

COVID-19 UNCOVERS IMPROVISATION & HIPOCRESY FROM WORLD LEADERS

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Left: Chinese virologist **Li-Meng Yan**, flee to USA after claiming that Beijing is lying about the Covid-19 virus.

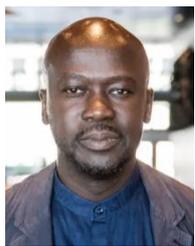


From left to right: deniers **Donald Trump** (USA), **Boris Johnson** (UK) & **Jair Bolsonaro** (Brazil), were infected by the virus. Dr. T. A. Ghebreyesus, WHO General Director, cries at a press conference.

SWITZERLAND, NORWAY AND BELGIUM HAVE THE BEST HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE WORLD



From left to right: SWITZERLAND, first prize in the children's hospital competition; NORWAY, a new hospital concept in contact with nature; BELGIUM, Maas hospital in Kempen, in Maaseik. Page 3



Sir **David Adjaye** wins the 2021 RIBA Royal Gold Medal. Right: one of his works, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, in Washington DC. Page 5



PROGRESS IN LAND REGULATION LAW IS REPORTED FROM PERU

Colleague **Luz María Sánchez Hurtado** summarizes NL on the work she has been doing for many years with women living in the Peruvian Coast, Andes and Rainforest. Page 4



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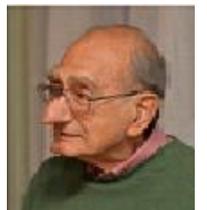


peace literacy is survival literacy



KIDS HOME IN KISSI, KENYA
ARC•PEACE appeals the hearts of the **Newsletter** readers to support the wonderful work of raising and educating these 60 children. Page 6

Involuntarily delayed we regret to report the passing of our dear colleague **Tician Papachristou**, on 06/18/2018, at the age of 90, in his US home where he lived since 1945. One of ARC•PEACE Int. Co-founder he was born in Athens, Greece, graduated at Princeton University; and partnered with famous Marcel Breuer for many years.



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US Presidential Elections 2020



Opportunist D. Trump buckles Jewish-Islamic trade deal Page 4

ARC • PEACE REFOUNDATION PROJECT

The short and medium-term perspectives that are worldwide envisioned force us to think about a project that enables our NGO to fully comply both with its vision and mission.

Are you accompanying us? Page 8



After what we reported in *Newsletter No. 64*, and eight months after the appearance of Covid-19, the media overwhelms us with the count of infected, recovered and dead people; also with a variety of conflicting reports on scientific research and government action. There is no doubt that in all this issue there is a use and abuse that agents of power make of information for not always confessed particular purposes

Politicians are responsible for the fear, confusion and uncertainty that reigns in the citizenship. Their ambition for power concentrates in the elections and in the State propaganda, with which they try to justify their delay in solving the enormous problems created by the pandemic. The agenda of these politicians suffers from a personalist bias that puts much more damaging issues in the background, thus affecting with no return, the sustainability of both human life and the environment of planet Earth.

Why does the media industry relegate to the background common citizen's public health and education, and their well-being?

Why do they pay little or no attention to the deadly impact of deforestation, climate change, hunger, weaponry and nuclear power industry?

Political personalism dominates the world is reflected in the referents of the US, the UK and Brazil. They are an example of the denial of the virus that collaterally affects the private and public activities of world inhabitants.

Neither Donald Trump, nor Boris Johnson, nor Jair Bolsonaro has regretted having minimized the existence of this virus that the WHO described as a pandemic.

Almost as a joke, the media reported that these three leaders suffered the reality of Covid-19 first-hand!

The case of the US President is more than suspicious.

A few weeks before US November Presidential elections, Donald Trump was presented as a new Superman.

Who if not him could get the virus, be treated and feel "better than 20 years ago" ¹ in just five days?

This Editor checked statistics in serious sources that report by the second ² and compared them to see if this virus is among the main causes of death in the world; even if it is the most important.

He then made a comparative table (see below), to verify if the arbitrary overvaluation made by different corporations is justified; it's just the opposite: **only 2.3 out of 100 deaths in the world, are due to COVID-19!**

Those responsible for taking the causes of the pandemic out of context, generating the chaos suffered by the global community must respond for:

1. **The almost total absence** of health prevention campaigns at social level, and the striking backwardness in public hospital infrastructure.
2. **The pedantic hypocrisy** with which the world political class tries to justify its inaction in the face of the claims that many non-profit associations present on behalf of the less favoured citizens' rights.

3. **The concentration of power** by a handful of billionaires³ who manipulate the economy. Taking advantage of this pandemic, the owners of bank chains, production of information technology, communication networks, pharmacy laboratories, among other goods and services, are tempted by political leaders to arrange financial support at elections time in exchange of future retributions.

It is well known that countries with high levels of infections and deaths use all of this to accuse each other for the virus' origin and effects.

In the middle of it all, from the list of countries that perform best in the face of this pandemic, we cite Switzerland, Norway and Belgium ⁴; they invest in high-level public education, in hospital infrastructure that is always up-to-date, and in experienced teams of full-time scientists and professionals.

They're worthy of being imitated!

The Editor

¹ <https://www.europapress.es>

² <https://www.worldometers.info/es/>

³ *Pics above, left to right selection of only 9 tycoons shown not in order of accumulated wealth: Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg, Bernard Arnault, Larry Ellison, Amancio Ortega, Carlos Slim, George Soros.*

⁴ <https://www.saludiarario.com/los-10-paises-con-mejor-infraestructura-hospitalaria-del-mundo/>

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH		WORLD	Percentage / %
Order	Total as for October 2020	45.190.000	100,00
1	Ischemic heart disease	13.385.000	29,60
2	Infectious diseases	9.975.000	22,00
3	Different types of Cancer	6.310.000	13,90
4	Malnutrition	6.205.000	13,73
5	Smokers	3.841.200	8,50
6	Diabetes	1.690.000	3,70
7	HIV / AIDS	1.291.700	2,85
8	Traffic accidents	1.108.000	2,41
9	COVID-19	1.050.000	2,30
11	Other causes	334.100	1,01

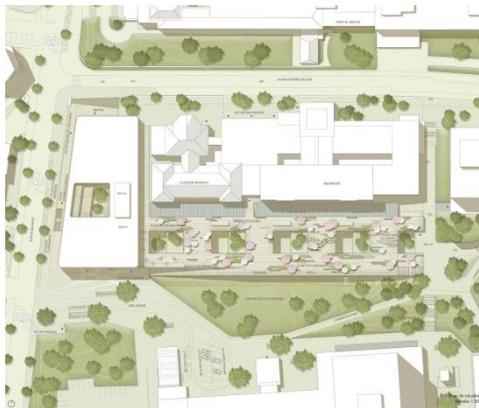
SWITZERLAND, NORWAY & BELGIUM STAND OUT IN HOSPITAL DESIGN

In the Editorial (*Page 2*) we said that, in these times, countries that take advantage of economic boom periods to update hospital infrastructure and clinical-surgical teams, and to carry out public prevention campaigns, are worthy of imitation.

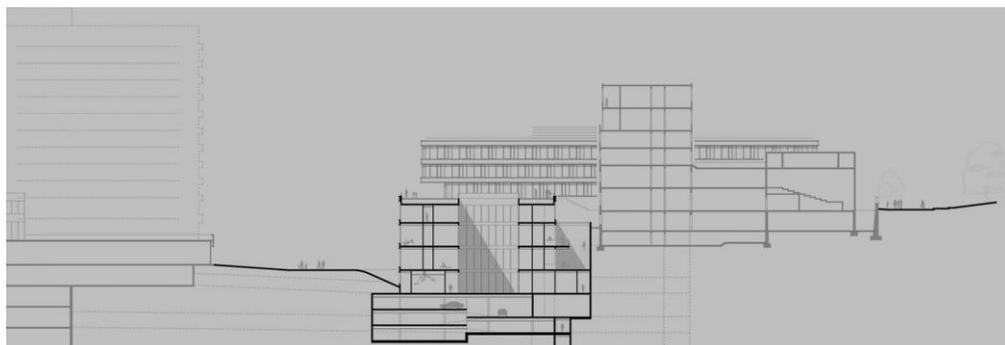
In those countries the positive action on health issues is replicated in the areas of education, art, economy, work, industry and commerce, in accordance with comprehensive development programs and great respect for their cultural heritage.

The Swiss government, for instance, has just approved a minimum income equivalent to 3,700 Euros per month (US \$ 4,350). This, in itself, reveals the quality of life that the Swiss enjoy.

Switzerland has 4.7 hospital beds for every 1,000 inhabitants; and shows such interest in keeping up with health that architectural-urban design competitions for new hospitals are often called for. An example is below.



The **von Gerkan, Marg + Partners architects (gmp)**, in conjunction with **JB Ferrari**,¹ won the first prize in an international competition to design the emergency unit for children inside the Hospital of the University of Lausanne, in Switzerland (*also drawing below*).



Norway has eight World Heritage Sites and five on the UNESCO waiting list. With barely 5 and a half million Norwegians, the Scandinavian country has exceeded all expectations when it comes to the fight against climate change and is a pioneer in treating patients in contact with green nature.

The 85-bed hospital will feature an interior patio with a terrace and a winter garden, which will serve as a sheltered outdoor play area, providing abundant natural light and space for plant life.



It has 3.8 hospital beds for every 1,000 inhabitants. Not long ago, doctors, psychologists and architects decided to create green hospitals thinking of patients and relatives subjected to strict treatments and the isolation that long-term hospitalization usually implies. They benefit from physical and psychological relief, according to the **Architecture Study Snøhetta**.²

The unique '*green hospital*', or '*open air retreat*', is located in lush forest and near the Sognsvann stream in the Norwegian capital.

A sister building was also built, situated in a deciduous forest, among oak and birch trees, and overlooking a nearby pond (*photo on page 1*).

Belgium has 6.2 hospital beds for every 1,000 inhabitants.

With a population of almost 11 and a half million inhabitants, **Belgium**, is a country with long life expectancy like Switzerland and Norway: 80 - 84 years.



The new **Maas & Kempen hospital**, opened in 2017 in Maaseik, is the first healthcare facility in Belgium designed according to the "layer model", a building design based on functional centers. With a capacity of 226 beds, the complex is considered in the health environment "*a jewel of well-being in the heart of the countryside*."

According to the **civil engineer and architect Laurent Grisay**,³ was finished in 33 months, on design concepts such as **the hotel**, which houses the healthcare units; **the hot floor** where clinical support services are provided; **the office** that gathers the ambulatory and administrative areas; and **the factory** that centralizes logistics.

These axes are connected by a central reception center, from which walkways with large openings start to the surrounding landscape.

Designed according to the principles of the circular economy, the master plan already takes into account future extensions, but also considers possible reallocations of each building in the long term.

Research by The Editor

Links to the sources of information:

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/slideshows/countries-with-the-most-well-developed-public-health-care-system>

¹<https://www.archdaily.com/485683/gmp-wins-first-prize-to-design-swiss-children-s-hospital>

²<https://www.treehugger.com/norwegian-hospitals-add-woodland-cabins-and-forest-play-nature-healing-4856918>

³<https://architizer.com/projects/hospital-maas-and-kempen/>

Colleague **Luz María Sánchez Hurtado** informs us about the progress of her work to provide a legitimate building lot for Peruvian women.

She is head of the NGO Strategy and founder of NGO ARC•PEACE Peru; and has been recognized by various UN agencies working in underdeveloped Ibero-American countries.

As a member of the Board of Directors she requested ARC•PEACE Int. support for a quickly approval to the Land Regulation Law they promoted.

This was responded by the Secretary of ARC•PEACE with a letter addressed to **Mr. Manuel Arturo Merino De Lama**, President of the National Congress of Peru, on 09/30/2020.

This is a case for a large number of families in need for a place to live who decided to occupy privately owned land and now face the consequences.



Relying on their rights, the owners want the families to pay them what corresponds to the market price. This is what divides the parties in conflict since these lands were previously not urban but agricultural. Therefore, the families agree to pay a price set by the competent authority. What **Marilou** has been doing for many years with women from the Coast, Sierra and Rainforest of her country is a social work of human containment, training for productive work and the creation of a community conscience (photo above).

This story goes back more than 30 years and involves more than 10,000 women nationwide. In all these years, with the efforts of these families the occupied lands have the provision of water, drains, tracks, parks and sidewalks. When the law is approved, and the payment of the site is agreed, the occupants will have their property title and therefore they will build their permanent home. It is to be hoped that this thorny issue will be resolved and each party receives its due by law.

[El Editor](#)

Who are interested in these elections?

Nobody in their right mind is unaware that the US has an almost omnipotent presence on Earth and in space over the recent decades.

The world power exercised by the North American country results from its enormous production, among other issues, in science, ideology, politics, religion, communications, technology, invention, industry, commerce, economy, innovation and finance.

With or without the "Made in USA" label everything is exported through very persuasive business agents backed up by worldwide active intelligence, diplomatic and military services.

Political bipartisanship colours red and blue the US heading into 03/11/2020. And, unlike other countries where simple majority wins, voting is not mandatory and suffrage is indirect.

The winner is determined by the votes of the United States Electoral College, which consists of 538 electors.

A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President.

The number of electors in each state is equal to the number of its delegates in Congress: 1 for each member of the House of Representatives, plus 2 for the Senate.

For this reason, the political colour of the states becomes crucial for the election as each state gives all of its votes to a single candidate.

Thus, Florida, with 55 votes, forces the parties to redouble their efforts.

There are states with political loyalty undefined; and yet others in which, historically, one or the other wins.

Donald Trump's cunning allowed him to defeat Hilary Clinton in these key states in that close 2016 election.

Although she obtained more votes than Trump (2,868,686 = +2.02%), she still lost due to the electoral system of indirect voting.

With the same cunning, Trump seeks his re-election, while Biden - former vice of Barak Obama - aspires to be elected for the first time.



The Reds celebrated with great fanfare the trade agreement between the State of Israel and the Arab countries UAE and the Kingdom of Bahrain, spreading it as a 'peace agreement' thanks to the Trump-Netanyahu partnership. The vicious publicity given to the suspected case of contagion and express recovery of Covid-19 by Trump is not accidental. His team of advisers does everything to improve his image and beat Biden in the previous polls.

These elections should be of interest to social psychologist and political researchers. Their findings should be made worldwide known afterwards to understand how millions of First World citizens really feel when represented by lying politicians who use the State time and money to accuse the media for revealing their hypocrisy.

[The editor](#)



Sir David Adjaye is a Tanzanian architect, born in Dar es Salaam in 1966, who grew up in Ghana and became a British citizen.

Established in London, he began as a designer remodelling bars and residences in 1994, until he founded his own studio in 2000: **'Adjaye Associates'**. He also has studios in Accra (Ghana) and New York, from where he contracts projects around the world.

The **RIBA Gold Medal** is personally awarded by *Her Majesty the Queen* to a person or group of people who have had a significant influence **"directly or indirectly in the advancement of architecture."**

David Adjaye exceptional work has received international recognition over more than 25 years.

As a student, he won the RIBA bronze medal in 1990. Since the beginning of his career, he has combined practice with teaching at various schools of architecture in the United Kingdom and the United States, including chairs at the universities of Harvard, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Princeton.

His vast influence includes: **"contemporary art, music and science to African art forms and civic life in cities."**

His work encompasses exhibitions and furniture design, private homes, important business, cultural and religious buildings, and urban master plans.

He was knighted by the Royalty for services to Architecture in opportunity of New Year 2017, following an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2007.

<https://www.plataformaarquitectura.cl/cl/tag/riba>



Some selected works by Adjaye

(Photos from top to bottom and from left to right):

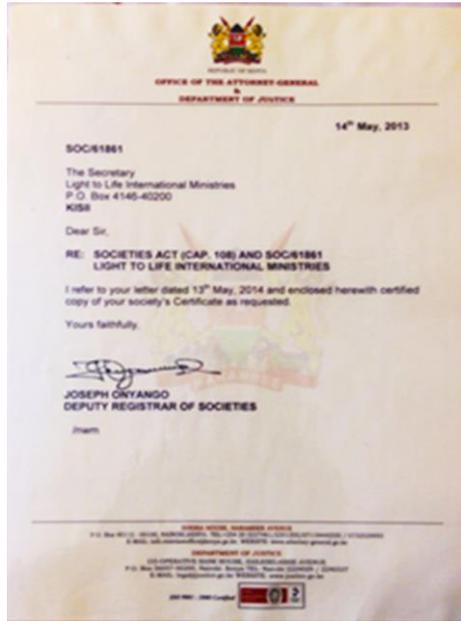
1. The National Museum of African American History and Culture, in Washington DC, 2016, as inspired by a Yoruba crown.
2. Tower of 66 floors '130 William Street, Manhattan, N.Y.
3. 'Ruby City' Museum of Contemporary Art, San Antonio, Texas, 2019.
4. 'Francis A. Gregory' Neighbourhood Library, Washington, DC, 2012.
5. The 'Abrahamic Family House', Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi.
6. Monument 'in memoriam' of Dorothy 'Cherry' Groce, Brixton, London, 2011.
7. Cube Haus, Hackney, London, 2019.
8. SKOLKOVO, School of Management, Oblast, Moscow, Russia, 2006.
9. Interior Webster Store, Beverly Center, LA, California, 2020.
10. National Cathedral, Ghana, 2020.
11. Associated to Daniel Boyd, building and roof over plaza, George St., Sydney, Australia.
12. Creative design and colour schemes to the Nobel Peace Prize Center, and entrance arch, Oslo, Norway, 2005.
13. Office Building at 5 Strand St, Trafalgar Square, London, 2017.
14. Gwangju Pavilion, South Korea, 2015.

[Selection and translation by The Editor](#)

John & Gladys Akaki, Directors of the NGO **'Light to Life'**, (right), write from their **Children's Home** in Kisii, Republic of Kenya, where they have been formally established since 2013 and, in addition, teach primary education to the little ones (photo below).



For this purpose, the entity's Registration Certificate was required, which was fulfilled (photo below).



"Disaster risk mitigation and pandemic management are tasks that require our priority action. The poor are the worst victims."

Since a virus changed priorities in almost everyone, Misra advises:

"Our work must shift focus to being strong advocates for justice and sustainable development, doing our best to be 'agents of positive change' for the disadvantaged and the poor."

The experienced colleague concludes his vision by saying:

"There being so much to do; then, our commitment should be stronger in our action and global promotion of our mission."

For all the above, the Editor of this Newsletter invites readers to strongly support the **'Light to Life'** Association and send a donation that, no matter how small, will be well received.

We recommend using PayPal the service that charges a lower bank commission than usual for transfers; in particular to Kenya. Please do so by entering:

<https://arcpeaceinternational.org/>



The funds thus collected will be sent along with others being periodically collected in Spain for this noble purpose. **The Editor**



Upon learning of ARC • PEACE's activity with **'El Rollo de Palma'** through social networks, in 2019, John contacted the Secretariat and requested the conditions and permission to replicate the event with the participation of the sixty children who live and study at their Home.

With the authorization of the Secretary of ARC•PEACE, Kenyans were one of the first two interested in carrying out this exercise outside of Spain. Despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic, some donations were sent from Palma, which the Home used to dress and feed the children. (Below: pics of the kids, authorized to be published, firstly in Bulletin N ° 60, June 2019).

What better a way than to help John and Gladys to raise and educate one or more children acting on these bases? It would be wonderful if, when they came of age before the law, each of them could find a job opportunity and organize their lives.

In coincidence with this topic, **Prof. Bijay Misra** (right) from the Republic of India and Emeritus Member of ARC•PEACE recently wrote to us about the role that our entity should play in the face of the challenges of this hour. He reflects:



The Newsletter Editor is pleased to share this content that describes the enormous sacrifice of people of good will who fight for peace among human beings.

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) was created in 1982, five years before ARC•PEACE, through patient action. **NAPF** practices the principles based on the fact that the cultural differences that distinguish ethnic groups and human societies, far from creating antagonisms, enrich humans, without any distinction.

Its objective is to agree on the fact that we can all come to live in peace, with each other, thanks to knowing and accepting ourselves as we are. It is not a simple program; it means:

To change the world

To achieve that goal, NAPF presents itself this way:

"We educate and empower people of all ages and backgrounds to solve the most dangerous technological, social, and psychological problems of our time, and to survive and thrive in the 21st century."



Top left to right: David Krieger, NAPF Co-Founder and President (1982 - 2019); Rick Wayman, current president of NAPF (2020); Paul K. Chappell, director of the 'Literacy for Peace' program.

Below: the NAPF task force takes an active part in ICAN (International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons), winner of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.



What's the meaning of Peace Literacy?:

"Literacy for peace is a framework for living well and making peace, based on a deep and complete understanding of what it means to be human."

According to its mentors, the program appeals to human potential by providing participants "the tools to bring more peace to their families, friends, relationships, workplaces and communities, through the three elements of universal respect:

- 1- Listen deeply,
- 2- Lead by example, and
- 3- Speak with empathy at times when it seems more difficult to do so."

With this approach, the coordinators claim to find "common ground between political and religious affiliations (making) our communities and the world better and safer."

This program is offered by NAPF in schools and communities in the US and other countries, with a variety of "free resources for educators" including "personal training sessions and a comprehensive curriculum" for use in the classroom. To obtain details of this material go to: www.peaceliteracy.org and those interested in more information about NAPF to:

<https://www.wagingpeace.org/>

Translation and adaptation by The Editor

Thirty-three years advocating for sustainable Peace

Last July 15th marked the Thirty-third Anniversary of the founding of ARC•PEACE, inspired by physicians and scientists who fought for peace and the prevention of nuclear war well before.

The Preamble to ARC•PEACE Foundational Charter states:

"The main mission of ARC•PEACE is to strengthen and support architects, designers and planners in their work towards a society characterized by respect for Human Rights and Social Justice, active citizen participation in the configuration of their built environment and an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable environment."



In agreement with NAPF's mission above mentioned, it adds:

"This includes working for disarmament, the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts."

A few ARC•PEACE members took part of the online session that day, i.e.:

Fernando Mendizábal Mendoza (who collaborated making the zoom possible from Cochabamba, Bolivia),

Oscar Margenet Nadal from Spain, **Paul Broches** from the US, and

Graeme Bristol from Canada; they are pictured on the left: ARC•PEACE Secretary, Representative before the UN, and President, in that order, from left to right. After a talk of more than an hour, it was agreed on the need to introduce radical changes in the institutional functioning of the NGO, to adapt it to current time demands.

In this sense, an attempt will be made to propose refounding the NGO at the General Assembly to be held in 2021. An introductory report informs on this issue more in detail, on page 8.

The Editor

TO BE OR NOT TO BE, THAT'S THE QUESTION

With all due respect to Shakespeare, *the Editor* headlines this note with the phrase popularized by Hamlet. He also remembers that background voice when the play opens:

"This is the tragedy of a man who could not make up his mind."

Saving obvious distances, this writing encourages all of us who have some responsibility for ARC•PEACE as an NGO, to analyse its role throughout its history; and to do whatever is necessary to prevent repeating the tragedy of not knowing how to decide between being and not being an institution.

Faced with the current circumstances we live in, it is appropriate to remember the motto that accompanies our NGO from the beginning:

"Think globally and act locally with social responsibility."

There is no doubt that, over the years, ARC•PEACE functioned by making decisions prioritizing network collaboration, over its own institutional growth. As we reported on page 7, at the Meet session it was very clear that, given the circumstances we live in, it is essential to review our operation, not only to continue existing, but to know what to do to be better.

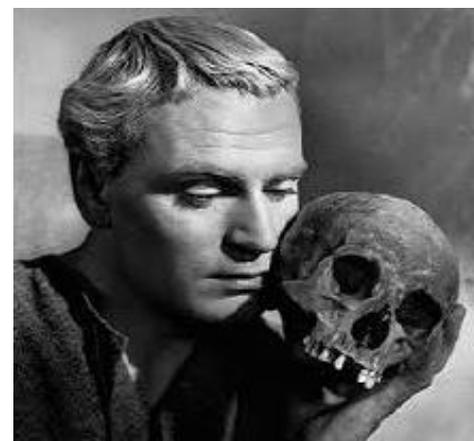
With these objectives, and to start the process of changes that leads us to the 2021 General Assembly, we propose three basic considerations to be taken into account by readers, as a guide to decide their eventual collaboration.

I. Collaboration is a key strategic value at ARC•PEACE.

Our associates have proven to be able to offer meaningful collaborations with near or far effect. Some create platforms for action at various levels; others attract and integrate related institutions.

II. It is time to gain institutional capacity. To this end we should:

1. Develop ourselves by deciding to access resources, knowledge and skills not yet used and incorporate them as essential complements in our actions.
2. Be more efficient and effective; by reducing costs and increasing results.
3. Improve the quality and quantity of services, to more users. Having more social presence, more capacity for representation and negotiation with other actors, more financing.
4. Increase the volume of resources. Innovate with answers to more complex and ambitious challenges.



Laurence Olivier (1907-1989) in the role of Hamlet speaks to the skull of the admired jester friend of his childhood: Oh, poor Yorick!

III. It is question answering time.

1. What is the mission of ARC • PEACE?
2. What vision guides us in the long term?
3. What things must we transform to make this vision come true?
4. What obstacles must we overcome to make our vision come true?
5. What existing mechanisms in the theory of change can we use to help us transform?
6. Which of the main value or service chains that currently exist can help us?
7. How can we promote a more favourable environment?
8. What specific objectives do we want to achieve?
9. What resources, capacities or competences do we have?
10. Can we be creators or catalysts of ecosystems favourable to our mission and vision?

Conclusion:

The Editor encourages readers to decide their valuable collaboration by selecting any of the above aspects. Please write as soon as possible to ARC•PEACE Secretariat:

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IN MEMORIAM of Emeritus Member Tician Papachristou

The Newsletter Editor pays a heartfelt tribute to **Tician Papachristou**, ARC•PEACE beloved cofounder. A talented architect and designer; he was a modest man; prudent when giving his opinion and a faithful companion when in action.



Some of his work can be seen on Google.

In the 1990s, he resigned from the Board of Directors to make room for young people. **Obituary:**

<https://theberkshiredge.com/tician-papachristou-90-of-sheffield-renowned-architect/>

Our condolences to Judit, his widow. She dedicated a posthumous letter to him:

<https://theberkshiredge.com/on-dance-ephra-asheris-odeon-at-the-pillow-is-extraordinary>

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