This year, more than 140 actions took place in 25 countries. Get involved nuclearabolition.org

News and Events

**The Fukushima Nuclear Disaster - special publication**

June 28: During the first two months of the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan, IPPNW engaged in widespread public education activities and media work to explain what was happening from a medical and public health perspective. A special edition of *Medicine & Global Survival*—featuring articles, commentaries and first-hand accounts is available for download.

**Actions speak louder than words**

June 25: 140 actions were organized in 25 countries to show support for a treaty to outlaw and eliminate nuclear weapons. The events on Nuclear Abolition Day ranged from film screenings, online declarations to “Ban Nukes”, to public events in town centers and in front of embassies.

**2011 Global Week of Action Against Armed Violence**

June 13-19: IPPNW health professionals across the globe played an important role in raising their voices that “guns are bad for health – and development.” Aiming for Prevention colleagues in India, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, El Salvador and Sri Lanka organized public events, educational sessions at medical schools, a radio show, peace rallies and more.

**2011 Give Peace a Chance Raffle Winner Announced**

June 1: Congratulations to Dr. John Rachow, Iowa-PSR!! Special thanks to everyone who helped promote this event and bought or sold raffle tickets around the world.

**Discussion at Vienna UN: “The Role of NGOs in the Process of Negotiating an Effective Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)”**

May 25: Dr. Michael Schober of IPPNW Austria addressed the UN NGO Committee for Peace in Vienna, on “The Role of NGOs in the Process of Negotiating an Effective Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).” On the same day in neighboring Geneva, IPPNW co-president Dr. Bob Motonga participated in a key meeting organized by Saferworld and attended by dozens of government officials in preparation for the 3rd PrepCom for the ATT.

**Strategy Session: “The Arms Trade Treaty: Crossing the Finish Line”**

May 17: IPPNW’s Dr. Donald Mellman from Florida participated in a strategy session on “The Arms Trade Treaty: Crossing the Finish Line,” organized by the Arms Control Association and held at the Stimson Center in Washington, DC. It was attended by a wide range of US-based groups including many from the faith community. Dr. Mellman will participate in the IPPNW delegation to the July ATT PrepCom.

**The human face of violence and the UN**

Aiming for Prevention activist Nidia Rodriguez of Ecuador spoke at a special panel at the UN held during the Meeting of
The peoples should know the truth about the consequences, ruinous for mankind, which nuclear war would bring.

Chairman Leonid Brezhnev
Moscow, Russia
February 23, 1981

Government Experts. The MGE included technical experts on small arms trafficking to discuss "challenges and opportunities" related to the International Tracing Instrument (ITI) that is part of the framework of the UN Programme of Action (PoA).

Physician advocates talking about our cause
The newest issue of IPPNW's international newsletter Vital Signs is now available online! If you are a US donor and would like to receive a copy in the mail, please contact the IPPNW development department.

Show the world what you would do with $1.53 trillion a year
IPPNW joined an exciting coalition campaign to call attention to rampant military spending worldwide. The Global Day of Action on Military Spending invited groups and individuals to join in common cause on April 12, 2011 to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need to for new priorities.

Save the Date!