

**INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In 2004 the key issues facing the world's peace movements were little different from those they faced in the preceding 3 years. Probably they can be summed in the one word: Iraq. Armed intervention, the dominant rôle of the US, oil wars, terrorism, human rights, military spending, democracy, inter-cultural dialogue, reform of the UN...all the big themes that civil society peace organisations try to grapple with are visible there. The 'images of the year' were undoubtedly the sensational photographs of the abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison committed by US military personnel, which shook America and enraged the Arab world. Things have not got much better since then. With the re-election of the Bush team to the White House, peace advocates have had to accept that a rapid turnaround in US policies is not on the horizon and that they must dig in for a long haul.

For the IPB this was a year in two parts, separated by the great highlight of the Barcelona conference in June, which brought together over 1000 participants from all parts of the globe to debate the broad range of issues referred to above. Much of the early months at the IPB secretariat were spent preparing all the details of this extremely complicated event. The months after were focussed partly on the reporting process and partly on the development of the new project, on Women in Peacemaking. In between we also spent much time putting together the triple-purpose gathering in Florence: the seminar on UN reform; the annual Council meeting; and the MacBride Prize award ceremony.

*Note: this report mainly concerns the work of the IPB secretariat and programmes decided by the Steering Committee. Given the tremendous diversity of activity undertaken by the 250 member organisations, IPB is unable to present here the entire contribution of the network. However many reports are available via our website [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org) – go to Membership section.*

## **PRINCIPAL PROGRAMMES**

### **HUMAN SECURITY**

Ever since the 9-11 attacks in 2001, the IPB has been working to promote the view that the problems of terrorism cannot be solved by military means. A new perspective is needed, one that puts the individual, rather than national security, at the centre of governmental policy, one that addresses the whole range of threats to vulnerable populations (conflict, poverty, ill-health, human rights violations, crime, etc) in an integrated manner. This is the human security approach, one that is rapidly gaining ground in very many circles worldwide. IPB's Human Security Programme is a vehicle for civil society organisations to advocate this approach. Its aim is to inform, advocate, and encourage new initiatives in furtherance of human security goals. Up to now, the Programme's main activities have included:

a. **Conferences:** highlighting the Human Security approach in international peace gatherings, especially our own programme of events in the Mediterranean region:

- IPB Triennial Conference (Athens, October 2003)
- Major international conference Towards a World Without Violence (Barcelona Forum, June 04)
- **Focus Group** “*Peace and Human Security Aspects of U.N. Reform*” Florence 25-26 September 2004

b. **Publications:**

- Preparatory research for the new IPB publication “*Warfare or Welfare? Disarmament for Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: A human security approach*” (forthcoming), offering a critical approach to human security from the point of view of peace movements around the world.
- making this book and supporting material (including a 500-item bibliography + collection of weblinks) available on the IPB website.
- coverage of human security issues in the IPB newsletter, now re-titled *IPB News Update*.

c. **Promotion:**

IPB has devoted considerable time and energy to giving support to, and publicising, official initiatives such as the *Human Security Network* (governments) and the *Human Security Commission*, as well as the work of

UNDP and a number of academic institutions working in this field. A large number of IPB member organisations have made human security a central plank of their own programmes and agendas.

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## **BARCELONA CONFERENCE**

The Barcelona Forum 2004 was an extraordinary event. Conceived in a sense as a follow up to the highly successful 1992 Olympics, the Barcelona, Catalan and Spanish authorities decided to embark on a joint project to revive a decaying area of the city and draw in talent and creativity from around the world. Originally billed as the Universal Forum of Cultures, under the auspices of UNESCO, it finally took shape in the months of May to September 2004 under the more modest title of the Barcelona Forum 2004. See [www.barcelona2004.org](http://www.barcelona2004.org)

Having reclaimed the land (from a sewage works!) and constructed a brand new hotel, and exhibition and conference spaces, the Forum organisers built a multi-disciplinary team to fill it with life. The result was a series of 'Dialogues' (conferences) on a wide range of topics related to peace, tolerance and development, plus a vibrant programme of artistic events, held not only at the conference site but all over the city. The result was something like an 'expo' with a serious core relating to programmes tackling the big challenges facing humanity. A total of 3,323,120 people visited the Forum site (including the participants in the Dialogues), and in total, including all the events held during this period, 6,396,001 people were involved both on and off the site. (Source: Forum 2004 website, press releases)

Among the important outcomes in terms of declarations were:

### **The Barcelona Commitment**

The community's declaration for fair, human, and sustainable development;

### **The Barcelona Development Agenda**

Economists from different countries proposed reforms to the world economic system to create a more just, solidarity-based economy;

### **Agenda 21 for culture**

### **An undertaking by cities and local governments for cultural development; and**

### **The Summary of the Forum Legacy**

The major agreements, commitments, declarations, new organizations, and manifestos that were developed at the Forum.

§IPB's contribution was to organise, together with our local member organisation Fundacio per la Pau, a 5-day international Dialogue on the broad theme '**Towards a World Without Violence**'. This took place from June 22-27. Over 1000 people participated in the conference itself, but several thousands more participated in some way or other in the 'outside-the-conference' programmes aimed at the general public.

\*\*For full information about the conference, go to:

[www.barcelona2004.org/eng/banco\\_del\\_conocimiento/dialogos/ficha.cfm?idEvento=162](http://www.barcelona2004.org/eng/banco_del_conocimiento/dialogos/ficha.cfm?idEvento=162) (available in English, Spanish and Catalan)

There were approximately 25 activities organised each day, from seminars and meetings to rôle plays, exhibitions, book launches, music, dance, theatre, film and much more.

**Preparation:** as can be imagined, the preparation for this impressive 'fiesta' took many months and involved a big team – in fact three teams: the IPB staff in Geneva, the Fundacio staff in Barcelona and the personnel of the Forum secretariat. There was long series of meetings with the Forum to agree the contract, and then many more to sort out details of this complex programme.

IPB's main role was to work out the **programme planning** and ensure smooth liaison with international speakers, performers and participants. Most of the local arrangements and relations with Spanish and Catalan organisations were handled by Fundacio per la Pau and Forum. Publicity was handled jointly.

### **Highlights of the Cultural Programme:**

- theatre: Arab-Hebrew Theatre of Jaffa
- song: Frankie Armstrong and friends, UK

- film: IRIN (UNHCR) documentaries on Uganda and Sudan
- dance: Echoes of War troupe, Nigeria
- music: accordionist, Belarus
- sketches: Multiocio Company, Spain
- Maria & Henning: Theodorakis-Ensemble, Germany-Brazil
- rap: Stop the War Brigade, USA
- theatre: Caja Ludica, Guatemala

#### **Exhibitions:**

- Geneva Call
- Fundacio per la Pau
- Posters from Sudan's Darfur crisis, IRIN
- Photos from 'Uganda's forgotten conflict', IRIN
- Stop the War Brigade
- International Fellowship of Reconciliation
- Peace Education Centre, Nigeria
- Gensuikyo, Japan
- SOS Kinderdorf, Austria
- (in tunnel between Forum buildings) : Historical posters.

A series of 'public interviews' with important personalities was organised daily, in front of an assembled audience. This was called: **'141 questions for 141 nights'** (the length of the entire Forum). This also had an impact via the media since most of these were filmed. (see videos on website). IPB President Cora Weiss and Fundacio per la Pau President Alfons Banda took part in one of these sessions, and various speakers from the conference were interviewed on other evenings. Among these was a representative of the Iraqi Council for Peace and Solidarity, Mr Fakhry Kareem. A joint statement between him and IPB was read out to the general public at the '141 Questions' session. Given the very grave situation in Iraq at that time, this attracted considerable press interest.

The **fair (or 'Fira')** was another great success: a large number of interactive exhibits open to the public, including a series of trucks that opened out and served as attractive exhibits. IPB and Fundacio per la Pau each contributed their own displays.

The staff team, led by Victor de la Barrera, coped extremely well with a huge range of practical challenges, including arranging accommodation, the outreach and publicity work, arrangements for speakers and performers, relating to the press and much more. Not least of the burdens was all the accounting and financial record-keeping. The writing and collecting of session reports, too, was an important part of the follow-up work and the result is a handsome CD-ROM containing a marvellous collection of speeches, documents, photos and press material, all in the three languages of the Dialogue. (CD-ROM available from IPB secretariat)

#### **Focus Group “Peace and Human Security Aspects of U.N. Reform” Florence 25-26 September 2004 (Florence Appeal)**

Experts and representatives of the major international organizations engaged in this issue met in Florence in September to analyse and interpret the results of the civil society debate on peace and human security. They worked together and explored the possibilities of new systematic approaches to the topic to offer an important contribution to the **High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change**, appointed by the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in September 2003. The Focus group on Peace and Security Aspects of UN Reform, was organised by IPB-Italia in the prestigious Hall of “Duecento” in the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence and was a great success, though on a quite different scale from the Barcelona conference. The meeting was opened by Dr. Simone Siliani and the speakers' list was led by Hans Dahlgren, Deputy Foreign Minister of Sweden, Cyril Ritchie, President of the Federation of International Institutions in Geneva, and Florence Councillor Susanna Agostini. The event was organised by Fulgida Barattoni and her team of supporters in IPB-Italia, including a large and enthusiastic group of young interpreters of SSLIMIT and international diplomatic political science students at the SID “Roberto Ruffili” of the University of Bologna.

An important final document entitled **The Florence Appeal** was handed over in New York on November 3<sup>rd</sup> by Cora Weiss directly to Mr Anand Panyarachun – the former Prime Minister of Thailand and President of the High Level Panel on Threats, Challenge and Change.

On Monday Sept 27, IPB held its **annual Council meeting** in the headquarters of the Regione Toscana, specifically offered by the President of the Tuscany Region Council Dr. Riccardo Nencini. Among the topics discussed were the plans for the international centenary commemoration of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Bertha von Suttner (IPB Vice-President) in 1905.

The meeting also saw the award of IPB's annual **Sean MacBride Peace Prize**. This year it was presented to the leaders of the Geneva Initiative on the Middle East, Yossi Beilin (Israel) and Yasser Abed Rabbo (Palestine), together with the 'architect' of the agreement, Alexis Keller (Switzerland). Since the first two names were unable to be present, they were ably represented by Michal Radoshitzky and Radi Jarai. Several other key Italian political figures also spoke, such as Dr. Janiki Cingoli, Italian Director of the Geneva Initiative on the Middle East. There was very good TV and press coverage of the event.

*For photos of these events, details of the programme, and the Florence Appeal see [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org) [www.ipb-italia.org](http://www.ipb-italia.org)*

## **WOMEN IN PEACEMAKING : BERTHA VON SUTTNER COMMEMORATIVE YEAR**

2004 saw the development of an important IPB project, which was already in the planning stages in 2003 and is continuing into 2005 and hopefully 2006. The focus is the **centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Bertha von Suttner**. This preparatory work has included a number of activities: developing the programme concept; making contact with partners all over Europe and beyond; fundraising; translating and distributing materials in various languages; preparing our own IPB publications; liaising with the Austrian authorities; and spreading the message both electronically and through person-to-person contacts.

**Background:** All over the world, in zones of armed conflict and elsewhere, millions of women are working for peace every day. These efforts usually receive little publicity and support from governments and agencies. The IPB leadership perceived that the Bertha von Suttner commemoration year offered a great opportunity for women peacemakers to reach a mainstream audience, to inform, to educate and to inspire. It would be combined with a programme to support contemporary women peacemakers, especially in Central and Eastern Europe.

In 1905 the Austrian Baroness Bertha von Suttner was the first woman to be honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize. Also, it was thanks to von Suttner that Nobel set up the Peace Prize. Bertha von Suttner became a celebrated author with the publication of her best-selling anti-war novel *Die Waffen nieder (Down Your Arms)*. She founded the Austrian Peace Society, became the Vice-President of the International Peace Bureau (IPB), and was widely regarded as the leading peace activist of her time.

### **Objectives:**

- ◆ to improve civil society's awareness of the contribution of women in peacemaking and conflict resolution
- ◆ to gain from the experience of those women who work for peace every day - especially those in Central and Eastern Europe
- ◆ to strengthen East-West peacemaking solidarity networks and make known resources available to support women in conflict situations
- ◆ to connect women peace activists in Eastern and Central Europe, to facilitate networking, and joint campaigns
- ◆ to find and help develop new partnerships for peace work especially in the **Balkans** and the **Caucasus**

A particular focus was put on the implementation of **UNSC Resolution 1325** (2000) on participation of women in peacekeeping and peace negotiations.

**Networking:** Throughout the whole commemorative programme an interactive networking process is taking place, in order to connect women peace activists and offer support. This has involved setting up websites and links; identifying IPB partners; and meeting with them to get their input.

**Visit to Austria:** Silvi Sterr and Colin Archer visited Vienna and Prague in September to build on the contacts initially made in September 2003. They met with both the Austrian Foreign Ministry (Austrian Cultural Forum) and the Education Ministry, regarding possible collaboration areas. They attended a meeting at von Suttner's family home at Harmannsdorf, where planning was carried forward for the main scientific symposium, to be held in the nearby town of Eggenburg in May 2005. Finally a short visit to Prague helped to strengthen relations with the Bertha von Suttner Society (now an IPB member group) who are planning their own commemorative programme in November 2005.

Also in Sept. 2004, IPB staff attended the **Women's Peace Conference in Geneva** organised by Mme Suzanne Mubarak of Egypt, and the Swiss Foreign Minister Micheline Calmy-Rey.

In addition, IPB representatives developed contacts during the year with the **Swiss-based project 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize**, since their work has very similar objectives.

A **Bertha von Suttner travelling exhibition:** organised by the Austrian Foreign Ministry, is to be shown worldwide and is an occasion to link the meetings planned within our programme. Wherever possible, a **speaking tour of women peacemakers** is related to the travelling exhibition in order to influence media, politicians and the general public. The exhibition is to be shown in many places related to Bertha von Suttner's life, such as Vienna, Prague, Tbilisi, Krakow, Zürich, the Hague, Oslo and Geneva. Events are also taking place in Tel Aviv, Amman, Rabat, Cape Town, Mexico City, Brasilia, and Shanghai (about **22 countries and 30 cities** in all; see [www.berthavonsuttner2005.info](http://www.berthavonsuttner2005.info)).

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The preparation work undertaken in 2004 included developing plans such as:

- a **combined programme in Geneva** linking the opening of the Exhibition with a visit from Balkan women and an international meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
- a short **training programme**, giving opportunities for the peacewomen to make their case before the Human Rights Commission and meet diplomats, UN agencies and media.
- a **conference "Imagine Peace"** to take place in Vienna, bringing together peace-women from Eastern and Central Europe and youth from 10 countries in order to exchange views on peace issues.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- ◆ Publication of our annual review, *May 24: International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament* – 2004 edition. Co-published with the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.
- ◆ Preparatory work on the booklet "*The Life of Bertha von Suttner and Her Legacy for Women Peacemakers Today*" in the series *Patterns in Reconciliation*, also to be co-published with the IFOR.
- ◆ Research was also done in preparation for an IPB book bringing together the writings of the women Nobel Peace laureates.

## **OTHER ACTIVITY AREAS**

### **DISARMAMENT**

Nuclear disarmament is a traditional issue for IPB and once again was identified by the IPB Council as an important theme. Over the year the Secretariat and colleagues organised or participated in a number of activities:

#### **NGO Committee seminar post-NPT**

IPB acts as the secretariat of the Geneva-based NGO Committee for Disarmament, and despite limited resources, was able to organise a seminar in Geneva for diplomats and NGOs, in the wake of the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Preparatory Conference, which had been held in New York in early May. The Geneva event took place on May 27-28, and focussed on the new perspectives for the NPT Review (2005) in the light of events at the PrepComm.

Among the main new areas of activity was the development of the **Mayors for Peace** campaign, organised by the Mayor of Hiroshima. IPB was, and is, keen to help and offered office space and logistical support during the year to the Campaign Manager (and IPB Consultant) Aaron Tovish.

On August 6, IPB organised, together with colleagues in the NGO Committee, the traditional rally outside the Palais des Nations in observance of the **anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, and to make our call for the elimination of nuclear weapons. This was followed by a workshop with activists.

**Farewell to Bombs:** In June – to coincide with the Barcelona Forum – IPB published a 50pp booklet offering an introduction to 7 different weapons systems, with information on the state of play in the negotiations, and offering action suggestions. This material forms the basis of the disarmament sections on the IPB website.

**Boston Social Forum peace conference.** IPB was represented at this important gathering, held on the eve of the Democratic Party convention, by Rae Street, Vice-President. The meeting was convened by Joseph Gerson and colleagues at the New England office of the American Friends Service Committee.

On April 21, Israeli nuclear whistleblower **Mordechai Vanunu was freed from jail** after 18 years confinement, much of which was in solitary. This was the high point of the worldwide struggle to free him, and the event had a tremendous impact in the Israeli and international media. Many of his support-network were there to meet him, including Fredrik Heffermehl, IPB Vice-President, and former IPB President Bruce Kent. However the struggle for Vanunu's freedom continues, since he is still (mid-2005) subject to legal restrictions.

## PEACE EDUCATION

While IPB has been unable to maintain its earlier major programme on peace education, it continues to support peace education programmes in a variety of more limited ways.

In February, **IPB-Italia** organised a very special event in the Rossini Theatre in Lugo, entitled *Una Favola per la Pace/A Tale for Peace*. Young people – and some older ones – came from all over Italy to recite their peace stories and receive prizes. This delightful programme, organised by Fulgida Barattoni, received a lot of local press coverage. It is now an annual event, under the title '*International Literature Peace Prize: A Tale for Peace*', and is open to all writers and all school students of the world. The languages accepted are Italian, English, and French. All the tales arriving from abroad have been translated into Italian by the translators (SSLIMIT students of the University of Bologna) and the prizewinning stories have been published in an anthology distributed in Italian schools, offering an important peace education resource.

IPB Secretary-General Colin Archer continued his pattern of regular talks to the students of the **School for International Training**, who have an ongoing Geneva programme for US-based graduates. He finds time to give support to SIT students as well as to IPB interns, working on their study projects, often in fields closely related to our main programmes.

He also represented the IPB at a meeting held on April 14 in the Palais des Nations with Ghassan Abdullah and Adina Shapiro, key figures in the **Middle East Children's Association**, and recipients of the Hague Appeal for Peace Prize.

The **Hague Appeal for Peace** organised an important conference in **Albania** in October, bringing together the partners in the 4-country peace education project run by HAP and the UN. The partners (civil society groups from Albania, Cambodia, Niger and Peru) also brought with them officials from their respective education ministries. IPB was represented by its President Cora Weiss, also President of the HAP, and Colin Archer. It was a special pleasure to meet with colleagues from several continents whom we had worked with over many years in this field.

## PEACE HISTORY

Several IPB representatives participated in various IP ways in a fascinating seminar organised on April 23-24 by the Association 'Genève un lieu pour la paix'. The purpose was to commemorate – and explore the many

facets of - **Eli Ducommun**, IPB's first Secretary-General and winner of the 1902 Nobel Peace Prize (jointly with IPB's second Secretary-General **Albert Gobat**). This was accompanied by a homage to another of IPB's Nobel laureates, **Ludwig Quidde**, a German intellectual who fled the Nazis and sought refuge in Geneva. A lecture on his life was given by the distinguished German peace historian Karl Holl, and a group visit was paid to Quidde's tomb in the Cimetière des Rois.

**Bertha von Suttner** is another key figure in IPB's early history, and a decision was taken to develop a programme of work to commemorate her life. (see above).

## PEACE PRIZES

Every year IPB (and its Board) is entitled to make a **Nobel Peace Prize nomination** and in 2004 the nomination was in favour of the leaders of the **Geneva Initiative**, Yossi Beilin and Yasser Abed Rabbo.

*“Because the situation in the Middle East is so dire, has been waged for so long, and has domino consequences, this Geneva Accord may be the best vehicle available and possibly the last chance for a peaceful resolution of the confrontation.”* (letter from IPB President Cora Weiss to the Nobel Committee)

IPB sent congratulations to **Wangari Maathai** on the announcement of her award, which was generally felt within the organisation to have been an excellent, even inspired, choice, since it brought into focus the work of grassroots African women and in particular, the environmental dimension of peacemaking.

Another event that is becoming a tradition is the **Nobel summit** held in Rome in November, organised by the City of Rome and the Gorbachev Foundation. This year Jonathan Granoff (President, Global Security Institute, USA) and Alyn Ware (IPB-Vice-President) were selected to represent the IPB and both played very active roles, not only in making speeches and charring sessions, but also in assisting with the drafting of the declaration. Excellent press coverage was received.

**MacBride Prize – Geneva Initiative** (see **Florence report** above)

Another Italian member organisation, Archivio Disarmo, awarded its annual **Golden Doves for Peace** award to our President Cora Weiss at a ceremony in Rome. Previous recipients of this prestigious award have included Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev and John Hume.

## PUBLICATIONS 2004

◆ *Farewell to Bombs* (see **Disarmament**, above)

◆ *Activity Report 2001-3*: a rather substantial report giving a comprehensive survey of IPB's work over 3 years. Available on request from the Secretariat, also on website.

◆ *IPB News* June 2004, unfortunately the last printed edition (at least of this series). Thereafter it has been published electronically (approximately every 2 weeks) as *IPB News Update*, available to members via email, yahoo-groups – and on request.

**International distribution** of earlier publications: including *From War to Peace*, and *Peace is Possible* (English, Japanese, Spanish, Serbian versions). Also available in some 13 other versions on the website [www.peaceispossible.info](http://www.peaceispossible.info)

Maintenance and development of the **IPB Website**, including French translations.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following organisations' applications were approved at the Council meeting in September 2004:

- Office of Peace in the Horn of Africa – Somalia
- Global Security Institute – USA
- Mouvement pour le Désarmement, la Paix et la Liberté – France
- UDISHA – India
- People against Poverty – Liberia

- Czech Peace Society – Czech Republic
- Bertha von Suttner Society – Czech Republic
- National Consultative Committee on Disarmament – New Zealand

### **SECRETARIAT OUTREACH**

The Secretary-General travelled to Paris on June 5-6 to attend the important 1<sup>st</sup> **Salon des Initiatives de la Paix**, which showcased an extraordinary number and variety of peace projects, from around France and beyond.

He was invited in October to **Magdeburg** in eastern Germany to participate in a conference organised by the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Germany – he gave a couple of talks on the theme of **humanitarian intervention**.

In November he attended a large international gathering organised by Tavola della Pace in **Padua**, on the topic of **UN Reform**.

### **BOARD & COUNCIL MEETINGS**

An IPB Steering Committee (Board) meeting was held on February 20-22 in Lugo, Italy, and the Council was held in Florence on September 24, on the eve of the Focus Group seminar. Special thanks to our Italian friends for all their hard work in giving us such a warm welcome on both occasions.

### **NETWORKS**

As a worldwide networking body, IPB is also a member of, or participant in, a number of other networks and structures:

- ◆ **Federation of International Institutions in Geneva, FIIG:** this organisation commemorated its 75th anniversary with a public ceremony held on Sept. 13, IPB contributed a colourful panel to the exhibition displaying the work of the member groups.
- ◆ **Conference on NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC, CONGO**
- ◆ **NGO Committee for Disarmament** – of which IPB acts as Secretariat (see Disarmament, above)
- ◆ **World Civil Society Forum:** plans are going ahead for a follow up Forum in 2007.
- ◆ **World Social Forum:** IPB is a member of the International Commission. Meetings have been attended by staff from our Barcelona-based member organisation, Fundacio per la Pau.
- ◆ **Helsinki Process:** this is a north-south version of the famous East-West Helsinki Process of the 1970s. It is co-sponsored by the Governments of Finland and Tanzania.
- ◆ **Ubuntu** – the 'network of civil society networks' established by Federico Mayor (former Director-General of UNESCO) – now very active on the issue of UN Reform.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

All through the year, IPB is featured in various media productions. Highlights this year included two interviews on the **Radio Cité** station in Geneva, as part of a special regular programme broadcast by our member organisation Women for Peace Switzerland; and a full-page interview with the Secretary-General in the Cooperative movement magazine '*Cooperation*'.

Our Treasurer Sorina Serbotei arranged for an **electronic display advertisement** in the Geneva central Post Office, and on December 4, she and the interns at the Secretariat organised a lively **Open Day** in a nearby community hall, complete with food, music, slideshow and interviews with well-known peace activists.

## **VISITORS**

An important part of IPB's role is that of providing a welcome and an orientation for Geneva 'peace movement visitors'. This term covers an extraordinary range of individuals and groups who need various kinds of practical information and assistance. It is an important aspect of our networking role, and it is always satisfying to be able to put a face to a name that was previously only on a mailing list!

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## SUMMARY ACCOUNTS 2004

	<b>CHF</b>
Staff	115348
Office	96427
Meetings	7569
Financial charges	8156
Women in Peacemaking Project	8567
Disarmament seminar (from 2003)	2559
Barcelona Conference (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	70682
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>309311</b>

	<b>CHF</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
General grants	72408
Membership fees	24713
Donations	8486
Office income	21617
Human security project grants	45000
Disarmament seminar (from 2003)	1054
Barcelona Conference (2 <sup>nd</sup> year) grant	115013
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288293</b>
<b>Loss in 2004</b>	<b>21018</b>

	<b>CHF</b>
<b>Assets at 31.12.04</b>	
Bank accounts	28415
Debtors	1402
Short term assets and income due	5221
Furniture and electrical installation	9652
Bank deposit on apartment	2760
<b>Total</b>	<b>47452</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	

	<b>CHF</b>
Long term creditors	9979
Claims SG	9714
Outstanding salary at year end	3152
Loan	5000
Short term liabilities	23275
Free reserve	17348
2004 loss carried forward	21018
<b>Total</b>	<b>47452</b>

*We consider that the accounts provide an accurate picture of the organisation's financial operations in 2004.*

*D.Atwood and P. Herby, Auditors, 13 June 2005*

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