Basel Peace Office

Presidents Report for 2014 / 2015

The attached list details the numerous activities of the director of the Basel Peace Office (BPO) and supplement the presidents report. Most of these activities in fact took place in the absence of the president and detailed reports can be derived from the links given (see the BPO Directors report for details and additional informations)

Impressive was the Dec 4 2014 Launch of the German version of the Religions for Peace Disarmament Guide, graciously financed by the Johannes Oekolampad Foundation of the evangelical church of the canton of Basel, facilitated by Prof. Dr. L. Kundert. This is considered significant, as the Association of Religions for Peace is a global federation of some 700 faith organisations. There are still sufficient copies of the guide available to be distributed on demand to any interested faith group. In April the Basel Mayor Dr. Guy Morin and a small group of BPO activists participated in the Global Wave 2015 on the Basel Marktplatz and waved to the participants at the 2105 NPT Review Conference, synchronically with many other groups worldwide. Lastly, in October the President was able to participate in the well organized and highly interesting Prague Agenda conference and PNND assembly.

For the president most significant was the fact of a very limited financial support of the BPO, mostly rendered by generous private persons, without any contribution coming from the Canton of Basel and little support from other official sources in Switzerland. Under these circumstances, the ongoing active Swiss and global activities and efforts of the BPO director are to be acknowledged with respect and admiration and the president extends his thanks to Mr Alyn Ware.

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