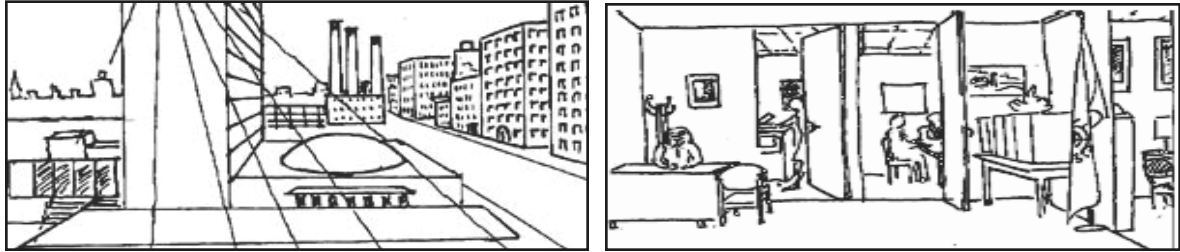




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UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon
Message to Annual Assembly of
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22 May 2008

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UNITED NATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ADDRESSING GENERAL ASSEMBLY, POPE BENEDICT XVI STRESSES MAJOR UN ROLE ON RAFT OF ISSUES

(Adapted from UN Website)

In an address to the United Nations General Assembly on 18 April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the United Nations' major role in seeking a better world as he highlighted needs to protect human rights, ensure development and security and reduce local and global inequalities.

"The promotion of human rights remains the most effective strategy for eliminating inequalities between countries and social groups, and for increasing security," the Pope told the 192-member body in a half-hour speech that was greeted with a standing ovation. "Indeed, the victims of hardship and despair, whose human dignity is violated with impunity, become easy prey to the call to violence, and they can then become violators of peace," he added, speaking in French and English.

Pope Benedict called the UN the embodiment of aspirations for a "greater degree of international ordering" in response to the needs of the human family. "This is all the more necessary at a time when we experience the obvious paradox of a multilateral consensus that continues to be in crisis because it is still subordinated to the decisions of a few, whereas the world's problems call for interventions in the form of collective action by the international community," he said.

Welcoming Pope Benedict, General Assembly President Srgjan Kerim said, "Your presence here today is a very



powerful recognition of the validity and importance of international institutions, particularly the United Nations. In a world full of controversies which can escalate into conflicts, violence and atrocities, the role of international institutions is without alternative. Effective multilateralism remains our goal, so as to achieve

peace and stability on Earth."

The visit provided a unique occasion to remind the United Nations of its noble mission, GA President Kerim continued, "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small... to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours."

"Let me express my high appreciation for the valuable contribution of the Holy See to the work of the General Assembly and in particular for your important role in promoting social justice, providing education and alleviating poverty and hunger around the world," he added.

Speaking immediately before the Pontiff, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon noted common ground between the Catholic Church and the UN. "In so many ways, our mission unites us with yours," he said, citing Benedict's call to fight poverty, the proliferation of nuclear

weapons, the need to protect the weak, and the critical importance of water resources and climate change.

"Before leaving the United Nations today, you will visit the Meditation Room," the S-G continued, noting that former S-G Dag Hammarskjöld, who created that room had said of the stone that forms its centrepiece, "We may see it as an altar, empty not because there is no God, not because it is an altar to an unknown God, but because it is dedicated to the God whom man worships under many names and in many forms."

Concluding his address, the S-G said, "Whether we worship one God, many or none — we in the United Nations have to sustain and strengthen our faith every day. As the demands on our Organization multiply, we need more and more of this precious commodity. I am profoundly grateful to his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for bestowing some of his faith on us — and for placing his trust in us. He possesses both of these in abundance."

Pope Benedict called for international leaders to act jointly and in good faith on issues of security, development, reduction of inequalities, protection of the environment and resources, global warming, and on promoting solidarity with the planet's weakest regions. "I am thinking especially of those countries in Africa and other parts of the world which remain on the margins of authentic integral development, and are therefore at risk of experiencing only the negative effects of globalization," he said.

He praised the recent explicit inclusion of the responsibility to protect people from crimes against humanity such as genocide, war crimes and ethnic cleansing, adopted by a UN world summit in 2005, although he noted that this was implicitly included at the UN's founding in 1946. "If States are unable to guarantee such protection, the international community must intervene with juridical means provided by the United Nations Charter and in other international instruments," he said.

"The action of the international community and its institutions, provided that it respects the principles undergirding the international order, should never be interpreted as an unwarranted imposition or a limitation of sovereignty. On the contrary, it was indifference or failure to intervene that did the real damage," he added, calling for a deeper search of ways to pre-empt conflicts.

Continuing, he said that the principle of "responsibility to protect" was considered by the ancient *lui gentium* as the foundation of every action taken by those in Government with regard to the governed: at the time when the concept of national sovereign States was first developing, the Dominican Friar Francisco de Vitoria,¹ (whose thoughts are) rightly considered as a precursor of the idea of the United Nations, described that responsibility as an aspect of natural reason shared by all nations, and the result of an international order whose task it was to regulate relations between peoples. Now, as then, that principle had to invoke the idea of the person as image of the Creator, the desire for the absolute and the essence of freedom.

Noting that this year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Pope Benedict said that that document had been the outcome of a convergence of different religious and cultural traditions, all of them motivated by the common desire to place the human person at the heart of institutions, laws and the workings of society, and to consider the human person essential for the world of culture, religion and science.

Devoting a large part of his speech to various aspects of human rights, he stressed the universality of human rights and dismissed a "relativistic conception" under which the meaning and rights could vary and their universality would be denied in the name of different cultural, political, social and even religious outlooks. But he emphasized that human rights must include the right to religious freedom. "The activity of the United Nations in recent years has ensured that public debate gives space to viewpoints inspired by a religious vision in all its dimensions, including ritual, worship, education, dissemination of information and the freedom to profess and choose religion," he said. "My presence at this Assembly is a sign of esteem for the United Nations, and it is intended to express the hope that the Organization will increasingly serve as a sign of unity between States and an instrument of service to the entire human family. It also demonstrates the willingness of the Catholic Church to offer her proper contribution to building international relations in a way that allows every person and every people to feel they can make a difference."

¹A bust of Friar Francisco de Vitoria may be found in the UN garden, a gift from King Juan Carlos of Spain.

POPE BENEDICT XVI ADDRESSES UN STAFF

(Delivered at UN Headquarters in New York, 18 April 2008)



"On the occasion of my visit, I wish to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution made by the administrative staff and the many employees of the United Nations, who carry out their duties with such great dedication and professionalism every day - here in New York, in other UN centres, and at special missions all over the world. To you, and to those who have gone before you, I would like to express my personal appreciation and that of the whole Church."

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here, within a small space in the busy city of New York, is housed an Organization with a worldwide mission to promote peace and justice. I am reminded of the similar contrast in scale between Vatican City State and the world in which the Church exercises her universal mission and apostolate. The sixteenth-century artists who painted the maps on the walls of the Apostolic Palace reminded the Popes of the vast extent of the known world. In those frescoes, the Successors of Peter were offered a tangible sign of the immense outreach of the Church's mission at a time when the discovery of the New World was opening up unforeseen horizons. Here in this glass palace, the art on display has its own way of reminding us of the responsibilities of the United Nations Organization. We see images of the effects of war and poverty, we are reminded of our duty to strive for a better world, and we rejoice in the sheer diversity

and exuberance of human culture, manifested in the wide range of peoples and nations gathered together under the umbrella of the international community.

On the occasion of my visit, I wish to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution made by the administrative staff and the many employees of the United Nations, who carry out their duties with such great dedication and professionalism every day - here in New York, in other UN centres, and at special missions all over the world. To you, and to those who have gone before you, I would like to express my personal appreciation and that of the whole Church. We remember especially the many civilians and peacekeepers who have sacrificed their lives in the field for the good of the peoples they serve - in 2007 alone there were 42 of them. We also remember the vast multitude who dedicate their lives to work that is never sufficiently acknowledged, often in difficult

circumstances. To all of you - translators, secretaries, administrative personnel of every kind, maintenance and security staff, development workers, peace-keepers and many others - thank you, most sincerely. The work that you do makes it possible for the Organization to continue exploring new ways of achieving the goals for which it was founded.

The United Nations is often spoken of as the "family of nations." By the same token, the headquarters here in New York could be described as a home, a place of welcome and concern for the good of family members everywhere. It is an excellent place in which to promote growth in understanding and collaboration between peoples. Rightly, the staff of the United Nations is selected from a wide range of cultures and nationalities. The personnel here constitute a microcosm of the whole world, in which each individual makes an indispensable contribution from the perspective of his or her particular cultural and religious heritage. The ideals that inspired the founders of this institution need to take shape here and in every one of the Organization's missions around the world in the mutual respect and acceptance that are the hallmarks of a thriving family.

In the internal debates of the United Nations, increasing emphasis is being placed on the "responsibility to protect." Indeed this is coming to be recognized as the moral basis for a government's claim to authority. It is also a feature that naturally appertains to a family, in which stronger members take care of weaker ones. This Organization performs an important service, in the name of the international community, by monitoring the extent to which governments fulfil their responsibility to protect their citizens. On a day-to-day level, it is you who lay the foundations on which that work is built, by the concern you show for one another in the workplace, and by your solicitude for the many peoples whose needs and aspirations you serve in all that you do.

The Catholic Church, through the international activity of the Holy See, and through countless initiatives of lay Catholics, local Churches and religious communities, assures you of her support for your work. I assure you and your families of a special remembrance in my prayers. May Almighty God bless you always and comfort you with His grace and His peace, so that through the care you offer to the entire human family, you can continue to be of service to Him.

LEHMAN COLLEGE CELEBRATES FOUNDING OF UNITED NATIONS

Throughout 2008, Lehman College is celebrating its founding as an independent unit of the City University of New York. Among the special commemorative events was one marking the College's role in 1946 when, as Hunter College in the Bronx, it served as the first home of the United Nations in the United States. This event, which took place on 21 May, was entitled "The United Nations at Lehman College: A Homecoming." It included:

- ❖ A symposium focusing on "The United Nations: Past Present and Future;"
- ❖ A rededication of a Peace Grove of Trees, orig-

inally dedicated in 1996 to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations;

- ❖ The opening of a photo exhibition entitled "The United Nations in Campus History" in the College library, followed by a reception.

Mrs. Margaret K. (Molly) Bruce, Honorary Board Member and one of the first UN staffers ("Mohicans"), as well as a former President of AFICS and of FAFICS, played a key role in organizing the celebration. A few days later, at its commencement ceremony, Lehman College awarded Mrs. Bruce an honorary doctorate for her distinguished contributions.

PARTIES TO UN PACT ON PLANT & ANIMAL DIVERSITY AGREE TO STEPS TO PREVENT SPECIES LOSS

(Adapted from UN Website)

The 191 countries that are members of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) agreed on 30 May 2008 on a set of measures to advance progress toward the internationally agreed target to reduce the rate of loss of the world's animal and plant species.

The parties to the Convention, meeting in Bonn, Germany, also agreed on new steps to increase the global network of protected areas and to negotiate an international set of rules on access to and sharing of the benefits of the rich genetic resources of the world.

"We are less than two years from 2010, the year that Heads of State determined to be the target for substantially reducing the rate of biodiversity loss," said Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity. "With the world losing species at an unprecedented rate, this is a very difficult target to meet, but the agreements in Bonn - the Bonn Biodiversity Compact - if implemented expeditiously by all stakeholders, will go a long way to help us meet our goals."

At present, the world is losing plant and animal species at a rate between 100 and 1000 times the natural extinction rate. The loss of species diminishes the genetic resources available for medical advances, ensuring a

secure food supply and making certain that the world's ecosystems can provide the necessary functions that are essential for life.

More than 6,000 people participated in the two-week Conference, including three world leaders and 87 ministers who exchanged best practices and discussed proposals for accelerating action on biodiversity. Delegates agreed on a number of measures that support conservation measures, ways to ensure the sustainable use of biodiversity, and a set of rules to ensure that benefits from the use of genetic resources are shared equitably.

They also agreed on a firm process towards establishing international rules on access to genetic resources and the equitable sharing of benefits from their use. For years, countries had not been able to reach consensus on the nature of such rules and whether any elements would be legally binding.

The meeting produced a plan for the negotiations that not only sets out a clear roadmap leading up to 2010, but also provides a shortlist of options as to which elements should be legally binding. In addition, countries agreed to develop a global network of protected areas that would ensure the conservation of biodiversity. The move would expand the move to protect areas rich in biodiversity - already 11 per cent of Earth's land surface.

SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN "DELIGHTED" AT ADOPTION OF NEW CLUSTER BOMB CONVENTION

(Adapted from UN Website)

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the adoption of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Dublin on 30 May 2008 and encouraged Member States to ratify the new agreement.

"I am delighted that the strong calls to address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions have been answered with the adoption today of this new Convention," Mr. Ban said in a statement issued by his spokesperson. "I welcome this successful outcome of the Dublin Diplomatic Conference and congratulate everyone who contributed to the process," he added.

Delegations from 111 States have agreed on the text of the new international convention, which bans the use of cluster munitions. At the opening of the Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions 11 days earlier in Dublin, Mr. Ban said in a statement that the devices are "inherently inaccurate and often malfunction," and that they pose

"a very real danger to civilians, both at the time of use and long after conflicts have ended."

The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported that cluster munitions have been used for more than six decades, and have contaminated countries such as Lao P.D.R., Viet Nam and Cambodia for over 30 years, while more recently they have been used in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and southern Lebanon. Some 40 per cent of victims are children who are injured or killed long after direct hostilities have drawn to a close, the agency added.

The Secretary-General said, "A broad-based coalition of States, international organizations and civil society organizations has brought about a new international standard that will enhance the protection of civilians, strengthen human rights and improve prospects for development."

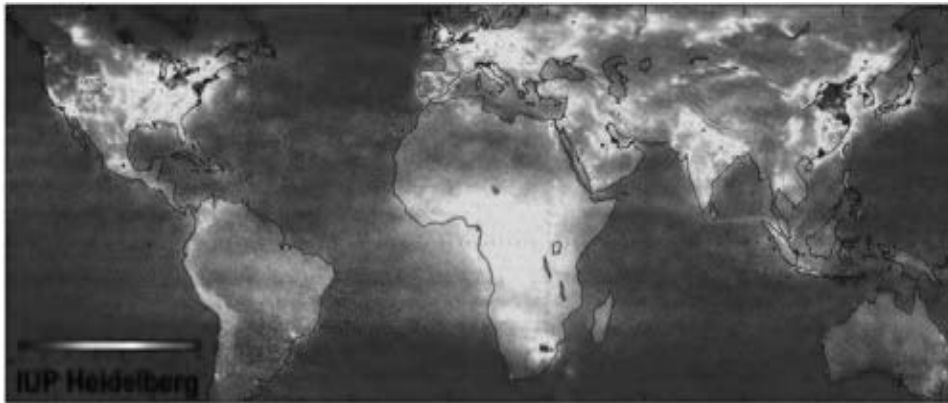
"The entire United Nations system stands ready to support and assist States in implementing their treaty obligations," he added. "I therefore encourage States to sign and ratify this important agreement without delay, and I look forward to its rapid entry into force."

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

UN OFFICIALS CALL FOR END TO CARBON ADDICTION

(Adapted from UN Website)

Top United Nations officials marked World Environment Day, 5 June 2008, by urging individuals, companies and governments alike to kick their addiction to carbon dioxide, a main contributor to global warming.



habit," he stated.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Ban joined New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg for the launch of the

"Our world is in a grip of a dangerous carbon habit," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for the Day, which is observed annually on 5 June. "Addiction is a terrible thing. It consumes and controls us, makes us deny important truths and blinds us to the consequences of our actions," he added.

The main celebrations for the Day - whose theme this year is "Kick the Habit: Towards a Low Carbon Economy" - were hosted by New Zealand, one of five countries that has pledged to become "climate neutral."

Mr. Ban stressed that global warming was becoming the defining issue of the era and will hurt the rich and poor alike. "Mitigating climate change, eradicating poverty and promoting economic and political stability all demand the same solution: we must kick the carbon

'Together' campaign, an initiative of the Climate Group - an international charity dedicated to working with big business and government to help solve climate change. Speaking at the event, the Secretary-General said that climate change is too big a challenge for any country, corporation, or community to address alone. He added that initiatives such as the 'Together' campaign make it clear that individuals can halve their daily carbon emissions through some very simple measures. "Each one of us can take steps that will make a difference. And if we all begin to act, our collective actions will make a big difference," he stated.

Earlier this year, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) launched a climate neutral network of corporations, cities and companies, known as CN Net, to energize the growing trend towards carbon neutrality. "If we are to move the global economy to a greener and cleaner one, a sharp reduction in the inefficient use of fossil

fuels allied to an increased up take of renewable energy must be at the centre of the international response," said UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner. He noted that the Nobel-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that greening the global economy might cost as little as a few tenths of global gross domestic product (GDP) annually over the next 30 years. "It will also be a driving force for innovation, new businesses and industries and employment opportunities across the developed and developing worlds," he added.

There are promising signs, driven by the existing emissions reduction treaty - the Kyoto Protocol - and even deeper emissions reductions are on the horizon, he noted. For example, close to 60 countries have targets for renewables, including 13 developing countries, while around 80 have market mechanisms in place to encourage renewable energy development.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, UNEP launched a guide to low-carbon living, entitled "Kick the Habit: The UN Guide to Climate Neutrality," as well as "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the Tourism Sector," a report prepared in collaboration with the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). Adopting a low-carbon lifestyle does not necessarily

require drastic changes, according to UNEP. Simple changes such as waking up to a traditional wind-up alarm clock rather than an electronic one, or drying clothes on a clothes line versus a tumble dryer can all help to reduce greenhouse gases. Mr. Steiner pointed out that some choices are big - from smart taxes to encourage offshore wind farms as opposed to more coal-fired power stations - while others are small, such as thinking about which appliances to buy and how to travel. "But multiplied across the world and acted upon by 6.7 billion people, the public have the power to change the future - have the power to personally and collectively influence economies to 'Kick the CO2 Habit'," he said.

Meanwhile, UNWTO has urged the tourism sector to be innovative when seeking long-term climate neutrality. The agency also reports that it is collaborating with the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization to promote a new air travel carbon calculator.

For its part, the International Labour Organization (ILO) rolled out its Green Jobs Initiative, aimed at helping governments, employers and workers to overcome the challenges of transitioning to greener enterprises and jobs.

AFICS(NY) IN ACTION

LARGE TURNOUT FOR AFICS (NY) ANNUAL ASSEMBLY/RECEPTION

More than 200 people filled Labouisse Hall at UNICEF House on 22 May 2008 for the 38th AFICS (NY) Annual Assembly. After the meeting over 150 AFICS members and their guests enjoyed a lively, well-organized Reception at the Ex-Press Bar at the UN Building. It was clear that all very much enjoyed these events, which are the Association's most important ones of the year.

AFICS (NY) President, Andrés Castellanos del Corral, opened the Assembly by asking for a minute of silent prayer or meditation in memory of all deceased Association members. He recalled in particular Alfred Landau, to whom is owed the initiative of founding AFICS.

The President then welcomed all present and introduced those who would address the Assembly: Mr. Kingston P. Rhodes, Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission; Ms. Netta R. Avedon, DM/OHRM, Chief of the Staff Development Service, representing the Secretary-General, and newly designated Focal Point for AFICS and FAFICS matters representing the Department of Management; Mr. Bernard Cochemé, Chief Executive Officer, UNJSPF and Secretary UNJSPB; Mr. Sergio Arvizu, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNJSPF; Mr. Warren Sach, Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, and Representative of the Secretary-General for Investments; Ms. Suzanne Bishopric, Director of Investment Management; Ms. Vera Rajic, Chief, UN Insurance and Disbursement

Service; and Mr. Richard Nottidge, President of the AFICS (NY) Charities Foundation.

The President informed the membership that in the absence of the Secretary-General on a mission to Myanmar, and of the Deputy Secretary-General who was sick, Ms. Avedon would deliver the Secretary-General's message. (See page 12.) After doing so, Ms. Avedon added that she was looking forward to working with AFICS as the new focal point for AFICS in the Department of Management.

AFICS (NY) first Vice-President, Edward Omotoso, read a message to the Assembly from the President of FAFICS, Mr. Wytold Zyss. (See page 13.)

Mr. Kingston P. Rhodes, Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, reported on the latest issues reviewed by ICSC: performance management, the inter-organizational management system, a review of General Service category salaries and a survey on gender balance. He also reviewed the evolution of the staff since the inception of the Organization, saying that the new generations did not want to be tied down but were very technical and most inventive. They brought diversity to the Organization.

Mr. Castellanos commented on the reports of the Standing Committees and the Charities Foundation for the period June 2007 - April 2008 that were distributed to all at the meeting. He encouraged AFICS members to join Committees, which always needed new blood and were accomplishing a tremendous amount of work. He welcomed the increase in relations with UN departments, particularly DM and DPI and the good relationship maintained with the 38th floor.

He recognized the presence of some officials of the United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) among the audience, congratulated the UNFCU on its 60th anniversary year, and thanked the UNFCU for its continuous support to AFICS, especially for donating the wine for the annual reception. That very morning, he said, he had received confirmation from the UNFCU of its approval of a grant of \$2,500 to AFICS as a token contribution for the Association's operations, similar to contributions the UNFCU had made to other organizations.

The president indicated that he had received confirmation that AFICS would continue to occupy its current premises during the entire period of implementation of

the Capital Master Plan, within which construction would soon begin. However, on the negative side, he noted that work on the Capital Master Plan would reduce space in the UN garage, thereby making it more difficult for retirees to obtain permission for parking.

Mr. Bernard Cochemé gave an update on the recent developments in the Pension Fund. The UN General Assembly has approved the UNJSPB budget, he said. The Investments of the Fund were now 62% non-U.S. The actuarial situation continued to show a surplus, with income surpassing disbursements. He referred members to his annual letter and to the Pension Fund website (www.unjspf.org) for more details. He indicated that the Pension Board would meet in Rome from 10 to 18 July 2008 and concluded by thanking Ms. Dulcie Bull, who had just retired, for her contribution as Chief of Operations. He then introduced her successor, Mr. Alan Blythe.

Mr. Warren Sach indicated that although the resources of the Pension Fund had decreased compared to its highest point at the end of October 2007, it was still performing very well thanks to diversification. As of 31 March 2008, the Fund had investments in 47 countries, in seven international/regional institutions, and in 27 currencies. He gave the floor to Ms. Suzan Bishopric, Director of Investment Management, who commented on alternative investment diversification. The Fund is also studying with the Investment Committee the possibility of investing responsibly, bearing in mind ecological and environmental factors, in line with the policies of the Global Compact.

Ms. Vera Rajic, Chief of the UN Insurance and Disbursement Service, updated the membership on insurance issues. Van Breda had seen an increase in the number of participants and a 5% reduction effective January 2008. Although the UN was trying to contain costs there will be increases in premiums at the time of renewal: 14.5% for AETNA, 3.6% for Blue Cross, 9.8% for HIP. There would be no increase for CIGNA which now requires a one-year minimum stay in the programme. The agreement reached in 2005 regarding Medicare Part B required changes in the IMIS. The new system would be tested during the summer, which it was hoped would lead to its implementation.

Mr. O. Richard Nottidge, President of the AFICS Charities Foundation, referred members to the report of the Foundation, which had been distributed prior to the meeting, and thanked the co-Chairs of the Assistance

Review Committee, Suzan Habachy and Louise Laheurte, for their dedication and the excellent contributions of that Committee.

Mr. Federico Riesco, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced that the following had been elected or re-elected to the Board for the period 2008 to 2011: Ms. Suzan S. Habachy, Dr. Sudershan Narula, Ms. Christine Smith-Lemarchand, Ms. Barbara Burns, Mr. Edward Omotoso and Mr. Ferdinand A. Lyn.

President Andrés Castellanos announced that the Distinguished Service Award for 2008 was being awarded to Lola Costa-Esnard for her sustained and effective contributions to the work of AFICS, and particularly to its Committee on NGO Relations and Information, which she chairs.

He thanked the many who had contributed to the success of the Assembly and Reception.

The President concluded the meeting by proposing that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon be designated an Honorary Member of AFICS and this was unanimously acclaimed by the Annual Assembly. Mr. Castellanos then announced that this was the last Annual Assembly over which he would preside as, after five years, he was stepping down as President of AFICS (NY), though not out of its activities. He thanked the Governing Board members, the officers of the Bureau, the Chairs and Co-Chairs and the members of each of AFICS (NY)'s Standing Committees, as well as the office staff for their dedication, and looked forward to continuing to contribute to the work of AFICS. Last but not least, he thanked his wife, Mrs. Aurora Castellanos for her patience and support during his tenure.



PIN LOST IN LABOUISSÉ HALL

On 22 May, one of our AFICS colleagues attending the Annual Assembly in Labouisse Hall lost a pin shaped like a butterfly, black with little white stones. While of little monetary worth, it is of great sentimental value. Did anyone find it? If so, please contact AFICS. The owner would be most grateful.



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ACCUMULATED WISDOM, INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS COMPLEMENT DEDICATION OF TODAY'S UNITED NATIONS STAFF, SAYS SECRETARY-GENERAL

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message to the annual meeting of the Association of Former International Civil Servants, as delivered today by Netta Avedon, Chief, Staff Development, Office of Human Resources Management, in New York:

I am delighted to convey my warmest greetings to this Assembly of the Association of Former International Civil Servants.

This annual gathering is a highlight of your association's calendar. It provides an opportunity to exchange notes with former colleagues and to reconnect with old friends. It is also an occasion to renew ties with the broader United Nations community, and brush up on the Organization's current activities.

But your visit is equally exciting for all of us as well. To us, you are former international civil servants on paper only; in practice you remain valued members of the United Nations family. Your presence today simply confirms your active and engaged participation in our community, and in the United Nations' work for a more peaceful and prosperous world.

This support and engagement is needed now more than ever. The demands on today's United Nations are unprecedented both in size and in scope. From climate change to food security, peacekeeping to peacebuilding, the world is turning to our Organization for solutions to the international community's most intractable problems.

I am sure you will be proud to know that that the present generation of United Nations staff is proving worthy of these tasks. They have risen to the challenge and are driving our progress. However, there is much that they can learn from all of you. Your accumulated wisdom and institutional memory complement their own youthful energy and dedication. That is why I welcome and encourage regular contact between us. Indeed, I see you as ideal mentors and guides to a whole new generation of international civil servants.

At the same time, my colleagues and I count on you to be strong public advocates for the United Nations. Many of you already defend and explain our Organization through speeches, talks, articles and other outreach efforts. I am grateful for this support and encourage every one of you to contribute to this effort. In that spirit, I wish you a most successful Annual Assembly.

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MESSAGE TO AFICS (NEW YORK) ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 2008 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Dear Colleagues,

Your President invited me to attend the Annual Assembly of your Association. I would have done so with great pleasure, particularly in view of the fact that this is the last year of my presidency of the Federation of Associations of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS): after four years in office I decided it was time to step down. I am sure you all realize that arranging for travel from Paris to New York on such an occasion would not be an easy undertaking and therefore I can only address to you, through this message that I requested your President and my excellent friend, Andrés Castellanos, to read to you, most sincere greetings on behalf of FAFICS and on my own behalf.

As I recalled in the message I addressed to you on the occasion of your Assembly last year, your Association was in 1975 one of the four founding members of the Federation. It is one of the largest members of our Federation, has always taken an active part in its work and made a strong contribution towards making FAFICS the representative body of the former international civil servants of the United Nations system which it is today. On many occasions - and as recently as last year - your Association served as host to the annual meetings of our Council and on two occasions a member of AFICS (New York) served as President of FAFICS - Margaret Bruce in 1985-1989 and George Saddler, my immediate predecessor, in 1998-2004. It gives me particular pleasure to recall that since my election to the Presidency in 2004 Andrés Castellanos has been one of the Vice-Presidents of FAFICS. We have developed during this period a deep friendship and I am most grateful for his constant support and wise advice, which assisted me very much in the performance of my functions.

Since its foundation in 1975 our Federation has grown from the original four to 40 member associations, with two more waiting to be admitted at the forthcoming session of its Council. These associations are located in all the parts of the world and this, as well as the fact that the combined individual membership of our member associations amounts to about 17,000, makes our Federation into a genuinely representative body of the retirees and other beneficiaries of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. The representative nature of our

Federation is recognized by the Fund and we participate in that capacity in the work of the Joint Staff Pension Board and of its Standing Committee. While we are not voting members of the Pension Board - our status is that of representatives who have all the rights of members except the right to vote - we participate actively in the work of the Pension Board and all those that attend its meetings will agree that we are listened to and that our views are fully taken into consideration in the decision-making process of the Board. We are also in regular contact with the Secretariat of the Pension Fund and, in the first place, with its Chief Executive Officer, Bernard Cochemé, and I should like to take this opportunity to thank him for his friendly and constructive attitude.

The Federation deals with a wide range of issues. As the representative body of retirees we are naturally concerned first and foremost with pensions and devote a lot of time and effort to the integrity and good functioning of our pension system and of the Pension Fund. Another issue of great concern is that of health insurance, including long-term care, so important for our age group. We also attach considerable importance to our role as a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and we endeavour to act in support of the concept of an international community and the advocacy of the ideals and objectives of the UN System.

The Council of our Federation will hold its next session at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome from 2 to 8 July. As I already mentioned, this will be the last Council session under my presidency and I understand that a very good candidate is available to take over from me. One of the main tasks of the Council will be to prepare our Federation for the session of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board which will follow from 10 to 18 July.

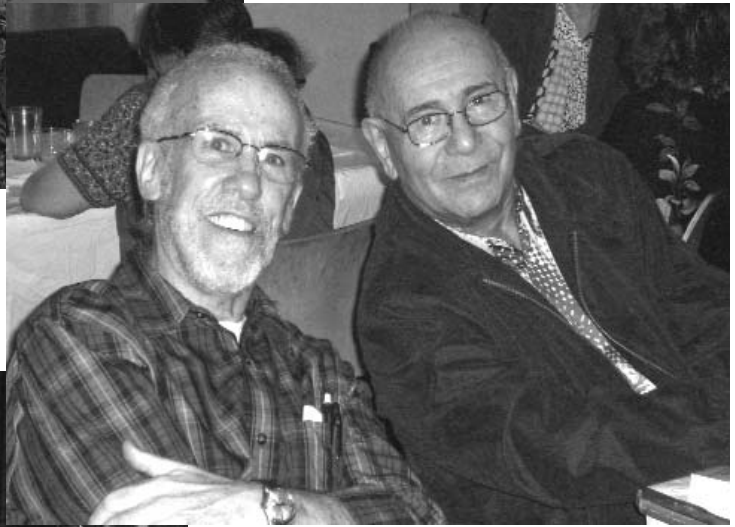
I wish your Annual Assembly full success and I hope that I shall have other occasions to remain in touch with your Association.

Witold Zyss
President of FAFICS
21 May 2008

Immediately following the Assembly, a classical Flamenco Dancer, Señora Carmen Salao and her accompanying Guitarist, Javier, both from Sevilla, Spain, gave a spirited performance at Labouisse Hall.

At the Reception, which began around 5:00 p.m. and was attended by over 150 AFICS members and guests, accordionist Bud Kramer (who is a UN staff member) treated the group to numerous expertly played songs, conducive to dancing.





Scenes from the Reception

USG, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, MEETS WITH AFICS BOARD

On 13 May 2008, Mrs. Alicia Barcena, USG, Department of Management, met with the AFICS (NY) Board at the invitation of President Andrés Castellanos. Welcoming her warmly as a special guest, Mr. Castellanos noted that she was the first USG for Management that the Board had ever had the honour and privilege to receive.

Ms. Barcena said that she was particularly pleased to meet with the Board inasmuch as she and her colleagues were benefiting from and building on much of the work initiated by former staff members "on the role of women, on the way we are managing," among many other issues. She said that she would do her best to have the Secretary-General, or at least the Deputy Secretary-General, meet with AFICS and asked the Board to be "very concrete" and "very specific" concerning the most important points that it wished her to consider for possible action.

Mrs. Barcena then briefed the Board on a number of management issues of mutual interest. Efforts to reform the system continued, she said. There was not only a need for that, but there had also been a "turning point" for the UN when its public image became tainted in the aftermath of the oil-for-food programme. This had been a very painful process, in spite of the fact that the great majority of UN staff were fully competent and honest. Focus had been placed on accountability and transparency, as well as ethics, an area in which much had already been done by USG Barcena's predecessor.

The USG said that she did not favour privatization as a single solution - but only one among several others. She proposed a meeting with the members of the Board's Pension Committee that could provide elements, and ways of presenting them successfully, for the Pension Board that would meet in July.

Mrs. Barcena said that the UN lacked a clear and rapid administration of justice. The Joint Appeals Board and Committee (JAB/JAC) had a backlog of 100 cases. It would be replaced by a UN Dispute Tribunal and a UN Appeals Tribunal. "We need a totally new mentality," she said. The number of staff had swelled in recent years from 15,000 to 38,000 and our system was not ready for that paradigm shift. The current 15 different types of contract would be brought down to three so as to simplify and homogenize the conditions of service. "We are

working towards a common system, an area where you can help us."

Mr. Nottidge interjected that he had written the UN Staff Rules almost in their entirety and Mrs. Barcena welcomed the advisory participation of someone from the Board on several other issues, such as the G-to-P exams and the language programmes. She also said that IMIS would be replaced by an enterprise resources planning system. UN management was trying to respond as well, to many requests to raise the \$22,000/year earning ceiling for retirees. "Although we are trying to recruit young people, we definitely need help from people like you," she said.

Mrs. Barcena announced that she had designated Ms. Netta Avedon as her office's focal point with AFICS - an initiative that was instantly cheered by the Board. "The only bad news is that I am leaving DM very soon," she added - a prospect that the Board found disheartening. But she assured the Board that Netta Avedon and others in her team would follow up, even as she herself departed to join ECLAC. There was much to do in the coming months. She further assured the Board that there was no need for AFICS to worry about office space during implementation of the Capital Master Plan, which would soon begin; she had already begun to discuss the matter with Michael Anderson.

President Castellanos asked whether retirees could take part in the Dispute and Appeals Tribunals and USG Barcena replied that there might be some room for retiree lawyers. Shahid Husain felt very encouraged by the invitation to be of service, saying that both he and Edward Omotoso were providing service as Senior Special Advisors for UNDP. With their special brown passes, however, they had more limited access and other facilities than with their retiree passes. Mrs. Barcena warned that the Capital Master Plan would further reduce access, especially for parking.

In response to a query from Linda Saputelli, Mrs. Barcena specified that an Office for the Administration of Justice, attached to the Office of the Secretary-General and headed by a D2, would administer the two Tribunals. The judges of the Dispute Tribunal would be full-time while those of the Appeals Tribunal would be *ad honorarium*. Two people would be proposed by the Staff and two by Management and a formal election

would be held by the General Assembly. The administration of justice would be decentralized, with tribunals in Nairobi and Geneva, as well as MONUC and other field stations. For management evaluation, Ms. Barcena

said that Department Heads would be given 45 days. "Managers need to understand that they are accountable."



AFICS (NY) PARTICIPATES IN STAFF DAY

On UN Staff Day, 25 April 2008, AFICS (NY) was represented by an exhibit and two tables with printed materials describing its work and activities. Six volunteers

were on hand to provide information about the Association's work, answer questions, and sell raffle tickets on behalf of the UN Secretariat.

AFICS (NY) is always looking for additional volunteers for its various Committees (Aging, Insurance, Membership, NGO Relations and Information, Outreach, Pension, Social) and the Charities Foundation.

We are also seeking a good photographer to furnish professional quality photos of our various activities for use in the *Bulletin* and for recruitment purposes.

Interested? Please call 212 963-5702 and let us know.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

AFICS membership as of 20 May reached 3388, of which 2149 hold lifetime membership and 1239 are annual members.

Efforts continue to be made to expand the number of members of the Association by: (a) encouraging serving staff about to retire to join AFICS. This is done during AFICS's presentations in the Pre-retirement Seminar(s) organized by the UN Office of Human Resources; (b) urging members to recruit their friends who are former staff of the UN system even if they are not necessarily associated with the Association; and (c) through a newsletter of invitation that is being sent, thanks to the cooperation of the UNJSP Fund Secretariat, to all

retirees residing in the United States, as was done successfully three years ago.

During the reporting period, the "Dispatchers Group" of the Membership Committee handled the dispatch of approximately 25,000 pieces of information, including copies of the AFICS *Quarterly Bulletin*, and fliers to the membership. We remain grateful to the team, which is headed by Mrs. Lydie Anselme.

Andrés Castellanos
J. Fernando Astete
Co-Chairs

AFICS (NY) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are reminded that annual membership dues are payable on or before 31 January of each year. So if you have not yet paid your dues for 2008, please do so now. Annual dues for Full Members have been \$30.00 and for Associate Members, \$15.00 since 2005 and they remain the same for 2008. We also request any Members who have not yet paid their dues for 2006 or 2007 to kindly submit payment at once in order to retain your membership.

REPORTS OF THE CHARITIES FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS (NY) INC.

President: O. Richard Nottidge; 1st Vice President: Andrés Castellanos del Corral; 2nd Vice-President: Edna M. Christie; Secretary, Marion A. O'Connor; Assistant Secretary: Christine Smith-Lemarchand; Treasurer: Barbara T. Linardo; Assistant Treasurer: (vacant); other members: Diana Boernstein, Arturo Chavez-J., Suzan S. Habachy, Leon W. Hosang, Louise Laheurte, Margaret L. Miles, Irmgard Parker

Report of the President for 2007-2008

At the 2007 annual meeting of the Board of Directors Diana Boernstein, Leon Hosang, Louise Laheurte, Margaret L. Miles, O. Richard Nottidge, Marion O'Connor and Christine Smith-Lemarchand were elected members of the Board for a two year term 2007-2009. Immediately after the meeting, the Board met to elect the officers who are listed above.

As indicated below the Assistance Review Committee gave six persons a total of \$12,450 during 2007.

In 2007, of the 121 donations received, 87 were up to \$25; 17 were between \$26 and \$50; 15 were between \$51 and \$100; and two were for more than \$100, for a total amount of \$5,585.

In response to the 2008 appeal, \$9,241.00 has been received so far from over 165 members. **The appeal remains an open invitation. Donations will be accepted throughout the remainder of 2008.**

The Treasurer has reported that the total assets of the

Foundation on 31 December 2007 were \$14,255.27 as compared to \$20,681.36 on 31 December 2006.

I would like to thank Suzan Habachy and Louise Laheurte, in particular, for leading the Assistance

Report of the Assistance Review Committee for the year 2007

Co-Chairs: Ms. Suzan S. Habachy and Ms. Louise Laheurte; Members: Ms. Joan H. Bunche, Ms. Edna Christie, Mrs. Irmgard Parker, Dr. Atanas Pumpalov and Miss Jane Weidlund

During the year 2007, the Assistance Review Committee reviewed nine new requests, and one which forms part of a multiple-year request to aid a former staff member in procuring needed asthma medicine, a costly item in his country of residence. The request dates back to 2006 and the need will continue until he reaches age 65 in 2010, at which time medical coverage in his country will meet his need.

Of the nine new requests, three fell outside the Committee's purview, and were denied.

Review Committee as well as the other members of the Committee for their participation in its work.

O. Richard Nottidge, President

The sum of \$12,450 was disbursed during the year. Three requests were for unforeseen emergency medical expenses involving cancer diagnosis and surgery. In one of the three cases, the grant was given to cover part of the expenses incurred by the wife of a former staff member diagnosed with cancer.

A former staff member who changed her country of residence with a resulting lapse in pension payments was given a grant to help defray utility costs until her pension could be regulated and restored. Another former staff member was given a grant to help with expenses in moving to more economical housing.

In the sixth case, a member of the AFICS (NY) Legal Committee helped a former staff member consolidate credit card debt. Funds approved by the Assistance Review Committee settled part of that former staff member's debt.

Suzan S. Habachy, Co-Chair

MEMBERS' FORUM

MEMORIES OF JOSEPHINE H. LEREW

For several years AFICS (NY) member, Josephine Lerew, now living near family members in Antwerp Belgium, devoted her time and energy to organizing and presiding over our semi-annual UN luncheon meetings in Vancouver. Occasionally she mentioned that her "Labour of Love," was keeping her busy: she was in constant contact with the author of the biography of her late husband, John Lerew, the well-known Australian author, Lex McAulay.

Below are excerpts from the biographical sketch of her life and highlights of the experiences she and her husband shared, requested by Mr. McAulay, that are now

part of his book, WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE, The Story of John Lerew - A Hero of Rabaul, 1942. (See page 29.)

Deventer, an industrial city in the East Netherlands on the river Ijssel received its city rights in the year 965 and became a medieval intellectual centre. Here, Josephine Lerew was born Josephine Henriette Oude Reimerink, a Saxon name dating from 1371. Her family had moved to Twello from Twenty Saxon, a settlement in the 5th to 6th century in the Netherlands. They had a small department store which is now a large, successful Ladies' and Men's fashion store owned by Josephine's nephew.

While Josephine was growing up in Twello, close to the Royal Palace, Het Loo, five kilometres from Deventer, the Second World War began. Deventer was heavily bombarded and to Josephine the bombs descending from Allied bombers looked "like eggs falling out of a basket." But while this was scary and noisy, it meant they had missed their target and everybody knew that "not hearing them was more dangerous and life threatening." Also terrifying were the VII missiles launched by the German Wehrmacht against Allied targets; some flew over the roofs of people's houses.

For protection Josephine's father and oldest brother built shelters, one in the garden and another in the cellar, mainly to hide the family from raids by German SS soldiers looking for workers and hostages.

Wailing sirens warned of air raids and sped everyone to the bomb shelters. Once, Josephine arrived at a shelter clad only in pyjamas and was confronted by a young German soldier pointing his gun at her - whom her mother managed to calm down.

After graduation from high school in Deventer Josephine entered the Marienburg boarding school in Bussum near Amsterdam to become a chemist's assistant. But at this time, many war-weary young people were leaving for Canada. Josephine started thinking about going too and, together with two of her four brothers, soon arrived in Montreal.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was looking for female personnel speaking Dutch, English, French and German and Josephine applied and was hired. She was with KLM for the next fifteen years, working at the airport and city ticket offices in the International Aviation Building along with personnel from all the other airlines and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

One day, while having lunch in the Aviation Building's restaurant Josephine saw her colleague sitting with a most attractive man sporting a handsome moustache. Back in the office something compelled her to ask, "Who was the man you had lunch with?"

"John Lerew. Why? Are you interested?" was the reply.

Without hesitation she answered, "Yes! If he is free."

Apparently John knew who Josephine was and an invitation to a party held at his house for delegates attend-

ing an ICAO conference was easily obtained. Soon they began dating and Josephine got the story behind the origin of "Margrave," a second name for John's family. Non-Catholic Huguenots had fled France and many, including the Lerouxs, moved to England. There, John's great, great grandfather, Doctor Leroux practiced medicine, but with a French name it was difficult to get patients. However, Doctor Leroux cured a German "Margrave" who in gratitude bestowed the name on the Lerew family as a second name.

Eventually Josephine accepted a marriage proposal from John and their wedding took place on 29 August 1966 in Taxco, Mexico, where they spend their honeymoon at a mountain-top villa with an incredibly beautiful view. Home became Sherbrooke Street in Montreal, with both ICAO and KLM within walking distance, and John's teenage daughters Sue and Gay, whom he frequently helped with their homework, living nearby.

In 1968 KLM appointed Josephine to take care of the VIPs attending the Bilderberg Conference at Mont-Tremblant-Village, Quebec. The conference was chaired by Prince Bernard of the Netherlands with then Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus among the attendees, as well as Henry Ford and David Rockefeller.

In 1971 Josephine and John made an extensive trip to India, Nepal and Iran. In Teheran they admired the Peacock throne completely covered in precious stones, the crown jewels and other dazzling adornments and ornaments. In Persepolis they admired the exquisitely unique architecture and in Shiraz, at an altitude of 5,200 ft., they stayed at the Hotel Shaw Abash owned by the Shah.

Back in Montreal they received an invitation for lunch from the premier of Quebec, Robert Bourassa in honour of Farah Diba, Empress of Iran who was the main speaker. While talking with the Aide-de-camp, Josephine mentioned their recent trip to Iran and after lunch they were invited to join the Empress for coffee in the small private bar at the Ritz Hotel.

Thanks to John's paid home leave travel every two years and Josephine's KLM privileges the couple continued to enjoy their favourite hobby, travelling many miles by air and by sea to many interesting and adventurous destinations in all parts of the world.

While long sea voyages with no work to do initially created a guilt complex in both of them, they eventually

came to realize that leisure could also become a life-style. This led them to fulfil what had long been one of their dreams: the purchase of a motor home, which led to further travels, especially around Australia to see friends, and including a drive along the Great Barrier Reef towards Townsville, where John had designed and built the airport.

But there were also some narrow escapes. Around Christmas, 1974, driving to Mount Isa and then to Darwin where John, in the RAAF, was C.O. of the Darwin Air Base, the weather was very hot, the air became obnoxiously heavy and felt threatening and the roads were wet. Not wanting to get stuck they turned around and left - just before Cyclone Tracy struck, destroying Darwin completely and killing 50 people. Two years later, in Guatemala, on February 4th, 1976, an earthquake with the magnitude of 7.5 on the Richter

scale struck and killed 22,778 people, among them those who were camped on the waterfront of Lake Atitlan. Again, Josephine and John had stationed their motor home in a campground away from the waterfront and remained safe.

The couple's later years were spent in Vancouver, Canada, where John coped with his final illness and Josephine pursued painting and became involved in the cultural life of the city, successfully raising funds for the art gallery. They lived in an apartment overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Stanley Park where, in a beautiful spot, the Air Force Memorial Garden is located. It is there that Josephine has placed a bench in John Margrave Lerew's honour and memory.

Rose Marie Troniak
AFICS Correspondent, Canada

ADVOCATES' CORNER

AFICS ADVOCACY COMMITMENT FOR THE MDGS

MORE MDG-RELATED PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM INTERNATIONAL POVERTY CENTRE

As previously reported in the Bulletin, The International Poverty Centre (IPC) of the United Nations Development Programme has launched a web-page dedicated to the MDGs: "Applied Research on the Millennium Development Goals." It can be accessed at <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/mdg.htm>>. On this site, you will find recent IPC research publications focusing on MDGs, as well as information on the latest MDG-related events organized by IPC, including papers and training material for these events.

New IPC Resources

IPC is pleased to announce three new sections on its website where you will find information on country experiences with Cash Transfer Programmes in Asia and the Pacific, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. To visit the website go to: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/CCT.do>

Country Experiences:

Asia and the Pacific: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.

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Another new section on the website has IPC's publications organized by 16 thematic areas. Access at: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/theme.do>

Other recently added publications include:

Monthly Newsletter on the Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection (first issue)

Featured topics: Social Protection in Ghana; Investing in Social Protection in Africa; related seminars and publications. (English and Portuguese)

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MDG Targets: Misunderstood or Misconceived? - One Pager #33

By Hamid Tabatabai (Also available in French, Portuguese and Spanish)

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Why is Africa Constrained from Spending ODA? - One Pager #34

Author Terry McKinley argues that ODA should enable fiscal policies to become more expansionary. Monetary policies should also support such fiscal expansion to undertake the public investment needed to reach the MDGs. (Also available in French, Portuguese and Spanish)

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Can all Cash Transfers Reduce Inequality? - One Pager #36

Authors Sergei Soares and Eduardo Zepeda explain why the Conditional Cash Transfer programmes of Brazil and Mexico have reduced inequality, while Chile's programme failed to do so. (Also available in French, Spanish and Portuguese)

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Inflation-Targeting in Sub-Saharan Africa: Why Now? Why at All? - One Pager #51

Author Terry McKinley questions the adoption of explicit inflation targeting by countries such as Ghana and South Africa, arguing that such a choice is particularly ill-advised now as supply-side factors, such as rising oil and food prices, are driving up inflation in many such developing countries. He maintains that, instead, policymakers should focus on stabilizing the real exchange rate and free fiscal policy to cushion domestic investment and necessary consumption.

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This One Pager is part of IPC's ongoing research and training programme on "Economic Policies, MDGs and Poverty", which is based on an active partnership with the Centre for Development Policy and Research. Please see the related IPC Policy Research Brief #6, "Pro-Growth Alternatives for Monetary and Financial Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa" and Policy Research Brief #4, "The Macroeconomic Implications of MSDG-Based Strategies for Sub-Saharan Africa ."

Are Estimates of Poverty in Latin America Reliable? - One Pager #52

Author Sanjay Reddy questions the validity of the 'one-dollar-a-day' and 'two-dollars-a-day' measurements of poverty in Latin America. Alternatively, the author argues, there are other methods that better capture the state of poverty.

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Which Poverty Line? A Response to Reddy - One Pager #53

Responding to One Pager # 52, author Martin Ravallion reaffirms the importance of the '\$1 or \$2 a day' measurements in estimating poverty.

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A Consistent Measure of Real Poverty: A Reply to Ravallion - One Pager #54

Author, Thomas Pogge contributes to the lively debate

on poverty measurement. He argues that a-dollar-a-day calculations are not sufficient to inform policy.

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Equitable Access to Basic Utilities: Who will Guarantee it? - One Pager #55

Author, Degol Hailu, argues that the preconditions for successful utility service privatization are high levels of initial access.

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Lessons from the South African Electricity Crisis - One Pager #56

Author Kate Baylis writes that lack of public investment is the major cause of the electricity crisis in South Africa.

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Tariff Hikes with Low Investment: The Story of the Urban Water Sector in Zambia - One Pager #57

Authors Hulya Dagdeviren and Degol Hailu argue that Zambia is unlikely to meet the MDG goal on water. The lack of investment and high tariffs are the main causes for the decline in access to safe water.

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Financial Liberalization and Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa: An Assessment - Working Paper #45

The author, John Serieux, visiting researcher at IPC from the University of Manitoba, examines data from 1965 to 2004 to identify the effects of different financial regimes on the financial and economic performance of a group of sub-Saharan African countries. The focus is on determining whether recent financial liberalization has improved domestic resource mobilization by increasing

financial liquidity, credit to the private sector, private savings, private investment and growth. He concludes that although liberalization has changed the dynamics of the financial system, it has had no clear effect on boosting savings, investment or growth.

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This Working Paper is part of IPC's ongoing research and training programme on "Economic Policies, MDGs and Poverty," in partnership with the Centre for Development Policy and Research and the Political Economy Research Institute.

Please see the related IPC One Pager #48, "Is Financial Liberalization a Flop? An Africa Assessment," and IPC Training Module #3 on Financial Policy, which is also part of the training programme on "Economic Policies, MDGs and Poverty."

Alternatives for Projecting MDG Indicators, Technical Paper #2

Many countries ask the question: will my country reach all or some of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015? The answer to this question requires some kind of projection. However, scarcities of data and technical skills make this exercise difficult. In this paper, author Rafael Guerreiro Osorio introduces simple techniques to project the behaviour of indicators, especially when there are limited data points with which to work.

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Assessing Honduras' CCT Programme PRAF, Programa de Asignación Familiar: The Expected and Unexpected Realities - Country Study #15

The author, Charity Moore, IPC research associate, investigates the evolution and current state of Honduras' conditional cash transfer programme, highlighting the point that it has had a dual nature, with one part externally financed and another domestically driven. She argues that this structure has hindered institutional transformation of the programme, weakening its long-term sustainability and national ownership. She also covers many topics relevant to other programmes, such as the targeting methodology, the administration of

transfers, programme monitoring and evaluation, the role of conditionalities and supply-side issues related to the programme.

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This Country Study is part of IPC's ongoing research, evaluation and training programme on "Cash Transfers and Social Protection."

Please see the related IPC Country Study #9, "The Challenges of El Salvador's Conditional Cash Transfer Programme, Red Solidaria" and IPC Working Paper #38, "Confronting Capacity Constraints on Conditional Cash Transfers in Latin America: the Cases of El Salvador and Paraguay."

The Vast Majority Income (VMI): A New Measure of Global Inequality - Policy Research Brief #7

Authors Anwar Shaikh and Amr Ragab introduce a new worldwide measure of welfare, which they call the Vast Majority Income (VMI). The VMI directly calculates the per capita income of the first 80 per cent of the population. It combines information on income levels and their distribution into a single measure.

Download at: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCPolicyResearchBrief7.pdf>

Targeted Cash Transfer Programmes in Brazil: BPC and the Bolsa Familia - Working Paper #46

Authors, Marcelo Medeiros, Tatiana Britto and Fábio Veras Soares describe several characteristics of the two most important targeted cash transfer programmes in Brazil: the Continuous Cash Benefit (BPC) and the Bolsa Familia. They find that the programmes reduce poverty and inequality.

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THE LATEST WRINKLE

DON'T MESS WITH OLD LADIES

(With thanks to George F. Saddler and Andrés Castellanos for forwarding this warning to the *Bulletin*)

An older woman gets pulled over for speeding...

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, four years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please?

Older Woman: I really can't show them to you.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for backup. Within minutes five police cars arrive and circle her car. A senior officer slowly approaches it, clasping his half-drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle

please!

Older woman (*stepping out*): Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car.

The woman opens the trunk. There is nothing there. It's empty!

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. (*Retrieves them from her bag and hands them over.*)

Officer 2: (quite stunned) One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

Again the woman digs into her handbag, pulls out a clutch purse and hands the license to the officer, who examines it carefully.

Officer 2: (*quite puzzled*) Thank you ma'am. One of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too!

OUR AMAZING WORLD

THINGS COULD ALWAYS BE WORSE!

The following was sent out to FPA USA Sales General Managers as an inspirational message in an effort to cheer them up after a month of poor sales. See whether you think these stories made them feel any better.

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 am, regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery

as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 am Sunday.

So a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 am, all of the doctors

and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

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The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.

A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate both of them.

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A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle.

Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she

whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places.

Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Ipod.

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Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly.

The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.

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Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it.

Forgetting it was a bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

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So if you're having a bad day, remember - things could always be worse!

PREVENTING CRIME WITH YOUR CAR ALARM

(From an unidentified Internet source)

Here's an idea that could prevent crime: put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get into your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will go off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighbourhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and start to put your keys away, think of this: the alarm in your car is a security system that you already have and requires no installation. It will go off from almost everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. Test it and you'll see how well it works, whether you park in your driveway or in your garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are that the burglar or rapist won't stick around. And after a few seconds all the neighbours will be looking out their windows to see who's out there. You can be sure that the criminal won't want that!

Also, remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Share this idea with everybody - your spouse, children, neighbours, parents and friends. It might just save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

BOOK REVIEWS

***DANCING IN SHADOWS: Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge and the United Nations in Cambodia*, by Benny Widyono.** Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto, Plymouth (UK): Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2007. xxix, 310 pp. (Tables, maps, photos.) US\$85.00, 978-0-7425-5552-5, cloth; US\$29.95, paper, ISBN978-0-7425-5553-2.

This is a very personal memoir. Benny Widyono, an experienced senior UN economist, served twice in Cambodia in what were essentially political roles: first with the UN Transitional Authority (UNTAC) in 1992-93; then as personal representative of the UN Secretary-general to the new Royal Government between 1994 and 1997. As a visiting scholar at Cornell University, he has absorbed the literature on the post-Khmer Rouge period, and has had access to previously unpublished material from the UN archives. But the story is his own, based largely on personal notes and recollections, and on his continued contacts with key players, most of whom are still part of the Cambodian scene. The book, therefore, "sounds like Benny," which is what gives it its bite and originality.

The murderous regime of Democratic Kampuchea (the "Khmer Rouge"), followed by the intervention and decade-long occupation by Viet Nam, forced Cambodia into an isolation that was to be broken only in the late 1980s when Vietnamese forces finally withdrew. The imperfect peace process that followed informal meetings between the Vietnamese-backed government of Hun Sen and the fractious coalition fronted by Prince Sihanouk marked the breakthrough. UNTAC, established by the Paris Peace Accords of 1991, was the most comprehensive UN operation ever, although its degree of success remains controversial.

Benny Widyono was catapulted from the UN Secretariat into unknown, and sometimes dangerous, territory as the UN "governor" of Siem Reap Province - the location of Angkor Wat. Like most of the 23,000 observers, advisers, administrators and peacekeepers who populated UNTAC, Widyono had little familiarity with Cambodia. He did not speak the language, nor was he schooled in the history or politics of the country. As an Indonesian, however, he did bring what he calls an "Asian" perspective to the task.

The chief flaw in the Cambodian peace process was that it envisaged the participation of all factions, including the genocidal Khmer Rouge - this mainly at the insistence of the United States, China and their Southeast Asian allies, who remained deeply suspicious of Viet Nam. UNTAC's mandate was to achieve all-party elections in 1993, and the main mileposts on that road were the disarmament of four squabbling factions and the repatriation of thousands of refugees from Thailand. Participating countries clearly could not stomach the risks involved in the former task: when the Khmer Rouge refused to disarm, the other parties — principally Hun Sen's State of Cambodia (SOC) — naturally did likewise, so that the country was not to be truly unified and at peace until the late 1990s.

Widyono peppers his account of the UNTAC period with trenchant observations aimed at timid or inept colleagues and at the representatives of the Cambodian factions with whom he wrestled during his 14 months as senior UN official in the province. In spite of the interim administration set up under Prince Norodom Sihanouk — the "Supreme National Council" (SNC), representing the royalists, Son Sann's anticommunist movement, Hun Sen's SOC and the Khmer Rouge — there was no question of who was really in charge. As the 1993 elections approached, the assumption by UN Special Representative Yasushi Akashi was that Hun Sen would win. The scenario was brought to the verge of collapse, then, by the surprising plurality won by the royalists under Sihanouk's son, Prince Ranariddh. Only a power-sharing compromise brokered by the wily Sihanouk averted a return to open conflict.

Widyono's later role as personal representative of the UN Secretary-General was less dramatic. He left the country before the "events" of 1997 that consolidated power once more in the hands of Hun Sen.

(As the author makes clear), he was no passive observer: during the period of the first coalition government, he actively encouraged inter-factional peace and stability. He provides here an astute analysis of the actions leading to the brief upheaval that brought about the break-up of the coalition in July 1997. His own exit - ostensibly because of his age, but mainly because Ranariddh suspected that Widyono was in league with his "partner" Hun Sen - forced him to witness those

"events" from the vantage point of New York.

Putting aside some distracting typos, *Dancing in Shadows* is an engrossing read, especially for those who already have some knowledge of Cambodia's recent history; Widyono does not, in his narrative, try to "set the scene" for the general reader, e.g., by delving into the drama of the 1960s and 1970s. The book does, however, append a detailed chronology and an extensive bibliography. It would benefit, perhaps in later editions, from an index.

D. Gordon Longmuir

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Canada

(Adapted from *Pacific Affairs*, Volume 80 no. 4,
Winter 2007-2008, page 696)

Excerpts from other reviews:

"Fascination and empathy with his subject enabled (Widyono) to gain access to and the confidence of the Cambodian political elite making such a book possible, and enliven his depiction of the endgame of Cambodia's 30-year civil war. His text is punctuated with character portraits of those he encountered, from the seafood seller and the cyclo driver, his landlord and fellow officials, Khmer Rouge and UNTAC military commanders up to the co-Prime Ministers and the King. ... What is different about Widyono's account is that he goes beyond the personal experiences, for all their shock value and hilarity, placing the whole UNTAC experience within a historical and political context. ... Widyono's sharp insight into Cambodia of ten years ago, and his identification of the Khmer Rouge as a significant force throughout that period, albeit in the shadows, helps considerably to understand Cambodia today."

Helen Jarvis, an Australian-Cambodian who is the chief of public affairs of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the author, with Tom Fawthrop, of *Getting away with genocide? Elusive justice and the Khmer Rouge tribunal*, published in 2004 by Pluto and UNSW Press.

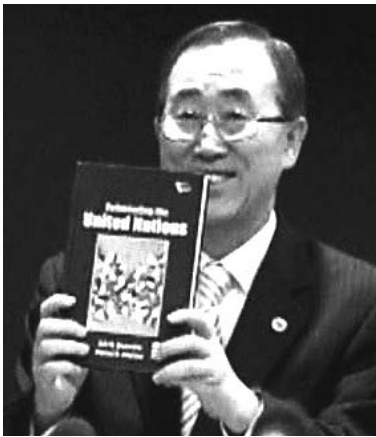
"This is the fascinating memoir of a senior UNTAC officer catapulted from his plush UN office in New York to the aid-starved 1991 Cambodia, still suffering from a decade of international sanctions and a continuous insurgency threat from the murderous Khmer Rouge. He returned to Cambodia in 1994 as the personal envoy of the UN Secretary-General in 1994 and stayed until 1997. ... This is not the great UN success story that readers might expect from such a seasoned UN diplomat. UN top officials in New York like to boast of how UNTAC ended the Cambodia conflict, delivered free elections and created an instant democracy in SE Asia. The author, despite his long career as the highest-ranking Indonesian diplomat at the UN, refuses to gloss over the significant failures. UNTAC did not deliver peace and the Khmer Rouge continued to plague the nation and make Cambodia a dangerous place for another five years."

Tom Fawthrop
Bangkok Post

"(The author) reveals how he coped with potholed roads, an erratic power supply, political headaches and a deeply flawed UN mandate with considerable humour and rare commitment. ... This insider's account provides fresh insights into another major controversy: How far was UNTAC supposed to take over from the incumbent government led by Hun Sen? The book clarifies the complexities, illusions and realities of power in Cambodia."

South China Morning Post

(Now retired from the UN and a life member of AFICS (NY), Benny Widyono teaches economics at the University of Connecticut in Stamford. Recently he was in Phnom Penh on a lecture tour with this book, which he wrote while a visiting scholar at Cornell University's Kahin Center for Southeast Asian studies, helping to finance his research one year by living with the students as their dormitory advisor. Mr. Widyono has kindly donated a copy of **DANCING IN SHADOWS: Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge and the United Nations in Cambodia** to the AFICS (NY) library.)



REINVENTING THE UNITED NATIONS, by **Dr. Ajit Banerjee and Ambassador Murari Sharma**, published by Prentice-Hall

REINVENTING THE UNITED NATIONS, by Dr. Ajit

Banerjee and Ambassador Murari Sharma, was launched in the General Assembly hall at UN Headquarters on 18 September 2007 by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in an event hosted by his Excellency Madhu Raman Acharya, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Government of Nepal, and attended by Permanent Representatives and Senior Officials. The S-G complimented the authors for their contribution, which he said would assist the international community in promoting discussion for appropriate changes in institutional arrangements and processes of this vital body.

As described by the authors, the book indicates that the United Nations needs to reorient its organizational elements, re-engineer its processes, re-vamp its decision-making systems and reform its human resource and financial management so that all yield the best results. It outlines measures for restructuring the Security Council, rationalizing the constituent systems of the General Assembly, ECOSOC and the Secretariat and strengthening the peace keeping, corruption control and accountability mechanisms.

The book is a collaborative endeavour involving contributions from international authorities in such areas as Peace and Security, Development Assistance, Resource Management, Leadership and Ethics. The vision projected by them onto the major issues inscribed on the United Nations' agenda is meant to encourage fresh thinking on the part of opinion leaders, diplomats, experts on foreign affairs and UN staff to effectively gear this intergovernmental organization to meet the emerging challenges of the 21st Century.

REINVENTING THE UNITED NATIONS will be of interest to many sectors of the public and particularly to post-graduate students of political science, international law and international relations, as well as to diplomats,

public affairs professionals and social science scholars at various levels.

The book is available at the United Nations book shop in New York, or via e-mail request to the United Nations Bookshop Manager, Leticia Acosta (<acosta@un.org>); Tel. (212) 963-7682. The sale price is US \$49.95.

(Dr. Ajit Banerjee is a former special advisor and coordinator of special programmes in Public Management. His over three decades of experience with the United Nations has included postings at country, sub-regional and Headquarters levels dealing with issues of management reform, public policy, management development and training. He has published numerous articles in professional journals and contributive books. Currently he is an independent consultant on Public Policy and International Relations, as well as a Life Member of AFICS (NY), to which he intends to contribute a copy of the book for its library.

Murari Sharma was formerly Ambassador of Nepal and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a member of the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and Chairman of the UN Fifth Committee. He has had nearly three decades of experience with the United Nations as well as with other public bodies in areas such as administrative reforms, banking, UN-U.S. relations and political analysis. Currently he is Nepal's Ambassador to the United Kingdom.)

WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE, The Story of John Lerew - A Hero of Rabaul, 1942, by **Lex McAulay**. Available from Banner Books, 122 Walker Street, Maryborough, Queensland 4650, Australia Tel: +61 7 4123 0255; Fax: +61 7 4123 0199; <Email: <http://www.banner-books.com.au.au/>>

John Lerew commanded 24 Squadron RAAF at Rabaul in January 1942, equipped with modified airliners and training planes. His squadron lasted seven minutes against an overwhelming Japanese air armada. When he asked for modern fighters, he was told that there were none but that he was to attack. He then sent the Roman gladiators' salute to HQQ: "We who are about to die salute you."

When ordered to hand over his men to be used as infantry in the hopeless sacrifice against the Japanese invasion force, and return alone to Townsville, Lerew ignored these instructions and organized and led the successful escape of his squadron to New Guinea. Again, he miraculously escaped from his blazing bomber over Gasmata and returned to New Guinea. Later, in command of the largest RAAF depot in Australia, he established the Directorate of Flying Safety.

Following this heroic wartime service, in 1946 John Lerew joined the International Civil Aviation Organization, which made possible safe, standardized international airline operations.

(Author Lex McAulay has written over a dozen books on Australian military and aviation history. On the occasion of the Queen's Birthday in 2007 he received the medal of Honour of Australia for OAM Service for Literature as a military historian. At his request, John Lerew's widow, AFICS (NY) member Josephine Lerew, contributed a biographical sketch of her life and experiences she and her husband shared, which are a part of this book. (See pages 19-21 for excerpts.)

Rose Maria Troniak
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WORLDWIDE REUNIONS

USA

AFICS (NEW YORK) WASHINGTON CHAPTER

The Washington Chapter of AFICS (New York) held its spring luncheon meeting on Wednesday, 2 April 2008, at Alfio's Restaurant in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Twenty-seven members and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch, speakers and conversation. President Paul Belanga introduced special guest, Ambassador Jorge Luis Zalaga-Coronado, President of the OAS Retiree Group. He then opened the formal part of the meeting and introduced the speakers.



Two representatives of the UN Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) informed the Washington Chapter of the services of the UN Federal Credit Union, and its financial arm, UNFCU Financial Advisors. Steve Ryerson, President of UNFCU Financial Advisors, reported that the UN Federal Credit Union serves 80,000 persons throughout the world, more than half at duty stations other than in the United States. UN Federal Credit Union members are served at two transaction windows in New York; at representative offices in Geneva, Nairobi, Rome and Vienna; and now, in Washington; as well as through the services of 30 UNFCU staff at their Call Center.



Since 1947, UN Federal Credit Union operations have grown to be substantial and extensive. There are more than 250 UNFCU employees at their new \$100 million building on Long Island, which offers the financial services of savings, checking, consumer loans, mortgages, credit cards and investments.

Who is eligible for membership? 1. All employees of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations; 2. Retirees of the above organizations; 3. Family members of those eligible for membership; 4. Persons residing in

and/or sharing financial responsibility for households of the above.

Michael Boulden, head of the UNFCU's new Washington Office at 1889 F Street, NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC 20006, informed us that the new office serves the staff of the International Development Bank, Pan American Health Organization, and Organization of American States. Members of the UNFCU may use the credit union services of the Washington office. Other former UN staff, not members of UNFCU, may use the financial services.

President Belanga presided over the business part of our spring assembly, noting that we traditionally have two luncheon meetings, spring and fall, with speakers, plus an annual end-of-year holiday party. He asked if there were suggestions for changes to this schedule. The consensus was in favour of continuing as is. However, an ad hoc special event might be considered, for example participation in the Annual Assembly of AFICS (NY). Members of the Washington Chapter planned to attend that event this year, on 22 May, and President Belanga will look into a travel package for next year's AFICS (NY) Annual Assembly and canvas members on their interest in participating. AFICS (NY) President Castellanos has advised that AFICS (NY) will assist in making it an enjoyable outing.

AFICS (New York) President Andrés Castellanos was proposed as the speaker for our next meeting. It was agreed that we like to hear from time to time about what is going on in New York with respect to retirees and our interests in UN affairs, and to hear it from someone who is in daily touch with these matters.

President Belanga called for volunteers for service as board members of the Washington Chapter of AFICS (NY), indicating that some members of the current board might wish to retire from their duties; he also asked if anyone would like to attend the next meeting of the board and requested that, if interested, members get in touch with him. The board meetings are small, congenial and conducive to good discussion.

Among other tasks needing attention are a redesign of

the Washington Chapter's meeting announcement and the reprinting of name tags worn at our meetings. Anyone having a flair for design and printing was asked to come forward.

It was noted that, given its speed, E-mail is now one of the Washington Chapter's preferred means of contact. Members not hearing from the Chapter in this way but having the capacity to do so were invited to provide their E-mail addresses, though mail will still be sent through the post office.

David Waugh, Secretary

CANADA

Report on 9th UN/CAFICS Luncheon

We would like to thank all the guests who came to the 9th UN/CAFICS Luncheon on 10 June 2008. This was our largest summer turnout ever. The conversations were spirited and engaging, old acquaintances were renewed and the food was delicious! The dining room at Dunsmuir Lodge, a very popular venue, was filled to capacity with a variety of conference groups yet the quality of food was first class and the desserts "to die for" as some of our guests remarked. After lunch everyone retired to the Peninsula Lounge for more socializing and thought-provoking discussion.

From our simple beginnings to where we are now is due to the participation of our wonderful guests - their generosity to give of themselves and to share their experiences with others. New guests are invited into the group with a warm handshake and a kind smile so that in short order the ice is broken.

Once again thank you to all who participated to make this event possible.

Our next luncheon will be our 10th, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, with the deadline for reservations 3 December. *Welcome!*

Evelyn and Gerry Nye

INVITATION

UN/CAFICS/AFICS luncheons are held in June and December of each year at Dunsmuir Lodge, Sidney, British Columbia, Canada (www.dunsmuirlodge.com). Anyone wishing to attend is invited to contact us for details:

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We look forward to meeting you here in the Victoria region,
Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada

OBITUARIES

BILL ANGEL

The ever young youth advocate, Bill Angel, died on 10 April 2008, peacefully at his home in Vienna. He had struggled with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease, for three years. Until the end, Bill remained positive and smiling. He suffered no pain.

The United Nations was Bill's life. For nearly 24 years (1977-2000) he worked in the field of social development, on youth, crime prevention, juvenile justice, ageing, women's rights and social planning. His UN career began at the UN Centre for Social and Humanitarian Affairs in Vienna, where he was also President of the Staff Council.

In 1996, Bill Angel became Chief of the United Nations Youth Unit - his passion for the rest of his professional life. He was responsible for the organization of the World Youth Forums in 1991, 1996 and 1998 and the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998. These were not easy meetings to organize as there are many different, often opposing, youth movements and government positions. Peggy Kelly, a friend and colleague since 1975, remembers how happy Bill was when his dream of the Youth Conference in Portugal materialized. His gentle manner managed to overcome many diplomatic deadlocks. NGOs respected him and he was much admired, particularly by his junior staff.

Bill wrote biennial reports for the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action



for Youth, a United Nations Training Manual for Developing a National Youth Policy and a sales publication entitled *Global Situation of Youth: Trends and Prospects*. However, his great achievement was the international reference book published by Nijhoff/Kluwer: *The International Law of Youth Rights*. He also published the useful Longman reference book, *Youth Movements of the World*, which was used for decades. He met and was photographed with the Secretaries-General under whom he served: Kurt Waldheim and Javier Perez de Cuellar.

After retirement, Bill became the Secretary General of the International Council on National Youth Policy (ICNYP), an NGO he helped to develop. He was a consultant to the Council of Europe Youth Directorate and to the International Olympic Committee, as well as a Guest Lecturer at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy. On behalf of ICNYP, he undertook missions to Jordan, Kenya, Lithuania, Poland, and Republic of Korea. Although his wife Mona says he had few interests outside of the UN, Bill enjoyed hiking and boating in Zell am See, their summer home. He was also active in Democrats Abroad - Austria.

Bill's wife asks that more people become aware of ALS and help people with the disease and their caretakers.

Michael Platzer, Friend and Colleague

RONALD ROSS CHIMESYA

(1928 - 2008)

(Received from UNDP)



Ronald Chimesya, a former UNDP staff member, passed away in Zomba, Malawi early in the morning on 7 April 2008. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Chimesya grew up in Malawi and had worked in Zimbabwe - then Southern Rhodesia - before joining UNDP in 1965 as a clerk-typ-

ist. He was the fourth person to join the UN office in Malawi and worked tirelessly until he retired in 1988.

Ronald was in good health before he suddenly collapsed in a bank a few days before he died, never regaining consciousness. His death was due to a combination of stroke and hypertension.

He is survived by his seven children and 27 grandchildren.

ANNETTE GARNER

(1945 - 2008)

(Adapted from obit received from UNDP)



It is with profound sadness and a deep sense of loss that we announce the death of Annette Garner, a former UNDP employee, who passed away - after having bravely fought against a long-term illness - on Sunday, 30 March 2008. She was 62 years old and a member of AFICS (NY).

Annette joined UNDP in 1973 and worked in the Regional Bureau for Africa for five years before going to the Division of Personnel in 1978. She spent most of her career in human resources, first serving as personnel officer, then as staffing specialist until January 1998. In February of that year, Annette became chief of the Management and Administration Section of the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). She

returned to the Office of Human Resources, Bureau of Management in February 2000 before retiring in December 2000.

Annette was continuously asked to lend her expertise to the organization in various consulting capacities. She was one of the lead trainers in the establishment of the Junior Professional Officers Service Centre and played an instrumental role in the implementation of the Benefits and Entitlements Services, OHR in Copenhagen.

Annette was a soft-spoken person who always made people feel welcome with her gentle smile. She had an inner strength and a great sense of dignity, which she displayed right through to the end of her life. Although Annette's passing is a loss to her friends and colleagues, whatever she brought to us will stay with us forever.

HANS JANITSCHKE



Hans Janitschke is no longer with us. His humour, boundless energy, thoughtfulness and

awareness of current affairs were the same in later life as when he joined the United Nations 40 years ago. He was always full of ideas. He died in front of the United Nations building in New York on February 21 while visiting to discuss another project.

Hans served the United Nations in the fields of public information, the peaceful uses of outer space, Palestine and population for 17 years. However, his most lasting

contributions were extracurricular. He co-founded the UN Society of Writers and published their magazine at his own cost. He created the Award of Excellence, which was presented to many outstanding international figures. He worked to get Mihail Simeonov's Elephant sculpture cast and placed in the UN garden. Hans was also President of the Earth Society and wrote a biography of the founder of Earth Day, as well as publishing the autobiography of town planner Guntram Weissenberger. In his capacity as Vice President of the World Security Network, he met the Dalai Lama and worked tirelessly for "Networking a Safer World." He was a member of the Panel of Counsel and defended staff members in their appeals against the UN administration.

Hans Janitschek was always a defender of social justice, even as young socialist in Austria. As Secretary General of the Socialist International, he championed the independence movement in Bangladesh, supported Allende in Chile, opposed Indira Gandhi's emergency rule in India, played a significant role in the release of opposition leader George Fernandes, supported B. P. Koirala's freedom fight in Nepal and was actively involved in the return to democracy of Greece, Portugal and Spain. Hans subsequently wrote a biography of Mario Soares, President of Portugal. As trustee of Friends World College, he created the Martin Luther King Jr. International Peace Award, which he presented to President Gorbachev, Bruno Kreisky, Oscar Arias and Willy Brandt.

However, Hans Janitschek was first and foremost a journalist. As a young man he worked for United Press, became Senior Editor for Reuters, Foreign Editor of *Kurier*, and then Director of the Austrian Information Service in New York. After his retirement from the

United Nations he returned to journalism as U.S. correspondent for the *Kronen Zeitung*. He also contributed news reports for the Austrian Radio Station "Krone Hits." Recently, he joined iCastNews.com as news anchor and was the host of a daily news programme broadcast over the Internet from the UN.

Although he loved the United States, Hans Janitschek was a proud Austrian. He was President of the Austrian Abroad Committee and played a major role in getting Austrians living overseas the right to vote. He wrote biographies of the publisher Hans Dichand, Kurt Waldheim and Arnold Schwarzenegger. He was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria. The Chancellor of Austria lamented, "With Hans Janitschek we lose a skilful world citizen who made Austria well known beyond its borders and I, personally, a dear friend." Helmut Zilk, a former mayor of Vienna, gave the eulogy at his funeral. Many prominent Austrian politicians, artists and journalists attended the mass in the University Church on 13 March 2008.

At the memorial service in Vienna, his sister read a text "On the other side" - "Der Tod ist nichts, ich bin nur in das Zimmer nebenan gegangen, ich bin ich, ihr seid ihr; das was ich fuer euch immer war, bin ich immer noch... (Death is nothing, I am only in the next room, I am me, you are you: that which I was for you, I will always be...)

For me, Hans was a great inspiration - a humanist with many interests and diverse passions, who would keep his promises, but was already onto the next idea.

Michael Platzer, Friend and Colleague

MELITA (HOLLY) RILEY MOORE

(Adapted from article published in the *Hartford Courant* and *The New York Times*)

Melita (Holly) Riley Moore passed away in Bloomfield, Connecticut on Wednesday, 16 January 1 2008. She was born in September 1909 in Joplin, MO, the daughter of the late William M. and Rose (Brunner) Holly.

Melita graduated from Wellesley College in 1932 (Phi Beta Kappa). Having received the Math Prize enabled her to continue her studies and she obtained a Masters Degree in Mathematics from the University of

Michigan. She taught mathematics in private schools and Wellesley College until World War II, when she went to Washington D.C. to work in the Acoustics Division of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. After the war, she joined the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as head of the section that compiled the Consumer Price and Wholesale Price Indexes.

In 1946, Melita married architect Chauncey W. Riley

and lived in New York City and New Canaan. She joined the Statistical Office of the United Nations as head of its research section. After 10 years of full-time work, she changed to part-time work for 20 more years, during which she visited over 80 countries all over the world. She was also a life member of AFICS (NY).

Chauncey Riley passed away in 1972. In 1975 Melita married the well-known economist Geoffrey H. Moore. She co-authored one of his books, *International Economic Indicators*. Dr. Moore passed away in 2000.

In 1998, Melita initiated the "Adopt a Minefield" programme in New Canaan that raised enough money to successfully clear mine fields in a village in Cambodia. For this project and for her work in the United Nations she was awarded, with 140 others, the Ruth Steinkraus-Cohen Memorial Listing of "outstanding women in Connecticut."

Melita (Holly) Riley Moore is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Bryant and Sandra Riley of Mount Sterling, OH; two granddaughters, Holly (and her husband, Jeff Vigar) of Lewis Center, OH, and Megan Riley of Asheville, NC; and a great-granddaughter Alexa Vigar. She is also survived by six stepchildren and their families: Monica Riley of Richmond, CA; Karl Riley of Hampstead, NC; Stephen and Nancy Moore of Bluffton, SC; Peter and Tina Moore of Fort Thomas, KY; Kathleen and Leighton Holness of Somerset, NJ; and Pamela and Stephen Pelligrino of Moultenborough, NH.

A private graveside service and burial took place in Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan. In lieu of flowers, it was requested that contributions be made to the American Friends Service Committee, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA, 19102, <http://www.afsc.org>.

NICKY BEREDJICK

As we were going to press we received the sad news that Nicky Beredjick, former Director in DDSMS/DTCD and previously in OHRM, passed away in Tampa,

Florida on 18 May 2008. An obituary will appear in the October *Bulletin*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN A. OLVER

A large crowd of family members, former colleagues and friends attended a Celebration of the Life of John A. Olver, former Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, Assistant Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and lifetime member, AFICS (NY), held on Wednesday, 28 May, at The Church Center for the United Nations. Mr. Olver died at his home in Rye, New York on Sunday, 2 March 2008 at the age of 89.

Fond remembrances of John Olver's life and outstand-

ing UN career were offered by his son Richard (who served as moderator), as well as by his daughter, Amy Olver, his granddaughter, Anna Stull, and other relatives, former colleagues and friends including George Saddler, Bernard Redmont, Sir Brian Urquhart and Tim Rothermel.

The Olver Family advises that charitable donations in the name of John Olver may be made to CARE USA, 151 Ellis Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 (<www.care.org>).

CORREGENDUM

In the Obituary for John A. Olver published in our April 2008 Bulletin, it was mistakenly stated that Mr. Olver began his UN work at Lake Success. Actually, he began work earlier, when the organization was established at Hunter College, before the move to Lake Success. He was thus one of the Mohicans, the founding members of the UN. Thanks to fellow Mohicans Mel Silverman and Frank Acinapura for setting the record straight.



The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund has furnished AFICS (NY) with the following information concerning the passing of former staff members and their surviving spouses. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

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