operation in a given locality between the people and their police station. The objective is to remove fear about the police in the minds of the people and to make them partners in a common endeavour to maintain peace and law and order in the locality. Some other campaigns are also initiated to educate people on how to prevent many irregularities, malpractice and corruption by civil servants. A Legal Cell is also set up within IFHD. We host the office and other logistic facilities for the Tarnaka unit of Lok Satta. This activity comes for IFHD under the framework of Culture of peace programme of UNESCO. (Extracts of the information provided by IFHD).

#### INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL

09-06-0. MUSIC AND PEACE. The International Music Council dedicates the 2000-2001 biennium to the programme 'Music and Peace'. The next issue of the Council's publication, 'Resonance', is a special issue promoting almost entirely the project. What is 'Music and Peace' all about? Its purpose is to initiate, support and promote musical actions and projects linked with peace and bringing people together. This may take place in all fields: education, training, youth, intercultural exchanges, etc; it may adopt various shapes: concerts, festivals, workshops, etc; through long or short-term endeavours or once-only projects. It seems essential to underline this basic idea: Music is an ideal vehicle for meeting, sharing and mutual understanding; it is a venue where former enemies or those at risk of becoming foes can meet, a venue where it becomes obvious through the practise of music that there are other voices and ways than violence to communicate and convince. Many projects are already under way , many others will follow. The IMC will make an inventory of these and promote them worldwide. We are, for example, looking forward to this year's International Music Day, Oct. 1st, which will be coordinated and publicised worldwide by the Canadian Government under the theme of 'Music and Peace'.

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FOLK ART

16-05-0. The members and colleagues of IOV see their work in creating bridges between individuals and peoples. So we welcome decision 52/15 which was accepted unanimously by the general assembly of the UN on initiative of UNESCO on November 27, 1997, to proclaim the Year 2000 as IYCP. Our organization will act as peacemaker with numerous activities and will support this project with its entire power and to participate actively with all the institutions of our organization. We will try to underline the living together of folk groups in some nations to show that diversity is a natural supplementation and contribution to the cultural world heritage. Besides we will try to make from this project a "Mouvement of hearts for peace" and we don't want to forget the numerous peoples and nations in all over the world where peace is missing and war, destruction, misery and poverty predominate. The IOV has 20 projects scheduled for the IYCP and for the decade 2001 to 2010 : the International decade for a Culture of Peace and non-violence for the Children of the World. Besides this projects we plan to organize various others big events combined with the respective symposia. (Extracts of information provided by IOV).

#### INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE

16-01-01. ITI joins UNESCO working for a culture of peace through the observance of International Mother Language Day - 21st February. A culture of peace can only flourish where people enjoy the right to use their mother language fully and freely in all the various situations of their lives. Acknowledgement and respect for cultural diversity in the area of language inspires solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. UNESCO created International Mother Language Day in 1999. The date chosen was February 21st because on this date in 1952, five students died defending recognition of Bangla as the state language of the then East Pakistan which became Bangladesh after the war of liberation. The 28th ITI World Congress held in Marseilles, France, in May 2000, unanimously adopted the following resolution : « International Mother Language Day provides an opportunity to theatre people all over the world to project the uniqueness and diversity of each culture, language being at the core of the national culture. Words, or language, is also a core element of theatre. ITI, being a defender of the cultural rights of each people and a propagator of maintaining universality through diversity of culture, considers International Mother Language Day a great occasion to uphold this lofty aim and calls upon the theatre community everywhere to observe the day, declared by UNESCO, in a fitting manner. When many national languages face the threat of extinction, national theatres are also endangered. We strongly believe theatre can play an inspiring role in protecting the rights of the mother language. » The ITI and its National Centres join with UNESCO in the celebration of this Day. To mark the occasion, the Bangladesh ITI Centre is organizing an International Seminar

and International Festival of Indigenous Theatre from 14th to 21st February 2001 in Dhaka.

08-12-0. Fostering a culture of peace and non-violence through Education : Artistic education is one of the International Theatre Institute's major priorities and like our sister organisation the International Music Council we are heartened by UNESCO's insistence, which we fully support, that the arts are as essential as mathematics and languages in young's people education and should be a compulsory part of a schools curriculum. Like music, theatre and dance have a special influence on the harmonious development of childrens' personalites and their capacity to express themselves creatively. From the earliest age the practice of the performing arts encourages them to work cooperatively as a team. It can help them affirm their identity and communicate across cultural boundaries. But if high quality artistic education is to be truly available to all children, there must be enough teachers capable of providing this. ITI considers that it can best contribute to this at the level of the preparation of the kind of teachers needed. In cooperation with the ITI National Centres, the ITI Education Committee and the ITI's recently created UNESCO Chair of Theatre, ITI's involvement in artistic education has 2 main focal points 1. International Workshops a) International workshops for young theatre professionals b/ International Theatre Schools workshops 2. Training of artists as teachers of the performing arts a) Training of artists as teachers dramatic arts in a general context - to young people in or outside primary and secondary schools, to amateurs, to underprivileged groups or to those in prisons, etc b) Training of teachers working in tertiary level theatre schools preparing professional artists. Future articles will provide more information about ITI's work each of these areas.

08-12-0. The International Theatre Institute (ITI), founded in 1948 by UNESCO and the international theatre community is democratically run non-governmental association. ITI is made up of a network of 90 national centres which constitute its core voting members. It also has 5 regional bureaux, as well as the newly created ITI UNESCO Chair " Theatre and Culture of Civilizations " and other institutional partners. ITI has also set up 7 international advisory committees dealing with areas of special concern. These are Dance, Music Theatre, Playwrights, Dramatic Theatre, Cultural Identity & Development, Communication, and Theatre Education, The International Theatre Institute's purpose is to promote international exchange of knowledge and practice in the performing arts, to deepen mutual understanding and respect and to encourage cooperation and solidarity, the basis of peace, between artists in all branches of the live performing arts from all cultural traditions throughout the world. Through both its structure and its activities ITI works in cooperation with UNESCO to contribute to developing and consolidating peace and friendship between peoples. The ITI Centres act as bases to welcome and guide visiting artists from



other countries. They also initiate and carry out national, regional and international projects such as workshops for performing arts students and young professionals, performing arts festivals, seminars, conferences, publications and special projects. The ITI created World Theatre Day which is celebrated annually on 27th March and International Dance Day, observed on 29th April. On each occasion it invites an outstanding figure in theatre or dance to share his or her reflections on theatre, dance and international harmony. These International messages of inspiration, are translated into dozens of different languages and diffused worldwide in theatres and in the media.

#### INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE- BUREAU REGIONALE AFRICAINE

14-12-0. Message of SOLIDARITY sent from the AFRICAN CENTRES which form the AFRICAN REGIONAL BUREAU of the INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE on the occasion of the World Forum of « ARTISTS FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE» 13-17 December 1999, Santa Marta – Colombia, a flagship event of the International Theatre Institute for the International Year for the Culture of Peace. « DEAR ARTIST FRIENDS, From all regions of Africa, the eyes and the hearts of all the artists in the African National Centres of the International Theatre Institute, are focused on Santa Marta where your torches, burning together, trace the path of Hope for a new millenium of Peace. The world needs peace because the world belongs to human beings and because man is supposed to be intelligent. The world needs peace so that our creations will no longer be cries of pain and hatred. As this century draws to a close, who better than Africans can appreciate the symbolic importance of this forum ? Africa aspires to peace because it is dying of war and because it wants to live. Today Congolese artists can be found everywhere except at home; the artists of Rwanda that escaped the genocide, are filled with terror at the thought of returning to their country ; the Algerian artists no longer have a voice to mourn their colleagues ... The artists of Sierra Leone have had their left arm amputated - their right arm amputated - many find themselves with both arms cut off without understanding why it is their lot to live in a world of such madness. .... (CONTINUED BELOW...)

Message of SOLIDARITY sent from the AFRICAN CENTRES which form the AFRICAN REGIONAL BUREAU of the INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE .(CONTINUED FROM ABOVE)... The litany could go on ten times longer because there are also those, completely de-humanized, who are lost in the thick forest And then, there are those, their faces contorted in a perpetual grin, who wander deserted streets laughing uncontrollably,- deprived of their reason by the violence they have known. And what can one say of the orphans, the widows, of all those who have had an irreplaceable being torn from them by war. Since Africa, like the rest of humanity at this time is paying a heavy debt to war and violence, we are standing up all together to demand Peace in the World. But to whom should we address our complaint ? To each

person, for each one of us is partially responsible for the world's present situation. In the deepest recesses of our hearts let us make the resolution to leave a better world to future generations. . » Jean-Pierre Guingané Vice President of ITI, President of the ITI Regional Bureau for AFRICA.

## JEUNESSES MUSICALES INTERNATIONAL

21-11-0. JM International projects in conjunction to the Culture of Peace. Brundibar : children's opera related to numerous performances in the Theresenstadt/Terezin concentration camp in CZ. European Tour (8 countries in 11 days) in Sep/Oct 2000 + educational materials (audio-CD, CD-ROM and web-site) on the Holocaust and related matters. Sponsored partly by the European Commission "Connect". Please visit: <http://www.brundibar.net> Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra - founded in 1970, the JMWO is one of the finest and most international of all youth orchestras today. In 2000, the orchestra toured all countries of the former Yugoslavia (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia) plus some venues in Germany (Hanover EXPO 2000, the Back Festival in Leipzig, the Young Euro Classics festival in Berlin etc. Music Crossroads Southern Africa - established in 1996, the MCSA is a project empowering young Africans through music. Presently active in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi and from next year also Tanzania and Zambia. Sponsored by UNESCO, SIDA and NORAD.

## JUBILENIUM

15-06-0. Jubilenium, combination of the words "jubilee" and "millennium," was founded to create an environment of peace, tolerance, understanding, friendship and nonviolence. Jubilenium, calls upon all nations, religions and peoples to join in our campaign for the exchange of culture and heritage leading to global understanding among all. The Jubilenium educational curriculum, based on the Manifesto 2000, was developed with the aid of leading professors, teachers, parent groups and students. The program will be implemented in school systems around the world, beginning in Israel in September 2000. The program is to be taught from grades kindergarten to college. There are separate materials and supplemental workbooks and games that will be available on the Jubilenium website. Jubilenium will market the educational program and also campaign for signatures for the Manifesto 2000 from its international headquarters in New York together with all its Culture of Peace partner organizations, including Sister Cities International, whose influence reaches world wide. World dignitaries and religious leaders have joined in the Culture of Peace campaign by lighting the Jubilenium Candle for a Minute of Peace. The Jubilenium – A Minute Of Peace campaign is underway for the New Year 2001. We invite all people to join us for a minute of peace and to light the Jubilenium candle and Pause for Peace. Sales of the Jubilenium Peace Candle will help to fund the Culture of Peace campaign. The Jubilenium Young Leadership Parliament

will unite students from around the world in a global community on-line. This web-based program, to be developed by students and overseen by their peers, will create a virtual international community that will meet weekly, to discuss furthering the Culture of Peace. The Young Leadership Parliament will mobilize the world's youth and begin the actualization of the Culture of Peace campaign.

## MAISON DE SAGESSE

20-11-0. Association humanitaire pour les enfants du monde, accréditée en relations opérationnelles avec l'Unesco le 19 décembre 1998, la Maison de Sagesse compte 750 adhérents, 16 antennes en France et 11 missions à l'étranger. Son objet est l'aide à l'enfance malheureuse par un soutien de première urgence, la consolidation de son milieu vital ou familial, l'incitation à un développement durable de son environnement, l'amélioration des conditions d'hygiène et de santé régnant autour de l'enfant et l'acquisition des connaissances afin de pouvoir mieux affronter la rigueur de la vie. Après huit années d'existence, l'association a envoyé 600 tonnes de matériel à travers le Monde (matériel scolaire, chirurgical, vêtements et jouets). L' aide d'urgence que nous fournissons aux plus démunis s'ajoute aux actions de développement durable, plus spécialement axées sur l'éducation qui est l'essence d'une évolution en profondeur. La Maison de Sagesse a signé cette année la Charte de partenariat pour une culture de la Paix et de la non-violence. 2000 année internationale de la Paix, va bientôt s'achever. Avant d'entrer dans la deuxième année, nous vous présentons un petit bilan de nos actions en faveur d'un monde plus juste, sans cris et sans guerres. Nous avons récolté près de 400 signatures en France et en Belgique et continuons notre travail de sollicitation à travers le monde par le biais de toutes nos missions. Deux concerts ont été donnés pour la Paix. Le premier eut lieu à Marseille, ville de toutes les nations. Organisé par notre responsable des Bouches du Rhône, Renée Lègues, ce concert lançait notre premier appel à la Paix. Le deuxième s'est déroulé dans la petite ville royale et historique d'Étampes, Essonne. Ce 27 mai dernier, nous fêtions les Mamans, Lord Yehudi Menuhin et la Paix. Jean Belliard et le Choeur de la ville nous offrirent un voyage au royaume de la musique sacrée. À l'issue de ce concert plus d'une centaine de signatures furent recueillies dans la joie. Michel Gignoux et Matthieu Belin, membres de l'association, ont participé à la transalpine tibétaine, qui s'est déroulée au mois d'août. Cette grande marche (Nice-Genève), s'est déroulée dans la Paix en faveur du peuple Tibétain, maîtres de la non-violence. Yannick Champain, Vice-président de l'association s'est rendu au Congo afin de participer au « Train de la Paix et de l'Espoir », manifestation organisée par l'Unesco. Durant son voyage, la musique, les chants et la danse fêtaient l'amour dans ce pays trop souvent déchiré. Lors de ce trajet, les vêtements envoyés quelques mois plus tôt ont pu être distribués à la population. Aujourd'hui, au regard du monde dans lequel nous vivons, force est de constater qu'il reste encore des années de

travail avant d'accéder à une grande solidarité basée sur l'harmonie et la Paix. Nous continuons donc notre tâche afin que nos enfants n'aient pas à connaître le mot guerre.

#### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN BANGLADESH

07-04-00. WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH LEADERS IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE WORLD PEACE. In observance of the International Year for the Culture of Peace a workshop on the Role of Youth Leaders in Construction of the Sustainable World Peace was organized by the National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh in collaboration with the Deptt. of Youth Development will be held at the auditorium of the Deptt. of Youth Development, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka on Thursday, 6 April 2000 at 10-30 a.m. Md. Zahiruddin Bhuiya', Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports and Director General, Department of Youth Development, was present as the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony of workshop. Mr. Nilratan Halder, Asstt. Editor, the Bangladesh Observer. delivered the Keynote speech. The workshop was presided over by Alhaj Syed Anwarul Haque. President, NFYOB. Capt.(Rtd.) M.M. Firoz, Director (Admin.), Deptt. of Youth Development, Mrs. Rowshan Ara Feroj, Lecturer, University of Dhaka, Mr. Abul Hasnat, Vice President and Mr. Dulal Biswas, Secretary General of the Federation took part in the discussion. The various aspects of a culture of peace and promotion of the "Manifesto 2000" - an engagement by each individual to practice the principles of a culture of peace in everyday life (human rights, democracy, non-violence, solidarity, equality of women, sustainable human development, disarmament, etc were discussed in the workshop

#### NGO UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE

10-06-0. LES ONG ET LA CULTURE DE LA PAIX. Troisième partenaire de l'UNESCO après les Etats membres et les Commissions Nationales, les ONG, par la diversité de leurs domaines d'intervention et l'importance de leurs réseaux à travers le monde, contribuent jour après jour, à la définition et à la mise en place d'une Culture de la Paix. La Conférence internationale des ONG réunie à Paris en novembre 1998 a réitéré son engagement en faveur de la paix et affirmé "sa volonté de participer aux activités qui seront mises en œuvre dans le cadre de l'an 2000, Année Internationale pour une Culture de la Paix" et de la décennie suivante. Soucieux d'assurer une extension maximale à la participation des ONG au Mouvement Mondial pour une Culture de la Paix, le Comité de Liaison s'est attaché à renforcer le partenariat ONG-UNESCO. Une Charte de Partenariat a ainsi été signée entre le Directeur Général de l'UNESCO et la Présidente de la Conférence Internationale des ONG. Ce document permet aux ONG en relations officielles avec l'UNESCO de s'engager, ainsi que les membres de leur réseaux, sur quatre niveaux (diffusion du Manifeste 2000, réalisation de projets d'envergure internationale, réalisation de projets locaux, contribution à la décennie 2001-2010). Aujourd'hui, plus de 70

signataires se sont engagés ainsi que 56 de leurs organisations membres. Ensemble, ils ont d'ores et déjà proposé plus de 50 Actions Phares d'envergure internationale et recueilli plus de 100 000 signatures du manifeste. Par ailleurs, un groupe de travail AICP a été mis en place. Ce groupe de travail est composé d'ONG en relations opérationnelles et d'ONG en relations formelles. Son mandat est de promouvoir l'AICP auprès des ONG en relations officielles avec l'UNESCO, de s'assurer de leur coopération et de veiller à ce que l'action des ONG soit reconnue par l'UNESCO et par les Partenaires de l'AICP. Il s'est ainsi occupé de la publication et de la diffusion d'un numéro spécial du Lien, de la mise en place de pages spéciales consacrées à l'AICP sur le site web du Comité de Liaison et de l'organisation de briefings lors de la dernière Conférence Générale de l'UNESCO. Il travaille aujourd'hui, en collaboration avec l'UNESCO, à l'organisation d'un colloque international, "la Culture de la Paix : une idée en action", projet Phare des ONG pour l'Année Internationale pour une Culture de la Paix.

#### OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT CATHOLIQUES

27-02-01. La OIEC se alegra de poder abordar la espaciosa nave del sitio internet de la UNESCO. Es una bella oportunidad para mostrar algunas de nuestras iniciativas en favor de la paz, desde nuestra misión específica, centrada en la educación. Trabajar por la causa de la paz no es cuestión de MODA, sino de urgente necesidad. De hecho a lo largo de la historia muchos hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad han realizado esfuerzos notables, dado que el mundo siempre ha necesitado la paz. Ahora, sin embargo parece que la necesidad de la paz se ha mundializado y nadie puede escapar a su llamado. La OIEC, desde lejana fecha, viene haciendo camino al andar, puesto que hemos peregrinado por la geografía del planeta y hemos generado proyectos de paz, allí donde encontramos conflicto. En Angola, Colombia, Etiopía, Bolivia, Timor Oriental, El Salvador, Albania, Nicaragua, etc. hemos sembrado semillas de paz regadas, muchas veces, con algunas gotas de sangre. La OIEC ha elaborado la educación para la Paz tocando algunos valores creadores de armonía como la solidaridad y la tolerancia. Sin embargo, el camino que hemos privilegiado se relaciona con las causales de la guerra, del odio y la exclusión como lo es la INTOLERABLE INJUSTICIA. En esta línea, la OIEC sintoniza plenamente con Juan Pablo II cuando afirma que no habrá verdadera paz sin equidad, verdad y justicia. Andrés DELGADO HERNÁNDEZ, sdb Secretario General OIEC Nota al lector : pronto completaremos el espacio que se nos concedió. Este corto artículo os da una muestra de nuestro pensamiento. Mientras tanto, podéis visitar nuestro sitio WEB.

#### ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA LIBERTE D'ENSEIGNEMENT

13-11-0. ACTION DE L'UNIVERSITE D'ETE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DU DROIT A L'EDUCATION DE GENEVE EN FAVEUR DE LA CULTURE DE

PAIX : PROGRAMMES 2000. Le projet de l'Université d'été des droits de l'homme s'inscrit dans le cadre de la Décennie des Nations Unies pour l'enseignement des droits de l'homme (1995-2004) dont l'objectif est de promouvoir l'éducation comme outil visant à favoriser l'émergence d'une véritable culture des droits de l'homme, universellement partagée. La sixième session de l'université d'été et toutes les activités menées en 2000 ont été placées sous le signe de l'année internationale de la culture de la paix. Thème transversal de la sixième session de l'Université d'été des droits de l'homme et du droit à l'éducation, la Culture de Paix a occupé à elle seule toute la journée du 15 août 2000. Traduite de l'anglais vers le français et l'espagnol, la conférence prononcée en début de journée au Palais des Nations par Monsieur J. Symonides sur le thème Culture de Paix : Le Manifeste a permis de cerner la notion d'un point de vue épistémologique et juridique et de présenter le plan d'action mis en place par l'UNESCO. Alors que la formation destinée aux hispanophones mettait d'avantage l'accent sur l'éducation à la paix, les formations données en anglais et en français ont porté sur des sujets aussi divers que le multiculturalisme et les opérations de maintien de la paix. L'Université d'été s'est efforcée cette année de restituer au public genevois une partie du soutien qu'il lui a accordé depuis sa création en 1995. Deux manifestations publiques ont été organisées dans ce but : La Nuit des droits humains, organisée avec le concours de la Ville de Genève au Centre d'Animation Culturelle dans la nuit du samedi 12 août 2000 a fait salle comble. Les débats qui se sont déroulés entre la projection des cinq films autour du thème femmes et culture de paix ont été très animés. La presse, qui a largement diffusé l'information, a grandement contribué au succès de l'événement. La Table ronde organisée sur le thème Qu'est-ce qu'une culture de paix? s'est déroulée le Mardi 15 août 2000 à l'Université de Genève et a attiré plus de 120 personnes. Enfin, le séminaire d'hiver organisé par l'Université d'été de novembre 2000 à Janvier 2001 sur le thème : L'apprentissage de l'humanité : l'éducation comme droit culturel s'inscrit explicitement dans la perspective de la promotion d'une culture de paix. Formation en partenariat avec la Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED / Espagne) En 2000, l'Université d'été s'est associée à l'UNED, Université nationale d'enseignement à distance espagnole dans l'élaboration et la mise en œuvre d'un programme d'introduction aux droits de l'homme de niveau universitaire. Intitulée Les droits de l'homme dans la diversité culturelle pour la paix, la première session de cette formation s'est déroulée à Genève, au Bureau du Haut-Commissaire des Nations Unies pour les droits de l'homme, du 17 au 21 juillet 2000. La conférence inaugurale fut prononcée par Monsieur Federico Mayor sur le thème Droit de l'homme et culture de paix. Le Centre d'appui de l'UNED à Genève et l'Université d'été ont également co-organisé trois projections-débats en langue espagnole dans le cadre d'un cycle intitulé Hacer la(s) paz (ces), Cine y debates para una cultura de paz.

ORGANISATION PANAFRICAINNE DES FEMMES

20-11-0. L'an 2000 a été proclamé Année Internationale de la Culture de la Paix. L'Organisation Panafricaine des Femmes (OPF) en a fait son affaire, l'a cultivée à sa manière, à son échelle, selon ses moyens. Aux occasions du 8 mars 2000, Journée Internationale de la Femme, du 25 mai, Fête de l'O.U.A, du 31 juillet, Journée Panafricaine des Femmes et des Fêtes Nationales des femmes, l'OPF a mobilisé les femmes d'Afriques à travers ses organisations membres, sans exception, pour organiser des activités autour du thème central : "les femmes africaines et la culture de la paix". Ces occasions ont été utilisées par le Secrétariat Général pour diffuser l'Appel à la Paix d'Alger, issu d'un forum qui a rassemblé plus de 32 pays africains. Cet appel a été aussi adopté par la 6ème Conférence des Nations-Unies sur les femmes à Adis-Abéba en novembre 1999. A Alger, les femmes africaines autour de l'OPF ont lancé haut et fort un appel pour la paix en Afrique : pour dénoncer le commerce d'armes sur notre continent, pour demander la réduction des dépenses militaires en faveur des dépenses d'éducation et de santé. Les femmes africaines ont demandé le respect des conventions internationales, la consolidation et la codification des lois interdisant la violence contre les femmes et les enfants, la représentation des femmes à tous les niveaux de prise de décisions, la lutte contre le terrorisme qui s'internationalise. Indépendamment des occasions de commémoration des journées internationales, régionales et nationales, le Secrétariat Général Permanent, au siège, à Luanda, s'est attelé à réaliser des visites dans les camps de déplacés de guerre en collaboration avec l'Organisation de la Femme Angolaise (OFA). Des séances de sensibilisation pour éduquer ce groupe cible à la culture de la Paix ont eu lieu. Différents problèmes nous ont été posés pendant ces séances : manque de terres cultivables, manque de moyens financiers, manque de bois de chauffage, manque d'écoles, etc. L'OPF a impulsé des démarches par les femmes angolaises auprès des autorités administratives pour, au moins, obtenir des parcelles de terre pour leur travaux agricoles. Le Secrétariat Général de l'OPF a également décidé de faire de sa réunion statutaire annuelle 2000, une Conférence dont le thème est le rôle de l'OPF durant et après les conflits armés. Les sous-thèmes seront : la culture de la paix dans les camps de déplacés de guerre; la paix et la réinsertion des personnes déplacées dans leur lieu d'origine. Certaines de nos organisations membres ont été plus actives que d'autres. Elles ont profité de la célébration de leur Fête Nationale pour organiser des manifestations en faveur de la paix : des conférences, des tables rondes, des débats à la radio, à la télévision, des interviews dans les journaux locaux pour transmettre leur message de paix. Les associations féminines religieuses chrétiennes et musulmanes ont été également des canaux très sûrs de transmission des messages de paix. En Angola par exemple, les associations des Eglises mobilisent beaucoup les femmes et les jeunes pour promouvoir la coexistence pacifique.

27-04-00. We believe that joining this international movement for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence and spreading the word of such directly related campaigns as Manifesto 2000 is important for the world's future well-being. Therefore, it is recommended to our partners that action be taken to help this cause, locally and/or internationally. For example, PAX Programs Initiative (Santa Barbara) is undertaking a program to promote the Culture of Peace's Manifesto 2000 at 1) public events which it co-sponsors with University of California, Santa Barbara's Inter Humanities Center and 2) at a Community wide conference on April 29 at Santa Barbara City College cosponsored with the local United Nations Associations and League of Women Voters. We challenge each partner to take initiative in promoting the "Culture of Peace" through a project that reflects creativity and a desire for increased awareness. It is recommended that projects include Manifesto 2000's six point pledge, UNESCO's Culture of Peace logo or anything directly related to these campaigns for peace. Articles on individual partners' efforts will be included in future issues of this newsletter. (Extracts from article in PAX 2100 Forum's Newsletter.

#### PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL

01-03-01. PEACE EDUCATION 1. Pax Christi International is one of the endorsing NGOs of the Global Campaign for Peace Education launched by the International Peace Bureau (IPB). Peace education is a participatory process, which changes our way of thinking and promotes learning for peace and justice. The goals of the Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education are to build public awareness and support for peace education into all spheres of education throughout the world, to promote education of teachers and develop and disseminate resources to teach for peace. More: [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org) and/or [www.haguepeace.org](http://www.haguepeace.org)  
2. The Youth Forum of Pax Christi International has just published Pax Christi Youth Forum: Promoting a Culture of Peace. A Decade in Review 1990 - 2000. In this overview, the major activities of the Youth Forum in the previous decade are reported and edited by Maryanne Yerkes, Suzanne Skrimshire, Julie Moreau and Michael Roekaerts. This publication is possible thanks to the European Community budget line "Support for international non-governmental youth organisations" and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. 31 pages. Info: [youth@paxchristi.net](mailto:youth@paxchristi.net) and [www.paxchristi.net/youth](http://www.paxchristi.net/youth) (Extracts of the information provided by the organization.

01-03-01. UNE CASSETTE POUR FREINER LA VIOLENCE PAR LA VIDEO (Pax Christi Wallonie - Bruxelles) Est-il vrai que les jeux vidéo peuvent engendrer des comportements violents chez les jeunes ? La section régionale du mouvement Pax Christi à Charleroi a testé l'hypothèse. Le résultat est disponible sur cassette. Il y a trois ans que Pax Christi à Charleroi étudie la violence dans les jeux vidéo. Les jeunes lui ont paru être « les cibles principales des producteurs à travers la publicité ». La section du mouvement a



dès lors observé le comportement de jeunes devant des consoles de jeux électroniques et dans un lunapark. Une enquête a aussi été menée dans deux écoles auprès de 195 élèves de 11 à 21 ans. Les constats ont été recoupés avec des sources documentaires, dont une émission de la chaîne « Arte » sur la violence des jeunes et des coupures de presse relatant de graves incidents provoqués par des jeunes. Les jeux vidéo sont-ils réellement susceptibles de générer un passage de la violence virtuelle à la violence réelle chez les jeunes, comme si ceux-ci continuaient le jeu qui les passionne ? Le groupe de Pax Christi à Charleroi est arrivé à la conclusion que cette hypothèse « se vérifie largement ». Mais, ajoute le groupe, « trop de parents abandonnent leurs enfants devant l'ordinateur ou la console sans savoir avec quoi ils jouent ». Or, « les adultes peuvent beaucoup pour aider les jeunes à résister à ce phénomène ». D'une part, « il existe des alternatives, et des jeux intéressants, non violents », indique Pax Christi, D'autre part, le mouvement insiste pour que les adultes ne renoncent pas à « l'éducation ». La cassette vidéo réalisée par Pax Christi comporte des extraits télévisés à l'usage de groupes d'adultes (enseignants, éducateurs, parents). Elle est accompagnée d'une fiche de présentation et d'utilisation en vue de susciter une prise de conscience et une réflexion active (1). -----  
 ----- (1) Cette cassette de 25 minutes est disponible au CREFADO, rue de l'église, 20 B - 6200 Châtelineau (tél. 071/38.97.96). Les utilisateurs sont invités à faire part de leurs remarques et réflexions à l'adresse suivante : Renée Laroche, avenue Albert 1er, 38 - 6032 Mont-sur-Marchienne (tél. 071/365.65.61). Adresse de Pax Christi Wallonie-Bruxelles : chaussée de Wavre, 216 - 1050 Bruxelles (tél. 02/646.68.80 ; fax 02/646.94.41 ; courriel : pax.christi@skynet.be). (Extraits des informations fournies par l'organisation)

- 13-11-0. Pax Christ International has focused its work on promoted the Culture of Peace and Peace Education in a variety of ways all over the globe. To help co-ordinate this, Pax Christi International has dedicated the first part of its monthly news letter to "a Culture of Peace" in order to inform all national sections on the work being done throughout the movement. It has also helped to distribute and support the work of the various sections. This has included public support and education through numerous projects and campaigns, workshops and conferences, booklets and fact sheet, and more. Many of these had a special emphasis on youth. Examples of some of the wide range of Pax Christi's work in the Culture of Peace and Peace Education include the following: - Information sheets and suggested actions produced and distributed to media, schools, and others involved in the peace movement. Some sections creating these were Portugal, United Kingdom, United States, France and others; - Peace Weeks and Peace Days bringing attention to the work through radio clips, posters, leaflets and other publicity, while also generating support for post card and letter writing campaigns; - Peace Education kits and booklets such as "La Force de la Paix" by Pax Christ France and "the Culture of Peace: A Christian Opportunity" by Pax Christi

Britain; - Working with schools and teachers groups, and developing curriculum for high schools and/or Universities such as Hungary's "Civil Education and Schools", the "Schools of Europe" in the Balkans, and the United Kingdom's newsletter for teachers; - Networking with other established organisations for joint campaigns, research, conferences and studies, such as the International Association of Educators for Peace, Amnesty International, St. Petersburg Soldiers' Mothers, International Movement for a Just World In Malaysia and local churches; - Campaigns focusing on a specific issue involving a Culture of Peace, such as the Pax Christi USA's Bread Not Stones Campaign, and Pax Christi Britain's Creating a Nuclear Free World petition; - Local projects to promote the Culture of peace such as cleaning graffiti by Pax Christi Flanders, a camp on Gypsy minorities by Pax Christi Slovakia, drawing competition for children on the theme of East Timor, protection of the environment and tree planting in Pax Christi Aotearoa/New Zealand, and others.

## PEACE BOAT

19-04-00. PEACE BOAT'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE. Peace Boat's five peace voyages this year – three global voyages, one Asian peace voyage to Pyongyang and a voyage to East Timor – are Flagship events for the IYCP. The voyages, each joined by an average of 600 people, are committed to the promotion of the creation of a Culture of Peace through the development of educational and networking activities in the areas of peace, human rights, sustainability and the environment. Our Global University, a floating peace studies programme, enables participants to learn from a wide variety of specialists who join the ship, and from participation in field study in our ports of call. Peace Boat's NGO Forums offer our "floating peace village" as a neutral, mobile forum where NGO representatives can meet to exchange information and establish concrete agendas and joint-projects to respond to their regional challenges. This year we have hosted five regional forums focusing on peace education. In port, Peace Boat organises study and exchange programmes in conjunction with our partner groups: local NGOs, youth unions and civil society organisations. One of our liveliest promotion activities for the IYCP is the Manifesto 2000 dance which expresses the points of the Manifesto through the international languages of music and dance. The dance has been performed in the streets of Taiwan, Madagascar, Chile and ten other countries, awakening considerable interest in the IYCP amongst the spectators and the local media. Other activities planned include an Eritrea/Ethiopia Peace Dialogue and a soccer exchange with young people from East Timor. Peace Boat is open to everyone and we are always ready to receive proposals for new partnerships and for NGO forums onboard. Please contact [pbglobal@peaceboat.gr.jp](mailto:pbglobal@peaceboat.gr.jp) or see our website (currently under construction) [www.peaceboat.org](http://www.peaceboat.org).

## PEACEWAYS

22-11-0. In 1990, world leaders opened the door for young people to create young general Assembly when the UN World Summit for Children Declaration stated, "Among the partnership possible". They did first by brainstorming discussions, then by building a network of national organizations through an annual process called the World Summit of Children Projects and then by writing the Young General Assembly Charter and voting it into force. HEAR THE CHILDREN DAY PROPOSED BY THE YOUNG GENERAL ASSEMBLY We propose that the third Tuesday of every september be known worldwide as "Hear the Children day". On this day we would like to be given the opportunity to voice our opinions and ideas. We feel that by doing so we will promote common interest in the needs of children and remove barriers between ages. Hear the Children Day will enhance the already established International Day of Peace by bringing a focus on children everywhere who want to live a peaceful future. The purpose of the celebration on Hear the Children Day is to formally open and strengthen communication links between children and the decision makers of the world. The sincere attention of government officials is needed so children's concerns can be expressed and truly heard. The observance of one minute of silence at noon in each time zone will create a 24 hour worldwide wave of silence in respect for children. The use of sky blue ribbons is recommended. They symbolize unity, innocence and childhood. Children can pin a looped ribbon on a person's garment while saying, " We are one". CREATE A HEAR THE CHILDREN DAY CELEBRATION IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY TO HONOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CULTURE OF PEACE.

## POLE TO POLE

17-01-01. Pole To Pole 2000 is a unique previously unattempted 3 year journey around the planet. In the year 2000, eight young adventurers traveled by non-mechanical means from the North magnetic Pole to the South Pole through the Americas, successfully completing their 22,000 mile odyssey to celebrate the New Year and the Millennium by burying a time capsule that held UNESCO's Manifesto 2000 and other documents in the ice. Year 2 begins with the selection of a new team of young international adventurers between the ages of 18 and 26, who will train in western Canada in May and then leave Antarctica in June, 2001 to travel north through Africa and Europe to reach the North Pole, in May 2002, 12 months later. Deadline for applications is March 15. This team will travel by ski; foot, canoe, kayak, and bicycle relay over 22,000 miles through some of the most difficult terrain on the planet. The team's message of exploring potential extends beyond adventure, teamwork, and personal success to our potential to change the world one step at a time by taking action for a healthier environment and helping others. As they travel, the team will lend a hand to a variety of local initiatives that address environmental and humanitarian issues and will give presentations about their mission to many schools, universities

and public groups. Their experiences and learnings will be reported all over the world via the Internet, TV, radio and print. They will reach several hundred million people. Pole To Pole 2000 is organized by Martyn Williams, the first person to lead expeditions to the three extremes, Everest, the North Pole and South Pole. Follow this exciting and meaningful journey or to apply to be part of the team at their web site <http://www.pole2pole2000.com> or email [office@pole2pole2000.com](mailto:office@pole2pole2000.com).

- 11-08-0. Pole to Pole 2000, organized by the Millennium Leadership Institute, has assembled a group of 12 carefully selected and trained young adults, aged 18 to 25, from six continents to travel from the North Pole to the South Pole in a trip spanning 9 months and 22,000 miles, highlighting issues of environmental consciousness, sustainability, and humanitarianism. They are covering this distance by skiing, walking, canoeing, kayaking, and biking, and along the way are asking people to make «Millennium Challenges», promises of positive action for the twenty-first century, and collecting signatures for the Manifesto 2000. The list of practical suggestions for people to adopt for their Millennium Challenges has been influenced by the Manifesto 2000 and urges for acts of kindness, reduction of conflict, increasing understanding, and the identification of injustice. Environmental suggestions include the reduction of greenhouse gases, encouraging recycling, and the protection of natural habitats. During their trip they are participating in different community based initiatives such as cleaning up a salmon river in British Columbia, working with the New York Coalition for the homeless, and participating in a poverty alleviation initiative in Nicaragua. In order to spread their message of exploring human potential to as great an audience as possible they plan to include travel through densely populated urban areas, as well as taking advantage of the opportunity to reach many people that the Internet and more traditional media offer. Updates of the journey, along with the Manifesto 2000, can be read on their website and Millennium Challenges are collected both personally by the team and electronically through the use of the Internet. News of the journey will also reach people who do not have access to the Internet through newspaper, radio and television reports, most notably through the commitment of Televisa, Latin America's largest television network, to air weekly updates, which will reach an estimated 200 million people. The journey through the Americas, which began April 5, 2000, is scheduled to reach the South Pole December 31, 2000. (Extracts of the information provided by the organization).

#### SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

- 17-04-00. SCI's ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAME OF THE UNESCO IYCP CAMPAIGN. SCI is an international peace movement which tries to build a peaceful world by increasing tolerance and intercultural understanding through organising international short and long

term voluntary service activities with local projects in need. One of our main activities is the organisation of circa 400 international workcamps annually where people of different cultures get to know each other and have to learn how to live and work together. As the aims of the IYCP Campaign are the same as SCI's, we were very enthusiastic about participating in it. For the summer 2000, we have selected quite a number of workcamps in all countries where SCI is present as "Local projects for IYCP". SCI's workcamps are situated in the following fields: peace and anti-racism, N/S issues, environment, disadvantaged youth, disabled people, women's issues etc. These workcamps are organised with local organisations and are always aiming at developing citizenship. In addition to that, all SCI branches (35) will present UNESCO's IYCP Campaign and the Manifesto 2000 in all our workcamps (not only the selected ones). All international volunteers participating in SCI Workcamps will then be asked to sign the Manifesto 2000. In this way we hope to create philosophical debates at our workcamps about the need for a change in our culture of violence and to sensibilise volunteers for the broader aims of the Campaign. Our Spring Conference in Poland where all SCI-branches presented their international workcamps-programme (which are all in a way contributing to the aims of the Unesco Campaign) has been accepted as a Flagship Project by UNESCO-Poland and has been visited by one of their representatives. We hope to be able to dedicate one of our seminars for Autumn as another Flagship Project for this Campaign but are waiting to know if funding for our projects is granted. Isabelle Vandenberg SCI International Secretariat.

## SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL

20-11-0. ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT MANIFESTO 2000 AND THE IYCP. The SGI's efforts in four countries resulted in 179,078 signatures for the Manifesto 2000 signature campaign. Meanwhile, the SGI organized original programs in support of the International Year for the Culture of Peace (IYCP), including the "Victory Over Violence" campaign of the US in which 110,000 individuals have so far signed a pledge to overcome violence. Manifesto 2000 : India-- Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) members gathered 109,270 Manifesto 2000 signatures over the summer months. One young woman, Priya Marwah, surpassed her own target of 10,000 signatures by going from school to school, telling students and faculty about the importance of efforts to build a culture of peace. Malaysia--Women of Soka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) collected 19,808 signatures as part of the group's Women's Peace Convention (WPC) organized in support of IYCP and held nationwide through November. Ideas central to the WPC's proposition for peace include: inner reformation and the development of a strong inner self for breaking free from self-centeredness. Canada--Members of SGI Canada succeeded in reaching out to their communities in collecting 40,000 signatures. They set up booths in such venues as summer festivals, shopping malls, and universities to discuss the Manifesto and collect signatures. Many reported wonderful

experiences about their conversations with people about the Manifesto. Japan--Japanese SGI members collected 10,000 signatures in collaboration with the National Federation of Unesco and promoted IYCP with a 2-page interview with Director General of the National Federation, Mr. Shigeru Okada that appeared in a monthly magazine. International Year of the Culture of Peace : Children's Art Exhibition (US)--Under the sponsorship of Unesco, the SGI organized the "World Boys and Girls Art Exhibition" in Geneva 17 April - 5 May to promote international understanding in support of IYCP by featuring drawings by children up to the age of 15 from around the world. NGOs, international organizations and governments have supported other showings of the exhibition during the year 2000 in Mexico, the Philippines, Venezuela and Panama. "Victory Over Violence" (US)--Responding to countless acts of violence committed by school-aged youth in the United States, the SGI-USA's Youth Peace Committee initiated the "Victory Over Violence" (VOV) campaign in August 1999 in support of IYCP and the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World. The VOV campaign aims to rid society of violence by holding workshops and providing tools youth and adults can use to identify and overcome it in their lives. Over 110,000 individuals have signed a VOV pledge declaring their determination to "value my own life," "respect all life" and "inspire hope in others." The group organized community events in Denver, Littleton (Colorado), Los Angeles, New York, Oakland, Puerto Rico, and San Diego to promote non-violence values. Women's Forum (Switzerland)--SGI-USA sponsored a forum under the theme "Women Building a Culture of Peace" in support of IYCP on June 10 in New York that addressed women's matters like the condition, treatment, health and future of the world's women. The event coincided with the "Beijing'95" women's conference at the UN and featured an international panel which later engaged in small-group discussions with other forum participants.

- 10-11-0. WORLD BOYS AND GIRLS ART EXHIBITION. The worldwide network of Soka Gakkai International has been organising "World Boys and Girls Art Exhibition" for promoting a culture of peace with hundreds of paintings and dessins made by children up to the age of 15 and of various nationalities. In the year 2000 as of 10 November, the exhibition has been held in Mexico, Philippines, Switzerland, Venezuela, Panama, Germany, Malaysia and Japan in collaboration with and with support of a number of NGOs, institutes, and international organisations as well as governmental bodies. Among those tens of thousands people who visited the exhibit include many school children as well as teachers and adults. The exhibit manifests the potential of children by expressing their heart in 400 paintings and dessins to transcend the cultural barriers and create a culture of peace in the heart of viewers.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

22-05-0. TREES FOR PEACE. SOROPTIMIST International (SI) is the most important global interprofessional organisation of feminine service clubs. Even if it is not classified as « specialized NGO », our organisation counts women highly qualified in the priority domains of UNESCO among its more than 100.000 members. This specificity allows us to undertake important actions, of shorter or longer duration in the framework of our projects which target Education, Human Rights, the Condition of Women and Children, Goodwill and International Understanding. That is the reason why Soroptimists have always reacted efficiently in the face of humanitarian catastrophes. Recently, in the wake of the Balkan war, the 'Fund SOS KOSOVO' was created, which was fuelled by all our members. Its funds of 250 000 dollars are administered locally by the Albanian Club whose members are actively involved in the field. During the last years Soroptimist has brought considerable financial support to the demining projects in Laos and Angola. Our latest quadriennial project (1999-2003) , entitled 'LIMBS FOR LIFE' , aims to support the victims of antipersonnel mines , the majority being women and children, by supplying them with artificial limbs, prosthesis, and by supervising their reeducation and readaptation, be it physical, psychological, social or economic. Who says 'Handicap for life', says also 'adaptation to life.' Being aware of the role of NGO's in the Struggle for Peace, SI has immediately signed the 'Partnership Agreement', engaging its members to adhere to it in all its levels of participation. What could we imagine to reformulate the fundamental principles of Peace in the spirit of men, women and children ? How can we bring them closer to find the peace in themselves and to make peace with each other ? Our International President Jane Zimmerman has suggested to all the clubs to chose a meeting place, to plant a tree there, place a bench, a comemorative plaque... 'This tree, dedicated to Peace, was donated by the Soroptimist to be a place for reflection and to commemorate the Year 2000, proclaimed by the United Nations to be the International Year for the Culture of Peace.' Yseult Kaplan SI representative to UNESCO.

#### THE GOI PEACE FOUNDATION

05-10-0. The DECLARATION FOR ALL LIFE ON EARTH was launched on the occasion of the World Peace Celebration 2000 at Nippon Budokan, Tokyo on 30 September 2000. Presented by the Goi Peace Foundation in cooperation with the World Peace Prayer Society, and supported by The Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO Headquarters and the United Nations University, the Creating a Culture of Peace - World Peace Celebration 2000 event was attended by more than 10, 000 guests; among them Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado and 90 Ambassadors and Representatives to Tokyo. The DECLARATION FOR ALL LIFE ON EARTH underscores new principles for the creation of a Culture of Peace and sets guidelines for a "good life" in order to enjoy a peaceful and harmonious 21st century and beyond. The Goi Peace Foundation

encourages the world community to endorse the Declaration and to implement its general principles in the various fields of human activities. The Goi Peace Foundation is co-operating worldwide with partners who are inspired by the Declaration to implement it, so that a bright future and a peaceful loving and sharing world community can emerge from those best practices. Please share here with us the 4 General Principles (in brief) of the DECLARATION FOR ALL LIFE ON EARTH: 1. Reverence for life / 2. Respect for all differences / 3. Gratitude for and coexistence with all of nature / 4. Harmony between the spiritual and material / . To get the whole DECLARATION FOR ALL LIFE ON EARTH ( Preamble \* General Principles \* Practice ), please visit the GOI PEACE FOUNDATION website at [www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp) and/or contact us by e-mail at [goiheiwa@sepia.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:goiheiwa@sepia.ocn.ne.jp). MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH!

#### THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER SOCIETY

15-06-0. BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE THROUGH "MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH". MISSION : the World Peace Prayer Society is a nonprofit member-supported, non-sectarian organization dedicated to uniting people all over the world through the message and prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Members and supporters on every continent are working together to carry this universal message of peace to their communities through World Peace Prayer Ceremonies, the Peace Pole Project, the Peace Pal program, Youth for Peace and other initiatives. Founded in Japan in 1955, the Society has its world headquarters in New York City and it is recognized as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) affiliated with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations. PROGRAMS : the Peace Pole Project has planted more than 200,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries of the world to serve as constant reminders to pray for peace. A peace Pole is a monument that displays the prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in a different language on each of its four sides. The World Peace Prayer Ceremony invites people from every race, religion and culture to join in one voice and pray for peace in every country of the world as its flag is positive thoughts and loving energy are directed towards the land and people of each nation. The Peace Pals Program for children links groups of children from different countries through exchange of artwork, letters and projects for peace. Youth for Peace is a new network for young people to connect their local projects with international initiatives for a better world. The Amenia World Peace festival is an annual event creating a model of a world at peace. Thousands participate at the World Peace Sanctuary in America, New York and live on the Internet. Activities for the Culture of peace : All events of the World Peace Prayer Society, in partnership with UNESCO, will support the IYCP and the Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World. (Extracts of the information provided by the organization).

#### UNESCO NETWORK OF ASSOCIATED LIBRARIES



17-07-00. "Until the philosophy that holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned, everywhere is war...[and] until the basic human rights are equally guaranteed to all... the dream of lasting peace, world citizenship and the rule of international morality will remain but a fleeting illusion". These lyrics were extracted from the song "War" (© 1976, Island Records, Inc) by Jamaican Reggae artiste Bob Marley. Despite being written more than thirty years ago, they remain particularly apposite today where no single continent guarantees de facto human rights to all persons. Whether it takes the form of the so-called "ethnic cleansing" or of conflicts based on religious or political ideologies, the entire world seems to be in the grips of intolerance and bigotry. The immediate consequences are manifested by wide-scale suffering, torture, indiscriminate massacre, "disappearance" of persons, etc. Illness and poverty are concomitant repercussions from the collapse of social structures provoked by this revocation of fundamental human rights. Peacekeeping, although essential, is basically a "passive" exercise, entailing the deployment of military personnel. More active measures are therefore needed to build peace, prevent conflict situations, eliminate the causes of violence and create conditions for lasting human security. In 1994 therefore, UNESCO launched the Culture of Peace Programme as a means of replacing the culture of war mentality entrenched in dominant civilizations. The culture of peace philosophy is grounded in the premise that the free flow of, and access to, information will create conditions for economic and political security as well as sustainable development. By participating in the celebration of the International Year for the Culture of Peace, UNAL libraries will help to build a future where peace and non-violence are an intrinsic part of daily life.

#### UNION INTERNATIONALE DE NOTARIAT LATIN

20-10-0. Le Notariat que représente le Notariat Latin est une Organisation de caractère mixte privé et public créée au cours des âges par la sagesse des peuples pour assurer la PAIX au niveau des personnes. Elle regroupe les notaires de 78 pays dont les membres sont en rapport avec des millions d'individus chaque année auxquels ils peuvent rappeler la décennie de la PAIX et le rejet de la violence d'une façon pratique dans leurs rapports pour l'établissement d'accords entre eux ; leur rôle est de permettre aux parties de s'écouter et de se comprendre. Ils réinventent les moyens de solidarité, d'où la création de l'AIPEO (Association Internationale du Partenariat Entreprises/ONG), dont le Président actuel est Rao Chelikani, ancien Président du Comité des ONG de l'Unesco, e-mail : [ifhd@hd1.vsnl.net.in](mailto:ifhd@hd1.vsnl.net.in).

#### UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE

14-11-0. Our organization's purpose is in part to "...to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings" and

as promoters of peace we are strong supporters and partners of the Global Movement for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence starting with this year and continuing through this decade. This partnership is part of a grand alliance of existing movements, a process uniting all those who have been and will be working towards a fundamental transformation of our societies, towards a just, sustainable and peaceful Earth community. Our first major global peacebuilding action was the 72Hours Project. Over one million people in 60 countries and 400 communities around the world engaged in commitments of service, peacebuilding, reconciliation, and consciousness transformation from December 31, 1999 through January 2, 2000. A document with all 72 Hours project reports, a highlight publication, as well as a 5-minute video - Images of Peacebuilding were produced after the event. In Spring 2000, the URI Web site added a URI & UNESCO section that tells of the IYCP and invites visitors to sign in support of the Manifesto 2000. We have co-sponsored two events for the IYCP in North America with the Brahma Kumaris. On August 13, in Los Angeles we held a free peace-building workshop to further local participation in the IYCP. It included an overview of the experience and meaning of war and peace in society and within us, as well as presenting tools for creating more peace in our daily lives. On September 6 the URI Global staff and board members joined with the Brahma Kumaris-San Francisco in presenting an evening of international spiritual dance and song celebrating the IYCP. The URI will be presented on December 1, 2000 at the World Trade Center in Barcelona. Three interreligious prayer evenings have been organized leading up to this presentation. They will focus on Earth, on women, and on AIDS.

#### UNITED SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL

19-03-01. Ever since UNESCO made announcement to celebrate IYCP-2000, United Schools International has been using its network to propagate and create awareness about the Culture of Peace among teachers and students in all India and abroad. The All India Teachers seminar that took place in June 2000 focused on the role of teachers in the implementation of a Culture of Peace. Teachers have been encouraged by USI to organise seminars, debates, quiz programmes, essay competition, field trips... Many original initiatives took place. Most of the 5000 schools of the network have shown interest to organise Painting Competititon / Essay Competititon and Cultural Programmes as suggested by USI who has awarded prizes to the Winners.

#### UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION

04-04-01. RAPPORT SUR LE SÉMINAIRE DE TEJO SUR LA PAIX. Dans le cadre de l'Année Internationale de la Culture de la Paix, TEJO a organisé un séminaire à Varna (1-8 septembre 2000) sur le thème "Action de la jeunesse des Balkans pour une culture de la paix". Un rapport intéressant de 60 pages vient de paraître. Le rapport met en lumière le travail du séminaire sur de multiples plans:

conférences, groupes de travail, soirées excursions et contributions des participants. Il comporte aussi une introduction détaillée sur l'organisation de séminaires. Parmi les autres thèmes, on trouve des présentations sur le mouvement espérantophone, l'action dans les pays, les finances, les relations extérieures, les grandes rencontres (par exemple comment organiser un festival des langues), l'information et la presse. Ainsi le rapport mérite la lecture non seulement de ceux qu'intéressent le travail dans la jeunesse ou les Balkans, mais également ceux qui ont l'intention de préparer un événement ou de militer autrement par exemple dans une organisation espérantophone. Ont contribué au rapport des participants et des conférenciers du séminaire et la secrétaire générale de TEJO Vladka Chvatalova. Sabira Sta'hberg l'a rédigé et Aleksandar Shivarov l'a relu. Le rapport est à la librairie de l'UEA à 6,90 Euros. (extrait des informations fournies par l'organisation).

- 10-10-0. LA CAMPAGNE DE SIGNATURES POUR LE MANIFESTE 2000 CONTINUE. L'UEA participe activement à la campagne du Manifeste 2000 lancée par l'UNESCO. La version espéranto du Manifeste a été éditée sous la forme d'un beau dépliant. Beaucoup de journaux espéranto ont fait paraître le texte du Manifeste avec un coupon-réponse pour la signature. Nous avons demandé aux autres associations de faire de même ou d'envoyer avec leur prochain numéro la feuille que l'UEA peut envoyer. Il est aussi possible de signer par internet à [www.uea.org/2000.html](http://www.uea.org/2000.html). Au 10 Octobre, l'UEA avait reçu en tout 5669 signatures, dont 4152 sur papier et 1517 par internet. Des 82 pays, le Brésil est le seul avec plus de 1000 signatures (1027), suivie de l'Italie (853) et de la France (633). Les statistiques montrent aussi qu'en de nombreux pays où le mouvement espérantophone est relativement fort, on a négligé l'action. Des associations et les clubs locaux devraient rapidement se mettre à l'oeuvre, mais les espérantophones qui aiment les initiatives, n'ont pas besoin de leur incitation pour commencer à agir par eux-même.
- 13-09-0. LE SEMINAIRE DE TEJO DANS LES BALKANS. Du 1er au 8 Septembre a eu lieu à Varna (Bulgarie) le séminaire de TEJO (organisation mondiale des jeunes espérantophones) dont le thème était " Action des jeunes des Balkans pour la Culture de la paix". Le séminaire auquel ont participé 35 jeunes de 17 pays était ouvert et aux dires des participants fut couronné de succès. Au séminaire participaient non seulement des espérantophones, mais aussi des militants d'autres ONG de jeunesse pour qui était organisé un cours de langue. Malheureusement plusieurs jeunes en particuliers non-européens, n'ont pas pu venir en Bulgarie pour des problèmes de visas. Ces problèmes reflètent la réalité balkanique. Pendant le séminaire, beaucoup d'exposés intéressants, desquels on peut mentionner une conférence sur l'histoire des relations ethniques dans les Balkans par le Dr Valerij Stojanov, Directeur adjoint de l'Institut d'Histoire à l'Académie Nationale Bulgare des Sciences. Ljubomir Trifonchovski, rédacteur en chef de la revue "Literatura Foiro", a fait une conférence sur la

collaboration culturelle Balkanique y compris dans le cadre espérantophone. On a pu commencer à connaître la culture de la région entre autres par le film "Kapra korno" (Corne de bouc") et durant la soirée balkanique. "l'outre-Balkan" et la culture espérantophone furent l'objet également des autres soirées qui se finissaient habituellement par la discothèque du rock Espéranto. Plusieurs membres actifs de TEJO ont permis un entraînement à l'action chez les jeunes par des exposés et des tâches concrètes. Ont été traitées notamment les relations extérieures, l'action au cadre national, l'information, les structures du mouvement espérantophone et les finances. Dans les groupes de travail, les participants ont pu utiliser dans la pratique les connaissances reçues par exemple pour créer des projets et l'organisation de rencontres. Au cours des fora libres, ils pouvaient présenter eux-même leurs thèmes entre autres l'écologie, l'ONU et les Balkans, l'économie en Europe de l'Est et la haine ethnique. En plus, ils ont pu jouer une simulation dont le but était de pratiquer la tolérance et la démocratie. Ils ont visité des organisations écologiques et de droits de l'homme. Les participants se sont entraînés à la communication, ont appris qui contacter pour les différentes activités du mouvement espérantophone et à TEJO. Ils ont connu une évolution personnelle interne. De nombreux nouveaux projets et une coopération inter-pays des Balkans et en dehors des Balkans. Un rapport avec des photos du séminaire se trouveront bientôt sur le site de TEJO et dans la brochure détaillée qui paraîtra au cours des prochains mois et qui peut être commandée à TEJO, Nieuwe Binnenweg 176, NL-3015 BJ Rotterdam.

## UNIVERSITE DE PAIX

31-10-0. The University of Peace is a training and research center founded in 1960. Its work is based on the concept of dialogue and the activities that are proposed range from individual awareness to conflict management between third parties. The organization signed a Partnership Agreement for the IYCP with UNESCO and is participating by promoting the year through different communication means and by organizing from 30th October to 4th November 2000 a meeting "Forum de Rencontre" for young people between the age of 16 to 25 from all over the world. The purpose of the meeting is to educate young people and educators in different ways of solving and mediating conflicts and to give them the knowledge and skills to do so. The hope is that the meeting will serve as a forum for exchange of ideas and materials between the participants, as well as to help building bridges between them. They will then be capable of contributing to the development of a society that is based upon the principles of democracy, solidarity, and respect for different cultures. To achieve its mission, the "Forum de Rencontre" will include workshops dealing with self-confidence, responsibility, a discussion on verbal and non-verbal communication, verbal violence and physical violence, and how to live together in a society with different cultures. In addition to the workshops, the Forum will also feature an exhibition of paintings

and books. The University of Peace has created a web site where the participants can exchange ideas and progress that they make in their own countries. The web site also allows the mission of the Forum to continue once the meeting is over. For those who do not have access to the Internet, contact will be maintained via fax. In addition to the web site, the activities of the meeting will be filmed. The purpose of the Internet site and the film is to provide the participants with resources that they can use at other meetings in the future. (Extracts of the information provided by the organization).

#### WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE INTERNATIONAL

22-11-99. Greetings and warm welcome to each and every one of you from the Women's Federation for World Peace, International/United Nations Office. As we celebrate the coming International Year for the Culture of Peace today, we would like to brief you on the various activities that WFWP International has been able to accomplish this year. I) Special Convocation A special Convocation on Family Ethics and World Peace was held in Seoul, Korea, February 4-7, 1999. II) WFWP Seventh Anniversary Convention This conference was organized by the WFWP National Convention Committee in conjunction with World Information Transfer and the Support Center for Nonprofit Management. III) The Third Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East On May 12-15, 1999, WFWP International cosponsored with WFWP Japan, the Third Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East held in Cyprus. A significant result of this conference was the creation of the Nicosia Declaration, and the Statement to the High Level Segment of ECOSOC. These are statements containing recommendations for action to solve the problem of poverty and to create a foundation for peace and prosperity in the Middle East. IV) Joint WFWP & NGO Workshops sponsored by WFWPI and WFWP Japan The workshops proved instrumental in strengthening the partnership between the United Nations and the participating NGOs. V) Oral Presentation of the Statement to the High Level Segment of ECOSOC WFWPI was one of the three NGOs in General Consultative Status to present a statement. The theme of the session was "The Role of Employment and Advancement of Women."

#### WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

17-11-0. 28 avril 1915 : C'est en plein guerre mondiale que 1 446 femmes, venues de 14 pays, se réunissent en Congrès à la Haye dans le but de mettre fin à la guerre. La présidente est Jane Addams, quaker américaine. Le Congrès décide de continuer les actions en se constituant "Comité International de femmes pour une Paix permanente". C'est lors de son second Congrès en 1919, à Zurich, que le groupe prendra le nom définitif de "Ligue Internationale de femmes pour la paix et la liberté". C'est donc exactement jour pour jour, le 28 avril 1995, que nous célébreront le 80ème anniversaire de la fondation de notre association. Celle-ci compte

actuellement 42 sections sur tous les continents. Son siège social est à Genève. La ligue n'est pas une fédération de sections mais un corps international ayant des sections dans différents pays. Elle a des représentantes dans tous les pays internationaux. C'est une ONG ayant le statut consultatif auprès des Nations Unies (ECOSOC) , auprès de l'UNESCO, de la conférence des Nations Unies pour le commerce et le Développement (CNUCED). Elle a établi des relations privilégiées avec le Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'enfance (FISE/UNICEF) , avec l'Office International du Travail (OIT) ainsi que l'organisation des Nations unies pour l'agriculture(FAO). Elle s'honore de trois Prix Nobel de la Paix: Jane addams, la fondatrice en 1931 – Emily Greene- Balch, secrétaire internationale en 1946 et Alva Myrdal de la section suédoise en 1988. La Ligue indépendante, ne vit que des cotisations de ses membres et des revenus du Prix Nobel de Jane Adams. Les objectifs majeurs de la Ligue : La recherche de la Paix, la prévention des guerres comprenant: le désarmement nucléaire, chimique, biologique ainsi que la réduction de l'armement conventionnel. L'éducation à la Paix, un meilleur ordre économique, le respect des Droits humains et la suppression de toutes les sortes de discrimination (racisme, sexisme et antisémitisme) et xénophobie. La promotion de la femme (éducation, formation, égalité des chances, égalité des salaires, lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes, image de la femme, accès des femmes aux postes de décision, femmes libres de leur corps...). C'est pourquoi la ligue a signé une charte de partenariat international avec l'UNESCO pour l'Année internationale de la Culture de la Paix et que plusieurs initiatives ont été lancées à cette occasion particulière.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD SUMMIT FOUNDATION

20-02-01. "MY HOME IS A PLACE OF PEACE" "MY SCHOOL IS A PLACE OF PEACE". A Global Peace Seal Campaign for Homes and Schools In support of Unesco's mission: Building cultures of peace and non-violence for the children of the world. Dear Friends, We wish to share with you the global peace seal campaigns "my home is a place of peace", my school is a place of peace", which are meant to help everyone, especially children, to understand that they can be active peacemakers right where they live. Peace is something that starts in one's heart and expands to filling the home, the school, the community and, ultimately, the world. The campaign "My home is a place of peace" has now been expanded to include "My school is a place of peace <sup>3</sup>, and "My web site is a site of peace". 1) Start with a discussion about what constitutes peace, stressing that peace is more than an absence of conflict: it is a positive state that includes feelings such as contentment, calm, the absence of longing and desire, inner quiet, forgiveness, innocence, etc., i.e. all conducive to experiencing the inner peace that is our essential state of being and a dynamic transformative process. 2) Continue to discuss about where peace resides, concluding that it is ultimately a state of consciousness. Help children to share their experiences when they have felt peace or

its contrary (anger, hate, irritation, envy, etc.) which do they prefer? Living in peace and staying inwardly in a state of peace does not mean that one does not encounter conflicts or that one avoids them; it means living and facing them in a non-violent way with a desire to resolve them harmoniously. 3) Become an active peacemaker. Everyone can be a peacemaker by taking a stand for peace in his/her life, starting at home, then at school, in classrooms, in meetings, in the bus, in church, at the play-ground, etc. 4) How to be a peacemaker. Discuss potential conflict situations at home and at school and how to resolve them harmoniously. Have students share experiences and ask them if they wish to declare that their home and their school are places of peace, and invite them to use the peace seal to remind them of their pledge for peace. We cordially invite you to share the peace seal project and its commitment with your family, students, colleagues and friends, and visit our web site [www.woman.ch](http://www.woman.ch) to also copy the peace seal onto your site. We look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely yours, Elly Pradervand, Founder/Executive Director-WWSF.

#### WORLD ALLIANCE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

26-04-00. The YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) is a world-wide Christian, ecumenical, voluntary movement for women and men with special emphasis on the genuine involvement of young people. It seeks to share the Christian ideal of building a human community of justice with love, peace and reconciliation for the fullness of life for all creation. The YMCA is present in 125 countries around the world with 14'000 local associations and approximately 45'000'000 members; its national associations form the World Alliance of YMCAs, an international organisation with consultative status with the UN. The YMCA is working on peace education projects in Northern Ireland, Canada, Ecuador, USA, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Peru and Japan. Some programmes are designed to address a particular form of violence and build peaceful alternatives, where others are built into each programme that the YMCA runs. These programmes are designed particularly to target young adults, teenagers and children to teach attitudes of peace through either prevention of violence or reconciliation after the conflict has already occurred. For example, in Northern Ireland the YMCA is focusing on reconciliation and peace peer projects between Catholics and Protestants focusing on prejudice / anti-sectarian awareness, facilitating political discussion, conflict resolution, child protection awareness and peer education. The programme is designed for personal development, to challenge prejudices, to practice democratic decision making, to break down stereotypes and to listen to others. An example on prevention programmes comes from Winnipeg, Canada, which helped develop the Acting Peace project to identify and promote solutions to youth violence in Canadian high schools. The commitment has been to work on eliminating violence against women and amongst youth. In 1998 the world YMCA developed an agenda titled "Challenge 21" which includes the challenge of

"seeking to be mediators and reconcilers in situations of conflict and working for meaningful participation and advancement of people for their own self-determination". The YMCA hopes to continue and to expand these peace initiatives.

#### WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS

31-05-0. YOUNG PEOPLE FOCUS ON A FUTURE OF PEACE IN SIERRA LEONE. Young people take up the challenge for peace in the new millennium and set an example for the rest of Sierra Leone. Between 1997 and 1999, throughout ongoing unrest, Girl Guide activities have continued in the Provinces and in spite of deaths and disappearances of some Girl Guides and leaders. Leaders believed that the education and the development of girls and young women should continue, and that women as peace makers could lead the rest of the country by example. Thus, in Freetown, Girl Guides collected clothes, food, toiletries, and sweets which were put into parcels for children and women amputees in Freetown's hospitals. To promote peace and reconciliation amongst young people, members of the Girl Guides Association have joined other young people in Sierra Leone to form a civil defence group which is working with the government to ensure that peace is guaranteed. In December 1999, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Women and Youth in Development, and World Vision, held a post war training on the culture of forgiveness and peace. The young people shared their experiences and discussed the role of women and young people in peace building. The training session addressed some more unusual ways of promoting peace publicly – through drama, through education and through promoting peace within all religious beliefs. In spite of the unsafe and volatile situation, the Girl Guides have turned their hand to saving the environment through their project 'Project Green'. Members of the Girl Guides, the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade are all involved in planting trees in areas which have been deforested and in identifying potentially dangerous parts of roads which need restoring. The Ministry of Agriculture donated 6,000 seedlings for the project. The Girl Guides also run programmes for children and for adults on literacy, craft skills, and typing. The Girl Guides Association is a powerful example of a youth organization looking beyond the immediate crisis in Sierra Leone, and investing in young people and in the world in which they live, to ensure that the next generation live in peace and in safety.

#### WORLD FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTERS AND ASSOCIATIONS

20-11-0. CONTRIBUTION DE LA FMACU A L'ANNEE INTERNATIONALE DE LA CULTURE DE LA PAIX. 1. Dès le mois de juillet 1999, la FMACU a mobilisé l'ensemble de ses fédérations en adoptant comme thème de son 5ème Congrès " La force d'un engagement pour une culture de la paix ". La présence du Directeur général de l'UNESCO avait permis, dès l'ouverture du Congrès, de sensibiliser notre réseau à ce concept. Un jeu scénique spécialement écrit pour ce Congrès "



De vos vieux remparts fermés, j'ouvrirai des chemins nouveaux " a été présenté aux participants. il s'agit d'un ensemble de tableaux " mettant en scène " la culture de la paix. Le texte disponible en trois langues est susceptible d'adaptations régionales permettant ainsi au réseau des 5000 Clubs, Centres et Associations de se l'approprier et de le faire connaître au plus grand nombre. Les quatre tables-rondes de ce Congrès avaient toutes la composante culture de la paix dans leurs intitulés : par exemple, " Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO, éducation à la paix et à la tolérance ". Chaque région a eu l'occasion de présenter les actions des clubs en matière de culture de la paix ainsi que les projets pour l'année 2000. Enfin, la charte mondiale discutée à l'issue du congrès s'intitule " Porter plus haut les idéaux de l'UNESCO pour la promotion d'une culture de la paix " réaffirme clairement l'engagement du mouvement. 2. " Confluences-Le courrier de la FMACU " a régulièrement évoqué la culture de la paix et incité ses membres à signer le Manifeste. Pour accompagner la campagne de signature, chaque fédération nationale a reçu un code d'accès personnalisé pour enregistrer ses signatures sur le Web. Dans des conditions difficiles la Fédération de Haiti a collecté près de 10 000 signatures. Dans un contexte plus porteur, la Fédération japonaise a collecté plus d'un million de signatures. 3. Enfin, la grande rencontre inter-régionale des Clubs et Centres UNESCO qui s'est tenue à Hanovre, en septembre 2000, a réuni 53 participants venus de 17 pays en vue d'élaborer des projets en relation avec la culture de la paix sous le thème générique " un nouveau monde voit le jour ". 4. Au niveau local, parmi les nombreuses activités on peut relever : Le séminaire sous régional sur la promotion de la culture de la paix. " Les jeunes de la sous-région se mobilisent pour la promotion de la culture de la paix à l'orée de 3ème millénaire " organisé à Lomé par la Fédération togolaise des Associations et clubs UNESCO en collaboration avec le Centre d'information des Nations Unies, L'opération menée par le Club UNESCO de Sienne, en coopération avec la municipalité : CD Rom présentant la déclaration des droits de l'homme sous forme d'une lecture poétique, plantation de l'arbre de la paix, site internet... La fédération haïtienne, pour sa part, a mobilisé les jeunes dans l'ensemble du pays et à la suite d'une grande marche a organisé un débat intergénérationnel sur le thème de la culture de la paix.

#### WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

19-07-0. L'ARBRE DE LA PAIX. L'animatrice du Centre de loisirs de l'école 18 rue Paul Valéry, 75016 Paris, Anne MARCE, a réalisé l'arbre de la paix constitué d'un poème collectif et de poèmes individuels sur le thème de la paix, en français et dans sa langue maternelle. L'arbre ne finit pas de pousser car des cartes, dessinées par les enfants et illustrant le thème de la paix sont envoyées dans le monde entier en utilisant en particulier le circuit de l'OMEP : elles demandent en retour (à l'adresse de l'école) un poème écrit dans la langue maternelle et en français. Quelques échantillons de poèmes : La Paix. La paix c'est comme une chanson / douce comme la brume / C'est quand / L'un serre la main / L'autre aussi

/ Et l'amour règne entre eux. ( David) Si les sodats du monde /  
Jetaient tous leurs fusils / Notre terre serait ronde / Ronde  
comme un beau fruit. // Je voudrais que sur terre / Il n'y ait plus  
de soucis / Et que dans l'univers / Chacun se sente ami. // Si tous  
les gens du monde / Devenaient tous amis / La terre comme une  
colombe / Chanterait jour et nuit. ( Blandine) La Paix dans le  
monde. Si tout le monde pouvait s'entendre / Il y aurait moins de  
malheurs, / Sans avoir de peur à attendre / Comment arriver au  
bonheur ?/ Si je suis généreux avec toi / Et que tu l'es à ton tour,  
/ Demain chacun aura un toit / Demain il y aura plus d'amour. / Si  
je t'accepte comme tu es / Accepte-moi comme je suis, / Il y aura  
plus de respect / Et je l'espère moins de soucis. / Notre terre est  
un écrin / Unis nous y ferons le bien. / En respectant notre  
prochain / La paix ce sera pour demain. / ( Poème collectif) Et  
vous amis de la terre qui recevrez notre poème sur la paix,  
envoyez-nous au plus vite un poème sur la paix inventé par vous,  
seul ou avec la classe ou encore avec des amis. Envoyez-le nous  
dans votre langue, dans votre alphabet avec une traduction  
française. Pour que fleurisse notre arbre de paix avec des poèmes  
venant du monde entier, pour l'an 2000. Merci à tous ceux qui  
voudront bien nous répondre. Anne MARCE.

19-07-0. POUR UN MONDE DE PAIX. L'Organisation Mondiale pour  
l'Education Préscolaire (OMEP), qui a pour objectif majeur  
l'éducation des enfants de 0 à 8 ans, adhère totalement au slogan  
lancé par l'UNESCO "Cultivons la Paix". Il n'est jamais assez tôt  
pour élever les jeunes enfants dans un contexte de paix,  
d'échanges, de connaissance et de reconnaissance de l'autre avec  
compréhension et amour. L'OMEP-France a lancé une action  
susceptible de toucher les écoles maternelles, les petites classes  
de l'école élémentaire, les centres de loisirs, et même les crèches :  
Décrivez une action notoire pour un monde de paix. L'action peut  
prendre différentes formes (spectacle, fête, sculpture, peinture,  
photo, montage audiovisuel...) et le compte rendu celui d'un  
dossier illustré n'excédant pas 10 pages. Un prix de la paix a été  
décerné à chaque catégorie. Le premier prix, un camescope, a été  
descerné au Centre de Loisirs de l'école, 18-20 rue Paul Valéry 75  
016 Paris, pour son projet : L'ARBRE DE LA PAIX.

#### WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

20-11-0. 125 JEUNES IMAGINENT UNE PLANETE PAIX ET DECOUVRENT  
L'ONU. Le Conseil Mondial de la Paix, sous l'impulsion du  
Mouvement de la paix français s'est inscrit dans l'Année  
internationale de la Culture de la paix à travers une campagne  
originale : « Imagine une planète paix ». Le point culminant de  
cette campagne en France a été l'envoi de 125 jeunes messagers  
de la paix, représentant leur département, association ou  
institution, à New York du 25 octobre au 1er novembre, pour  
remettre les signatures du Manifeste 2000 à l'ONU et aussi pour  
rencontrer des jeunes et des universitaires américains. Cette  
campagne a permis en France de mobiliser de nombreux  
partenaires, notamment le Conseil Régional PACA, plusieurs

conseils généraux, plusieurs dizaines de municipalités, sur 31 départements et plus de 60 villes, ayant permis la signatures de 25 000 Manifeste-2000. Des partenaires associatifs ont permis de constituer une délégation étrangère avec des jeunes du Vietnam, d'Italie, de Slovénie, d'Espagne. Plusieurs centaines d'initiatives locales ( plus de 200 ) ont eu lieu : ·péniche de la Paix à Paris en Mai 2000, en collaboration avec le « Mur pour la Paix » et Clara Halter ·concert pour la Paix à Avignon, (400 jeunes présents) ·rassemblement régional de 700 adolescents dans l'Aude pour la culture de la Paix avec le partenariat du Centre d'Activités Sociales d'EDF ·fête de la Paix à Gap, rassemblant un millier de personnes ·défilé de mode pour la culture de Paix à Angers, avec la participation de Miss Anjou Un journal national, « Planète Paix » a été distribué à 50 000 exemplaires ( il a notamment reproduit le Manifeste 2000 ) ; de plus, 5 000 affiches « Imagine une Planète Paix » ont été collées. DANIEL DURAND, Vice-président du Conseil Mondial de la Paix.

#### WORLDWIDE CONSULTATIVE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED GENERALS AND ADMIRALS

03-11-0. A VIRTUAL LIBRARY. Peace operations, unlike war, are poorly chronicled and opportunities to learn from the experiences of others are too few. A Virtual Library whose collection is dedicated to initiatives for peace and which guarantees the same access speeds to those in Africa and Asia as to those in developed countries, together with a range of awards encouraging and recognising excellent proposals has been both proposed and widely welcomed as a concrete move to close the gap between the knows and know nots. In summary, the Virtual Library for peace initiatives, encourages all participant states and organisations to feel they are contributing on an equal footing, enables contributions to be assessed for their value, not their origin, uses a homepage 'explorer' to guide site-visitors to analyse how their chosen activity links with others, in the context of its place on a time-line and to activities which might be running in parallel, gives equal importance to experiences gained from non-UN directed multi-national forces as to those reporting directly to UN-DPKO, enables sectors of the library to be devoted to specific regional challenges, enables data to be rapidly updated as reports of new field experience are shared and recorded, encourages the release of hundreds of valuable archival and current articles and anecdotal material. The New Initiatives in Co-operation for Peace awards will shortlist annually the best contributions to concentrate global interest, categorise peace operations of various types enabling separate evaluation and awards, will set up a well-balanced panel of judges reflecting collective experience in all qualifying activities, bringing credibility to the awards programme, tend to promote more constructively the image of the military as a potential force for peace, reconciliation and rebuilding.

#### WORLD ORGANIZATION OF SCOUT MOVEMENTS

14-11-0. The Peace Cruise left the Port of Alexandria in Egypt in August 1999, heading for its destination in Piraeus, Greece two months later. The Cruise was the brainchild of the World Movement for Scouts who joined with leading youth organizations in the Mediterranean that are actively engaged in the struggle to overcome prejudice, to establish good relationships and to promote peace. One hundred young people of different nationalities embarked, in groups, aboard a magnificent three master, for a voyage in the oriental basin of the Mediterranean, an area of the world prey to long standing conflicts and tensions. Participants had been selected for their capacity to resolve conflicts constructively and without violence and to undertake training modules for their own organizations in the youth sector. After several ports of call to principle sites in the Mediterranean, the Cruise arrived at Thessalonika in Greece, the stage set for the launch of the IYCP on the 14 th of September. The sailors for peace who, all along their voyage had distributed, and encouraged people to sign, the Manifesto 2000, had addressed the Declaration of the Cruise for Peace to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Secretary general of the Arab League of Arab Nations. They also addressed this declaration to the Director General of UNESCO who officially named them, on this occasion, "Ambassadors for Peace". Peace Cruise.

#### YACHAY WASI

19-11-00. Indigenous Peoples around the world display the roots of a Culture of Peace: living in harmony with nature, their traditional ways incorporating spiritual values daily, planning development with consideration for the future seven generations. YACHAY WASI (Quechua: House of Learning) is an Indigenous NGO based in New York City and Cuzco, Peru. In May 2000, it partnered with UNESCO to share the message of the Manifesto 2000. With half of the International Year of the Culture of Peace gone, there was not much time to plan events. Yachay Wasi incorporated this challenge in its regular schedule. We stamped our logo on 500 brochures donated by UNESCO NY Office and added the Manifesto icon to our website. Yachay Wasi had a booth in a NYC street festival in June. The public response was surprising. It was mostly negative: only a few peoples took the brochures, remarks were: "it will never happen... a waste of energy..." This added to comments from the local press regarding the UN Millennium Summit September 6-8 indicated a cynical NYC. However, in September Ecofest, a yearly environmental festival, the response was enthusiastic. On UN Day, we facilitated the last Environmental Spiritual Summit of the Global Peace Walk 2000 at the Bahá'í Center. GPW is a movement we are associated with since 1995. On November 16, 2000 at UN Hqrs, artist Luis Delgado Hurtado, President of Yachay Wasi, displayed some of his photographs as part of "Creating Peace through the Arts" event. As member of the NGO Committee on the UN International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Yachay Wasi organized the International Day of the World's

Indigenous Peoples on August 9/10 at UN Hqrs which welcomed the North American "Spirit Run" and consulted on Indigenous youth issues and recommendations for the 2001 World Conference Against Racism.