

Semi-monthly newsletter n° 3/2021

Dear General Officers, Presidents, national executives, and members of our NGO, I hope you had great week.

At our headquarters, we have an activity higher than expected since the beginning of the year despite the health crisis. This is a good sign for 2021 and, above all, the desire to be able to meet again, to work together for a common cause and to advance world peace, which is dear to our hearts and for which we are all, with our differences, working.

Many people have joined us to build our calendar of activities. France had not yet provided its own. In this way, the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is scheduled on June 2021. We are also organizing a 400 kilometres march for the war wounded, widows and orphans. 30 kilometres separate each steps from July 14th, 2021. Jérôme Samuel, our walker, will walk with Sabrina Verrier, war widow of a French soldier who died in Lebanon.

I am pleased to inform you that we are organizing a ZOOM conference for International Women's Rights Day, with the theme "Women fighters and women of fighters". We would

be very happy if you could take part on it on March 8th, 2021 at 13:00 (Paris time). You can just attend the conference or participate by proposing the intervention of a woman combatant or a woman of a combatant in your country. Please, could you tell us if you want to participate.

I would like to thank our team that is mobilizing to develop the Young Peacemakers program. It is becoming a great success in France and we wish to develop it in other countries. I would like to remind you that we created the structures of the program, but each country can adapt this program according to their current situation or customs.

We also participated in a United Nations conference on refugees and genocide, in order to carry the word of peacekeepers. Gradually, we will reinforce our investment in the United Nations. I hope that United Nations will soon reopen its face-to-face conferences.

I would like to thank Albert Tibor for his work on our Facebook page concerning the Nobel Prize for peacekeepers who served from 1989 to nowadays. More than 1,200 veterans are presents. We would like a great mobilization to show to the international community our will to see this request succeed. Please could you intervene with your elected members in order that they support this initiative of AISP/SPIA.

Albert Tibor announced us the signature of an agreement with associations of former peacekeepers in Luxembourg and Bulgaria very soon.

We also congratulate Aphinita Chaichana for her investment in the creation of an AISP/SPIA in Thailand.

Our Vice-President for West Africa, Mr. Abdou Fall, has informed us of his business plan to recreate an AISP/SPIA in Senegal, with a preparatory meeting on February 20th, 2021. The members will be in charge of setting up a program and a general assembly. We congratulate our Vice-President and also Mr. El Hadji Alioune Samba, who will be the President of AISP/SPIA Senegal.

At the headquarters, we are working on the development of the International Peace Academy through collective reflections concerning courses offered by our training center. We would like that the courses answer the challenges of our time and the wishes of the people trained.

Several weeks ago, we also created an online jackpot to finance our Young Peacemakers program. At the moment, this online jackpot is only available in French. We will soon send it to you in several languages in order that you can support us in our project.

I would like to remind you of my will to organize, with all the presidents and vicepresidents of AISP/SPIA, regular meetings in order to exchange and share together our activities for peace in our countries.

Wishing you a good weekend,

Mr. Laurent Attar-Bayrou International President of AISP / SPIA

Calendar 2021:

May 2021: International Peace Missions Conference organized by HRA, in close cooperation with SPIA (Szolnok, HUNGARY)

June 2021: International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (GENEVA, SWISS)

21-22 August 2021: International Peacekeeper Motorcycle Meeting (AUSTRIA)

18 September: Golf Charity Tournament Golfclub Föhrenberg (AUSTRIA)

24-26 September: International Shooting and Patrol Competition (Nagybarca, HUNGARY)

24-26 September: National Assembly Austrian Peacekeepers Innsbruck/Tyrol (AUSTRIA)

14-15 October: Blue Helmet Forum Austria, Vienne/National Defence Academy (AUSTRIA)

21-24 October: Forum of War Veterans (SLOVAKIA)