

# Global Campaign for Peace Education

## Worldwide Activities Brief

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#### GCPE News from the Field

##### INDIA

Leban Serto, our colleague from India and endorser of the Global Campaign for Peace Education recently approached the Chairman of the government sponsored "Focus Group for Peace Education" in India, Mr. Valson Thampu. Leban described in detail the efforts made for the advancement of Peace Education in North East India, mainly in the regions of Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh. The report presented to the Focus Group included the several workshops conducted by the Center for Peace Education Manipur (CFPEM) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for teachers to 'teach for peace' and in Arunachal where women peace activists have been trained.

Leban also expressed his gratitude to the government of India for establishing this Focus Group with the hope that Peace Education will be formally included in school curricula to benefit the future generations of India. Congratulations Leban; it is news like this that give value and inspiration to the Peace Education field.

##### USA

This month draws the close of the unique two year partnership project between the Hague Appeal for Peace (HAP) and the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs (UNDDA). Partners from the four countries Peru, Niger, Cambodia and Albania gather in Lima, Peru to officially commemorate the end of the project "Developing Peace and Disarmament Education Initiatives to Disarm Children and Youth". The projects in each country focused on the reduction or removal of arms and the integration of peace education into formal and nonformal education within local communities. It proved to be very successful and an amazing experience which included building relationships with and accomplishing endorsement from Ministries of Education, NGOs, UN agencies, and numerous local partnerships. All partners from the aforementioned countries, Michael Cassandra, Chief, Monitoring, Database and Information Branch of the UNDDA, Cora Weiss, President of HAP, and Kathleen Tordini, Program Director of HAP will collaborate on compiling an organizer's manual to record the process of the partnership and the successes and impacts it has had in each country. The publication will be paired with the new HAP book, *Peace Lessons from Around the World*, both due from the printers in late spring.

At the same time in Peru, Cora Weiss and Michael Cassandra, spoke at the "Culture of Peace" Conference in Lima which gathered together 1000 teachers from all regions of Peru to consider Education for Peace and Development.

## CONFERENCES and EVENTS

### ✂ **“Demography and Democracy in the Era of Accountability”**

American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting

April 11 - 15, 2005

Montreal, Canada

The Peace Education Special Interest Group (SIG) provides a forum within AERA for the involvement of individuals drawn together by a common interest in peace education teaching, and research. The symposium will take the form of a panel discussion addressing teaching peace in schools. Panel members are expected to prepare a commentary paper addressing central questions regarding the teaching of peace in classrooms at home and around the world. The theme for the 2005 AERA Annual Meeting, "Demography and Democracy in the Era of Accountability," is intended to promote such examination from all research paradigms and perspectives. Program organizers welcome the full range of perspectives on these critical issues from researchers in the United States and the larger international community. AERA is particularly interested in proposals that consider the implications for democratic and emerging democratic societies of research, practice and policy related to quality education and fair assessments for all students. For more information: Please see the AERA website at <http://www.aera.net> for extensive conference information and instructions for registration.

### ✂ **“Action for Arms Control in a World Awash With Weapons”**

Global Campaign Conference

15-17 April 2005

Nairobi, Kenya

Organized by The Control Arms Campaign (Amnesty International, IANSA and Oxfam), the Africa Peace Forum (APFO), the Arias Foundation and Saferworld, the conference intends to provide a forum to: Share latest campaign developments from around the world; exchange campaigning experience; develop strategy and action plans; and improve mutual support. This conference is aimed at individuals who: are committed to arms control campaigns at any level – local, national, regional or international; are willing to share their experience, knowledge and skills with others; have some experience in community safety, development, peace, security, arms-related issues

For more information, registration and to apply for funding please visit:

<http://www.iansa.org/regions/cafrica/documents/nairobi-invite-en.doc>

### ✂ **“African Youths and the Challenges of Peace and Social Stability in an Emerging New Africa”**

28 – 30 April 2005

Jos, Nigeria

The conference shall provide a platform for the maximum expression of youthful creativity and the harnessing of the rich potentials of African youth at home and abroad, for the promotion of positive changes towards sustainable peace and development in Africa. The Conference shall focus on crucial issues such as peace, religious tolerance, education, HIV/AIDS, conflict prevention and resolution, the dignity of labor, crime and criminality, poverty, women and children, and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Participation is free and is open to all. Other details and participation packages can be obtained free of charge from the International Secretariat of the African Christian Youths Development Forum at the following address: Engr. Emmanuel Ande Ivorgba, Conference Organizing Secretary, International Christian youths Conference on Peace (2005), ACYDFORUM International Secretariat, Dadin Kowa Last Gate, P.O.BOX 6545, Jos, Nigeria; email: [acydfsecretariat@yahoo.com](mailto:acydfsecretariat@yahoo.com) website: <http://www.peaceconference.8m.net/>

🦋 **\*\*First Announcement\*\***

**Women in Black Conference 2005**

August 2005

Israel and Palestine

To Women in Black, and like-minded women, all over the world:

The 13th International Conference of Women in Black will take place in Jerusalem at the end of August 2005. While most of the conference sessions will be held in Jerusalem, part of the conference program will include visits to Palestinian cities and towns to learn about the tragedy of occupation and to demonstrate opposition to the violence. The conference will not deal only with the Israeli-Palestine conflict, but with the broader issues of women, war, and peace-making. Women in Black of Israel are committed to involving Palestinian women in planning and implementing the conference.

The organizers are determined to bring together as many women activists as possible from distant regions of conflict. The details on venues, dates and the conference theme are yet to be finalized. Thus a call to Women in Black in countries everywhere is issued. Any contribution is appreciated and welcomed. A communication line is open through Johanna Alberti at email: [wib2005@netvision.net.il](mailto:wib2005@netvision.net.il)

**PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

🦋 **International Literary Prize**

Municipality of Lugo, Italy

A TALE FOR PEACE

Calling all teachers and students: The Tale for Peace contest is still open for submissions in English and French. The Italian branch of the International Peace Bureau sponsors this opportunity every year for young people and teachers from around the world. The contest is open to all ages who may write their story within the context of peace. All submissions may be sent to [fulgida@ipb-italia.org](mailto:fulgida@ipb-italia.org). Winners will be invited to Italy to accept the prize and read their stories.

🦋 **New York University International Trauma Studies Program**

2005 – 06 Certificate Training Program in International Trauma Studies

New York, USA

This nine month training program includes: An overview of trauma theory, intervention, and prevention in response to traumatic events – domestic, communal, human made and natural catastrophes; practical skill building for everyday work and life; intensive training in individual, family and community oriented interventions based on a resilience framework; multidisciplinary approaches including the arts, literature, performance, the media, and oral history; best practices in international psychosocial response; and the political, moral, and human rights dimensions of traumatic suffering and humanitarian intervention

Early application deadline, March 15, 2005. For information, contact: International Trauma Studies Program, New York University, 155 Avenue of the Americas 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013, Tel.1-212-691-6499 Fax 1-212-807-1809. email: [trauma.studies@nyu.edu](mailto:trauma.studies@nyu.edu) or <http://www.nyu.edu/trauma.studies>

🦋 **“Culture of Healing” and “Leadership for Peace”**

March 28 - April 1, 2005

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The International Education for Peace Institute in collaboration with Education for Peace Balkans Institute present two workshops on the following topics: “Culture of Healing” and “Leadership for Peace”.

Participants in the first workshop will: Learn the dynamics of individual and collective processes of recovery from the impact of violence on populations; acquire the necessary skills for creating a culture of healing; and be assisted with developing models of cultures of healing appropriate to the specific needs of the communities in which they are rooted.

The Leadership for Peace (LFP) program is an intensive training workshop designed to address the fundamental challenges to constructive leadership. This will enable leaders at every level in society to engage all members of their respective communities and agencies in the pursuit of excellence and in the creation of a vibrant, productive, and peaceful environment. For more information, please visit <http://www.efpinternational.org>. You may also send an inquiry to [academic@efpinternational.org](mailto:academic@efpinternational.org) or Tel. 1-604-639-7910.

#### **“Patterns of Conflict, Paths to Peace”**

21st Bi-Annual World Conference

June 26 – 30, 2006

University of Calgary

Alberta, Canada

Organized by the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), the conference aims to understand the opportunity and feasibility of ‘Sustainable Peace Building’, including the nature of deep-rooted conflict and its correlative violence, and seek to design the construction of such a peace.

Participation is open to all and the program of events will include forums, plenaries, and special events which relate to peace and governance, peace and human security, human rights, and a healthy planet.

For more information, please contact: Larry J. Fisk, PhD; Chair, Organizing Committee; IPRA 2006 Conference; email: [larry.fisk@shaw.ca](mailto:larry.fisk@shaw.ca) Tel. 1-403-210-3184

#### **The Rotary Foundation International Scholarship**

The Rotary Foundation now receives applications from all over the world for a scholarship to finance a two-year long MA in International Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution in the US, Britain, France, Japan, Australia or Argentina. Please consult the website for more information.

[http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/centers](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers)

## **PEACE EDUCATION RESOURCES**

#### **Khan, Shaharyar M.. “Cricket: A Bridge Of Peace”**

The author has focused on the role of cricket as a bridge of peace within a tortured society, South Africa, and between hostile neighbors - Pakistan and India. As an experienced diplomat and cricket enthusiast, Shaharyar Khan is eminently qualified to analyze the role of cricket in politics and diplomacy, and its molding influence on public attitudes. In December 2003, Shaharyar Khan was appointed Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board. During March and April 2004 the momentous series between Pakistan and India took place, and in an epilogue to this book the author chronicles the events of that series. His conclusion now is the same as then; that cricket does act as a bridge of peace.

This resource is available at <http://www.oup.com/pk>

Founded in 1999, the Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education (GCPE), is an international organized network which promotes peace education among schools, families and communities to transform the culture of violence into a culture of peace. Over 140 organizations worldwide have endorsed the GCPE.

Peace education is a holistic, participatory process that includes teaching for and about human rights, nonviolent responses to conflict, social and economic justice, gender equity, environmental sustainability, disarmament, traditional peace practices and human security. The methodology of peace education encourages reflection, critical thinking, cooperation, and responsible action. It promotes multiculturalism, and is based on values of dignity, equality and respect. Peace education is intended to prepare students for democratic participation in schools and society.

The Global Campaign for Peace Education has two goals:

- To see peace education integrated into all curricula, community and family education worldwide to become a part of life
- To promote the education of all teachers to teach for peace.

The *Hague Appeal for Peace Global Campaign for Peace Education Worldwide Activities Brief* e-newsletter highlights how and where the GCPE network is active and growing. **Submissions are encouraged!** Please contribute how you are working for peace education including dates, locations, a brief description, and a website and/ or contact information and send it to [sabrina@haguepeace.org](mailto:sabrina@haguepeace.org). For more information on the Hague Appeal for Peace and to become an endorser of the GCPE visit [www.haguepeace.org](http://www.haguepeace.org).

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