

Annual Report Pugwash Netherlands July 2012–June 2013

Preparation of discussion paper on US Tactical Nuclear Weapons in Europe

As fruit of discussions held in a working group of Pugwash Netherlands on 'Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Weapons Free Zones', Mr Laurens Hogebrink produced a discussion paper on 'Reciprocity in NATO's Deterrence and Defense Posture Review'. The paper was taken up by the Annual General Meeting of 30 October 2012. The paper is published on the website of Pugwash Netherlands and distributed via PugwashForum.

Open lecture on terrorism

On 30 October 2012, Professor Edwin Bakker (Professor of Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Leiden University, Campus The Hague) gave an open lecture at the Annual General Meeting entitled 'Terrorism: real threat or exaggerated subject?' (in Dutch).

Speech on the social (ir)responsibility of the earth quake experts involved in advising residents of L'Aquila

On 27 November 2012, during an open network meeting of Pugwash Netherlands, a speech was given by Professor Arthur Petersen on the occasion of the conviction of several Italian earth quake experts who had provided ill advise to the residents of L'Aquila.

Public lecture on weapons of mass destruction and regional security in the Middle East

On 24 April 2013, Pugwash Netherlands organised a public lecture on weapons of mass destruction and regional security in the Middle East at the VU University Amsterdam. The lecture was given by Ambassador Marc Vogelaar. The attending audience was comprised of Pugwash members, university students and invited (deputy) ambassadors. During drinks afterwards, two new young members (for their names see below under 'Membership') demonstrated their interest to join Pugwash.

New website launched

In April 2013, the new website of Pugwash Netherlands was launched. Like its predecessor, Mr Rens de Man, member of the Executive Board, built it. There are two major improvements of the new system: a larger group of editors can post messages to the website and electronic newsletters can easily be generated from these messages.

Preparation of first meeting of European National Pugwash Groups

On 17 June 2013, Pugwash Netherlands announced through PugwashNet that it will host and organise a first meeting of European National Pugwash Groups, to be realised on 3 and 4 September 2013. Pugwash Netherlands sponsored this meeting with 4,000 Euro from its own funds. The main purpose of the meeting was to identify common ideas and subjects for closer cooperation between European National Pugwash Groups (NPGs), leading to concrete plans to co-organise appropriate workshops and conferences. The meeting also served to strengthen the ties between European NPGs by improving the exchange of ideas and activities; to collect addresses from European foundations, EU institutions and partner organisations for supporting Pugwash; and to stimulate the formation and activation of other NPGs with the aim of closer exchanges and cooperation and establishing a work programme (annual meeting, subjects, applications).

Preparation for international workshop on Social Responsibility in Technoscience

On 19 June 2013, Professor Arthur Petersen met with Dr Tom Børsen in Amsterdam to discuss early plans for an international workshop on social responsibility in technoscience. The workshop is envisaged to be co-organised by Pugwash Denmark and Pugwash Netherlands, and to be externally sponsored. It should contribute to both academic work in engineering ethics (a special issue will be among the output) and ongoing activities of the Standing Pugwash Working Group on the Social Responsibility of Scientists led by Professor John Finney.

Participation in International Pugwash Consultation on the Syrian crisis

Ambassador Marc Vogelaar was invited to participate in the International Pugwash Consultation on the Syrian crisis in London on 27 June 2013. His participation was financially supported by Pugwash Netherlands.

Membership

Pugwash Netherlands has about 60 members and 200 'friends' (individual donors). Three new members were welcomed this year: Mr Pyt Douma, Mr Biejan Poor Toulabi and Mr Michiel Hoogeveen. The latter two are young members - much needed in the association.

Sadly, mid-June 2013, Dr Jan Gerbrandy passed away. Jan Gerbrandy has been a member since 1997. He was a researcher on protection against biological weapons, participated in two biological weapons inspections of UNSCOM (Iraq) and performed many other duties. Within Pugwash, Jan Gerbrandy was involved in the International Pugwash workshops on biological and chemical weapons, held in Geneva and Noordwijk (the vicinity of The Hague).

Composition of Executive Board

At the Annual General Meeting of 30 October 2012, two Executive Board seats were up for (re)election (Dr Berma Klein Goldewijk's fourth and Mr Xander van Tilburg's first three-year terms had expired). The Executive Board proposed Dr Berma Klein Goldewijk and Ambassador Marc Vogelaar as candidates. The General Meeting (re)appointed both by acclamation. The Executive Board composition for the budget year 2012–2013 was as follows:

- Professor Dr Arthur Petersen (Chair)
- Dr Berma Klein Goldewijk (Vice-Chair and Secretary)
- Dr Rens Willems (Treasurer)
- Dr Ranieri Argentini
- Mr Rens de Man, MSc
- Professor Dr Georg Frerks
- Ambassador (ret.) Marc Vogelaar, LL.M.

Financial matters

By way the largest (nearly 50%) expenditure of Pugwash Netherlands was its annual contribution of 4,000 euro to International Pugwash. The working group activities that involved costs (about 2,000 euro) were largely comprised of network events and public lectures (organised by the Public Relations working group) and international travel (different working groups). Member contributions show an upward trend (more than 5,000 euro), while friend's donations are slowly going down (now at 3,000 euro).

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Expenses and income & balance sheets 2012-2013

July 2013

<i>income</i>	€		<i>expenses</i>	€
Member contributions and donations	5,715.00		Member meetings	1,490.30
Friends donations	3,077.50		Bureau expenses	557.50
Interest	197.68		Printing and postage	230.14
			Working group activities	2,098.25
			Support for Pugwash International	4,000.00
			Support for INES	250.00
			Support for ISYP	50.31
			Net change in reserves 2012-2013	313.68
total	8,990.18		total	8,990.18

Balance on 30 June 2013

<i>Assets</i>	€		<i>Liabilities</i>	€
ING savings account	7,697.68		Yet to be remitted to Pugwash Int (1st half 2013)	2,000.00
ING current account	7,477.67		Claims still to be paid	703.60
Member contributions overdue	1,305.00		Reserves Pugwash Netherlands	13,776.75
total	16,480.35		total	16,480.35

Balance on 1 July 2012

<i>Assets</i>	€		<i>Liabilities</i>	€
ING savings account	7,500.00			
ING current account	3,957.64			
Cash	5.43			
Already remitted to Pugwash Int (2nd half 2012)	2,000.00		Reserves Pugwash Netherlands	13,463.07
total	13,463.07		total	13,463.07

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July 2013

Expenses and income 2007-2013 (euro)

Budget year (1 July-30 June)	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
INCOME						
Member contributions and donations	12,127.76	4,075.75	3,780.00	1,627.10	4,322.50	5,715.00
Friends donations	5,616.03	5,531.50	465.00	4,360.00	3,555.00	3,077.50
Interest	205.72	527.86	107.64	329.53	176.45	197.68
Project CBW workshops	10,040.00			4,700.30		
sponsors The Hague conf. April 2009	1,451.80	425,711.29				
Income total	29,441.31	435,846.40	4,352.64	11,016.93	8,053.95	8,990.18
EXPENSES						
Bureau expenses	756.03	230.76	168.88	387.95	351.56	557.50
Board meetings		91.90	99.79		232.20	
Projects CBW workshops	10,794.30			5,659.55	0.41	
Working group activities					592.06	2,098.25
Sustainability essay contest	1,584.97					
The Hague conf. April 2009	5,451.80	425,711.29				
Support for ISYP	1,294.02	72.86	63.34	77.59	50.31	50.31
Printing and postage (Newsletters/mailings)	3,579.85	2,518.87	568.19	759.11	1,455.63	230.14
Member meetings	847.15	974.50	1,245.56	1,361.18	1,397.60	1,490.30
Support for Pugwash International	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Support for INES	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00		250.00
Support for third parties	250.00				1,918.64	
Expenses total	28,808.12	433,850.18	6,395.76	12,495.38	9,998.41	8,676.50
Net change in reserves	633.19	1,996.22	-2,043.12	-1,478.45	-1,944.46	313.68