



Organise the World

Honouring The Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Alfred Hermann Fried, Life, Work and Lasting Impact, Sean MacBride Peace Prize Ceremony and IPB's Council Meeting

Potsdam, 28th and 29th of October 2011, the symposium "Organise the World" was held in the honour of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Alfred Hermann Fried in which various sessions were held on his life, work and lasting impact on pacifism and peace promotion.

The other highlight of the conference was the IPB Sean MacBride Peace Prize 2011 Awards which went to Hanaa Edwar (Iraqi Human Rights Activist) and Dr Peter Becker (Co-President International Lawyers against Nuclear Arms). Both of the laureates spoke at the event and thanked IPB for awarding them the prizes. The event was well attended.

One and half day of the conference was devoted to the International Peace Bureau Council Meeting in which the 2010 activities around Disarmament for Development, Nuclear Disarmament were discussed and longer term planning for the following years were shared with the participants.

It was a great opportunity to network with many organisations around the world in an environment in Potsdam which is famous for its Kaisers, woodlands etc. In the ancient times it was the summer residence of the nobilities of the emperors of the Germany. It is also famous for the Potsdam Conference July-August 1945 in which Stalin, Churchill, Truman and Attlee gathered together to decide how to administer punishment to the defeated Nazi Germany.

Uniting for Peace organised a stall at the conference and distributed its free literature to the participants. Vijay Mehta, Chair Uniting for Peace acquainted the delegates at the conference with the 4D for World Peace Campaign and spoke at various sessions. The Campaign Secretary, Hur Hassnain received excellent endorsements for the 4D for World Peace Campaign from the delegates as well as the MacBride Peace Prize 2011 laureates.



- *This is our cause that we work daily in mobilising people to strive for their peaceful life and human rights. Hanaa Edwar, MacBride Peace Prize Laureate, Founder and Secretary-General, Al-Amal Association, Iraq*
- *4D for World Peace with pleasure! Dr Peter Becker, MacBride Peace Prize Laureate and chairperson of the International Association of Lawyers against Nuclear Arms (IALANA) in Germany*
- *The road may be long but the view is marvellous. Colin Archer, Secretary General, International Peace Bureau.*
- *I support this for a sustainable peace. Dr. Thomas Held, MD German Foundation for Peace Research, Germany*

The good work of IPB and IALANA officials including Tomas Magnusson, Ingeborg Breines, Colin Archer and Reiner Braun were acknowledged.