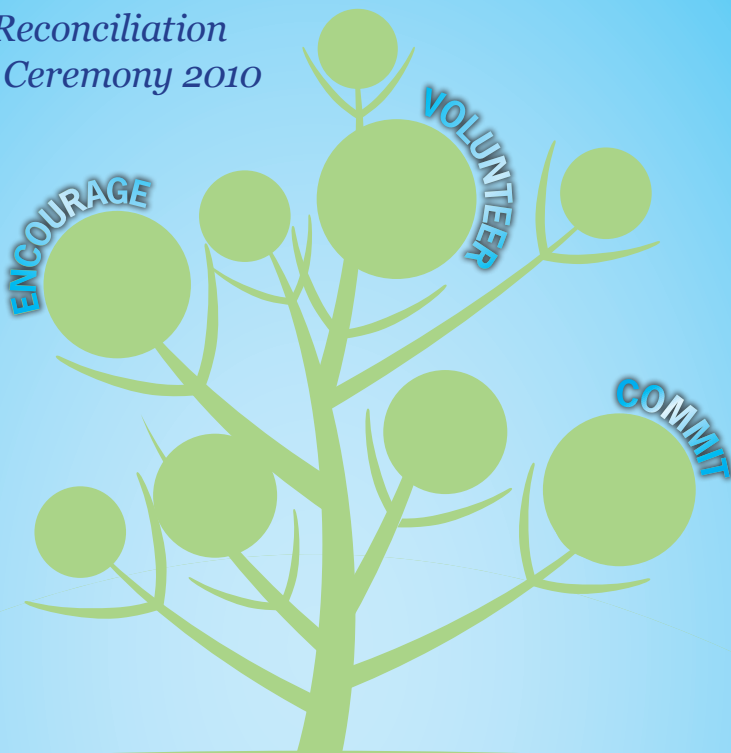


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The S.E.R. Foundation

The S.E.R. Foundation is an NGO with special advisory status at the UN ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council), also associated with the UN DPI (Department for Public Information). One of its global commitments is to foster reconciliation and peace.



Romulo V. Tajon – Chairman, International and UN-Affairs

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Editorial

UN Volunteerism: Magnanimous Diplomacy in Action

The challenge of the millennium is how to mobilize organized civil societies into cohesive and concerted peace-keeping networks.

The 64th UN NGO/DPI Bonn Conference with Volunteerism as its Theme underscored the significance and relevance of human magnanimity in the pursuit of international peace, brotherhood and equality.

Executive Coordinator of the UNV, Flavia Pansieri aptly puts it: “Sustainable Development cannot be achieved without Responsive Citizens who commit, volunteer and engage!”

Political Scientists and Thinkers have repeatedly said: „The greatness and success of a Nation, depends in greater and lesser degree, upon the character and magnanimity of its people.”

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R. V. Tajon
S.E.R. Chairman UN Affairs

Here lies the key to Global sustainable development: Human Magnanimity, high-mindedness and understanding.

In other words, organized governments and NGOs should work together in enhancing the level of conscious activities geared towards the pursuit of the supreme ideals of Life, Liberty and Dignity.

As the Good Book, says:
“Without Vision a Nation Perish.”

R. V. Tajon

S.E.R. Foundation's Great Impact



First meeting at UN HQ New York, 27/02/2007 – Juan Carlos Brandt, Isolda Oca, Felicitas Hoffmann, Katharina Brecht, Josefine Brecht

The 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference Bonn, Germany 3-5 September 2011

What started as a dream early February 2007 came into reality four years later on 3-5 September 2011 in Bonn, Germany, the UN City in Germany: “The 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference“

On instruction of the Chairman of the S.E.R. Foundation UN Affairs, Mr. R. V. Tajon, a delegation composed of Ms. Josefine Brecht, Judge Felicitas Hoffmann and Katharina Brecht sought an audience to the then UN DPI NGO Chief, Mr. Juan Carlos Brandt, with Ms. Isolda Oca, as go-between, a UN NY Officer, to bring the Annual UN/DPI Conference to Germany.

The 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, outside the UN New York Headquarter, was a most challenging job for the organizing committee and for the S.E.R. Foundation. In the planning committee was the Media/PRO Officer, Ms. Josefine Brecht.

The Conference was attended by about 1,500 NGOs, CSOs, UN Member States Representatives, Media, Academia, various associations and foundations world-wide.

The Conference Theme “Sustainable Development” attracted societies and responsive private individuals in

all fields of endeavors, particularly those involved in sustainable developmental projects, environmental protection, Poverty Eradication, Health Care, Youth and Education Projects.

In the aegis of the 10th Anniversary of the International Year of Volunteerism (IYV + 10) Roundtables, Workshops, Exhibits, Youth Events, Side Events and Interactive Programs were scheduled.

The Host City Government of Bonn, represented by Mayor Jürgen Nimptsch and Dr. Maria Hohn-Berghorn, together with the BMZ, Federal Government of Germany, UN DPI/ NGO Committee Group, UN Volunteers, Conference Planning Committee Chair, Felix Dodds, co-Chair, Bernward Geier, to name a few.

The S.E.R. Foundation also organized events: under its Reconciliation



City of Bonn representatives: Dr. Maria Hohn-Berghorn, Lord Mayor Jürgen Nimptsch

and Health Care Program:

The Reconciliation Award Ceremony, a Workshop to Strengthen Civic Volunteerism and an Exhibit: Power of Empathy Through Ergosoma. City

Bonn Mayor Jürgen Nimptsch says: “... the claim on the conference website is intriguing – commit, encourage, volunteer...” There is not much to add to that. But what I can say is that a functioning society depends on the degree to which its people commit and volunteer...”

Josefine Brecht



Bernward Geier

Felix Dodds

2nd Reconciliation Award Ceremony 2011 in Bonn, Germany



audience award ceremony

In pursuance to the S.E.R. Foundation's Reconciliation "Action Plan 2009," enunciating various special awards that shall be granted to NGOs world-wide, on their exemplary local humanitarian projects and activities, the awards for 2009 and 2010 were recently handed down in simple ceremonies in Bern, Switzerland and Bonn Germany.

In cooperation with Global Balance Foundation, the Action Plan was designed to foster Reconciliation Diplomacy under the theme: "Unity in Diversity" to support the United Nations (UN MDGs) Millennium Development Goals.

As conceived, the 2009 Action Plan calls for all Civil Organizations to initiate Projects promoting reconciliation and peace.

In August 2010 the 1st S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony took place with 157 projects from 22 nations had been registered on the occasion ushering the United Nations' International Reconciliation Year 2009. 12 projects were awarded in the presence of the guest of honor, Mr. Wilfried Lemke, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Sport for Development and Peace, in Bern, Switzerland.

The **2nd Reconciliation Award Ceremony** on **September 4, 2011**, as a **Side Event** of the **64th annual UN DPI/NGO Conference** on 3-5 Sept., in Bonn Germany.

Many participants found their way to the great Beethoven Hall, where on Sunday evening the award ceremonies was opened solemnly with a musical contribution of Ms. Dorothy Habig, S.E.R. UN NY Representative, who sang a ballad, with Klaus Roth at the piano.

Ms. Felicitas Hoffmann, S.E.R. UN NY Representative, in her welcome address, warmly welcomed all, particularly the Director of the Outreach Division of DPI, Mr. Maher Nasser, the keynote speaker and Guest of Honour, Mr Kevin Gilroy, Chief of UNV Peace Division, Ms. Verena Schwarte, Representative of the Town of Bonn, Mr. Bernward Geier, Head of the German Focal Group, Mr Cyril Ritchie, President of CoNGO as well as its former President, Mr. Liberato Bautista.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Gilroy portrayed the importance of the commitment to reconciliation and peace and paid tribute to the work of the S.E.R. Foundation.

The Presiding Chairman, Managing

Board of the S.E.R. Foundation Germany, Prof. Dr. Stanislaus von Korn,



Ms. Dorothy Habig formerly with the State Opera Hamburg

described objectives and targets of the S.E.R. Foundation's engagement and thanked all attending organizations for their commitment.

The granting of the awards was launched through a musical improvisation of two voices, by Bettina Marugg and Steffi Schmid. More than 70 projects from 16 countries had been registered on the website of global balance. A jury of the S.E.R. Foundation had chosen the following 4 projects as best practise in 4 categories.



Prof. Dr. Domrös, Ms. Bernhardt (Abrahams Herberge), Felicitas Hoffmann, Steffi Schmid

- **Palestinian / Israeli / German Theatre project.**
Abraham's House, Beit Jala, PNA
- **Bienvenu cher enfant.**
FVS AMADE, Burundi
- **Caravane pour la paix et la réconciliation.**
Association cadre de developper, Communautaire (CADEC), Burundi
- **Week of religions.**
IRAS COTIS (Interfaith working group), Switzerland



Bettina Marugg and Steffi Schmid

These Four Projects were presented successively by the Jury Members. The representatives of the organizations obtained the S.E.R. reconciliation award, which was donated by Global Balance. In their acceptance speeches, it was very moving to hear how much



Visiting the exhibition: Dr. Köhl Baltic Sea Forum and Global Balance Foundation e.V., Kevin Gilroy UNV Chief, Peace Division, Professor von Korn S.E.R. Foundation Germany, Katharina Brecht UN-Main Representative Baltic Sea Forum



Felicitas Hoffmann

joy and courage this recognition has brought to the projects' staff.

In her closing remarks the moderator, Ms. Felicitas Hoffmann, extended special acknowledgments to all those who made the ceremony possible, the Chief

of DPI NGO Relations, Ms Maria-Luisa Chávez, the representatives of the City of Bonn, the head of the DPI NGO Executive Committee, Mr. Jeffrey Huffines, to the German coordinator of the Conference, Mr Bernward Geier and the co-chair of the event and exhibition subcommittee, Ms Josefine Brecht.

In their final song, Bettina Heuel and Steffi Schmid invited the audience to sing along and have refreshments and drinks afterwards, that enhanced for everyone into joyful and cheerful mood.

Steffi Schmid

„A TIME OF RENEWAL“

Speech of Prof. Dr. Stanislaus v. Korn,

Presiding Chairman, Board of management S.E.R. Foundation Germany

Today we live in a time of unrest. Political, economic, ecological and social problems and changes determine our world. But at the same time it seems to be a time of renewal - perhaps more than in the past years. A time where peace and reconciliation are of particular importance.

But we have to consider that peace and renewal also require a sustainable balance at several levels. Keep in mind, that nowadays

- consumption is not linked to resources
- economy is not primarily linked to human values
- education and professions are mainly shaped by rational understanding, not by a holistic approach
- people are trained in using weapons, not in peace-building and that
- we should not promote the war between cultures, but find new ways to bring cultures together. So, we have to look for a higher level of understanding, which unities us.

And I believe that we all –especially in the free and favoured world- bear

some of the responsibility for a sustainable peaceful development – in accordance to the topic of this year’s 64th DPI/NGO conference ‚Sustainable societies, responsive citizens‘.

The S.E.R. Foundations from Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands promote these goals and for many years our foundations have been engaged in peace and reconciliation projects. - In 2003 the S.E.R. Foundations drew up a resolution for a **Reconciliation Day**:

“The 2009 International Day”.

- From 2005 to 2008 it invited NGOs worldwide to participate in a **Reconciliation Week** and

- when the **International Reconciliation Year 2009** was proclaimed by the General Assembly

(in November 2006), it introduced a **Global Action Plan** for the year and set up a general call for joining in reconciliation activities’.

All members of the S.E.R. Foundations work as volunteers, and it is encouraging to see how many volunteers all over the world are working for peace. So I think, there is a potential for peace-building and reconciliation, that we must use and strengthen.



Prof. Stanislaus von Korn S.E.R. Germany Foundation

On our way to a more stable and peaceful world, we also have to make sure that the personality development will be supported and that empathy -as it is promoted by the Ergosom Method- will achieve greater attention in human relationships.

In this context, a consciousness of the principle of sharing can grow that seems to be indispensable for a balanced (stable) world. (Some first steps have been taken in the U.S. and Europe (such as donation service, taxes on the rich).

Today we need a stronger collective responsibility. Therefore, it is necessary, that our attitudes will change for a new level of understanding.

A large number of reconciliation projects can be taken as examples for that.

To some of them we would like to award a prize today.

We want to keep the idea of reconciliation alive and to preserve it in the mainstream of human consciousness. Therefore S.E.R. and Global Balance Foundations are renewing the call to submit reconciliation projects every year and more over, we believe that it is indispensable to call for a Global Reconciliation Decade by the UN member states. The longer reconciliation is practiced, the more harmonizing effects will develop at different levels even up to the promotion of the Millennium Development Goals.

Reconciliation is the heart of the UN Peace keeping dialogue to foster enduring global peace and understanding!

Thank you

Israel needs Palestine and Palestine needs Israel. If you love Israel, you should help Palestine and if you love Palestine you should help Israel....

Reverend Shihadeh



S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony, Foundation Members, Awardees and Guests (L – R: Matthias Tajon, Heike Böhi, Christina van den Berk, Anke Schmidt-Bratzel, Felicitas Hoffmann, Erika Brändle, Prof. Dr. Manfred Domroes, Verena Zander, Christiane Bernhardt, Herr Haab,

Today, we live in a time of unrest. Political, economic, ecological and social problems and changes determine our world. But at the same time, it seems to be a time of renewal – perhaps more than in the past. A time where peace and reconciliation are of particular importance....

Prof. Dr. Stanislaus von Korn

First, it is worthwhile to consider the broader meaning of reconciliation – and the “subjective experience” which the S.E.R. Foundation advocates as essential for any meaningful reconciliation to be realized. Second, to bolster the recognition of volunteerism and civic engagement within the context of local and global reconciliation and peace building efforts...

Kevin Gilroy



Dr. Georg Vischer, Pater Déogratias Maruhukiro, Colette Samoya, Klaus Roth, Dorothy Habig, Kevin Gilroy, Josefine Brecht, Katharina Brecht, Prof. Dr. Stanislaus von Korn, in front: Steffi Schmid, Bettina Marugg

Our Vision – The S.E.R. Foundation holds this as Eternal Truth:

“Protecting Human Life is a Sacred Duty; Upholding Human Dignity is a Sublime Mission to Fulfill.”

Peace is the realm of the higher mind; it is the Kingdom of the Soul... Source Unknown

The UN Volunteerism

*Key Note Address by Kevin Gilroy,
Chief, UN Peace Division*

The 4 Awardee projects, and the special people behind them, epitomize - precisely - the type of committed, engaged and responsive citizens we're speaking about - people whom out of free will and volunteer spirit, have stood up, joined and partnered with others, and took action to do something to make the world around them a better place.

It is an added privilege to speak on behalf my organization - the United Nations Volunteers, as we at UNV can think of no better fitting Award to be highlighted and recognized in the midst of the theme and spirit of this conference - that Sustainable Development cannot be achieved without Responsive Citizens who commit, volunteer and engage!

Now and so that all of here better understand the Awards being presented this evening, and what power they represent to the larger theme of the Conference, I thought it would be interesting to focus my words on two areas. First, it is worthwhile for us to consider the broader meaning of rec-



Kevin Gilroy UN Volunteers

onciliation - and the “subjective experience” which the S.E.R. Foundation advocates as being essential for any meaningful reconciliation and sustainable development to be realized. Secondly, I would like to indulge you in considering some of the trends and opportunities that we in the UN and at United Nations Volunteers see, and what we are doing to bolster the recognition of volunteerism and civic engagement within the context of local and global reconciliation and peace building efforts.

What I find fascinating about the S.E.R. Foundation - and the responsive citizen nature and spirit of the

Awards being presented tonight - is the S.E.R.'s more holistic take on reconciliation. The Foundation applauds higher-level diplomatic reconciliation efforts, yet also sees reconciliation as a fundamental principle for human development at all levels of society, not just the high and diplomatic. That reconciliation comprises all areas of our lives and humanity - in our environment, in our economy, in our religion and faith, in the cultural, social, scientific, and political realms of our lives and communities. And most importantly, that reconciliation starts with us as individuals, and is inter-twined and spreads through our families, neighbours, communities, and workplaces, with rippling effects and inter-connectedness, and direct impact on the well-being of our society at national and global levels.

Key to this more holistic view of Reconciliation, is the belief that it can only truly happen through personal, subjective experience – experiences that spawn greater openness, acceptance, understanding – inner, personal experiences which bring balance in perspective and heart of the individual, and relationships that individual has with the people and community around them.

In simple terms, the way I under-

stand it, is the belief that true reconciliation in all walks of our lives, cannot happen unless we as people experience our own transformative changes within ourselves. The experiences to effect this change do not come from above, but rather at the individual, family and community level – often in small, gradual transformative steps – but steps that can make mighty powerful footprints as they grow and inter-connect with others in society.

The winners of this year's Reconciliation Awards have clearly demonstrated how common citizens connect the dots between sustainable development and civic engagement. Reconciliation within the context of sustainable development is an herculean challenge that needs a herculean response, and only through engaging every citizen of the world is the challenge to be met.

We at the United Nations Volunteers, and all the organizations and everyone here tonight, salute you, salute your colleagues and partners back home, and salute the incredible work you are doing!

Kevin Gilroy

For editorial reasons this is a condensed form of Mr. Gilroy's speech.

Strengthening Social Cohesion Through Voluntary Civil Engagement

During the 64th DPI NGO Conference in Bonn, Germany, the S.E.R. Foundation sponsored a workshop, titled:

It was moderated by Ms Anke Bruns, S.E.R. Foundation Germany. Who welcomed as speakers **Ms Colette Samoya Kirura**, former Ambassador of Burundi to the UN and Peace-Woman, co-founder and coordinator of the NGO BANGWE and DIALOGUE, **Mr Alex G. Elsohn**, Director of Europe from the Givat Haviva Educational Institute (Israel) and **Ms Doris Röschmann**, S.E.R. Foundation Germany.

Ms Röschmann, a German Psychologist focused on the motivational and psychological aspects of volunteerism. She featured the importance of being motivated by a higher purpose in voluntary work, self-knowledge and self-realization, on prerequisites of responsible deep rooted engagement. In order to win volunteers, she said a clear mission and vision are fundamental: Mission target should be positively forward oriented.

Ms Colette Samoya Kirura referred to her experiences in the Great

Lakes region where despite ongoing conflicts, the societies also inherit universal values like dignity, the ideal of peace and basic Human Rights in their respective traditions to resolve conflicts. She pointed out and explained in detail, how she could motivate women of the Great Lake region who had suffered violence to turn their passive observance into active change favoring reconciliation and sustainable peace and how children were trained in non-violent communication in order to live without revenge.



Ms Colette Samoya Kirura



Workshop panellists (middle) with S.E.R. Officials

Mr. Elsohn talked about his experiences with promoting mutual responsibility, civic equality and cooperation between divided groups in Israel. Focusing on the Bedouin minority living in Israel, he revealed the consequences for not officially acknowledged Bedouin villages being cut off public service like water, schools and transportation. It is the engagement of his NGO to encourage young people to take responsibility for their daily life, empower their capacities to create relationships, voluntary engagement and structural changes within the communities and negotiate with local governments.

In the interactive part of the

workshop, the attendants got together in small groups and exchanged their personal experiences referring to the vision for the voluntary work, on the greatest inner strengths and how these contribute to their voluntary work as well as on the assets out of the voluntary work.

For the given period of time, the bright and ample space of Salon Hayden hummed with dialogues.

The workshop concluded with a very vivid **discussion between the audience and the panelists**.

Felicitas Hoffmann
(coordinator of the workshop)

S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony 2010 in Bern, Switzerland



S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony in Bern, CH, 2010 - Awardees

The impressive S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony took place at the Congress and Culture Centre in Berne, Switzerland, on August 7th 2010. According to the S.E.R. Action plan, designed for the United Nations International Reconciliation Year 2009, and in support of the eight Millennium Development Goals, twelve outstanding peace projects were honoured at the S.E.R. Award Ceremony.

On behalf of the Foundations for Subjective Experience and Research, S.E.R. Germany, Netherlands and

Switzerland, Mrs. Rita Jakob opened the ceremony and indicated that only readiness for reconciliation can open the way for Peace, Order and Justice. Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on sport for Development and Peace stressed in his speech how a reconciliation-based coexistence can be promoted through sports.

More than 100 guests from all over the world attended the first S.E.R. Reconciliation Award Ceremony, where the importance of reconciliation in today's life was strongly emphasize. Musical contributions by various artists and singers framed the event.

The honoured Projects were:

A) Political, Socio-Economic Projects

- *Pakistan:* The Voice
Palestine National Authority:
Peace Week in Beit Jala
- *Serbia and Montenegro:*
Belgrade Summit 2009

B) Category: Creative Projects

- *Argentina:* Neighbourhood meetings – Teatro La Luna, Cordoba
- *Scotland United Kingdom :*
Africa in Motion –
Filmfestival and Symposium
- *Switzerland:*
Choir of the Nations

C) Educational/Athletic Projects

- *Germany:* Eighth Aachener run for Peace
- *Switzerland:* Future Leaders Forum
- *Switzerland:* RadioChico
„Daily on the Way and active on the Subject of Reconciliation

D) Spiritual / Health Care Projects

- *Burundi:* The Reconciliation week at Mount Sion Gikungu
- *Siberia, Russia:* Earth is our common Home
- *Morocco:* Foster Health Care and Education of youngsters

During his Closing remarks Prof. von Korn, Presiding Chairman of the S.E.R. Foundation Germany, recapitulated, Reconciliation is the heart of the UN Peace keeping diplomacy!

Although the International Reconciliation Year 2009 has come to an end, the subject of reconciliation will remain the challenge of our times. It is not enough to make reconciliation the subject of a year. It should be followed by a Decade of Reconciliation, thus ultimately bringing the whole new Millennium under the sign of Reconciliation and enabling humanity to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and worldwide peace.

To keep the idea of reconciliation alive and find solace into the mainstream of human consciousness the S.E.R. Foundations establishes every year a new Project List (2010, 2011) at www.global-balance.org designed to make reconciliation activities worldwide visible, viable and vigorous.

Rita Jakob

RadioChico, Switzerland, broadcasted the Ceremony.
A report is available at
www.radiochico.ch
Many thanks for this extraordinary work to the RadioChico team!

Workshop on UN Volunteerism

64th DPI/NGO Conference, Bonn, Germany

*Conducted by Ms. Doris Röschmann Council Vice-Chairman,
S.E.R. Foundation D*



Doris Röschmann

I am honored to participate in this workshop and to speak over a subject that interest me most:

“Volunteerism for a New World Order”

Let me start about the Motivational Aspect of Volunteerism, an act of performing a Task without financial reward or monetary profit.

Experience has shown certain precondition upon which one volunteers: to give meaning to one’s work or being.

Furthermore, whether one finds meaningful reason for working or not, depends primarily on the person self.

Studies have shown that there Two (2) Conditions for finding one’s meaningfulness: (1) an attitude of Self-Responsibility. (2) an Optimistic Attitude.

Self-knowledge is necessary for selfless acts. Most religions and philosophers worthy of their names emphasize self-knowledge or self-awareness as an important condition for helpfulness. They teach that one gains self-knowledge by way of reflection, contemplation and action.

The way is by gaining ample experiences: (a) of being useful; (b) of being successful; and, (c) of being self-efficient. These experiences lead to the feeling of optimism and confidence that also gives added inner strength and self-reliance.

Studies further showed that to appeal on people’s sense of responsibilities brings only little impact; to enhance subjective experience have

more sustainable effect. That is, altruistic activities and civil engagement are ways to gain good feelings not for a short moment but fortifies enduring happiness and well-being in life.

Let me mention at this point the importance of visionary attitudes for NGOs by speaking over my personal experience as volunteer.

The S.E.R. Foundation Germany have a mission-statement as follows: “Protecting human life is a sacred duty; upholding human dignity is a sublime mission to fulfill.”

Every time I read these words, written by our Foundation Chair, Romulo Tajon, they awake longing and wish to follow this purpose. I want to contribute and help people find their uniqueness in building a community where everyone can flourish.

This becomes my personal mission. Others, too, can find their own way. And, whatever motivation that may be, there is a common aim: reconciliation, building bridges to overcome differences. Above all, to preserve God’s Creation under a regime of peace, justice and freedom.

I appeal to all concerned and recommend to NGOs to attract people for a sustainable engagement – (1) by defining clear and authentic mission; visions that generates common goal, hope and encouragement, creative thinking and passion. (2) To define and describe these missionary statements in positive terms.

Let us all strengthen a New World Culture by saying: “Yes we will.”

Doris Röschmann

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The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research S.E.R.

exhibits participation at the UN DPI/NGO Conference covers (1) Eradication of Poverty through Sharing under the teaching of St. Martin; and (2) under Public Health Program by Ergosoma.



Impressions of the parallel workshops:
workshop audience

The S.E.R. Foundation's Group was headed by Dr. Markus Köhl, together with the Ergosoma Health Care Team. Their topic : "Power of Empathy for a Sustainable Public Health and the St. Martin Philosophy of SHARING in eradicating Poverty and Hunger." In short: the UN-Vision for a New World Order.

The Project Sharing, as St. Martin teaches, is to eradicate poverty

through socio-economic and political reforms designed to uplift human value, dignity and equality geared towards a better world order.

The bronze statue at the exhibition stand was created by the artist and peace maker Uwe Brecht.

It depicts the children of the world, each representing the Elements of Nature necessary for living, i.e. water, air, sun and Mother Nature; and, in the other hand, the shared value/wealth of St. Martin connecting them all.

Since children are most receptive and ready to revere nature and its treasures without greed, they represent the future. They stand on a marble plinth, as models of quality of life abundance, as depicted by a well running in spiral form.

Sharing as a magnanimous form of reconciliation is an ethical social value: it fosters humanness in social development and economic stability. The development path, in the form of a spiral, from the past to the present, the children as link, in translating the virtue of sharing natural resources in



S.E.R. and Ergosoma Team and BSF Representatives , Exposition

peace and justice, so everyone living and building a new World of Peace; as symbolized by the Dove - with Mother Earth in the middle.

ERGOSOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH –

A clear mind and intuitiveness, where sensory awareness, feeling and rational thinking in a state of “oneness” are the way towards high-mindedness: Magnanimous character.

Scientific studies show that the Ergosoma Method, a new therapeutic healing art, fosters high sense of perception and empathy.

Ergosoma, when used in Global Health Care services, can be a com-

plementary healing method. Founded and developed by R. V. Tajon, its roots can be found in the healing traditions of Ancient Asia.

Ergosoma professes, that every person has an inborn self-healing mechanism. It is a self-regulating and regenerating inner core. It has indigenous resources that are all integrating, regulating and transmitting vitality impulses.

Sustainable social health development needs mutual power source: An Organized Civil Society, where the sublime power of perceptual Empathy as tool for public health and well-being can be utilised.

By Dr. Markus Koehl

The 50th Session

UN Commission Social Development

On February 1 – 10 2012, the UN Commission on Social Development convened in New York to tackle Poverty Eradication in fostering social integration, full employment and decency for all.

The Baltic Sea Forum (BSF) and the Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research (S.E.R.), both NGOs in special consultative status with ECOSOC (UN), were invited to participate in the 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development.

The President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the

50th session of the Commission for Social Development, the Permanent Representative to the UN of Slovakia, H.E. Mr. Milos Koterec, held the Opening Statement.

This was followed by a formal statement of the Chair of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Permanent Representative to the UN of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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At its fiftieth regular session, held on 18 February 2011 and from 1 to 10

NEWS: UN launches Year of Cooperatives with spotlight on development

The United Nations today launched the International Year of Cooperatives with the General Assembly President underlining their role as catalysts of socially-inclusive development and capacity to empower communities through jobs and in-

come generation. “Cooperatives contribute to food security, rural development, and other social services,” said x, opening the Assembly’s plenary meeting to launch 2012 as the International Year.

“They are not only provide productive employment opportunities to marginalized groups including women, youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and indigenous peo-

February 2012, which was the policy year of a biennial cycle, the Commission for Social Development gave priority to “Poverty eradication”. Within this priority theme of the session, the relationship of poverty eradication with social integration, full employment and decent work for all was considered. High-level panel discussions focused on “Youth: poverty and unemployment” and “Financing of social development”.

The Commission also reviewed relevant United Nations plans and programs of action pertaining to the situation of social groups, and the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development. The Commission adopted draft resolutions entitled “Poverty eradica-

tion”, “Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development”, “Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda”, “Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family” and “Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development”, and recommended to the Economic and Social Council their adoption.

At the opening of the session, the Commission was addressed, inter alia, by the President of Economic and Social Council, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

During its two-week session, the

ple, but also make a valuable contribution through the technical assistance programmes of their human resources development component.” The Assembly had earlier decided that 2012 will be observed as the International Year of Cooperatives in recognition of their contribution to socio-economic development, particularly with regard to poverty reduction, employment creation and social integration. The theme of the



year will be ‘Cooperative enterprises help build a better world.’

<http://social.un.org/index/Cooperatives/News/tabid/1496/news/186/Default.aspx>

Commission convened two high-level panel discussion – one on the priority theme, and the other on the emerging issue of “Youth: poverty and unemployment and a special event of the theme “Financing of social development”.

The Chair’s summaries of the discussions on the priority theme and on the emerging issue of youth poverty and unemployment can be accessed at

<http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012/Statements.aspx>

The review of relevant United Nations plans and action pertaining to the situation of social groups, the Special Rapporteur on disability presented this Commission Report. The Commission likewise adopted draft resolutions entitled “Poverty eradication”, “Future organization and methods of the work of the Commission for Social Development”, “Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda”, “Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family” and “Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development”, and thereafter recommended to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

In this resolution the Commission decided that the priority theme for

the 2013-2014 review and policy cycle should be “Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decency.



Susanne Fries-Gaier, Vice-Chairperson 50th Session of the Commission on Social Development”, Kurt Bodewig, Katharina Brecht

Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier of Germany, one of the 4 Vice-Chairpersons, advised the BSF delegation.

The delegation included: Kurt Bodewig, former Member of the German Federal Parliament, former Federal Minister, Maritime Ambassador of the European Commission and Chairman of the Board of the Baltic Sea Forum; Ms Katharina Brecht, UN Main Representative BSF and Ms Josefine Brecht, PRO-Media

Officer, UN NGO Representative, Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research S.E.R. presented their NGOs best practices Projects towards “Poverty Eradication”



Water Day Event Looks Ahead to ‘Year of Cooperation’ in 2013

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-NasS.E.R. (left), President of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, addresses a World Water Day special event, “From World Water Day 2012 on the theme ‘Water and food security’ to the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013”, co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UN-Water. Next to Mr. Al-NasS.E.R. is Sirodjidin M. Aslov, Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the UN.

22 March 2012

United Nations, New York

Both organisations contributed with their best practices to the priority theme “Poverty Eradication”

On February 6th, 2012 the BSF had the pleasurable opportunity to pronounce its formal statement on “Professional Education against Poverty” which was highly appreciated by the Chair, H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, the panel and the audience.

The statement pointed to the problems poverty and globalization in re-

lation to education and outlined political consequences illustrated by the Baltic Sea Region as model. Please find the statement under:

<http://social.un.org/index/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2012/Statements.aspx>

On behalf of the Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research S.E.R. a call for “Sharing” as symbolized by the figure of St. Martin, was introduced as an efficient means, as



sculpture of the artist Uwe Brecht

another possible solution in eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. A postcard (created by Felicitas Hoffmann) with a short form of the S.E.R. statement which is to be found in full length at www.global-balance.org and www.ser-foundation.de, was endorsed by the Commission and accepted by the conference chairs and allowed to be spread.

Reconciliation in Action: **Global Campaign for Sharing**

Due to the report on Poverty Eradication, released by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, one main factor of pov-

erty is inequality in the distribution of the benefits of globalization and access to resources.

To stimulate voluntary, unconventional, groundbreaking actions of the beneficiaries of growth, the S.E.R Foundation proposes to launch a campaign for sharing within the Second UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty.

Sharing enhances stability, social cohesion and peace, as expressed in the sculpture overleaf. The sculpture indicates the developing path of mankind, represented in the form of a spiral. The new World of Peace is symbolized by the dove on mother earth in the center

of the world's children - all its inhabitants – who share their resources (in their hands). St. Martin on horse incorporates the principle, action, dynamism and dignity of sharing.

The S.E.R. Foundation since 2009 has called for a Global Reconciliation Decade

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Germany

www.ser-foundation.de

Netherlands

www.ser-foundation.nl

Switzerland

www.ser-foundation.ch

www.global-balance.org

The Baltic Sea Forum`s programme and the S.E.R. Foundation`s Reconciliation Diplomacy

At a personal meeting with H.E. Mr. Mutlaq M. Al-Qahtani, PhD, Ambassador, Chef de Cabinet , Hanifa Mezoui, PhD, Special Coordinator Third Committee and Civil Society – both Office of the President of the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly and Kurt Bodewig, Katharina Brecht and Josefine Brecht discussed the Baltic Sea Forum`s programme on implementation of the UN MDGs, witch attracted great interest, in addition



Kurt Bodewig, H.E. Dr Al-Qahtani, Katharina and Josefine Brecht



H.E. Dr. Mutlaq M. Al-Qahtani und Kurt Bodewig

Mr. Bodewig's subject and multi-layered view on "Solving the piracy-problem in Somalia" considering the reasons and minding the people who are involved and the specific issues of society the pirates emerge from.

Subsequently, the S.E.R. Foundation in a very cohesive way related to its Reconciliation Diplomacy Programme with main focus on the implementation of MDGs, on the S.E.R.

Reconciliation Award and the call for a Reconciliation Decade. These basic approaches found very positive response and great interest by the representatives of the General Assembly.

In a follow-up meeting with Ms. Hanifa Mezoui the possibility to register not only S.E.R: Reconciliation projects, but also high-level persons of politics, economics, etc. that



Hanifa Mezoui, PhD

pursue S.E.R. Reconciliation Diplomacy was discussed. With this impulse the S.E.R. Foundation broadened its award categories with the Award for Global Mediation Diplomacy. With this Award persons or organisations of public life will be honoured for their exceptional dedication to global reconciliation and mediation.

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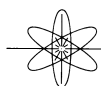
Please, register all your activities and projects for reconciliation and peace* in 2012.

Let us demonstrate that we are One Global Family, working together for human dignity and harmony.

See enclosed attachment for further information.

Register now at www.global-balance.org

*cultural & sport events, spiritual & health projects, economical projects, school-projects, roundtables, concerts, exhibitions and projects supporting the UN-Millennium Development Goals



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