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International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility
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15th July 2020: ¡ARC•PEACE is 33 years old!

Think global and act local with social responsibility



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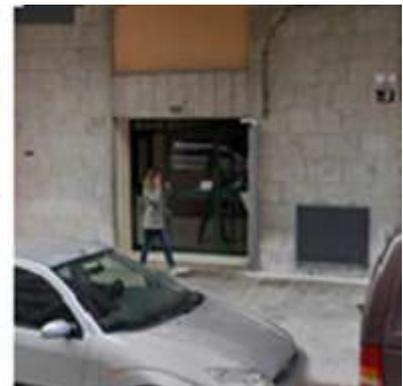
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In the midst of the **Cold War**, the 16th UIA World Congress was held in Brighton, UK, in July 1987. Swedish colleagues had invited a number of pairs from countries on different continents to two meetings at the Metropole Hotel (photo above).



There, the “international architects, designers, planners for the prevention of nuclear war” (IADPPNW) group was born, emulating physicians’. The formal headquarters was set at the School of Architecture of the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (photo above).



With the death of the NGO mentors, professors **Sven Thiberg** and **Dick Urban Vestbro**, the headquarters was moved to Palma, Balearic Islands, in Spain. Architect **Oscar Margenet Nadal**, the only active co-founder, is in charge since December 2015 (photo above).

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IN TIMES OF DEEP CHANGE, LET'S FACE TOGETHER THE CHALLENGE TO REFUND THE NGO!

A very different celebration

When the world was on the brink of what might have been the first (*and last?*) Nuclear War, we trembled just imagining someone in Russia or the US pushing for treachery or simple oversight, the fearsome 'red button'.

The bipolar '**Cold War**' was followed in parallel by the feverish anxiety of nations behind the 'Iron Curtain', and of Germany severed by the infamous 'Berlin Wall'. The doctors of the world, in anticipation of a global massacre, founded in Boston, Ma., USA, in 1980, **International Doctors for the Prevention of Nuclear War** (IPPNW), the NGO that would receive the *Nobel Peace Prize* in 1985.

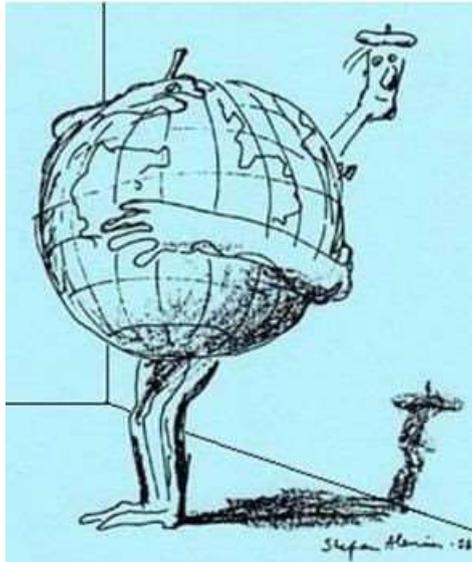
For their part, and coinciding with the XVI World Congress of the UIA (1987) convened under the slogan '**Shelters and cities - Building the world of tomorrow**', a group of architects of different nationalities met to face the threat of the powerful ones. Due to the warlike climate, attendance at the Congress was too meager to the disappointment of the organizers, with the *Royal Institute of British Architects* leading the way. Still, there were 29 representatives from all continents encouraged to join the new international movement that would fight chaos by advocating for Nuclear Disarmament (picture above right).

Prof. Dick Urban Vestbro briefed that moment on the first **Newsletter** (1/89): "*The Founding Charter was approved and the first Executive Committee elected with two Co-Chairs Yuri Platonov, USSR, & Tician Papachristou, USA; Oscar Margenet, Argentina; Jai R. Bhalla, India, Reuben Musyoka Mutiso, Kenya; Benabdeljalil Abdelmoumen, Morocco; Anthony Watkins, New Zealand; Witold Thumenas, Poland; Sven Thiberg, Sweden; and Kate McIntosh, UK. The headquarters and Secretariat will be in Stockholm. The UIA adopted a resolution endorsing and supporting the new organization.*"



Above, from left to right: Oscar Margenet, Sven Thiberg, Kate McIntosh, Tician Papachristou and Akio Hayashi (with their backs turned) greet each other in the lounge of Brighton Metropole Hotel.

Thus '**Architects, Designers, International Planners for the Prevention of Nuclear War**' (IADPPNW) was born. Its logo was designed by **Stefan Alenius** in 1988 (below).



Thirty-three years later, the many harmful comings and goings made humans lose hope of peace, and threaten the planet's subsistence. The subjugation of human rights, climate change and the lack of foresight to face the COVID-19 pandemic today finds us in a worse global state than the one preceding the fall of the *Wall of Shame* (below).



Communication between associates has dramatically decreased ever since March of this year, accusing the pace of official measures to try and reduce, or at least mitigate the social and economic effects of the virus on people's health.

Social, political, and economic experts predict complete change in future human activities.

The concentration of power in the hands of a few, the official lies in the post-truth era, and the advancement of subsidiary populist policies aim to create the political patronage necessary to endure in the current government power.

Celebrating an anniversary like this in this context is very rare, to say the least. There doesn't seem to be much reason to celebrate.

However, individuals and society are intimately linked; the two of them feedback survival.

That is why it is necessary to fight for freedom of conscience, expression and press.

After more than three decades ARC•PEACE is still called to:

"Organize, meetings, conferences and world congresses (at least one every three years); promote the creation of associations and help establish them where there is not yet one.

Cooperate with governmental and non-governmental organizations to prohibit the production and use of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and to prevent nuclear war.

Eliminate global tensions through international agreements, exchange programs for professionals and students from different countries, and promote exhibitions.

Execute design and construction programs through cooperation and mutual aid and other peaceful interaction and communication systems". (Adapted from 'Statutes, Article II: Purposes and Tasks').

Would you accept to make this challenge yours? If you do, let's then celebrate together on July 15!

The Editor

Let's greet each other on July 15!

The celebration of our **XXXIII Anniversary** will be possible thanks to the good offices of colleague **Fernando D. Mendizábal Mendoza** from the city of Cochabamba in Bolivia.

The formal invitation will come to you by email so that you can confirm your attendance to Fernando and he then can organize all the connections in due time.

Along with it you will receive instructions with the page address and tutorials for personalized access to the online meeting, for which the **Microsoft Teams** platform will be used.

Those who do not have a previous account or knowledge of this platform are advised to preview the tutorial video and enter the page interface.

The recording of the meeting will be published on ARC•PEACE official pages and Facebook.

Those who could not participate in the meeting will receive the link to view it later. For the Internet meeting, a sweep of time slots was carried out in the countries where NGO-related representations and actors are located.

The resulting schedule for each country is on the right:

INVITED COUNTRIES	TIME
<i>Vancouver (Canada)</i>	7:00
<i>Honduras</i>	8:00
<i>Mexico, Colombia & Peru</i>	9:00
<i>Bolivia, USA & Chile</i>	10:00
<i>Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil</i>	11:00
<i>United Kingdom, Portugal & RD Congo</i>	15:00
<i>Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Norway, Sudan and Sweden</i>	16:00
<i>Tunisia, Kenya and Bahrain</i>	17:00
<i>India</i>	19:30
<i>Nepal</i>	19:45
<i>Thailand</i>	21:00
<i>Malaysia</i>	22:00
<i>Japan</i>	23:00
<i>Australia</i>	00:00
<i>New Zealand (16/07/2020)</i>	02:00



DO NOT DELAY IN SIGNING UP FOR THIS CELEBRATION!

While in the eighties the world progressed towards its own destruction.....



On July 15, 1987, an international movement was born, promoted by professionals advocating for sustainability and social responsibility.



The first Board of Directors had representatives from ten countries from the five continents.
From left to right:

Yuri P. Platonov (ex URSS, 1929-2016); *Tician Papachristou* (EE.UU., 1928-2018);
Oscar Samuel Margenet (Argentina-Spain); *Jai Rattan Bhalla* (India, 1922-2016); *Reuben Musyoka Mutiso* (Kenya);
Benabdeljalil Abdelmoumen (Marruecos); *Anthony Tony Watkins* (New Zealand);
Witold Thumenas (Poland, 1935-2018); *Sven Thiberg* (Sweden, 1931-2015); *Katherine Kate Macintosh* (United Kingdom).

IN THIRTY-THREE YEARS WE SHARE WITH VALUABLE PEOPLE FROM MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES



ARC • PEACE CREATES SYNERGIES WITH ASSOCIATES, VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS



ARC • PEACE RECEIVES ERASMUS INTERNS: WE BET ON YOUNG PEOPLE!



AUTHORITIES OF THE BALEARIC, MALLORQUÍ AND PALMESAN GOVERNMENTS COLLABORATE WITH ARC • PEACE

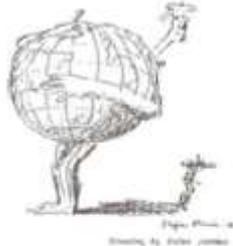


**AUTHORITIES OF THE BALEARIC GOVERNMENTS, MALLORQUÍ AND PALMESAN;
SCIENTISTS; ACADEMICS; JOURNALISTS; TEACHERS OF PRIMARY, SECONDARY, UNIVERSITY
LEVELS; BUSINESSMEN; PLASTIC ARTISTS; LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS;
VOLUNTEERS: ADULTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, TEENS AND CHILDREN THANK YOU ALL!**



33 years - A Rich Historical Legacy - 33 years

IADPPNW Newsletter 1/89
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Prague International Assembly
against Ecological Disaster, Homelessness and the Arms Race



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Logotype of the Prague International Assembly
symbolizing the towers of Prague.

IADPPNW Newsletter 2/90
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ICED '91 in Rio Hondo, Argentina:
A Courageous Step Towards the Earth Summit
ICED 1991



ECO RIO 1992
ARC•PEACE made a
strong show in Rio



Jim Morgan in Rio de Janeiro



Chicago Cultural Center

**ARC•PEACE
GA 1993**

Habitat II
NGO preparations
Geneva April 1994



Luz Maria Sánchez

COPENHAGEN 1995



1999



HABITAT II
ISTANBUL 3-14 JUNE 1996

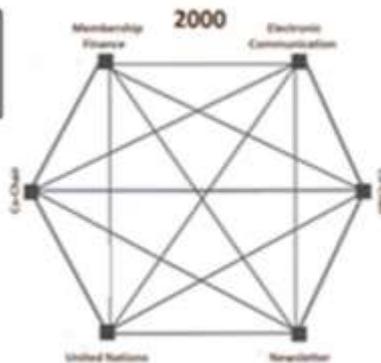


Liveable Cities for All
Lima, November 1997



ARC•PEACE DENOUNCES INDIAN NUCLEAR TESTS
POKRHAN - II / 1998

**NGO Future Discussed
London - 1999**



ARC•PEACE
Organizational Diagram

2001
Time for Peaceful
Resolution
of Conflicts
Not More Terror
By
Dick Urban Vestbro

**Symposium on
Architecture
& Human Rights
BANGKOK - 2006**



Prof. Ahmed Al Jowder

**ELIMINATE ALL WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION!!**

2002



CAHR & ARC•PEACE connected
2007

Dick Urban Vestbro calls for
ARC•PEACE RENEWAL
2008

2009- Tomasz Rozadowski -2009



2010 - Stockholm - 2010



AFTER HIS VALUABLE TIME IN ARC•PEACE RETURNS TO URUGUAY MARCELO MORALES

Great collaborator of the Secretary of ARC•PEACE International and the Secretary of ARC•PEACE Iberoamérica he carries a backpack full of experience and projects. We wish him success in everything he does on his land

The Newsletter Editor contacted the volunteer **Marcelo Morales** to tell us what he experiences hours before returning to his native country.

NL: How and when did you find out about ARC•PEACE?

MM: when I met the Secretary, his family and his collaborators, almost two years ago. I was interested in knowing more. I was caught by that dynamic action that moves them.

NL: What attracted you the most to the ARC•PEACE mission?

MM: among all the good things, I felt identified with the place that is given to human rights; especially those of children and adults.

In practice, I subscribe the positive approach to those who work for the Common Good; its support to projects of civil associations, non-profit community groups; both civil and official groups, from the neighbourhood up to municipal level and without political, religious or ideological barriers.

NL: What could you do in Palma during this time that you like to tell us about?

MM: Since I didn't get a rental job, I was able to volunteer full time. I learned to collaborate in projects like 'EL Rollo de Palma' that prioritizes the rights of the child.

I also cooperated with other NGOs, such as the Mallorcan **Vida Digna**; we collect medicines for Venezuelans living under Maduro's regime.

NL: What projects will you promote when you return to your country?

MM: First I must deal with putting personal, family and work matters in order. Once this is done, I will put my efforts to continue encouraging Uruguayans who are already members of ARC•PEACE, such as the Yacaré group, from Treinta y Tres, and also the group 'Los Churrinches', whose members are people of honest work and sincere dedication for the neighbours. I hope they will join us.

NL: What would you recommend to our fellow architects and those in similar professions?



MM: I will tell them that their professions are ideal for listening to ordinary people: children, youth, adults and seniors; both women and men who live day to day.

I will also tell them to invest a bit of their time in finding out what the citizens need to live better; and let them think about what they can give to help build a better society together; without authoritarianism, political, partisan or materialistic selfishness.

NL: Thank you very much for your contribution Marcelo. We all wish you the best!

[The Editor](#)

