

IPPNW- International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War,

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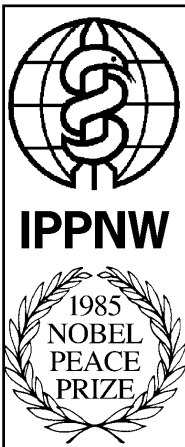
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Outline of presentation

- The international organisation, IPPNW
- The Norwegian affiliate
- How can/ do physicians work in relationship to war, peace and health issues?

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IPPNW International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War

- Founded by an American (Bernard Lown) and a Russian (Eugeni Chazov) heart specialists in 1980
- About 60 000 members, physicians, medical students in 58 countries
- Received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985

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IPPNW

- IPPNW is the only international medical organization dedicated to preventing nuclear war and abolishing nuclear weapons. We recognize that the catastrophic health and environmental consequences of a nuclear war are at the extreme end of a continuum of armed violence that undermines health and security.
- IPPNW is committed to ending war and advancing understanding of the causes of armed conflict from a public health perspective.

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IPPNW's highest priority programs and campaigns are:

- The International Physicians Campaign for a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World
- Aiming For Prevention: An International Campaign to Prevent Small Arms Violence
- Research, education, and advocacy on the interconnections between peace and health

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Ongoing project – Global Health alert

- A public Education project: War is bad for your health, three events per year
- At the same day around the world
- Who are involved? Doctors and medical students
- Who attends? the public and media
- February 2006: Nuclear weapons are bad for your health

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Ongoing project- Set up a UN Mediation Commission in Iran!

- **IPPNW has joined with other NGOs and Nobel Peace Laureates in an appeal to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to create a High Level UN Commission to mediate the nuclear weapons proliferation crisis in Iran.**

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The Norwegian affiliate Who are we?

- About 900 physicians and 120 medical student members
- Student groups in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø



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Our vision:
A safer world without
nuclear weapons



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What do we
do
and how do
we work?



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Spread knowledge about
consequences of nuclear
weapons and nuclear war

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Scientific approach- medical consequences?

- What are the consequences of nuclear war?
- Consequences of war in Iraq?- Collateral damage, so far 3 reports from Medact in Britain
- Consequences of the Tjernobyl accident?
- Damage from weapons with depleted uranium?

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Spread knowledge about consequences of nuclear weapons and nuclear war

- Talk to students, physicians and the public, give information, ask questions and make dialogues.
- Talk to politicians and decision-makers. Ask questions and make dialogues.

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"Nuclear Weapons Inheritance Project"

Students talk to students in nuclear weapons states:

- What do they know about their country having nuclear weapons?
- What do they think about that?
- How do they look upon taking over that inheritance?

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"Dialogue with decision-makers"

- Physicians and students take part in delegations going to the nuclear weapon states
- At the same time as the meetings go on out in the world, physicians and students in Norway visit the embassies of the same countries, making dialogues.

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Peace through health

- What do students in health professions in Norwegian universities learn about consequences of violence, torture, war and violation of human rights?
- We want these issues to be focused and try to put them on the agenda.

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Working against small arms

- Small arms represent a big problem for health in many parts of the world
- IPPNW in Africa has a special focus on small arms. The Norwegian affiliate has special collaboration with Zambia and Uganda on projects to prevent spreading and damage from small arms.

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Students engagement

- Student exchange projects:
 - NWIP
 - ReCap- Refugee project Palestine
- Papers for medical school and presentations

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International network of students and doctors

- Meetings, conferences with exchange of ideas, collaboration and engagement.
- Collaboration with other peace organizations
- Building friendship across borders



- Thank you for your attention

