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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Three more years of achievements!**

Three years passed since the last activity report for IPYL. The years 2003, 2004 and 2005 passed and left their fingerprints on the lives of the Palestinian people. Presidential and local authorities elections took place in Palestine, the Israeli occupation forces continued its aggression against the Palestinian people, the apartheid wall confiscated almost all the Palestinian agricultural lands, homes and most of our peoples' hope!.

The work of IPYL, as many other institutions and organizations was affected by the Israeli aggression and measures. The ongoing closure of the roads, curfews, strikes and attacks by the army made our mission during the past three years much harder than the years before. The continuous Israeli pressure over the Palestinian economy and social lives had increased the demands from the people in general to fight for getting the basic services and from the young people (our main target group) to ask by all means for better life and conditions. Our official and in official studies and observations show that there has been a very significant increase in the tendency of the young people towards alienation and immigration, which we believe is the worst thing that could happen to our country!

Despite these hardships and increasing challenges, IPYL continued, tirelessly, its work with the usual determination, stamina and dedication. During those three years, IPYL diversified its activities and field of work to match the changing needs of the young people. Special focus was given on youth counseling, capacity building programs and a significant increase in the number of exchanges with the outside world as can be noticed from the report.

Gladly, we present to you, our three years' activities report, which had been developed by both, international and local volunteers and staff members. This report is the result of 36 months of hard work, 144 weeks of devotion and 1,095 days of unlimited giving spirit!

**Adli Daana  
Secretary General**

**March, 2006**



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towards man liberation and freedom. IPYL developed variety of actions in this direction through its media center that has been in action since Feb 2004.

- **National and International Seminars:** IPYL has participated in numerous seminars whereby Palestinian and European youth network, build leadership skills and engage in dialogue. Previous meetings have focused on gender equality, cultural diversity, and conflict resolution.
- **Youth Exchange Programs:** IPYL participates in international exchange programs that enhance intercultural learning. IPYL has coordinated European Voluntary Service programs in Palestine, sent local youth to European work camps and long-term volunteering postings, and facilitated study tours for international organisations.
- **Cultural Activities:** IPYL has been actively involved in promoting Palestinian and Arab culture to youth. It has collaborated on the preservation of Hebron's Old City, and promotes literature, music and dance to local youth in its work camps and study tours.
- **Strategic Alliances:** IPYL frequently networks with national and international organisations in an effort to cooperate on youth initiatives. Current linkages exist with the Youth Development Department in Palestine and Baladna in Israel. IPYL has also collaborated with international peace and youth networks, including Youth Action for Peace, Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, Mediterranean Youth Forum, Alliance, Intercultural Cultural Youth Exchange, Service Civil International and INFOYOUTH.

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## OUR ACTIVITIES - 2003

### VOLUNTEERING

#### Long Term voluntary placements - Incoming

IPYL placed 15 long-term international volunteers in different voluntary stations in Palestinian organizations.

**DARRAN:** Irish volunteer working in 8 schools from the Old City of Hebron from January until March 2003, in the framework of the ongoing project *Schools Across Borders*.

**SATOMI:** Japanese volunteer who was working part time at the office of IPYL from January until July 2003.

**LIAM:** Volunteer from the Netherlands. He was developing the IPYL website during June and July 2003.

**MARINA:** French volunteer. She was placed at the Youth Development Department (Jerusalem) starting June 2003 until June 2004.

**PILAR:** Spanish volunteer. She was in charge of the Info point for scholarships at IPYL. From September 2003 to January 2004

Within the framework of the **European Voluntary Service** there were ten volunteers working between February and August 2003. They were placed as follows:

- **MARIE** (French): Women Centre Shufat Refugee Camp
- **ELISE** (French): Women Blind Centre and Youth Development Department, Jerusalem.
- **MALAAK** (German): Princess Basmaa Centre, Jerusalem.
- **SERGI** (Spanish): Burj Al Luq Luq, Jerusalem.
- **MICHELE** (Italian): Baladna, Haifa.
- **AJAY** (Italian): Baladna, Haifa.
- **ALVARO** (Spanish): Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Hebron.
- **MONICA** (Spanish): International Palestinian Youth League, Hebron.
- **DEREK** (Irish): International Palestinian Youth League, Hebron.
- **TIZIANA** (Italian): General Union of Palestinian Working Women, Ramallah.

### Long-term voluntary services - Outgoing

IPYL placed 5 long-term volunteers in projects in France within the framework of the European voluntary Service funded by the European Commission:

- **SULAIMAN Hijazi** (Old City Hebron): Nine months voluntary service in *Katimavik* Le Créneau, centre of Solidarites Jeunesses. The project took place between September 2003 and June 2004.
- **WISAM Lahaseh** (Al Aroub Camp): Nine months voluntary service in La Garenne, hosted by Solidarites Jeunesses. The project took place between September 2003 and June 2004.
- **AMANI Shnaiwer** (Dhahiriya): Three months voluntary service (November 04 – February 05) hosted by the Municipality of the village of Montataire.
- **DAOUD Arar** (Bet Ommar) : Three months voluntary service (November 04 – February 05) at the Municipality of Montataire.
- **ALA'A Sinoqrout** (Hebron): Three months voluntary service (November 04 – February 05) at the Municipality of Montataire.

### Workcamps - Incoming

IPYL organized during summer and fall 2003 four international workcamps. The camps took place according to the following program:

**IPYL035:** It took place in the Old city of Jerusalem. This camp was organized in close cooperation with the Youth Development Department of the Orient House and hosted for the second year in a row by the Burj al Luq Luq Community Centre. The work included maintenance of the place, renovations and fixing deserted lands. 12 international volunteers and 7 locals attended the workcamp. It took place between 4<sup>th</sup> of July – 18<sup>th</sup> of July. From the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July the workcamp was hosted by the Students Council of the Open University in Hebron.

**IPYL036:** From August 2 – 16, 35 participants (30 international, 5 local) gathered in Beit Duqqu village, in the North West of Jerusalem. The workcamp was organized in cooperation with the Youth Development Department of the Orient House and was hosted by the Beit Duqqu Community Centre. The work developed by the volunteers was mostly agricultural and cleaning of lands and community open spaces.

**IPYL037:** It took place in Jericho and the General Union of the Palestinian Peasants and Agri Coop hosted it. The volunteers assisted the peasants of the cooperative on their harvesting and the renovation of lands destroyed by the Israeli bulldozers. There were 5 international and 5 local volunteers. It took place between

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the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

**IPYL038:** The Christmas workcamp took place in Jericho and the General Union of the Palestinian Peasants and Agri. Coop hosted it as a continuation of the October workcamp. The volunteers assisted the peasants of the cooperative on their harvesting and the renovation of lands destroyed by the Israeli bulldozers. There were 40 international and 10 local volunteers. It took place from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

### Workcamps - Outgoing

Due to the restrictions of movement imposed by the Israeli Authorities on Palestinians and the difficult political and social situation of Palestine, **IPYL** reduced the number of volunteers placed in workcamps abroad to 5 persons:

- **IMAD Shawar:** Workcamp organized by Solidarites Jeunesses (SJ) in Condeon (France) from 31/07/2003 to 25/08/2003.
- **FAKRI Muhtaseb:** Workcamp organized by SJ in Condeon (Poitou – Charentes) from 31/07/2003 to 25/08/2003.
- **HUSAM Qawasmeh :** Workcamp organized by SJ in Beauvoisin (France) from 06/09/2003 to 27/09/2003.
- **WAJDI Natcheh:** Workcamp organized by SJ in Beauvoisin (France) from 06/09/2003 to 27/09/2003.
- **HISHAM Sarsour:** Workcamp organized by SCI in Netherlands and Germany. Participation as a volunteer and co-leader.

### Interships

During 2003 there were no interns at **IPYL** or placed by **IPYL** either outgoing or incoming. Even though **IPYL** received 11 applications for that purpose, finally none of them went through.

## INT. SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES

### Contact making seminar in Turkey

**IPYL** participated with one delegate to the contact-making seminar organized by GSM in Ankara from the 26/1/2003 to the 29/01/2003. The aim of the meeting was to facilitate the establishment of contacts between youth organizations of Europe and the Mediterranean area. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### Training for facilitators

Training session organized by Youth Action for Peace and the European Youth Centre in Budapest (Hungary) from April 13-20. The meeting tackled issues on how to facilitate youth activities and how to manage and evaluate them. **IPYL** sent one delegate. Thirty participants from Europe and the Mediterranean countries

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attended the session. The Council of Europe funded it.

### **Training course on management of non-governmental youth organisations**

Training course to develop skills and knowledge to competently run and manage Youth NGO's organizations in order to contribute to sustainable and developed participation of young people in democratic society. This course was organized by **Youth Action for Peace** in Budapest (Hungary) from 3-14 June. IPYL was entitled to appoint one participant. The Council of Europe funded the meeting.

### **Youth and community based study tour**

From June 13 to July 12, the International Visitors Program of the State Department (USA) implemented a study tour to discover different youth and community based projects and learn from the American experience. IPYL was among the ten organizations invited to take part in the tour. The trip was funded by the State Department of the Government of the United States of America.

### **Finding a Common Ground: Conflict Resolution and Mediation through Focusing on the Environment**

Training seminar on conflict resolution organized by **Youth Promoting Peace** from 6 to 12 July 2003 in Cyprus (Nicosia, Pafos, Kermia). **IPYL** participated with a delegation of 5 young people (3 boys and 2 girls) among a group of 55 people of 10 different nationalities. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **Arte Diem**

From 5 to 25 August took place in Alcobendas (Spain) the major annual meeting of **Youth Action for Peace** related with Arts as a tool to promote peace. The idea of Arte Diem is to combine different expressions of art and to organize a peace-oriented performance that is shown to the local population. There were 50 participants of 25 different nationalities, among them one Palestinian (Bashar) representing IPYL. The Council of Europe and the Municipality of Alcobendas funded the meeting. It was organized by **Waslala** and **Casa de la Juventud de Alcobendas**.

### **World Youth Congress on Environmental issues**

Big gathering of 2500 young people from all around the world organized and funded by Peace Child International. The participants discussed during one month (15 August – 15 September) how to mobilize tools and instruments through youth organizations in order to achieve sustainable development and how to implement projects with their local communities. IPYL sent one participant to Casa Blanca (Morocco) to participate in the event.

### **Intercultural Youth Dialogue II**

For the second year in a row, **IPYL** participated in the Intercultural Youth Dialogue organized by **Baladna** –

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**Arab Youth Association** in Nazareth. Fifty participants from 7 different nationalities meet to discuss about how to establish dialogue among different cultures and religions, based on respect and tolerance. This serial of dialogues is organized by Youth Action for Peace in order to discuss the reasons for the growing anti-Islam and anti-Arab phenomena after the September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting took place from the 21 to 25 September. The Euro Med Youth Action Program of the European Commission supported it.

### UNESCO Youth Forum 2003

Annual meeting supported by the **UNESCO** that aims at debating issues of concern for the young people all over the world. The issues covered on this conference were: Fresh water, AIDS and youth development. The meeting took place at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris from 26 to 28 September.



### Empowering the EVS program

Study session organized by AVSO that aimed at developing the quality of the EVS programs. It took place in Prague during 10-17 October. IPYL was entitled to send one delegate among the 63 participants. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### Engaging youth in community development

Study session organized by the Salzburg Seminar that aimed at discussing the role of youth organization empowering the civil society. It took place in Salzburg (Austria) where 50 representatives of youth organizations gathered, among them IPYL. The meeting (10-17 October) was funded by the American Consulate of Jerusalem.

### Community service and voluntarism in the USA

From November 20 to December 11, the International Visitors Program of the State Department (USA)

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implemented a study trip to voluntary work organizations in five different states of the United States of America. IPYL had a representative among the 19 participants coming from different parts of the world. The trip was funded by the State Department of the Government of the United States of America.

### Islam in Europe

Study session and seminar organized and funded by the European Educational Exchange and the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organization between 8 - 14 December in Strasbourg. The participants gathered to analyze the situation of the Muslim community in Europe after the September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting aimed at concluding with a strategy on how to work with the local communities of Europe in order to address and prevent any Islam phobia growing within the continent. IPYL was represented with one delegate in the meeting.

### Youth and artist let's work together

From 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December took place in Tiemcem (Algeria) a meeting among people of both shores of the Mediterranean to discuss the promotion of arts among youth as a tool to generate intercultural understanding. IPYL was member of the Preparation team of the meeting organized by the organization **Xarxa**, from Liria (Spain). The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

## TWINNINGS

### Schools Across Borders

**Since August 2001**, and in light of the complicated political and security situation in Palestine and mainly in **Hebron**, IPYL launched the "Schools Across Borders" project which was a self financed project that targets schools children from the occupied part of Hebron city in the southern part of Palestine. The main idea of this project is to create contacts between eight children schools in the Old City of Hebron (4 boys' schools and 4 girl's schools) and others in Europe (Ireland). Through this project, the children are able to express and share their thoughts and ideas with children the same age in Ireland.

The overall goal of the project is to make young people aware of universal values and to give them opportunities to give expression to these values in ways that will establish the school place as the obvious and best-suited locum for such a project. In other words, this project aims to promote universal values in order to underpin a more responsible-minded education that anticipates both the society it caters for and the wider world beyond it promoting awareness and effective dialogue. "Schools across borders" is an ongoing project.

For the first time 4 schoolgirls from Hebron had the chance to travel to Ireland to meet their peers. A teacher, a member of the Hebron Directorate of Education and a representative of IPYL accompanied

them. The trip took place in December.



### **Palestina – Cauca Tour**

For the second year in a row the Spanish Troup Cauca organized a free tour in Palestine for Palestinian children visiting mostly schools and orphanages. A volunteer of IPYL assisted the performance and the logistics of the group during two months of their tour in Ramallah, Tulkarem and Hebron.

### **LANGUAGE TRAINING**

IPYL provided two non-lucrative **English courses** in three levels (Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced) to a total of 92 young people of the district of Hebron during 6 months (65 hours).

IPYL also organised a non-lucrative **Spanish course** for beginners for a total of three months. There were 15 beneficiaries (34 hours).

Teachers were native-speakers.

### **STUDY VISITS in PALESTINE**

IPYL received in 2003 over 30 foreign groups and briefed them about the situation of youth in Palestine. Most of these groups were delegations members of the **CCIPP, French-Swiss Group from Collectif**

**Urgence Palestine, ISM, Xarxa d'Enllac amb Palestina (Catalonia), Youth Action for Peace and International Civil Service.**



IPYL also organised over 20 study trips for the international students of the PAS program of the University of Birzeit and other groups and individuals.

IPYL implemented and participated in other local study trips in Palestine:

- Two study visits to the Bedouin community of Beni Naim during the month of June. Organised by a volunteer of IPYL on 28/29<sup>th</sup> June and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July.
- Study trip to the unrecognized villages of the Neguev. Organised by two volunteers of Baladna – Association for Arab Youth on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March.
- Study trip to the Golan Heights, organised by Baladna – Association for Arab Youth. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- Study trip to the Hebron district confiscated lands. Organised by Palestinian Agricultural Centre, Hebron. 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- Solidarity day with the unrecognized villages: Study trip and tree planting on the Neguev during the Day Land (30/03).

#### **YOUTH INFORMATION CENTRE**

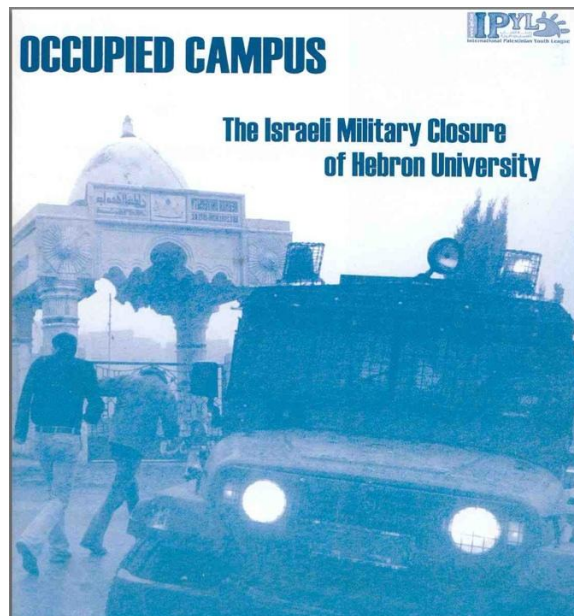
IPYL offered more than 200 hours of free consultancy for the local youth of Hebron on scholarship and job opportunities. Three computers were of free access for any young person all year long in order to assist them to search on the Internet. Besides, the library was restructured and enlarged. The Info point provides information on issues related with health, environment protection, human rights, travelling abroad, Palestine, education, foreign languages and some periodicals.

The organisation offered more than 100 hours of free consultancy to different local organisations on fundraising strategies and strategic planning in Palestine.

## RESEARCHES & PUBLICATIONS

### **Position Paper on the military closure of Hebron University**

This position paper is the outcome of an IPYL study into the Israeli military closure of Hebron University during 2003. IPYL undertook this research in order to expose to the world the realities behind a particularly harsh policy of collective punishment enforced by the state of Israel for decades. The study was developed from June to August 2003. IPYL published and distributed 1000 copies. The report contains 64 pages and it is available on IPYL's website.



### **Report of activities 1997-2002**

IPYL published its first report of activities which cover the period of years 1997-2002 under title: *International Palestinian Youth League: Six years ON*. The report lies on 20 pages and contains most of the activities that IPYL managed to document during the march of the organisation for these six years. One thousand copies were printed.

### **New Brochure of IPYL**

Under the title: *International Palestinian Youth League: for a Brighter Future...* IPYL edited a full colour brochure which explains IPYL's main goals and activities. Three thousand copies were printed and are being distributed all around the world.

New website: [www.ipyl.org](http://www.ipyl.org)



At the end of the year 2002, IPYL identified the need to refresh and expand its approach to the usage and positive benefits of Internet communication. Therefore, it was decided to develop a new website under the title “A tool for the Youth”. The aim of this project was to enhance and develop the content of the IPYL website so that it becomes a more vital and interesting ‘information arena’, thus ensuring that communication to and from Hebron becomes more clear, up-to-date and relevant to the needs of both the people of Hebron and the outside world. The website started to be operative on October 2003 under a test phase. The website was developed mostly with the assistance of international volunteers and therefore its contents are in English. The Arabic version is foreseen.

### Voices from Palestine

Newsletter edited by the EVS volunteers about their experience and the political situation in all the corners of historical Palestine. Three numbers were edited and distributed online from March to May.

### Peace and ICT- Dialogue with young people

IPYL created a discussion e-list to discuss about peace issues and perspectives. The projects aimed at promoting peace values and developing skills of discussion. 36 young people from Palestine and 20 from other parts of the world were actively involved in the discussions between January and February.

## LOCAL STATUTORY RELATIONS

### Union of Palestinian Youth organisations

IPYL is a founding and board member of this national coalition of 20 active youth organisations in Palestine (it has two members in the board). The Union aims at collecting the youth organisations efforts into a more productive direction and aims at enhancing cooperation and coordination among youth

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organisations in Palestine. It pretends to be a first step toward the creation of the Palestinian Youth Council. It was established in January 2003 in Ramallah.

IPYL attended most of the public meetings related to youth policies and youth development establish by any of the bodies of the Ministry of Youth, Ministry of NGO's Affairs, Ministry of Interior and Hebron Directorate of Education.

### INTERNATIONAL STATUTORY REL.

#### Committee of Directors of Youth Action for Peace

The statutory meetings of the umbrella organisation of **IPYL** took place as follow:

1. Brussels - Belgium (21-23 February). IPYL participated with 4 delegates to the meeting.
2. Cluj – Romania (17-19 October). IPYL's delegates couldn't participate in the meeting because they didn't obtain the required visa to enter the country.

#### Strategic planning of Youth Action for Peace

**IPYL** nominated a member of its board to be part of the team in charge to develop the strategic plan of the organisation for the five years coming. The strategic planning of YAP was finished after four very intensive meetings in Europe which started in December 2003 and lasted for three months.

#### Euro Med Youth Platform

This platform aims at bringing young people from the Mediterranean and European region together in an environment of tolerance and mutual understanding, facilitating networking between different youth organisations, assisting the capacity building, increasing the participation and sharing relevant information and exchanging good practice. The launching of the Euromed Youth Platform was in the island of Malta between the 17-21 September. IPYL is a founding member of the platform.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

### **Collective *Iftar* (Ramadan Breakfast)**

**IPYL** celebrated a collective Ramadan **Iftar** (breakfast) the 9<sup>th</sup> November for its members and workers of international organisations and NGOs in Hebron district (Red Cross, World Food Program, UNICEF, OCHA, Christian Peace Maker Team, Doctors Without Borders). The activity aimed at building bridges of understanding among cultures and religions and to address the stereotypes on Islam. Sixty people assisted to the breakfast sponsored by Iyad's Restaurant, in Hebron.

## DONORS

**IPYL** met with different donors during the year in order to present **IPYL**'s aims and activities and search for cooperation: Tamkeen, French Cooperation, Spanish Cooperation, Dutch Cooperation, USA Cultural Affairs Office, Irish Aid Office, Danish Representative Office.

**IPYL** also met with the French Consul, the Spanish Consul and the Danish Representative Office to introduce our activities.

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## OUR ACTIVITIES - 2004

### VOLUNTEERING

#### Long Term voluntary placements - Incoming

IPYL placed 17 long-term international volunteers in different voluntary stations in Palestinian organizations (from a total of 43 demands).

**DARRAN:** Irish volunteer working in 8 schools from the Old City of Hebron from January until April 2004, in the framework of the ongoing project Schools Across Borders.

**MOLLY:** Volunteer from the USA that assisted for three months (January – April) the Schools Across Borders project and taught English in three levels (beginners, Intermediate and Advanced). She also assisted on editing work at the office of IPYL.

Within the framework of the **European Voluntary Service** there were 13 volunteers working between January and July (In cooperation with Youth Action for Peace) and two additional volunteers from March to September 2004 (In partnership with International civil Service). They were placed as follow:

- **SONIA** (French): Women's' Centre, Shu'fat Refugee Camp
- **CAROLINE** (Belgium): Youth Development Department, Beit Hanina.
- **CECILE** (French): Princess Basmaa Centre, Jerusalem.
- **ANNA** (Italian): Princess Basmaa Centre, Jerusalem.
- **ALESSANDRA** (Italian): Old City Youth Club, Jerusalem.
- **TILMAN** (German): PYALARA, Ar Ram.
- **PHILLIP** (German): Burj Al Luq Luq, Jerusalem.
- **ROGER** (Spanish): Burj Al Luq Luq, Jerusalem.
- **ANDREAS** (Swedish): International Palestinian Youth League, Hebron.
- **JOE** (British): International Palestinian Youth League, Hebron.
- **MATTHIAS** (German): Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Hebron.
- **MARIEKE** (French): International Palestinian Youth League, Hebron.
- **IMRGARD** (German): Palestinian Child Art Centre, Hebron.
- **SARA** (Italian): Palestinian Centre for Media, Research and Development, Hebron.
- **PAU** (Hebron): Palestinian Children Home Club, Hebron.

### Long-term voluntary services - Outgoing

IPYL placed 5 long-term volunteers in projects in Europe within the framework of the European voluntary Service funded by the European Commission:

**TAREQ DAANA-** (Hebron): Placed in the main office of Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI) in Rome (Italy) from 30/03/2004 to 30/09/2004.

**WASEF JABARI-** (Old City Hebron): Placed in Leuven (Belgium) hosted by VIA, from May to November.

**MOTASEM ABUKHALAF-** (Hebron): Placed in the main office of SCI – Catalunya in Barcelona (Spain), from July to January 2005.

**SHEREEN BARAKAT-** (Jerusalem): Volunteer of YDD placed in the partner organisation Kurve Wustrow (Germany). Her mission lasts between the period 01/07/2004 - 30/06/2005.

**MAHMOUD QAOD-** (Hebron): volunteer placed in Liria (Valencia, Spain) to cooperate with the organisation Xarxa in anti-xenophobia campaigns in the Spanish schools. His mission lasts between 01/11/2004 and 01/05/2005.

### Workcamps - Incoming

IPYL organised three international workcamps in 2004. The camps took place according to the following program:

**IPYL039:** It took place in the Old city of Jerusalem. This camp was organized in close cooperation with the Youth Development Department of the Orient House and hosted for the second year in a row by the Burj al Luq Luq Community Centre. The work included maintenance of the place, renovations and rehabilitating abandoned lands. 15 international volunteers and 5 locals attended the workcamp. It took place between 17<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> July.

**IPYL040:** From August 14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, volunteers (35 international, 5 local) gathered in Beit Duqqu village, in the North West of Jerusalem. The workcamp was organised in cooperation with the Youth Development Department of the Orient House and was hosted by the Beit Duqqu Community Centre. The work developed by the volunteers was mostly agricultural work on lands and community open spaces.

**IPYL041:** The Christmas workcamp took place in Jericho and was hosted by the General Union of the Palestinian Peasants and Agri. Coop.



The volunteers assisted the peasants of the cooperative on their harvesting and the renovation of lands destroyed by the Israeli bulldozers. There were 45 international and 10 local volunteers. It took place from 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December.

IPYL also organised a workcamp for the **Japanese campaign for the Children of Palestine** in the Burj al Luq Luq Community Centre (Old City of Jerusalem). The workcamp took place between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2004 and it had 6 Japanese volunteers that assisted in the development of the leisure programs of the children of the centre.

### Workcamps - Outgoing

Due to the restrictions of movement imposed by the Israeli Authorities on Palestinians and the difficult political and social situation of Palestine, **IPYL** reduced the number of volunteers placed in workcamps abroad to 4 persons:

- **IMAD SHAWAR:** Workcamp organized by Youth Action for Peace - Italia in Rome from 01/07/2004 to 25/07/2004.
- **BASHAR ZA'ATARI:** Workcamp organized by Walsall in Madrid (Spain) in August.
- **YASSER QASRAWI:** Workcamp organized by Solidarites Jeunesses (SJ) in Beauvoisin (France) in July.
- **HAITHAM TOWFAKJI:** Workcamp organized by SJ Poiteau (France) in August.

### Internships - Incoming

IPYL hosted during 2004 nine interns working on different projects:

**QUIM, ROGER, MARC AND PAU:** Newly graduate film makers from Catalonia. The group was

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recommended by our partner organization in Barcelona Xarxa d'Enllac amb Palestina. They worked on a documentary about the parallel lives of children in Barcelona and Hebron. IPYL assisted them during all the phases of the production of the documentary in Palestine. They worked between April and July.

**ALBERT** and **ELENA**: students from the University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain). Both students initiated the design, methodology and calendar of implementation for the Solidarity Campus Campaign (SCC). The **SCC** is an international campaign promoted and developed by the **Link Network for Palestine** - Catalan NGO (**XEP**), the students Council from **Pompeu Fabra University (CEUPF)** in Barcelona and **IPYL**. The campaign aims at promoting cooperation and interaction among student bodies from Palestinian and Catalan Universities. Both interns stayed a total of two months between July and August. Their stay was funded thanks to a partnership agreement signed between the University Pompeu Fabra and IPYL.

**CHRISTINE**: From Lausanne University (Switzerland). She was assisted by IPYL in order to develop her research on the impact of the graffiti on the Palestinian Israeli conflict (August-October 2004)

**SHARON WALKER**: from Seattle University (USA). She spent two weeks at IPYL office during September researching information to finalize her degree project, consisting of creating strategic planning for Palestinian NGO's.

**ANNE**: student from Switzerland. She developed research and a documentary on the impact of the Israeli measures on the Palestinians living in the old city of Hebron (September – October).

### INT. SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES

#### **Volunteering as a tool for Peace in the Middle-East – EVS Training**

**Youth Action for Peace (YAP)** organized in Brussels a centralized training for the group of long-term volunteers placed in projects in Palestine. IPYL was part of the team of trainers. The training took place between 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

#### **Overcoming North-South Divisions: Opening Dialogue in the Mediterranean Region**

International dialogue organized by the Catalan branch of the Young European Federalist (JEF) in Barcelona (Spain) from 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March. Sixty participants from 15 nationalities of both sides of the Mediterranean discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> enlargement of the European Union and the ongoing conflicts threatening the Mediterranean region.



The seminar tackled inter-religious dialogue as a way to promote the stability of the region. IPYL participated actively in the design and implementation of the seminar as a main partner of the project. The organization sent three participants and a lecturer for the occasion. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **EVS exchanges: strengthening cooperation and partnership between Europe and the Middle East**

IPYL sent a trainer for the preparation training for the exchange of long term volunteers between Europe and the Middle East. The volunteer exchange was a project of International Civil Service and the preparation training took place in Rome between 24-28/03/04. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **Training on Awareness Raising, Public Relations and Lobbying**

International training organized by **Youth Action for Peace** in the European Youth Centre (Strasbourg, France) between the 28<sup>th</sup> of March and 4<sup>th</sup> of April. The 34 participants were trained in new techniques and theories on public relations, lobbying and communication skills for directing NGO's. IPYL sent two participants. The meeting was funded by the Council of Europe.

### **International Conference for One Democratic State in Palestine**

International political conference that took place in Lausanne University, from 23-25 June. It aimed at exploring the possibilities of having one democratic state in the historical Palestine. IPYL participated and presented a paper to this conference. It gathered 150 participants from 20 countries. It was financed by the Coalition for a Democratic State in Palestine.



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### **Arte Diem or another way to understand diversity**

This activity was the follow up of a similar activity that took place in Spain in summer 2003. During the project, participants from 15 different nationalities exchanged impressions on thematic issues such as neo-liberalism, anti-racism and xenophobia, using arts as communication tools and cooperating with a refugee centre. The activity was organized by Youth Action for Peace in cooperation with Perpetuum Mobile International. It took place in Gnas and Straden (Austria) from 20<sup>th</sup> August to 10<sup>th</sup> September. The activity was financed by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **Intercultural learning as a tool for a better inter-religious dialogue**

In partnership with The Arab Youth Association – Baladna, Youth Action for Peace (YAP) held the seminar “**Intercultural Learning as a Tool for Inter-Religious Dialogue**”. This was the third annual international Youth seminar held in Nazareth, to explore new ways to strengthen intercultural cooperation and create constructive dialogue on the subject of religion in religious and secular circles. The dialogues during the meeting focused on the xenophobic attitudes and misinformed stereotypes in Western cultures about Islam and Muslim communities. IPYL had two representatives among the group of 30 people. The meeting took place between the 6-10 September and it was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **Young leaders: Effecting Social, Political and Economic Change**

From September 7 – 24, the International Visitors Program of the State Department (USA) implemented its training “Young leaders: Effecting Social, Political and Economic Change”. One young leader from IPYL was selected for the occasion. The training was funded by the State Department of the Government of the United States of America.

### **Contact-Making seminar in Italy**

IPYL sent one delegate to the contact-making seminar organized by **SCI – Italia** in Marina de Massa between **6/10/2004 and 10/10/2004**. The aim of the meeting was to facilitate the establishment of contacts between youth organizations of Europe and the Mediterranean.

### **Supporting Euromed organizations in developing projects**

Training course on European Voluntary Service organized by ARCI Catania in Sicily, from the -7/10/2004 to the 13/10/2004. IPYL sent two young person to the meeting, funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

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### **Strengthening cooperation and partnership between Europe and the Middle East – EVS Evaluation session**

Evaluation session of the exchange of long term volunteers between organizations in Europe (Spain, Belgium and Italy) and the Middle East (Lebanon and Palestine). It took place in Rome between the 8 – 10 October. The project was organized by SCI – Italia. IPYL was part of the team of trainers. The meeting was funded by the European Commission under the framework of the Euromed YOUTH program.

### **Values and violence: voluntary service and conflict prevention in the Mediterranean**

Training session that aimed at promoting the values of non-violence and voluntary services programs and conflict prevention activities in the Mediterranean basin. The meeting (Safi – Morocco, 9-15 October) was funded and organized by CCIVS. IPYL sent one participant.

### **Human rights educational training for inclusion**

International training organized by the Spanish organisation Xarxa in Liria (Valencia). The training tackled the situation of Human rights in the Mediterranean area after September 11<sup>th</sup>. The training aimed to make the participants aware of human rights and to give them tools to promote them in their countries as a way to promote good governance, maintain social cohesion and generate political stability. IPYL sent a delegation of six participants and a trainer between the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.



### **Volunteering as a tool for Peace in the Middle-East – EVS Evaluation session**

Three months after the end of the project (4 – 7 November), the 11 long term volunteers of Youth Action for Peace that spent six months in projects in Palestine meet again in Brussels to share their feelings and evaluate their voluntary experience. IPYL was part of the team of trainers. The meeting was funded by the

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European Commission under the framework of the Euromed YOUTH program.

### **The role of youth organizations in peace building and understanding within the Mediterranean area**

Short discussion session in Barcelona (Catalonia) where 17 participants tried to discuss the role of youth organizations in the peace building process in the Middle East. Through this meeting, IPYL negotiated the possibility to develop an agreement of cooperation between the Catalan Government and the youth associations in Palestine.

The meeting was organized by the General Secretariat of Youth of the Catalan Government and took place between the 15-21<sup>st</sup> of November. It was funded by the Euromed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

### **Contact making seminar Turkey**

Meeting organized by the **Association of Voluntary Service Organizations (AVSO)** and hosted by Gençtur between 8 – 12 December in Istanbul. The main objective of the meeting was to establish contacts between the organizations from the EU and the Mediterranean that will trigger new volunteer exchange projects, as a result enhancing young peoples' mobility and promoting the participation and inclusion of young people in the development of civil society. The meeting hosted 50 representatives of different organizations in both sides of the Mediterranean. IPYL participated with one delegate. The project was funded by the EuroMed YOUTH program of the European Commission.

## CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

### **MEDHebron: Democratization from the grassroots**

**SCI-Italia** and **IPYL** started implementing in February 2004 a MEDA project in the Hebron district, funded by the European Commission.

The project's ultimate aim is to start a democratization process through the participation and the empowerment of civil society through the use of media. It is a pilot project which addresses three main target groups:

- 1) Key people and leaders of the civil society
- 2) Local administrators
- 3) Youth

The project will be developed until August 2006 on twin complementary tracks. The first track focuses on democracy and human rights education and is being implemented through seminars, workshops, open meetings and exchanges. The second track concentrates on community media empowerment, based on professional training courses, workshops and local media production.

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From February until December 2004, IPYL and SCI achieved within the framework of this project:



- Creation and inauguration (December) of a Media centre in Hebron.
- Nine workshops on democracy and human rights
- One major seminar (three days conferences) on democratic process and institutions
- One professional training course on radio and networking
- Three workshops on video, audio and photography.
- Six public meetings during the voting campaign
- 13 members of IPYL received an official status as observers during the elections process
- 80 visits to operating media stations in Hebron district.

### **Voluntarism in the Palestinian society**

Workshop organized by the Palestinian Commission of NGOs Affairs in Hebron between 17-19 May. IPYL sent 5 participants to the meeting and presented a paper on International Experiences on Voluntarism. IPYL participated actively in this workshop which aimed at drawing a policy for the voluntary service in Palestine.

### **Course on Voluntarism**

Training course organized by the Youth and Volunteers Department of the Red Crescent Society (Hebron) on how to run voluntary activities. Six young delegates of IPYL attended the training during three days in May.



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schools of Hebron between January and March. Through this project, the children are able to express and share their thoughts and ideas with children the same age in Ireland. IPYL is a main partner to this project funded by the Development Education Unit, affiliated to Development Co-operation Ireland and the Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project also receives sponsorship from Trocaire and ASTI (the main secondary school teachers' union in Ireland).

### Solidarity Campus Campaign

IPYL together with Xarxa d'Enllac amb Palestina and the students Council from **Pompeu Fabra University** (Barcelona) are the main partners of this international Campaign that aims at promoting cooperation and interaction among student bodies from Palestinian and Catalan Universities. The first test phase of the project was established between October and December 2004. The eleven universities from Gaza and West Bank are involved in the project. The project is currently collecting partnerships agreements from the Catalan universities. During the first phase a first agreement was signed between the Polytechnic University of Hebron and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

### LANGUAGE TRAINING

IPYL provided two non-lucrative **English courses** in three levels (Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced) to a total of 101 young people of the district of Hebron during a 6 month period. The courses started in February. These courses were organized in cooperation with the Palestinian Child Home Club. The quality of the courses increased thanks to the books purchased with a grant of the Cultural Affairs Department of the American Consulate in Jerusalem.

A course on **French language** was organized between the months of February and April (34 hours). There were 5 beneficiaries. This course was organized in cooperation with the Palestinian Child Home Club.

IPYL also organized a non-lucrative **Spanish course** for beginners for a total of three months. There were 20 beneficiaries (34 hours). The course started in December.

Teachers were in all cases native-speakers.

### STUDY VISITS

In 2004 IPYL received over 20 foreign delegations and briefed them about the situation of youth in Palestine and IPYL activities. Most of these groups were delegations of the **CCIPP**, **Xarxa d'Enllac amb Palestina** (Catalonia), **Palestina Lliure** (Valencia), **Palestina Resisteix** (Catalonia), **Youth Action for Peace** and **International Civil Service**.

IPYL also organized over 15 study trips for the international students of the PAS program of Birzeit University (April, July and October) and other delegations and individuals.

IPYL participated actively in the study trip of the delegation of the European Youth Forum in August, as well as in the study visit of the evaluation committee of the Euro-Med Program between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of

May.

IPYL organized and participated in other local study trips in Palestine:

- Three study visits to the Bedouin community of Beni Naim during the month of June and July. Organized by a volunteer of IPYL on 7/8 June and 15/16 and 29/30 July. A total of 21 volunteers participated in the trips.
- Study visits to Palestinian villages destroyed by the Israeli Army in the 1940s. Organized by the Billy Brandt Centre (Jerusalem). A total of 5 international volunteers of IPYL participated in the trip.
- Study trip to Haifa to study the situation of the Arab population. Organized by Baladna – Association for Arab Youth. A total of 11 international volunteers of IPYL participated in the trip.

### YOUTH INFORMATION CENTRE

IPYL offered more than 150 hours of free consultancy for the local youth of Hebron on scholarship and job opportunities. Three new computers offered free access to the internet for any young person in order to assist them to search for opportunities. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July IPYL organized a special day of consultancy to inform youth about the scholarship opportunities available to the new high school graduates.



IPYL also offered more than 80 hours of free counseling for other Palestinian organizations:

- Karmel Youth Club
- Palestinian Child Home Club
- Palestinian Center for Agricultural services
- Al Hourieh Radio Station
- Al Jozoor Children Center- Al Aroub Refugee Camp

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- Jericho Youth Club
- Hebron Youth Club
- Baider, Bethlehem

### RESEARCHES & PUBLICATIONS

#### New website [www.etawhiji.org](http://www.etawhiji.org)

IPYL launched a new website to provide the Tawjihi students a free service through which they can download past exam papers and their proper answers in the 13 different subjects. The website aims to become a tool for the students by providing them with all the information related to these important examinations and provide the necessary advice and support for them and their families. The UNESCO funded the project.

#### Co-production of the documentary *Sin Piedras (Without Stones)*

The one-hour documentary approaches the life and realities of two children: Sergi from Barcelona and Yazan from Hebron. The video was produced by the Swiss company Lost Artist was designed and directed by a team of newly graduated professionals from Catalonia (Spain) who contacted IPYL through our **partner Xarxa d'Enllac amb Palestina** for its assistance on the production in Palestine. The video aims at establishing parallelism between childhoods all over the world, independent of the political situation where the kids are growing.

### LOCAL STATUTORY RELATIONS

#### Palestinian Youth Resource Center

IPYL is a board member of the new Youth resource centre located in Ramallah that provides services for the youth in the whole West Bank. The Youth Resource Centre was inaugurated in May and it aims at becoming a tool for the social and local development of young people. It provides training for the NGOs working in the youth sector. It also contains a media library composed of books (Braille included), videos, newspapers, CD-ROMs, and computers, freely available for teachers, social workers, young people and other interested individuals. It also provides all kinds of training books and newsletters.

The project is funded partly by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The CNAJEP and the Palestinian Ministry of Youth are associated members. The other organizations on the board are: Palestinian Youth Union, General Union of the Palestinian Disabled People and the Association of Women's Committees for Social Work.

#### Comprehensive research on the Palestinian Civil Society

IPYL is a member of the National Advisory Group - Comprehensive research on the Palestinian Civil Society State of Affairs December 2004. Organized by Bisan Center for Research and Development.

## **INTERNATIONAL STATUTORY RELATIONS**

### **Islamic Youth Forum**

IPYL is a founding member of the platform launched in Baku (Azerbaijan) on December 2004. The Forum seeks to be a vehicle to coordinate common initiatives, identify mutual problems and concerns, address regional threats and examine the stereotypes on Islam as a way to promote sincere dialogue among cultures and civilizations.

### **Committee of Directors of Youth Action for Peace**

The statutory meetings of the umbrella organisation of **IPYL** took place as follow:

1. Le Creneau – France (5 – 7 March). IPYL participated with 3 delegates to the meeting.
2. Budapest – Hungary (9 – 13 October). IPYL participated with 4 delegates to the meeting.

### **YAP Finding partners trip**

IPYL, as a YAP branch in the Middle East, joined the trip organized by the International Secretariat of YAP to Jordan in order to identify possible partners. The visit was part of YAP's strategic plan to expand in the region. During the trip the delegation visited six organizations including the National Coordinator of the Euromed program in Jordan. The trip took place between 24/27 July 2004.

### **Youth policy of Sweden**

IPYL was invited to join a delegation composed of different Palestinian organizations and the deputy minister of Youth and Sports to Sweden. The trip was organized in order to explore possibilities to develop and advance youth policy in Palestine, learning from the Swedish experience in this field. It took place from September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-violente**

French initiative that aims at launching a campaign towards an international civil intervention force in Palestine and Israel. The main objective is to raise the awareness of the Europeans on the importance of solving the conflict in the Middle East. IPYL is a member of the initiative.

### **Evaluation session for Euro Med YOUTH program**

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In June 2004, IPYL was chosen by the evaluating team of the Euromed youth program as the most active and experienced Palestinian organization working with this program. Therefore it was invited to participate in an evaluation session for the Euromed YOUTH program held in Brussels (Belgium) in June 2004. IPYL made its own evaluation of the program and put forward recommendations on how to develop it for the coming years. These issues were discussed with the Technical Affairs Office of the European Commission and the decision makers of the Euromed YOUTH program.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### Planting Olive trees for hope and peace

In May 9, nine local and international volunteers of IPYL joined the initiative of the Palestinian Center for Agricultural services of planting olive trees in the lands that are threatened by confiscation by the Israeli settlers of Kyriat Kharsina.

#### School patrolling with the CPT

On May 14, international volunteers of IPYL assisted the Christian Peace-Maker Team (CPT) in their daily patrolling of Palestinian children to their schools.

#### Intercultural learning at the schools

During the month of April, three international volunteers of IPYL directed two workshops on intercultural learning in two schools of Hebron: Barakat Secondary Girls Schools and Al Hussein Ibn Ali Secondary Boys School.

### MEETINGS WITH DONORS

IPYL met with different donors during the year in order to present IPYL's aims and activities and search for cooperation:

- French Cooperation (possibility to establish solidarity agreement for one or two years)
- Belgian Cooperation
- UNESCO- Media department
- Irish Representative office
- Meeting with USAID and MEPI August 3/2004
- Meeting with MEPI-US Consulate- September 2004
- Meeting with Friends of Palestine Stiftung July 2004- Switzerland

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- Irish Representative office December 15<sup>th</sup> 2004

### OUR ACTIVITIES 2005

#### Long Term Voluntary Placements - Incoming

**DANI:** Irish volunteer teaching English to the local community of Hebron II. He was placed in the **AL Mahawer** charitable society (Old city of Hebron). He spent 3 months between January –April 2005.

**SERGIO:** Spanish teaching Spanish at IPYL. He spent 4months (April – July 2005) he was teaching Spanish,

Through the **European Voluntary Service-Action 2** IPYL received **twelve** European volunteers between January and July (In cooperation with Youth Action for Peace). They were placed as follow:

	First Name	Last NAME	Country	Hosting org
1	Lucy	Ashken	UK	Hebron - IPYL
2	Delphine	Drapeau	France	Hebron - Old City Rehabilitation Committee
3	Elsa	Tremel	France	Jerusalem – Beit Duqgo Society Center
4	Iria	Galván Castaño	Spain	Jerusalem – Princess Basma Center
5	Marie-Ange	Meere	Belgium	Jericho Youth Club
6	Mireia	Gallardo Avellan	Spain	Jerusalem – Rose Of Jerusalem
7	Stefania	Anzivino	Italy	Women Centre, Shufat Refugee Camp
8	Joana	Casteleiro	Spain	Hebron – Child Art House
9	Carlo	Sapia	Italy	Jericho Youth Club
10	Lamia	Abderrahim	Spain	Jerusalem – Princess Basma Center
11	Andrew	Houlbrook	UK	Jerusalem – Burj Al Luq Luq Center Society
12	Marcello	Neri	Italy	Jerusalem – Burj Al Luq Luq Center Society

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### Long-Term Voluntary Services - Outgoing

IPYL placed **seven** long-term volunteers in projects in Europe within the framework of the **European voluntary Service** funded by the **European Commission- Action 2**:

### Workcamps - Incoming

	Name	Project Title	From	To	Hosting org	Country
1	<b>MUDAR Allahsa</b>	Medi - Action	01/09/2005	01/06/2006	ARCI- Sicily	Italy
2	<b>SAMI Natsheh</b>	Greek music and culture center	05/05/2005	04/11/2005	Orfeas organisation	Greece
3	<b>Murad Jabari</b>	Diffusion et conservation du patrimoine	15/12/2005	15/06/2006	Xarxa – Valancia	Spain
4	<b>Nour Abu Omar</b>	Imagine – House of youth	01/11/2005	30/08/2006	Alcobendas	Spain
5	<b>FAWAZ Sharawi</b>	GARRAF @ PALESTINA	01/09/2005	01/06/2006	Xarxa- Palestina	Spain
6	<b>Mahmoud Qaod</b>	Project Immigration	01/01/2005	31/12/2005	Xarxa – Valancia	Spain
7	<b>Mountaser Abu Khalaf</b>	Incoming Program	02/09/2005	01/10/2005	SCI - Germany	Germany

IPYL organized during summer and fall 2005 ten regional international workcamps. The camps took place according to the following program:

Number	Workcamp title	From	To	Place	Number of participants
IPYL042	<i>Gaza Beach Camp</i>	26/06/2005	10/07/2005	<i>Gaza city</i>	<b>18</b>
IPYL043	<i>Solidarity against the Wall</i>	03/09/2005	17/09/2005	<i>Bethlehem</i>	<b>42</b>
IPYL044	Olives Harvest	10/11/2005	24/11/2005	<i>Bethlehem</i>	<b>16</b>
IPYL045	Stop Occupying Christmas	16/12/2005	31/12/2005	<i>Jericho</i>	<b>34</b>

### Internships - Incoming

- **Enrique Barroilhet**; from Chile was an intern at the Media center and IPYL. His duties included graphic design. Two months the 02/08-30/9/2005.
- **Gemma Cotes**; students from the **Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona**- graphic designer at IPYL and Media Center from May-August 2005.

**INT. SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES**

- **Haitham Tamimi**; training course for educators in the culture of peace. Organized by Youth Action for Peace-YAP- funded by the Euro-Med youth program of the EC- Took place in Madrid- Spain. 19-23/2/2005
- **Salam Khatib**; **Salam Khatib** represented the IPYL in workcamp Japan organized by NICE our Japanese partner. 22/8-10/9/2005.
- **Ahmad Tahboub**; Budapest: training course in voluntary work and youth program, organized by Youth Action for Peace- funded by the Council of Europe. Took place at the European Youth Council- Budapest. 21-26/3/2005.
- **Hisham Srsour & Bilal Muhtaseb**; Tokyo-Japan, **International students Conference on terrorism**, organized and funded by RING-WAEDA. 12–24/03/2005.
- **Lucy Ashken**; Contact making seminar: titled: **Try EU with MED**. Organized by STRIM Association. Took place in Krakow- Poland. Funded by the Euro-Med Youth program of the EC- Action 5. 5-9/05/2005
- **Monica Leiva**; one week meeting organized and funded by UNESCO-Spain on **partnerships within the Mediterranean area**. Took place in Manresa- Catalonia/Spain. 01–08/08/05.
- **Adnan Mohammedain**; Training session on **“water management in the Mediterranean area”**. Took place in Amman-Jordan. Organized by SALTO-MED and funded the Euro-med youth program of the EC. 24–30/04/05
- **Majdi Daana & Majd Biltaji**; study session titled **“Olive Tree in the Mediterranean area”** organized by CCIVS, funded by the Euro-Med youth program of the EC. Took place in Montpellier-France, 1-9/1/2005.
- **Secretary General**, joined the 25 Palestinian delegation to attend the Mediterranean Social Forum in Barcelona- Spain. 16-19/06/05.
- **Samiah Shalalkeh, Murad Jabari, Hamad Bakri, Lubna Tamimi** and lead by **Ghareeb Daana**; International educational voluntary workcamp titled **“Volunteering for Peace”** workcamp organized by SCI-Hellas, funded by the Euro-Med youth program of the EC. took place in Greece. 08-20/8/2005.
- **Yamamah Shalalkeh, Sameh Jabari, Eiman Natcheh, Ramzi Muhtaseb** and lead by **Ghareeb Daana**; international Youth exchange **“Towards A New Culture of Culture”**. Organized by Med SOS. Took place in Mesologgi-Greece. 12-22/10/2005.
- **Secretary General of IPYL**; participated as a lecturer at the summer course organized by the **International University of Andalusia and “Tres Culturas Association”**. Title of the course **“Conflicts in the Middle East Treatment and Diffusion in Eastern and Western Media**. Took place in **Seville/Spain**. 11-20/9/2005.
- **Adli Daana & Mazen Jabari**; Contact making seminar. Organized by Slezska diakonie and funded by the Euro-Med youth program. Took place Reka- Czech Republic. 18-23/7/2005
- **Secretary General**; training session on **“Fundraising through Ann Lindh”** organized by the Ann Lindh foundation. Took place in Alexandria-Egypt. 11-18/12/2005.
- **Mazen Jabari, Adli Daana, Georgette Habashi, Lubna Hanna, Bisher Shahin, Manar Idrisi and Nidaa’ Abu Hamdieh**; Youth exchange titled **“Czech Mediterranean cultures”**. Took place in Liberec-

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Czech Republic. Organized by Swallow Club. 14-23/1/2005. IPYL also took part in the preparation meeting for this activity that took place between, 16-18/12/2005.

- **Majid Hijazi**; training session for trainers on “**Euro-Med programs multipliers**”. Organized by SALTO-Med, funded by the Euro-Med program of the EC. Took place in Bethlehem-Palestine. 21-27/05/2005.
- **Majid Hijazi**; training course on “**The global youth work**”. Organized by( North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. Took place in Mollina-Spain. 12-19/10/2005.
- **Adli Daana**; Second Euro-Med Youth Organizations Meeting. Organized by Trobada-REDS. Funded by the Euro-med Youth program of the EC. Took place in Barcelona-Spain. 16-19/11/2005.
- **Thirty IPYL members**; specialized training session on how to lead international voluntary workcamps in Palestine. Took place in Hebron, Palestine. Organized by IPYL. Funded by the Youth Resource Center. 18-19/6/ 2005.

### CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

#### MEDHebron: Democratization from the grassroots; Media and Networking as A tool for community development.

**SCI-Italia** and **IPYL** started implementing this 30 months project in Feb. 2004 in Hebron district, funded by the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights program of the European Commission. The project's ultimate aim is to start a democratization process through the participation and the empowerment of civil society through the use of media.

#### Activities:

##### 1. Seminars/conferences

- “**Dialogue on Democracy and Media in the Palestinian Society!**”. Three days conference aimed at starting dialogues and discussions on those issues within the society. Several papers were presented and discussed during this conference that was attended by 60 people from the different backgrounds. The seminar took place in Al Mizan Hotel- Hebron. 1-3/2/2005.
- “**Visions and Strategies on women, Democracy and Media inside the Palestinian Society**”. Third and last seminar organized through the Medhebron project. Focused on the strategies and visions for the topics of the conference. Took place in Al Amaneh Hotel- Hebron. Attended by 128 persons. 8-10/11/2005.

##### 2. Workshops on democracy and Human Rights Issues

- “**The role of youth in the society**” (13/1/2005). Number of participants: 20 (3 women) Hebron, Media Center.
- “**Civil society and networking**” (24/1/2005). Number of participants: 43 (5 women). Hebron,

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- Media Center.
- **"Participated Democracy"** (25/1/2005). Number of participants: 38 (7 women). Hebron, Media Center.
- **"Democracy and Gender issues"** (26/1/2005). Number of participants: 29 (10 women) Hebron, Media Center.
- **"Media and Conflict"** 9/05/2005. Number of participants: 20 (7 women) Hebron, Media Center.
- **"Respect of Human Rights in different context"** (12/07/2005). Number of participants: 30 (14 women) Hebron, Media Center.
- **"Democratic Leadership Training"** (8/09/2005). Number of participants: 25 women Hebron, Women Center, Bab Al Zawya.
- **"Leadership and decision making in Palestinian Society"** (10/09/2005). Number of participants: 25 women, Hebron, Women Center, Bab Al Zawya.
- **"How to support women's role in the political life"** (10/09/2005). Number of participants: 39 (14 women) Hebron, Media Center.
- **"Hebron Women and elections"** (15/09/2005). Number of participants: 40 (23 women) Hebron, Women Center, Old City.
- **"Civil Society and the State in Palestine"** (22/12/2005). Number of participants: 30 (9 women) Hebron, AL Quds Open University.
- **"Educate the elector on the electoral law and participation"** (24/12/2005). Number of participants: 30 (10 women) Hebron, Media Center.

### **3. Voting Rights campaign/Meeting with local community**

- **"Training session for the local media observers, TV, Press agencies, radio, NGO's"**. (3/1/2005). Number of participants: 26 (4 women) Hebron, Municipality.
- **"The new Palestinian electoral law: change and development "** (18/09/2005). Number of participants: 47 (23 women). Hebron, Al-Nahada Cultural Forum-old city.
- **"The new Palestinian electoral law: change and development"** (20/09/2005). Number of participants: 44 (10 women)
- Hebron, Al Aroub Refugee Camp.
- **"Palestinian Parliament Elections"** (20/12/2005). Number of participants: 65 (17 women) Hebron, Al Amana Hotel.
- **"The role of youth in the Palestinian elections"**. (14/12/2005). Number of participants: 45 (16 women) Hebron, Al Quds Open University.

### **4. Technical training sessions inside the Media Center.**

- **"The rights of women (photography workshop)"**. (1/1-5/3/ 2005). Number of participants: 5 women from Hebron, Media Center.
- **"The women situation in Hebron district (advanced photo workshop) "** (1/1-5/3/2005). Number of participants: 5 women from Hebron, Media Center.
- **"The rights of workers (advance photo workshop)"**. (1/1-5/3/ 2005). Number of participants: 5 men from Hebron, Media Center.
- **"The situation of minorities in Hebron district (basic photo workshop) "** (1/1-5/3/2005). Number

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- of participants: 5 men Hebron, Media Center.
- **" The Rights of children (video workshop)"**. ( 20/1-5/2/2/ 2005). Number of participants: 12 participants (4 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Death Penalty and Execution for reasons of honor (video workshop)"** (28/5– 12/6/2005). Number of participants: 8 participants (2 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Rights of women (video workshop) "** (28/5– 12/6/2005). Number of participants: 9 participants (4 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Express yourself through video"**. (2 weeks in April 2005). Number of participants: 12 participants (5 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **" Voices from inside (Radio Workshop)"** (2 weeks in May 2005). Number of participants: 7 participants (2 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **" Express yourself through video"** (advanced video Workshop) (14/6 – 7/7 2005). Number of participants: 8 participants (4 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Telling Your Life Throughout Digital Photography I** (digital photo workshop) " (28/6-18/7/2005). Number of participants: 8 participants (3 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Telling Your Life Throughout Digital Photography II** (digital photo workshop) " (28/6-18/7/2005). Number of participants: 8 participants (5 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"In my Eyes"**. Photographic workshop through imagination, discovery and witness (photo workshop) (28/6- 15/10/2005). Number of participants: 7 (4 women) Hebron , Media Center
  - **"To be 20 years old in Hebron (photo workshop) "** (5/7-20/8/2005). Number of participants: 6 (5 women) Hebron , Media Center
  - **"Witness within my Eyes: democracy in daily life (photo workshop)"** (6/9-15/10/2005). Number of participants: 9(4 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Living in Hebron – visual communication as a tool to denunciation (video workshop)"** (13/7- 22/8/2005). Number of participants: 12 (4 women) Hebron, Media College/Media Center.
  - **"Living in Hebron – Violations of Children Rights (video workshop)"** (13/7-22/8/2005). Number of participants: 8(2 women) Hebron, Media College/Media Center.
  - **"Civil society participation /Editing video with AVID Express (Video workshop) "** (10/8- 6/9/2005). Number of participants: 62 (women) Hebron , Media Center
  - **"Universal Declaration of Human Rights- Women rights (photo workshop)"** (29/8-19/9/2005). Number of participants: 9 (7 women) Hebron , Media Center
  - **"The Universal Declaration of Human Rights integrated in the Cultural and social aspects of life in Hebron "** (photo workshop) (29/8-19/9/2005). Number of participants: 8 (6 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Women's right on film (Video workshop)"**. (15/9-6/10/2005). Number of participants: 14 (7 women) Hebron , Media Center.
  - **"Information is the first victim of information"** (workshop in Journalism on-line). (20/9-30/11/2005). Number of participants: 13 (8 women) Hebron , Media Center
  - **"The situation of the refugees' camps near Hebron – workshop in Journalism"**. (29/11- 30/10/2005). Number of participants: 8 (3 women) Hebron, Media Center.
  - **"Journalism workshop – Condition of Prisoners "**. (29/10-30/11/2005). Number of participants: 7 (4 women) Hebron, Media Center.

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- **"Coverage of democracy and human rights issues at local level (Radio workshop)".** (5/10-12/11/2005). Number of participants: 14 (7 women) Hebron , Media Center
- **"The creative video lab – Representation of Democracy (Video workshop)".** (14/11-22/12/2005). Number of participants: 13 (4 women) Hebron , Media Center
- **"The creative video lab – Children Rights under occupation (Video workshop)".** (21/11-22/12/2005) .Number of participants: 8 (2 women) Hebron, Media Center/BETHLEHEM.

### Professional Training

- **"Community Media- Empowering media sector in Hebron district".** (1/8–30/9/2005) Number of participants: 40 (14 women) Hebron, Media Center

### 5. Magazine: Democracy and Media Issues in Hebron Society.

In the first year one issue of the magazine has been published in occasion of the inauguration of the media center. It was the issue number Zero and was focused on the presentation of the project to the local community.

### 6. Exchange of local authorities (Palestinian administrators in Rome)

**First Exchange of Local Authorities.** (9/2-14/2/2005). Topic covered: Democratic institution, local governance and civil society, participated democracy and participated budget, local authorities and grass-root diplomacy, Networking and cooperation in the democratization field among Italian and Palestinian Local authorities. Number of participants: 11 (8 mayors, 1 councilor, 1 director general of the Ministry of Local Authorities, 1 accompanier).

### Activity: First Exchange of local authorities (Italian administrators in Palestine)

Hebron, (4-9/12/2005). Topic covered: Democratic institution, local governance and civil society, participated democracy and participated budget, local authorities and grass-root diplomacy, Networking and cooperation in the democratization field among Italian and Palestinian Local authorities. Number of participants: 6 + 2 (2 representatives of the Municipality of Siena joined only the conferences and workshop session in Hebron)

### 7. Think Tank Group:

- 1) topic: **Freedom of expression and Human Rights of civil society's activists.** 24/2/2005:. Number of participants: 10.
- 2) Topic: **Non-violent conflict resolution in the present context** .10/3/2005:. Number of participants: 15.
- 3) Topic: **The variables that affect elections: role of religion, family and political party.** 17/3//2005:. Number of participants: 12.
- 4) Topic: **How to plan the social change** 12/4/2005. Number of participants: 14.
- 5) Topic: **The absence of the law and the arm chaos in Gaza currently** 3/9/2005.Number of participants:12.

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- 6) Topic: **Tribal Law**. 5/9/2005: Number of participants: 15.  
 7) Topic: **Women and Decision Making**. 8/9/2005: Number of participants: 13.  
 8) Topic: **The social, political and economical influences of the withdrawal from Gaza strip**.10/9/2005: Number of participants: 14.  
 9) Topic: **The Palestinian woman's rights between the renewal and the traditions**.12/9/2005: Number of participants: 15.  
 10) Topic: **The social change and the conflict of old and new values**.15/9/2005: Number of participants:16.  
 11) Topic: **Resources inside the conflict: The water issues**.17/9/2005: Number of participants: 14.  
 12) Topic: **The influences of the globalization**.19/9/2005: Number of participants:12.  
 13) Topic: **Democracy and elections: The importance of the municipal elections**. 22/9/2005: Number of participants:13.  
 14) Topic: **Perceptions about the relationships between males and females**.24/9/2005: Number of participants: 12.  
 15) Topic: **The Palestinian educational approaches in schools and universities**.26/9/2005: Number of participants: 15.



### TWINNINGS

For the fourth year in a row, the Schools Across borders project took place in 4 boys' schools and 4 girl's schools of Hebron between January and March. Through this project, the children are able to express and share their thoughts and ideas with children the same age in Ireland. IPYL is a main partner to this project funded by the Development Education Unit, affiliated to Development Co-operation Ireland and the Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project also receives sponsorship from **Trocaire** and **ASTI** (the main secondary school teachers' union in Ireland).

### LANGUAGE TRAINING

- IPYL provided non-lucrative **English courses** in three levels (Beginners, Intermediate and

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Advanced) to a total of 60 hours (15 students).

- Spanish course in cooperation with the **teresian** institution (20 students)
- **IPYL** provided a three months specialized Spanish course to (10 students).

### STUDY VISITS

- Spanish delegation from SCI Spain-Madrid 22/3/2005-(6 persons).
- PAS Program (Birzeit University) study trip to Hebron. 13/8/2005 (37 persons).
- Delegation from Ireland (Irish-Palestine friendship association). 3/3/2005. (5 persons).
- Catalan Delegation- Velnova (Xarxa)- 8/1/2005. (6 persons).
- Spanish delegation from -Xarxa d'Enlla Amb Palestina : (3/08/2005). (12 persons).
- European Parliament Delegation- Elections Observers. 7/1/2005. (4 MPs).
- Multi Media European free lance journalists - Youth in Palestine- documentary about the youth concern. IPYL provided the escorts and volunteers interpreters. 18-20/6/2005 (5 persons).
- French delegation (CCIPP- Solidarity group). 10/08/2005. (17 persons)
- Delegation from Italy- Arci Association- Italy. 2/8/2005. (12 persons)
- Swiss journalist – freelance photographer- 2-16/8/2005.
- Belgian and French delegation (Solidarity with Palestine and anti wall campaign). 7/8/2005. (8 persons).
- French delegation from France Palestine Solidarity, 07/11/2005. (7people).
- French delegation from Grenoble. 05/09/2005. (5people),

**IPYL** organized and participated in other local study trips in Palestine:

- Visits to the Bedouin community of Masafer-Beni Naim, Hebron. 23/6/2005. (18 persons).
- Study visit to Gaza- for IPYL's international volunteers through the EVS program (12 persons).

### YOUTH INFORMATION CENTRE

- **IPYL** offered more than **300 hours** of free consultancy for the local youth of Hebron on scholarship and job opportunities.
- **Provided** three new computers to the internet hall at IPYL entrance room. Open freely for young people all day long in order to assist them to search for opportunities on the Internet. IPYL was linked to an ADSL internet provider.
- **Tawjihi Open day:** On 10/8/2005, IPYL offered a special day of consultancy for the newly graduates from the high schools (Tawjihi), to inform them about the scholarship opportunities in Europe and the USA. Organized by IPYL and in coordination with the Student's Forum Association (Bethlehem) at IPYL office- 100 students took part in this meeting.
- IPYL also offered more than **200 hours** of free counseling for other Palestinian

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organizations from Hebron district, those orgs were:

- Palestinian Child Home Club.
- Beit Ommar Women Organization.
- Al Mahawer Charitable society.
- Hebron Youth Club.
- Al Nahda Cultural Center.
- Al Aqsa society for the handicapped children.
- Sai'r Women center.
- Bani Naim Charitable society.

### Research and publications:

- Comprehensive research on the Palestinian Civil Society (through the MedHebron Project)- Available in English and Arabic- 200 pages.

## LOCAL STATUTORY RELATIONS

- **General Assembly of IPYL**- 13/3/2005- took place at the Palestinian Child Home Club- Hebron. New Board was elected (7 members including the Secretary General). It was the first meeting since 4 years due to the intifada.
- One of IPYL board member (Wassim Khazmo) was elected as the YAP (Youth Action for Peace) **external representative** to the European Youth Forum IPYL.
- IPYL hired **2 new staff** members (Ms. Maali Idris and Mr. Majid Hijazi) as coordinators for the EVS 2005 project.
- **Palestinian Youth Resource Center**; two members from IPYL Board were elected for the membership of the center during its general assembly in 13/6/2005.
- Agreement with the **Al Aroub Media College** to provide training for their students + to launch cooperation between IPYL/ the Media center and the college. 24/3/2005
- **Consultancy and cooperation** meeting together with 80 Youth organizations from Palestine with the youth department of the ministry of youth, to develop a strategy for the youth work in Palestine. Ramallah- 13/4/2005.
- **Contact making visit to Gaza** –meeting with 15 organizations (youth, women, media and children) to discuss potential cooperation and exchange of good practices. 22-25/2/2005.
- National committee for **summer camps**. IPYL was nominated to be part of the committee in charge of developing the training methods and tools for the children's' summer camps in Palestine- Ramallah 12/7/2005.
- **Contact making visit to Bethlehem** – meeting with 12 local organizations from the district to discuss networking possibilities. 7/3/2005.
- Study session organized by the **Palestinian Youth Organizations Network**- took place in Jefna (Near Ramallah) to develop the internal regulations of the network. 20/10/2005.

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- IPYL was elected as part of the 9 board members for the **Palestinian Youth Organizations Network** (Ramallah). 14/12/2005.
- Round table discussion organized by Badil in Bethlehem. Aimed at developing tools to promote the **international boycott against Israel**. October 20/2005.

### INTERNATIONAL STATUTORY RELATIONS

- **Regional network meeting-** IPYL-YDD-Gudran-Baladna- Jordan youth Forum to establish a regional voluntary and youth network- Amman. 4-5/6/2005.

IPYL attended the statutory meetings (general assembly) of the Youth action for Peace (of the umbrella organization of **IPYL**) took place as follow:

- **Alcobendas** – Spain ( 25-27/2/2005). IPYL participated with 2 delegate to the meeting.
- **Jericho-** Palestine. IPYL hosted the Autumn General Assembly of YAP in the city of Jericho between 23-27/11/2005.
- IPYL is a prep member in the preparations for the next congress of YAP that will take place in Vienna in winter 2006. IPYL attended 2 prep meetings- one in Haifa-Israel and one in Brussels.
- IPYL was represented by SJ in the **Alliance** meeting for the workcamps. Took place in **Antalia-** Turkey 5-8/3/2005.
- **MOSAMED:** Network for active youth organizations in the Meda region. IPYL is a founding member of this network which was launched in a special meeting in Portugal 16-20/11/2005.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### IPYL attended the following activities as speakers or as attendance:

- Conference on the **Role of civil society organizations and private sector in democracy** Hebron 18/5/2005 organized by the Hebron Businessmen Forum and several NGOs in the district.
- **Women Role in Palestinian Society Conference-**Hebron (organized by the TIPH and the Arab Center for research, public polls and studies) 19/5/2005.
- **Open Meeting on Media Cooperation-** Hebron. Organized by Al Aroub Media College 11/4/2005.
- Women Studies Center- **cooperation between local organizations on women issue. How can you help?** Hebron-21/5/2005.
- Open meeting for youth organizations organized by the “**Future generation Talents development**”. Hebron Municipality hall. 21/5/2005.
- Reception organized by the US consulate- Darna Restaurant- Ramallah 23/5/2005.
- Workshop by the **Theatre Days Group-** closing ceremony of the Drama awareness workshop.

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29/5/2005.

- Workshop on **developing the capacities of NGOs workers** organized by the HDIP institute- Hebron- 30/5/2005.
- Symposium organized by the Bethlehem International Center on “**Concerns and obstacles facing the youth**” – Bethlehem. 2/6/2005.
- “**National conference for Palestinian Children**”- organized by Defense Children International (DCI)- Bethlehem- 28/6/2005.
- **General assembly** meeting for the founding members of the Palestinian Youth Organizations Network. Preparatory meeting for the up coming **general congress**. Ramallah 30/7/2005.
- Meeting at the Hebron Governor office to discuss the **Palestinian statistical programm**-31/7/2005.
- Southern Youth Cultural Forum- attended the launching of their **theatre project**- 4/8/2005
- Reception at the Governor office for the **newly released prisoners** from the Israeli Jails. 11/6/2005.
- Reception at the **Czech Republic representative** office in Ramallah- 28/9/2005.
- With the support of the Japanese campaign for the children of Palestine, IPYL distributed **400 Jackets** for poor pupils (aged between 6-12 years old) from the old city of Hebron and the surrounding refugee camps and villages. 22/11/2005.



### IPYL MEMBERSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD

IPYL is currently member of the following networks and umbrella organizations:

- Youth Action for Peace-YAP- Brussels
- Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service- CCIVS- Paris.
- INFOYOUTH- UNESCO-Paris.
- MOSAMED: Network for active youth organizations in the Meda region- Lisbon.
- YAP- Middle East working Group.
- Palestinian Youth Resource Center- Ramallah
- Palestinian Youth Associations Network- Ramallah
- Islamic Conference Youth Forum- Baku- Azerbaijan

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- MAN- Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-violente- Lyon.
- Euro-Med Youth Platform- Malta
- IPYL member was elected to represent YAP in the European Youth Forum Middle East Working Group.

### MEETINGS WITH DONORS

IPYL meet with different donors during the year 2005 in order to present IPYL's aims and activities and search for cooperation among those donors were:

- Austrian Consulate
- Paz y Tercer Mundo (PTM)
- European Commission
- UNESCO
- Irish Representative office- Jerusalem
- MPDL- Spain
- Mercy corps
- USA Consulate
- Meda program- EC – Bethlehem
- Meeting with Trocaire- Irish organization.
- Maysoons' kid Foundation.
- USAID



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## GENERAL STATISTICS 2003-2004-2005

### Long-term voluntary services in Palestine

IPYL placed **46 long-term volunteers** in **24 different hosting Palestinian organizations**. **Thirty-Seven (74%)** of these volunteers were placed under the framework of the **EVS** supported by the European Commission. **60%** were female while **40%** were male. **94%** of these volunteers were Europeans. They served for a total amount of **262 months** for the development of the Palestinian society.

IPYL received and attended over **140** applications to become long-term volunteer in Palestine. The organization successfully placed **40%** of the applicants.

### Long-term voluntary services abroad

**Seventeen long-term Palestinian volunteers** were placed in projects in some of our partner organisations in Europe. **25%** of the volunteers were female. They served for a total of **115 months** in 10 different community projects in Europe (France, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Germany). By origin 96% of the volunteers were from Hebron district. **60%** were living in cities, **20%** in refugee camps and **20%** in villages.

### Internships

IPYL hosted **11** interns during the period. **44%** were female. **89%** were Europeans.

IPYL received and attended **18** applications to do an internship in Palestine. **69%** of these applications took finally place.

### International workcamps in Palestine

IPYL implemented **11 international workcamps** in **7 different hosting organizations**. **339** volunteers (**260** international and **79** Palestinian) participated in the projects. **78%** of the international volunteers were Europeans. **61%** of the international volunteers were female while **19%** of the local volunteers were female.

### Placement of Palestinian volunteers in workcamps abroad

IPYL placed **9** volunteers in short-term voluntary activities in Europe (**78%** in workcamps in France). No females.

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### Short term exchanges abroad

IPYL offered the possibility for **172** young Palestinians to participate **63** different activities (trainings, seminars, contact making activities, conferences, festivals and study trips) abroad. **42%** of the participants were female. **75%** of the activities took place in Europe. By subjects, **18%** of the activities were on management and leadership, **16%** were on Conflict resolution and Peace building, **11%** of the activities were on intercultural and religious dialogue, **9%** were on Arts and **5%** were on environmental protection.

### Capacity building, trainings and local activities

#### **MedHebron**

About 27% of the 500.000 inhabitants of Hebron district (24% women) involved in the activities of democracy and human rights education

About the 35% of the total population of Hebron district among reached by media campaign on democracy and human rights and by the voting rights campaign.

#### Local trainings at the Media center (civil society, technical training, think tank groups..)

Besides the people involved on the activities of MedHebron, **1,236** person directly benefited from other trainings organized by IPYL during 2003-2004-2005. **45%** of the beneficiaries were women.

#### Schools Across Borders

Around **1,700** girls and boys from **16** different schools in Hebron were beneficiaries of the project in 2003-2004-2005. **55%** of the beneficiaries were girls.

#### Language training

**283** students (**35%** female) benefited from the non-profit **English courses** organized by IPYL.

**55** students (**15%** female) took part on the Spanish courses.

**5** students (**100%** male) took part in the French course.

The total number of beneficiaries was **343** during **351**hours of language courses.

#### Foreign delegations

IPYL received **50** foreign delegations (around **318** people). It provided guided tours in Hebron to **34** groups (**238** people). **75** people benefited from the study trips organized by IPYL to visit the Bedouin community in Hebron. **45** volunteers of IPYL benefited from study trips organized by other organizations in Palestine.

#### Free counseling

IPYL offered over **850** hours of free counseling to the young Palestinians (**335** beneficiaries).

It also offered **180** hours of free counseling for **15** local Palestinian non-governmental organizations.