

Report from the ARC•PEACE Meeting, Stockholm 12-13 June 2000



Standing: Paul Mpungu, Kenya; Miki Hayashi, Japan; Martin Quick, UK; Guillaume Lavergne, France; Tom Forman, USA; Luz Maria Sanchwz, Peru; Dania Gonzalez, Cuba; Dorota Włodarczyk, Poland; Jim Morgan, USA; Sandra Hernandez-Colon, USA. *In front:* Osman El Kheir, Sudan; Dick Urban Vestbro, Sweden.



Board meeting at the School of Architecture, Stockholm 12-13 June 2000.

Minutes from the ARC•PEACE Board Meeting Stockholm 12-13 June 2000

The meeting was convened at the School of Architecture – KTH – Room No 303. Items are numbered according to the agenda.

<i>Attendants:</i>	Miki Hayashi	(Japan)
	Tom Forman	(USA)
	Dania Gonzalez	(Cuba)
	Marilu Sanchez	(Peru)
	Dick Urban Vestbro	(Sweden)
	Sven Thiberg	(Sweden)
	Guillaume Lavergne	(France)
	Jim Morgan	(USA)
	Akio Hayashi	(Japan)
	Osman M. EL Kheir	(Sudan)
	Munira Daifalla	(Sudan)
	Sandra Hernandez Colon	(USA)
	Paul Mpungu	(Kenya)
	Martin Quick	(UK)

Friday: the above except Akio Hayashi +
Dorota Wlodarczyk (Poland)
Anna-Christina Borstedt(Sweden)

1. Formal matters

The meeting elected Dick as chairman the first day, Tom as chairman the second day, and Osman as secretary. Marilu was appointed to verify the minutes. Points added to the agenda: Mission statement and Press release.

2. Minutes from the meeting in Lima, November 1997

Minutes from the EC Lima meeting had been sent by e-mail to members. No new printout had been made for the present meeting. The work after the Lima conference had been reported in the newsletter (see attachment).

3. Report from the meeting in London, May 1999

Dick and Marilu had distributed information about the London meeting and a report appeared in the newsletter (see attachment). No formal minutes have been made.

4. Reports from members

Reports from members were presented.

- a. **Sven:** ARC•PEACE Sweden has 60 members and its EC holds monthly meetings. It collaborates with about 20 organisations in Sweden in very inspiring programmes but influence among design and planning professionals is meagre. He stated that schools of architecture are not following ideas of ARC•PEACE.
- b. **Guillaume:** Reported about his willingness to find potential members interested in forming ARC•PEACE-France and suggested producing the Charter in French.
- c. **Jim:** Informed about his actions against NATO nuclear plans, including police intervention against the demonstrators. The ARC•PEACE banner was raised and material and information was distributed. The US professional Network for Social Responsibility combines more than 15 orga-

nisations. Jim became chairman of the ADPSR chapter in New York, which will celebrate its anniversary in 2002.

- d. **Akio** (see attached report): Japanese Architects for Peace and Environment (JAPE) which was established in 1990 (actually started 82 under a different name) has currently 20 members. It embarks on projects related to refreshing memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, passive energy architecture, architectural heritage and disaster relief. The official architects union JIA, adopting a *GLOCAL* approach, will host a conference (AOF Asia 2000).
- e. **Osman**: Procedures for registering an organisation in Sudan are rather cumbersome. However, ARC•PEACE can function under one of the registered organisations such as the Sudanese Institute of Architects or the Sudanese Environmental Conservation Society. There is need for work in many areas of peace and development, and there are some interested individuals who can form a group. Osman also reported about his personal involvement in appropriate technologies and designs.
- f. **Miki**: gave information about her involvement in JAPE and her personal interests in traditional timber constructions and involvement in teaching.
- g. **Tom**: ADPSR met recently to elect a new president and a secretary. ADPSR currently consists of three chapters; New York, Chicago and California. It publishes the Journal 'New Village', two issues of which have been released (samples distributed in the meeting). Symposia are formed to bring people to discuss issues published in the journal. ADPSR also sponsors Peace Awards. The Chicago chapter helped to collect money for ARC•PEACE Peru.
- h. **Dania**: Cuba Solar promotes use of renewable energy in remote isolated communities in Cuba. It undertakes education of people about energy and environmental issues, and produces publications, magazines and books. It is promoting projects of ecological designs, but so far more convincing work is needed.
- i. **Marilu**: ARC•PEACE Peru continues to work forcibly, now with 23 interested members from two national universities. In collaboration with Architects without Boundaries-Spain, it started a pilot housing programme joining students of architecture from Peru and Spain. Students design concrete housing units and women participate in the construction work. Work continues with Habitat-Peru in organising seminars and lectures, and holding meetings with state organisations and institutions to affect policy making and share ideas for the benefit of the poor. A project for the very poor Indians in the mountains is being initiated with ITDG-Peru involving 3 communities and targeting development of mud brick houses.
- j. **Tony Watkins'** written report (see attachment) was distributed and summarised to the meeting. Tony gives a course on peaceful cities. An attempt has been made to send a CD of students' works to Stockholm. Tony keeps good relations with the mayor – a peace award winner – and the Prime minister – an old peace activist. A message from Mark Tollemache and Megan Howell of Arc-Peace Aetoroa was presented to the meeting (see attachment).
- k. **Paul**: conveyed good will and greetings from Reuben and Nicky and expressed their readiness to host ARC•PEACE delegates to the preparatory committee for Habitat II +5. Paul reported about general conditions in Kenya and explained why preparations for the intended 1999 meeting had failed. He promised to return with renewed energy and reported about his personal experience of mobilising his neighbours in an effort to upgrade their area.

5. ARC•PEACE at the UN

Sandra reported about her work as representative of ARC•PEACE at the UN. Since 1989, she chaired the Committee of Human Settlements Women Caucus and participated in the Social Summit, Habitat II and now the preparation for Habitat II+5.

6. Report from the Co-chairs

Jim had prepared a written report, which was duplicated and distributed during the meeting. The two co-chairs reported orally about their activities during the last two years. Marilú has been in almost

continuous contact with Jim through e-mail. She has also kept frequent contacts with Peru, Cuba, Bolivia and other Latin America countries, telling about ARC•PEACE activities. Jim recalled his experience since 12 years in ARC•PEACE. After having survived a difficult time, ARC•PEACE is now a global network. Although he resigns, Jim promised that he will keep close contacts.

7. Report from the Secretariat (see attachment)

Dick reported about the work of the secretariat, mentioning that some of its members have been active since 1987. The last 6 months, when three members left, he remained alone unable to respond to all requests. The secretariat was weakened because of overloading and because of turbulence at the school of Architecture. Jim commended Dick's efforts to keep things going and prepare for the Board Meeting and INES conference, to be sent to Tom.

8. Economic report (see attachment)

In the absence of Rolf, the economic report for 1999 was read. Surplus money from 1998 was SEK 27.253, the total income for 1999 was SEK 1.832, and expenditure was SEK 10.381. It was discussed that bank charges are expensive. Sandra will consult an international banker to find out about cheap transfer of money. Dick will ask Rolf to provide a report of the financial situation up to the INES conference.

9. Revision of the Charter

Jim's article from a previous newsletter on the need to revise the ARC•PEACE Charter was distributed (see attachment), as well as a proposal prepared by Dick. The Charter was intensively discussed, especially Article II, which was thought to require changes. Several amendments were discussed during the two days meeting. The last version was unanimously approved. It was printed and distributed during the meeting. It was decided to inform about it in the next newsletter.

10. Membership questions

It was reported that some members do not keep in touch, and some have not paid for several years. Anna is alone in Poland, and Myrna is alone in Spain. None of them have formed groups. Uncertainty remains about ARC•PEACE Aotearoa and the organisations in former Soviet Union. Igor Voskresenski and Aleksander Kudryavtsev do not communicate often (Igor afterwards sent a message apologising for not being able to come, and wishing all the best). It was stressed that ARC•PEACE needs some formalisation of membership. A plan for regularisation and recruitment was approved as follows:

- Tony/Mark/Megan: to constitute a formal New Zealand group and assist in forming an Australian group.
- Jim + Tom: try to get a Canadian group started
- Guillaume: tries to form a group in France
- Paul: forms a Kenyan group
- Marilu: tries to get Spanish membership clear
- Anna and Dorota: Polish group
- Dick: Tanzania and South Africa
- DUV + Akio: Korea
- Osman: Arabic speaking world
- As for Germany: investigate through the INES about peace movements, probably among students.

11. Composition of the EC/Board

12. Election of the co-chairs

13. Secretariat for the next period

The three issues were discussed in combination. Marilu was re-elected Co-chair and Dick was elected Co-chairs after Jim, who resigned. Tom was elected Secretary after Dick, who resigned as secretary. It was also decided to elect Tom as Treasurer, assuming that Rolf will continue to do the bookkeeping. Paul, Dania, Jim and Mark (continuing as the webmaster) are to form a Communication Group with Paul as the co-ordinator. According to the new Charter the highest body of the Organisation will be the Board. It was decided to regard the existing EC as the new Board, with the addition of Dania, Fabian and Guillaume, to be confirmed by those not present at the meeting. It was also decided to form an EC, consisting of the Co-chairs, Secretary/Treasurer, UN representative and the co-ordinator of the Communications group (Marilu, Dick, Tom, Sandra and Paul).

As regards funding and outreach to others, Jim was thanked for his active fundraising and Marilu for her active recruitment. Special compliments were conveyed to Akio for his generous contribution to the present meeting. Some of the organisations do not pay their dues. Invoices must be sent together with updated information and newsletters and reminders. New financing sources must be identified. It is desirable that a secretary be employed.

14. ARC•PEACE's role in Global Action to Prevent War (GAPW)

Since the middle of 1999 ARC•PEACE is a member of Global Action to Prevent War (GAPW), but very little communication has taken place. Jim informed the meeting about what he had been able to find out. He also informed about Action 2000, which had recruited about 2000 organisations, and about the Anti-missile Program (see attachment).

15. Future involvement of ARC•PEACE in aid projects

Dick referred to a discussion held at the London meeting about this issue, and to an exchange of email messages about the CONCREMAT project. It was felt that ARC•PEACE has no resources for aid projects of its own at the moment. Marilu is in contact with Spanish Architects without Borders about aid projects in Peru. Guillaume hopes to go to Lima to work with Marilu.

16. ARC•PEACE's position to past and current conflicts

There was not enough time to discuss this point of the agenda.

17. ARC•PEACE's participation in Habitat II+5

Sandra and Jim informed about the plans for HabitatII+5. The next preparatory meeting will be held in Nairobi. The venue of the real Habitat II+5 has not yet been determined. It was decided to send, if financial means allow, a delegation to Nairobi composed of Marilu, Sandra, Bob, Stephan, Jim, David, Paul, Nicky and Osman. The nine papers to workshop B7 will be produced in a document for the Nairobi meeting, in addition to a presentation by Marilu about housing programmes run by Estrategia in Peru, and a brochure (in English and Spanish). Discussions with officials at Habitat, authorities and local communities in Kenya are expected. Preliminary costs for documents, travel and activities will be about USD 8400. Stephan and Bob are to prepare a document to be presented to the meeting in June. Marilu's work will be central and others compile around it, e.g. Solar in Japan and Cuba. The Board supported the plan and authorised Jim to search for funding and keep the Board updated about progress of preparation and contents of the exhibits.

18. Newsletter, brochure, website, listserver

Jim is willing to produce the two next newsletters. One will contain articles about this meeting, the charter and the Nairobi meeting. We decided to remind Mark about his commitment to be the website editor. Dick is willing to update the previous brochure, presenting ARC•PEACE.

19. Budget for the coming period and fund-raising

The following list of indicative membership fee was proposed and accepted. It indicates dues to be paid by organisations and individuals in USD as follows:

ADPSR, JAPE: 500 each.

AESR, Swedish ARC•PEACE: 200 each.

ARC•PEACE Moscow, IAUA/CIS; ARC•PEACE Aotearoa: 100 each.

ARC•PEACE Peru, ARC•PEACE Bolivia, Cuba Solar and individuals: 50 each

Students: USD 20, or write an essay or make a visual presentation expressing the reason to join ARC•PEACE.

20. Forthcoming events

It was emphasised that it is essential to intensify relations with students and universities.

21. Any other business

Jim was commissioned to write a Press release to be sent to Stockholm mass media and to be used for architects' journals (see attachment).

The proposed Mission statement was distributed and discussed.

It was decided to continue the discussion on Friday evening.

Continued Board Meeting, Stockholm Friday 16th June 2000

1. Reflections about the former meeting and new thoughts were exchanged.
2. Representation of Spain is pending till confirmed. One country can be represented by more than one person. The layout of the stationary was revised and agreed upon (see attachment). Sandra volunteered to work on the design of a logo for ARC•PEACE.
3. The Co-chairs will send updated information for members and seek response by 30 days (to be distributed together with the newsletter within 2 weeks).
4. Dick will write a letter to be sent to New Zealand and Moscow/former USSR requesting them to specify their Board representation.
5. Marilu writes a letter to the Spanish Architects without Boundaries requesting them to join ARC•PEACE, and possibly form ARC•PEACE Spain (within 2 weeks).
6. Marilu and Dania produce a design for a membership certificate (soon).
7. Tom will send a message and the newsletter to listed individuals who have expressed an interest in ARC•PEACE, asking for support.
8. Osman will write the minutes for Marilu to sign (by the 24th June).
9. The Mission Statement was discussed and revised. Tom will rewrite it and e-mail it to Board members.
10. The next EC Meeting is planned to be held at the Habitat II+5 in June 2001 (wherever it will take place).
11. The next Board meeting is planned to be held in connection with the celebration of the anniversary of the New York chapter of ADPSR in 2002.

Osman El Kheir
Secretary

Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado
Co-chair

Dick Urban Vestbro
Co-chair

Attachment, point 2

ARC•PEACE Peru after Livable Cities Conference

Since the International Conference – Livable Cities for All – ARC•PEACE Peru has been engaged in continuing its work with students of architecture from The National University of Engineering and The National University, Federico Villarreal. The success of the Conference enabled ARC•PEACE Peru to invite students, researchers, teachers and professionals to participate in the projects being sponsored by the NGO – ESTRATEGIA.

Through the Center of Investigation and Action For Urban Development, interested students of architecture can become involved in urban and social development programmes that benefit the low income sectors. To date fifteen students are currently participating with us on projects recycling waste programmes, landscaping in parks and construction of housing units using construction materials produced by Concremat. The students work two days per week on these various projects and have designed 36 square meter housing units, utilizing concrete block walls, prefabricated beams and concrete units for the floors and roofs.

These new housing units will provide a higher standard of living for the occupants. The students are also preparing drawing for communal facilities, such as communal dining rooms and pre-schools for children. With these plans the residents can begin construction of shared facilities that help build communities. These projects will benefit low income communities by creating jobs producing building materials at CONCREMAT as well providing housing where the cost of materials is 30% less than conventional materials. These experiences provide students in urban development and social programmes the opportunity to work directly with poor communities and gain practical experience while giving an invaluable service to the people of limited means.

We in ARC•PEACE Peru believe that as architects we have a responsibility to educate and train low income people so that they can construct their own dwellings, provide the necessary urban infrastructure services of water, sewage and electricity. This work enables poor residents to gain equity, permanence and community and, in the future, more economic stability. ARC•PEACE Peru is working to make its contribution to implementing Agenda 21 of Habitat II and we will continue to develop sustainable programmes.

Luz Maria Sánchez

Attachment, point 4d

A report for the ARC•PEACE Stockholm meeting from Japanese Architects for Peace and the Environment

By Akio Hayashi

In 1982, a group of architects called the Association of Architects for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons gathered to address the abolition of nuclear weapons. In 1990, this group changed its name to Japanese Architects for Peace and the Environment (JAPE). JAPE has been working on various peace activities and actions to protect the global environment. Our ultimate goals are the elimination of war, the abolition of nuclear weapons, and contributing to the resolution of urgent global environmental issues.

Since 1990, JAPE has been focusing on issues presented by individual members. Rather than choosing our initiatives as a group, we discuss the propositions brought to us by our members. Participation in each activity is left up to each member. We work as a loosely connected network, but we act together and give support to each other as much as possible. Our activities are very diverse.

JAPE currently has about 20 members. We do not have membership dues per se, but when our operation requires it, we collect fees from members. Among our main activities for the last 10 years are the following:

1. To keep the Torch fire from Hiroshima and Nagasaki

To express a hope for eternal peace and abolition of nuclear weapons, a monument was erected at Tōshōgū shrine in Ueno (Tokyo), through a grass-roots fund-raising campaign. Hiroshima and Nagasaki have kept a torch fire, which was ignited by the atomic bombing over 50 years ago. It's been 7 years since the fire was given from Hiroshima and Nagasaki to Tōshōgū shrine. The 'Torch from Hiroshima and Nagasaki' will continue to light us for years to come. It will let visitors know the misery, which was caused by nuclear weapons, and it will appeal to our conscience on how important peace is.

Many people contributed to the construction of this monument. JAPE members played a major part in it.

2. Building passive energy architecture

Most JAPE members are promoting passive energy architecture. This method models itself on Nature. Its goal is to reduce consumption of energy and resources. For example, we are promoting the OM Solar System, designed by Akio Okumura. This system utilizes heat and air circulation dynamics, and is very effective. It is an ecological design, which integrates regional climate, environment, and tradition. When we promote this system to engineering firms all over Japan, we also suggest the way houses should be built according to the particular region's climate or environment. From 1987 to April 2000, the OM Solar System was installed in about 12,000 buildings.

3. Preservation of architectural heritage

Japanese buildings' life spans are short. It is a continuous 'Scrap and Build' process. A music building in Yokohama, designed by Kunio Maekawa, is known for its excellent acoustic effect. This building is less than 40 years old, but there were plans to tear it down because of redevelopment in the area. Most of JAPE's members led the preservation movement along with musicians and other citizens. Coinciding with a sudden recession in the Japanese economy, this movement gained considerable public support. We succeeded in preserving the building. In the meantime, a lot of Japanese modern architecture still faces the danger of being torn down. In Japan, preservation of our architectural heritage continues to be a big challenge.

4. Disaster relief for Kobe-Osaka earthquake and continued activity

A big earthquake hit the Kobe-Osaka area in January 1995. It killed more than 6,000 people, and destroyed about 200,000 buildings. Most of the destroyed buildings were made of wood. This fact was shocking to architectural designers, engineering contractors, and timber suppliers who were promoting wooden buildings. Immediately after the earthquake, many architects helped in constructing temporary shelters, or conducted detailed research on damages. Architects who came together to contribute these services have continued their work. They formed the organization called the Laboratory for Wooden Structure Housing to research wooden housing. This organization continues to be active.

5. Participation in the UIA Work Program, 'Architecture of the Future (AOF)'

The Japan Institute of Architects (JIA) has been searching the ideal forms of architecture and cities for a 'sustainable society.' For the past 6 years, JIA has been proposing an Architecture of the Future (AOF) to facilitate such a society. AOF combines two seemingly opposite approaches: maintaining a global perspective on the environment, and making use of local characteristics particular to a given region. These approaches came together as a 'glocal (global + local)' approach, which seeks to link time, space, and human beings. The effectiveness of this approach was reported at the UIA conference in Beijing in June 1999. It was received with enthusiasm, and will be featured at the next conference, which is to be held at Berlin in 2002.

JIA will host the 'AOF Asia 2000' conference in Tokyo from June 23 to June 25, 2000. This conference will give us the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming 'Sustainable Building 2000' at Maastricht, Holland in October. Some JAPE members have been part of the 'AOF Asia 2000' conference.

6. Other matters

Those are some of the main activities with which JAPE members are involved. I would like to mention two other JAPE activities in relation to ARC●PEACE.

First, I would like to introduce the architect Shigeru Ban. He has been involved with the construction of refugee camps in Uganda, and worked on temporary shelters immediately after the Kobe-Osaka earthquake. His unique building method employs paper pipes. His architecture is based on the idea of 'Zero emissions.' He designed the Japanese Pavilion for the World Expo in Hanover.

Second, I would like to mention the activities of the Japanese Housing Council. There are many problems with Japanese housing policies. Japan's standard for living conditions is low, and rights to adequate housing are not fully protected. Poor living conditions do not seem to be improving, and there are new problems to be dealt with: living conditions for elderly people, harmful chemicals used in building materials which cause allergies and other sicknesses, the increasing number of homeless people, etc. The Japanese Housing Council has been actively involved with these issues since 1982.

This concludes the outline of my report.

There are many Japanese people who go abroad as tourists, but fewer people go to foreign countries to give help or contribute to other societies. Japanese people need to break out of the confinement of a small country, and communicate with a greater variety of people in the world. We have to make an effort toward greater co-operation among the world's countries and people. I am participating in this meeting because I want to tell you about the situation in Japan, and to draw Japanese architects' attention to ARC●PEACE's activities. Right now, I am thinking of creating a network for activities in Japan. I especially want young people to join in our actions. This is indispensable for a stronger connection between ARC●PEACE and JAPE.

I hope this meeting in Stockholm will deepen the understanding and trust between ARC●PEACE and groups from many different countries.

Akio Hayashi

Attachment, point 3

Future of ARC●PEACE discussed in London

Members of the ARC●PEACE Executive Committee met in London in May to discuss urgent issues. While there we met with our member organisation in the UK, Architects and Engineers for Social Responsibility (AESR). We had constructive discussions with our British colleagues about the use of depleted uranium in the war in former Yugoslavia, about actions against nuclear power in the UK, and about future cooperation between ARC●PEACE and AESR. We also agreed upon a resolution condemning the NATO war in former Yugoslavia.

We had the pleasure of accepting a new member into our organisation: Cuba Solar, an NGO working for sustainable energy solutions in Cuba (see newsletter no.14). We also granted membership to a new group called ARC●PEACE Bolivia.

Coming directly from a peace conference in Amsterdam, Jim Morgan brought us the news of a new program, "Global Action to Prevent War — A Coalition-Building Effort to Stop War, Genocide, and Other Forms of Deadly Conflict". The London meeting proposed to the EC that ARC●PEACE join this global action (which was subsequently done).

The fact that our planned Nairobi conference had to be cancelled was also examined. We agreed to send greetings to our Kenyan colleagues, encouraging them to prepare for a meeting in connection with the final preparatory committee meeting for "Habitat+5", to be held in Nairobi in February, 2001.

This coming year, ARC-PEACE will meet in Stockholm in connection just before the INES 2000 conference, on 12-13 June

On the basis of Jim Morgan's proposal in Newsletter No 14, the London meeting also discussed revision of the ARC•PEACE Charter. Megan Howell agreed to prepare a proposal which will be presented at the Stockholm ARC•PEACE meeting. Mark Tollemache was appointed webmaster for both the listserver and the webpage of ARC•PEACE.

Architect Eric DeVaris organized an ARC•PEACE meeting at the UIA Beijing Congress on June 29th. He reports that almost twenty people attended this event, including founding ARC•PEACE members Akio Hayashi, Tokyo, Alexandre Kudryavtsev, Moscow, Reuben Mutiso, Nairobi (a category into which both DeVaris and his wife Jeanette also fit). After a wideranging discussion, particularly concerning on-going global proliferation of nuclear weapons, those present came to these conclusions. It was agreed that ARC•PEACE should: a) better define its goals and objectives; b) continue to support socially responsible architecture and architects, and c) work more closely with UIA on issues of common concern.

Dick Urban Vestbro

Attachment, point 4j

Report from Arc-Peace Aotearoa

Tony Watkins (6 & 8 June 2000)

University support for a peaceful built environment

The course on Peaceful Cities at the University of Auckland has had a record number of enrolments this year. All assignments have been submitted in web-page format on a CD-ROM, so that they can be compiled into a single web-page. We hope to have this up and running in the foreseeable future, but make no promises. The students have been working towards sending their material on a CD-ROM to Stockholm, but our deadlines have been impossibly tight.

Each student has dealt with a single characteristic, which we might expect to find in a Peaceful City, and the aim has been to think globally while suggesting practical local action, which might be realised with minimal cost and minimal engagement with the negative energy of bureaucrats.

For example one student defended the thesis that *"In a Peaceful City every home would have a herb garden."* Last week I had dinner with Bob Harvey, Mayor of Waitakere City, and put the idea to him. (Some of you will remember "Mister Bob" from Turkish television when he was part of the Arc-Peace Aotearoa group at the Habitat II Conference. Since then he has visited Stockholm, and met with Dick, when he was awarded his "Mayors for Peace" Award, on the nomination of Arc-Peace Aotearoa.) He was enthusiastic and is seeking the approval of his Council to promote Waitakere City as *"The city where every home has a herb garden"*, in the hope that other cities around the world might follow their example. The aim, of course, is to sensitise people, to the smells of a city, to the ease of breaking off a sprig of thyme for a neighbour to grow, to the history of herbs over the centuries, to the legends of herbs, and of course to the recognition that nature heals and crosses racial and cultural boundaries.

The Gallipoli Peace Park

On 25 April 2000 the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Helen Clark, flew to Gallipoli to declare the Peace Park open. The global media coverage of the dawn ceremony was extensive, so I imagine I do not need to elaborate on something, which is already familiar to you.

Last week, along with other architects, I had dinner with Helen, and put to her the Arc-Peace Aotearoa initiative of creating a walking path up the Monash Gully, in accordance with the winning entry of the UIA Competition. She was enthusiastic, and feels that the concept will gain government support. New Zealand would then challenge Australia to put a similar path up past Shell Green to Lone Pine. The French, the British, and other nations would then be encouraged to follow suit. The idea is to give a

few army engineers a really peaceful job to do, and to encourage a commitment through action of all the nations of the world to this major initiative by the architects, planners and designers of the world.

The tragic earthquakes in Turkey of course had an impact on everything else happening in Turkey. The architects who went from New Zealand to assist have now returned home. Our Prime Minister took time out on her Gallipoli trip to visit people who had lost their homes. It is perhaps worth noting that Helen Clark has been a peace activist all her life, so that peace is very high on the Aotearoa government agenda. The possibilities are limited only by the imagination of architects.

Peace and the UIA

After twenty years of effort New Zealand has finally joined the UIA. I had dinner last week with Ron Pynenburg, the President of the New Zealand Institute of Architects, and put to him the concept that the considerable achievements of Arc-Peace Aotearoa should be advanced through the formation of a UIA Working Group on achieving peace through the built environment. He was supportive, and the idea is being developed. If all goes well it will be a topic of discussion between Australia and New Zealand in July. Allan Rodger, from Melbourne, who you will all remember from Habitat II in Istanbul, has already given his support to the concept.

The initiative would provide both a task and a focus for New Zealand. It would also mean that peace would be reported on at all UIA meetings, as a matter of equal concern to environment, energy etc. We seek your support, and if our ideal is realised we would invite those interested to become members of the Working Group.

Habitat + 5

The enormous amount of energy expended in Nairobi, New York and Istanbul to put peace firmly on the global architectural agenda has been a hard act to follow. I did not have dinner with anyone from United Nations last week, for which I apologise. Massimiliano Fuksas has gone on to mainstream the message at the 2000 Venice Biennale, but the response of "the big names" seems a little disappointing.

Globalisation

We need to remind ourselves of the changes, which have taken place since the formation of IAPPNW. Communication then was extremely difficult and when Arc-Peace Aotearoa spoke of the way in which the Internet would change the whole nature of organisations such as Arc-Peace few could comprehend. Almost no one had heard of the Internet. The week before last I had lunch with Megan, Mark and Claire and we celebrated what had been achieved in setting up the Arc-Peace List-Serve. The project of course is ongoing. Claire left the meal to go to Cambodia for two years of voluntary service helping the local people, and Megan and Mark went off to Christchurch. Better to be spread thinly than not to be spread at all.

Thanks

I would like to extend on behalf of everyone in Arc-Peace Aotearoa our grateful thanks to all our friends everywhere. You support us, you encourage us, you stimulate us, you challenge us, and you keep us working for world peace through architecture, planning and design. Forgive us for those times when we fail to meet your high expectations. We do our best, and, as you may have noticed, life is not always easy.

Addition 8 June 2000

I omitted to mention Heidi Mardon's recent huge success. (You will all remember Heidi as a member of the Arc-Peace Aotearoa delegation to the Nairobi Preparatory Committee for Habitat II.) The Ministry for the Environment has given her a \$100,000 grant to write up her environmental education package into a 'toolkit' and to travel New Zealand training facilitators. She said that the MfE endorsement is helping with local government buy-in around the country. This project will be encouraging more young urban gardeners, and bring fresh greens to dinner tables everywhere.

Love thy neighbour

Verney Ryan (you will remember Verney as one of the Arc-Peace Aotearoa team in Istanbul for Habitat II) has pointed out that the real reason some people go to dinner is to get the leftovers for Piglet. Piglet is more or less, and Piglet is definitely more rather than less, the Arc-Peace Aotearoa mascot. On 25 April everyone in New Zealand was given a national holiday making it possible for them to watch the hour long television documentary entitled "Love Thy Neighbour". This programme featured Piglet dealing with issues of peace in cities, and was extremely well received. It has been nominated for this year's "Media Peace Awards".

Reducing architectural conflict

On the initiative of Arc-Peace Aotearoa the Auckland Environment Group of the New Zealand Institute of Architects has recommended that the architects of the world should adopt an "Architectural Diversity Convention" as part of their Environment Policy. You will recall that one of the outcomes of UNCED Rio was the Biodiversity Convention. At the UIA Congress in Montreal Arc-Peace Aotearoa initiated the adoption of a resolution recommending that every architectural institute should have an environmental policy. The New Zealand policy provided a template for some seventy other countries. Thus most architectural institutes have formally endorsed their support for biodiversity. At Habitat II Arc-Peace Aotearoa put forward the concept of an "Architectural Diversity Convention". The concept was well received, but too late to become part of the official documents.

Peace will not be possible until there is a peaceful relationship between architecture and culture, a peaceful relationship between architecture and place, a peaceful relationship between architecture and diverse ecosystems, and a peaceful relationship between widely diverse approaches to architectural design. Respect for vernacular traditions is not enough. The fundamental conflict between architectural globalisation and vernacular architecture needs to be resolved.

Arc-Peace Aotearoa seeks the support of other nations in bringing about peace within our own profession. We would consider it outrageous if planners and architects reduced the wonderful diversity of ethnic food, or the wonderful diversity of ethnic music, to uniform mediocrity, and yet we allow them to do this to the built environment without even recognising that this is a peace issue.

Hoki Mai. ("Come home, come back to your roots")

It is a little premature to invite everyone to dinner, but Arc-Peace Aotearoa has initiated a very ambitious proposal to set up an "International Centre for Vernacular Architecture and Vernacular Urban Design". We have secured a right to purchase a building in Rawene. Rawene is a small town in the Hokianga in the north of New Zealand. Hokianga is notable for its vernacular architecture, and Rawene is notable as a world example of vernacular urban design. The building over which we have an option is the key building of the township on a corner adjacent to the wharf and ferry terminus. At the moment we are seeking US\$75,000 for the purchase of the building. If anyone is able to assist us in turning "Hoki Mai" into a reality we would be extremely grateful.

If we succeed we would naturally invite everyone from Arc-Peace to a very extended dinner, lasting at least a week. The accommodation is free, unless you want to stay at the local hotel, which is less than a minute's walk away, and costs around US\$15. The food would be free, as the Hokianga is famous for its hospitality. We could guarantee everyone the best South

Pacific holiday they have ever had in their life. If anyone wishes to become involved in some of our community projects to help the unemployed it is less than ten minutes by boat to one site where we are exploring sustainability, rebuilding a flour mill, building a schoolhouse, establishing orchards and building a wharf. One of New Zealand's largest housing for the poor projects is close by, as is a major 200 hectare conservation project, where the Arakainga house has been built over the last twelve months. (You will remember the Arakainga House as one of the Arc-Peace Aotearoa initiatives following Habitat II.)

Arc-Peace Aotearoa has also recently launched what we believe will be the first building in the world to combine an ancient tradition with a new technology. People throughout New Zealand are being invited to contribute to the building whatever they wish. The only constraint is that they must act in a

spirit of love and peace. Last week, for example, we were given \$10,000 worth of T&G kauri flooring. A pilgrimage will then bring all these gestures of love to a site in the Hokianga, where the challenge to architects will be to build a building from love.

The sustainable New Zealand bach was built in this way, but now we have the Internet to assist us. We are setting up a web-page to stimulate, facilitate and co-ordinate the process. Naturally when the building is completed everyone will celebrate with kai (Maori for "food" or "dinner") Tino pai ("Well done Arc-Peace Aotearoa").

On behalf of Arc-Peace Aotearoa

Tony Watkins

Attachment 4j

Message from Mark Tollemache and Megan Howell, Arc-Peace Aotearoa

To: <arc-peace@egroups.com>
Cc: <dickurba@arch.kth.se>
Subject: best wishes for the meeting
Date: Sun, 11 Jun 2000 11:29:32 +1200

Dear Arc-Peace members,

We're writing to wish you well in your meeting at Stockholm in this, UNESCO's Year for the Culture of Peace. We're sorry we can't be with you.

We know the question of how to take Arc-Peace forward is a challenging one, but are sure that you will be able to resolve it at this meeting. If 'building a culture of peace' is what Arc-Peace is about (as discussed in London, 1999), then we believe it's time to get on with the construction.

The Five year review of Istanbul occurs in 2001. It is our belief that Arc-Peace has an important role in this review, and should send a strong delegation. This includes support for the efforts of our Kenyan colleagues who are best positioned to liaise with UNCHS.

We look forward to the outcomes of the meeting and moving ahead with Arc-Peace's future.

All the best

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Attachment, point 7

Report from the Secretariat

From 1 Dec 1997 (Lima conference) to 10 June 2000 (Stockholm conference)

The Secretariat has been composed of Dick Urban Vestbro, Rolf Johansson, Ahmad Kanyama and Germán Perotti. Rolf has been responsible for the accounts and for the website. Ahmad resigned from the Secretariat in December 1999 and Germán in March 2000. Even before these resignations the Secretariat had difficulties to fulfil the tasks given to it. The main reason has been that Secretariat members have been overloaded with tasks within their ordinary jobs.

The duties of the Secretariat is supposed to include: the keeping of updated lists of EC members, of organisational and individual members of ARC●PEACE, and of persons, who have expressed an interest in ARC●PEACE; the collection of fees and keeping the accounts; keeping in touch with members of the EC; answering letters and emails from various parts of the world; distributing the newsletter; updating the website; and preparing for and following up ARC●PEACE meetings.

The most time-consuming task in the period covered in this report has been to communicate with the EC, especially between the Secretary and the two Co-chairs. From the Lima to the Stockholm conference (2,5 years) considerably more than 1000 email messages have been exchanged with the Secretary. The absolute majority of the incoming messages have been answered. Unfortunately not all EC members have been possible to reach by email, and some with email facilities have not been good at answering. Sometimes the Secretariat has sent a selection of print-outs of correspondence over certain themes to those without email (Martin Valatin, at times Anna Pawlikowska, Igor Voskresensky and Osman El Kheir), but it has not been possible to make this a normal procedure. The correspondence between the Secretary and the two Co-chairs has been intensive, sometimes almost daily.

An important task after the Lima conference was to plan for the next international ARC●PEACE meeting. In Lima a preliminary decision was taken to have the next international ARC●PEACE meeting in Chicago, but for various reasons this plan was changed when the ARC●PEACE group in Kenya offered to arrange a conference in Nairobi. This proposal was immediately accepted by the ARC●PEACE leadership and the meeting was to be held in June 1999. Despite serious attempts by the Secretariat and the Co-chairs to assist in various ways, the Nairobi group failed to respond adequately, and finally it was decided to cancel the Nairobi conference. Instead a partial EC meeting was held in London in May 1999, where it was decided to hold the next major ARC●PEACE meeting in Stockholm, in connection with the INES conference. The Secretariat devoted substantial efforts to sort out the details around the planned Nairobi meeting, and around the implemented London meeting.

After the London meeting the Secretariat, in co-operation with Co-chair Marilu, sent out a report with a number of questions to be answered by all EC members. The questions addressed the issues of the Stockholm meeting, membership in Global Action to Prevent War, changes in the composition of the EC and some other issues. The procedure showed that it was possible to take EC decisions by email, although the response from some EC members was non-existent.

The Secretariat has printed and distributed all issues of the newsletter that have been published during the period. It has also been put on the website. At the London meeting it was decided that Mark Tolle-mache should take over the responsibility for the website, but this decision has not been implemented.

The newsletter is a useful instrument to recruit new members, something that is of utmost importance for the future of ARC●PEACE. Between 30 and 60 copies of each newsletter have been sent to addresses on the list of persons, who have expressed an interest in ARC●PEACE, but this has resulted in little response. Much more could have been done to follow up such contacts, but the resources of the Secretariat have not been enough to fulfil this duty. Instead Marilú has been the major source of recruitment of new members. Desires have been expressed that the Secretariat should work out a membership certificate and send such certificates to new members, but time has not allowed this task to be carried out.

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PROPOSAL TO REORGANIZE ARC•PEACE OPERATIONS

by *Jim Morgan*

As part of its Executive Committee (EC) sessions in Stockholm, June 12th and 13th, there will be a review of the organizations' operations since the last EC meeting in Lima, November 1997, taking into account an unofficial gathering in London on May 16, 1999.

A major undertaking is reconsideration of both the ARC•PEACE Mission Statement (see newsletter no.15 for a proposed revision) and the ARC•PEACE Charter which has not been re-examined since our 1993 meeting (see newsletter no.14). Among other possibilities, there is a proposal that EC membership be shared by more than one person from a nation and that, perhaps, they be listed not by nations but by regions.

One pressing matter is Charter Article IV, which calls for congresses every three years to deliberate on ARC•PEACE's direction. No congress has yet been held in the thirteen years since our organization was founded at Brighton, England as International Architects Designers Planners for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IADPPNW). The current name of our group was adopted at the 1990 EC meeting in Montreal. Since our founding, the Executive Committee, which was intended to oversee activities between congresses, has become the de facto governing organ and its meetings, generally every two or three years, mark the occasions during which future ARC•PEACE policy is discussed and determined.

This proposal, in addition to calling for removal of the congress paragraphs, institutionalizes that oversight role for the EC, which would continue to meet every second or third year for that purpose. In turn, the EC would be replaced as the interim operations agent by an international "management committee" of about six people who, relying on the Internet, would actively attend to business matters. Essentially this is what has been happening for the past two years with the two co-chairpersons, Marilu Sanchez and Morgan, conferring frequently by e-mail with Dick Urban Vestbro, our secretary, in Stockholm.

What is new in the proposal is that those appointed to the management committee would have specific tasks for which each is accountable to the EC. Additional positions are to be spun off in order to increase the number of managers, thus spreading the workload more widely. At our London meeting last May, we began this process by asking Dr. Sandra Hernandez-Colon of NYC to serve as head of our U.N. delegation and Mark Tollemache of New Zealand (Aotearoa) to handle our electronic communications. Two other jobs to be filled are newsletter editor, presently handled by Morgan, and membership/finances, presently managed by Rolf Johansson of Stockholm, a long-time member of our Secretariat. The latter job may well remain in Stockholm but the others can be carried out anywhere in the world.

This diagram implies oversight by each co-chairperson of two of the other jobs although all six would be considered of equal weight in terms of on-going functional obligations. Those members of the management committee other than co-chairs would have the ability to call for review of a co-chairperson's performance should that be necessary. In other words, it would be a non-hierarchical, interactive, interdependent committee whose participants accept the obligation of keeping things going, not just that of being members of a body that meets every once-in-a-while to discuss policy matters.

Attachment, point 14

Report on the Global Action to Prevent War

Date: Thu, 8 Jun 2000 20:29:05 -0400
From: randyforsberg <forsberg@idds.org>
To: James Morgan <jdm4@is3.nyu.edu>
Subject: Global Action news for distribution

Hi Jim,

I hope you will be checking your email this evening! After months of preparation we held the founding meeting of the International Steering Committee of Global Action to Prevent War - a true executive body (unlike the previous, hastily gathered 'coordinating committee').

I don't know whether you have checked our website lately, but during the last month we have put a lot of new material there, including the names of the International Steering Committee members, the subset which is the executive committee, and, most important, the founding working groups which will actually be the action part of Global Action. The Working Groups are set up around near-term priorities, which we believe can be implemented over the next 3-5 years, and which would facilitate further progress.

On June 23-25 on the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick we will be holding the founding US Steering Committee meeting, paralleling the international meeting. To this we have invited individuals and organizational heads who, have indicated serious commitment to Global Action and the ability to contribute concretely to launching the campaign.

The event, including meals, rooms, and meetings, will be held at the Rutgers University Inn. It costs \$200 for a single room and 6 meals over the time from dinner Friday evening through lunch Sunday. All the material needed to prepare for the conference is now on the global action website, <http://www.globalactionpw.org>. There are three key items:

- the latest revision of the Global Action program statement, Rev. 14, on which we request comments by email prior to the meeting;
- the list of international Working Groups and near-term priorities, which, we ask participants to review carefully and see whether they represent a good model for work on the USA, or we should adopt a modified near-term agenda and process; and
- the actual agenda for the meeting, which you cannot click on but can get to by typing in the following address: <http://www.globalactionpw.org/gapw-mainpages/leadership/june23.html>

Please let me know whether a representative ARC-Peace is willing and able to come. In considering our slow progress in this effort, please keep in mind that we still have not been able to raise any funds to pay people to do this work--it is all being done on a volunteer basis, including the web site, the correspondence, my own work, etc.

In short, however, we are finally in a position to begin launching a major national and international effort, which, it is already clear from the international meeting, is going to have widespread support and visibility, and which, I believe, will soon begin to fulfill the potential of an unprecedentedly broad coming together of organizations and individuals working for peace in many dimensions and ways. In other words, I think that your original judgement and action in getting ARC-Peace was right, and for the right reasons; it's just that it is such a big project that funders have had a hard time believing it could happen, and we have had to take more time getting under way with no funding. We have not yet sent out any emailing to all members, but will be doing so soon. In fact, we have recruited a volunteer newsletter editor who is gathering material for the first issue. A open bulletin board should be up on the web site by the end of next week. I hope that you will have received this email, been able to take a look around the web site, have an opportunity to tell other members of INES about Global Action and encourage them to join, and in doing so, to help lead this massive international effort.

In addition, I/we would like to invite the help of ARC-Peace in launching Global Action and becoming involved in its leadership even if none of you can attend the June 23 meeting. As an endorsing organization, ARC-Peace will automatically have a seat on the Steering Committee; and you will be invited, along with other Steering Committee members who cannot attend, to have input by email into the final draft to follow Rev. 14, and into the formation of working groups and the agenda for the next year.

Yours sincerely,

Randy Forsberg,

interim co-chair, international steering committee

Attachment, point 21

PRESS RELEASE

Successful conference in Stockholm: "The global housing problem should be a concern for architects and planners all over the world"

"Global Housing Problems and the Role of Professionals" is ARC•PEACE's contribution to the INES Conference held in Stockholm, 14-18 June, 2000. *ARC•PEACE, International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility*, designed this workshop to support its participation in upcoming preparatory committee sessions for United Nations Habitat II+5 (five years after the Istanbul Conference in 1996) at Nairobi, scheduled for February, 2001.

Eight papers by architects and planners from Africa, Latin America and Europe were presented and discussed during the workshop. They are to be published for distribution at the UN meeting next February. The authors stressed the importance of training architects and planners to deal directly with the real world. Their message is that environmental, social and political challenges require practical answers drawn from interactive participation with those being served as well as from the ecological context.

One cause exacerbating the crisis in developing world cities, as ARC•PEACE sees it, is a tradition of educating designers and planners that emphasizes an ideal rather than the actual state of affairs, thus putting graduates into ideological conflict with society's needs from the start. ARC•PEACE members consist of professionals, who dissent from that approach and call for pedagogical reform. They favor more teaching effort focused on today's social, political and environmental challenges, a trend away from the formalized instruction, based on abstract principles, presently offered in most of the world's architectural and planning schools.

In his keynote address to the workshop, KTH Professor Emeritus Sven Thiberg, a former chairman of ARC•PEACE, said, *"I accuse these schools and their related professions of defining education and professional roles, which ignore social and democratic challenges. They require no independent analysis by their graduates of society's needs as part of establishing professional competence. Thus architects and planners too often become victims of the new global economy. Nor can they any longer defend human rights and social welfare from assault by these forces."* What is needed is an ethical offensive by professional organizations against the tide of profit-based commerce, said Professor Thiberg, a call that meshes nicely with the general goals of INES. (INES= International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility).

ARC•PEACE is a non-governmental organization in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, a global network whose members are committed to building, in a socially responsible way, a peaceful, just, and environmentally sustainable future.

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