



## Social and Human Sciences – Europe

### Events from 2002 to 2007 (ordered by theme)

#### ETHICS

##### **2005 – 2007: Establishment of National Bioethics Committees**

As a follow-up of the regional consultations, based on its principal strategic priority to promote and implement ethical standards in the cluster countries as well as to promote the systematical and comprehensive ethics and human rights approach, and UNESCO strategies' integration in policy and curriculum, the UNESCO Moscow Custer Office supported the establishment of the National Bioethics Committees in Belarus (2006), the Russian Federation (2006), Armenia (2007), The National Centre on Bioethics in the Republic of Moldova (2005) and the functioning of the Azerbaijani National Bioethics Committee (existing since 2000), and several educational projects on bioethics in Moldova, Belarus and the Russian Federation.

*(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)*

##### **2007**

##### **October 2007: International Seminar dedicated to the establishment the National Committee on Bioethics in Armenia, Yerevan.**

The Seminar aims to present the new-established NBC, discuss structures, functions and principles in the bioethical field and exchange experience in bioethical standards' implementation.

*(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)*

##### **November 2007: International conference “Bioethics Committee Activities & Bioethics Education”, Minsk (Belarus).**

*(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)*

##### **2006**

**14 April 2006: Abdallah S. Daar, Bioethics Specialist, receives the Avicenna Prize.** The ceremony took place in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. Abdallah S. Daar teaches science and public health surgery at the University of Toronto in Canada where he is also Director of the Programme on Genomics and Global Health the University of Toronto.

*(Source: SHS Views June -September 2006, N°13 p.4)*

##### **6 to 8 June 2006: International Seminar: “Belarus National Bioethics Committee and activities of bioethics committees – experience of Central and Eastern Europe”, Minsk, Belarus**

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The partners were Belarus State University Medical School and School of Economics, the Belarus National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Health.

It was dedicated to the establishment the National Committee on Bioethics at the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Belarus. The seminar was aimed at raising the competence of members of National and Local Committees' in questions of organizing the activity of committees and providing of ethical expertise of biomedical research.

*(Source: SHS Views September - November 2006 N°14 p.3, UNESCO Moscow Office)*

**4-5 September 2006: International Conference "Bioethics aspects of the Human rights in educational programs" Yerevan, Armenia**

Goal: promote the systematical and comprehensive ethics and human rights approach & UNESCO strategies' integration in policy and curriculum.

Partner/Organizer: Human Rights Defender's Office of the Republic of Armenia

(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)

**2005**

**March 2005: "Ethics and bioethics in CIS and Baltic States", Baltic states**

Meeting of experts held in Minsk Belarus, organized by UNESCO Moscow office, the Belarus National Commission for UNESCO, the forum of Ethics Committees of the Commonwealth of Independent States (FECCIS) the Institute of Genetics and Cytology of Belarus National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

(Source: SHS Views April-June 2005, N°9 p.22)

**2005: International meeting on networking in the sphere of ethics and bioethics, Minsk (Belarus), which gathered experts from ethics committees in CIS and Baltic states. This meeting also resulted in concrete, regionally agreed recommendations, involving an interdisciplinary approach with respect to human rights and bioethics principles.**

(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)

**"Bioethics and human rights": conference discusses the Universal Declaration-Moscow**

(Source: SHS Views March-May 2005, N°12 p.)

The outcomes of the following **Regional expert consultations on ethics teaching and bioethics for Central and Eastern Europe (2005, Moscow, Russian Federation)** served as a reference point for the development of regional strategies and ethics teaching and provided a framework for practical cooperative actions to promote principles and ethical norms of scientific and technological development and social transformation, also through awareness-raising at the regional level on the UNESCO programme on bioethics. Besides, at this meeting a national discussion on the draft Universal Declaration on bioethics and Human Rights was arranged. The experts' comments were submitted to the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) Drafting Group as a contribution of the Russian federation to the consultation process. The discussion on the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, mainly on the realization of the Declaration's principles was continued after its adoption, during the next **Moscow Conference "Social Justice in Healthcare: Bioethics and Human Rights" (2005)**. This meeting was aimed to promote a broad social dialogue on health care between the Government and civil society, by giving the general public the possibility to participate and become informed about the necessary reforms. This kind of dialogue is the primary condition for the effectiveness and quality of reforms and social transformation.

(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)

**2004**

**13 December 2004: Launching of Vilnius Bioethics Centre, Lithuania**

**UNESCO's initiative**

The decision to create this centre was made at the International Conference on Bioethics in Central and Western Europe co-organized by the Lithuanian Ministry of Education; The Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO

(Source: SHS Views October-December 2004 N°7 p.12)

**2004: Ethics education: training and teaching in Israel.**

Launched in 2004 UNESCO Ethics Education Programme currently has 3 activities

Mapping of teaching programmes; Sampling of programmes; Training for ethics teachers

(Source: SHS Views September-November 2006 N°14 p.5)

**2003**

In **Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan** young people receive training so they can lead discussions in their own community and promote human rights and democracy.  
(Source: SHS Views April 2003 N°1 p. 5)

## 2002

**The International Conference on Bioethics in Central and Western Europe (2002, Vilnius, Lithuania)** demonstrated the need for increased education and information throughout the region. Follow-up the recommendations worked out by the participants of the conference, where the special emphasis was placed on knowledge sharing and information exchange instruments, the UNESCO Moscow cluster office supported the establishment of the **Regional bioethics Information and Education Centre in Vilnius** (2004). Hosted by the Department of medical History and Ethics (medical faculty of Vilnius University) and designed to be a model regional centre, it acts as an information resource for scientists, students and the concerned society in the region. Along with the Vilnius Center, **the bioethical electronic discussion forum in Russian** [www.bioethics.ru](http://www.bioethics.ru) was created (2006) as a universal discussion forum and cultural, informational and educational bioethical Internet resource.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

### **European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR)**

The European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR) was launched in December 2004 under the auspices of Nuremberg that acted as the Lead City for Europe. This first regional Coalition already has some 67 cities coming from 15 countries in Europe.

The European Coalition held its **first General Conference from 10 to 12 May 2007 in Nuremberg** (See below). The European Commission financially supported the Conference within the context of the EU Year 2007. The conference welcomed 350 participants including the representatives of 125 cities coming from 20 countries, as well as civil society organizations and European organizations. The Conference focused on the question how municipalities and civil society could effectively fight against racism and discrimination and promote people living together with equal opportunities and mutual respect.

On this occasion, there was an election of the new Steering Committee and the following 18 members have been elected: Bologna (Italy), Botkyrka (Sweden), Frankfurt (Germany), Galway (Ireland), Gent (Belgium), Graz (Austria), Grenoble (France), Halle an der Saale (Germany), Liège (Belgium), London (UK), Lyon (France), Madrid (Spain), Malmö (Sweden), Nantes (France), Nürnberg (Germany), Potsdam (Germany), St. Petersburg (Russia) and UNESCO.

The Conference was an occasion to establish promising contacts with the major EU institutions, namely with the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the European Network Against Racism, ENAR. SHS follows up the possibility of cooperation discussed with the representatives of these institutions in order to establish closer cooperation with European organizations.

### **Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD)**

The Pan-Canadian Working Group led by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCU) with the help of its partners across Canada developed a "Call for a Canadian Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination". The Call was launched at the **Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA) Annual Meeting in June 2005 in Saskatoon**. This initiative obtained the support from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in September 2005, the Union of Municipalities of Quebec and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association in 2006.

In close cooperation with Human Rights Commissions in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF), associations of municipalities in different provinces as well as the National Association of Friendship Centres for aboriginal peoples, CMARD continues to extend across Canada.

**On June 1, 2007 in Calgary**, 13 municipalities from across Canada formed a coalition and signed a declaration against racism and discrimination on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. David A. Walden, Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, stated, "These municipalities are leading the country in taking concrete action to create more equitable communities where everyone can participate. They are now part of UNESCO's International Coalition of Cities against Racism and Discrimination."

The 13 municipalities are: Brooks, Alberta; Calgary, Alberta; Drayton Valley, Alberta; Edmonton, Alberta; Gatineau, Quebec; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Lion's Bay, British Columbia; Montreal, Quebec; Oshawa, Ontario; Thunder Bay, Ontario; Toronto, Ontario; Windsor, Ontario; and the Region of Wood Buffalo and Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Within CMARD, a research agenda is developing through a consultative process with partners in order to help build tools to support municipalities' effort in monitoring progress in the fight against racism and discrimination. The Centre de recherche sur l'immigration, l'ethnicité et la citoyenneté (CRIEC) of the University of Quebec in Montreal, has carried out a preliminary study analyzing the indicators used by the big cities of the world, called: "Indicators for the evaluation of municipal politics fighting discrimination". The study examined the possibilities of comparison and the sharing of experiences between policy makers at the local level within the framework of the Coalition. New areas for research will be further explored in 2007-2008 to respond to the needs identified in the consultations.

**2004-2005 Two International Conferences on tolerance and the struggle against discrimination and xenophobia in the context of the fight against international terrorism (Caucasus dimension) held respectively in Tbilisi, Georgia in 2004 and in Yerevan, Armenia in 2005** provided a platform for human rights experts to identify adequate security measures to address terrorist threats without compromising the basic freedoms of individuals. The events served as forums to exchange best practices and expertise, and to identify future challenges in the region. The cooperation with the Ombudsman Institution in Armenia within the project was continued by conducting the **International Conference in Yerevan (2006), raising the bioethics aspects of the human rights in educational programmes.**

**2004-2007: HIV and AIDS related stigma and discrimination projects – UNESCO Moscow cluster office project**

This project by content addresses four main priorities – human rights, gender, bioethics and HIV. It started in 2004 and contains a number of surveys. The first one was targeted the sensitive issue of pregnancy and HIV-positive women. The goal of the project was to obtain data on the awareness level of HIV-positive women (HPW) in Russia on their reproductive rights in order to define focuses to further promote their active and conscious attitude towards the possibility of safe child-bearing.

The goal of the second survey (2005) was to assess the needs of target groups of the youth organizations (people living with HIV/AIDS – PLWHA, adolescents) in the field of human rights education and awareness-raising, and the reduction of HIV/AIDS-related stigma and discrimination. The survey's results has provided a wide range of information on the matter and shows that stigma and discrimination are still wide-spread while basic information on HIV/AIDS is not available for people at large.

This range was continued by the next two researches conducted in 2006-2007. The first of them provided the analysis of normative instruments for regulating biomedical practices in the context of human rights. It was aimed at assessing the state of biomedical legislation in Russia and contributing to filling gaps in current legislation. The second one was targeted the issue of Human Rights Education (HRE) in the context of HIV and ethical aspects of providing social services to people living with HIV in the Russian Federation, focusing on the state of legislation, regulations, policies.

The results of these surveys were published in the form of report with information materials, sociological data and recommendations that can be used for further elaboration of strategies and trainings aimed at these target groups.

**2007**

**17-18 April 2007: The International Conference «Civil Education – Global Challenge of the Changing World: “Russian Experience and International Dimension”, Kazan (Tatarstan, Russia).**

The conference was jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of

Tatarstan, the International UNESCO Chair at the Academy of Management "TISBI", the Kazan Institute for a Culture of Peace, the Tatar State Humanitarian and Pedagogical University and the Institute for the Development of Education of Tatarstan with the support of the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO and the UNESCO Moscow office.

(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)

**18-19 June 2007: International Conference "Strengthening Ombudspersons' capacities in promotion and protection of human rights", Baku (Azerbaijan)**

*This second International Ombudsmen Conferences in Baku (2007) gathered the ombudspersons from 11 European countries headed by the Vice President of International Ombudsman Institute and gave them an opportunity to discuss the functioning of Ombudsman Institutes and other Human Rights institutions in CEE/CIS countries and to share the experience and best practices in the field of human rights protection.*

Partner/Organizer: Human Rights Defender's Institute of Azerbaijan

(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)

**2007** has been declared **European Year of Equal Opportunities for All**, and **also the founding year of a web-based observatory on women, sport and physical education**. A draft project on an **observatory on women and sport was proposed by the Greek Government** following the 2004 Fourth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS IV), in Athens. The proposal was submitted last October to the 175th session of the UNESCO Executive Board which will present it to the General Conference of the Organization when the 192 Member States meet in 2007.

(Source: SHS Views September-November 2006, N°15 p.30)

**21 March 2007: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in Europe and Canada.**

(Source: SHS Views March-May 2007, N°16 p.10)

**30 January 2007 in Berlin, Germany, the year 2007 was proclaimed "European Year of Equal Opportunities for All" at the Equal Opportunity Summit**

**10-12 May 2007: The city of Nuremberg** (headquarters of the Secretariat of the European Coalition) **hosted the 1st General Conference of the European Coalition**. Young Europeans were invited to take part in a Youth Forum. At this 1st General Conference, suggested group action for cities that are members of the Coalition was discussed, in order to strengthen the network's capacities in communication and research. A new Steering Committee was elected. (Source: SHS Views March-May 2007 N°16 p.11)

**March 8, 2007: International Women's Day- Launch of a women philosopher's network.**

(Source: SHS Views, March-May 2007, N°16 p.13)

## **2006**

**November 2006: World Philosophy Day 2006 in Several European Countries.**

(Source: SHS Views September-November 2006, N°14 p.13)

**15-16 June 2006: Annual meeting of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism, Madrid, Spain.**

(Source: SHS Views June -September 2006, N°13 p.10)

**12 June 2006: "Birth of the Modern World-the roots of European powering in partnership with the newspaper " Seminar, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France**

Le Monde Diplomatique"

(Source: SHS Views June-September 2006 N°13 p.13)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006: third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism (ECCAR) in Stockholm, Sweden.**

**20 April 2006: Philosophy Café by SHS Sector**, in connection with World Book and Copyright Day held on 23 April by SHS Sector at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris .15 persons attended the meeting.  
(Source: *SHS Views June -September 2006 N13 p.13*)

**21-24 March 2006: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Paris, France**  
Partnership with the French association “le Pari de Vivre ensemble” and the French National Commission. The Canadian Permanent Delegation organized the 4<sup>th</sup> festival of Canadian short and long film, “UninvitéD”, to encourage cultural openness. Other events as photograph exhibit, short competition held in UNESCO Headquarters.  
(Source: *SHS Views March May 2006 2005 N12 p.25*)

**2006: Canadian Coalition North America Region moving ahead and join Europe and North America Initiative.** (Source: *SHS Views September- November 2006, N°14 p.6*)

**22 June 2006: Debate “First Nations, Art, recognition and Dignity”, EHESS, Paris, France**  
Reflection on the notion of human dignity against the background of current scientific progress and globalization is among the challenges of the “Paths to dignity proposal” launched in the framework of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNESCO and of “Pathways of Thought.” The debate, in Paris, was entitled “ First Nations, Art, recognition and Dignity” conference debate organized with the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS). (Source: *SHS Views September-November 2006, N°14 p.15*)

**2006: Project “Community of People Living with HIV/AIDS”**  
With the UNESCO Moscow Office UNFPA and targets pregnancy and HIV positive women. Experts carried out a survey and analyses public opinion on the reproductive rights of women living with HIV/AIDS in the Russian federation. (Source: *SHS Views September-November 2006, N°15 p.6*)

## 2005

**7 -9 November 2005: “International symposium on the East-West dialogue”, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.**

The partners are the Japanese Research Centre for Moral Science, the Japan Foundation, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the International Research center for Japanese Studies, the French National institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS), the International Society for the Comparative Studies of Civilizations (ISCSC), the French National Commission for UNESCO and the permanent delegation of the Japan to UNESCO. (Source: *SHS Views December 2005 February 2006 N°11 p.7*)

**October 2005, Workshop “Assessing municipal action against racism”, Toronto, Canada**

Researchers and NGO representatives from Canada, Australia and Sweden had met in Toronto (Canada) to share their experiences and ideas on the tools to be developed for assessing municipal action against racism. The workshop was organized by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Local Government Association of Queensland (Australia) and SHS Sector.  
(Source: *SHS Views December 2005-February 2006, N°11 p.21*)

**March 2005: “Call for Canadian Coalition of Cities against Racism.”**

Proposition by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCU) and the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC)  
(Source: *SHS Views September-November 2005 N°10 p.28*)

**17-23 March 2005, 6<sup>th</sup> Anti-Exclusion Pro-Tolerance Film Festival, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France**

Anti Exclusion Films

The -6th International Anti-Exclusion Pro-Tolerance Film Festival took place at UNESCO headquarters from 17 to 23 March 2005 SHS joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Student Festival Against Racism  
18 Appeal to university students and mayor of French and European cities

**SHS Views April-June 2005 N9 p.18**

## 2004

**The International Ombudsmen Conferences in Baku, Azerbaijan held in 2004** was dedicated to the end of the UN Decade for Human Rights Education and aimed at assisting ombudsmen institutions to identify a curriculum, methodology and instruments to develop and effectively implement human rights education programmes.

*(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)*

### **10 December 2004: Inauguration of International Coalition of Cities against Racism for Europe region.**

During the first European Conference of Cities for Human Rights held in Nuremberg Germany on 9 and 10 December 2004, 4 140 cities attended.

Signatory Cities undertake the ten-point plan of action drafted by a meeting of experts in July 2004.

*(Source: SHS Views January- March 2005 N°8 p.9)*

### **Thursday 18 November 2004, “Third Philosophy Day”, UNESCO Headquarters Paris, France An Eastern/Western Dialogue**

*(SHS October-December 2004 N°7p.21+ SHS Views January-March 2005 N°8 p.11)*

### **9-21 March 2005: “International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination” in Paris, France.**

SHS organized some events in cooperation with the French National Commission for UNESCO and in partnership with France’s National Student’ Union (UNEF).

*(Source: SHS Views April- June 2005 N°9 p.18)*

### **9-10 July 2004: The coalition of cities against Racism in Europe, Expert meeting**

Close collaboration with the city of Nuremberg which plays the role of the lead city UNESCO organized an expert’s meeting on “Commitment of Cities against Discrimination: Defining a ten point plan of Action to combat racism at the municipal level. The coalition was launched in December 2004

*(SHS July September 2004 N°6p.9)*

### **“Tradition and Human Rights: The rise of bride abduction” - Kyrgyzstan**

**Action taken by UNESCO to increase the communities’ understanding of the illegality of bride abduction.** The aim is to inform the local communities about the negative aspects and illegal nature of bride abduction. Several activities: shooting of the film “Bride abduction is Punishable; Training key people to act as sources of information for the local populace; establishing contracts with local authorities, elements of civil society, and mass media in an effort to reduce the number of bride abduction cases.

*(Source: SHS Views January-March 2004 N°4 p.9)*

### **2004/2005: Youth Initiative on HIV, AIDS and Human Rights**

Activities were extended to the UNESCO Moscow cluster office and UNAIDS.

*(Source: SHS Views December 2005-February 2006, N°11 p.21)*

## 2003

**The Project “Human Rights in the Caucasus”** initiated by the UNESCO Moscow cluster Office in **2003** through a series of representative events promoted regional discussions and initiatives on the implementation of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights with a view to strengthen institutions involved in the protection of human rights and develop cooperation in this sphere. Within the project the UNESCO Moscow cluster Office organized a number of international conferences in cooperation with the Governments and Ombudsmen of the Caucasian countries.

*(Source: UNESCO Moscow Office)*

### **20 November 2003: Philosophy day - Paris**

General public reflected on contemporary problems with over 100 philosophers specially invited for the event.

Partners: The Philosophy Association of Uruguay; AFU the Unesco offices in Montevideo and Mexico, The Universidad Autonoma de Mexico UNAM, The philosophy Association of Mexico; Paris VIII University and

the Philosophy Olympiads of Argentina all worked together to organize the event?  
(Source: *SHS Views January-March 2004 N4 p.26 to 29*)

**22 October 2003: Swiss-Kyrgyzstan Democracy Training Project, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).**

The Kyrgyzstan National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Chair in Democracy in Multiethnic and Multicultural Society and the Bishkek Academy of Management organized an international conference for higher education.

(Source: *SHS Views N 3 p.13 October-December 2003* ).

A month later representatives from 12 European countries participated in **the UNESCO Regional Consultation «Towards a Strategy for the UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector in Central and Eastern Europe» held in Moscow in April 2003**. They discussed continuing social transformations in Central and Eastern Europe and examined the implications for UNESCO's SHS programmes. Four main themes were at the centre of discussion: managing social transformations, promotion and protection of human rights and democracy, ethics of science and technology, and philosophy and future studies.

(Source: *UNESCO Moscow Office*)

**21 March 2003: International Day For the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

500 children and teenagers from the suburbs of various French cities flocked to UNESCO's headquarters to take part in the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It involved also representatives of Nuremberg (Germany) and Saint-Denis France) , which representatives launched the European Charter for Human Rights Cities in a panel discussion " Cities united Against Racism"

(Source: *SHS Views N°2 July September 2003 p. 13, UNESCO Moscow Office*)

**The European Experts meeting on Combating Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related intolerance in Europe held in Moscow in March 2003** gave a European Dimension to these problems.

The meeting was attended by representatives of five countries, the UN Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (UN, Geneva) and representatives of the European Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia (EU, Vienna). The recommendations worked out by the participants for UNESCO and Member States on how to implement the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action were included in UNESCO's Strategy on the Fight Against Racism and Discrimination adopted in 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Conference of UNESCO.

(Source: *UNESCO Moscow Office*)

**2002**

**21 November 2002: Philosophy Day in Europe. Paris, France.**

Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, organized debates and conferences on topics related to philosophy and culture (cultural diversity, contemporary world culture, cultural rights, national cultures, etc.). Similar conferences were organized in Ireland, Switzerland with the organization of a symposium for decision-makers on world ethical standards. Lithuania organized round-tables on philosophy and ethics. Finland held international videoconferences and other ICTs debates.

(*SHS N°1 April 2003 p.18*)

## **SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS**

**2003-2007:** In 2003 in close cooperation with the Central and Eastern European Network on Migration Research (CEENOM) and national institutions on studies and analyses of migration the UNESCO Moscow cluster Office initiated a project aimed at developing more effective policy on regulating international migration flows, the peaceful integration of migrants in society and improving countries' capacities to tackle negative impact of migration on social development, particularly with regard to the global campaign for the ratification of the UN International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

The project was composed of a series of the international conferences, seminars and publications. It started in 2003 in the Republic of Moldova with the International conference «Migration and the Labour Market in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe» (2003, Chisinau). The conference was focused on the development of labour migration in the current economic climate, the globalization process and the changing demographic situation in the region. As a follow-up of this international conference the UNESCO Moscow Office in cooperation with the National Commission of the Republic of Moldova for UNESCO organized the seminar “Population of the Republic of Moldova in the Context of International Migration” (2005, Chisinau). An analysis of migration flows of Moldavian population to the CIS and EU was performed with further development of institutional and legislative framework to regulate migration and ensure the repatriation of migrants. Through the elaboration of a National action Plan to reduce illegal migration, the project promoted better management of labor and economic activities, and ensured that best practices and experience acquired by legal labor migrants can be applied back in Moldova. This part of the project resulted in the two-volume publication “Population of the Republic of Moldova in the Context of the International Migration Processes” collected the reports dedicated to the most topical issues of the modern migration processes of the Moldavian population, as well as the statistics and the results of the sociological studies.

Following the recommendations of the participants of the Moldova meeting 2003 to “train the qualified experts in the field of migration policy” the cooperation with CEENOM was continued in 2006-2007 by organizing the training project "Migration as the resource of the social development: positive effect and risks". The project's goal was to expand knowledge of qualified experts in the field of migration policy from CIS on role of migration in the contemporary world (in global and national aspects), on international approach to migration processes management and control and to protection of migrants as well as on possible ways of achieving a greater tolerance and a better prevention of xenophobia and extremism. This two-year activity was composed of preparing and publishing the interdisciplinary educational manual on the methods and the methodology of the study of the migratory processes and organizing the International Summer School "Migration and Discrimination: Protection of Migrants Human Rights and Promotion of Tolerance" (2007, Moscow) on the basis of the above mentioned educational manual.

## 2007

### **5-7 February 2007: meeting of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, Paris**

The 41 States Parties to the International Convention Against Doping in Sport met in Paris last February for the first time to discuss implementation of the Voluntary Contribution Fund for the elimination of doping in sport. South Africa and China taken apart, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Sweden contributed to the Fund (*Source: SHS Views September-November 2006, N°16 p.28*)

**March 2007:** at this date, 6 countries signed the international Convention against Doping

## 2006

**14 December 2006:** the Belgian tennis women Justine Henin became the first UNESCO Champion for Sport. She also helps the organization in the fight against doping in Sport. (*Source: SHS Views September-November 2006, N°16 p.29*)

### **30-31 October 2006: First “Landscape and Environment” Forum at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.**

It was attended by Austria, France and Italy representing the region 'Europe and North America'. (*Source: SHS Views October December 2003 N°3 p.23*)

### **23-25 October 2006: In Rome, Italy, a first step meeting held to setting up a project on history of migration and migrants' recollection.**

The experts were mainly from North America and Europe region: Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. (*Source: SHS Views September-November 2006 N°15 p.14*)

**29-30 November 2006: the Conference “Towards a multi-age society – the cultural dimensions of age policies”, Brussels (Belgium)**

It was organized to cope with such contemporary challenges. The Seminar was organized with the European Economic and Social Committee, the network European Institute (EUNIC) and the European Older People's Platform (AGE). Under the aegis of the MOST Program, it was the occasion for the panelists to deal with ageing, especially in the North American and Europe region.

**15-20 October 2006: in Brussels, Belgium, MOST program organized a meeting to bring officials and civil servants from Latin America (Chile, Ecuador, Colombia and Mexico) to share experiences with European counterparts**, such as, South East France (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region), European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy, the Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions (CoR).

**2006: Chair in Urban Policy to be set in France at the Ecole nationale des travaux publics (ENTP) in Lyon.** Chair at the University in Venice linked to the Urban Policy and international migration program, created at the University of Venice in Italy. The Chair carries out interdisciplinary research.

**2005**

**January – June 2005-** 20 young people from Montreal North suburb (Canada) participated in a research/action project deriving from the **“Growing up in cities” programme** of the UNESCO Chair of Cornell University (USA). The Planning Faculty of the University of Montreal, the City of Montreal and local communities bodies were also partners. The aim is to present young perspective on urban design. The work produced an exhibition of drawings, photos, models and plans, which was presented in the district sports stadium and later in a local shopping mall.

*(Source: SHS Views September-November 2005 N°10 p.12)*

**2005: Establishment of the UNESCO Chair of Cornell University** in the state of New York, United States of America.

*(Source: SHS Views September-November 2005, N°10 p.12)*

**2004**

**13-14 September 2004: Round table of experts on social sustainability in Historic Districts “Cities: Crossroads of Cultures”, Barcelona, Spain**

Organized by SHS. Among several mayors of other UNESCO regions, the mayors of Montreal (Canada), Marseille (France) and Venice (Italia) attended the event. The round table is part of this year's World Urban Forum “WUT”.

*(Source: SHS Views April - June 2004 N°5 p.11)*

**22 March 2004: UNESCO House Issue: “Should globalization be made more democratic.” Paris.**

A session of talks asking if globalization should be made more democratic.” There were panelists from other UNESCO region as Arjun Appadurai, Indian anthropologist, based in the United States, provost of New School university, New York; Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former Secretary General of UN and Chairman of the international Panel on Democracy and Development. For Europe and North America region: Daniel Cohen, member of the Prime Minister's Economic Analysis Advisory Board (France) and leader writer for Le Monde; Edgar Morin, French sociologist and Emeritus head of Research at the National Center of Scientific.

*(Source: SHS Views January-March 2004 N°4 p.12)*

**2003**

**2003: Establishment of a UNESCO Chair in “Landscape and Environment” at the University of Montreal.”**

*(Source: SHS Views October December 2003 N°3 p.23)*

**30 November - 2 December 2003: Evaluation Meeting of Small Coastal Cities Network**

How to restore and preserve the historical heart of small coastal cities? Taken apart Arab States region, the project **“Urban Development and Freshwater Resources was also implemented in Omisalj**

**(Croatia).** The main objective is to encourage alternative solutions for sustainable, socio-cultural and environmental development to the municipalities and ministries concerned.  
(Source: *SHS Views January-March 2004 N°4 p.20*)

## **Social and Human Sciences ... It's also ...**

### **Coordination of UNESCO's efforts to fight against extreme poverty**

**In Europe, UNESCO organized, from 27 February to 2 March 2007, a meeting in Lisbon, Portugal,** to report on the Small Grants programme on poverty eradication. The findings of almost 40 researchers from Africa, Latin America and Asia were presented at this international meeting. With recommendations addressed to those who develop and implement public policy, the unanimous view was that the only way to fight poverty is through a human rights-based approach.

The best research, selected by the international advisory committee of UNESCO's programme on poverty, will be published shortly. At the close of this international meeting, the Portuguese Government announced it would be giving three research grants to Portuguese-speaking countries. This comes in addition to the three grants already proposed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. So in Portuguese-speaking countries the research will continue.

The programme is open to contributions from Member States and public or private institutions interested in the small grants initiative.

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### **Extra-budgetary programme for the Education of Children in Need**

The "Children in Need" programme is entirely funded by private donations to a special account, with the programme chaired by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Ms Ute-Henriette Ohoven.

Financed exclusively by donations from the private sector with UNESCO acting as coordinator, the programme was designed in order to receive, analyse and evaluate project proposals from UNESCO's vast network, with funds and partners being mobilized to support the best proposals. In emergency situations (earthquakes, floods, etc.) this programme can intervene within a matter of days. Every year, US \$2 million are collected in order to successfully implement the 20 to 50 projects that are subsequently carried out by local NGOs within periods of 6 months to 3 years.

**In Europe and North America, the Programme has implemented 31 projects in 12 countries from 2002 till today,** among which the Russian project supervised by UNESCO Moscow Office "Promoting the right to education for children in need in rural areas of the Arkhangelsk Region".

By promoting the right to education for children in need, the project aims at promoting the creation of friendly environment for children and teenagers living in the very poor rural areas of the region, at ensuring their right to quality education taking into account their ethno cultural, confessional and language features, and also, at the developing of the living environment and overcoming of poverty. US\$ 150.000 have been transferred from 2004 to 2006.

(Source: *Cécile Krug, June 2007*)