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**From:** Jake Lynch 47F(1)  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 December 2012 11:59 AM  
**To:** Ian Bignall  
**Subject:** Re: Final Report for the 2010 Peace Conference [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** IPRA conference report for AusAID.pdf

Dear Ian,

I've attached the final report here, sent originally to Vanja in September 2011.

Since then, several of the edited volumes, foreshadowed in the report as outputs from the conference, have indeed been published. I can supply details if required.

Allbest,

Jake

On 13/12/12 9:17 AM, "Ian Bignall" 22(1)(a) wrote:

Dear Professor Lynch

I am sorting through the file for the funding the International Seminar Support Scheme provided for the International Peace Research Association biennial conference: Communicating Peace. Held at the University of Sydney 6-10 July 2010.

While we have the financial acquittal on file, we do not seem to have the final conference report.

Would you be so kind as to forward the report to us so we can complete our file.

With thanks and regards

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## **International Peace Research Association (IPRA)**

**'Communicating Peace' – biennial global conference, 2010**

**Held at the University of Sydney**

**Hosted by Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPACS).**

*Report for AusAID by CPACS Director, Associate Professor Jake Lynch*

### **The IPRA conference, 2010**

Titled 'Communicating Peace', the 2010 IPRA conference was a highly successful event in its own right, and marked the revival of the Association as a 'going concern' after several years of stagnation and decline.

#### **Highlights:**

- The conference involved over 400 delegates to all or part of its proceedings;
- Over 60 of these were colleagues from developing countries, assisted by grant aid to attend and contribute to the event;
- Much wider audiences were able to access the scholarship presented at IPRA through extensive media coverage, including by the ABC and *Sydney Morning Herald*;
- The Plenary Sessions were videotaped, covered in full, at the time of the conference, on the Australian Public Affairs Channel (APAC), and still available in a web-based presentation by Fora TV, which has recorded several thousand viewings. See the following link:  
[http://fora.tv/conference/IPRA\\_peace\\_2010](http://fora.tv/conference/IPRA_peace_2010);
- Over 50 of the presentations to the conference have been, or are about to be published as chapters in scholarly books with academic publishers, by IPRA's
  - a. Peace Journalism Commission;
  - b. Peace Tourism Commission;
  - c. Internal Conflicts Commission;
  - d. Religion and Peace Commission;
  - e. And the Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission, respectively.

- Many delegates, including grantees, have since become active, or have stepped up their activities, in global networks for peace research and action;
- IPRA now has a legal identity, current membership list, bank account, website and bi-annual members' newsletter, whereas before it had none of these things.

### **Delegates sponsored by AusAID**

47F(1) (Philippines)

47F(1) made a presentation, to the whole conference, in a plenary session on Peace Journalism, which featured on APAC and is viewable in the web-based presentation by Fora TV.

Since then, cooperation between the University of Sydney and Mindanews, the peace journalism cooperative that 47F(1) co-founded in Davao, on the island of Mindanao, has been stepped up.

Mindanews was the local partner for research on A Global Standard for Reporting Conflict, a CPACS research project sponsored by the Australian Research Council, with a data-gathering trip to the Philippines in February 2011.

And Mindanews is a regional partner in a new initiative at the University, at the stage of being prepared for funding applications, for a Masters in Social Media. In May 2011, as Director of CPACS, I received the following message from 47F(1):

“Ten years ago today (May 25), we e-mailed our first dispatch of news, views, features and photos as MindaNews.

Today, please allow us to thank all of you for all the support you've extended MindaNews.

Thank you for welcoming us to your meetings and conferences (sometimes, even those supposedly closed door);

Thank you for opening your doors to us not only literally (e.g. especially in areas where there are no hotels or inns) but also figuratively (for providing us moral, financial, emotional, legal support, etc.);

Thank you for sparing time to answer our questions face to face, by email, by phone or by text (sometimes, even at ungodly hours);

Thank you for providing us documents to help us appreciate and understand the issues better, so that in turn we could serve our publics better;

Thank you for helping us share with the rest of the world, OUR (ato, atin) Mindanao, from the Mindanawon standpoint/viewpoint/frame;

Thank you for calling our attention to issues we should focus on and thank you, too, for calling our attention when we commit errors in reportage;

Thank you for so many reasons (we can't list down everything here)

Thank you for trusting us;

Thank you for praying for us.

We hope you will continue doing so as we continue our journey. We thank you, we thank our respective families for supporting our group (The "Buang Club" as quite a number of us referred to ourselves then; "buang" because we were, and still are, long on vision but short on cash), and we thank God, Allah, Kabunian for all the blessings in the last ten years”.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (Mexico)

47F(1) [REDACTED] made a presentation, to the whole conference, in a plenary session on Peace and the Environment, which featured on APAC and is viewable in the web-based presentation by Fora TV.

She also spoke on the theme, 'Towards a Fourth Green Revolution' at the launch of a major new book, *Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene* (vol. 2/IV), of which she is one of the leaders of a multi-national editorial team, drawn from among IPRA members.

She was elected, in the members' meeting at the conference, as a representative of CLAIP, the Latin American peace research association, and therefore a member of the IPRA governing Council. As I was elected, by the same meeting, to serve as Secretary General, I can testify to the fact that 47F(1) [REDACTED] has continued to play a full role in helping to run the Association.

Since then, she has been invited, through her participation in IPRA, to be an expert respondent in the project by the International Social Science Council (ISSC) to design a global Climate Change Research Agenda for the forthcoming period.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (South Africa)

47F(1) [REDACTED] played a full role in the conference, as Chair and expert respondent of the plenary session to launch an important new book, *Global Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene* (vol. 2/IV). This session was videotaped, and is viewable on the website of the publisher, [http://www.afes-press-books.de/html/hexagon\\_04.htm](http://www.afes-press-books.de/html/hexagon_04.htm)

47F(1) [REDACTED] also served as co-convenor of the Global Political Economy Commission of IPRA, which ran several successful sessions in its own right – featuring, among others, her own presentation, titled 'Wake Up & Smell the Buchu: Indigenous Feminist Economies' – as well as collaborating with the International Human Rights Commission in a special joint session. She will reprise this role in organising the Commission for the next IPRA conference in November 2012.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (Guatemala)

47F(1) [REDACTED] presented her paper, titled 'Trafficking for sexual exploitation of Young Males in Central America', to a session of the International Human Rights Commission of the conference, which she also chaired.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (India)

47F(1) [REDACTED] played a full role in the conference, as co-convenor of the Religion and Peace Commission and organiser of its successful sessions. He is now co-editing (with 47F(1) [REDACTED]) a collection of papers presented in the Commission sessions (including his own, titled 'Reducing Violence in Maoist-Affected Regions of India'), having secured a publication deal with New Century Press (New Delhi).

47F(1) [REDACTED] was elected, at the members' meeting held at the conference, to serve on the governing IPRA council. He has since played an active role in IPRA decision-making, and made written contributions to two of the e-newsletters we have since produced for IPRA members.

47F(1) will reprise his successful role as co-convener of the Religion and Peace Commission in IPRA's next conference in Japan, in November 2012.

47F(1) (*Nepal*)

47F(1) played a full role in the conference, as convener of the Internal Conflicts Commission and organiser of its successful sessions. He is now editing a collection of papers presented in the Commission sessions (including his own), having secured a publication deal with New Century Press (New Delhi).

Three Australian researchers, including one from the University of Sydney, are contributors to this volume, having taken the opportunity, afforded by the conference, to plug into productive new global networks.

47F(1) will reprise his successful role as convener of the Internal Conflicts Commission in IPRA's next conference in Japan, in November 2012.

47F(1) (*Kenya*)

47F(1) played a full role in the conference, as co-convener of both the Youth and Peace Commission and the Earth Charter Commission, and co-organiser of their successful sessions.

47F(1) was elected, at the members' meeting held at the conference, to represent AFPREA, the African regional peace research association, and to serve on the governing IPRA council. She has since played an active role in IPRA decision-making.

47F(1) will reprise her successful role as convener of the Youth and Peace Commission and the Earth Charter Commission in IPRA's next conference in Japan, in November 2012.

47F(1) (*Philippines*)

47F(1) played a full role in the conference, as co-convener of the Youth and Peace Commission, and co-organiser of its successful sessions. She presented a paper to the Youth and Peace Commission, titled 'Problematizing the youth's involvement: Why do social organizations have greater youth involvement than political organizations?' And she presented a paper to the Gender and Peace Commission, titled 'Women mediating gun violence'.

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47F(1) (*Peru*)

47F(1) played a full role in the conference, as co-Secretary General of CLAIP, the Latin American regional peace research association, and a board member of the IPRA Foundation (IPRAF), set up to provide financial support to IPRA conferences.

Thanks in part to 47F(1) leadership, IPRAF also 'turned a corner' at Sydney 2010. A depletion of its reserves arising from the Global Financial Crisis meant that IPRAF was not in a

position to support the conference, as it had in the past. And it was in a transition, in its own internal organisation, to better accommodate the rulings on charitable status in the USA, where it is incorporated.

In both these respects, and following a successful board meeting, during the Sydney conference, which 47F(1) helped to organise, the Foundation emerged in better shape to move forward, which it has since done.

Whilst in Sydney, 47F(1) also presented her paper to a session of IPRA's International Human Rights Commission, titled 'Maternal Mortality and the Respect for Indigenous Traditions in Peru'.

47F(1) *(South Africa)*

47F(1) played a memorable role in the conference, offering a live musical performance, and commentary on her work as a community musician, musicologist and reconciliation practitioner in Cape Town, in a plenary session on the last day of the event, 'Creative Agency and Peace', which featured on APAC and is viewable in the web-based presentation by Fora TV.

In addition, she contributed a presentation to a session of the Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission, titled 'Arts as a Vehicle for Reconciliation: A reflection on a Memory, Arts and Culture Project', and took part in the collaborative discussions which resulted in the renaming of the Commission, and the re-conceptualisation of its work to match.

Conveners of the Commission listed, as "key findings" from its deliberations, the following insights:

- The need to look beyond symbolic and practical reconciliation actions.
- The need for all parties to (re)build and maintain strong cultural identities.
- The need to acknowledge and build upon a growing recognition of what can be learnt from indigenous peoples.
- The need for detailed empirical work and comparative studies.
- The need to understand how power imbues reconciliation and what its manifestations and effects might be.

These were, the conveners said, "informed by in-depth case studies and, importantly, comparisons across countries and contexts". That they were able to call upon 47F(1) first-hand experience of a conflict, in South Africa, where the concepts of reconciliation and transitional justice have been significant factors, clearly played a major role in enabling this important conceptual development by the Commission.

47F(1) *(Philippines)*

47F(1) joined a special session of the Peace Journalism Commission, discussing efforts to adapt the peace journalism model to the needs and challenges of journalists and editors in the Philippines. He contributed specific experiences of engagement with media over conflict issues arising from mining and development activities.

At the conference, agreement was reached for 47F(1) to contribute as an in-country associate researcher to a major multi-national research project, 'A Global Standard for Reporting Conflict', led by Jake Lynch and funded by the Australian Research Council with partnership

by the International Federation of Journalists and Act for Peace; thus plugging him into a wider network of like-minded researchers and practitioners.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (*Bangladesh*)

47F(1) [REDACTED] played a full role in the conference, with his own presentation, on his work on rights for the people of the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh, to the Indigenous Rights Commission of IPRA.

47F(1) [REDACTED] was elected, by members of the Asia-Pacific regional peace research association, to serve as one of its representatives on IPRA's governing Council, where he has played a full role in deliberations within the Association.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (*Lebanon*)

47F(1) [REDACTED] presented, to a session of the IPRA Peace Journalism Commission, an illustrated account of the training modules he has developed and run for journalists from the region, adapting the methods and precepts of peace journalism into suitable and useful form.

47F(1) [REDACTED] has organised a series of workshops in Beirut, for journalists from Lebanon, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, with the last of these being co-facilitated by Jake Lynch. A DVD presentation, based on the workshops, is now in use within CPACS as a teaching and training aid.

47F(1) [REDACTED] was invited to a two-day workshop in Doha, organised by the Doha Centre for Media Freedom, in October 2010, as a direct result of his participation in the IPRA conference.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (*Philippines*)

47F(1) [REDACTED] made a presentation to the Peace Journalism Commission, about the development and ongoing work of Pecojon, a network of journalists and editors for peace journalism and conflict sensitive reporting, active in the Philippines, and his own role as one of its national officers.

As a result of 47F(1) [REDACTED] participation in the conference, Pecojon is now a local partner in ongoing peace journalism research at CPACS, through a PhD study being carried out under my supervision, and a prospective regional partner in a new initiative at the University, at the stage of being prepared for funding applications, for a Masters in Social Media.

47F(1) [REDACTED] (*Cambodia*)

47F(1) [REDACTED] made a presentation to, and took part in the successful sessions of, the Reconciliation Commission of IPRA, which underwent a conceptual reassessment during the conference – in which he himself participated – to emerge as the Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission.

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These were, the conveners said, “informed by in-depth case studies and, importantly, comparisons across countries and contexts”. That they were able to call upon 47F(1) first-hand experience of a conflict, in Cambodia, where the concepts of reconciliation and transitional justice have been significant factors, clearly played a major role in enabling this important conceptual development by the Commission. The title of his presentation to the Commission was ‘Legacy of Memory for Cambodians: From within or can be facilitated from without? The Experience of Youth for Peace, Cambodia’.

47F(1) (*East Timor*)

47F(1) played a full role in the conference, as a panellist in the opening plenary session on Intervention and the Liberal Peace Model, organised in conjunction with the Development and Peace Working Group. One of the other speakers was 47F(1), who is a leading interpreter of peace research from perspectives in International Relations, and now – as a result of the success of this panel – set to take up residence as a Visiting Scholar in CPACS in 2012.

47F(1) also contributed to the final plenary session, Human rights advocacy – challenge to peace research. His and other presentations to both these plenary sessions featured on APAC and is viewable in the web-based presentation by Fora TV.

47F(1) also made a presentation to the Development and Peace Working Group’s own session, titled ‘Local democratization in post-conflict societies - East Timor’; and later chaired a session on ‘Reconciliation and Peacebuilding in Asia/Pacific’ offered by the Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission. 47F(1) has since continued his role as a local partner for research activities by researchers (in the former Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies) at the University of Queensland.

47F(1) (*India*)

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47F(1) was elected, by members of the Asia-Pacific regional peace research association, to serve as one of its representatives on IPRA’s governing Council, where she has played a full role in deliberations within the Association. She also enlivened the conference before the start of one of the morning plenary sessions by donning a traditional costume and offering a spellbinding live dance performance!

47F(1) will reprise her successful role as co-convenor of the Religion and Peace Commission in IPRA’s next conference in Japan, in November 2012.

## Problems

There were two main problems associated with the conference, both of which affected its financial viability.

In the first, I had applied, through CPACS and in partnership with the International Social Science Council (ISSC) for a grant from UNESCO under its Participation Programme, to bring developing-world delegates to the conference.

Several pieces of conflicting advice were issued by UNESCO, as to the success or otherwise of this application, but days before the event, we received, via the ISSC, what we interpreted as a 'green light': a firm indication that a grant of US\$16,500 (much reduced from the amount for which we had applied – the then 'ceiling' of US\$35,000) would indeed be paid.

This prompted me, as conference organiser, to give the go-ahead for a group of would-be delegates, who had been, as it were, on tenterhooks, to purchase their air tickets and set off to join us for the conference.

Unfortunately, UNESCO later (after the conference) reneged on their promise to hand over this money. We tried various avenues of appeal, through the ISSC, and with help from one of the two UNESCO National Commissions – from New Zealand – that had originally supported our application. The Australian UNESCO National Commission, however, declined to support our appeal, which may have fatally undermined it.

For whatever reason, the appeal failed and we were left with a 'black hole' in our accounts. I had expected to subsidise the conference with CPACS funds to some extent, and I had raised smaller sums of money from various sources, internal (to the University of Sydney) and external, to that end. But this blow meant I had to spend a good deal of my time and attention through 2011 trying to repair the damage to the Centre's finances.

The second problem is endemic to the University of Sydney itself. Any use of its premises by an 'outside' body (such as a Research Association, for a conference) has to be paid for, and the business of booking rooms is handled by an internal agency, the University of Sydney Venue Collection (USVC).

The rates set, and the manner in which the USVC conducts its business, appears largely arbitrary. There were several objectionable aspects to the way in which information was shared – or, more pertinently, not – and issues of opacity in costing that raise serious concerns over potential conflicts of interest (notably in the USVC's own monopoly on catering services in some University premises – at one point, the cost of supplying a cup of coffee and a cake, singular, was \$13.75 per delegate).

I have sought assistance from senior colleagues, in prosecuting a dispute with USVC and attempting to recover a partial rebate, in cognisance of my detailed objections to the costing and remittance process, but in vain. The USVC itself has simply ignored my representations.


The potential issue for outside donors such as AusAID is that money that should, arguably, be devoted to improving the conference service for delegates whose attendance they (the donors) support, is instead being unaccountably siphoned off to the University itself, and not used for the benefit of conference delegates.

This dispute is still unresolved at the time of writing. Full correspondence pertaining to both these problems can be provided upon request.



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