

Basel Peace Office

Presidents Report for 2015 / 2016

The attached list details the continued national and global activities of the director of the Basel Peace Office (BPO) Mr Alyn Ware, and the other staff and interns, in cooperation with our partner organizations. This list supplements the president's report. Detailed information about each of these activities can be derived from the links given. Due to other commitments, the BPO President (myself) was unable to attend many of the events organized by BPO. However, the director consulted closely with me on the BPO program and activities throughout the year.

Given his many-fold presentations and activities outside of Basel and the high costs in Switzerland, the Director now spends more time abroad than in previous years. While this is regrettable, it is surely understandable in light of the lack of funding in Switzerland for nuclear disarmament research, policy development and advocacy - despite the high social and political value of this work.

BPO has addition staff (a program officer and interns) based at the BPO office in Basel, and continues to be very active in Switzerland, in particular in Geneva. There the BPO was able to host several events, with the launch of the publication „Climate-Nuclear Nexus“ and a roundtable event on the Marshall Islands case in the International Court of Justice, both in Geneva in November and December 2015. A small Youth Future Project „Living for Change“ took place in Basel in January 2016. Further events all in Geneva included a Framework Forum roundtable, various actions and promotions of the UN Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) deliberations on nuclear disarmament in March and August. Again in September a UN Commemoration event for the International Day for Nuclear Weapons Elimination was taking place in Geneva, featuring the Chain Reaction 2016 video produced by BPO and UNFOLD ZERO and in October PNND events at the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly were organized by or with the BPO.

It is unfortunate, that the financial support of the BPO remains low and is mostly limited to the few international organizations (World Future Council, PNND, Global 2000 and GSI) represented by the BPO and a few private donors. However, as a base for activities in Geneva and Europe, Basel as location of the BPO is excellent, and surely this city could profit more from vast International network, the experience and the activities of its director and of the partner organizations which bring their own credibility to the BPO.

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