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"Because of our concern for global health, we are committed to the abolition of nuclear weapons, the prevention of war, and the promotion of non-violent means of conflict resolution and social justice in a sustainable world."

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"En raison de nos préoccupations pour la santé mondiale, nous sommes déterminés à faire interdire les armes nucléaires, à prévenir la guerre, à promouvoir des moyens pacifiques de résolution de conflit et à instaurer la justice sociale dans un monde viable."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Allan Connolly M.D.

Happy birthday! This is Physicians for Global Survival's 25th year of work for nuclear disarmament and peace. It is also 60 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Working toward a goal with many complexities and obstacles often leads us to focus on what is wrong. It is time to recognize the successes of our collective work in developing new approaches to disarmament and war prevention, and in organizing citizens against the threat of nuclear war.

Over the past two years, I have had the unique opportunity of talking with physicians, health professionals, students and individuals about Physicians for Global Survival and its mission. Your participation in the sustained and resurgent peace movement is encouraging. There have been many successes:

- The announcement by the Government that Canada that our country will not formally participate in the US Ballistic Missile Defense system is a recent example of the effectiveness of all of us working together for one goal.
- The renewed energy in our local chapters and the growing number of important initiatives led by the medical students locally, nationally and internationally is also something to celebrate.
- We've taken several other important steps over the past 25 years: from performing an important role leading to an international treaty to ban anti-personnel landmines, to informing citizens and giving them a voice about the issues we address, to engaging students and young people through mentorship, internships and other initiatives.
- Accomplishments over the past

year are highlighted in the 2004 annual review, with a fresh new design and conveniently located in the centre section of this edition of Turning Point. Take a look at what you helped to achieve!

Communication technology allows us to be better informed and to act quickly around important issues. But technology can also contribute to the misappropriation of the world's fragile resources. We still have a long way to go, to build on our successes and reach our ultimate goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, and where decision makers don't resort to war and violence to deal with political conflicts.

The new climate of fear created by the "War on Terror" has been used to justify increased spending on arms -- over one trillion dollars. These funds are used to develop new weapons systems with increasing lethality. These actions are supported by laws designed to undermine human rights so essential in a civil society.

One of the most urgent issues is the status of the international discussions around the agreements designed to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons. The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will be reviewed at the United Nations in May, 2005. We must act NOW to let our government know that we expect it to support this important treaty. You can go our web site at www.pgs.ca to sign a Declaration for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World, and to find out about how you can take action in your own community this year for nuclear disarmament.

More than ever, it is essential to work together on peace initiatives. Our Board and staff have identified several strategic projects with a focus on education, involvement and achievable results. These initiatives will focus our energy and resources

on responding effectively to urgent issues that will affect the present and the future.

We have a unique opportunity to educate and to advocate for peace for our families, friends, neighbours, colleagues, patients, and people in our communities. Our commitment to health and well-being is an enormous strength. Our individual and collective actions can have a powerful effect on governments nationally and interna-

tionally. It's e a s y t o participate:



Lettre du Président

Joyeux anniversaire! Cette année

marque la 25ème année de travail de Médecins pour la survie mondiale en vue du désarmement nucléaire et de la paix. Cela fait également 60 ans qu'ont eu lieu les bombardements atomiques d'Hiroshima et de Nagasaki. Quand on œuvre pour atteindre un objectif plein de complexités et que l'on est amené à surmonter de nombreux obstacles sur le chemin, on se concentre souvent sur les mauvaises choses. Il est temps de reconnaître les réussites de notre travail collectif pour élaborer de nouvelles démarches en matière de désarmement et de prévention de la guerre et pour organiser les citoyens contre la menace de guerre nucléaire.

Au cours des deux dernières années, j'ai eu l'occasion toute spéciale de m'entretenir avec des médecins, des professionnels de la santé, des étudiants et des particuliers pour leur parler de Médecins pour la survie mondiale et de sa mission. Votre participation au mouvement pour la paix soutenu et résurgent est encourageante. On compte beaucoup de réussites :

- Le fait que le gouvernement du Canada annonce que notre pays ne participera pas formellement au sys-

- Join a PGS chapter.
- Sign a declaration.
- Write a letter or email.
- Recruit a colleague.
- Mentor a student.
- Contribute to a project.

In the last two years as your President, I have been inspired by the people across our country who are dedicated to making the world a more peaceful place. I have been rewarded by your efforts and supported by our talented staff. It has been a privilege working on your behalf.

Thank you. ☺

tème américain de défense contre les missiles balistiques a récemment témoigné de l'efficacité de notre collaboration pour atteindre un seul et même but.

- Le regain d'énergie dans nos sections locales et le nombre grandissant d'initiatives importantes menées par des étudiants en médecine, à l'échelle locale, nationale et internationale représentent quelque chose à célébrer.
 - Nous avons fait plusieurs importants pas en avant au cours des 25 dernières années : nous avons joué un rôle important en vue du traité international interdisant les mines terrestres antipersonnel, nous avons informé les citoyens et leur avons donné voix au chapitre sur les enjeux que nous abordons, nous avons sollicité la participation des étudiants et des jeunes gens par le biais de mentorats, de stages et d'autres initiatives.
 - Les réalisations des douze derniers mois sont mises en relief dans l'examen annuel 2004, lequel arbore une toute nouvelle présentation et a l'avantage de se trouver dans la partie centrale du présent numéro de *Turning Point*. Jetez-y un coup d'œil pour voir ce que vous nous avez aidé à accomplir!
- La technologie des communications nous permet de mieux nous informer et de prendre rapidement des mesures par rapport à d'import-

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tants enjeux. Toutefois, la technologie peut également contribuer au détournement des ressources fragiles de notre monde. Il nous reste encore beaucoup de chemin à parcourir pour faire fond sur nos réussites et atteindre l'objectif ultime d'un monde libéré de l'arme nucléaire et où les décideurs n'auront pas recours à la guerre et à la violence pour régler les conflits politiques.

Le nouveau climat de peur semé par la « guerre à la terreur » a servi à justifier l'augmentation des budgets consacrés aux armes -- plus d'un billion de dollars. Ces fonds servent à mettre au point de nouveaux systèmes d'armes aux pouvoirs de plus en plus meurtriers. Tout cela est rendu possible à cause de lois qui visent à éroder les droits de la personne qui sont si essentiels au sein de la société civile.

L'un des enjeux les plus pressants concerne la progression des discussions internationales sur les ententes visant à prévenir la prolifération des armes nucléaires. Le Traité

sur la non-prolifération des armes nucléaires sera réexaminé par les Nations Unies en mai 2005. Nous devons passer à l'action IMMÉDIATEMENT pour faire savoir à notre gouvernement que nous nous attendons à ce qu'il soutienne cet important traité. Vous pouvez vous rendre sur notre site Web (www.pgs.ca) pour signer une Déclaration pour un monde sans armes nucléaires et pour apprendre comment vous pouvez agir et militer cette année, dans votre propre collectivité, pour le désarmement nucléaire.

Plus que jamais, il est crucial d'œuvrer ensemble dans des initiatives pour la paix. Notre conseil et notre personnel ont identifié plusieurs projets stratégiques axés sur l'éducation, la participation et les résultats réalisables. Ces initiatives cibleront nos énergies et nos ressources de manière à ce que nous puissions faire face efficacement aux enjeux pressants qui auront une incidence sur le présent et sur l'avenir.

Nous avons l'occasion unique

d'éduquer et de militer pour la paix pour notre famille, nos amis, nos voisins, nos collègues, nos patients et les membres de notre collectivité. Notre engagement et notre dévouement pour la paix et le bien-être constituent une force incroyable. Nos activités individuelles et collectives peuvent avoir un effet puissant sur nos gouvernements, à l'échelle nationale et internationale. Il est facile de participer :

- Se joindre à une section de MSM.
- Signer une déclaration.
- Écrire une lettre ou un courriel.
- Recruter un collègue.
- Servir de mentor à un étudiant.
- Contribuer à un projet.

Au cours des deux dernières années à la présidence, j'ai été inspiré par les gens partout au pays qui mettent tout en œuvre pour que le monde soit plus pacifique. J'ai été récompensé par vos efforts et j'ai été épaulé par notre personnel de valeur. Cela a été un privilège de travailler en votre nom. ☺

Merci.

Ballistic Missile Defence: *No thanks!*

"We are announcing today that Canada will not take part in the proposed ballistic missile defence system. Let me be clear, we respect the right of the United States to defend itself and its people. However, BMD is not where we will concentrate our efforts. Instead, we will act both alone and with our neighbours on defence priorities outlined in yesterday's budget."

—Prime Minister Paul Martin, outside the House of Commons on February 24th 2005.

When Prime Minister Martin announced that Canada will not participate in the US plans for ballistic missile defence a cheer was audible from the majority of Canadians and from many of our friends and colleagues in other countries. Across Canada many people took time to justifiably celebrate this decision.

It is not entirely clear why the government said 'no' - for political or principled reasons or a bit of both. Whatever the reason, the decision is good. BMD is a system with many well publicised faults, but the fact that it presumes the continued existence of nuclear weapons now and into the

future was one of many good reasons to oppose it.

PGS was asked by IPPNW affiliates in other countries "how did you do it?" The answer is that we all did it. It was a collective cross-Canada effort of speaking truth to power involving civil society organizations like PGS, individuals like you, Members of Parliaments, academics, students, prominent Canadians and many more. We all made our voices heard. We indicated that we do not support the US line of thinking about the nature of threats to our security nor do we see missile defence as a system that would enhance our safety.

The struggle continues to prevent further militarization of our world and to create an environment of common security for all of us on this fragile planet. But we need to celebrate achievements when and where we can, so the time out for the celebration of a "No! to Missile Defence" is well-deserved. Congratulations to all. ☺

As PGS Celebrates 25 Years, the World is a Different Place

By Ron McCoy M.D.

The world has changed fundamentally since 1980, the year Physicians for Global Survival (PGS) and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) were formed. The world lived dangerously with nuclear weapons during the Cold War and survived only through good fortune. The significance of the end of the Cold War in 1989 was the peaceful way in which it ended, underlining the possibility of moving beyond war between states or blocs.

However, if the Cold War actually represented an oppressive kind of peace, the subsequent post-Cold War peace actually unfolded as a series of civil conflicts in the Balkans and Africa. And now, the post-Cold War triumph of neoliberalism and the strengthening of American neoconservatism and militarism in the face of terrorism appear to have set the stage for decades of



deadly conflict in a globalizing world.

It is to be hoped that the advent of globalization would give rise to a system of global governance, not a world state, but a framework of rules which is in the process of being negotiated. Such a system could go beyond the centralized state and its sovereignty and security, based on military power. Globalisation does not mean the end of states, but rather their transformation from being unilateralist war-making states to being multilateralist law-abiding states.

This will largely depend on whether it is possible, in the present geopolitical climate, to fashion a global security system based on international law and human security. There is a real danger that the development of global governance is being undermined by militant Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism and by the unilateralism of the United States, as expressed through the 'war on terror' and the repudiation of treaties.

The world is at a dangerous crossroads, where militarism and preemptive military action are being offered as an acceptable option against the dangers of international terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. In particular, the new nuclear doctrine of the United States expands the role of nuclear weapons beyond their core function of deterrence to their use as 'legitimate' tactical nuclear weapons in war, as well as envisaging the development of new nuclear weapons and "full spectrum dominance" on land, sea, air and outer space.

This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 35th
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"They are not the enemy"

Excerpts from an e-mail written by a medical student with Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD) to her new Pakistani friends after returning home to India from a conference.

By Ankita Choudhary

How I wish I'd made a note of my emotional state before embarking for Pakistan! Are you wondering why? Only to make the comparison easier!

Today, I cannot bring back that apprehension, that fear of traveling to an enemy nation into my writing. We crossed the Arabian Sea, but to my surprise the water didn't change its form, neither taste, nor appearance; neither did the flora, nor did the fauna; nor did the hoardings, nor did the dust

on the roads, and neither did the faces of the people. Nobody stared at me like I was a foreigner. My eyes were disappointed after an endless search for at least one person who'd look like: 'He's not from one amongst us'. It was hard to believe that I was not in Bombay, sincerely!

After an hour conversation with Ali, my Pakistani friend, he said, "You people speak such amazing Urdu! When did you learn Urdu?". And we said, "We're not speaking Urdu, we're speaking Hindi. By the way, you speak great Hindi. Were you taught Hindi too?" He smiled....nah, this is Urdu! I don't know if I can find another country where I can speak in my own language, and be interpreted in theirs, without any alteration in the meaning. I even bargained with the shopkeepers.

I'd altogether forgotten that I was in a so-called "Enemy Nation" until the security guard forbid us from getting

off the coaster just to set our foot on the beach. But how could I allow myself to be deprived? We got into our friends' private car without a security guard and urged them to take us to the beach. I just wanted to feel the sand, smell the ocean and sniff the sea breeze. No sooner than I had done that, even without closing my eyes, I was back home, at Marine Drive in Bombay....it was just the very same feel. Had I touched the ocean waters (which were dangerously low), I'm sure, I would've felt the electricity connecting Bombay and Karachi, because my heart was already magnetically mesmerized.

And to think of it, I had no past connections with Pakistan... No ancestral homes...No long lost relatives... But there were many in our delegation and millions back in my country with such ties. One doctor, while speaking
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Canadian 'Mayors for Peace' head for New York

In May 2005, the nations of the world will gather to review the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Despite the "unequivocal undertaking for the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals" made by nuclear-weapon states at the last review, the prospect now is that after four weeks of deliberations the world will be left, in Albert Einstein's prophetic phrase, "drifting toward unparalleled catastrophe". Cities, the organizations that will take the brunt of any nuclear attack, must step forward and declare in no uncertain terms that this is unacceptable. The experiences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki make abundantly clear to all mayors what is at stake—everything we have ever worked for. It is time for national leaders to listen to the city leaders.

—Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, President of Mayors for Peace

Mayors for Peace is an international campaign that starts in communities. It brings together mayors and councilors from cities all over the world to represent the international public demand to create a world free of nuclear weapons.

To date 5 Canadian Mayors have indicated they or their representative



Mayor Alan Lowe of Victoria signs the International Mayoral Statement as Mary-Wynne Ashford (right) and Darlene Hammell (left) look on.

will be traveling to New York to participate in activities related to the NPT Review Conference: **Vancouver** Mayor Larry Campbell, **Burnaby** Mayor Derek Corrigan, **Edmonton** Mayor Stephen Mandel, **Ottawa** City Councillor Clive Doucet will be Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli's designate, and **Montreal** Mayor Gerald Tremblay.

In addition several Mayors have recently joined Mayors for Peace: Toronto Mayor David Miller, Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier, Powell River B.C. Mayor Stewart Alsgard, Salmon Arm B.C. Mayor Colin Mayes, and Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe. Other Member cities include: Grandforks B.C., Kamloops, Lethbridge, Terrace

B.C., Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, and Winnipeg.

Mayors of other Canadian cities are still being approached by PGS supporters and others, so we are optimistic that more Mayors will sign on. While it is particularly important to have Mayors in New York at the time of the NPT Review Conference in May, Mayors for Peace is ongoing. Your Mayor can express his or her concern for the urgent need to eliminate nuclear weapons by joining Mayors for Peace and signing onto the International Mayoral Statement. For details see www.pgs.ca or www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/mayors/english/campaign or contact the PGS office. ☺

As PGS Celebrates:

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anniversary of the entry into force of the NPT, which used to be seen as a successful example of international cooperation. However, nuclear disarmament has ground to a halt, the exclusive nuclear club of five has grown to eight or nine, and the spectre of nuclear terrorism confronts us all. Only the complete elimination of nuclear weapons will eradicate nuclear dangers.

The NPT represents a global bargain – the renunciation of nuclear weapons by non-nuclear weapon states, with the guarantee of access to

peaceful uses of nuclear technology, in return for the promise of disarmament by the nuclear weapon states. It has been clear for some time that the nuclear weapon states have no intention of giving up their nuclear arsenals.

There are unmistakable signs that the NPT Review Conference in May 2005 will fail as a result of US intransigence. It is likely that the diplomatic gamesmanship that has gone on for the past 35 years will scale new heights of hypocrisy and that attempts will be made to continue with the nuclear charade and pretend that the next review conference in 2010 will succeed where others have failed.

It is time to explore another approach, outside the NPT, similar to the Canadian-led Ottawa process which produced the Landmine Ban Treaty. Logically, one or more of the New Agenda countries could initiate a conference of like-minded governments and civil society to launch a campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, a draft of which already exists within the United Nations.

It is time to declare that the nuclear emperor has no clothes and that he needs a new tailor.

Ron McCoy is Co-President of IPPNW and President of IPPNW-Malaysia. ☺

Medical Students' Project on Nuclear Disarmament

By Liam Brunham

The Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project (NWIP) is an international education project initiated and led by student members of IPPNW to educate the next generation of doctors and policy makers about the consequences of nuclear war and the urgency of nuclear disarmament. In early March IPPNW students held several workshops in Russia with about 70 students at the St Petersburg University, the Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology in St Petersburg and the Sechenov Academy in Moscow. NWIP's future plans include a seminar at NATO headquarters in Brussels later in the year. Below is my report of recent NWIP workshops in Chicago.

I just returned from the national student Physicians for Social Responsibility conference in Chicago where I was fortunate to get to be a part of Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project (NWIP) workshops being held there. The workshops were run by a truly international team, including three students from the Swedish affiliate, two Canadian students (myself and Christine Newell of the University of Ottawa), one Indian medical student currently studying in the United States, and three American medical students.

We held 3 workshops over two days. The first workshop was focused on the distribution and proliferation of nuclear weapons, while the second



Workshop on the Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project (NWIP) at student PSR meeting in Chicago.

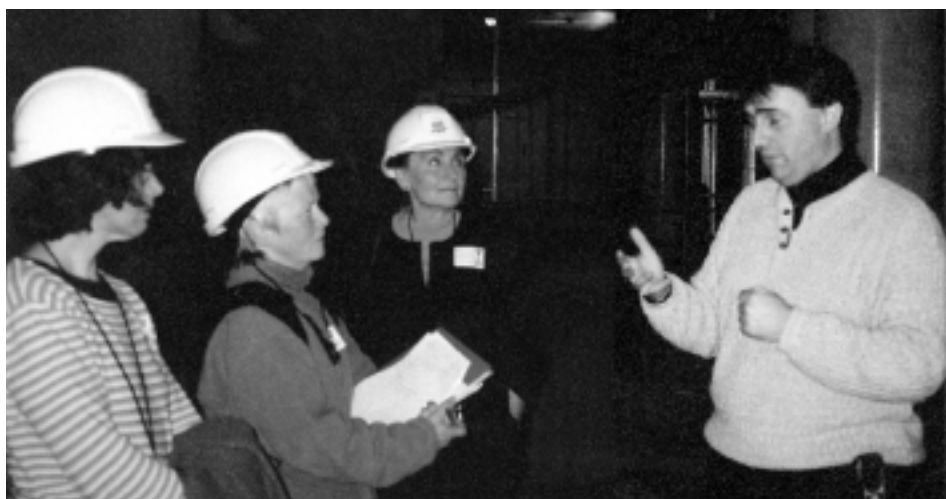
workshop discussed the medical consequences of nuclear weapons and how students can be involved in disarmament work. The third and final workshop was a more practical training session in which students brainstormed and planned actual projects we could do within our local groups.

Although I had witnessed some *continued on page 10*

Make Room for Peace

In May 8th 2005 the new Canadian War Museum (CWM) will open in Ottawa with pomp and ceremony. May 8th marks the formal celebration of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II and the opening of the museum is timed to coincide with that event.

Nearby, the Committee to Expand the Mandate of the CWM meets on a regular basis to discuss how to strengthen the museum's mandate to educate also about war prevention and peacebuilding. The Committee does not question the need to honour the sacrifices and contributions made by thousands of Canadians in times of war. Committee members instead feel that the new museum, with such potential to educate, should also reflect Canadians' efforts to prevent wars and promote disarmament and peace. The new museum is not called the Museum of Canadian Military History and therefore, to be true to its name, it should



Dean Oliver (right), Director of Historical Research and Exhibit Development at the Canadian War Museum, describes their plans to Committee members Andrea Levy, Carroll Holland and Angela Beale (from left to right).

also reflect Canadian efforts to oppose war and work for peace.

The Committee has engaged in dialogue with officials from the CWM, toured the partially built facility and continues to collect names of endorsers from across the country. Plans are under way to launch a website and to hold a public meeting in

early June, after the new CWM has opened. The public meeting will focus on the museum's displays and discuss how the CWM's mandate is or is not fully reflected. Also on the agenda will be the generation of suitable ideas for museum exhibits that teach about war prevention, disarmament and peacebuilding. ☺

NPT Review Conference May 2-27 in New York

What is the NPT?

- The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) entered into force on 5 March 1970 and is the only legally binding global instrument to promote nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.
- The Treaty represents a three-part bargain among its members:
 - non-nuclear-weapon States (NNWS) agree not to acquire or produce nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
 - the nuclear-weapon States (NWS) commit to nuclear disarmament; and
 - all Parties to the Treaty agree to undertake the exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to cooperate with other countries or international organizations in the further development of uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
- the NPT has been ratified by 189 countries. It was intended to limit the number of nuclear weapon states to those five that manufactured and exploded a nuclear device prior to 1967— Britain, France, China, Russia and the United States
- Israel, India and Pakistan have not signed on to the Treaty.
- the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) became the first country to invoke its right under Article X to withdraw from the NPT on January 10, 2003.

The Treaty has 11 articles. Article VI obliges the NWS to negotiate nuclear disarmament “in good faith” and ultimately eliminate their nuclear weapons. In July 1996 the

International Court of Justice confirmed that this is a legal obligation and said that for all practical purposes nuclear weapons are illegal under international law.

May 2005

At the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, the countries that are party to the NPT decided to extend the Treaty indefinitely and agreed that review conferences would be held every five years. The next Review Conference will take place May 2-27 in New York. A huge march is planned for May 1, the day before the Conference opens, and members of civil society will demand that governments honour their agreements to get rid of nuclear weapons.

The outcome to this Review Conference looks poor at this point. Tensions are rising. As the nuclear weapons states fail to disarm and the US develops research plans for a fourth generation of nuclear weapons, other countries like Iran and North Korea seek to acquire nuclear weapons technology

Director General of the International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei has said

“The very existence of nuclear weapons gives rise to the pursuit of them. They are seen as a source of global influence, and are valued for their perceived deterrent effect. And as long as some countries possess them (or are protected by them in alliances) and others do not, this asymmetry breeds chronic global insecurity.”

What to Do

Make your voice for nuclear disarmament heard and sign and send in the Declaration—**see page 13 or 14 in this issue**. They will be taken to the Review Conference. For more detailed information on the NPT check out www.reachingcriticalwill.org and monitor the PGS website www.pgs.ca for new information on activities you can participate in to promote efforts for nuclear disarmament. ☺

“They are not the enemy” *continued from page 4*

of these relatives and Indo-Pak relations, broke down into tears and sobbed, and he sobbed with such painful sighs, he made the whole audience cry.

I can go on...and on...and on.... I know I should've written about more relevant things like what was discussed in the conference, technical presentations on Confidence Building measures, talks with the political leaders, doctors' contribution..... etc.... But if you're interested in that, check out either the IDPD or the PDPD website for the Conference report and the Karachi Declaration, and don't read further 'cuz I haven't written a word about it, as frankly, I've forgotten it!

In the end what really matters are these little things that made such a difference. The way our Pakistani friends dissolved our fears, demolished those man-made walls of hatred and enmity built by fanatics, and stretched our horizons of friendship and bonding, with being 'just themselves', no agency or known relative or someone of my kin has ever succeeded in doing before. We struck such a chord with all of them that this article would be incomplete without their character sketches, I'll try making them short!

Mikram....who took us sight seeing in the evening, showed us the various buildings that had their names printed on them in legible letters, and conveniently left out the unnamed ones ...but he didn't fail to show us the important monuments, for instance,a haunted house (which was really haunted—he claims)the stores he buys his cricket bat and ballthe shop he buys his glasses fromand a few others that I've forgottenoh, he's such a funny chap ...but a gem of a personyou must never miss an opportunity to meet him!

Nabiha. She gave me her shawl in the freezing cold, in spite of me having 10 times the insulating fat she owns! But what I will never forget her for in my entire life is the ICE CREAM she took me for. I tell you, I've NEVER tasted better Ice cream in my LIFE!

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Cuban Physician Welcomed Across Canada

Dr. Carlos Pazos, IPPNW Vice President for Latin America, and former Co-President of IPPNW was invited to speak at the Medical Students' Conference at UBC March 18th and 19th. When he kindly offered to speak in other cities, PGS chapters immediately booked him to speak in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Victoria and Vancouver. His topics included the New Nuclear Arms Race, Neoliberal Globalization and Health, and Che Guevara: The Man and the Mystique.

Dr. Pazos has written a book in Spanish entitled: *La Globalizacion Economica Neoliberal Y la Guerra*.

In Victoria, Ottawa and Montreal he talked about his friend, colleague and commandante, Che Guevara. As a teenager in Cuba, Carlos Pazos became a member of the July 26th Movement. As a result, he was thrown



Carlos Pazos speaks to a crowded hall at the University of Victoria about Che Guevarra.

into solitary confinement seven times by the regime of Cuban President Battista. In 1960, when he was in his fifth year of medicine at only 22 years of age, Dr. Pazos was so highly regarded that he was sent to set up medical services for battalions in Northern Cuba. He was assigned to Che Guevara and, when Dr. Pazos made a serious error of judgment, he learned first hand of the exact-

ing principles of his leader. Dr. Pazos' stories revealed Che's personal integrity, his passion for learning and teaching, and his love for the Cuban people. The stories also revealed Dr. Pazos wonderful sense of humor and his commitment to social justice and the prevention of war. In Victoria,

where a capacity crowd turned out for a benefit for PGS and IPPNW, the Pearson College Singers opened the evening with Latin American music. Dr. Pazos's speech was received with enthusiasm and thunderous applause.

PGS has a CD of his Powerpoint presentation and audio track available with a donation of \$15. ☺

"They are not the enemy" *continued from page 7*

And she took me for it again the next evening and that too; a double scoop the first and a triple scoop the second time... Thank you Nabiha! RimshaOh, what a very intelligent soul.... she has these sarcastic jokes; I was cracking up and no one understoodand how we laughed our hearts out at some others.

And Tariq....a Lit (literary) freak.. ...and very impressive....too good for me to find adjectives for.... the speech he gave in the seminar was mind-blowing! It was straight from the heart, anyone could tell!

And Ayesha and Ali..... how they managed absolutely everything right from our arrival to our departure, including patching up with the police to get our registrations done on a SUNDAY AFTERNOON! They did so much for us, that mentioning just a few things would be doing grave injustice to those not finding their

way into this article....all I can say is : I really wonder if we can do for them, even a fraction of what they did for us!

And Dr. Tipu Sultan...He got me on air.... I don't mean my flight...I mean "ON AIR", as in LIVE ON TV on a 40 minute talk show.... with me sitting bang in the CENTRE.....

And now the icing on the cake: The officer at the check-in counter at Jinnah Intl. Airport upgraded our seats to first class and we found out only when we couldn't find our seats in the Economy class—with an announcement from the pilot, "We welcome aboard the two students from India who're returning from Karachi after attending an Indo-Pak Doctors' Peace Meeting and we hope they enjoyed their stay in Pakistan".

And the people back home call them our enemies...what a disgrace...

P.S. Read it at least twice to fathom the depth of my feelings. Every word in this e-mail is true and heart felt! ☺

The Second Lancet McMaster Challenge Conference on ***"Peace Through Health: Learning from Action"***

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IPPNW leaders hold retreat in London, UK

By Mary-Wynne Ashford M.D.

As IPPNW begins its 26th year, a group of leaders and students met in London, at their own expense, to talk about renewal of IPPNW in a world vastly different from that of the Cold War. With the expert facilitation of Dr. Andrew Acland, the group of 27 people used metaphors to chart IPPNW's journey and then considered different options that might best support the organization in the future. The options were developed

in detail and the likely consequences of each choice mapped out. Over the next months, the discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each will continue on a website and affiliate organizations like PGS will be able to contribute comments. The

final decisions on the way forward will be made at the IPPNW World Congress in Finland in September, 2006. The retreat process released a great deal of creative energy and excitement to help chart the federation's future. ☺

PGS Board Meeting and AGM

May 8 & 9
Hamilton ON

The PGS Spring Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place in Hamilton at **McMaster University Students Centre, Room 311, 1280 Main Street West**, starting 1 pm Sunday May 8th until 5 pm Monday May 9th. A vote on amendments to the bylaws of the organization will take place at the AGM on May 8 at 2 pm. More details can be obtained at or from the office. The meeting immediately follows the McMaster Lancet 'Peace through Health' Conference.

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World Court Project

Medical Students:
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of the NWIP sessions at the IPPNW Congress in Beijing, this was the first time that I played more of an active role in the workshops. It was very inspiring to work

with these other highly motivated students and I was extremely impressed by the level of knowledge and thoughtfulness on their parts.

The level of interaction and energy in the workshops was very high, and it was inspiring to see the interest on the part of

the students we met through these workshops. Several students expressed an interest in becoming more involved in NWIP after the workshops, which I think speaks to the overall excitement around this project.

Many concrete plans for the future came out of the workshops. For instance, in the final workshop, one group came up with an idea for an international project that would involve researching the exact locations within cities that have nuclear weapons targeted on them, and then marking these locations with a giant red "X" and holding demonstrations to raise awareness about the reality of the thousands of nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert current targeting cities around the world. It was amazing to see these ideas grow in such short periods of time and to be part of a group of students from around the world actually planning out what we can do to change the deadly trajectory our planet is on. I left the conference full of ideas and inspiration to continue working with NWIP, and to see the project grow in North America. I am tremendously grateful to PGS for making my participation in these workshops possible, to the Swedish affiliate for supporting their students to attend, to all the students who came, and to the student PSR leaders for hosting this conference.

Liam Brunham is a medical student at UBC and the student representative to the PGS Board of Directors. ☺

New Education Resource

Physicians for Global Survival announces the launch, on its website, of a kit of resource materials on how to be active on nuclear disarmament issues at a community level.

The "Resource Kit for Community Involvement in Nuclear Disarmament Efforts" is available at: www.pgs.ca/updir/Resource_Kit.pdf or for \$5 from the PGS office.

The kit includes background information and planning materials on:

- Mayors for Peace – background information and suggestions on how to get your Mayor involved.
- Lanterns for Peace Ceremony to Commemorate the Atomic Bombings

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Le Projet de Cour internationale

A well-deserved 'thank you': your PGS Board of Directors

They work tirelessly, year after year, committed to a goal of a world without nuclear weapons and where war is no longer a political game that wreaks havoc on civilians.

They travel, at their own expense, within their communities, nationally and even internationally to lead and participate in new initiatives, engage in strategic planning and community building, and witness the effects of nuclear weapons and war.

They spend countless hours meeting with elected officials, participating in events and mentoring students, not to mention time spent corresponding by email and phone to share news and opportunities with colleagues.

This dedicated group – the PGS board of directors -- forms the leadership of PGS, the eyes and ears of your organization, and the public face of our initiatives for nuclear disarmament and peace-building.

In this 25th anniversary of working for a more peaceful world, your board of directors has not only continued to



give selflessly of time and effort, but also to give financially above and beyond their regular giving, to support some key projects designed with a focus on citizen involvement and tangible results. Their moral and financial support will assist projects like *Mayors for Peace*, the *Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project*, *Peace Education*

at the *Canadian War Museum*, and several others.

To a board who continues to show commitment, compassion and generosity – thank you.

For a list of PGS Board members please refer to our enclosed Annual Review of PGS accomplishments, pages R-1—R-4.

of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 2005 is the 60th anniversary of those catastrophic events. The "how to's" of planning a commemoration ceremony in your community.

- Shadow Painting Project. How to create a powerful memorial to the innocent victims of the first atomic bombings—people who were instantly vaporized, leaving behind only their shadows. How to plan the event, mix the water-soluble paint etc.

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Lunch with Mordechai

By Bill Baldwin

We had lunch with Mordechai Vanunu in the Jerusalem Hotel in East Jerusalem after church one Sunday in early January. There were five of us from the Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) in Hebron. CPT has been in Hebron since 1994, getting in the way of the violence and trying to create space for healing. It was exciting to meet with someone who is so committed to things that are also important to us.

Mordechai Vanunu radiates a serenity that reflects deeply held convictions. He spent eighteen years in

prison and his movements are still severely restricted because of his action in exposing Israel's nuclear weapons program to the world. He feels that possession of nuclear weapons gives governments a false sense of security that makes them less anxious to work for peace.

We talked of Mordechai's hope for a future in which Jews and Palestinians can live together in peace and friendship. We shared frustrations over the restrictions on his movements. After so many years removed from the nuclear arms business, Mordechai Vanunu has no access to military secrets but the Israeli govern-

ment still seems to consider him a security risk. This is frustrating both for Mordechai himself and for those of us who believe that his voice needs to be heard around the world.

I told him it would be good if he could come to my country. He said he knew there were problems in the United States but we reminded him that I was from Canada. His warning of the dangers of militarism applies not only to overtly militaristic countries like the U.S. and Israel but to us in Canada as well ☺

Bill Baldwin, a retired Anglican priest and member of the Christian Peacemaker Team, lives in Ottawa.

Mordechai Vanunu Faces New Charges

Mordechai Vanunu was charged in mid-March with breaching a gag order imposed on him at the time of his release from an 18-year sentence last April. Israeli prosecutors laid 22 charges against Mr Vanunu for allegedly exposing nuclear secrets in interviews with the foreign press and for attempting to visit Bethlehem at Christmas. If convicted, he faces up to

two years in jail. After he was freed last year at the end of his sentence for revealing the inner workings of Israel's nuclear weapons programme to the Sunday Times, Mr Vanunu was served with a court order forbidding him to contact or pass information to foreigners or to leave Israel.

US citizen Daniel Ellsberg, who in 1971 leaked the Pentagon Papers on the Vietnam war, spoke at a press conference in Jerusalem about the severe restrictions on Mr. Vanunu's liberty and

human rights. He stated "Mordechai Vanunu has no secret information. He has one huge secret which he revealed on April 21 last year. That after 18 years of imprisonment and solitary confinement and mistreatment a person can still come out sane, articulate, compassionate. This is the secret that no regime wants its citizens to know."

The restrictions against Mr Vanunu are up for review in July.

For more information see: www.vanunu.com ☺

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