

IPB ELECTIONS 2016

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

OFFICERS

CO-PRESIDENTS

REINER BRAUN (currently Co-President)

I bring in experiences from 30 years of activities in the national and international peace and anti-war movement, having leading positions in occupational organizations as well as having co-organized central and huge actions of the peace movement (i.e. February 15 2003 and protests against Cruise Missiles in the 80s). The creation of broad and pluralistic coalitions has always been an objective for me. What do I want to develop further?

1. The manifold activities „Disarmament for Development“, maybe the trademark of IPB of the past years. The scandalous military spending in the face of global challenges should be further developed into a broadly carried (with a leading role of IPB) and action-oriented field of international and national politics. I dream of a World Congress “Disarmament for Development” which neither can be avoided by politics nor by CNN.
2. Nuclear disarmament remains a key challenge for IPB – in its networks, above all ICAN, as well as in our own activities focusing on costs of nuclear armament.
3. I would like to put a strong focus of my work on the more active engagement of member organisations in projects and activities of IPB.
4. Strengthening the organization of IPB by enlarging its function as a network as well as creating a sounder financial situation.
5. As a global organization we should increase our actions to overcome any Euro-centrism. I would like to work on a peace project for the overcoming of danger of war in the Pacific area as well as to increase IPB’s engagement in Latin America.

LISA CLARK (currently Board member)

Within my association, Beati i costruttori di pace (BCP - Blessed Are the Peacemakers, IPB member), I have always acted as the liaison person towards other national/international groups and networks. I am BCP's spokesperson in the national Peace Round Table and in the Italian Disarmament Network. And I am also the person that has kept up relations internationally, often invited as a speaker abroad to talk about the Italian peace movements. At the same time, I also act as campaigner in Italy for international associations (PNND, Mayors for Peace). As a nonviolent peace and disarmament activist, I have always felt that my strongest contribution to civil society movements was my ability to promote networking, getting different groups and constituencies to know each other’s commitments, to understand them and work together towards shared goals. I think that I could put my networking and bridge-building ability to good use as an officer of the International Peace Bureau.

TREASURER

LOHES RAJESWARAN

For more than two decades, I have worked for international, non-profit membership based organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. My focus of work was mainly on health projects coordination /financial management. In this capacity, I travelled widely for meetings, conferences and played an active role in organizing as well as participating in them. My understanding about nuclear weapons,

disarmament, military expenditure, armed conflict and armed violence and their impact on society I acquired while working for WILPF in Geneva for several years. A strong believer in social justice on all levels especially for women and children from developing countries as they are vulnerable to injustices due to cultural/social and religious beliefs. As Treasurer, I am open to work closely with the board and the IPB office staff to research for programmes/campaigns with a focus on IPB's main programme "Disarmament for Sustainable Development" which would be of interest to prospective funders.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

JORDI CALVO RUFANGES

I'm Economist Phd in Peace, Conflicts and Development. I'm researcher on peace, armamentism, militarisation and defence economics since 2007 and professor on same subjects since 2011. I've been working in all fields mentioned and others related to peace, security and defense. I'm also professor on armed conflicts, defense economy and other related subjects. I also consider that my previous experience in Humanitarian work in different contexts, many of them in conflict such as Liberia, Ivory Coast, Uganda, DR Congo, Central African Republic, Nigeria, or Palestine and Western Sahara, give to me a broader understanding of peace and conflicts. I can contribute to IPB with my experience on research, and campaigning on military expenditure, arms exports, financing of military industry.

TARJA CRONBERG

I am the chair of Peace Union of Finland, have been active in PNND (parliamentarians) and current chair of Middle Powers Initiative. I have been before involved in politics in Finland (Green party, chair and Minister). Today more of a independent researcher / writer / ngo activist. Published a report on Tactical Nuclear Weapons for the Finnish Institute of International Affairs some years ago and just finished a book on Iran. Years ago worked also as the Director of COPRI Copenhagen Peace Research Institute. Peace and disarmament issues has been my passion, lately mostly nuclear weapons issues on my agenda. As Peace Union chair I have been involved also in IPBs work (IPB board member) and hope my background in peace research and my international contacts could help IPB, these are the reasons I stand as candidate to be Vice President or alternatively member of the Council.

CORAZON FABROS

We have been involved with IPB led campaign – GDAMS – over the past several years, adopting it to our local situation in the Philippines especially in urban poor communities and prioritizing the participation of youth, teachers and students. We will continue to work on this particular campaign during this period of instability in Asia as we deal with sovereignty and peace issues especially with China. IPB has been perceived as more focused on Europe, but we are aware of the many initiatives and networking that IPB does in and for the Asia region. IPB's engagement with the Asia Europe Peoples Forum, No Bases Campaign, No Nukes Asia Forum, Asean Civil Society Conference, etc. has been a valuable support in organizing these venues for movements to learn from and support each other. I am committed to make IPB more accessible and visible in our part of the world – in Asia and the Pacific where movements upholding peace, disarmament, dialogues, solidarity to find alternatives to the continuing military presence and interventions by big military powers are striving to push for genuine change and justice for the people. I am also committed to help empower the young people in our movement by helping with skills training and capacity building as they are expected to continue on the work now and in the near future.

JOSEPH GERSON

Joseph Gerson is Director of Programs of the American Friends Service Committee's Northeast Region. He organizes at local, national and international levels for peaceful and just alternatives to U.S. foreign and military policies, concentrating on great power tensions, nuclear weapons abolition and Pentagon spending. He has served on IPB's Board and transition committee & coordinated GDAMS in the U.S. He co-convenes the Peace & Planet network and is on No to NATO's steering committee. His books include *Empire and the Bomb: How the US Uses Nuclear Weapons to Dominate the World* and *The Sun Never Sets... Confronting the Network of U.S. Foreign Military Bases*.

ETIENNE DE JONGHE

From 1978 through 2007, Etienne De Jonghe was secretary-general of Pax Christi International, which deals with conflict transformation, reconciliation, and peace. During his time at Pax Christi, first as a grassroots level member, later as an international board member, and finally as secretary-general, De Jonghe was involved with and co-organized campaigns and fact finding missions. Over the years he has substantially contributed to the development of a global network and a set of strategies for advocacy on both national and international scales. Throughout his work, De Jonghe has been engaged in bridge-building with various faith communities, including the Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church. He has also done human rights work and conflict resolution in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. De Jonghe retired in 2008 and now researches issues related to peace and conflict transformation work, as well as the role of religion and civil society in peacemaking. Etienne De Jonghe believes in international networking for peace making through a broad network such as the International Peace Bureau.

YAYOI TSUCHIDA

I fully support IPB's vision of a world without war. It has increasing importance for us working to defend the war-renouncing Article 9 of the Constitution. I am committed to achieving it, and will work on IPB's visionary disarmament for development program. I am also committed to the abolition of nuclear weapons, which is the key task to ensure the survival of humanity. When we are witnessing a worldwide trend to prohibit and eliminate nuclear weapons from humanitarian viewpoint, I want to play a role in the movement of A-bombed Japan to achieve it and contribute to the development of IPB.

DAVID WEBB

Dave is Professor Emeritus of Peace and Conflict Studies (having previously also been Professor of Engineering) at Leeds Beckett University. He is currently Chair of the UK National Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND); Convenor of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space; and a member of Scientists for Global Responsibility. I am very interested in assisting with the important work and future development of IPB and will do my best to help strengthen the international community working for peace and disarmament.

STEERING COMMITTEE

ALI AL-RUFAIE

Ali Al-Rufaie is professor of law, working as professor and served as dean for the department of Law at Baghdad University 2005-2011. He is board member of the Iraqi Peace and Solidarity Organization and an active member of the democracy movement in Iraq. As an alternative to sectarianism and fanaticism among the the leading political fractions in Iraq, the democracy movement formed a coalition in 2011 under the name Justice and Democracy, and took part in the local election for the first time on the 20th of April 2013. Ali Al-Rufaie was one of the 10 elected candidates for local councils.

ALBERT CARAMES

Albert Caramés (Barcelona, born 1982). Graduated in Sociology and post-graduated in Culture of Peace, Master's in Development Cooperation and PhD candidate on Peace and Security. Almost 7 years of field experience in different institutions (local research centres, UN peacekeeping operations and agencies, international NGOs and consultancy boards) in 3 African countries (Ivory Coast, Republic of Congo and Central African Republic). He also has 5 years of experience as researcher (School for a Culture of Peace, Autonomous University of Barcelona). The fact of having theoretical and practical background on peacebuilding makes us consider a suitable candidate to become an IPB Board Member.

ALEXANDER HARANG

I currently serve as president of the Norwegian Peace Association (the traditional grassroots peace movement in Norway), am elected board member of the Norwegian Peace Council (the umbrella organisation for the Norwegian peace groups) and am elected as IPB contact person by the Norwegian peace organisations. Even though I am still in my thirties, I have been among the central leaders in the Norwegian peace movement for more than two decades already. I will contribute with passion, knowledge and organising skills to the IPB. As I've been working full time as a peace researcher and peace organiser, both nationally and internationally, for more than 15 years, my network within the peace-world is very large and solid.

YESHUA MOSER PUANGSUWAN

I have had a long and close relationship with IPB for almost 20 years. I would like to increase my contribution to IPB by serving on the Board at this critical time in its history as it transitions under new leadership into a new phase of activity and a new form. I have previously served on the IPB Council, Asia II, in 2002-2006. I have been an, IPB Consultant 2006 to present. I mobilized two publications projects with IPB (with Nonviolence International), the report *From War to Peace: Lessons learned from achievements and failures in peace agreements* in 2002, and the *IPB Survey of national efforts by governments to promote general and complete disarmament outside multi-lateral frameworks* in 2013. I have represented the IPB Campaign on Military Spending at the WRI Triennial in India in 2010, and also presented the campaign on military spending programme at the IPB annual conference in 2009 in the US. I have been involved in the peace movement since the mid-1970s. I became the regional representative of Nonviolence International in SE Asia in 1990 where I worked on peace projects for 15 years. Other organizations I have worked with in some significant capacity include Peace Brigades International and the AJ Muste Institute, where I currently sit on their grant making board. I hold a MA in Peace Studies (UK) and a PhD in Peace Studies (India).

NATHALIE GAUCHET

The Mouvement de la Paix (France) is acting against wars and nuclear weapons and for disarmament since the very beginning of its existence. It is promoting the culture of peace as it has been defined by the UN in 2000 and defending all its components with the deep conviction that peace is strongly linked with social justice. Our organisation acts in international networks to promote the pacifist ideas and campaigns around the world (military spending, disarmament, social development, human rights, democracy...). Nathalie Gauchet is co-President of "Le Mouvement de la Paix", in charge of Disarmament and nuclear disarmament (NPT, ICAN France, Conference on Disarmament...), and relations with the +international peace organizations of which the International Peace Bureau (IPB), Peace & Planet, Abolition 2000 and ICAN.

LAURA LODENIUS

I have been active in Finnish Peace Movement and in different disarmament campaigns, also international ones, for almost 30 years and working today as the executive director of Peace Union of Finland. This means that I have some idea on the administrative and economical tasks and challenges a peace organisation faces today. I have been actively involved with IPB for a long time. I think IPB is an important organisation and I hope I can serve IPB in the board. For smaller national organisations its important to have an old and broad global network and umbrella organisation as a framwork.

TORE NAERLAND

Tore is an outspoken person for peace, disarmament and social justice since 1978 all over the world. Bike for Peace (of which he is President) has many campaigns this year for peace and friendship in the Ukraine and Russia and India and Nepal.

SULEYMAN GULEMEN

I hold an MA in International Studies in Education from the University of Birmingham. Since the early 2000s, I have been engaged in civil society which focuses on historical inquiry, contemporary understanding, conflict resolution and peace building; together with promoting peace, democracy, social justice and equality through the development of education and the collective strength of teachers and education employees. I work as a teacher and recently contribute to the project named 'Education for a Culture of Peace as a Vehicle for Reconciliation in Cyprus'. I am currently a board member of Cyprus Turkish Teachers' Trade Union (KTÖS) and a board member of Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR). Supporting the aims and responsibilities of IPB, I consider the candidacy as a remarkable challenge.

STEVE STAPLES

Steven Staples is a Canadian activist, author, and policy analyst, who has contributed to the peace and anti-corporate globalization movements for 25 years. His 2006 book, *Missile Defence: Round One*, provides an insider's view of the successful Canadian campaign that rejected George W. Bush "Star Wars" program. He is founder of the Ceasefire.ca network of over 25,000 activists, and the high-profile Rideau Institute on International Affairs in Ottawa, which together oppose the defence lobby's efforts for increased combat missions and weapons such as the F-35 stealth fighter. He has been a member of Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee since 1996.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

AFRICA

CYRILLE BECHON

I have a degree in administrative management and several certificates and traineeships on human rights. I also have a certificate in Transitional Justice from the International Center on the Transitional Justice of New York. Moreover, I am specialized in conflict analysis and transformation with a diploma from the Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale. I am currently doing my Master 2 in Human Rights and the Rule of Law at the Université de Yaoundé 2. For 13 years I have been engaged in the promotion and protection of human rights in Cameroun. I have worked with many local organisations but mainly with the one that I am leading today. Since 2012, I have therefore often coordinated mobilization and advocacy campaigns against military spending in Cameroun, with IPB, of which NDH-Cameroun is a member. Representing IPB's Council will reinforce our aura and advocacy to reduce military spending in Cameroun and also other Central African countries.

ABJATA KHALIF

Abjata Khalif is an award winning journalist, human right activist, peace advocate and community change agent who has been at the frontline of engaging, educating and empowering marginalised and less privileged communities living in remote conflict prone region of Horn of Africa with skills and capacities aimed at achieving transformative social change. Abjata Khalif is a victim of armed violence and he has experienced first hand the horrendous ordeals survivors or victims of such callous events undergo, and he decided during that hard period that one day he will study hard and use his education and skills to bring warring and enemy communities together. He achieved that dream when he decided to pursue media and development studies so as to use skills and expertise derived from the two courses to mobilise communities to maintain peace, share resources and embracing each other through various media like community radio, community traditional festivals and cultural visits, community focus discussions among others.

DAVID OTIENO

I am a Social Justice Activist, Grassroots Human Rights Defender and Convener of the Coalition for Constitution Implementation, Kenya -- a grassroots social movement seeking full and proper implementation of the national Constitution. I have been at the forefront in organizing and coordinating GDAMS in Kenya since 2012 and in 2014 was appointed to coordinate GCOMS Africa by fellow GCOMS campaigners in Africa. I am standing as IPB Council representative for Africa to implement IPB policies in the African region, to help spearhead IPB campaigns in this region and to strengthen IPB networks here by mobilizing more members and organizing more local activities.

LATIN AMERICA

VICTOR BRINDISI

My role as educator, my work in the national and international trade union world, my efforts as an Educator for Peace, have led me to work for peace on a permanent basis, and to condemn violence, wars and the arms race. I know Latin America well and from there I can work for world peace. We work permanently to condemn wars, and especially the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which have a high educational value for future generations. I believe we will be able to generate on this continent, through the Culture of Peace, an area of ongoing work for world disarmament, peaceful resolution of conflicts, and sustainable development that enables the removal of extreme poverty in the world.

ALBA CENTENO

Alba is a lawyer from Santo Tomas University and holds an MA in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies from Jaume I University, Spain. She has worked as Auxiliary lawyer in the Colombian Constitutional Court and in the Human Rights Unit of the Colombian Attorney's Office. She also has experience working with the Presidential Programme on Human Rights on issues related to peace, victims and transitional justice. For two years she coordinated Ecopetrol's work on the implementation of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights on the field. Currently, Alba is a Senior Programme Officer for Latin America at International Alert, coordinating the work on business and human rights issues with extractive companies, civil society organisations and state agencies in Colombia and Peru.

PATRICIA PEREZ

Chair of ICW Global - International Community of Women Living with HIV (2009-2012). First Civil Society leader to present a campaign on Peace against AIDS to the Permanent Council of the

Organization of American States. Former member of the UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group, appointed by Dr. Michelle Bachelet and ratified by Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. Chair of the More Peace Less AIDS Foundation and Director of the Latin American Institute for Peace and Citizenship. Thanks to the work with grassroots and governmental organizations, we believe that Patricia could contribute to keeping the Culture of Peace on the agenda.

NORTH AMERICA

KEVIN MARTIN

Kevin Martin became Executive Director of Peace Action and Peace Action Education Fund in 2001. Peace Action is the country's largest peace and disarmament organization with 100.000 members nationwide. Martin previously served as Director of Project Abolition from August 1999 through August 2001. He has served in the leadership of United for Peace and Justice, the country's largest anti-war coalition, since its founding in 2002. Kevin also serves on the Advisory Board of the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. He says: 'I look forward to continuing on the IPB Council, as I have long considered IPB to be an important leader in the global peace movement. In addition to attending one IPB Assembly and hosting another, I value ongoing programs such as GDAMS, which show IPB's continued leadership.'

VENILLA RAJAGURU

I am an experienced communications professional who is seasoned in stakeholder engagement at the communal, national and international levels, in order to promote cooperation for peaceful purposes of socio-economic progress. In fact, I have recently launched a peace research series of lectures at York University, in my current capacity as a Research Associate at the York Center for Asian Research and Robarts Center for Canadian Studies. I am now keen on being part of the IPB Council to be able to contribute my time, energy, and analysis of public science and global technologies that affect the peace of communities of women, children and humanity at large.

ASIA

ANURADHA CHENOY

I am Professor at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, where I have been Dean, Chairperson, etc. I am an engaged scholar on peace, non violence and social cohesion through research and writing, with focus on women as peace builders and their relation with peace, conflict and security. Towards this goal I have been involved with numerous national and international CSOs ranging from Action Aid, Control Arms Foundation-India; Human Rights Law Network; WISCOMP; ICRC; AEPF; UNESCO; UNIFEM. My books and articles on Human Security; Militarization and Women in South Asia; and Indian Armed Conflicts have been widely read by students, activists and analysts.

SAJID CHRISTOPHER

Sajid has experience of about 18 years working in Pakistan at the grass root level for peace promotion and human rights. Human Friends Organisation is working for peace promotion through communal harmony programs, peace education in schools and religious madrassas. He has led HFO fact-finding missions in instances of attacks on Christians in Sangla Hill, Pakistan in 2005 and then led the advocacy campaign for repealing the controversial blasphemy law. Sajid led the advocacy campaign against the Haddood Ordinance (Rape Law) in 2006. He says: 'I assure Human Friends Organization and

International Peace Bureau that I shall render my services for peace promotion with coordinated efforts.'

HANAA EDWAR

Hanaa Edwar is a Human Rights, Women's Rights and Democracy Activist for about 50 years. She received the Sean MacBride Peace Prize 2011 and recognized by UNAMI as outstanding Human Rights Defender in Iraq. Takreem Foundation awarded her the title of Arab Woman of the Year 2013. She is the co-founder and head of the Iraqi Al-Amal Association, established in 1992. She was a Board member of the Iraqi Council for Peace and Solidarity during 2003-2005. She is the co-founder of the Iraqi Women Network, established in 2004 and consisting of more than 90 women's organizations and groups from all over Iraq. She holds a law degree from Baghdad University.

MIYHEON LEE

I am a peace activist working at People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (PSPD), a domestic NGO based in South Korea. PSPD has organized Global Campaign on Military Spending in South Korea and raised our voice against military tensions in Northeast Asia. People on the Korean Peninsula have lived under an unstable armistice system for 63 years, without ending the Korean War. Tensions get heightened over nuclear crisis, hostile military alliances, and territorial disputes in the region. I cannot emphasize enough the value of IPB's vision to make a World Without War. Linking people to people and building strong peace movements will help the Northeast Asia get closer to a peaceful region.

BISHNU PATHAK

Transnational Professor Bishnu Pathak is the creator of the Peace-Conflict Lifecycle, the architect of Human Security Studies, the founder of the Principles of Process Documentation (End-to-End-Lifecycle) of any development project and the pioneer of Process Documentation for Interfaith Peacebuilding Cycle. Arduous Mr. Pathak is a professor of human security studies who holds a PhD in inter-disciplinary "Conflict Management and Human Rights". Immense versatile personality Prof. Pathak is born into a poor family in a remote mountain. His parents were without the aid of alphabet, absolute illiterate. Specialties: Human Security, Conflict Transformation, Conflict Resolution, and Conflict Management, Peace, UN Peacekeeping Operations and Political Missions, DDR-SSR, Civil-Military Relations, Community-Policing, Harmony, Human Rights, etc.

UMUD RAHIM OGLU

Mr. Umud Mirzayev is the Founder and Chairman of International Eurasia Press Fund (IEPF), a NGO with General Consultative Status of UN ECOSOC. IEPF is active in the field of peace building, under the motto of "Peace at Home, Peace in the Country, Peace in the World" since its inception in 1992. He actively initiated and took part in all relevant peace calls, since the conflicts in post Soviet countries. He has published numerous texts on all aspects of peace and presented them during international conferences and events organized by him. Mr. Mirzayev has been playing a pioneer role in media in peace efforts. He is directly related to the International Press Institute as its Board Member (2012-2016), and Chairperson of IPI Azerbaijan. He is the member of IPB General Council since 2013 and pro-actively follows all the rules and values of IPB.

EUROPE

LUKE ADDISON

Luke has a young UK activist, playing a leading role in both Peace Jam and Rotoract. He has considerable and growing experience in conflict resolution work with young people, both nationally and internationally. He has participated in: 1) 3rd Rotaract Global Model United Nations, held in Belgrade, and was selected to take part in a special Rotaract MUN at UN Headquarters in March 2016; 2) G200 Youth Summit, April 2016; 3) World Peace Forum in Brazil October 2016 (invited). He has also participated in the youth programmes at two of the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates. He is very enthusiastic to have the opportunity to participate in IPB's transition stage, and believes that he will have much to contribute.

IAIN ATACK

Assistant Professor of International Peace Studies in Trinity College Dublin. He is a board member of Action from Ireland (Afri), a campaigning and educational organisation working for peace, human rights and sustainable development in Ireland and internationally. He is also the chairperson of the Irish Forum for Peace in Sri Lanka, which has organised two People's Tribunals investigating human rights abuses during the final phase of the civil war in Sri Lanka. Iain Atack has been a board member of the International Peace Bureau from 2013-2016. He is the author of two books, *The Ethics of peace and War* and *Nonviolence in Political Theory*.

JENNY CLEGG

Climate change, terrorism, pandemics, nuclear materials' insecurity - all demand a paradigm shift in approaches to security. Militarism is growing, military-industries are expanding, risks of nuclear superpower confrontation are increasing. The fundamental misconception of state-on-state rivalry, that security is only gained by threatening others, must be challenged by an international movement for common, people-first security. Arguably the most challenging question is: what are the implications of China's rise for world peace and security? I'd like to put my experience in CND and background in development/Asia-Pacific studies to use further in the international peace movement.

JEROME PERAYA

I've been committed to peace work and non-violence for over fifteen years. Some non-violent direct action brought me within 100 meters of US nuclear weapons stocked in Belgium. Some others brought me to court. I'm co-leading an antimilitarism grass root movement in Belgium. I've been also active in the International Fellowship of Reconciliation as a Representative on the Consultative Committee since the last Council in 2014. Our organization are in Belgium a part of the GDAMS and GCOMS for years. IPB's vision of disarmament as a way to finance peace, social justice, and climate justice, its involvement in nuclear disarmament, supporting the Marshall Islands, the worldwide amazing members, all those reasons lead me to offer my experience and skills to the Council.

ALAIN ROUY

German teacher, 62 years old, France. Currently member of the executive committee of AIEP/IAEP, co-president of Enseignants pour la Paix (EPP, France), member of the Bureau National du Mouvement de la Paix (France). Previously member of the IPB Council (1990-2000), representative of the Appel des Cent and then Mouvement de la Paix (France). The AIEP network is chaired by Gloria Ramirez (Mexico) and has many branches in Latin America, India, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

DEO RUHUMULIZA

Deo Ruhumuliza, 33 years old, born in Rwanda, found refuge in Switzerland during the 1994 Rwandan civil war. Naturalized since 2015, he holds a bachelor's degree in Management. He is a founding member of ARPP-CM (Alternatives for reconciliation, progress and peace – citizen's movement) and currently Deputy Legal Representative of this NGO, whose objective is to make a significant contribution towards the realization of sustainable economic development founded on education, reconciliation and dialog between communities with focus on the African continent. If elected, he will make it his priority to further establish and promote the objectives of both ARPP-CM and IPB.

MIGUEL SILVA

As the Manager of the Global Education Programme of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, I have been involved in the conceptualisation, promotion, training and advocacy of GE within CoE member States and internationally since 1999. The intense networking and the collaborative work approach developed along these years at individual, organisational or institutional level enabled a stimulating and enriching peer and intercultural learning process. It benefited undeniably to the quality of NSC outputs in field of its GE pedagogical and capacity-building scheme (handbooks, eLearning and residential trainings), reports, advocacy documents and recommendations. Considering the central position of Peace Education within GE work, and its growing role in the intercultural dialogue strategy of the NSC, it would be an asset to deepen the already fruitful collaborative work with Peace Education stakeholders and with IPB in particular.

INTERNATIONAL

LUCAS WIRL

Lucas Wirl is active in the German and international peace movement since the preparations of the counter NATO actions in Strasbourg/Kehl in 2009. Ever since he engages in educating on and delegitimizing of NATO and militarization; the latter particularly in the field of science and education. He is executive director of the German organization "Scientists Initiative for Peace and Sustainability" (NatWiss) and program director of the International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility. Since March 2016 he is father of Ella and Yannis.

CELINE NAHORY

Céline Nahory is International Coordinator for Peace Boat and the Global Article 9 Campaign. She serves in IPB's International Council since 2013, and in the International Steering Committee of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) since 2014. Currently based in Mumbai, India, she has worked for over fifteen years with NGOs in Switzerland, the US, Japan and India, carrying out research and running advocacy campaigns on issues of peace, security, disarmament, human rights and sustainable development. She studied at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, where she specialized in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.
