



## **Nonviolent Peaceforce Italian campaign**

### **Flash report of the activities 2010/2011**

#### **Seminars and Public events**

- On the 24th of May 2010 the Human Rights Research Centre of the University of Padua hosted the seminar “The civilian Peacekeeping and the work for peace of Nonviolent Peaceforce” held by Luisa del Turco (CSDC) and Gabriella Chiani, senior officer just back from the NP mission in Sri Lanka. The audio recording of the speeches and two video interviews realized at the end of the event are now available on the youtube channel “[campagnaNP](#)” and on the website of the [University of Padua](#).
- On the 11 September 2010 Gabriella Chiani and Maurizio Geri (NP in Sri Lanka) were the speakers of the seminar “[The challenges of the civilian Peacekeeping and the work of Nonviolent Peaceforce](#)” organized in collaboration with the University of Roma Tre – Master in peace education and international cooperation.
- On the 18 November 2010 took place in Rome the round table “The civilian Peacekeeping, yesterday, today... and tomorrow? The work on Nonviolent Peaceforce and its perspectives”. The public event gathered experts, academics and NGO representatives and former NP peacekeepers (Gabriella Chiani and Maurizio Geri). During the event was distributed the publication “[Civilian Peacekeeping](#)” edited by Christine Schweitzer (2010).
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Rome took place the international workshop “[Peace education as tool for Peacebuilding](#)” where NGOs’ representatives coming from Bulgaria, Israel, Italy, Serbia, France, Armenia, Georgia and Netherlands presented their experiences of prevention, conflict transformation, awareness raising and post-conflict rehabilitation activities. Special attention was given to the work of Nonviolent Peaceforce.
- On the 13 June 2011, the University of Florence – Course in “International cooperation and conflict management” - hosted the seminar “[Peacekeeper: profiling, values and challenges](#)”. The event involved several professional peacekeepers coming from different organizations: Un ponte per...(Laonf), Operazione Colomba, Peace Brigades International, Nonviolent Peaceforce, UNVolunteer Programme). The moderator of the meeting was Gianni Scotto, associated professor of Conflict studies at University of Florence and former NP trainer.

- On the 17 of June 2011, Maurizio Geri (NP in Sri Lanka) was the main speaker of the seminar "[The challenges of the civilian Peacekeeping and the work of Nonviolent Peaceforce](#)" organized in collaboration with the University of Roma Tre – Master in peace education and international cooperation.
- Next event in schedule is a seminar at the University of Padua with Guido Gabelli (former NP in Sri Lanka) next January 2012.

## Promotion and information

- Website [www.nonviolentpeaceforce.it](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.it)  
The domain was registered for the next 2 years with also the URL redirection from the URL addresses [www.npitalia.org](http://www.npitalia.org) and [www.corpicivilidipace.org](http://www.corpicivilidipace.org).  
The website is updated according to the communications that CSDC receives from the main NP offices, to the news taken from the NP newsletter and to what is already published on the official NP international website. All the information gathered is translated in Italian. It can also be found on the website all the events promoted by CSDC in the framework of the Italian campaign.
- Youtube channel "[CampagnaNP](#)"  
The channel was filled out with videos such as the official video presentation "[Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping: Building a Nonviolent Peaceforce](#)" with added Italian subtitles, interviews to NP Italian peacekeepers and more.
- Four-monthly bulletin "[Pacedifesa](#)"  
Newsletter send to a mailing list of around 2000 email addresses, which contains a section dedicated to NP: updating form the missions, participation to events, link to new on-line resources, recruitment calls, as well as CSDC NP's Italian campaign activities.
- The CSDC [Facebook page](#) is regularly updated with messages and links about NP, also encouraging donations.

## Researches and publications

- "I Quaderni - Per la Gestione Costruttiva dei Conflitti"  
Series of essays about Peace studies and conflict analysis.  
Last research published is about the conflict prevention and peacebuilding in Moldavia-Transnistria. Previously was edited the paper "[Towards a Civil peace corps: Nonviolent Peaceforce in Sri Lanka](#)" by Gabriella Chiani.  
The series "I Quaderni" are [available on-line](#) for free.

- Article "[Vittorie senza armi](#)" (Victories without weapons)  
On the occasion of the famous annual Peace March Perugia-Assisi, the magazine "La Nuova Ecologia" hosted a special section about civilian peacekeeping - and NP in particular - edited by CSDC.  
This publication contains an editorial on peacekeeping by Luisa Del Turco (CSDC), a conversation with Maurizio Geri (NP in Sri Lanka) about NP on-field mission and an interview to Graziano Tullio about European Peace Service policies.
- A new comprehensive publication about civilian peacekeeping and NP is going to be released before spring 2012.

### **Advocacy and International relations**

- Bernardo Venturi e Luisa Del Turco are involved in two Working Group of [EPLO](#): "Peace, Development and Security" and "Gender, Peace and Security". The two working group have regular meetings aimed to develop recommendation and strategy papers addressed to the major EU institutions.
- On the 1-5 June 2011 Graziano Tullio e Bernardo Venturi have been involved in the works of the ENCPS and NP [European Annual Meeting](#) which took place at Aland Island in Finland. During the meeting were draw up the news steps and updates the policies of the 2 international networks.
- The president of the CSDC Bernardo Venturi since last summer is the new [EN.CPS'](#) spokesperson in EPLO, with the function to represent the CPS network and to link the work and the two organizations.

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