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EVENTS / AKTIVITÄTEN

Workshop "How women combatants can contribute to the promotion of the landmine ban and other humanitarian norms", Geneva (26-29 August 2004)/

Workshop „Wie können weibliche Kombattanten dazu beitragen, die Ächtung von Landminen und andere humanitäre Normen voranzutreiben?“ Genf (26.-29. August 2004)

From 26-29 August 2004, Vera Chrobok will participate in a workshop organized by the Geneva Call and the Program for the Study of International Organizations (PSIO) in Geneva. The workshop brings together women combatants in leadership positions in non-state armed groups and 15-20 experts from human rights, humanitarian and peace organizations, with the aim to gain a greater understanding of the role of women in armed conflict and develop strategies to engage non-state armed groups in humanitarian issues.

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Presentation of 'Conversion Survey 2004' at SIPRI, Stockholm (23 July 2004)/
Vorstellung des 'Conversion Survey 2004' bei SIPRI, Stockholm (23. Juli 2004)

Peter Croll will visit the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on 23 July for talks with the director, Alyson Bailes, and the staff about further opportunities of cooperation. Peter Croll will use this occasion to present BICC's yearbook 'Conversion Survey 2004' to the public in Stockholm.

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<http://www.bicc.de/publications/survey/2004/presentations.html>

Meeting of BICC's Board of Trustees, Bonn (20 July 2004)/
Gesellschafterversammlung des BICC, Bonn (20. Juli 2004)

On 20 July a meeting of the BICC Board of Trustees will take place.

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Topical discussion "Cyprus: What kind of security is necessary for reunification?", Bonn (15 July 2004)/

Fachgespräch „Zypern: Welche Sicherheit ist für eine Wiedervereinigung nötig?“, Bonn (15. Juli 2004)

In Kooperation mit der Europäischen Kommission (Vertretung Bonn) organisierte das BICC ein Fachgespräch zum Thema "Zypern: Welche Sicherheit ist für eine Wiedervereinigung nötig? Wege aus der Sackgasse und die Rolle der internationalen Gemeinschaft".

Es diskutierten Barbara Gessler (Europäische Kommission, Vertretung Bonn), Peter Croll (Direktor des BICC), Jerry Sommer (Politologe und Journalist) und Johannes Ziegler (Mitarbeiter der Zypern-Task-Force bei der Generaldirektion Erweiterung der Europäischen Kommission).

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http://www.bicc.de/events/fachgespraech_zypern/content.html

Visit of Students at BICC, Bonn (12 July 2004)/

Besuch von Studenten beim BICC, Bonn (12. Juli 2004)

On 12 July, a group of 30 political science students from the University of Bonn came to BICC. Susanne Heinke and Katharina Moraht introduced them to BICC's work.

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Seminar on women's rights in Afghanistan, Bonn (9-11 July 2004)/
Seminar zu den Rechten der Frauen in Afghanistan, Bonn (9.-11. Juli 2004)

Renée Ernst and Vera Chrobok participated in a seminar on women's rights in Afghanistan, organized by the Afghan-German Forum for Women in Bonn.

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Presentation of 'Conversion Survey 2004', in Maputo(12 July 2004)/
Vorstellung des 'Conversion Survey 2004', in Maputo (12. Juli 2004)

Peter Croll presented the 'Conversion Survey 2004' in Maputo, Mozambique, within the framework of a cooperation with the Instituto Superior de Relações Internacionais (ISRI), a future partner of BICC in Southern Africa. ISRI was founded in 1987 and has a strong research department (Centro de Estudos Estrategicos Internacionais (CEEI)) . Possible areas of cooperation might be good governance ("paz e segurança") and security sector reform.

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Conference on the future status of Kosovo, Prishtina (8-10 July 2004)/
Konferenz über den zukünftigen Status des Kosovo, Prishtina (8.-10. Juli 2004)

From 8-10 July, Wolf-Christian Paes attended a conference on the future status of Kosovo in Prishtina and made a presentation on minority issues.

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Conference "Banguela Large Marine Ecosystem", Johannesburg (8-9 July 2004)/
Konferenz „Banguela Large Marine Ecosystem ", Johannesburg (8.-9. Juli 2004)

On 8 and 9 July, Peter Croll assisted the strategic planning workshop for Banguela Large Marine Ecosystem–BCLME–in Johannesburg in his capacity as facilitator and mediator. Focus of this workshop was the training and capacity-needs assessment for BCLME, a GEF and UNOPS assisted transboundary project on natural resources in three countries of southern Africa (South Africa, Namibia and Angola).The Banguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem (BCLME) Programme is a multinational cross- sectoral initiative by Angola, Namibia and South Africa to manage the living marine resources of the Benguela Current LME in an integrated and sustainable manner and to protect the marine environment. It is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) under its International Waters portfolio and is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with United Nations Office of Programme Services (UNOPS) as an executing agency. The three member countries provided further financial and in-kind contributions.

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Visit at offices of Pax Christi Netherlands, Utrecht (7 July 2004)/
Besuch bei Pax Christi Netherlands, Utrecht (7. Juli 2004)

On 7 July, Sami Faltas visited the offices of Pax Christi Netherlands in Utrecht to participate in an evaluation of the organization's peace building activities in the Horn of Africa.

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Panel discussion "Civil society and the military: Opportunities for and limitations of cooperation: Kosovo, an example ", Bonn (7 July 2004)/
Podiumsdiskussion „Zivilgesellschaft und Militär: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Zusammenarbeit am Beispiel des Kosovo“, Bonn (7. Juli 2004)

Das forum ZFD (Ziviler Friedensdienst) e.V. veranstaltete in Zusammenarbeit mit dem CIC (Center for International Cooperation) Bonn und dem BICC eine Podiumsdiskussion zum Thema „Zivilgesellschaft und Militär: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Zusammenarbeit am Beispiel des Kosovo“ im S-Gangolf Event Center in Bonn. Als Podiumsgäste diskutierten Staatssekretär Erich Stather (BMZ), Neidhart Höfer-Wissing (Ständige Vertretung Deutschlands bei den VN, Genf), Peter Matthiesen (Militärattaché in Mazedonien) sowie die Friedensfachkraft des forum ZFD Silke Maier-Witt. Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, BICC, moderierte das Gespräch.

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Meeting of the Advisory Board of the UK Department for International Development's Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative, Geneva (6 July 2004)/

Beiratssitzung des UK Department for International Development's Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative, Genf (6. Juli 2004)

On 6 July, Sami Faltas made a presentation called 'DDR without Camps' at the second meeting of the Advisory Board of the UK Department for International Development's Armed Violence and Poverty Initiative. The meeting, held in Geneva, was hosted by UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery and the Federal Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs.

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21st international summer academy of the Austrian Study Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR) (4-10 July 2004)/

21. Internationale Sommerakademie des Österreichischen Studienzentrum für Frieden und Konfliktlösung (ÖSFK), Burg Schlaining (4.-10. Juli 2004)

Corinna Hauswedell nahm am 6. Juli als Referentin ("Friedensmacht Europa? - Sicherheitspolitische Strategien auf dem Prüfstand") an der 21. Internationalen Sommerakademie Schlaining des Österreichischen Studienzentrums für Frieden und Konfliktlösung (ÖSFK), Burg Schlaining, vom 4.-10. Juli 2004 teil, die unter dem Thema „Die Wiedergeburt Europas“ stand.

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Presentation of BICC at the panel for International Relations of the City of Bonn, Bonn (6 July 2004)

BICC im Ausschuss für Internationale Beziehungen, Bonn (6. Juli 2004)/

Auf Einladung der Stadt Bonn präsentierte Michael Brzoska im Stadthaus die Arbeit des Zentrums vor dem Ausschuss für Internationale Beziehungen der Stadt Bonn.

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Science night/ Open Day of the Town Hall, Bonn (2/3 July 2004)
Wissenschaftsnacht / Tag des Offenen Rathauses, Bonn (2. / 3. Juli 2004)

Im Rahmen der „Partnerschaft für Entwicklung und Frieden“ mit der Stadt Bonn 2004 stellte sich das BICC im Rahmen der Wissenschaftsnacht am 2. Juli und am Tag des Offenen Rathauses am 3. Juli in den Räumen des Alten Rathauses der Stadt Bonn vor. Neben Infoständen waren die Informationsausstellungen „Kleinwaffen – Eine weltweite Bedrohung“ und „10 Jahre Konversion in NRW“ zu sehen. Traditionell stießen sowohl die Wissenschaftsnacht als auch der Tag des Offenen Rathauses auf großes Interesse der Bonner Bevölkerung – am 2. Juli kamen 1700 und am 3. Juli knapp 2000 Besucher ins Alte Rathaus.

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http://www.bicc.de/events/bicc10years/bicc_10_years_anniv.html

Photos:

<http://www.bicc.de/events/wissenschaftsnacht/photos.html>

Annual Small Arms Survey Review Conference, Geneva (1-3 July 2004)/
Jahrestagung des Small Arms Survey, Genf (1.-3. Juli 2004)

From 1-3 July, Wolf-Christian Paes attended the annual Small Arms Survey Review Conference in Geneva, Switzerland and chaired a working session on the future of Small Arms Baseline research.

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Meeting "DDR: The Way Ahead Seminar", Stockholm (29 June-1 July 2004)/
Seminar "DDR: Der Weg in die Zukunft" Stockholm (29. Juni – 1. Juli 2004)

From 29 June to 1 July, Sami Faltas attended a Stockholm meeting called 'DDR: The Way Ahead Seminar' and organized by the Swedish National Defence College.

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Salon International, Bonn (29 June 2004)/
Salon International, Bonn (29. Juni 2004)

Unter dem Thema „Friedensforschung konkret – Was tun gegen Kalaschnikow und Co.“ referierte Peter Croll auf Einladung der Stadt Bonn im Rahmen des „Salon International“ im Alten Rathaus über die Arbeit des BICC.

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Conference “Forum Global Questions“, Bonn (24–25 June 2004)/
Konferenz „Forum Globale Fragen“, Bonn (24.–25. Juni 2004)

The German Foreign Office held its 10th “Forum Global Questions” (Forum Globale Fragen) at the Wasserwerk in Bonn on 24–25 June. The theme was the relation between security and development. BICC was coorganizer with the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), and was responsible for one of four panels, directed at the issue of non-state actors in conflict and post-conflict situations. Peter Croll moderated the panel "Swords and ploughshares? On the (new) determination of the relationship between development assistance and military action" and Herbert Wulf, former director of BICC, acted as a panelist in the panel "Economic actors in violent conflicts – dangers and chances for peace and security."

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Project on "Demobilization and reintegration of young soldiers in Afghanistan", Kabul (June 2004)/

Projekt "Demobilisierung und Reintegration jugendlicher Kämpfer in Afghanistan", Kabul (Juni 2004)

As part of BICC's research project on the demobilization and reintegration process of young soldiers in Afghanistan, Vera Chrobok went on a four-week field trip to Kabul to meet relevant actors from international organizations, NGO, donors and the Afghan government. The project, funded by the German Ministry for Development Cooperation (BMZ) and the Kindernothilfe, will result in a BICC-publication, tentatively scheduled to be released in September 2004.

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Consultation at the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs, New York (18 June 2004)/

Beratungstreffen im UN Department of Disarmament Affairs, New York (18. Juni 2004)

On 18 June, Sami Faltas participated in a consultation at the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs in New York on the development of training programmes to improve the implementation of the UN Programme of Action against the illegal trafficking of small arms. The meeting focussed on relating the Programme of Action to UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

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Visit to World Bank, Washington D.C. (17 June 2004)/

Besuch bei der Weltbank, Washington D.C. (17. Juni 2004)

On 17 June, Sami Faltas visited the World Bank in Washington D.C. for meetings with the staff of the Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP). He had conversations with Adriaan Verheul and former BICC researcher Kees Kingma.

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PUBLICATIONS / NEUE PUBLIKATIONEN:

BICC paper No. 35 "A Preliminary Exploration of the Linkages between Refugees and Small Arms" by Edward Mogire (forthcoming)

<http://www.bicc.de/publications/papers/papers.html>

BICC paper No. 36 " Changing Times? India's Defence Industry in the 21st Century" by Deba Mohanty (forthcoming)

<http://www.bicc.de/publications/papers/papers.html>

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<http://www.bicc.de/publications/bulletin/bulletin.html>

SAS Special Report No. 4 "A Fragile Peace: Guns and Security in Post-conflict Macedonia", by Suzette R. Grillot, Shelly O. Stoneman, Hans Risser, and Wolf-Christian Paes, commissioned by UNDP and co-published with BICC and SEESAC

http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/publications/copublications/SR_Macedonia.pdf

BICC's information service on target countries of German arms exports has published two new country-studies, one on Malaysia, the other on Pakistan. Also, all older country studies have been updated. Reports on Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Oman are forthcoming. The reports are available in German language only.

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