



U T R I N K I

PEACE INICIATIVA “WOMAN BUILD BRIDGE OF PEACE”



In the month of May, WFPW of Slovenija, Austria and Italy organized a 2 day meeting of women and their families in the Soca valley. With the respect to the past, we wanted to make steps toward reconciliation and peace. In Kluzes fortress of Bovec, the group was greeted by the mayor of the town Bovec Mr. Daniel Krivec and the dramaturgical group “1313”. The main event was an evening cultural meeting in Tolmin, where the radio emission for local radio “Alpski val” was also recorded. We would like to convey a few unforgettable memories and photos.

In the name of WFPW Slovenia, we would like to thank each person who helped with the organization of the meeting and we would like to continue this tradition next year in Trieste in Italy.





REFLECTIONS FROM THE MEETING IN THE SOCA RIVER WALLEY



The memory is carrying me far back to my hometown village. On the way to school, there was a little stream across which a small wooden bridge was laid to connect the two parts of the field. Under the bridge a small stream was running and then the children just crossed it through the water. We loved this place for games, but in the rain everything was different. We carefully crossed the stream walking carefully on the slide wooden desks, a bit in fear looking into the running water under us. In the last moment we were relieved. We could cross it safely.

Today, we already have many bridges connecting two countries, two islands or shore and an island. Together with the show off of technical advances we can see also esthetical implementations. When we cross it , after 17 of more kilometers, and we pass the beauty and the mightiness of a big bridge, we shout in wave: how wonderful!

This was my first time meeting with the WFPW, unforgettable experience. Even before we met, the invisible threads of friendship were already wave. I could meet some wonderful people. I could feel positive waves. We were getting to know each other, connections naturally evolved everywhere and in this way it continued to the end of meeting. The highlight of the event was the evening with cultural program “Women as the creators of Peace”, a sisterhood meeting. The bridges of peace were created among two sisters of the same or different nationalities, with different citizenships, bridges among nations, among countries, Slovenia, Italy and Austria, bridges of peace.

The fortress of Kluze which has undergo all the changes and tests throughout the centuries was now at the beginning also a scene for a funny game, played by the soldiers of different nationalities, museum of the 1st WW in Kobarid, walk down the wonderful

Tolmin canyon, climb up to a mount Kolovrat offered a wonderful view of Julian Alps, boat trip to the lake, guided tour in ancient town of St. Lucia. Everything helped towards the fulfillment of our goal. The conclusion of the meeting was held at the lake.

In the back, there were snow covered mountains, pierced and flodded with by the horrors of the wars (the mount Batognica was lowered for 20 meters- so fierce was the explosion of the magazine for the weapons); than there were green forests, even lower the meadows, with the scattered and overgrown cemeteries, than the lake, the beauty of Soca river, music and songs. I am proud to have walked these mountains in the past and to be able to absorb its beauties as well as shocks of war.

The two big wars of the last century have passed. "Peace is a commodity" which should be, according to the words of the poet from Piemonte, Anne Marie Bracale, an »undeniable right of all the nations, all the people, all the hearts«. There is no bigger and more glorious feeling from the conscience/awareness that one lives in peace with him and to live in peace with others. A person cultivating his or her inner peace is smiling, does everything happily and he or she is emanating this happiness and sharing it with the others. In this way, he or she can contribute to the wellbeing of humanity.

This memory of the past should be a warning to the present and future generations.

The moment when we formed a circle at the conclusion, hand in hand, singing and music, was magnificent. In our hearts a big bridge of peace was created.

(Darinka Bjelakovic, Ljubljana)

With my ability of strong Spiritual power of Love and Compassion I presented to all the victims a state of Bright Light. I was enlighting all the past and present happenings in this place. Let your heart beat in Light, Love and Peace. So the forces of evil were destroyed. Here we all, especially women, expressed a motherly heart for a better future of our nations.

Let this meeting, a Bridge of Peace, echoes also in the everyday lives of people, with the hope that we will build creative relationships with each other. An embrace and a greeting to the Soca walley for a better relationship with people tomorrow; let it echoes around the world. I have enjoyed the beauty of the meeting, beauty of the springy nature in full bloom: extremely wonderful natural beauties and the shake of hands among the warm people of different nationalities in big numbers. I could start to love all the participants. The small events were colored by the beautiful songs, Austrian Slovenian music, and speeches. Songs of local women have warmed me up. Through the meeting I was joyfully relaxing. The boat trip on the river, sharing, and delicious lunch on the boat have added up to a pleasant goodbye, which has moved our heart. I simply enjoyed.

Un unforgettable experience! Peace among the people, let it be our sincere, lasting and worthwhile dreams, a sprout for a reaching the settled goal. Peace in the World. Our way of connecting among each other, let it reap a strong ties among us. Thank you!

(a shake of hands given by Bernarda Polanc, Maribor)



Congratulations to the harmonized organisations of WFP who have, in the most wonderful environment, where God has poured so much beauty, organized a meeting of peacefully minded women! It was not a coincident that the Soca walley was chosen, which is full of wonders and treasures of nature.

This meeting will bring positive results, since here women of different nationalities have met in a friendship note, (who have gathered with thought and consideration to the facts) in order to resolve the conflicts and misunderstandings.

What is complicated becomes easy within the frame of friendship and unity.

Austrian, Italian, Indian, Palestinian, Japanese, French, Peruvian, Chinese (Thai), German, Slovene women and representatives of other nations have found a common language of love, in order to write down a hundreds of kind advices and solutions as a heritage for the future generations.

(Lucija Viher, Ljubljana)



Mostly I will remember a very pleasant atmosphere created among the participants. I found out that this wasn't a meeting of only three nationalities, but that there were gathered 15 nationalities from around the Globe. Especially, I enjoyed the presence of husbands and children. In this way, the atmosphere was even richer. Organisation was excellent. I was impressed by the excursions in Soca river walley, I will treasure the memory of a lunch offered on the boat trip on Soca Lake. I am very happy for my Viennese sister.

(Ariella Zdenka Lindic, Ljubljana)

I would like to give my sincere thanks to the WFP Slovenia, for their efforts in connecting the women in the world and I am sure, that especially women are called to create conditions for lasting peace through dialogue.

(Natasha Gril, Director of the Cultural Forum of the Austrian Embassy in Ljubljana)

