



ACTIVITY REPORT 2013



Front page: Peace Boat passengers celebrate the
Global Day of Action on Military Spending

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This was a year in which several nightmares came back to haunt us. In January the French military intervened in Mali after Al-Qaeda linked militants had begun a push into the centre of the country. A few weeks later, North Korea conducted a third controversial nuclear test. In Syria, hundreds died in a chemical weapons attack (and the war goes on...). Terrorists struck in several places, including at the Algerian gas plant at In Amenas in which over 800 were taken hostage; in the US at the Boston Marathon; and at Westlands, a Nairobi shopping mall. Such events do much to maintain the atmosphere of fear and anxiety which fuels support for military solutions. While overall military spending saw a small dip in western countries, the global total remained at over \$1.7 trillion¹. At a time when the global economy is still suffering the aftershocks of the 2008 economic crisis, and debate is intensifying over how to fund the new UN development agenda post-2015, the IPB and its partners remain determined to work for a reallocation of public money towards human security solutions.

What is the IPB?

IPB is a global network of peace groups, with 300 member organisations in 70 countries. We have a relatively small office base: the 3 salaried staff are supported by a group of voluntary staff/interns. The organisation has a democratic structure, with an elected Council and Board. IPB was founded in 1891 to coordinate the work of the world's national peace associations. It is a Nobel Peace laureate (1910), and thirteen of our officers and staff have won the Nobel Peace Prize over the years.

IPB's long-term goal is a world without war. While the causes of war are complex, and the attempts to tackle them very varied, IPB has chosen to focus its efforts in a limited number of areas, of which the main one is Disarmament for Sustainable Development. This report offers a summary of the highlights of the year's activities.

DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

IPB continues to develop its major programme, launched in 2005, entitled Disarmament for Sustainable Development. (D for D). This is designed to reflect widespread public concern at the continuing high levels of global military spending; and the evidence that weapons -- such as small arms, cluster bombs, landmines -- seriously impede sustainable development. Many years and several wars on from 9-11, the failure of military solutions should be obvious to all. IPB advocates reductions in defence budgets and the adoption of a 'human security' approach.

Our Disarmament for Sustainable Development programme has three thematic areas: (1) military spending, (2) impacts of weapons on development, (3) justifications for investments in militarism. The various concepts are discussed in detail in our book *Warfare or Welfare? A follow-up volume, Whose Priorities?* provides examples of creative campaigning by NGOs and other civil society organisations who have taken up these issues. More recent publications focus on the links between military spending and the UN's Development Agenda, and the challenge of climate change.

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING 2013

The third annual Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) was organised on 15 April 2013 generating 155 actions in 124 cities and towns in 24 countries. GDAMS

attracted extensive media and internet coverage all over the world. The Day coincided with the release of the 2012 global military expenditure data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the U.S. Tax Day.

The IPB secretariat acted once again as the international coordinator and Peace Action was this year the U.S. Focal Point. GDAMS relied on our allies in the peace and disarmament movements, NGOs, and popular organizations on all continents. In addition, thanks to our partnership with Peace Action, GDAMS advocates were able to link up with grassroots organisations in other sectors, notably labour, and economic and racial justice groups. The cross-cutting message was: *Cut the military budget and fund human needs !*

As in previous years, the preparatory work was coordinated by an International Steering Committee (ISC). Regular updates of the GDAMS International website, Facebook and Twitter accounts were made, to reach out to old and new partners. Our colleagues from the Campaign Against Arms Trade created a website dedicated to GDAMS UK. IPB again facilitated the access to SIPRI's advance documentation.

The Actions

The creativity of the GDAMS community is impressive! Events organised included seminars, vigils, street performances, leafleting, name-and-shame exercises,

¹ http://www.sipri.org/media/pressreleases/2014/Milex_April_2014

concerts, marches, die-ins, video productions, online and print petitions, money polls, social media posts, and many more. These actions highlighted the unacceptable levels of global military expenditure and linking this to issues like the Pentagon budget hearings in the U.S., militarisation and drug wars in Latin America, the economic crisis and austerity cuts in Europe, nuclear weapons modernisation, the tendency towards militarism in Japan, and the growing tension between S. and N. Korea. The action and events reports are compiled in the GDAMS [website](#) and the photos are in the GDAMS [Facebook](#).

TAKING THE MESSAGE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

In Geneva, the IPB issued a **press communiqué** 'Burning a Hole in our Budget'; coordinated a **poster parade** outside the United Nations building; and put on a **seminar** entitled '*Military and development spending in an era of austerity*' which highlighted:

- The continuing support of the UN, both for the Global Day of Action itself, and for the UN's own transparency instrument, the annual Report on Military Expenditures.
- Clear evidence from SIPRI's new data release that the global total for military expenditure has dropped, for the first time in real terms since 1998 – even though the absolute dollar figures for 2012 were slightly higher than in 2011.
- Evidence that spending has dropped mainly in Western countries, while most of the increases are in Russia, China and other developing states.
- The importance, from the IPB point of view, of raising the issue of military spending within the ongoing consultations on the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda, i.e., the successor process to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

A similar seminar was held at UN Headquarters in New York the same day: Side Event: "*Global military expenditures*", Co-sponsored by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.

THE IMPACT

GDAMS received extensive coverage from print and online national, regional and local media.

"In 33 states and 86 cities and towns, peace, economic justice, faith based groups used Tax Day and GDAMS to continue grassroots pressure on the U.S. Congress to change national spending priorities and end the austerity drive." Read the [excellent report from Peace Blog](#) on activities in the US, written by our U.S. Focal Point, Judith Le Blanc, Peace Action.

We were able to reach far and wide through websites and

social media to connect to young people. New issue- and activity-based partnerships and coalitions were formed. For example, among peace advocates and trade unions on the defence budget cuts in the U.S.; opposition to the F-35 in (among others) Australia, Canada and the U.S.; and the joint statement of 39 Korean and Japanese civil society organisations appealing for peace in East Asia. A tremendous awareness-raising and outreach effort was carried out through the tens of thousands of leaflets and information materials distributed.

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GDAMS 2013 International Steering Committee Members

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PUBLICATIONS

IPB Studies

Several IPB Studies were published during 2013. All are available on our website.

[Targeting military spending: Disarmament, Development and the Post-15 Development Agenda](#)

By Allison Chandler and Colin Archer, September 2013. The Millennium Development Goals will expire in 2015, to be replaced by the Post-2015 Development Agenda (or Sustainable Development Goals). This [Discussion Paper](#)

gives an overview of how participating in these debates can provide a wonderful opportunity to help shape development policy for the next 15 years and to advance our work on military spending.

Military Spending and Armed Conflict: The Middle East and North Africa – A Case Study By David Hay Edie, September 2013. While indicators suggest that some Western countries are reducing their military expenditure, the Middle East and North African region is experiencing an unprecedented increase. This [discussion paper](#) looks at the Middle East and North Africa as a strategic region where we see this trend at work.

Alternatives to military intervention - A brief overview of the literature By Aude Feltz, July 2013. Commentators often argue that there cannot be only two solutions, military intervention or no action at all. In [‘Alternatives to military intervention’](#), the author discusses some different approaches by identifying their strengths and weaknesses. The aim is to highlight how these tools could be improved.

Rough Seas Ahead? A study of resource conflict in the South China Sea and its relationship to the rising military budgets in Asia-Pacific By Pranati Mehtha, January 2013. The latest in our series of studies looking at the geo-political context

of military expenditure. It looks at the background to the various disputes in the region, and the claims of the various contending states, including the USA. The case is made for a solution through international law rather than military confrontation.

Unilateral Disarmament: A Survey by the International Peace Bureau of national efforts by governments to promote general and complete disarmament outside multi-lateral frameworks. By Yeshua Moser-Puangsuwan, Oct. 2013. The report is the result of a questionnaire sent by the IPB to 172 UN member states, seeking to determine what actions they are taking on their own initiative, esp. regarding a national program of Disarmament Education; efforts to reduce their military expenditures, and how those expenditures could be transferred to human development; and to determine where the decisions regarding disarmament were made in the responding state. Only a small number of states replied, but the survey details and analyses their answers.

Newsletter

Our main networking tool: [IPB News](#) (monthly) carries vital information and opinion on all aspects of D for D work (and nuclear and other topics). Persons wishing to subscribe should contact the Secretariat.

STOCKHOLM TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE, 13-15 SEPT. 2013

‘THE WORLD IS OVER-ARMED AND PEACE IS UNDER-FUNDED’

This was the first IPB conference held in Stockholm since the 1980s, and was generally felt to be a very successful gathering. The location was chosen in part due to the showing our exhibition *Making Peace* at the Nobel Museum, where a special ‘Nobel evening’ was held.

Topic 1. Intervention: weapons or words?

The conference was held just at the critical moment when the balance in the Syrian chemical weapons drama shifted from possible US-led military strikes to a super-power deal to eliminate the Assad regime’s arsenal. On the other hand, the continuation of brutal killings in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere was underlined by a flow of news reports of bombings, shootings and kidnappings. Each country was the subject of a session at the conference. The discussion highlighted the tendency of political leaders to choose direct intervention instead of conflict prevention, peace-building and civilian-protection approaches. There was also a set of presentations on what alternative, non-violent strategies at the grass roots level might look like.

Topic 2. Money and minds

Facts and figures on global military spending were presented, and IPB representatives once again made the case for including military spending in the UN’s Post-2015 Development Agenda. With military spending at levels higher than at any time in history, speakers argued that it is high time that this huge financial resource be considered within the framework of ‘innovative funding for development’. Also

raised was the issue of the ‘**misuse of brainpower**’, ie the tendency for science/engineering/technology to be put at the service of the military system, rather than on human needs. The panel featured a critique of the Swedish defence posture, and a view of development from a human rights perspective.

Conference final statement: *Putting an End to Militarism*

“There was a new hope expressed at the IPB Triennial Conference, welcoming the agreement between Russia and the USA on chemical weapons in Syria. Hopefully this will lead to negotiations to put an end to the terrible civil war. The forming of international coalitions for military intervention is now much more difficult as public opinion against war has become so strong. People are weary of war and the deceit and rhetoric that go with it. They are suspicious of doublespeak and are tired of ‘humanitarian’ statements which end with actions that simply generate more human suffering....” [FULL TEXT](#)

Nobel Peace Evening

Surrounded by the colourful panels of the IPB photo-exhibition *Making Peace*, a packed audience heard presentations from 3 distinguished speakers: Jody Williams, Mairead Maguire (both Nobel Laureates) and Terumi Tanaka,

representing the survivors of the 1945 nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In addition we heard from the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, who celebrated their 130th anniversary in 2013. Former IPB President Maj-Britt Theorin was the evening's moderator.

Sean MacBride Peace Prize ceremony

This year's prize was awarded to [Chelsea \(Bradley\) Manning](#), the celebrated whistleblower whose material was made public via Wikileaks. Col. Ann Wright accepted the medal on Manning's behalf. Other speakers included former Swedish Foreign Minister Pierre Schori, German lawyer Peter Becker, IPB Co-President Tomas Magnusson and Anna Ek, Chair of SPAS.

Nordic members meeting

A short Nordic networking meeting was organized, with some 17 participants from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Some suggestions were made for future Nordic cooperation, including work in relation to the ongoing militarization of the northern areas, and monitoring of both good peace practices and rising tensions.

Triennial Assembly

Every 3 years the IPB holds a formal Assembly, which approves the results of the elections; deals with finance and programme; and discusses priorities for future fundraising and campaign work.

Elections

At the Assembly a number of our members -- notably Tomas Magnusson, outgoing Co-President - were thanked for their service over the last 3 years, as they made way for the newly-elected new Board and Council. The [Board](#) (18 persons from 15 countries) and the [Council](#) (13 persons from 9 regions, plus the Board members) will serve for the next 3 years. During the calendar year 2013 regular skype calls were conducted, as well as physical Board meetings in Mons, Geneva and Stockholm.

Elected Presidents

The German peace activist [Reiner Braun is the new IPB Co-President](#). The managing director of the German section of Lawyers Against Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Weapons (IALANA), he was elected at the IPB's Triennial Assembly. Reiner is also director of the Federation of German Scientists. His Co-President, the former UNESCO Programme Director Ingeborg Breines from Norway, was confirmed in her post for a further 3 years. She made a video interview on behalf of IPB for the Nobel Museum.

OUTREACH

A whole range of activities were undertaken during the year to reach out to NGOs and other groups in various countries, with the aim of engaging them in the work on military spending and development.

Dialogue with development agencies and religious bodies

IPB recognises the importance of engaging in discussion with major development and religious organisations on the



*IPB group at Stockholm Conference, Nobel Museum:
(l. to r. Tore Naerland, Ingeborg Breines, Terumi Tanaka, Jody Williams, Ashley Woods, Colin Archer)*

issue of military spending. In 2013 we began a process of contacting key NGOs and faith bodies, helped by a grant from the Risho Kosei-Kai Buddhist organisation (Japan). We started by mapping the territory and preparing materials for this task. We then set up a number of conversations with leading persons in the various faith groupings. These included:

- Alliance Sud (Switz.)
- Geneva Inter-Religious Platform
- International Fellowship of Reconciliation
- MaryKnoll Fathers and Brothers
- Pax Christi International – and branches
- Religions for Peace
- World Vision
- World YMCA

This project continues into 2014, building on these and other organisational relationships.

One rather special event was the conference organised in January by the **Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust** in Hyderabad, India. IPB was represented there by our Co-President Ingeborg Breines, who accepted a special prize on behalf of the organization. The gathering permitted many new contacts to be made, especially with members of the Hindu community.

MONS (BELGIUM) CONFERENCE MAY 2013 - BETWEEN SECRECY AND TRANSPARENCY: WAR, PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

This Symposium was organised in honour of the Belgian Socialist Senator Henri La Fontaine (Nobel Peace Prize, 1913) who was President of IPB from 1907 to his death in 1943. It was a partnership between the IPB, the Philosophy Department of the University of Mons (UMONS), the Henri La Fontaine Foundation and the Mundaneum Archives Centre. The first day focussed on issues of democracy and transparency, since La

Fontaine was noted for promoting the cause of citizens' access to information, especially through his work in organisations such the Mundaneum which he co-founded with Paul Otlet. The second day offered analyses of contemporary issues linking democracy, armament and war. The event brought together a remarkable line up of philosophers, historians, educators, and activists. We were honoured to hear also from former French Defence Minister Paul Quilès, a courageous advocate of nuclear disarmament in France. The event also gave the participants a rare opportunity to get to know a charming Belgian town with an important historical and architectural background.

Programme and flyer at: <http://expositions.mundaneum.org/en/entre-secret-et-transparence-guerre-paix-et-democratie>

FROM THE OFFICE DIARY

Here are a few highlights taken from the wide range of outreach activities undertaken by staff and Board members:

Funding the climate change battle

On January 24, the *New York Times* published a letter from IPB's Secretary-General arguing that tackling climate change is not a question of 'inadequate funding' but rather of the massive military budgets that need to be re-directed.

Leeds peace lecture, May 2013

Our Secretary-General Colin Archer was honoured to be invited to give the 2013 annual Olof Palme Peace Lecture of the City of Leeds, UK. The illustrated lecture was given at the Leeds Civic Hall and was well received. He followed in the path of many distinguished figures in the peace field: not only Olof Palme but also Johan Galtung, Richard Jolly, Bruce Kent... The lecture topic was *Military Spending in a Time of Austerity*. The website includes a [review of the speech](#).

Visit to Kabul

In May IPB Co-President Reiner Braun took part in a special fact-finding tour of Afghanistan, together with friends from German peace organisations and Afghan colleagues. "Despite many warnings, we found the courage to visit Kabul..." During their visit the group visited many organisations:

- Afghan civil society organisations and NGOs
- government representatives
- the Islamic and secular opposition
- representatives of the Taliban
- representatives of various science associations, and
- the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Afghanistan.

Their impressions and recommendations are included in the [report, available from IPB](#).

High-Level symposium on conflict-sensitive education

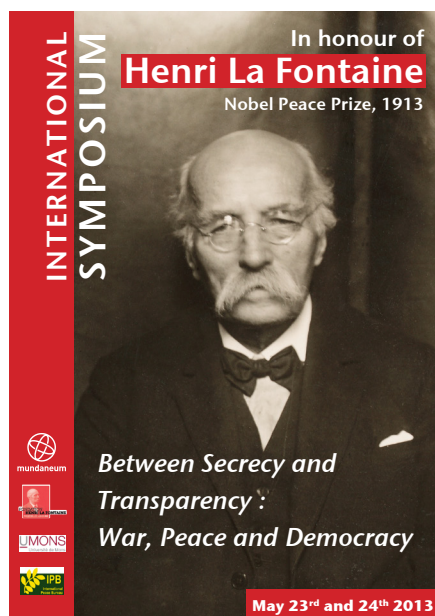
Ingeborg Breines participated in this symposium held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on 8 April. The focus of the meeting, run by the International Network on Emergency Education, and the UNESCO Institute of Educational Planning, was on strategies for developing and implanting conflict sensitive education programmes and policies. [The organizers issued a call for cooperation](#), but Ms Breines expressed IPB's concerns regarding the almost invisibility of the concepts of peace, non-violence, disarmament and a culture of peace in the documents.

Azerbaijan

During this year several meetings were held with representatives of our member organisation in Baku, the [International Eurasia Press Fund](#) in the hope of putting together a peace training programme and conference for NGOs and journalists in the region.

Peace Review article

The argument in favour of reallocating military spending to the UN's Development Agenda was outlined in an academic form in the journal *Peace Review* by Colin Archer in its February 2013 edition ('Projecting Peace').



Economists for Peace and Security conference, held at SIPRI, Stockholm in June. This was the first time that IPB was represented at an EPS conference. Useful connections were made.

Philanthropy for peace conference, The Hague – September 2013.

On 2-3 September 2013, the International Network of Museums for Peace, in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation, held a symposium entitled 'Celebrating Peace Philanthropy and Furthering Peace Education - In the Footsteps of Andrew Carnegie', held at the Peace Palace. The very rich programme included a visit to the City Hall where we viewed several exhibits on related themes, and were present for the unveiling of a special bust of Bertha von Suttner, IPB Vice-President and the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. <http://inmp.net/index.php/projects/peace-palace-centenary/98-symposium/>

Students visit to Geneva

A group of students from the Basel sociology seminar 'Conflict analysis and resolution' met with the IPB Secretary General on 15 November for a session to discuss IPB's work in the disarmament field.

Pakistan Project

Following the attack on St Joseph colony in Lahore, IPB was able to assist five Pakistani member organizations in their work to strengthen relations between Christians and Muslims. In this effort we gratefully acknowledge financial assistance from the Norwegian Stefanus Alliance.

NUCLEAR ABOLITION

IPB has a long history of work to promote the elimination of nuclear weapons, notably in the late 1980s and 1990s when we focused on the struggle to bring the issue to the International Court of Justice (World Court Project); and since 1995 in support of networks such as Abolition 2000, Mayors for Peace, ICAN, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and the Middle Powers Initiative. In 2013 we continued the tradition by participating in a number of key events and projects.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference, Geneva, April 2013

In the first week of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) PrepComm (April 22 - 26), IPB organised a total of **7 side events**, together with our partners IALANA (lawyers), INES (scientists) and others – possibly a record for IPB's participation at one conference.

- Nuclear weapons in Europe
- Science, technology as driving forces for nuclear armament processes - Modernisation and new weapons systems and their scientific and research background
- Strategy of the nuclear weapons abolition movement
- The 60th anniversary of Korean War Armistice and the future of a NE Asia-NWFZ
- Depleted uranium and ecological consequences
- Military research and civil alternatives, e.g. civil clauses
- Nuclear technology as dinosaur-technologies and the role of the IAEA in promoting renewable energy and IRENA
- 1914-2014 - Discussion on events and actions

In addition IPB was the main organiser of a rather successful joint **Day of Action** for disarmament, held on April 23 at the Place des Nations outside the UN, featuring banners, petitions, street theatre, puppets and more. In addition we put on a social evening for those who took part.

Middle Powers Initiative

IPB is one of eight co-sponsoring organisations of the MPI. The role of the organisation is to build support among middle power governments for negotiations leading to nuclear abolition. The high calibre of the participants in these gatherings (governments and NGOs) allows the Forum to tackle in detail the steps required for progress to be made on this challenging issue. Two important meetings were held in 2013: the **Framework Forum** held in Berlin in February, and the **Round Table** in Geneva in late August.

NGO Committee for Disarmament, Geneva

Work continued within the NGO Committee for Disarmament, Geneva, of which IPB is the Secretary. The Committee brings together a range of international organisations working for disarmament. Activities in

2013 included preparing activities for the Geneva NPT PrepComm, and forums such as the Open Ended Working Group and the humanitarian consequences conferences.

Humanitarian Consequences Conference, Oslo

In March 2013 the Norwegian government convened an important [international conference in Oslo](#) to address the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons use. This issue is emerging as a key vehicle for the mobilisation of world opinion in favour of a ban treaty. The conference was preceded by a two day gathering of civil society put together by the international Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. IPB was represented by our Co-President Ingeborg Breines, and several Board members. See [report at IPB website](#).

World Conference against A & H Bombs, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 3-9

As is usual, IPB sent a formal message of support to the annual Conference. We were represented there by Tomas Magnusson (Sweden) outgoing Co-President, attending for his 5th time. He reported that everyone was impressed and encouraged by the level of participation by young people. His speech drew on the rich tradition of disarmament work in which IPB, and he himself, have been an active part of over many decades.

Open the Door event, Basel

In late August Colin Archer travelled to Basel to join the event organised by the Basel Peace Office under the title '[Open the Door to a Nuclear Weapons-Free World](#)'. The programme included a symbolic door opening, outdoor reception, jazz band, and a tour of the city, closing with a speech by the Costa Rican Ambassador Manuel Dengo, Chair of the Open Ended Working Group.

Nuclear Exits conference, Helsinki – 18-19 October 2013.

IPB co-sponsored this important meeting which was organised together with Physicians for Social Responsibility Finland. The purpose of the conference was to learn from the experience of those countries that have foregone the nuclear weapons option, notably South Africa, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia. Co-President Ingeborg Breines spoke for IPB. www.lsv.fi/nuclearexits.

MAKING PEACE EXHIBITION



Source: Making Peace photo exhibition: www.makingpeace.org
Susumu Toshiyuki / Reuters. Japanese children look up at the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, Japan, 5 August 2000, on the eve of the 55th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing.

This project has been one of the great successes of 2013. Making Peace is a major photo-exhibition, created by IPB and first shown in Geneva in 2010. It consists of 100 panels with images by major photographers, plus text in English and local languages. During 2013 the exhibition's curator Ashley Woods succeeded in negotiating venues for two important showings. The first was in **Utrecht**, where it was a highlight of the 2013 festival commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Peace Treaty of Utrecht 1713. It was opened on the annual Liberation Day outside the cathedral, by the Dutch Prime Minister and other dignitaries. The exhibit was shown in the city centre from 11 April - 21 Sept.

The second showing, at the Nobel Museum in Stockholm, was our first indoor venue, and one that proved highly successful, with an estimated 110,000 visitors over a 5-month period. The opening speech was given by IPB's outgoing President Tomas Magnusson, and the Museum organised a range of artistic activities which made the opening a creative experience in itself. The show ran from June to November, a period in which the Museum is visited by large numbers of tourists as well as locals.

The success of the Utrecht and Stockholm showings has helped IPB and the exhibition curator to negotiate favourable arrangements with other cities, notably **Strasbourg, Sarajevo, Basel and Cape Town** in 2014 alone. Other cities/venues are at various stages of development. Support from sponsors such as Hewlett-Packard have been much appreciated.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Nobel nomination

In 2013 IPB nominated the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for the Nobel Peace Prize. WILPF is the oldest international women's peace organisation, with a record dating back to 1915. "Given the breadth and depth of WILPF's engagement with all the key peacemaking issues of the past century, and today's challenges also, WILPF must undoubtedly be considered a 'Champion of Peace', fully meriting the award of the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize."

Nobel Peace Laureates summit – Warsaw

Every year Nobel Peace Laureates meet together to discuss the state of the world and to work together to present a collective peace message. This year's summit was held in the Polish capital at the request of President Lech Walesa. IPB was represented by Secretary-General Colin Archer, and Vice-President Paul Lansu, who took the opportunity after the ceremonies to

make a joint visit to the Auschwitz death camp site. A group of volunteers helped us run a literature stand at the Summit and to engage a large youth group in an afternoon workshop. The 2014 Summit is due to be held in Cape Town.

Speech: <http://www.nobelforpeace-summits.org/international-peace-bureau/>



FORWARD PLANNING

An important part of IPB's work in 2013 was to make plans for new projects over the coming years. This work includes concept development, outreach, fundraising, and constant communications on a global basis.

Preparations for the Sarajevo Peace Event, June 2014

This promises to be the largest international peace gathering related to the centenary of the outbreak of WWI in 2014. Newly elected IPB Co-President Reiner Braun played a key role in the international organising committee, and arranged for IPB members to participate in several major panels and workshops. Many other WWI/peace events are in preparation.

UN Post 2015 Development Agenda

Co-President Ingeborg Breines made a presentation to the Norwegian FoRUM for Development and Environment on the importance of including peace and disarmament in the UN Post 2015 Development Agenda; and of their partnering for the inclusion of the IPB proposal of a 10% yearly worldwide reduction of military costs to benefit the SDGs (2015-2030). This was both a follow-up action to our 2012 publication 'Opportunity Costs' and also a preparation for work done in 2014 on this issue.

FUNDING

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We are deeply appreciative of a generous legacy left to IPB by the late Prof. Kingsley Price.



*Polden·Puckham
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IN MEMORIAM

During the year we lost a number of close friends. These included: **Dr. Ade Adenekan**, Executive Director of the Pan African Reconciliation Centre (Nigeria), and an IPB Council member from 2000 onwards; **Senji Yamaguchi**, an outstanding Hibakusha of Nagasaki; and **Bob Edgar**, a Democratic Party politician and President and CEO of [Common Cause](#), who was a speaker at our 2009 seminar in Washington DC. In April there was a memorial meeting in Athens for our former Vice-President **Mikis Peristerakis**, who died already in 2011.

IPB OFFICIALS 2013 - 2016

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Victor Brindisi	AMERICA SOUTH/Uruguay	Educators for Peace
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