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3. FOREWORD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Another year passed by – and for SCI it was a year full of activity all around the globe. Our peace message reached tens of countries on all continents, taking various forms, such as workcamps, long-term volunteer exchanges, campaigns, seminars, and awareness-raising projects. The diversity of methods used helped us to reach even a greater audience than the previous year, and we are especially proud of the fact that the number of volunteers taking part in SCI activities is on the constant rise.

Volunteers are the core of our movement, and it is thanks to them that SCI was able to run numerous successful projects in 2014. We are especially thankful for a mass response to a call for support in the relief work after the floods in the Balkan region, and for your involvement in the Create a Climate for Peace Campaign, which brought attention to the topic of climate justice. The campaign proves that big changes can be done in small steps, and that every step and every effort counts!



As year 2014 marked the 94th birthday of SCI, the movement began preparing for the 95th anniversary of working for peace and understanding. In order to pursue our goals even more effectively, a new Strategic Plan 2015-2018 was prepared and approved at the International Committee Meeting in Serbia. SCI branches and groups agreed to put emphasis on two strategic goals. The first one, Education and Volunteering, aims to inspire and activate people to have an impact in the world and empower them to foster a culture of peace and social justice. The second one, Awareness Raising and Solidarity, intends to increase the sense of belonging to a global community. A series of capacity building measures was also specified in the Strategic Plan as a means to enable actions.

Whilst waiting with excitement for the developments of 2015, let us not forget the joyful moments of 2014 and the superb work all SCI activists did both in their local communities and at the international level. Let's be proud of our impact while continuing our work for a more peaceful world!

Amities,
Malgorzata Tur
SCI Acting International President

4. INTRODUCTION

Service Civil International (SCI) is one of the world's **largest** international volunteering organisations with **more than ninety years** of experience in coordinating international voluntary projects. Through these projects SCI helps break down barriers and prejudices between people of different social, cultural and national backgrounds and promote a culture of peace. SCI's vision is a world of peace, social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflict. SCI's mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact.

SCI was founded by **Pierre Cérésiole**, a Swiss engineer who established a peace and humanitarian movement in the aftermath of the 1st World War and laid down the foundations of SCI in 1920. From the modest size in the 1920s, SCI has developed into an international peace movement and international volunteering organisation with **45 member organisations** in countries all over the world. SCI has established an even greater number of partnerships with like-minded organisations from all continents.

SCI is **open to all**. It was one of the first organisations to divest itself of all political or religious affiliations in its work of promoting peace and intercultural understanding through practical action. Every year, SCI enables thousands of volunteers to participate in its work. Living and working together in an international group gives the volunteers a chance to create a network of international contacts. The voluntary work is designed to introduce volunteers to the range of problems that communities face in the struggle for peace and social justice. The work aspect, as much as the social contact with local people, is a unique way of acquiring a deeper understanding of problems that people are facing in one's own country and abroad.



5. STRUCTURES OF SCI

The highest decision making body in SCI is the **International Committee Meeting (ICM)**, which meets once a year. All the branches of SCI are members of the organisation and they all have voting rights in the ICM. SCI branches can send one delegate and one or more observers.

The **International Executive Committee (IEC)** and the **International Secretariat (IS)** are responsible for preparing the ICM. In December 2014, this important meeting was held in Serbia and hosted by VCV Serbia.

The members of the International Executive Committee, including the president, vice-president and treasurer, are elected at the ICM. The IEC is responsible for implementing the decisions made at each ICM and it has a mandate to make in-between policy and management decisions.

In 2014 the IEC consisted of the following persons:

Paolo Pagano	International President
Matteo Testino	Vice President
Katalin Somlai	Acting International Treasurer
Katja Löfgren	Member
Attanayake Karunaratne	Member
Uris Kalatchoff	Co-opted Member
Steffi Koch	Co-opted Member

During the ICM 2014 in Serbia, **Katalin Somlai** was elected International Treasurer. **Ernest Kovacs**, **Katja Löfgren** and **Malgorzata Tur** were elected as official IEC members.

Organisations that want to become a member of SCI can apply for **SCI Group status**. SCI Groups may apply for **SCI Branch status** if they have been active for at least 2 years, have evidence of administrative stability, are officially registered with the authorities in their own country and undertake moral and financial obligations in support of the movement. The ICM grants branch status upon recommendation of the IEC. In 2014, one organisation was accepted as new SCI branch: **GAIA Kosovo**.

In countries where SCI has no branches it cooperates with **partner organisations**. Partners are like-minded organisations that are selected according to a fixed procedure and furthermore evaluated on their annual activities. Most of the partners are based in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. In 2014 the ICM voted for **Nguranga** and **Nateo** as new partner organisations of SCI, while **ZWA**, **DESCO** and **Las Golondrinas** were removed from being SCI partners.

Apart from groups, branches and partners, several **international working groups** are active within SCI. When a group starts its activities it can apply for working group status in SCI. Once received the official working group status, it needs to present an activity report, financial results, budget for the coming year, and an action plan at each ICM. The ICM votes whether the working group status can be maintained.

The following international working groups were recognised and active in 2014:

- Abya Yala Working Group (Latin America)
- Africa Working Group
- Asia International Working Group
- GAIA Working Group (Sustainable development and climate change)
- LTEG (Long-Term Exchange Group)
- SAVA Working Group (Balkans)
- YUWG (Social Inclusion)

BEES Working Group (Better Evaluations and Exchange Support) received Working Group status at ICM 2014.

All branches can choose which international working groups they want to support and join. A branch that joins an international working group as a member carries a financial responsibility for a possible deficit of that working group.

Besides the officially recognised working groups **No More War** was also active in 2014.

Other bodies in the SCI international structures are the **Financial Advisory & Consultancy Team (FACT)** and the **International Insurance Commission (IIC)**. Both meet once a year and advise the international treasurer and/ or the IEC, the ICM, separate branches and international working groups respectively on finances and insurance matters.



IEC members and branch delegates during the 74th International Committee Meeting 2014, Mali Idjoc, Serbia (2014)

6. INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY PROJECTS IN 2014

1. SHORT TERM PROJECTS

SCI organises short term international voluntary projects, commonly known within SCI as 'workcamps'. These projects are organised in cooperation with SCI's network of branches and partner organisations which in turn cooperate with local organisations and communities. A short term international voluntary project is a unique form of volunteering, bringing together people from different countries, cultures and backgrounds to live and work together with local communities for a period of 2-4 weeks. The projects aim to break down barriers between people and to develop international understanding, cooperation and solidarity. There is always a study element to the projects and a strong emphasis on intercultural learning.

Every year thousands of short term voluntary projects are organised in different fields and with different types of voluntary work. There is always something that will interest you!

For example, did it ever occur to you that you could go abroad to...

- Participate in art projects aiming at awareness raising of human rights with Roma communities in Kosovo?
- Organise games and other activities for asylum seeker children in Belgium?
- Work in a permaculture project in the Swiss mountains?
- Support activities aiming at women's empowerment in Kenya?
- Renovate a Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka?
- Support the daily work in a Wildlife park in Mexico?

Find out more on www.sciint.org for search for a workcamp on www.workcamps.info



Climate for Peace Camp, Cloud Factory, Kosovo (2014)



Time for volunteers to relax, Moravia, Czech Republic (2014)

A letter from volunteer Lena Timchenko from Ukraine who volunteered at the Moravian Countryside Spring workcamp:

Dear volunteers,

I want to share my feelings from my first Work Camp experience.

First of all - everything was not just good, but better than good - awesome, funny, active, and informative.

The workcamp took place in the very picturesque and beautiful area of the Czech Republic named Trosky-Lhota (but there I hear from the border with Slovakia). It was not very difficult to find the place, because there was a detailed explanation in the infographic prepared by our Coordinators. Nice job, Coordinators!

I was the one of the first volunteers to arrive, on the day before the official Camp had started, and that's why I was welcoming all the rest! With the arrival of the first volunteer, I guess it was June from France, the camp started to awaken. Next was Jasmijn, an absolutely nice and attractive Japanese girl. Then Natalia, like me, from Ukraine, blessed with beautiful blue eyes. Following them were Tobi, Delina, Sam and finally Nicolas, during the "Arriving" period. Po-po-po-pam. The Moravian Countryside Camp had officially started. But! It was impossible to work, because our first working day coincided with the local festival "Troskyer skomel". Ochochut (eng. service tree) - a regenerative fruit in the shape of a reed, with the taste of something between pear and apple.

The normally quiet streets were filled with huge crowds of people giving us the opportunity to get in touch with the locals, to listen and sing songs - to feel the soul of the Czech village. After a day of celebration it was time to get down to work and the main tasks of maintaining "Cottage Treasures" and collecting herbs for great Moravian tea.

The Cottage is a very interesting place and full of activities. Here you can find a "hope land", lake, sheep, goats, chickens. Our brave and strong guys had to dig a pipe which would provide the sheep with water and to build a fence. They did an excellent job. The ladies were responsible for collecting white and yellow flowers - primula.

All went to plan with the nettles (4 huge bags were collected), but with the primula, unfortunately not. Spring was early and it was failed. Except for the work alone, our international team rested on the Beta Channel, visited castles of Bratislava and Mikulov, greeted the 1st of May with real Georgian shakshiki from Tobi under the stars and became a real Team. At times it was cold and windy weather which meant it could be cold in the sleeping room, but this was just a small spoon of ice in a barrel of honey.

In the end, I would like to say some good words about our Coordinators:

Ladislav Zelený and Marie T. Jirá. They are just unbelievable, inspiring at work and leisure, always attentive and reliable. And the way they prepared the meals... Yummy! Czech food will be always in my heart! That was my experience. I hope it inspires you and you can share the positive sides of my experience. Best wishes from the Ukraine, Lena.



Volunteers at workshops and trainings in Italy, Germany, Sweden and Vietnam (2024)

SUPPORTING TOOLS AND SYSTEMS

Online Placement System

www.workcamps.info

2014 was a year of consolidation for www.workcamps.info (the Online Placement System), which in the past 2-3 years has proven to become more stable and reliable and has enjoyed broad use.

The biggest changes in the 2014 version of the OPS have been the new homepage where stories of volunteers and large pictures appear and the creation of the FAQs where volunteers find useful info about their participation in workcamps.

The OPS team also worked on adding small features and refining existing ones. They also provided support for trainings related to the use of OPS. This consisted of providing trainers for the 2014 **Placement Officer Training** as well as a series of online trainings for placement officers.

The next version of OPS, planned for the end of 2014, will see minor functional improvements, while a major reworking has been undertaken by Cliff to keep up with updates of the software we are using in the background and improve speed and efficiency of the code. At the moment the team is searching for an additional software developer to keep up with the actual requests of new features in the waiting list.

The OPS team will organize the Placement Officer Training to take place in March 2015.

OPS Team Members 2014

Cliff Ford

Minerva Jormola

Paolo Pagano

Slavyana Krushovenska

Uris Kalatchoff

Tech Team

The tech team is a group of volunteers that was established in 2011 with the idea to improve the IT infrastructure of SCI at international level and give support to branches. In 2014 the Tech Team continued its work in support of the international coordination.

In the first part of the year in collaboration with the International Secretariat the new member's area <http://www.ms.sciint.org> was introduced. The new MA allows an improved management of files and resources at international level.

The Tech ITV became the main force to maintain the IT infrastructure at international level, advanced projects for the tech team and provides constant IT support to the IS.

This included support for the production of the **SCI Talkshows** that took place at the launch of the workcamp season.

Projects that saw significant progress in 2014:

- planning and implementation of a model branch website that can be used by all branches who do not have resources to implement and maintain their own website
- implementation of a single sign-on system for all service of SCI at international level
- implementation of an Online Evaluation System for workcamps that makes use of OPS and our internal survey system.

All projects are at testing stage and will be gradually introduced in 2015.

Tech Team members 2014

Conrad Bernath

Hilko Kolbeek

Uris Kalatchoff

Maria (Masha) Ginzburg

Pool of Trainers

The SCI Pool of Trainers and Facilitators (TP) is a group of 10 experienced trainers, formed in 2013 by the International Executive Committee.

In March 2014 the TP had its first physical meeting in Cloughjordan, Ireland, where it also supported the VSI "Path to Inclusion" Seminar. Building on this event the TP page was expanded and several project ideas were developed and successfully implemented.

We are especially proud of the first SCI Tool Fair, "**Non-Formal Education at the mirror**", which took place in Vienna, Austria, in November and gathered over 30 SCI trainers and educators from 11 countries, who shared tools and innovative methods to increase the quality of the future SCI educational work (<http://pooloftrainers.scint.org/node/35>). The event turned out to be a great success and will be followed-up in 2015. Another long-term project idea, developed together with the International Secretariat was "**Global Volunteer Action: Networking, capacity building, non-formal education and innovation in international youth and volunteer work**", an intercontinental capacity building project which will run until 2016. The project includes a training for multipliers, as well as various training activities focusing on leadership, project management, social media, etc., and an exchange of EVS volunteers between Asia and Europe.

In the course of the year, TP members also led several other SCI trainings and supported the IS and branches with writing project applications for educational activities. Our next plans are to develop the database of SCI educators and update the library of tool kits and other SCI educational resources.

The **webpage** (and database) of the TP of SCI can be accessed here <http://pooloftrainers.scint.org>.

The activities can also be followed on **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/PoolOfTrainers>).

Pool of Trainers 2014:

Alice Cavagliù

Grace Walsh

Ingrid Denckaerts

Linda Boyes

Matteo Testino

Mauro Certa

Małgorzata Tur

Natalie Jivkova

Valerie Weidinger



Participants at the first SCI Tool Fair: "Non-Formal Education at the mirror", Austria (2014)

II. LONG TERM PROJECTS

SCI's **Long Term Volunteering (LTV)** programme provides volunteers with the opportunity to stay abroad from 2 to 12 months and support a variety of projects and activities, such as working with disabled people, disadvantaged youth or ethnic minorities, to working in an office or run daily activities in an eco-village. Long Term Volunteering is more than just work. The long lasting commitment that LTV's make to the projects enables **sustained work for peace**, both on a concrete level for the branches and partner organisations and on a personal level for the volunteer and the members of the local communities. It is the experience of living abroad and learning from different cultures and people, while getting deeply involved with a concrete project that is for the benefit of the local community.

All LTV's that work in SCI are provided with food and accommodation, some pocket money and a basic SCI health insurance. Travel costs to the project are generally covered by the volunteer him/herself. In 2014 various LTV projects in SCI were **financed by the European Commission through the European Voluntary Service (EVS)**, which is part of the Youth in Action programme and aims to support young people's participation in various forms of voluntary activities, both within and outside the European Union. Under this Action, young people take part individually or in groups in non-profit, unpaid activities.

LONG TERM EXCHANGE GROUP (LTEG)

LTEG is an international SCI working group that contributes to SCI's mission by promoting, strengthening and improving the Long Term Volunteer (LTV) activities in SCI, involving more branches and partners in LTV exchange and seeking recognition of the importance of LTV exchange for the organisations, communities and volunteers involved in it. All activities implemented by LTEG in 2014 aimed at strengthening and improving the LTV exchange within SCI. Some of the highlights of LTEG's activities in 2014:

- **Placement Officer Training (POT)** (Serbia, March 2014): This was a training for placement officers, focusing on teambuilding and networking, practical procedures for volunteer placements and the usage of the Online Placement System. The training was self-financed by the branches, the OPS Team and LTEG. The OPS Team had the lead in setting up the programme for the meeting. The next meeting is planned for March 2015 in Hungary.
- **Mentoring handbook** - A handbook for mentoring was prepared and published by some of the participants and trainers of the Mentoring Volunteer Exchanges (MOVE) training (Serbia, November 2013). It is accessible on the member's area: <http://ma.sciint.org/ltv-related-handbooks>
- **Thematic skype meetings** - Two thematic skype meetings were organized in February and March 2014, one on the mentoring handbook and another one on the longterm database. The idea of the meetings was to provide a platform for any member of SCI interested to discuss and learn more about specific topics within Long Term volunteering.
- **Database for long term projects** (www.longterm.sciint.org) and **Vacancies List** - Four issues of the vacancies list were published between November 2013 and October 2014 and spread within the SCI network via the international mailing lists. They are also available on the member's area: <http://ma.sciint.org/ltv-vacancies-lists>. Besides the maintenance of the database a few enhancements were accomplished according to the LTEG's plan of action 2013/2014. Especially, LTV coordinators now have the possibility to generate their own customized vacancies list at any time to provide to their interested volunteers. Hence, LTV coordinators are less dependent on the official vacancies lists spread by LTEG every 2-3 months.

LTEG Steering Group 2014

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7. WHERE DID SCI WORK IN 2014?

I. EUROPE

In 2014 SCI organised both short and long term volunteering projects all over Europe, as well as trainings, seminars and several international meetings. Projects were organised and implemented by 30 European member - and 30 partner organisations. The International Secretariat of SCI, located in Antwerp, Belgium, facilitated and co-ordinated several activities and projects. Branches were active at local, national and international levels and several working groups such as ILEG and GAIA (both described elsewhere in this report) and SAVA: the working group called after the river that flows through the Balkan, were organizing voluntary activities in 2014.

CITIZENS BEYOND WALLS

With the current situation on the freedom of movement into and within Europe and the tragedies that have taken place in the past year it is essential to mention the project Citizens Beyond Walls to Support Peace and Social Inclusion. Citizens Beyond Walls is a project cofounded by the European Union which involves eight partner countries: VCV Serbia, Utlapu (Hungary), CVS Bulgaria, SCI Germany, SCI Catalunya, Sci Hellas (Greece), Associazione 21 luglio (Italy), Via Netherlands, SCI Italy. Aim of the project is fostering inclusive policies to respect Citizens' rights in Europe, with specific focus on new citizens and minorities.

During 2014 the project Citizens Beyond Walls kicked off and implemented its core activities and produced a research report focused on the 8 countries. The topic of the research report was outlining the activity of extreme right wing groups and the presence of citizens' initiatives to support Peace and inclusion of new citizens and minorities.

In recent years, right wing extremist groups have been able to increasingly affect the public debate and orient national policies, threatening and hindering the process of democratic social inclusion of the targets above mentioned. The climate leading to the European elections in 2014 pushed the EU Commission President to publicly warn against nationalism, xenophobia and racism. Under this framework, and acknowledging the worrying entity of right wing extremism within the European Union, the project Citizens Beyond Walls aimed at fostering initiatives and reactions by the European civil society towards more inclusive policies. The project, led by SCI Italy, involved VCV Serbia, Utlapu (SCI Hungary), CVS Bulgaria, SCI Germany, SCI Catalunya, SCI Hellas, VIA Netherlands and Associazione 21 luglio (Italy).



Participants of the work camp "Peace Week" walk silently through Athens wearing t-shirts saying

"There is one racist attack in Athens every two days! Don't get used to this!". Greece (2014) Photo by SCI Hellas

SAVA Steering Group 2014

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NORTH SOUTH INCOMING PROGRAMME IN EUROPE

The SCI Incoming Programme is a **North South solidarity exchange** that takes place every year in Europe. Volunteers from SCI partner organisations in **Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East** are invited to participate on an exchange programme which lasts eight to ten weeks throughout August, September, and October. The volunteers join a four-week programme in different hosting countries in Europe, which consists of a seminar with an introduction to SCI and the invited countries, participation on a workcamp organised by a branch of SCI, and an evaluation of the project. The programme also includes participation at the **SCI North South Platform Meeting** in October.

The objectives of the programme are to **deepen mutual knowledge for a better collaboration**, exchange information to improve the quality of preparation trainings for SCI volunteers; to learn about the daily work of SCI branches and partner organisations; offer opportunities for South partner organisations to encounter and collaborate; facilitate contacts and collaborations with other European organisations; exchange with European volunteers (for example in workcamps) and learn about European reality.

Among the activities taking place in 2014, some volunteers took part in the program that was divided into 3 different sections, August in Belgium, September in Germany and at the North South Platform Meeting in Poland, held in Poland. The volunteers had On Arrival Training in the first week of their program carried out by SCI Belgium. This year's programme included participants from Indonesia, Guatemala, Uganda and South Africa.

"SCI Incoming Program in Germany was different with the one in Belgium. It was a whole month of workcamp and the objective of the workcamp was giving workshop for high school student about "How much Earth does human needs". The first ten days of workcamp was preparation training for the workshops. All of the training topics was about environmental issues. We also talked about environmental issues in our own home countries. And our trainer introduced us to various of methods and games so that we could use it during the workshop with the student." – Emilia Dita, Indonesia



Participants of the North-South Incoming programme in Europe (2014)

II. ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

In 2013, the Asia-Pacific region saw many activities organized under the **Asia International Working Group (AIWG)**, the **Asian Development Committee (ADC)**, the **Asian Development Programme (ADP)**, and the **Asian Platform Meeting (APM)**. Here you can read about some of the activities that took place in the Asian region with SCI.

ASIA INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP (AIWG)

Established in 2006, the Asia International Working Group (AIWG) is the SCI platform for activists and branches working in and for the Asian region. Its aims are to achieve a better cooperation and development of exchanges between Asia and the rest of the world through common projects and exchange and to reinforce the links between Asian branches and branches in the rest of the world; to deal with issues surrounding new Asian groups, partners, and contact organisations; and to facilitate the evaluation process of North South exchanges.

In 2014 AIWG organised the **Asia Europe Exchange Program (AEEP) 2014** and was active in facilitating communication between branches and partners involved with voluntary exchanges in and to Asia. The AIWG participated at the North South Platform Meeting 2014 where it also held its annual meeting.

AIWG Steering Group 2014

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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (ADC)

SCI has its own platform for the Asian region, the Asian Development Committee. It exists of representatives of all Asian branches and groups, and has at aim to develop the organizations and their (common) programs.

Asian Updates is a new initiative by ADC. Two volumes of Asian Updates were published this year. The aim of the Asian Updates is to update branches with activities and programs happening and available in the Asia-Pacific region and also provide opportunities for Asian activists at international level.

ASIAN VOICES

Asian Voices is the magazine for the Asia pacific region where experiences can be shared, seminars be reported or be announced and opinions can be expressed. All issues of Asian Voices can be found on SCI's [issuu account](#) as well as on the [SCI International website](#).



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2014

As every year, The UN designated International Day of Peace was celebrated on the 21st and 22nd of September by SCI branches all around the world. SCI's Asian branches carried out some of the most colourful celebrations; SCI Malaysia helped organized a Peace Convoy, Peace Dinner, Cycle for Peace and a Peace Walk where 5 bands and over 2000 people took part. SCI Hong Kong took part in festivities organized by Peace International Foundation and celebrations took place at the Blue Rose School in Kandi, organised by SCI Sri Lanka.



SCI Malaysia's volunteers celebrate International Day of Peace (2014)

FIRST WORKCAMP IN MICRONESIA

SCI Japan initiated a new contact in Micronesia and held the first workcamp in Pohnpei from 1st to 10th of March 2014. Six volunteers attended the camp and achieved great success in terms of initiating SCI activities in Pohnpei. Many people of Pohnpei showed interest in SCI including the President of Micronesia himself. The workcamp was initiated by a JICA senior volunteer with assistance of the visitors Bureau. Pohnpei Farmer's Association showed great interest to continue to work with SCI.



Volunteers at the Stonequarry Cemetery workcamp in Australia (2014)

Volunteering at Stonequarry Cemetery – by Rita Sofwa:

It's not often you get a chance to bond with a cemetery, let alone to share that bond with a mixture of local people and a broad range of other volunteers. But Stonequarry Cemetery, just outside Taraiga in the Southern Tablelands of NSW is the perfect catalyst in bringing together an interesting assortment of people motivated by concern for this special patch of ground.

The 18-month IVP project has funds to assist with the workcamps through Greater Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI) under the NSW Department of Environment and Heritage.

This mystery of old land use brings some of us to the workcamps – the thrill of looking for evidence of old activities. Others come for the pleasure of working with others to weed and restore the precious remnant bush areas which are very rare in such fertile and established farming areas.

More than just the flora...

Others are motivated by the fauna – this little patch is obviously a valuable breeding island especially for small native birds that have no protection in the dominant paddocks and open woodland of this grazing area. It is also habitat to marsupials such as the shy swamp wallaby that moves around the site dodging the volunteers as it takes its joey to new hiding places.

There are more workcamps to come; one in November and a 2-week camp early in 2015. We hope there will be more and we hope that more people will come and share the opportunity to bond with Stonequarry cemetery and its gem of bushland reserve.

III. NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

In 2014 SCI organised exchange activities in USA and Canada through the SCI branch SCI-IVS USA and with the partner organisations **Nocono Canada** and **Volunteers for Peace USA**. In Latin America SCI worked in close cooperation with the SCI branches and partners in **Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Chile and Ecuador**.

ABYA YALA

In 2014 Abya Yala was again a formal working group of SCI. The group decided to work first on strengthening the group internally and to focus on the core tasks only.

Abya Yala has also been supporting partners and contacts in **Latin America** with uploading their workcamps to the OPS. Abya Yala has also been working on the translation of a few key documents in SCI, to Spanish. The translated documents are the Practical Procedures, the LTV Practical Procedures and the OPS user manual. The translations were done by volunteers from SCI Madrid.

The annual evaluation of workcamps, LTV projects and partnerships was done in close cooperation with the International Secretariat who collected statistics and feedback through the OPS and an online survey. The outcomes were shared with the working group and discussed within the group at the annual Abya Yala meeting at the NSPM 2014 in Poland. The presence of representatives of various partners: Fundacion Chiriboga (Ecuador), Itatate (Mexico), Ferla Waiung (Chile) and Gotas de Agua (Peru) as well as different SCI branches involved in the region, made the meeting productive and effective.

Abya Yala Steering Group 2014

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IV. MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION

MIDI WORKING GROUP

In 2014 Midi Working Group organised the following activities:

- Pilot workcamp in Palestine by SCI Italy.
- A Midi Seminar was held in November in Catalunya.

Besides the above described activities, Midi working group, as in the previous years, provided assistance to branches and volunteers regarding all issues related to exchange with the Midi region. Due to various reasons the Midi Working Group did not apply for Working Group status at ICM 2014 and **will not be an official Working Group in 2015**. SCI Catalunya, SCI Italy and KVT Finland will commit to the evaluation of camps and follow-up of communication with partners, to follow-up on the MIDI seminar that was held in Catalunya in November 2014 and to support the SCI group in Jordan.

Volunteers from SCI Catalunya and SCI Italy were particularly active in Palestine, with volunteers from both countries doing their European Voluntary Service in Palestine. A group of volunteers sent the following letter:

Dear friend,

Recently you may have heard a lot of news from Gaza. This letter is to let you know that you do not have to be worried: we are in the West Bank, here there is not a declared war, even if we could talk about a silent conflict.

We are volunteering in Hebron with Youth Against Settlements and the Popular Struggle Coordination Committee since the beginning of June. Before our departure, our sending organizations - SCI Italia and SCI Catalunya - trained us on the situation in Palestine. Even so, the reality of Hebron is hard to understand until you visit it. You should know, dear friend, that this is the only place where the settlers are living in the heart of the city. Their presence provoked a physical division of the area in two parts: one under the Palestinian Authority (H1), the other under the Israeli army (H2).

The policy of occupation means for the Palestinians living in H2 checkpoints and segregation everyday, because they are not allowed to walk on some streets even if their houses are still there. This is the reason why this part of the city is also called "the ghost town".

The occupying and the widening intentions of the settlers make the urban conflict perceivable in the daily life. Since we arrived in Hebron we witnessed several times aggressions and provocations from the settlers to the Palestinian residents. One example, is the weekly tour organized by the settlers in the old city. Even if according to their own laws they couldn't enter the area, once a week a big gate from Beit Romano (one of the settlements) opens and lets in a group of settlers, patrolled by the soldiers, to walk through the heart of the Palestinian market. Their presence is a clear provocation to all the Palestinians; as a matter of fact, they are trying day by day to expand their presence and power in the city.

Keep in mind, dear friend, that if one day you decide to visit this land, that the settlements you will see around are illegal by the International Law and that they are the biggest obstacle to any peace process.

• A Letter from Hebron - by EVS volunteers Queralto & Dosotua from SCI Catalunya and SCI Italy

SCI JOINS CCIVS CAMPAIGN: PEACE FOR GAZA

In August 2014, CCIVS promoted a campaign among IVS organisations, staff and volunteers, for the end of violence and war in Gaza. SCI joined the campaign by signing the manifesto that was published on the CCIVS Raising Peace blog and asking volunteers to post messages of peace using the hashtags #ivv4peace, #peace4gaza and #nomorewar.



V. SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

AFRICA WORKING GROUP

The Africa working group aims at promoting dialogue, cooperation and solidarity between SCI and sub-Saharan Partner organisations of SCI. It wants to develop, build and continue on SCI's current and previous work in the region by maintaining relations and developing cooperation between African partners and SCI, conducting annual evaluation of SCI's work in and related to the region, sharing resources and knowledge with partners, and by maintaining standards of preparation and evaluation of international voluntary projects/ exchanges and through good and open communication.

Africa working group - Steering Group 2014

Anni Lamponen

Ben Moon

Valentine Boone

Oluwafemi (Femi) Aganran

Medjdon (Medji) Atcha-Wolu

Francesco Vigneri

Greetings from Uganda – by a Swedish Volunteer in Uganda:

As I am writing this I have been here two weeks and I have never been happier to be here. I left a fuchsia in bloom and come back to grey November weather, however in my yard the grass is greener than ever. It has been a fantastic and personally developing experience. Simply put, there were good times and there were bad times, of which the bad times I neither feel at liberty nor it necessary to mention. The most important thing here is that the times that were good were really good. What I went there to do I did and the time I spent in front of those students, or children, writing on that blackboard, getting chalk dust on my hands while teaching them about the English language, those were the best of times. Magical. I did this at Step by Step primary school. I had the privilege of teaching wonderful children, of teaching alongside good people and the pleasure of sharing their food. Even though I am not there with them I am happy to know that there are watermelons, carrots, tomatoes and cabbages growing in a garden that we managed to start with the money I received from a friend, Robin Landin, here in Sweden. Thanks to him and that money the children at the school will soon be able to have some vegetables for lunch. Before I travelled my goal with teaching the children was to put a smile on their faces. That is a goal that was easily achieved, not because I am talented but because they are happy and great children. On the day of my departure I asked the students to come in, one by one, to the office so that I could talk and thank them individually and personally. I had prepared some sheets of paper with a few printed photographs of us all together and thought to myself that some goodbyes are sad but necessary, but was not more sentimental than that. At last I thought I was not. From the first student in the office, Arthur, I got as far as "I want to thank you for..." and then all of a sudden I had a huge chunk in my throat and I was looking towards the roof, because water was coming down my eyes and I thought gravity would take care of that. Suffice it to say the attempt was proved futile. I cried like never before, and it was the most sincere and beautiful 90 minutes of my life. The mental image of seeing their names on their charts, their eyes firmly looking into my crying eyes, one or both of us not being able to look into the other person's eyes, my inability to speak, me squinting my left hand with my right hand in what is supposed to be some sort of self-comfort, the wordless communication, those moments will forever be etched in my memory. I received a bunch of notes from them that I have not been able to read yet, even though I know they are filled with love.



Step Primary School in Uganda (2014)

8. THEMATIC FOCUS IN 2014

I. PEACE EDUCATION

During 2014 it was the **Peace Messengers** network and the **No More War Team** as the main actors in SCI on the topic of Peace and Peace Education, through the organisation of trainings, workshops, seminars, street action and workcamps.

The Peace Messengers are a network composed of SCI volunteers who organise peace education workshops - mainly during short term international voluntary projects - to raise awareness about SCI's values of peace. The Peace Messengers place emphasis on linking the values of peace to the international voluntary project experience. One such activity was the Peace Messengers Online Course that took place between 7th May and the 4th June 2014.

NO MORE WAR

The No More War Team is an informal SCI working group. In 2010, the year of SCI's **90th anniversary** the group was established and initiated a worldwide campaign to highlight SCI's values of anti-militarism and non-violence. Core-activities are the No More War-workcamps, but the team also organises trainings and seminars.

In January 2014 an international seminar about capacity building of volunteers working in conflict areas that took place in Bremen, Germany. It was the main part of a joint project "**Volunteering for peace – Capacity building for work in and with conflict regions**" of SCI Germany, SCI Italy and SCI Hungary (UTILAPU), funded by the Council of Europe. The project brought together 25 volunteers from the SCI international network with 2 experienced trainers from Italy and Croatia, to work together on the themes of psychology of war, conflict resolution, skills of mediation,

non-violent communication and facilitation skills for work in this area. It also addressed participant's needs stemming from experience as volunteers in conflict regions. A training manual for working with volunteers working in/going to conflict areas was produced, which participants will work upon further in their home countries.

In August two members of the No More War team had the pleasure of conducting a training of TO (Theatre of the Oppressed) in Sri Lanka. The training aimed at empowering the participants to use TO (Theatre of the Oppressed) in their work and other contexts. The participants were purely locals already working with Drama in schools or implementing street drama all over the country. Over the five days they used many theatre methods to work on their bodies, breaking the every-day-routines of bodies and discussing rituals and masks of people. They also talked about the basics of Theatre of the Oppressed.

NO HATE SPEECH

SCI continued to support the **No Hate Speech Movement** in 2014. A page was created on the SCI International website outlining the focus of the campaign with links to the No Hate Speech Movement platform as well as details on SCI's activities on this topic.

No More War in cooperation with the European Youth Foundation continue its activities in this area in 2014, with the **Study Session: "reACTING to extreme right hate speech online"**, 2-9 February 2014, at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, Hungary. The participants of our study session were encouraged to promote messages and tools developed together on a national level and supported their sending organisations in finding a place in the campaign on hate speech run by the Council of Europe. A toolkit was also created as an output of the Study Session.

A "No Hate Speech Seminar" was also organized by SCI Germany in cooperation with SAIVA Working group and Media Centre Pankow, 20th-29th October 2014 in Berlin, Germany, which launched the "No More Hate Speech" online platform for reporting hate speech online. The No Hate Speech Seminar was made with an idea to gather group of volunteers from Balkan countries and Germany in order to make an online platform for reporting hate speech on the internet.

Link to online platform: <http://no-hate.no-more-war.net/>



Participants at the EYC Study Session, reacting to extreme right hate speech online, Budapest, Hungary (2014)

RAISING PEACE

In 2014, SCI was partner in the CCIVS project "Raising Peace: From Grassroots actions To Global Campaigns Promoting Peace and Human Rights", aimed to strengthen the role of international voluntary service organisations as key players in the field of Peace and Human Rights Education.

Two trainings took place as part of the project a **Training for Trainers on Peace and Human Rights Education**, 18th-25th May 2014, Vaucluse, Village des Jeunes, hosted by Solidarités Jeunesses PACA and a **Training Course on Campaigning and Promoting Peace and Human Rights Education**, 24th-29th June 2014, Barcelona, hosted by SCI Catalunya.

"SCI Hungary is proud to be part of the Raising Peace initiative as the promotion and protection of peace by voluntary engagement is one of the highest priority of our organization." - Reka, SCI Hungary.



"Today, I listened to a young woman speak about how she organized a campaign to fight xenophobic and right wing policies in the European Parliament. I also heard a young man talk about his work in the south of Italy where he promoted a network of entities questioning the government's inversion in social politics, to try to direct them towards those which society considers a priority. Another person explained their experience at the refugee forum in Greece, an entity which groups together associations of refugees from Afghanistan, Sudan and many other countries to help them re-vindicate their rights to a decent life in Greece. All of these experiences, including various trainings, volunteer projects, international campaigns have been unfolding during the first day (only the first day) of this training on political advocacy and peace and human rights campaigns, which we are celebrating between the 24th and 30th of June in Barcelona. What do all of these experiences or people have in common? They are all part of international volunteer entities like SCI Catalunya, the organization hosting us. When we decided to organize a training of this theme, we thought: 'Exactly which human rights campaigns could members of SCI and CCIVS organize? The answer we received today was impressive: we filled in the map of Europe with campaigns on these topics, carried out by the 20 entities currently present, by simple people. Definitely impressive. However, we have also

been sharing our weaknesses, our necessities: we must acquire resources, involve activists, gain visibility for our actions, work together, etc., etc. It was interesting to see that the fact that the organizations have common needs helped get over complexes and gave us hope to continue working. This training on political advocacy and peace and human rights campaigns through international volunteering is part of a long term global project called Raising Peace. With this title we want to point out the importance of volunteering in constructing peace and human rights for all, as well as holding trainings for youth so they become our messengers. From CCIVS (the global volunteering network which 50+ and 100 organizations around the world belong to) we have organized Raising Peace to switch the focus of international volunteering back to our original aim: the construction of peace, among simple people, local associations, who believe that there are companions (and associations and networks) everywhere the world, who work to create a more just world, without violence, through justice, through collective and voluntary action. These days in Barcelona we are getting inspiration and plenty of knowledge to be able to continue step by step, day after day, workcamp after workcamp, campaign after campaign. Long live the international volunteer movement, already in its 31st year!" - Oriol Josa, CCIVS

II. SOCIAL INCLUSION

YUWG

YUWG is a platform for activists working with and for the social inclusion of **young people with fewer opportunities**. The group was established in 1985. The purpose of YUWG activities is to support young people in overcoming obstacles that may prevent them from being an international volunteer. These young people include: young offenders; young asylum seekers separated from their families; young people in state care; young people with a history of homelessness, drug or alcohol abuse; young people who experience economic, geographical or physical exclusion. 2014 was a **year of strengthening for YUWG**.

Here are some of the YUWG highlights for 2014:

- In 2014 Member organisations hosted 7 **youth exchanges** for young people with fewer opportunities.
- EVS Short-Term and group EVS short-term projects took place between member organisations on a bilateral basis.
- Local activities were run at most branches, these include weekend volunteering trips, preparation/evaluation events, **local projects for social inclusion**, work with refugees, youngsters in child care, unemployed young people; networking with local organisations on social inclusion; educational classes and workshops; Peace educational programmes and training courses; local leader trainings and work camp coordinator trainings with focus on people with fewer opportunities.
- An **International Leader Training "Path to Inclusion"** was organized by VSI Ireland and took place at Cloughjordan Ecovillage in Ireland in March 2014. The training also included a YUWG meeting where participants had the chance to select a new Steering team for YUWG as well as work YUWG activities for the future. The new Steering Group attended the EEM in Turkey, presenting the WG work and explaining to all the branches and partners "What is a YUWG Friendly Workcamp".

Victor Ringot
Vera Nikolova
Maria-Grazia Tomasiello
Tiago Láz



Participants at the Path to Inclusion Seminar, Ireland (2014)

Other social inclusion projects carried out by SCI branches included the European Youth Citizenship at the Mirror project which involved SCI Italy, SMI-Mauritius, SCI-Nepal, VSI-Ireland and Natatè-Mexico.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AT THE MIRROR



5 countries, 12 volunteers, 7 public events, 2 seminars, 1 research project!

These are the numbers related to the European Youth Citizenship at the Mirror project which involved SCI Italy, SMI-Mauritius, SCI-Nepal, VSI-Ireland and Natatè-Mexico.

A project which has questioned the concept of citizenship and the rights connected with it.

An experience that made us reflect on whether citizenship produces mechanisms of social inclusion or, vice versa, excludes those who do not possess it or who fall prey of its instrumentalisation.

The research was organised according to the specificities of each country involved, revealing how citizenship still belongs on a purely abstract level while the reality tells us a different story made out of privilege and, in some cases, discrimination.

Six Italian and Irish volunteers travelled in pairs to Mexico, Nepal and Mauritius. Similarly, six volunteers from these countries were divided into two groups, each of which spent a month in Italy and Ireland.

The topics for each country were as follows:

- **Nepal:** Women's rights; LGBT rights; youth opinions on social issues.
- **Italy:** Roma people.
- **Mexico:** civil rights and citizenship rights of migrants in transit from Mexico; rights of ethnic and minority groups; women and children's rights.
- **Ireland:** Irish travellers and their rights to have their ethnicity recognized.
- **Mauritius:** rights of the people deported from the island of Diego Garcia in order to construct a U.S. Navy military base.

The mirror before which citizenship was placed is represented by the volunteers involved in the project, because exchange and dialogue between different people and different realities is what allows us to continuously put citizenship into question, anchoring it to a human dimension.

Complete e-book: http://sci-italia.it/downloads/EYCM_project/E-Book%20finished.pdf

III. INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND DIALOGUE

Through international voluntary exchanges with people of different social, economic, national and cultural backgrounds SCI creates an intercultural setting in all its projects, meetings, trainings and seminars. At the same time there are activities that have intercultural dialogue and exchange as its main theme and method.

BEYOND WALLS

One such project that took place in 2014 was *Beyond Walls – A project between West Bank and Israel*, carried out by SCI Italy since 2013. Together with their Palestinian partner PSCC (Popular Struggle Coordination Committee) and the Israeli ActiveVision, SCI Italy implemented several activities in support of the nonviolent struggle of the Palestinian and Israeli Human Rights Defenders. One of these activities has been a video workshop divided in two parts, the first one in 2013 and the second in 2014, implemented by ActiveVision, where several Israeli amateur directors participated realizing totally 9+6 short movies, which can all be found on SCI Italy's youtube channel.

STORYTELLING

Intercultural dialogue and understanding can take place through many different ways. Another such project is of SCI's Polish branch, One World Association, in the form of storytelling. In recent years storytelling has become more and more popular in Poland. There have been various initiatives popping up bringing the ancient oral tradition back to our modern lives: stories have been told and listened to in cafes, theaters and schools. Storytelling has been also recognized as a valuable method in global education. Traditional stories from different parts of the world transmit values and help us to see reality from new perspectives. Personal stories reveal the truth often hidden behind impersonal statistics, common stereotypes and general analysis. A story is alive. It is co-created by the intimate relation between the storyteller and the audience. It refers to our empathy, imagination and creativity.

For many years One World Association SCI Poland has been one of the leading centres of promotion of this unique method in Poznań and the region of Greater Poland (Wielkopolska). Many stories have been told during the last years; many people learnt and dared to tell stories themselves. The listeners have been both adults and children.

In 2014 OWA invited to Poland 3 storytellers from Mexico and in December organized a two-day Storytelling Festival (Festiwal Opowieści) in one of Poznań's theaters. It was a mixture of languages and cultures, inspiring, vibrant and diverse, full of life and love. <http://www.festwalopowiesci.pl>



Storytelling project, Poland (2014) Photos by Stowarzyszenie "Jeden Świat" – SCI Poland

International volunteer projects – workcamps, youth exchanges and other activities – present a unique mix of volunteer work, international participants coming from all over the world, living and doing things together as a family, learning, debating, discussing, exchanging, cooking, traveling, having campfires... This creates a special cultural context for the group – possibility to understand their own culture and personality through the culture of the others.

The training 'Intercultural, in a nutshell' was organized by SCI International Secretariat and SVIT-Ukraine with support of the Youth in Action programme of the European Union. The training aimed at exploring intercultural learning, how it happens in international groups and how to make it more interesting and diverse, touching deeper aspects of culture, cultural aspect of conflicts in international groups, connecting cultural exchange with other learning aspects as well as developing new methods for intercultural learning and exchange to be used in different types of international youth and volunteer activities.



Participants at the training "Intercultural, in a nutshell", Ukraine (2014)

"During the training practical activities and discussions concerning the understanding of such concepts as intercultural learning, culture and how we perceive them, what is the difference between the stereotypes of prejudice and how we see and perceive the various stages of the formation of the group, took place. Participants had the opportunity to showcase their acting skills and present a solution to the conflicts encountered during their previous projects and participate in simulation games such as the 'Quiet Casino'." – Barbara Zrebic.

IV. SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

For SCI it is becoming more and more important to **respond to the problems of Climate Change** in all its projects and activities. Volunteers are encouraged to travel to workcamps by bus, train or boat whenever possible, and special eco-camps are being implemented, where volunteers work on biological farms or in ecological gardens for example while increasing their awareness on environmental topics and sustainable lifestyles.

GAIA

Gaia was officially recognised as an official SCI working group at the International Committee Meeting (ICM) 2010. The aim of the group is to **improve SCI's consciousness and response to the challenges of sustainable living and climate change**. As sustainable living is a key aspect of GAIA's vision, the group intends to raise awareness and build capacity on this issue among volunteers, partners, and outside our movement. GAIA believes that sustainable living and climate change are more than "environmental issues" as they are also issues of peace and social justice. GAIA has the opportunity and the responsibility to contribute to these issues with activities such as short and long term voluntary projects, and non-formal education.

Building on the experience of the Suslic microgrants that were available for SCI activists over the past 4 years, Gaia Working Group and the International Secretariat launched in 2014 the new **GAIA MicroGrants**, as a part of Create a Climate for Peace Campaign. The new GAIA MicroGrants aim to strengthen initiatives related to sustainable living and climate justice across all SCI activities and volunteers groups.



GAIA Steering Group 2014

Sebastian Duck
Helena Poucki

Bao Daon
Marta Sykut

CREATE A CLIMATE FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN

Every chapter of history presents its own challenges. SCI was founded in 1930 to respond to such challenges: war, destructions, injustice and violence. **The biggest challenge of today's world is climate change:** a growing threat to peace, non-violence and human rights. SCI wants to see a world of peace; social justice and sustainable development, where all people live together with mutual respect and without recourse to any form of violence to solve conflict. That is why SCI responded to the call for climate justice, by launching the Climate for Peace Campaign. The campaign kicked off with the **Create a Climate for Peace Week of Action**, happening worldwide, from 7th to 13th April 2014.

Within the framework of the Create a Climate for Peace Campaign SCI ran two projects in 2014 which were co-financed by the European Commission and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. One of these projects was mainly Europe-oriented, whereas the other one had a global outreach. The projects involved **trainings, events and local voluntary actions**, in the form of **Climate for Peace workcamps**, all over the world with a study part focusing on climate justice. A Toolkit, a leaflet and videos were produced as outputs from the projects to inspire and guide organisations and individuals on how to live more sustainable lifestyles and organize sustainable workcamps in the future. <http://www.sclint.org/climate-justice-campaign>

Global Coordination Team

Helena Poučki	Steffi Koch
Georg Adelman	Marta Sykut
Sara Turra	Balázs Kajor



Volunteers from VCV Serbia take part in the Week of Action by making the Create a Climate for Peace logo (2014)



Climate for Peace Camps in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America (2014)

"I volunteer because I have two arms, two legs and a head that is able to do things, so I thought that maybe I could use these privileges that I have to do good things. I feel like I am the richest person in the world. Living in peace and harmony without greed and money is possible. I've just seen it. Greed, I think that's the soul of the climate change problem. Sincerely I'm not able to solve it but maybe in a little way I can try to promote consciousness in the people around me."

- Guillem

"Climate justice is where each part of the environment is considered and used not to exploit or for human desires only but in consideration of the nature and the elements of the Earth. I volunteer because I know a lot about different aspects of life and I learn a lot about myself. I hope to become a more informed and responsible person. I can contribute to sustainability by buying local, organic and seasonal food and informing other or joining a bigger active movement that informs other people on the need of leading a sustainable life for the sake of our world of future generations. I take home with me the message that there are movements and organic farms and different lifestyles out there and while many are fragile, each small contribution can strengthen them. The Climate for Peace Campaign is good, I will try to live in another way than I lived before this camp."

- Cheryl

"The message I take home from this camp is: Everything is possible and the world is full of amazing people. In my opinion the biggest problem related to climate change is violence and wars due to lack of food and water. The key is to understand the causalities how climate change causes hunger and diseases in Africa and Middle East which cause violence and political unrest and all these together results people trying to get to Europe. We should make sure that in the changing world there's food and water for everyone as well as education and hope for future. Personally I can donate time and money to organizations like SCI working on this field and I can also spread the word and raise awareness. Climate justice is equality, no one suffering from others' wellbeing or wealth."

- Minerva

"Climate justice is not taking more than we need; it's respecting and living in symbiosis with nature, not sacrificing the well-being of other people for our own wealth. I volunteer to do something useful and beneficial, gain new experiences, meet new people and learn the language. Volunteering is great experience and we should live in a more sustainable way. I can contribute to sustainability by using more local products, recycling, planting plants, spreading the word about organic and biodynamic farming and using public transport. In my opinion the biggest problem related to climate change is exploiting natural resources and not paying attention to renewable resources like using used frying oil for the cars."

- Enka

**Quotes from volunteers that took part
in the Climate for Peace local voluntary action
at Camphill Botton, Danby Dale, United Kingdom (2014)**

9. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION IN 2014

International Coordination of SCI is organised through several bodies and meetings. In 2013 the most important international coordination body, the **International Committee Meeting (ICM)**, took place in Mali Idjos, Greece in December. The **International Executive Committee (IEC)** met two times in 2014 to discuss policy matters and strategy as well as the work of the **International Secretariat (IS)**, which focused on administration, exchange support, communication and PR, campaigns and project management, finances and insurance.

I. BODIES

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

STAFF

The International Secretariat had three staff persons in 2014. **Sara Turra** continued to work as the International Coordinator. **Ossi Lemström** continued in the position of Finance and Administration Officer. **Ingrid ter Maat** remained active as Programme Officer until November 2014 at which point **Ela Suleymangil** joined the staff as the Project and Communication Officer.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS

At the beginning of the year **Ela Suleymangil** from the United Kingdom and Turkey, was an EVS volunteer for the project "Eun-rights". After completing her EVS in September she stayed on as a volunteer till November.

Masha (Mariia) Ginzburg from Ukraine eventually joined the International Secretariat on 18th of March as the much needed Tech LTV.

Beatrice Naldi, the Erasmus Trainee from Italy continued her work as the the contact and support person for the new SCI campaign "Create a Climate for Peace" until finishing her traineeship in March 2014.

Conrad Bernath joined the International Secretariat as the new Tech LTV in March, replacing Masha Ginzburg.

Balázs Kajor, was the Create a Climate Peace Campaign LTV, he was the contact person for the new SCI campaign "Create a Climate for Peace" joining the IS in mid-February 2014.

Marta Paleu Albà from Catalunya and **Victoria Marinova** from Bulgaria, joined the International Secretariat as the two new EVS Volunteers in November 2014.

FOCUS AREAS IN 2014

The International Secretariat focused mainly on **internal and external communication** (through the implementation of the SCI Communication Plan), project and grant management, working group support, the organisation of international meetings, external representation. One of the most important events of 2014 was the launch of the **Create a Climate for Peace Campaign**. Within the framework of the Create a Climate for Peace Campaign SCI ran two projects in 2015 which were co-financed by the European Commission and the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. One of these projects was mainly Europe-oriented, whereas the other one had a global outreach. A long term volunteer joined the office to work specifically on this Campaign. The International Secretariat also worked on preparing the application for a project on capacity building in Europe and Asia proposed by the Pool of Trainers and facilitators, IS and IEC,

which was approved. The project “Global volunteer action: Networking, capacity building, non-formal education and innovation in international youth and volunteer work” co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union will run throughout 2015 and 2016. Furthermore another big project was prepared on memory, remembrance of WWI and the history of SCI. The project “Memory beyond Rhetoric, the WWI and the growth of the pacifist movement in Europe” was approved and aims at to raising awareness about and remembrance of WWI, and promoting a mature idea of peace, anti-militarism and non-violence, co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union. The project kicked off with a Preparation activity that took place in Lozen, Bulgaria and will run until early 2016.

Overall, the work of the International Secretariat was aligned with the **SCI Strategic Plan**.

Link: http://issuu.com/sciint/docs/sci_strat1518_ok

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2014 two meetings took place of the International Executive Committee (IEC). The first IEC meeting took place in January in Belgium while the second meeting was in Italy.

The main communication channel of the IEC to/with the movement remained the Iec-info mailing list, where the IECM minutes were published. The Facebook page of the IEC is still active although not regularly used and never for official communications. Individual members of the IEC had direct contact with branches according to their areas of responsibility and participated in various international meetings.

FOCUS AREAS IN 2014

The IEC dealt with several issues in 2014, such as exchanges, partnerships, international meetings, the Strategic Plan, communication, external representation, staff management and finances.

IEC MEMBERS IN 2014

Paolo Pagano	International President
Matteo Testino	Vice President
Katalin Somlai	Appointed International Treasurer
Katja Löfgren	Member
Attanayake Karunaratne	Member
Uris Kalatchoff	Co-opted Member
Steffi Kodh	Co-opted Member

Under IEC there are two groups accountable to IEC and appointed by IEC – **International Insurance Commission (IIC)** and **Financial Advice and Consultation Team (FACT)**.

IIC's task is to ensure the proper administration of the SCI Insurance Scheme, including the provision of advice and support to the SCI Insurance administrator, Ossi Lemström, Finance and Administration Officer. In 2014 the IIC consisted of Bruno Tanner, Willy Dries, Kathrin Wünnemann from Germany, Kok Chan Low, and Kata Somlai as International Treasurer.

FACT advises and supports SCI on all matters related to finances. In 2014 FACT consisted of Willy Dries, Heinz Gabathuler, Miłosz Czarniejewski and, Mihai Crisan (FACT support) and Kata Somlai as International Treasurer.

2014 was the third year for **Heinz Gabathuler** in his position as coordinator of SCI's International Archives. 2014 was the third year for Heinz Gabathuler in his position as coordinator of SCI's International Archives. In the first half of the year, he was busy with filing documents coming from the office of SCI Switzerland. In August, the transfer of huge amounts of documents from the International Secretariat in Antwerp to La Chaux-de-Fonds took place. Kurt Baumgartner, a veteran and former staff and national committee member of the SCI's Swiss branch drove 27 boxes full of old folders, booklets and loose papers, which Heinz has since been filing.

Among the newly filed documents are the records of the first North-South Platform and All-Working-Group Meetings after 1997. Still waiting to be put in order are the files from the former GATE offices in Bonn and Poznan, documenting SCI's East West work after the end of cold war and the emergence of democratic civil societies in Central and Eastern Europe and former Soviet republics.

Highlights

• History of workcamps in Israel

Bertram Schröter, the Archives' most committed old friend, visited La Chaux-de-Fonds in spring, and brought carefully cased books with compilations of historical documents – his new editions contain the history of workcamps in Israel in the 1950s and early 1960s. They are now waiting for researchers eager to work on this early period of peace work in the Middle East, an area in which SCI and its partners are still active today, and in which peace work is needed more than ever.

• From the Archives

Heinz has also been supporting the new section "From the Archives", spotlights on SCI history, which were published in the Voices of Volunteers (the external e-zine of SCI) as a new initiative to connect past and current volunteers and share the history of SCI further. www.service-civil-international.org

II. STRATEGIC PLANNING 2014

Through **educational practices at the local level**, SCI wants to contribute to a **nonviolent approach to global issues**, by developing a more peaceful dialogue within society and raising awareness about social injustice and sustainable lifestyles. SCI wants to achieve this by organising peace education workshops, trainings, seminars and study sessions.

SCI also wants to **empower people** to take an active stand for a **culture of peace** in the world by facilitating acts of solidarity at global and local levels. Through the coordination and organisation of **international voluntary projects** this goal can be reached, as these projects are concrete acts of solidarity with people and communities that suffer social injustice, while at the same time these projects are a means to **raise awareness** about the current situation in the world. Finally, SCI wants to **increase its capacity** in order to get better at what we do and how we do it. SCI wants to permanently work on improving certain key areas, such as volunteer and staff management, financial management, communication to be able to implement the strategic plan and establish a culture of peace for all. In order to achieve this SCI prepares a Strategic Plan that spans 4 years.

During the past year the IEC, together with a team of activists coming from different branches, evaluated the Strategic Plan 2011-2014. A thorough evaluation enabled the team to prepare the basis for the next one, encompassing the years 2015-2018, which was approved at ICM 2014.

The Strategic Plan Teams

The Strategic Plan 2011-2014 Evaluation Team

Low Kokichang, Rita Sofea, Stephen Nah, Uris Kalatchoff, Wilbert Halsloot, Vota Arvaniti

The Strategic Plan 2015-2018 Preparation Team

Alexandra Strebel Kata Somlai, Katja Lofgren, Kim Devooldere, Paolo Pagano, Sam Jayasinghe, Sara Turra, Sonja Bratic

V. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

ASIAN PLATFORM MEETING

Every year activists from the Asia-Pacific region gather twice a year for the Asian Platform Meeting (APM). This year the first meeting took place in Hong Kong, from 10th to 15th April 2014 and the second in Serbia, in December, just before the International Committee Meeting.



The Asian Platform Meeting, Hong Kong (2014)

NORTH SOUTH PLATFORM MEETING

The North South Platform Meeting (NSPM) is an annual meeting that brings together participants active in the North South Working Groups of SCI (Africa, Asia, Abya Yala, and Midi). This provides a platform for the North South working groups to hold their annual meetings. In 2014 the meeting took place in the second week of October in Komik, Poland.

A group of 44 persons gathered for 5 days to evaluate, brainstorm, debate, network and share experiences. The main topics on the agenda were the evaluation of the first phase of the Create a Climate for Peace campaign (following up on NSPM 2014 and the Young Citizens Building Global Communities Project) and the Future of the North South Programme in SCI. As usual the North South (regional) working groups had time to meet. Due to the high level of motivation, interest and involvement of participants, the discussions were lively and very productive. Most of the regional working groups got the opportunity to either strengthen or reinvent themselves, and many ideas were born

in both the thematic and the regional sessions. And like in 2013, the meeting did not only strengthen North South cooperation but also provided the opportunity for Southern branches and partners to meet each other and engage in regional cooperation as well.

The results of the meeting were **very positive**. Due to the very mixed group of participants and to the high level of preparedness and motivation of participants, the discussions were lively and very productive. Besides, the meeting did not only strengthen North South cooperation but also provided the opportunity for Southern partners to meet each other which have stimulated south-south cooperation as well.

EXCHANGE EVALUATION MEETING

The Exchange Evaluation Meeting (EEM) is a meeting that aims to **evaluate the international voluntary projects** that have taken place throughout the year and to discuss ways to improve the quality of future voluntary projects. The meeting also aims at sharing the interesting and creative stories of international youth and volunteer work. In 2013 the meeting took place in the third week of October in Turkey, hosted by Gençbur.

Various decisions were made during this meeting, and recommendations formulated to improve exchanges in SCI and other things closely related to exchanges, such the organisation of workcamps, trainings for camp leaders, communication and more. One of the outcomes of the EEM was proposal to create the **BEES Working Group** (Better Evaluations and Exchange Support), which was later approved at ICM 2014. Both a thematic and regional working group BEES aims at improving the effectiveness and quality of the process of exchanging volunteers for workcamps in the global north.

In 2015 BEES will share information and **knowledge on good/best practices** worldwide in in order to support the development of SCI's branches and groups.



Exchange Evaluation Meeting, Turkey (2014)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The International Committee Meeting (ICM) is the annual meeting of SCI. It takes place **once a year** and is attended by delegates from SCI branches and recognised groups. Branches and groups can also send observers to the meeting. In 2014, the 74th ICM was hosted by VCV Serbia in Mali Idjos.

The Strategic Plan 2015-2018 was accepted as the **Plan of Action 2015** with some updates agreed on during ICM. Apart from this, the ICM accepted GAJA Kosovo as a new SCI branch. All the working groups that were active in 2014 were

recognised again for 2015 apart from MIDI Working Group who did not apply as a WG and the new WG group BEES was recognised.

Next ICM (2015) will take place in Sri Lanka, to be hosted by SCI Sri Lanka.

BRANCH COORDINATORS MEETING

The Branch Coordinators Meeting did not take place in 2014, however it is planned to take place in June 2015.

VII. COMMUNICATION AND EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

SCI LIVE TALKSHOW:



In 2014 the Online Talkshow took a different format and instead of being broadcast in one long Talkshow, the programme was divided up as mini Talkshows every Friday for 6 weeks, between March 21 and April 25, 2014. Part of the Talkshows focused on the Create a Climate for Peace Campaign, with three interviews with project partners carrying out Climate for Peace camps, namely VWAN Nigeria, Natate Mexico and INWC Indonesia. The other interviews focused on workcamps for families and local traditions.

The project produced some on-line material that branches continue to use to promote SCI workcamps.

- the talkshow recordings themselves
(available on youtube and vimeo)
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxHF8M4g4CtNFCUPQJ7EIn1YsD1URcseT>
<https://vimeo.com/sciinternational>
- a teaser for the Talkshows to promote them
<https://vimeo.com/89400660>



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY:

On December 5th, SCI celebrated International Volunteer Day 2014, to pay tribute to all the people who have given their time and effort to promote a culture of peace, together with SCI. We wanted to do it with their own stories and voices, so we asked them: **"What is volunteering for you?"**

Volunteers past and present sent in their photos and messages which can be found on the SCI flickr account.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/sciint/sets/72157649724051716/>



PUBLICATIONS:

A leaflet that was developed and designed by the IS, according to the SCI Style Guide, in 2013 was used throughout 2014 at several different events. They were also distributed during meetings for SCI branches to use for their own activities.

As part of the Create a Climate for Peace Campaign, a leaflet and a toolkit were developed by the IS and the Climate for Peace Coordination Team, on how to organise sustainable workcamps and lead a more sustainable lifestyle. The publications contain images, personal stories, and recommendations for future actions in the field of global citizenship and climate justice.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

In 2014 the **social media strategy** and **plan of action** were implemented. It includes a recommended plan of action for those branches who want to make more effective use of social media. For the IS the main aim of having an action plan for social media is to build a bigger on-line audience and get more people interested and actively supporting SCI as well as joining discussions under our main campaigns, which in 2014 was the **Create a Climate for Peace Campaign**. The IS together with the **New Deal Team** also organised a **Workcamp Promotion Storm**, using social media tools such Facebook, twitter and online badges to promote the workcamp database of SCI. A second workcamp storm is foreseen for March 2015.

E-ZINE AND E-NEWS:

The e-newsletters were sent as usual by the IS. The external e-zine called "**Voices of Volunteers**" that highlights stories and experiences from short and long term volunteers active in SCI was sent out 5 times during the year. It also started featuring a new section called "**From the Archives**" to highlight past volunteer stories and the history of SCI. This has now become a regular section of the newsletter and consists of contributions from the SCI International Archives. The internal e-zine called the "**Peace Connection**" that informs branches, partners, working groups and activists about what is happening in SCI at the international level was also sent out 5 times during the year.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATION:

The **Members Area** was developed as tool for **Knowledge Management** in SCI. This is the place where members can share information and files with other people who are active in SCI around the world. In 2014 the **Member's Area** started to be actively used and developed. Improvements are still being made and it is becoming the main tool for knowledge sharing and management in SCI. The member's area can be found at www.ma.sciint.org.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION:

External Representation is a crucial sector for SCI, which can be seen as part of **SCI's Strategic Plan**. Nonetheless it was quite a challenge to follow it up in 2014 as unfortunately the **Exrep Team** selected in 2013 diminished in 2014 due to several reasons and most of the tasks were taken over by a group composed by the **International Executive Committee**, the **International Secretariat** and two former members of the team, Ingrid Denckaerts, Wilbert Heislout (both from the team since 2012).

During 2014 **IEC** selected the most important events to be joined, in accordance with their general relevance toward the strategic Plan of SCI and the commitments taken, and guarantee a presence, also with the support of other volunteers who were occasionally helping out, to who we would like to hereby thank again the support.

UNOY: Given UNOY's great experience in advocacy work, SCI decided to try to develop joint actions in order to develop its own advocacy profile. SCI was partner of 2 projects submitted by UNOY in 2014 and joined a major strategic partnership proposal for 2015.

UNESCO: SCI has a consultative status with UNESCO that implies membership fee and access to UNESCO activities. In 2014 SCI sent an SCI representative, Victoria Marinova from CVS Bulgaria, to the 3rd International Forum of NGOs official partners to UNESCO that took place in Bulgaria (Sofia and Sopopol) from 28 to 30 of September 2014. Over a hundred NGO representatives from over 25 countries of the five continents gathered together with representatives of National Commissions for UNESCO and experts. The topic of the Forum was: "The role of the youth in the safeguarding of tangible cultural heritage and intangible cultural heritage". An SCI representative, from SCI France, also attended the International Conference of NGOs held in December 2014 in Paris.

CCIVS: In 2014 SCI further strengthened its relations with CCIVS, maintaining a sound communication channel between the IS, the Secretariat of CCIVS and the member of the EKREP-Team in charge of CCIVS, Ingrid Danckaerts. During the year SCI and CCIVS cooperated on various actions. Apart from promoting CCIVS activities and calls, we supported as partner different projects written by CCIVS to further enhance the White Paper on Volunteering. SCI actively took part in the Raising Peace Campaign, The Impact Project and hosted the Global Leader Meeting the Informal gathering for IVS networks. 2 SCI representatives were elected as part of the Executive Committee of CCIVS for the coming two years; Kola Aganran (focal point for Africa and Ingrid Danckaerts (vice-president for thematic actions).

European Youth Forum-YFH: SCI was present in almost all the principle meetings of the Forum and was quite active on the topic of the future of the Youth in Action Programme. A group of SCI representatives also attended the European Youth Event that took place in Strasbourg, May 2014.

Council of Europe: SCI continues to have participatory status with the Council of Europe.

EACEA - Structured Dialogue Meeting: The Structured Dialogue Meeting is an event that takes place normally twice a year in Brussels, organized by the EC. It involves a group of stakeholders for Europe for Citizens programme, mainly beneficiaries of the EACEA Europe for Citizens Admin Grant. A lot of different organisations and networks are present. A meeting took place on in June, and mainly focused on the changes in the new Europe for Citizens programme. Sara Turra (International Coordinator) attended this meeting.

10. Annual Accounts 2014

The table below summarizes the accounts for 2014, showing SCI's income and expenses and the comparison of previously agreed budget and the final one.

Income	13 FINAL	14 BUDGET	14 REAL	OF BUDGET
01. Branch Contributions	46.383	42.000	47.678	114%
02. Vol Exch Fee (excl insur Prems)	22.454	10.000	13.574	136%
03. Insurance Premiums Received	63.704	75.000	74.397	99%
04. Fees for Office Work Done	6.270	6.000	6.570	110%
05. Participation Fees	10.527	6.000	8.481	141%
06. Grants	159.183	289.854	246.805	85%
07. Donations / Fundraising	8.009	6.500	7.152	110%
08. Financial Income	3.083	2.600	2.714	104%
09. Other Income	5.484	4.000	11.830	296%
10. Extraordinary Income	562	0	0	0%
Total Income	325.659	441.954	418.202	95%
Expenditure	13 FINAL	14 BDG	14 REAL	OF BDG
11. Staff Costs	159.049	160.683	146.398	91%
12. Office Costs	26.545	26.200	25.059	96%
13. Taxes	1.696	2.300	1.341	58%
14. Travel & Meeting Costs	32.772	38.060	20.522	54%
15. Membership Fees	3.001	3.020	3.003	99%
16. Financial Costs	-497	500	104	21%
17. Miscellaneous	3.758	0	2.265	
18. Project Costs	48.273	158.980	141.622	89%
19. Premiums and Claims Paid	49.156	52.200	56.383	108%
20. Extraordinary Expenses	4.769	0	1.663	
21. Extraction from Provisions	-7.589	0	0	0%
22. Addition to Provisions	4.900	0	30.993	0%
RESULT				
Expenses Per Cost Centre	13 FINAL	14 BUDGET	14 REAL	OF BUDGET
ICM	14.279	15.400	8.602	56%
IEC	6.800	13.560	5.816	43%
GENERAL COORDINATION	184.386	181.783	167.681	92%
INSURANCE	65.154	63.200	63.324	100%
SUPPORT to Int. Coordination	5.198	7.020	4.548	65%
ADP	1.652	2.000	1.225	61%
Projects	48.273	158.980	168.050	106%
Total	325.743	441.943	418.247	95%

11. Statistics

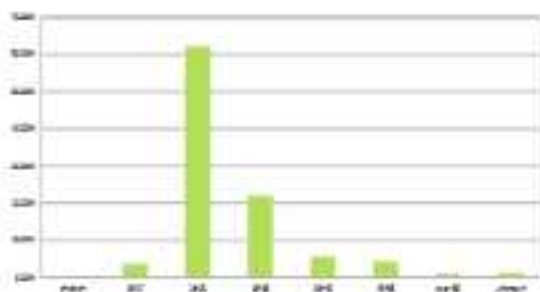
Note: This data refers only to SCI branches and groups, and does not include numbers related to our partners.

Current Data	
Outgoing workcamps	3008
Other outgoing	170
Incoming workcamps	3881
Other incoming	187
Workcamps	880
Partly camps	0
No More War Camps (incl. partners)	10
CCPC Camps (incl. partners)	97

Outgoing and Incoming volunteers



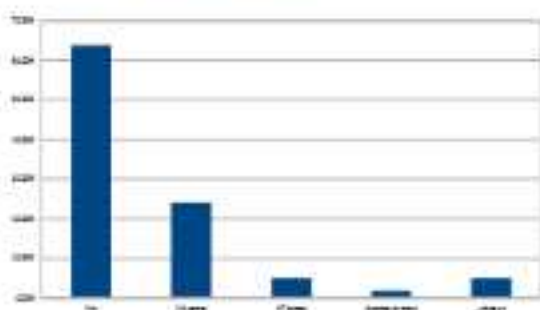
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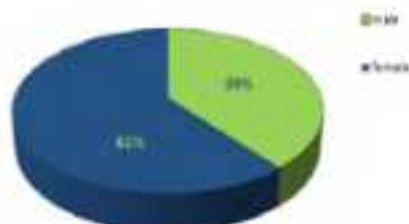
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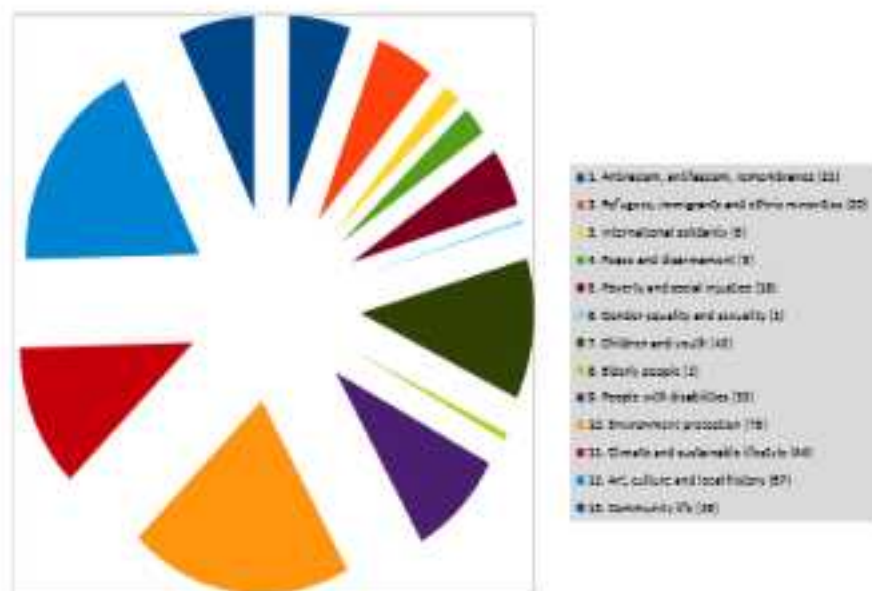
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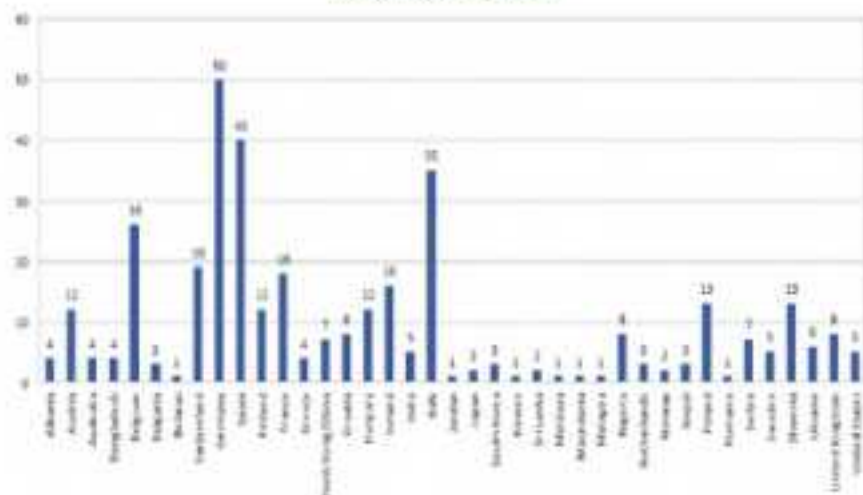
Volunteer Gender



Workcamp Topics



Workcamp Countries (380)



11. SCI BRANCHES AND GROUPS IN 2014

EUROPE

PVN Albania	SCI Hellas	SCI Romania
SCI Austria	UTILAPU – SCI Hungary	VCV - Serbia
New Group SCI Belarus	VSI Ireland	SCI Catalunya
SCI Belgium	SCI Italy	IAL Sweden
VIA Belgium	AVI Moldova	SCI Switzerland
OVS Bulgaria	VIA Netherlands	CID Macedonia
Volunteers Centre Zagreb	ID Norway	GAIA Kosovo
KVT Finland	SV Zavod Volunterist – Slovenia	
SCI France/Région Nord	SVIT Ukraine	
SCI Germany	SCI Madrid	
IVS Great Britain	OWA Poland	

SUB- SAHARA AFRICA

SVI Mauritius
VWAN Nigeria

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

IVP Australia	SCI Malaysia	SCI Sri Lanka
SCI Bangladesh	SCI Nepal	SCI Hong Kong
SCI India	SCI Pakistan	
SCI Japan	SCI South Korea	

NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

SVI Brazil
CENIAC - Mexico
SCHVS USA

MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Bridges of Peace Jordan

12. SCI PARTNER AND CONTACT ORGANISATIONS IN 2014

SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

Union de la Jeunesse Fraternelle de Diébougou - Burkina Faso
Botswana Workcamp Association
DUNIA Arts and Culture - Ivory Coast
Conseil National de la Jeunesse du Gabon
Voluntary Workcamp Association of Ghana
Kenya Voluntary Development Association
Kiburanga Kenya
Lesotho Workcamps Association
AYISE Malawi
Les Ententes - Senegal

La Feniagie - pêche - Senegal
PDEF - Senegal
Voluntary Workcamps Association of Sierra Leone
ASTOVOT - Togo
UNIKUTA - Tanzania
Uganda Pioneers Association
Zimbabwe Workcamp Association
Youth Association of Zambia

EUROPE

HUI Armenia
AYAFI Azerbaijan
DUHA Association - Czech Republic
INEX-SDA - Czech Republic
MS (Møllefolkøst Samvirke) - Denmark
EST-YES Estonia
YGE (Young Georgians for Europe) - Georgia
VJF (Vereinigung Junger Freiwilliger) - Germany
WF Iceland
SEEDS SEE beyond borders - Iceland
BSF - Balkan Sunflowers - Kosovo
Association Amitié Portugal-Luxembourg
SIW (Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten) - Netherlands
IPI (Instituto Português da Juventude) - Portugal
Eco Centre Zapovedniki - Russia
SFERA - Russia
Siberian Creative Group - Russia

World4U - Russia
Center for Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives (Youth Memorial) - Russia
Passage Zebra RU - PZ - Russia
Sodrujestvo, Cheboksary - Russia
AYA - Russia
Russian-German Exchange - Russia
Kola Nature - Russia
Youth Cultural Center - Bitola - Macedonia
Volunteer Center of ADP-Zid - Republic of Montenegro
Voluntary Service Serbia (VSS)
De Amicitia - Spain
INEX Slovakia
Alternative V - Ukraine

ASIA - PACIFIC REGION

IITWC of IPPA Indonesia - Indonesia
NICE (Neverending International Camp Exchange) - Japan
League of Volunteers Kyrgyzstan
APDC Kyrgyzstan
MCE Mongolian Workcamps Exchange
Greenway International Workcamps - Thailand
DaLaa Thailand
Tajikistan Freedom Support Initiatives

Youth of 21 Century - Tajikistan
Vision Youth Action - Taiwan
Volunteers For Peace Vietnam

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Nocona Canada

VFP (Volunteers for Peace) – USA

Asociación C.H.I.C.O.S. – Argentina

Fundación Darien – Colombia

Fundación Golondrinas – Ecuador

Fundación Chiriboga – Ecuador

VIVE México

Natate México

CEPA - Centro de Educación Promocional Agraria –
Nicaragua

APAN - Asociación Pro Ayuda a la Niñez Nicaragüense

Gotas de Agua – Peru

BVBP – Peru

DESCO - Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo
– Peru

MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN REGION

TOUZA - Algeria

Beledna – Israel

JEC - Morocco

Beyti - Morocco

Alkhair - Morocco

ACIM (Amis des Chantiers Internationaux de
Meknés) – Morocco

CSM (Chantiers Sociaux Marocains)

Zajel Youth Exchange Program - Palestine

Popular Struggle Coordination Committee - Palestine

Project Hope Palestine

Tent of Nations Palestine

JAFRA – Syria

ATAV (Association Tunisienne de l'Action Volontaire) –
Tunisia

UTAIM (Union Tunisienne d'Aide aux Insuffisants Mentaux)
– Tunisia

GENCTUR Turkey

GSM (Gençlik Servisleri Merkezi)

Gudran Egypt

13. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION IN 2014

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Paolo Pagano	International President
Matteo Testino	Vice President
Katalin Somlai	Acting International Treasurer
Katja Löfgren	Member
Attanayake Karunaratne	Member
Uris Kalatchoff	Co-opted Member
Steffi Koch	Co-opted Member

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Sara Turra	International Coordinator
Ingrid ter Maat	Programme Officer until November 2014
Ossi Lemström	Finance and Administration Officer
Marlia Ginzburg	Tech LTV until March 2014
Beatrice Naldi	Erasmus Trainee until March 2014
Ela Süleymanlı	EVS Volunteer until September 2014 and Communication Officer from November 2014
Balázs Kájer	Create a Climate for Peace LTV from February 2014
Conrad Bernath	Tech LTV from March 2014
Marta Palau Albà	EVS Volunteer from November 2014
Victoria Marinova	EVS Volunteer from November 2014

