

INITIAL MAILING
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Subject: An urgent proposal and the Annual Meeting of Culture of Peace Corporation

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Dear Culture of Peace Corporation Board,

One generation ago in 1986 the world was at a crisis point. Colonel Stanislav Petrov, responsible for the Soviet ICBM force, was told by his radar that he had only a few minutes to retaliate with full force to incoming nuclear missiles from the United States. He decided not to believe the radar. That's how close we came to destroying much of the planet in a nuclear exchange.

Now, as we enter 2016, we are again at a crisis point. Not to defend the regimes of Gaddafi in Libya, Assad in Syria, or Yanukovych in Ukraine, but the armed interventions in these countries have made matters much worse, producing millions of refugees and armed confrontations which risk to ignite a Third (Nuclear) World War. In this context, the political climate in the Great Powers is increasingly dominated by xenophobia and militarism, whether it concerns the Republican candidates for President in the US, the rise of the Front Nationale in France, the militaristic climate in Russia, etc.

With this in mind, I begin this year's annual meeting with an urgent proposal.

Faced with the world situation in 1986, we convened a meeting in Seville and wrote the Seville Statement on Violence, which ends as follows:

"Although [the tasks of inventing peace] are mainly institutional and collective, they also rest upon the consciousness of individual participants for whom pessimism and optimism are crucial factors. Just as "wars begin in the minds of men," peace also begins in our minds. The same species who invented war is capable of inventing peace."

The time has come for a new meeting and manifesto that identifies and puts in motion the institutional, collective and consciousness actions needed to turn from the culture of war to a culture of peace. As we

did in 1986, we could identify a framework for a meeting and statement, seek financial support for it, and decide whom to invite and what should be on the agenda. And, of course, a meeting and statement would be only the beginning of a process to give life to its content. As described in the [Seville Statement Newsletter](http://culture-of-peace.info/ssov_newsletter.html) beginning with the issue of August 1986, the Statement was published hundreds of times in scores of languages around the world, formally adopted by many organizations including UNESCO and the three social science associations of the United States. Eventually it led to UNESCO's culture of peace program and adoption of the culture of peace by the UN General Assembly.

To launch this process, I intend to involve people of my generation with whom I have interacted over the years and whose judgment I greatly respect.

But first I want to involve your generation, and for that I turn to each of you. Please share your ideas with all of us, and indicate if you wish to be part of this initiative.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Now, let me get back to the usual business of our annual meeting. For reference, I attach the conclusions of last year's annual meeting. According to our bylaws, each of you are expected to respond to this email to all of us within two weeks.

ITEM 1. Board of Directors Membership

At the present time, there are nine Board members, and the by-laws allow for ten. No election is needed this year. Last year four board members were elected or re-elected: Joe Yannielli, Jo Lofgren, Marcos Estrada and Roberto Mercadillo, while next year, the other five board members will be up for re-election: Isabelle Legare, Meg Villanueva, Diana Tashkova, Oliver Rizzi-Carlson, and Gwenaelle Beauvais.

ITEM 2. Responsibilities and addresses of Board Members.

All my books and websites are properties of the Corporation, and hence they are the responsibility of all Corporation Directors. It is best that each Director has his or her priority. Below are the primary and secondary responsibilities of Board Members as established in previous years.

Also I am required to include your mailing addresses in the Corporation report to the State of Connecticut, so I have added the information I have to each of your names. Please tell me if it needs to be corrected.

Isabelle Legare - primary responsibility: books already published, secondary: books in process --- Apt A 18 02, Shaftsbury Residences, Jalan Impact, Cyber 6, Cyberjaya 63000, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia

Jo Lofgren - primary: books and plays in process, secondary: books already published, secretary --- 56 Vincent Square, flat 7, London SW1P 2NE, United Kingdom

Joe Yannielli - primary: CPNN, secondary: culture-of-peace.info, assistant treasurer --- 1674 Ella T. Grasso Blvd., New Haven, CT 06511

Marcos Estrada - primary: culture-peace.info, secondary: SFR --- 2 Whoberley Avenue, Coventry, CV5 8EP -UK

Roberto Mercadillo - primary: SFR, secondary: bulletin ---- Revillagigedo 47, Depto. 11-B. Mexico, D.F. 06050. Mexico.

Meg Villanueva - primary: bulletin, secondary: CPNN --- Plaza del Mar 1-4, Escalera B, 3^o-2^a, 08003 Barcelona, Spain

Diana Tashkova- primary: blog, secondary: relations with other organizations --- Via del Roccolo n.37, 21027 Ispra(VA), ITALY

Oliver Rizzi-Carlson - primary: relations with other organizations, secondary: blog --- Chemin de la Caracole 68, CH-1294 Genthod, Geneva, Switzerland

Gwenaelle Beauvais - primary: facebook of CPNN, secondary: CPNN --- n69 avenue Paul vaillant couturier, 91700 Sainte Genevieve des Bois, France

I am sending access codes to each of you individually for your particular responsibilities.

ITEM 3. Backup of websites

I am sending separately the databases and mailing lists of the websites to each of you separately depending on your responsibilities.

ITEM 4. - My books

Here is the updated mail-order information for my books:

World Peace through the Town Hall (revised edition, 2015):

createspace.com/3373203

Embrace the Fire (2015): <https://www.createspace.com/5575904>

I have seen the promised land: <http://createspace.com/3381493>

History of the Culture of War: createspace.com/3373265

Psychology for Peace Activists: <http://createspace.com/5572765>

Cultura de Paz (2015, Spanish, Herder, Europe): <http://>

www.herdereditorial.com/obras/5714/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-posible/
Cultura de Paz (2015, Spanish, Herder, Latin America): <http://herder.com.mx/es/libros-books/cultura-de-paz-una-utopia-posible/david-adams/herder-mexico>

All except the Spanish book Cultura de Paz are available online at <http://culture-of-peace.info>

Two of my books were published by UNESCO and are out of print and available to read only on my website as follows:

The Seville Statement on Violence: Preparing the Ground for the Constructing of Peace: <http://culture-of-peace.info/brochure/titlepage.html>

UNESCO and a Culture of Peace: Promoting a Global Movement: <http://culture-of-peace.info/monograph/page1.html>

ITEM 5. - State of CPNN

This spring, with the help of Joe Yannielli, I transferred CPNN to a new system, that of Wordpress. Unlike the old system which was a hodgepodge of programming that I did myself - very difficult for someone else to work with - the new one is the most common system on the Internet and understandable by all programmers.

We continue to publish an average of one article per day. Unfortunately, the proportion of articles contributed by CPNN reporters continues to fall.

Bulletins are sent around the first of each month to a mailing list of 3300 (English, Spanish and French). Notice of the monthly blog based on the bulletin is sent to a mailing list of 200. Unfortunately, these numbers have not increased in recent years. Perhaps some of you could forward the bulletin to your own mailing lists at least once with the suggestion that people subscribe for further issues. All that is needed is an email to subscribe@decade-culture-of-peace.org. You might also wish to inform them about the blog; for that they would need to specify the blog in the subscribe email.

ITEM 6. - Financial report

The financial report for the Corporation for 2015 is attached. As you can see, the situation remains stable with very little income.

ITEM 7. - Website domain information

All of our websites are registered in the name of the Culture of Peace Corporation.

Four of our five websites are registered with Tucows by way of the internet provider Prohosting.com. These are cpnn-world.org,

of-peace-game.org, decade-culture-of-peace.org and sfr-21.org.

The website culture-of-peace.info is registered with Network Solutions by way of the internet provider X0 web hosting.

As mentioned above, I will send emails to you individually for access to the websites for which you are responsible.

ITEM 8. – New Haven Peace Commission and State of the Culture of Peace in New Haven

As a member of the New Haven Peace Commission, I am responsible for the annual report on the State of the Culture of Peace in New Haven. I have written a first draft of the report which will be sent to Commission members for their approval. It is attached to this mail.

I hope that the Peace Commission report can serve as a model for other cities, and would appreciate your help to identify possible contacts for this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peace through struggle, and patience,

David

Attachments:

- 1) Conclusions from annual meeting in January 2015
- 2) Financial report for Corporation – 2015
- 3) Draft of State of Culture of Peace in New Haven – 2015

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Culture of Peace Corporation: Completion of annual meeting

Dear Corporation Directors,

This is the final round of our annual meeting. I am pleased that everyone has now responded, including Gwen and Roberto, as well as Meg and Joe, in the second round,. It seems that you are OK with the agreement and action plan to work with Federico Mayor, and I hope it will lead to a reunion of Corporation directors to take part in it. Perhaps the reunion may be held in Mexico in association with an initiative that Roberto is involved with, although things there are still being developed.

I have sent the draft agreement and action plan to Mr Mayor, and copied them with the cover mail to you. I want to thank Meg, Joe and Gwen for their useful additons to the agreement and plan of action: to Meg for "actions that contribute to the development of a global movement for a culture of peace through campaigns for peace education, mass awareness-raising, etc."; to Joe for reminding us to mention students in particular as well as youth in general; and to Gwen for the need to promote "a global movement at the grass roots level through a public awareness campaign" modeled after the environmental movement stimulated by Agenda 21."

Agreeing with Marcos that we should involve Cecile Barbeito, an "alumna" of the Corporation, I will send the draft agreement and plan of action to her as well.

Roberto suggests that we involve Bernardo Arevalo from Guatemala in the project and I have given the information about him to Federico Mayor who knows Guatemala well from having mediated their peace process at one time.

As for other decisions of this meeting, there are only a couple of minor changes in the following that was sent out with the second mailing.

ITEM 1. Board of Directors Membership

No further action is needed until next year when five board members will be up for re-election.

ITEM 2. Responsibilities and addresses of Board Members. There are three address changes. Also, please correct the spelling of Oliver's family name to Rizzi Carlson without a hyphen.

New address for Jo Lofgren: 38 Rivermill, 151 Grosvenor Road , London SW1V 3JN, United Kingdom

New address for Diana Tashkova: Strada Casa Bianca 36, Parma 43100, Italy

New address for Gwenaelle Beauvais: 11 av du 43eme régiment

d'artillerie, 14000 Caen, FRANCE

ITEM 3. Backup of websites

Rather than sending the actual databases and mailing lists, I sent out individually the access codes for the websites.

ITEM 4 - My books

I sent the published books to Jo and Isabelle as per their Corporation responsibilities.

ITEM 5 - State of CPNN

Oliver writes "I think shifting to Wordpress was a good move. I also normally include the Bulletin in the newsletter of the Global Campaign for Peace Education, of which I am the editor. We have recently changed the GCPE mailing system and website as well, but I'm happy to keep including the Bulletins there."

Marcos responds about mailing to personal mailing lists, "I could forward the bulletin to at least once with the suggestion that people subscribe for further issues."

And Roberto responds "I will elaborate a mail list of NGOs and people interested in the CPNN with the suggestion to invite their network in L.A."

ITEM 6 - Financial report

No action needed.

ITEM 7 - Website domain information

Each of you responsible for a website should have received an email allowing access.

Joe suggests that when access passwords are changed in the future I should notify you by snail mail instead of email because it will be more secure.

ITEM 8 - New Haven Peace Commission and State of the Culture of Peace in New Haven

Oliver writes "I believe you are already in contact with David Wick of the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission. Otherwise, I can put you in touch with Paul van Tongeren, who has worked extensively on infrastructures for peace. I believe he wants to shift his focus to other things, but may be a good person to share your report with."

Thank you all for your participation in the Corporation. I look forward to working with you more closely this year thanks to the project with Mr Mayor.

Peace through struggle, and patience,

David

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DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION

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Initial action plan for agreement between Institute and Corporation

First half of 2016: collection, drafting and requesting a range of radical reform proposals for UN to promote a culture of peace and non violence

Second half of 2016: Preparatory meeting to make a draft declaration based on those radical reform proposals for UN . Venue? Madrid? New York, Mexico, Geneva? Participants from Institute and Corporation, as well as others?

January 2017: Presentation of declaration to Madrid meeting of mayors (+peace leaders, Federico Mayor, Kofi Annan?, corporation directors, etc) for their adoption

2017: Dissemination of Declaration by development of partnerships and supporting organizations, alternative press contacts, mailing lists, etc. (model: Seville Statement Newsletter)

2017: Development of a "shadow security council" involving mayors of major cities, directed by a small volunteer secretariat.

2017+ Regular dissemination of press releases by "shadow security council" on issues that come before UN Security Council or issues that the SC fails to deal with (for example nuclear disarmament)

2017+ Development of city peace commissions around world to advise mayors consulted by shadow security council - (model: New Haven) and/ or to disseminate the press releases of "shadow council" and relate to local needs

Promote a global movement at the grass roots level through peace education and public awareness campaigns with emphasis on youth and students (model: environmental movement stimulated by Agenda 21).

