

World Citizen Registry

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Administrative Council Report, April 14, 2007

(12 rue Fossés St Jacques F75005 Paris)

Were present:

Daniel Durand, President

Liliane Metz-Krencker, General Secretary

Peter Davidse, Treasurer

Claudine Fischer, Claude Jousseaume, Jean-Claude Loewinski, Joël Luguern, Fernando Elena Diaz, Hermine Togbe Olory, Pierre Pinçon, members of Administrative Council.

Jean-Michel Richard, Odile Durand, Louis Gohin, Alain Bal, Roger Winterhalter, Brigitte Carraz., Jerry Bourgeois, Gaëtane de Pelichy, Monique Boury, Marie-France Prin, André Desnoyers, Vincent Peingnez,

Excused:

Geneviève Charpentier, Dorothea Sheasby, Aimé Ruzuba Bisimwa, Ursula Grattapaglia, Jean Verstraeten, Gunnar Ekegärd, members of Administrative Council.

René Wadlow, Dorin Hehn, Landing Niassy, Luc Delcroix, Mustapha Merizak, Gilliane Le Gallic, Michael Ehinger, Georges Federmann.

The session started at 9h30

President of session: Daniel Durand Secretary of session: Liliane Metz-Krencker Moderator: Peter Davidse.

- Distribution of the agenda and of the newsletter (uncompleted) RECIM-MONDE No.3
- Projection of photos brought from the Mundialist Studies Seminar at Bohicon (see 1.4)
- The agenda is adopted without changes

1. Life story of the World Citizens Registry.

1.1.Office Activities

May 29,2006 in Paris.

- The 40th anniversary gala
- Meeting of the Elections Control Commission at the People's Congress.
- Bureau meeting.

From July 29 to August 5, in Florence (Italy)

91st Congress of the Universal Association of Esperanto. About 2210 people from 62 countries attended the meeting .

Genevieve Charpentier and Daniel Durand participated in it. The first evening during the associations forum, a lot of documents were distributed, then Tuesday August 1st they organized a conference and around sixty people participated Besides these two powerful moments, numerous contacts were established with already registered world citizens or the representatives of partner organizations.

September 21st,2006 Office meeting in Paris.

°Work meeting with Patrice Lovesse, organizer of Mundialist Studies Seminar at Bohicon to validate the process anticipated by ASCOP's Specifications note book Handing of 500 Euros allocated by the French Center to the CBDIBA for the Seminar.

°Participation in the handing of UNESCO Prize for Peace education to Judge WEERAMANTRY.

°Press conference at the Foundation for Human Progress with Judge Weeramantry. This meeting didn't receive the expected success but has allowed the resumption of contacts with the organizers of the Foundation.

October 6 to 8, 2006 at Bohicon (Benin)

Mundialist Studies Seminar for 35 participants with the The seminar was opened in the presence of numerous personalities and notably the representative of the Ministry of Justice.. Daniel Durand and Liliane Metz-Krencker represented the Registry.

November 4, 2006: At Binges (Cote d'Or, France)

Home of Alain Bal. Meeting of the People's Congress Elections Control Commission .

November 20 to 21, 2006 in Geneva.

Meeting in Geneva at the invitation of UBUNTU, an organization initiated by Federico Major, former Director-General of UNESCO for the deep reform of the international institutions.

The present campaign goes from 2006 to 2009. Work on the "London Declaration" for world democracy ,human rights, peace and security, lasting human development and cultural diversity as well as for the establishment of a world legal framework. This meeting allowed Liliane Metz-Krencker to work with Robert Wheeler concerning the Peoples Congress.

December 7 to 12, 2006 in Lucknow (India)

7th meeting of the Presidents of the Supreme Courts of Justice gathered within the framework of reflection based on article 51 of the Indian Constitution and third Symposium of the civil society around the theme "Towards a new world civilization"

Liliane Metz-Krencker represented the Registry there.

It is within this framework that the "mundialization" of the City Montessori School in Lucknow was declared on December 11,2006 : (31,000 pupils in 20 establishments.)

The C.M.S. has been the only school that established a world unity and peace education department (WUPED)

During this meeting in Lucknow, the World Movement For Global Democracy was also launched.(WMGD)

1.2. The Registry's structure.

The by-laws adopted last year during the Administrative Council have been finally adopted after a few changes by 6 Registration Centers: France, Spain, Bohicon (Benin), Lome (Togo), Accra(Ghana) and lately Bamako(Mali)

After suggestions made by Gunnar Ekegard, the Directive's forms for the Correspondents should be re-written in a contract format. This re-writing should take into account the

modification of the Correspondent's role, considering the fact that very soon registration on line will be possible

We are putting this point on the meeting's agenda for next year.

It may be perhaps time to cut the strings between the World Citizens Registry and the French law.

It has often been noticed that the Registry having its headquarters in France, for justified historical reasons, it has been a break to people's registration who confuse "World Citizens" and "French Citizens"

Whereas the Registry has registered people in 114 countries, and has established offices in more than 40 countries and has nothing to do with any whatever world vision in French style.

Daniel Durand then suggests that during next year's general Assembly, the World Citizens Registry places the organization on at a transnational level directly under the authority of the Peoples Congress..

Of course this new position would not affect the establishment of by laws in different countries, specially in different monetary zones, but it will be in accordance with the next evolution that we will talk about in point 4, namely the possibility to register as a world citizen from anywhere on earth, thanks to the on line registration on the internet.

1.3 Centers and Correspondents Activities

The President asks the Assembly to look at what has already been published in the RECIM-MONDE newsletter which was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. In order to get some additional information, the centers representatives and the correspondents present were asked to speak

- Claude Jousseaume for France: Following the Artists Gala for the 40th anniversary of the appeal of the 13, the French registration center continued to register the artists. The project to create a proper internet website has not been finalized yet. The center is on the brink of modifying the composition of its bureau
- Fernando Elena Diaz for Spain: The Center has started an internet website www.recim.es. There is difficulty for on line registration. The center is trying to reorganize the registered world citizens lists, because some people have moved away and have changed their address
- Claudine Fisher for French -speaking Switzerland. The problem of the world citizens in Switzerland is about their own unity. They are divided by languages but also by culture despite all the efforts to gather everybody in the same structure. On its side, the Association of World Citizens of German speaking Switzerland are going to unite during the next General Assembly on April 28 to try to solve the serious internal problems which they are confronted to with the struggle against neo-nazism.
- Peter Davidse for the Neederlands. Peter has agreed to give his name as Correspondent for the Registry beside the world Federalists Center or the Harlem Mundialist Center.

1.4. Bohicon (Benin) Mundialist Studies Seminar.

This seminar took place with success from October 6 to 8 2006. 35 participants. Very official opening with the presence of notables and among them the of the Ministry of Justice. Televised sequences could be seen at least 12 times across the country. The seminar report was instantaneously produced, then 200 copies were distributed by us in French, English and Esperanto

In addition to the scholarship granted by the French Center, some local correspondents were able to get grants awarded by the Registry. (see on finance, the chapter on "Animations.)

The first "World Unity Tree" was planted of which postal cards have now been made.

Particularly outstanding were the interventions of Professors Gbegnonvi and Azilinon that can be found on the internet in French)

http/www.recim.org/dem/gbegnonvi.htm

http/www.recim.org/dem/azilinon.htm

During this seminar the mundialization of Agbangnizoun, a neighboring town of Bohicon with about 35,000 inhabitants was announced, then some days after that of Kpomasse (about 45,000 inhabitants) but these mundializations are not as yet given any concrete finalization by the signing of the charter.

Among the follow-ups of this seminar, one can mention the creation of Registration centers in Bohicon, in Lome and Accra as well as the World Citizens Registry African Network Project

Other seminars are at the planning stage; Accra in 2008, Bukavu (D.R. Congo) perhaps in October of this year, Sofia (Bulgaria) not before 2008, Oujda (Morocco) in several years.

This could also be planned in Senegal or in Gambia.

1.5 Petition for World Unity Day.

In name of ASCOP a petition campaign has been launched by the Peoples Congress in order to propose that the equinox day, march 20 or $21^{\rm st}$ becomes world citizen day and day of world Unity .

A document is available for interested people explaining in which context to place this initiative as well as the forms for signatures. This petition evidently has a link with the planting of the World Unity Tree at Bohicon, the first in the long series to come.

1.6. Activities linked to UNESCO.

Henceforth, we are again among the associations in relations with UNESCO. To formalize this readmission, we have been asked to fill a traditional file; statutes, accounts of activities, financial accounts. But we have also been asked to take a position concerning the situation in Taiwan.

In effect, there exists a very important tension between Taiwan and China and UNESCO will not want to work with organizations who would work for the support of Taiwan against China.

A debate is then opened for about 10 minutes from which it results that the Registry does not undertake relations except with the citizens in the aim of civic education and as well as education for peace.

2. Balance Sheet and Finances.

2.1. Number of registrations in 2006

- 125 cards delivered by the International Center on direct request.
- 1876 cards delivered by the International Center for the Correspondents
- 211 cards delivered by the Registration Centers of which 194 by the French Center
- 203 provisional certificates waiting for payment were delivered by the International Center.

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2.2 Financial Balance Sheet of the year 2006.

Peter Davidse presents the financial balance sheet of 2006

Income:

3.227,50 €
848,18 €
2.744,05 €
3.074,81 €
1.582,50 €
342,74 €
16,00 €
80,00 €

Total: 12.215,78 €

EXPENSES

Administrative expenses :	2 100,00 €
Travel:	1 233,69 €
Office expenses:	10,90 €
Translations:	0,00€
Printing:	1.527,96 €
Stamps:	2.512,98 €
Telephone and Internet:	379,97 €
Financial Expenses:	4,00 €
Office condo fees:	654,20 €
Equipment for the office:	0,00€
Insurance, power and taxes:	791,27 €
Animations	1.641,93 €
ASCOP annual fee	20,00 €
Rental conference room Paris:	93,00 €

TOTAL : 10.969,90 € Positive results : 1.245,88 €

2.3. Appeal for Contributions.

Even if the financial year of 2006 is positive, it's necessary to take into consideration the cost of the Peoples Congress elections which will be around 10.000 Euros and which must be repeated in 2010 and 2013.

This individual voluntary contributions were only paid in by 27 people.

We wish that the on line payment will facilitate more numerous and regular contributions and we are asking the Correspondents and the Registration Centers not to forget this essential aspect of our activity.

2.4. Cost of the Card.

Recall of the principles expressed in the March 12 2005. report (see paragraph 2.3.)

A Joel Lugern proposal is to index the card cost to the price of a stamp for in country postage .After a short debate we can mention that this proposed system would be fairer but much more difficult to apply

So we must all remember the basic card prize that was decided at the May 3, 2003 Administrative Council.

The official prize is 15 euros

However a reduction of 50% can be asked if the person has financial difficulties and arrangements can be made between the registry and centers /correspondents upon request

Provisional registration certificates can be delivered by the Registry and paid by installments on a period of 3 years

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1 Creation of a World Citizens Network

The purpose of this network is to create friendship links and exchanges among world citizens. Initially proposed by Marie-France Prin, a trial had been developed by Mato Spekuljak(Croatia) who gathered about a hundred names, then he abandoned it for personal reasons.

Some networks are already functioning, of which some at an international level. Among them, the nearest to our principles is "SERVAS" formed in 1948 on a pacific and non-violent ideology.

The question is to know if specific services to the World Citizens would be possible in this network.

Equally worth knowing is the Esperantist network "Amikeca Reto"

3.2 ASCOP Forum for the World Citizens.

Since the departure of Josep Ortega, the ASCOP forum is searching for a moderator. However, this moderator must be a team. Alternatively, the ASCOP forum could initiate like a specification booklet where every world citizen could introduce a debate, but would have to carry it to the end, that's to say, to its synthesis.

Josep had initiated the virtual Congress with a development mainly in English. One can reach the archives by registering at worldcit@googlegroups.com.

4. Edition

4.1 Restructing of the Internet site (Thibault Carrier)

Presentation of the site presently under construction and provisionally accomodated at http/www.bouge-enbresse-info/fre

This site will be ready in several months.

See in annex for the specific or technical questions raised by this restructuring

4.2 and following points: not tackled.

5. Peoples Congress and linked institutions.

5.1. Elections to the People's Congress:

(see. RECIM-World Nr 3, page 10)

The French Center has accepted to organize the counting of the votes

5.2 Election Control Commission

This Commission met on two occasions to determine the exact conditions of candidacy. The candidates have not been too numerous so the Commission didn't need to meet the third time. There are 20 candidates whose presentations correspond to the required conditions. The next exercise of the Commission will be the counting of election votes on the 22nd of September 2007.

The explanatory document of the electoral process will consist of a call for voluntary contributions to compensate the cost of the elections.

The Control Commission is going to publish a document early may and early every coming month to announce the elections to come. This press release is to be relayed to the press by the French Center

5.3 Committee for the Peoples Congress.

We need to maintain this association at the same time to allow the cashing of checks which will be payable to the order of the Peoples Congress and allow to organize the consular invitations of the delegates to the Peoples Congress for the next plenary meeting.

According to the research carried out by Peter Davidse, the committee for the Peoples Congress has been declared at the Paris Police headquarters on June 2, 1969(No.2026P)

Because of the archival system at the Police headquarters, it has not been possible to obtain a copy of the by-laws

We are then going to make a modification of the bylaws and a declaration of the changes at the bureau . Peter Davidse, Gaetane de Pellichy and Daniel Durand will represent this bureau . The declaration will be countersigned by Basil Ginger.

Joel Luguern and Basil Ginger have made the necessary moves so that the remaining funds on the BNP account be transferred into the Registry accounts. Peter Davidse is going to call the number indicated by Joel Luguern for follow-up

5.4 People's congress Plenary Session: November 3 and 4, 2007.

The decision was taken that this meeting would take place in a hall near the international airport.

We still search for the ideal place: accessible, pleasant, functional and not expensive. The prospecting continues.

The meeting's agenda must be established soon

The suggestions and questions must reach Roger Winterhalter who will propose a preparation meeting at Mulhouse at the beginning of summer.

One can also ask the world citizens on the internet on the proposals they want to present to the People's Congress.

5.5 ASCOP General Assembly

(People's Congress Consultative Assembly)

At the same date and at the same place, the ASCOP member organizations will be invited to meet. On the agenda, the internal reorganization of ASCOP and the start of the collaboration with the Peoples Congress.

5.6 Institute of Mundialist Studies. (I.M.S.)

The I.M.S has been created by the Peoples Congress in 1977 in the perspective of an academic move including yearly sessions at a determined place.

Concerning the ASCOP, the Mundialist Studies Seminar have been conceived for the training of grass roots militants upon request and at diverse places.

The two formulae complement each other.

After a meeting between Marc Garcet, President of I.M.S. and Daniel Durand, it was decided that a collaboration is going to be established between I.M.S. and our seminars.. To give concrete expression to this collaboration, Marc Garcet asks that the Registry of World Citizens participate in the Board meetings at I.M.S. By consensus, Liliane Metz-Krencker, candidate to this function, receives this mandate from the Registry's Administrative Council.

The theme of the 2007 IMS training session will be "the local social cohesion in the era of mundialization" and will take place from August 28 to 31st ,2007

http://www.aigs.be/home.htm

5.7 Registration Legal Service.

The Registration Legal Service is the last People's Congress creation in march 2006 This service gives concrete expression to the birth of a world civil law (see the book on this subject)" Emergence of World Law" by Jean Marie Breton, former Secretary General of the World Citizens Registry.

The carrying out of this decision has given place to the creation of a service composed of four sectors.

By-laws, Rules and Constitutions

- Multilateral Contracts
- Charters, Unilateral declarations and agreements
- Petitions and resolutions made to the Peoples Congress.

Daniel Durand reads page 3 of RECIM-MONDE No.3. The Administrative Council approves by consensus the relevance of this creation and the presentation which is made of it.

http/www.recim.org/civil

6. Mundializations Commission.

The debate presided by Roger Winterhalter took place from 14h 40 to 16h 10. It will be the subject of a separate report.

7. Foreign Relations

7.1 C.M.S.-Lucknow

Following the mundialization of the City Montessori School of Lucknow, Liliane Metz Krencker has become an adviser for the World Unity and Peace Education Department (WUPED)

7.2 Esperantist Organizations

There will be in early august at Bouresse (near Poitiers, FR 86) a meeting organized by SAT. (Sennacia Asocio Tutmonda). The theme will be a comparison between the anationalism of the Founder Lanti and world citizenship. Daniel Durand will be a participant.

8. Projects and Calendar 2007-2008.

- May 2007. Convening of the present elected delegates to the plenary meeting of the Peoples Congress, preparation of electoral documents.
- June 2007 Sending of electoral documents to the voters, meeting which will be convened by the President of the Peoples Congress for the elaboration of the plenary meeting's agenda.
- August 2007: Training course at Bouresse: World Federalists Congress at Geneva and Montreux; 28th session of the Institute of Mundialist Studies at Eben Emael (Liege, Belgium)
- September 2007: Putting in place of a new internet site.
 Closing and vote counting of the elections; convening of the newly elected in a plenary meeting of the Peoples Congress.
- October2007 (tentative) Mundialist Studies Seminar at Bukavu (D.R. Congo)
- November 2007: Plenary meeting of the Peoples Congress and General Assembly of ASCOP.
- March 2008: World Unity Day with conferences, exhibitions and others, at VERDUN, at the World Peace Center.

9-Miscellaneous:

Ideas and propositions have been treated from $14\,\mathrm{h}\,10\,\mathrm{to}$ $14\mathrm{h}\,40.$ See Annex.

10 - Closing

Thanks to everybody for his/her participation

Closing at 18 h 55