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Open letter from Federico Mayor Zaragoza asking for active participation in the World March for Peace and Non-Violence



The former president of UNESCO for 12 years and founder of Culture of Peace explains his reasons to join the WM and asks for the active participation of his friends in other organizations.

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The groups of young Israeli and Palestinian pacifists are an example of non-violence.

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The President of Chile endorses the World March



Michelle Bachelet, the President of Chile, endorsed the World March for Peace and Non-Violence during a meeting held on 29th January with Tomás Hirsch, Latin American spokesperson for New Humanism. *(continued on page 7).*

Inter-Milán participates in the WM

The football club "Inter Milán" endorses the March and will actively participate in its dissemination. There will be a public press release communicating their participation soon. *(continued on page 7).*

For information on the preparations and how to participate see: www.marchamundial.org

Read the Declaration of World without Wars at: www.mundosinguerras.es/docus/63

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Our goal has been that this material is translated rapidly. It should therefore be considered only a draft translation. Our interest is that materials circulate quickly and that they can be understood by "sympathetic" readers.

Who is supporting the World March?

See inside for details of the latest individuals and organisations to endorse the march.



With only 9 months to go until the beginning of the first World March for Peace and Non-violence, we can already rely on the following endorsements registered on its Website:

**Supporting
Individuals
7780
from 108 countries**

The following countries have joined the march this month so far: Andorra, Armenia, Cameroon, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), South Korea, Dominica, United Arab Emirates, Gambia, Gibraltar, French Guinea, The Comoros Islands, The Salomon Islands, Maldives, Nepal, Syria, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

• **Viggo Mortensen (USA)**



Actor. Mortensen was born in Manhattan, New York, on the 20th October 1958. He lived in Venezuela from a few months of age until 3 years old with his father from Denmark and mother from New York. His family then moved to Argentina, where they remained until he was eleven, where he learned Spanish and became a football fan of Club San Lorenzo de Almagro. Not only did he have a publishing house but he also starred in many

well-known films (The Lord of the Rings is just an example) and won several international prizes.

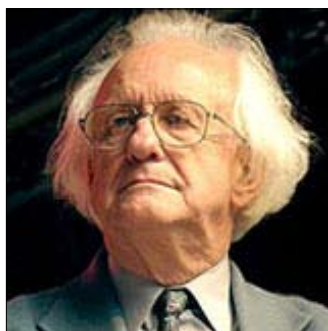
• **Susan George (France)**



Economist, President of the Transnational Institute of Amsterdam, Philosopher and Political economist. Between 1999 and the end of 2006 she was vice-president of ATTAC France. Doctorate in Political Science (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, University of Paris), BA in French from Smith College USA, and in Philosophy from the Sorbonne, Paris. She campaigns against the current model of globalization, the World Trade Organization, international financial institutions and to improve north-south relations.

www.tni.org/george

• **Johan Galtung (Norway)**

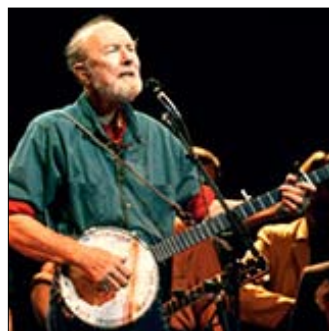


Political scientist, sociologist and mathematician. One of the most important founders and protagonists of peace and social conflicts research. In 1959 he founded the first International Peace

Research Institute in Oslo, where he held the position of director for 10 years. In 1964 he founded the Journal of Peace Research. He lectured in Conflict and Peace research at the University of Oslo between 1969 and 1977 and has collaborated enormously with different United Nations departments as well as taking the role of guest lecturer in the 5 continents, including countries such as Chile, UN university of Geneva, USA, Japan, China, India and Malaysia. He is currently a professor of peace studies at the University of Hawaii and director of TRASCEND, A Peace and Development Network. He has taken part in more than 40 conflicts as mediator, for instance in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, North Caucasus and Ecuador. In 1987 he received the Alternative Nobel Prize, in 1993 the Gandhi prize. His investigative work consists of more than fifty books and several hundred articles. His work as a thinker and writer has an immense impact in the field of Peace studies.

http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_Galtung

• **Pete Seeger (USA)**



Folk singer, political activist, and a pioneer of protest music in support of disarmament, civil rights and environmental causes. Author/co-author of "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?," "If I Had

a Hammer," and one of the singers most committed to popularizing the spiritual "We Shall Overcome."

<http://www.peteseeger.net>

• **Philip Glass (USA)**



Composer. Considered one of the most influential composers of the late-20th century, having written internationally-acclaimed operas, symphonies, concertos, solo works, string quartets, and film scores (for which he has been nominated for three Academy Awards). Glass's operas include "Einstein on the Beach," "Akhenaton," and "Satyagraha," themed on the early life of Mahatma Gandhi.

<http://www.philipglass.com>

• **King Kasongo Mushilanama (Congo)**



Lawyer. Defense lawyer of the Court of High Instance of Lubumbashi in Congo and general coordinator of the NGO "Humanismo y DDHH" (Humanism and HHRR).

"The World March for Peace and non-violence is essential. This will ask questions of the warlords of this world".

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Among them the most recent are:

• **Foundation for a Culture of Peace (Spain)**



Founded by Federico Mayor Zaragoza, in March 2000, adhering to the protectorate of Foundations of the Counsel of Education of the Madrid Community. The Foundation has the goal to contribute to the construction and consolidation of a Culture of Peace through reflexion, research, education and actions in that field. Its activity is based mainly on mobilization and connection with the institutions, organizations, individuals and networks noted for their commitment to the values of a culture of peace.

The concrete actions of the foundation are concentrated on dissemination and education. The media is also a fundamental axis for the dissemination of a Culture of Peace. It is from there that the foundation promotes workshops and days of reflexion for the information of professionals.

<http://fund-culturadepaz.org>

• **OPANAL (Argentine)**



Organisation for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (known as the Treaty of Tlatelolco) is an international Treaty that establish a non nuclear territory for Latin America and the Caribbean by the signatory countries. It was proposed by the Mexican President, Gustavo Diaz Ordaz and impelled by the diplomat Alfonso Garcia Robles as a response to the fear generated by the Cuban missile crisis.

The prepared text was commended to the preparatory commission for Non Nuclear Weapons for Latin America (COPREDAL) presided over by Jorge Castañeda and Alvarez de la Rosa who built the headquarters in Mexico City and organised four plenary sessions. The final draft of the treaty was completed by COPREDAL on February 12th 1967 and given to the countries for signature on February 14th, becoming valid on April 25th 1969.

There are 33 signatory countries from the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Granada,

Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts and Nevis, St Vicente and the Grenadines, St Lucia, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Compliance with the Treaty is supervised by OPANAL.

• **Greenpeace (Czech Republic)**



Ecological and Pacifist International Organization, economically and politically independent, does not accept donations or pressure from governments, political parties, or companies. It has developed campaigns to stop climate change, to protect biodiversity, to end the use of nuclear energy and weapons and to promote Peace throughout the planet.

• **AMARC ALC Argentina.**



World Association of Latin America and Caribbean Community Radio stations:

"We share the spirit of the March and we will be disseminating and

communicating the different WM activities"

An International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO) secular and not-for-profit. An International movement and reference organization of community radio stations formed around politics, and communications .

www.alc.amarc.org

• **ALER Ecuador**



Latin American Association of Education by Radio diffusion. Civil association established by institutions from Latin America and Caribbean, that make educational communication through radio diffusion. Works with others social actors for the democratization of communication, sustainable human development and the construction of societies with greater justice, equity and democracy.

• **Galena Orchestra of Camera (OCGA) Spain**



Founded in 1995, by professional musicians formed in different European conservatories, collaborated with

SPECIAL FEATURE: WAR IN GAZA



January 3rd, 2009

Berlin, Germany

Let's break the walls wherever we are!

Two groups of young Israeli and Palestinian youngsters have been recently awarded the Carl Von Ossietzky Medal in Berlin. The International League for Human Rights gives this yearly award in order to highlight the work a person or a group has done to draw attention to a social subject or issue related to violations of human rights. This year, the award was given to two groups of Middle East youngsters who have been gathering every Friday for over 4 years, to march protesting against the wall built in the Gaza Strip, in the town of Bilain.

A group of young women of the town of Bilain has found a way to survive and take care of their children, creating a cooperative where they work with Palestinian traditional crafts.

Five years ago, when the wall began to be built and divided the town in two, these women and their grown up children, began a protest. Since then, Bilain has turned into an emblematic place against the wall building – a wall that is 600 km long and divides 183 towns.

Along this concrete and barbed wired border, youngsters from the Palestinian People's Council as well as young people from Israel who started coming regularly from different parts of the country, gather every Friday. They get organized and bring banners with slogans, sing anthems, tie themselves with chains to logs and many other creative and collective ways of protest and demonstration. They even organized an international congress in Bilain, last year.

Each Friday, they face the Israeli army, against whom they take a communicative and non-violent attitude, in spite of being attacked over and over again with rubber bullets.

A young Israeli girl describes the confusion of these soldiers: *"When the Israeli soldiers wanted to take us prisoner, they didn't have any justification, they didn't have the imagined enemy, the usual stigma, because we weren't terrorists or communists or religious fanatics or violent people. Being so confused, they needed to define us as a group and look down on us. So they called us "anarchists". We adopted this name as our identity and since then we've called ourselves "The Wall Anarchists".*

When they went up on stage to get their awards, these youngsters said that *"usually, no one writes about non-violence because it clashes against the tabloid press, since there are no dead bodies or weapons".*

Then, thanking for the award, they said *"we need the international community so we can be heard, so this non-violent resistance influences public opinion".*

Text link of Ilse Schimpf-Herken (Germany):
¡Derrumbemos los Muros donde estemos!

<http://cultural.argenpress.info/2009/01/derrumbemos-los-muros-donde-estemos.html>

January 3rd - 17th, 2009

Protest voices against violence in Gaza travel around the world



On Saturday 3rd, exactly when Ehud Barak gave the order to begin the bloody offensive attack against Gaza, around 10,000 Arab and Jewish citizens were demonstrating in Tel Aviv, while 150,000 people did the same through Israel. *"As a human being, as an Israeli, as a defender of peace, I feel proud of being here today"*, said the speech that *Uri Avnery* could not give to the demonstrators, because of the siege and the threats of the fundamentalists. That's how a wave of demonstrations and press releases began. A wave that would repeat itself during the weeks of January, throughout the world. Protests in front of the USA and Israel embassies continued one after the other, demanding that someone put an end to the massacre. There were spontaneous demonstrations, while others were organized in Europe and America. The activists, wearing Palestinian headscarves, raised the half moon flags of the country, while taking off their shoes and throwing them, which has become a symbol of resistance since the Iraqi journalist threw one at Bush. The next two weekends

there were simultaneous large protests again all over the world, but specially in the cities and capitals of the Arabic world. One of the biggest was in Alexandria, with 50,000 people condemning the complicity of Arab governments with the blockade.



Pictures: Demonstrations in Tel Aviv, London, Barcelona and Madrid

Display of statements supporting the cease-fire

World Without Wars supports the Israeli and Palestinian youngsters in their protest through a statement. The founder of the organization and coordinator of the World March for Peace and Non-violence, **Rafael de la Rubia**, explained: *"The missile attacks of the armed group Hamas on Israel are no justification for the armed offensive of the Israeli army in Gaza just as the economic sanctions against Palestine do not justify the suicide attacks, the missile attacks of Hamas or any attack by any other Palestinian armed group."*

All humanist spokesmen declared their rejection of the events in Gaza, highlighting the pacifist work of the organized groups from both peoples. *"We condemn the violence of Israel and we condemn the violence used by the Palestinian armed groups. Only a non-violent consciousness will be able to stop the violence and if such consciousness today is small, we'll have to make it grow"*, said Tomás Hirsch's open letter. He is a former presidential candidate and current Latin-American spokesperson for humanism.

"The World March is a proposal open to the expression of all people, all religions, all cultures, that favors reconciliation towards the future. We join together for a non-violent future that's already emerging from the depths of the human being", explained **Javiera Oñate**, spokesperson for World Without Wars, Chile.

Some links to statements, articles and declarations:

Guillermo Sullings, December 30th:

http://blog.latercera.com/blog/thirsch/entry/conflicto_israel_palestina

Tomas Hirsch, January 6th: The Israeli and Palestinian pacifists are an example to the whole world:

<http://www.tomashirsch.org/xoops/modules/news/article.php?storyid=563>

Giorgio Schultze, January 6th:

<http://www.giorgioschultze.eu/index.php?lang=esp&secc=news&acc=id&idnoti=91&fontsize=1>

Javiera Oñate:

http://www.marchamundial.cl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=126:apoyo-de-mundo-sin-guerras-a-pacifistas-israelies-y-palestinos&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=58

French press releases:

http://www.dailymotion.com/group/125955/video/x7xj16_porteparole-nouvel-humanisme_news,

http://www.dailymotion.com/maruchocq/video/x7xmon_cdc_news

Campaigns supporting the end of war

December 29th, 2008: "Peace in Gaza" Campaign, by Avaaz, that will be sent to the United Nations Security Council and to key world powers, demanding a cease-fire.

http://www.avaaz.org/es/gaza_time_for_peace/98.php?CLICK_TF_TRACK

January 8th: FREE GAZA, NOW. Online petition: "1,5 million signatures for 1,5 humans in Gaza".

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/1500000/>

January 14th, 2009: Boycott of Israeli products and research projects, international movement to pressure Israel launched by the Canadian journalist/writer Naomi Klein.

<http://www.alternet.org/audits/118332/?page=entire>

http://www.dailymotion.com/maruchocq/video/x7xmon_cdc_news

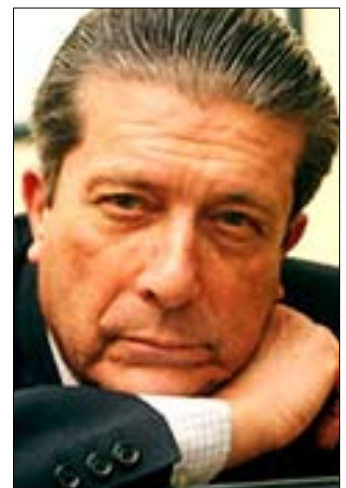
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Open letter from Federico Mayor Zaragoza asking for active participation in the World March

Dear Friends:

I wish to inform you of my decision to join and to actively participate in the World March for Peace and Nonviolence, which is an initiative of the World Without Wars Association.

This is the way Federico Mayor Zaragoza, president of the UNESCO for 12 years and founder of the association Culture of Peace, opens his letter addressed to his friends of other organizations. This defender of social justice, who plans to recreate the UNO, did not hesitate to be one of the first personalities to give his decided and enthusiastic support to the World March.



Several reasons have prompted me to join this initiative: - I am sure that this is the right moment in history to promote a vast popular mobilization in

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favour of a worldwide radical change (financial, social, environmental, nutritional and ethical...) to achieve the transition from a culture of imposition, violence and war to a culture of dialogue, conciliation and peace, from force to the word; from a war economy to an economy of global development, including the eradication of poverty and alienation.

A march with these characteristics would contribute to rapidly creating a consciousness of peace in and among peoples, who must cease to be passive spectators and become the tireless protagonists of solidarity. It is time to awaken the Rosa Parks that we all have deep down inside.

- I believe that the time has come to participate in an action that will unite all men and women who have dedicated their lives to building a culture of peace, whatever their role may have been, and to enable them to span the globe, raising their voices and proclaiming justice, freedom and the equal dignity of all human beings, so that they may be heard by all, and particularly by world leaders, parliamentarians, those in power... who being aware of what is at risk, may likewise be prompted to participate in the transformation that we advocate.

From the onset and in each place, it is essential to be able to count on the participation of singers, orchestras, performers, athletes, actors... who due to their popularity have the power to mobilize people.

- Today, modern communications technology enables us for the first time to use distance participation techniques (SMS, Internet). Let's put them to use. Let us forever remember the words of Burke: "Nobody makes a greater mistake than those who do nothing because they think they could only do a little!" No one can harvest the fruits of seeds that they didn't have the courage to plant. Let us invent the future and prompt a rapid evolution. Between evolution and revolution there is only the "r" of responsibility.

- Paraphrasing Federico García Lorca, this march will undoubtedly prompt a "spiritual explosion" that will contribute to achieving the possible world we all dream.

These are some of my reasons. I ask for your collaboration".

Video Federico Mayor Zaragoza talks about the WM in CNN: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4565361076970034418>

January 31st. 2009

Santiago, Chile



The three Spaniards spreading the World March by bike will be received by fans on their way through Santiago.

Bicicultura, an association from Chile that has just endorsed the March, will summon other bikers associations to go and receive, on their way through Santiago, the Spanish bikers that are travelling all over the world promoting the World March for Peace and Non-Violence.

Luis Marquina and Emilia Curiel, a Burgalese couple keen on cycling, left Madrid for Buenos Aires on January 4th. to embark on travelling the 8.000 kilometers by bike so as to make this worldwide project known. In Argentina they met Javier Sáiz, who joined them during two of the six months of travelling.

The Chilean south-to-north route they are travelling right now is often quite tough, but they are very satisfied by the positive way the idea is being received, according to their own declarations. They take pictures of the people they get to endorse the March holding the banner they are carrying. They interview mayors and institutions, and the local media is doing a good coverage of them (see links).

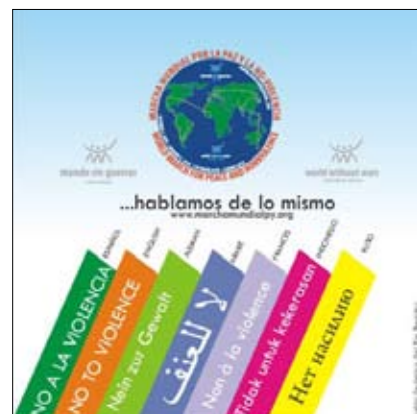
They have a blog (<http://patagoniaenbici.blogspot.com>) where you can see the trip and impressions they are sending.

Leaving Madrid video:

http://marchamundial.tv/Edicion/20090104%20CiclistasBarajas/20090104MM_CiclistasBarajasHD.mp4

Some articles:

<http://www.laprensaaustral.cl/lpa/noticia.asp?id=32694>, www.dimensioncalafate.com.ar



30 January 2009

Santiago, Chile

Michelle Bachelet records a video message with her endorsement in order to disseminate the WM

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The President Michelle Bachelet showed her enthusiasm about the project and offered to record a video message with her endorsement in order to call on others to join the World March, during a meeting held on 29th



January with Tomás Hirsch, humanist spokesperson for Latin America and her competitor in the last presidential elections.

In the video message which was recorded the following day, she confirmed that she will receive the Core Team of

the March on its arrival in Santiago de Chile. Bachelet committed to support different initiatives related with the WM and hence, in the month of March, she will receive Rafael de la Rubia, World Coordinator of the WM. "Her endorsement will contribute so that other presidents of the region, which we are going to meet during the next months, will also join the World March, declared Tomás Hirsch to Pressenza IPA.

http://www.marchamundial.cl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=133:presidenta - of-chili-stick-to-the-mm&catid=1:latest - news&Itemid=58

30 January 2009

Milan, Italy

Soccer is with the March: Inter-Milan endorses the March

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On Jan 30th, the current Italian champions "Football Club Internazionale Milano" joined the World March. A public press release will be made known during one of the usual Sunday press conferences. **Mourinho**, the manager will invite one of the players to explain why

they are joining the WM. Then the European Humanist Spokesperson, **Giorgio Schultze**, will present and explain the meaning of this world project to the media. The soccer Club will also contribute to the dissemination of the March contributing ideas and the necessary means to carry them out. Together they studied the proposal of recording a video with the "stars" dressed in a T-shirt of the March, the projection of videos on the big screens during the soccer games and other possibilities to involve the young new generations of sportsmen/women and those who want to create a consciousness for non-violence.

27 January 2009

Morocco

Morocco has formed its Promotion Team

After considerable dissemination work carried out during the last months, different Moroccan associations have constituted the Promotion Team of the March in Morocco. The contact, directed to society and local personalities, produced a multiplicative effect whose result is the endorsement of personalities as important as the great Moroccan poet **Driss Allouch** (<http://allouch.jeeran.com>) as well as 120 associations throughout the whole country. In December, the Humanist Forum of Tangier took place which facilitated the meeting of participants of the team.

Thanks to this work and the participation of associations, now there are local Promotion Teams in the cities of Oujda, Cup and Fez, and in others like Tangier, Rabat and Agadir where they are being formed. Moreover the brochure exists now in Arabic.

In the cities of Fez, Cup and Taourirt the project was presented with an attendance of 70 associations and organizations, like the Church of Taza, as well as personalities like the founder of the 1200 anniversary of the city of Fez. Meanwhile, in Tantan, Gulimine and the whole region of Sahara more than 100 associations and heads of tribes were contacted.

The organization of a regional gathering of associations for communication and agreement in Oujda and its region allowed the participation of around 100 important personalities as well as the presence of the press, radio and television. Both the press and the second public channel of Moroccan television 2M disseminated the activity (see links).

Press:

http://acodec.and-monsite.com/he/she_signs_go-mondiale-pour1118457.html

<http://www.oujdacity.net/regional-article-16808-fr.html>

<http://www.ville2fes.com/news-2403-unite-go-mondiale-pour-the-paix-et-the-non-violence.php>

Tv:

<http://www.dailymotion.com/humaniste33/video/13263946>

25th January 2009

La Paz, Bolivia



The Bolivian people renounce war

With the backing of 60% of the electorate, polls are showing a victory for the "YES" camp in the referendum that took place on the 25th of January to approve a new constitution in which Bolivia renounces war as a means to resolve conflicts.

The National Electoral Court confirmed an unprecedented participation in the voting, 85% of the more than 3.8 million voters, but it will take a few days to produce the official results.

350 International observers monitored the process on a day without incidents, while the opposition was inviting people to disregard the results in the four regions in which the "NO" triumphed.

Days before, "World without Wars", through its president Rafael de la Rubia, released a communiqué supporting the YES and applauding Evo Morales's vision of the future, with this new Constitution

Photo: AFP AP Efe

25th January 2009

Caracas, Venezuela



Official Launch of the WM in Venezuela

The Promotion Team (PT) officially launched the March in Venezuela on the 21st January at the CELARG Foundation (The Romulo Gallegos Centre of Latin American Studies), with the participation of 60 people and in the presence of a national TV channel, Venezolana TV. The event consisted of presentations by members of the PT and the projection of promotional videos.

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During the speeches, the general project was explained, mentioning a few of the initiatives and well-known endorsers, and also the specific situation of the country. The main route of the March will arrive in Venezuela next December and will pass through the cities of Caracas, Valencia, Barquisimeto, Acarigua and San Cristóbal.

To join in Venezuela:

marchamundialvenezuela@gmail.com

<http://www.marchamundialven.blogspot.com>

24th January 2009

Congo

Congo in Motion

During the month of January the preparation of the March has taken a qualitative leap in the DR Congo. In the meeting of the Promotion Team (PT) a national coordinator was chosen who will participate in the International Promotion Team meetings and also some important functions such as International Relations and Education. The teams in the provinces of Katanga and Kinshasa are already in full swing and with nominated coordinators with great activity in South Kivo.

The country will participate in the March through a convergent route that has yet to be defined. The connection that the March delineates between the different provinces is important. The PT is in contact with the coordinator of the East and South African route, initially designed to cover Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Swaziland and South Africa. In the last weeks two interviews have taken place with the secretariat of the Archbishop of Lubumbashi (Katanga) and in the first two weeks of the month with the diplomatic council of the President of the Provincial Assembly in the same province.

In the national and provincial calendars in different places we are working on the calendar with some presentations planned, like the activities for the 22nd of February, the Scouting Day, which is very well supported in the country.

21st January 2009

Ecuador

March activities grow

On the 19th of January, a considerable group of students from various colleges and universities, organisations and institutions started the so-called "Peace and Nonviolence Gang" with a



7th January 2009

Mexico D.F.

Round Table of the World March

A meeting about the World March was held at 7th January in Mexico D.F. with the participation of: **Jorge Mansilla Torres**, Ambassador of the Republic of Bolivia; **Daniel Horowitz**, General Secretary of the European Regional of the Humanist International and Coordinator of the WM in Switzerland; **Anne Farrell**, Member of the Promotion Team of the WM in Canada and winner of the Medal for Peace 2008 for the Guay (YMCA); **Rafael Barajas**, El Fisgón, well known Mexican caricaturist; **Pedro Miguel**, famous Journalist; **Janet Hernández Sotelo**, Secretary for Equity, Gender and Human Rights of the Democratic Revolution Party of the Federal District; **Balazs Szigeti**, Spokesperson of the Humanist Movement in Hungary and member of the Promotion Team in that country; **Ivone Sámano**, national Coordinator of the WM in Mexico. And there was also a virtual participation of **Alfredo Jalife Rahme**, Head of Department of the UNAM and Analyst and at the end **Raúl Martel** sang his song "Voices" that is composed for the WM.

The event was held in the Club of Journalists with a total assistance of 120 people. There were also 8 journalists of 5 Medias. The radio program of the Club of Journalists called A-B-C realized an interview and during this interview the club of Journalists endorsed the march. In Mexico D.F. monthly ceremonies for peace and disarmament in Zocalo are planned as well as a dinner with journalists on February 14th, in that month Mexico also is launching a campaign for Non-Violence.

2nd January 2009

Buenos Aires



The Rally Paris-Dakar spreads peace

Two drivers carried to the starting point of the Paris-Dakar Rally a banner with them that demanded "Peace in the Middle East" and that invited people to support the World March. The current phase of the rally has changed continents, trying to avoid the violence suffered in Africa last year and is now taking place in Argentina

march from the Ministry of Culture to El Ejido Park, where a human nonviolence symbol was formed. The activities, that have young people as the protagonists, will continue with a plan of training and multiplication of "active nonviolence nurseries", besides the development of multiple initiatives to create consciousness in favour of nuclear disarmament, the end of wars and the elimination of all forms of violence. Two days afterwards, on the 21st, the first meeting of the Ecuador Promotion Team was held with the participation of 35 people, representing 26 organisations.

Also on the same day, the Latin American Association of Radio Education, broadcast an interview with **Rafael de la Rubia**. The World Coordinator of the March explained that "In 2008 approximately USD900,000 million was spend on weapons. Peace is not possible in the world with this massive purchase of tanks and bullets in case of 'possible' wars", And he added "Neither is peace possible with poverty, hunger, lack of access to education and health care, among others things".

www.marchamundialecuador.com

Blog: <http://semillerosna.blogspot.com>

Fotos Rafa: <http://www.aler.org/img/fotos/cs/csv-21012009.jpg>

Fotos Minga: <http://picasaweb.google.es/semillerosnoviolenciaactiva>

16th January 2009

Santiago, Chile



A thousand poems for Peace

The World March was the muse behind the event "A thousand poems for Peace", put on by the group "Poets for Peace" in Santiago library, in which 70 people participated. It was a very emotional event with music and videos, in which various poets read their poems, a troubadour performed a poetic-theatre piece based on "Dialogues of the Isla Negra", by Silo. As a surprise finale, a non-violence action was made to support the cease-fire in Gaza, launching into the sky cardboard plates on which poems were written and good wishes for the people of Palestine and Israel.



and Chile. Some organizations used the start of the race in Buenos Aires to protest against the war in Gaza and to spread the word about the World March. More than half a million people gathered at this event with a lot of communication media. The activists distributed flyers to the audience and the participants of the rally. It was also possible to talk to some drivers and to the press about the necessity for awareness of peace and about the methodology of non-violence to solve all kinds of Conflicts.

31st December 2008

São Paulo

Athletes ask for peace running in the street

During the 84th traditional competition of "San Silvestre" several demonstrations for peace took part on December 31st in São Paulo. A team of participants of the WM, protesting against the recent attacks by Israel in the Gaza strip, participated to demand the end of war.

24th December 2008

Santiago de Chile



Presentation of the March at the Gala Dinner of the Foundation "Illuminated Goal"

At the Gala dinner, organized by the Foundation "Illuminated Goal" to reward distinguished Chilean football players in 2008, four members of the WM promotion team in Chile participated. They had the possibility before the start of the dinner to hand over the trophies to present the project of the WMarch in front of 181 participants. The audience, consisting of football players, business people, publishers and journalists welcomed the proposal with a warm ovation. Some celebrities who had endorsed the march previously where present too: the mayor of Peñalolén, Claudio Orrego, Elías Figueroa, Fernando Astengo and Marcelo Zunino a mayor that endorsed there in the event.

The president of the Chile football association, **Sir Harold Mayne Nichols**, was very interested in the march and in the idea to declare this year the "**Year of non-violence in football**" in Chile, with the option to make it an international one.

Spain for the World March

Madrid

Communities and neighborhoods in march

A delegation of World without Wars said good bye to the year "**Sweating the Shirt**" in San Silvestre Vallecana, the cameras of "**Smiling for peace**" again captured faces in Puerta de Sol and the Community for Diversity of Silo's message and ADAC celebrated a meal to support the WM in Alcalá de Henares.

Canillejas celebrated 31st January as the international day of peace and non-violence, with an event that initiated the campaign of endorsement. The C.E.I.P. Alberto Alcocer of San Blas celebrated this day which was crowned by the course "**Educating for peace and non-violence**" and in Fuenlabrada Amigos Solidarios and the Health Forum carried out an information meeting for the WM while CEPA Paulo Freire opened the inscription of the "**Workshops for peace and non-violence**" organized by World without Wars.

Video Workshops "Educate to Peace and Non-violence"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVh_ZYF-nFA&feature=channel_page

Salamanca:

The city council gives a venue for activities

The HQ for activities of the WM is located in the "Miguel de Unamuno Center of Cultures". Salamanca and will spread news of the WM in the festival of Cultures and Arts in Castilla-León, on the local radio and at the University.

On the 28th February – the official launch of the WM in Mollet del Vallès (Barcelona) in the Civic Center, will take place lead by the humanist association Amalgama, La Bombeta and Association Kandeema.

<http://www.molletenmarxa.blogspot.com/>

Malaga:

Endorsement and active participation of an Education Delegation

The delegate for education gave his endorsement to the WM online during the celebration of the Day for peace in Malaga. The delegation invited the education communities and the center of education in Malaga to participate in the WM.

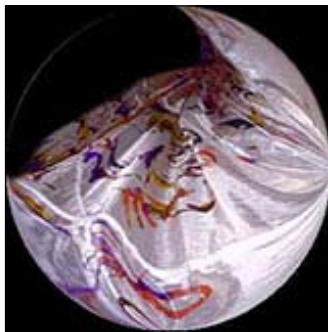
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professionals like of Ara Malikian, Juan de Udaeta, Jose Luis Estelles, Anthony Pay, Teresa Berganza or Juan Lomba. Also they made registrations for RTVG, RTVE, had participation at the VI and VII International Festival of Galicia and a lot of concerts all over the Spain geography. In 2005 the orchestra was responsible for the world premiere of the Opera Manuel Garcia Don Quijote at the Real Maestranza of Sevilla.

www.orquestracamargalega.com

• Cultural Association of Artists "Utopia" ITALY



"We want to join the organization of World March for Peace and Non Violence together with other artists to create a cultural movement, able to join forces and energies to defend the human rights, equality and an economic construction not based on business and wars".

Has as a goal to promote a new dialogue between artists, the celebration of greater forms of creativity, surpass divisions, from a minimum common point of view accepting the differences and fight against all discrimination and the disintegration of society.

<http://cordoba.it/>

• The Greenhouse of Lavapiés (Spain)

This is a group of supermen in green overalls, called gardeners.

They have supernatural powers which most of the mortals do not use: critical, creative and active minds. They are dangerous and they have weapons of mass destruction to further reflection, dialogue and communication between persons. They produce creative seeds



and plant them. Each gardener attends to their seed, proposes an idea or a project and among all gardeners develop the seeds of each and plant them. "The World March for Peace and Nonviolence is a unique opportunity to set in motion the power of the people. We know that as individuals we don't have any power of influence, none at all, and we also know that if very many get together in one direction then they can have a very big power. Why not unite then? There are many substantial reasons that stop it, to state some of them: individualism and differentiation in the society of consumers, the bubble of the world where we all live, the rule of live and let die... The World March is an initiative which could remove all that which prevents our union, and just because of that it already has a decisive importance".

<http://elinvernaderodelavapiés.blogspot.com>

• Di'Gay Project ITALY



Roman Association GLBT that care to give direction to the Gay and Queer people. DGP is an APS (Promotional Social Association) pacifist, non partisan, non violent and democratic, that oppose actively all forms of discrimination against minorities of gays, lesbians, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, also ethnic and religious.

DGP fight for human and civil rights. www.digayproject.org

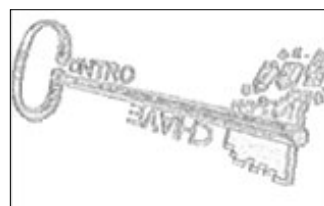
• Energia per i Diritti Umani Onlus (Italy)



The association was founded in December of 1998 in Rome and its aim is to further the respect for human rights. It is an internationalist association, consisting of persons from diverse cultures, religions, languages, beliefs and economic and social conditions, organizing to further a great social change. Energia is a national association with offices in Rome, Campobasso, Bari, Bolzano and Ghilarza, Cerdeña.

www.energiaperidirittiumani.it

• Cultural association Controchiave (Italy)



Controchiave organizes a yearly Cultural Festival

and this year's festival has the World March as its theme. It takes place every year in June in the Garbatella district of Rome, filling five public squares and the adjacent streets with musical spectacles and thousands of people participating.

www.controchiave.it

• Esperanto group of Pistoia (Italy)



The Esperanto group of Pistoia is a free association with the objective of spreading information and promoting the use of the international neutral language Esperanto, affirming the importance of the contributions to the freedom of the individual and to worldwide cooperation.

www.esperanto-grupo.it/pistoja

• Nuestras Hijas de Regreso a Casa (Mexico)



Association of women of the city of Juárez. Women whose children have been murdered. Their spokesperson Marisela Ortiz thanks for the effort to struggle for a better world and suggests there could be more people like us...

IPT

January 3rd, 2009

5th meeting of the International Promotion Team

The chat was attended by 55 people representing 39 countries and 14 functions.

The March by countries

There are activities in 81 countries, of which 67 already have people in charge of the Promotion Team (PT).

Promotion Teams have different levels of development, in some countries there already exists local coordination. Thanks to the effort to connect with other organizations, their presence grows in the PTs and this also leads to a bigger number of endorsements.

In several countries activities were carried out on December 10, Human Rights Day, and December 31, popular race of San Silvestre.

In relation to the official launch in Chile, the attendance of famous sportsmen at the annual gala produced a great popular impact, apart from the presentation in front of 12.000 people there was a match in which the 22 of the most famous footballers of the country were playing.

Although the decision is for each PT, it is suggested that the official launches take place in the first three months of the year, six months before the beginning of the WM.

Routes and the core team

The last version of the map of routes which is now circulating will be updated in one or two months. The Core Team will be divided into two when it enters South America, a Pacific branch and an Atlantic branch. The proposals for modification of the central route must be sent previously to the list for their viability to be studied, since it is established in the general calendar. There is no deadline for changes or inclusion of convergent routes. That will vary until the last minute, but it is necessary to coordinate them with those responsible for each stretch.

Around 60 people are included in the Pre-core team, coordinated and kept in touch through a mailing list and receiving more details about the way the team will operate. However, the members of the Team will be made known when they are definite. More nationalities are still needed, since there are only 20 countries represented so far.

Dissemination of the March

It is necessary that the PT impels in their countries the formation of press teams to collaborate and reinforce the work of the News Agency.

People that participate require a specialization from the point of view of what is newsworthy a skill which could be acquired with specific workshops on writing, photography and video.

The written bulletins are a selection of the information that arrives via the webs

and through the email lists and it can be amplified by following hyperlinks, in this way we can limit the number of pages. It is convenient to send the bulletins in all the languages with the link to get it from the web, rather than as an attachment.

TV dissemination is a priority, for which we are encouraging the formation and qualification of video teams in all the places to be able to film all the activities in high quality.

Video-bulletin:

<http://videoforum.theworldmarch.org/index.php?action=videos;cat=7>

Institutional Relations

An international team has been formed with a coordinator and people with experience in each continent to establish relationships, to determine the truly international "personalities" and to organise existing endorsements. Another team has also been created to contact those responsible for international organizations or big organizations to look for points of convergence in concrete and combined actions in the framework of the WM.

Webs and blogs

Approximately 50 webs and blogs of the WM are running. The main web receives 700 hits per day, with a daily top limit of 1,000.

A function will be created to take detailed statistics. Also, the access to the endorsements of personalities is being reorganized with a new outline, by theme and country and with the possibility of being

downloaded as a listing. Please send the links of the videos produced in each country to enlarge in the web those already there only in Spanish. Soon, a massive delivery of the bulletin will take place to all those registered in the web. Apart from the six languages on the central web, a button has been enabled that connects with the additional web site www.worldmarchforpeace.org where more languages are available. The technical teams of all the countries need more people to collaborate.

Translations

Three people coordinate the translation teams into 15 languages. The inclusion of new languages is being prepared. A database of translators will allow a systematization of this work that, because of its volume, needs great organization.

It is recommended that, when editing and deciding the texts to be uploaded onto the web, one has co-present the work of the translators.

General calendar

For events, we can take advantage of the days already highlighted, such as March 8 (women's day) or March 17 (anniversary of the war of Iraq)

The next virtual meeting will take place on February 1st 2009 at the same time.

<http://marchmundialcreative.blogspot.com/>



• Wendy Guerra (Cuba)



Writer and Poet. Took a degree in film making at Havana's Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA). She has published her texts in magazines such as Encuentro, La Gaceta de Cuba and Nexos, as well as specialized editions in Artes Plásticas. She considers herself a writer of diaries. Guerra's first poetry collection Platea a oscuras (Poetry, 1987), made her win a prize from the University of Havana on the 13th March 1987; Cabeza rapada: (Poesía, 1996), won the prize Premio Pinos Nuevos, and Posar desnuda in La Habana. Wendy Guerra's source of inspiration was Anaïs Nin, the legendary diarist.

• David Nalbandián (Argentina)



Tennis player. The first Latin-American tennis player to play the semi-finals in all the grand slams. He was world champion in Japan when 14 years old and won the US Open in 1998. In 2005 he won the Masters. In 2006, Nalbandian defeated Fabrice Santoro of France in the quarter finals of the

Australian Open, becoming only the third active player (along with Andre Agassi and Roger Federer) to have reached the semi-finals of each Grand Slam tournament. He fell to No. 26 in the world until his luck changed after winning the 2007 Madrid Masters.

www.davidnalbandian.com

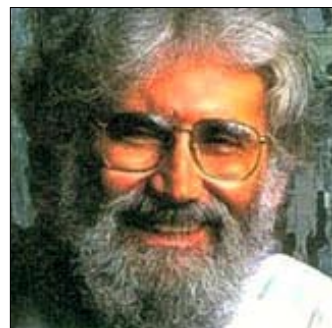
• Jorge Mansilla Torres (Bolivia)



Ambassador of Bolivia in México.

"I want to take part in the March for Peace and Non-Violence; I wish to do this also in support of my country's new constitution that proclaims peace as the first priority of the Bolivian state. War isn't the solution to border conflicts, revenge or the restoration of justice; war is hate, war is death and Bolivia doesn't want that, this can be read in its constitution as the first priority".

• Leonardo Boff (Brasil)



Theologian and Philosopher. Became a Doctor in Philosophy and Theology in Munich University (1970). On returning to Brazil, he helped to consolidate

Liberation Theology. He taught Systematic and Ecumenical Theology in the Franciscan Theology Institute in Petropolis. He was the editor of the magazine Concilium between 1970 and 1995 (International theology magazine), the magazine Cultura Voces between 1984 and 1992 and the Brazilian Ecclesiastical Magazine between 1970 and 1984.

He was professor of Theology and Spirituality in various Brazilian and overseas institutions. He is a Doctor Honoris Causa in politics at Turin University, Italy and in Theology at the University of Lund, Sweden and in the Faculty at the Theology High School in San Leopoldo (Brazil). In 1992 he left the Franciscan Order and the priesthood. Professor of Ethics, Philosophy of Religion and Ecology in the University of Rio de Janeiro. His literary and theological production surpasses 60 books, among them the bestseller "The Eagle and the Chicken" www.leonardoboff.com/site/lboff.htm

• Rafael Olarra Guerrero (Chile)



Football player. In 2006 played in Israel with Maccabi Haifa, but in 2007 he began playing for Universidad de Chile. He started his career in Audax Italiano in 1996, where he remained for two years, then spent time with Universidad de Chile

where he made a name for himself and began to play for the national team. After that he played in Osasuna of Spain, before returning in 2002 to the Universidad de Chile where he stayed another year until he was bought by Independiente de Avellaneda in 2003. After a good period of performance for Independiente, he returned to Chile, but to Universidad Católica - the classic rival that had made him well-known.

• Rolando Araya Monge (Costa Rica)



Politician, author, professor. He has served as a member of Parliament, a Minister, and Municipal Executive in San Jose; as Secretary General of the National Liberation Party, for which he was a presidential candidate in 2002; as vice-president of the Socialist International; and as president of the Ongoing Conference of Latin American Political Parties. He is currently leader of a fledgling party: the Costa Rican Social-Democratic Front.

• José Sacristán (Spain)



A renowned actor in the [continued on page 14](#)

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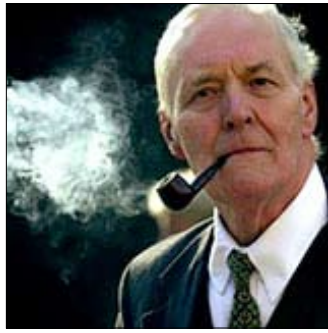
fields of cinema, theatre and TV. As a member of the group of actors named "Landismo", his career turned suddenly after the Spain's transition to democracy, with films like Flor de Otoño or Asignatura Pendiente which helped him improve his acting skills. He has directed 3 films. In 1978 he won the prize for Best Actor for Un hombre llamado "Flor de otoño" in the Festival de Cine de San Sebastián, and in 1982 he won a Fotogramas de Plata prize as Best Actor for the film La Colmena.

• Gianni Pitella (Italy)



Politician and graduate in Medicine and Surgery. Regional Secretary of the Young Socialists; member of the DS (Democrats of the Left) national leadership. Member of the European Parliament since 1999, serving on the Budget, Industry, Research and Energy Committees. President of the Italian Delegation to PSE, the Socialist Group in the European Parliament.

• Tony Benn (United Kingdom)



"The World March will bring people together and give hope to the younger generation whose future depends on our success in making Justice the foundation of Peace."

Socialist Politician. Elected Member of Parliament in 1950 and Member of the Government from 1964-1970 and from 1974-1979.

Co-founder of the Movement for Colonial Freedom and the Hydrogen Bomb National Committee that made a national petition for nuclear disarmament. Campaigned actively against the Suez war, and opposed the wars in Iraq, the Falklands, the Gulf and Yugoslavia. In 1983 attended the Hiroshima Peace Rally. In February 2004 was elected the first President of the Stop the War Coalition. In 2005 received the Frank Cousins Peace Award. Author of 21 books. Currently vice President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

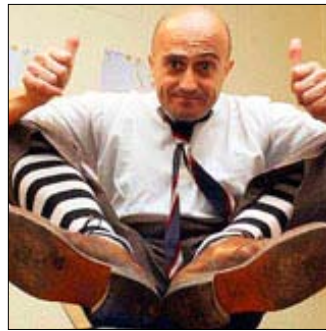
<http://www.tonybenn.com>

• Canol Kocagöz (Turkey)



Cartoonist. His sketches have been published in various daily newspapers as well as political and art magazines since 1970. Canol is the chairman of the Association of Cartoonists since 1996. His work has been exhibited in many countries around the world.

• Pepe Viyuela (Spain)



Actor, writer and poet. Born on June 2nd 1963 in Logroño. He studied drama and got involved in humor making mime parodies with objects. As well as being a big cinema, theater and television lover he has a BA in Philosophy. As a poet, he has won Segunda Edición del Premio Internacional de Poesía Margarita Hierro (second edition of the international poetry prize Margarita Hierro) with the collection of poems Y amarte, sin saber written in memory of the daughter of José Hierro, a famous Spanish poet. In 2003 he published a novel: Bestiario del circo, with a Andrés Aberasturi prologue. He is also member of the NGO "Payasos Sin Fronteras".



World March for Peace and Nonviolence

Organized by World Without Wars, the World March for Peace and Nonviolence will begin in New Zealand on October 2 2009, anniversary of Gandhi's birth and declared by the United Nations "International Day of Nonviolence". After travelling 90 days and six continents, it will culminate on January 2nd 2010 in Punta de Vacas, Argentina, at the foothills of Mount Aconcagua.

It will travel more than 160.000 kilometres, by land, sea and air through more than 90 countries where it is foreseen that more than a million diverse people will participate in thousands of initiatives joined together with the common objective of creating a world consciousness about Peace and the eradication of all kinds of violence in the human being, be it physical, as in wars, or economic, psychological, racial, religious, sexual...

More information:
www.marchamundial.org
www.worldmarchforpeace.org

World without Wars

It is an international organization which has been working for 16 years on the issue of ending all wars, nuclear disarmament and the elimination of all types of violence in the world.

www.mundosinguerras.org



246 days left

All the information about the preparations and about joining the World March can be found at:

www.marcha.mundial.org
www.worldmarchforpeace.org

Read World Without Wars' statement:

www.mundosinguerras.es/docus/63

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Many events are being organized around the World March; below is a list of selected initiatives covered on the internet as well as mailing lists pertaining to this international organization.

Links to Bulletins:

Bulletin 05 • FEB 2009

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ajc6vpgccg4q_468d4scz8dp

Bulletin 04 • ENE 2009

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ajc6vpgccg4q_365dr69w3c4

Bulletin 03 • DIC 2008

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ajc6vpgccg4q_251gnpqv2fn

Bulletin 02 • NOV 2008

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dfzd6365_257d4zj5jhf

Bulletin 01 • OCT 2008

http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=ajc6vpgccg4q_150hg85b9c8

News releases

Cadena 3Com - Argentina

**Pacifist Jerusalem councilman demands cease-fire
(Margalit Meir).**

http://www.cadena3.com.ar/post_ampliado.asp?post=21349

Red marcial - Argentina

Hundred-day-long march will end in Mendoza

<http://www.redmarcial.com.ar/el-recorrido-de-casi-cien-dias-culminara-en-mendoza.1353.html>

Daily Jugantor - Bangladesh

<http://www.jugantor.com/online/content/2009/01/30/news0459.htm>

<http://www.jugantor.com/online/content/2009/01/30/news0460.htm>

Los Tiempos - Bolivia

Humanists prepare for world march for peace

http://www.lostiempos.com/noticias/28-12-08/28_12_08_loc1.php

Comunidad Segura - Brazil

2009, year of the World March for Peace

<http://www.comunidadsegura.org/?q=es/node/41539>

La Nación - Chile

2009, year of the mega walk for peace

http://www.lanacion.cl/prontus_noticias_v2/site/artic/20090107/pags/20090107215740.html

Canal81.com - Chile

Video about WM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xQBYmkD1-M>

Caiga quien Caiga - Chile

Interview at the Match for Peace

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_77PRiRKPso

La Prensa Austral - Chile

Spanish cyclists promote peace and nonviolence

<http://www.laprensaaustral.cl/lpa/noticia.asp?id=32694>

Nueva Región - Chile

President Bachelet joins the World March for Peace and Nonviolence

http://www.nuevaregion.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6846:la-presidente-bachelet-adhirio-a-la-marcha-mundial-por-la-paz-y-la-no-violencia&catid=200:nuevo-humanismo&Itemid=202

La Tercera newspaper- Chile

Bachelet personally endorses international campaign for peace

http://www.latercera.com/contenido/674_98076_9.shtml

Nación Dominicana - Santo Domingo

Bachelet announces World March for Peace and Nonviolence

http://www.lanaciondominicana.com/ver_noticia.php?id_noticia=5958&sesion_periodico=14

Noticias Positivas - Spain

The organization Árbol de la Palabra participates in the World March for Peace and Nonviolence

<http://www.noticiaspositivas.net/noticia.asp?IdNoti=1207>

Madrid Digital - Spain

World March for Peace and Nonviolence: a historical milestone

<http://www.madriiddigital.info/13/11332/marcha-mundial-por-paz-no-violencia-hito-historico.html>

Juanes joins World March for Peace and Nonviolence

<http://www.madriiddigital.info/13/11279/juanes-adhiere-marcha-mundial-por-paz-no-violencia.html>

20 Minutos - Spain

Two Spanish cyclists will travel 7,000 Km. to ask for an end to war

<http://www.20minutos.es/noticia/440841/0/ciclistas/marcha/paznoviolencia/>

Las provincias.es - Spain

The band Niño Stanton supports world peace

http://www.laprovincia.es/secciones/noticia.jsp?pRef=2009010600_15_200359_Cultura-Stanton-mundial

La opinión de Tenerife - Spain

The Socialist Youth of the Canary Islands join the march organized by the World Without Wars association

http://www.laopinion.es/secciones/noticia.jsp?pRef=2009011900_4_194371_Canarias-Juventudes-Socialistas-Canarias-adhieren-marcha-Asociacion-Mundo-Guerra

Utopia trying to carve out a space for itself

http://www.laopinion.es/secciones/noticia.jsp?pRef=2009012100_4_194763_CANARIAS-utopia-buscando-hueco

Metro newspaper, Madrid - Spain

The organization "World Without Wars" supports Yes vote on Evo Morales's referendum



Mayors and Municipalities:

- Municipality of Bresso MI (Italy)
- Municipality of Castenedolo Brescia (Italy)
- Maria del Puerto Gallego Arriola,
- Mayor of Santoña, Cantabria (Spain)
- Miguel Angel Mayorga
- Hampton Bays, New York (USA)
- Luis Justo Mayta Livisi
- Mayor, Municipality of Paucarpata, Arequipa (Peru)

"One has to sign for support to the World March because it is a good cause for Humanity."

Universities:



- Universidad de Mariano Gálvez Quetzaltenango (Guatemala)
- Universidad Friday d'izidro Bendito Maputo (Mozambique)
- Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios Bogotá (Colombia)
- Universidad Pedro de Valdivia Santiago (Chile).
- Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos Lima (Peru)

- Universidad del Pacifico Santiago (Chile)
- Universidad de Uagadugú (Burkina Faso)

- Universidad de Panamá (Panama)

This month, the following universities and educational centres have joined the March for Peace and Nonviolence:

- Universidad de Guayaquil (Ecuador)
- Academia Superior de Artes Medellín (Colombia)
- High School Sports Program Braila (Romania)
- Centro de Educación de Personas Adultas "Paulo Freire" Fuenlabrada, Madrid (Spain)

WM Banners:



New for bloggers and webmasters: Spectacular embeddable banner with day counter and slideshow of participants. Available in several languages: <http://iniciativa.260mb.com>

Map of the March



<http://www.agora9b.org/msgWMMMdocs/MMmapV2%20080829.pdf> [500 Kb]

Music

This month, the WM Creative website received two songs from songwriters in favour of Peace and Nonviolence who are no longer in our midst: Xavier Jiménez and Johnny All, from Barcelona and Lima, respectively. It is moving to hear them sing their thoughtful lyrics ushering in a better world because they do so from another time and place. Memory and the future fuse in the march.

Web

Besides... www.marchamundial.org there is now also: www.worldmarchforpeace.org

...there you will find links to web sites around the world in many different languages.

