Dear Reader,

As another year passed by, it is time to look back at the highlights and achievements of SCI in 2017!

At the global level, Service Civil International was busy with its two key actions: the Building Bridges Campaign which was raising awareness and stimulating the reflection about the current refugee crisis and forced migration, and the Peers to Peace project which focused on peer learning in international volunteer work.

Peers to Peace in my opinion deserves to be named the highlight of the year. I had the opportunity to witness its success and impact while participating in its meetings and seminars. It was wonderful to observe activists from various corners of the globe share their experiences and best practices in their grass-root work, and exchange knowledge related to volunteer and organisation management. There is a lot of expertise in the SCI Branches and Groups that can be shared between each other for the benefit of our peace work!

I invite you to dive into this publication to find more about the Peers to Peace project activities, as well as about regional projects that the SCI International Secretariat coordinated, including “A Route to Connect” supporting refugees in Europe (with the focus on the Balkan route), and “PATH - Peace activism through lessons from history of forced migration”, which both received very positive evaluation results.

The Annual Report by its nature contains only descriptions of the major, international activities. But Service Civil International is primarily about community-based projects and local actions tailored to the regional needs and realities. Even though it is impossible to list them all here, I want to emphasise that those grass-root actions happen in dozens of countries every day through all the year, and work step by step towards creating more peaceful societies.

The International Executive Committee and the International Secretariat are grateful to all our volunteers at the community level who worked relentlessly all around the globe at thousands of local projects: workcamps, educational actions, campaigns, and during other community service activities. We want to thank you all for your efforts!

Amitiés,
Małgorzata Tur
SCI International President
OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SCI is working towards 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.

We work to accomplish this through two Strategic Goals and six Objectives:

**STRATEGIC GOAL 1**

Inspire and activate people to have an impact in the world and empower them to foster a culture of peace and social justice.

1.1 Promote Culture of Peace and Pacifism
1.2 Make Volunteering A Way of Active Citizenship and Lifestyle
1.3 Promote Intercultural Dialogue and Non-Violent Communication
1.4 Make the World More Socially, Ecologically and Economically Sustainable

**STRATEGIC GOAL 2**

Increase the sense of belonging to a global community.

2.1 Promote a Global Approach to Local and Worldwide Challenges
2.2 Stimulate Solidarity and Value Diversity
900 INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS ALL OVER EUROPE AND BEYOND

9,000 CITIZENS VOLUNTEERING IN CIVIL SOCIETY PROJECTS INTERNATIONALLY

9,500 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

50 INTERNATIONAL TRAININGS, MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

11,000 LIKES ON FACEBOOK

500 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

"We cannot teach another person directly: We can only facilitate the LEARNING."
INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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FINANCES & MEETINGS

WHERE DO WE GET OUR INCOME?

- Branch Contribution - 10%
- Vol Exch Fee (ex. Insur. Prems) - 1%
- Insurance Premiums Reviewed - 14%
- Fees for Office Work Done - 1%
- Participation Fees - 1%
- Grants - 67%
- Donations/Fundraising - 1%
- Interests and Dividend - 2%
- Other Income - 3%
- Extraordinary Income - <1%

Total Income: €435,210

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The International Committee Meeting took place in December 2017 in Catalunya.

What happened?

- A new constitution was accepted!
- 2020 campaign is alive and going strong
- We’re going to work on a new Strategic Plan for 2020-2023
- Two new members! PVN Albania and IVP Indonesia

WHERE DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY?

- ICM - 2%
- IEC - 1%
- FACT - <1%
- General Coordination - 40%
- Insurance - 12%
- Archives - <1%
- OPS & Tech Team - <1%
- Strategic Plan - <1%
- External Representation - 1%
- Branch Financial Support - 2%
- Asian Development Program - <1%
- Projects - 42%

Total Expenditure: €425,996

EXCHANGE PLATFORM MEETING

The Exchange Platform Meeting took place in October 2017 in France and has been accepted to take place every year from now on!

What came out of the Meeting?

- Guidelines for volunteering in orphanages
- Proposal on peace related communication guidelines and ethical communication guidelines
- SCI position paper on Voluntourism
WORKCAMPS AND VOLUNTEERS

42 BRANCHES AND GROUPS

2,329 VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED

90+ PARTNERS

4,273 DAYS
WORKCAMPS AND VOLUNTEERS

As an ice breaking session, we laid out our fears, expectations and what we wish to learn from the workcamp and placed them on our makeshift ‘tree’ with a united goal of overcoming the fears and learning something valuable from the camp; and we did!

- Elvin and Annisa, SCI Malaysia Team at the Workcamp for Understanding

Poland was no longer a foreign country to me... I love this country. Here I gained new friends, met a lot of interesting, different people from different countries and here I discovered a lot about myself.

- Elena, volunteer from AVI Moldova and EVS in OWA Poland

When my dear friend and colleague Sylvi told me about her plans for the holidays I was impressed by how different they were to those of other people I know... It was great to know that activists from different countries had the opportunity to meet and work together to improve the world we live in as much as it can be done in such a short project.

- Nidal, volunteer at the No Border Fest in Rome

International and volunteer projects are one of the best experiences that a person can have, be it young, or mature, both from entertainment and social... I know a lot of people from all over the world, who keep participating and even organizing such activities... once you come back you will never be the same.

- Galyna Kutsowska, volunteer from SVIT Ukraine who took part in a workcamp in Belgium

The Problem is not the WASTE, the contaminated AIR; WATER and SOIL.

It is the collective Apathy that makes a whole global society live in the illusion that everything is fine as it is.

- Tour of Freedom participant
BUILDING BRIDGES CAMPAIGN

“Stop building walls, start building bridges”

The aim of the Building Bridges Campaign is to coordinate SCI’s efforts to raise awareness and stimulate the reflection about the current refugee crisis and forced migration in general, as well as promote peace, understanding and integration between locals, refugees, and asylum seekers.

365 EMAILS

22 WORKCAMPS

1 TOOLKIT

9 AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES

3 SEMINARS ON MIGRATION

REFUGEE FUND

Funding up to €500 to enable SCI volunteers to carry out initiatives supporting working work with people seeking refuge.

In this second edition, 6 projects were funded in: Hungary, Serbia, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Bulgaria.
A ROUTE TO CONNECT

A Route To Connect is a project of SCI supported by European Youth Foundation focused on spreading awareness about the refugee situation in the Balkan route, giving a voice to the stories of refugees and empowering youngsters to take action. The project is part of the Building Bridges Campaign.
REMEMBRANCE: PATH

PATH - Peace activism through lessons from history of forced migration

This project helped participants increase their awareness and gain new insights about flows of refugees in Europe: from World War II, Spanish Civil War, ex-Yugoslav wars to the refugee crisis today and the topics that are connected to this (conflicts, human rights, radicalization etc). Participants to the project felt more emphatic with the fleeing people (be it in the past or now) and were encouraged to act as multipliers in promoting a solidary way of acting during the current refugee flow.

The project took place from 2016 - 2018. You can find the final exhibition and video online!
CAPACITY BUILDING: PEERS TO PEACE

The “Peers to Peace” was a capacity building project in SCI, co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The action provided support to volunteers and staff members from 25 SCI Branches and Groups worldwide to work together, to develop new skills, to network and to share best practices in Volunteer Management, Knowledge Management, Project Management and Fundraising through peer learning approach. In 2017, more than 100 SCI’s representatives engaged in the organized events.

“I found enriching the fact of comparing what we do in my organization with other branches. I got to know about this database for volunteers that some branches are using, and I think we’ll adopt it in my organization too. Talking about the handbook for outgoing volunteers was also useful, because I can add some topics to the handbook my organization has”

- Representative from SCI Slovenia

“Very useful. I have learnt the different ways of how knowledge can be shared, stored and retrieved from the SCI website and other tools”.

- Prema Kanakiah - SVI Mauritius

1 tech meeting
1 online focus group
2 seminars
3 online kick-off meetings
100 SCI representatives

“This is a brilliant learning structure to obtain best practices of our peers and to share our strengths for our common good”

- Vairavasundaram Rajasegaran, SCI Penang
CLIMATE FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN

SCI branches and activists are working towards the new fossil fuel free, climate resilient future already. Examples of support to the impacted and frontline communities, educational activities and bringing real change to our local communities can be seen in Romania, India, Switzerland, Bangladesh, Kosovo, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Germany and others. We want to recognize them and also multiply them until they become an absolute standard! This program aims to make SCI a meaningful and active part of the solution to the multidimensional climate crisis.

To this aim, the PATH project implemented a Travel Policy with the goal to reduce SCI’s carbon footprint!

14 CLIMATE 4 PEACE WORKCAMPS

Natural Disaster Fund

Funding of up to €500 in order to carry out relief work after a natural disaster.

106 CLIMATE & SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE CAMPS

GAIA MICROGRANTS

Funding up to €500 for SCI volunteer projects promoting climate justice and sustainable living.

This 4th phase saw 9 projects implemented in 8 different countries with €3,532 awarded!
Every year during the International Committee Meeting (ICM) of SCI, Branches and activists have the chance to win a Pierre Ceresole award, as a reward to the most inspiring and successful initiatives that occurred during the year.

Meet our winners of 2017!

**AWARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - SCI CATALUNYA, ENTRE TERRES PROJECT**

Entre Terres (Between lands) is an educational guide on migrations in the Mediterranean.

**AWARD FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRATIONS - SCI HUNGARY, OPEN DOORS**

The DOOR is a multicultural creative workshop - where refugees and Hungarian and International volunteers are working on creative projects - developing and designing products, learning new skills, and creating valuable projects.

**AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT - IVP AUSTRALIA, STONEQUARRY PROJECT**

IVP Australia is collaborating with Great Eastern Ranges Initiative to connect environment activist groups and experts to combine knowledge to ensure connectivity of habitats and biodiversity survival under the threats related to climate change.

**AWARD FOR NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF WORK - SCI BANGLADESH, MOTHER AND CHILD CARE**

SCI Bangladesh and SCI Japan established a mother and child care center in this remote area, providing medical care and support to the most vulnerable inhabitants of this region.

**SPECIAL MENTION: AWARD FOR PEACE - IVS GB, CHALLENGING MILITARISM ONLINE**
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