

## NORDIC-RUSSIAN SEMINAR 12.-14.11 SEMINAR AGENDA (29.10.2021)

### Friday 12.11

- 12.00       Arrival  
Registration  
Lunch at Anker hotel
- 13.00       **Introduction to the seminar**  
**Open meeting: Challenges regarding safe storing of nuclear waste**  
Oleg Bodrov, physicist/ environmental activist from nuclear city Sosnovy Bor and Kjersti Album from Friends of the Earth Norway present experience from cooperation between Russian and Norwegian environmental groups on nuclear waste issues. What are the main challenges for the work and what lessons can be drawn from the cooperation? Brief information is given on the status of nuclear waste handling in Russia and the Nordic countries. Also contributing is a Norwegian youth environmental organization  
Speakers  
Oleg Bodrov, South Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Russia,  
Kjersti Album, Naturvernforbundet/Friends of the Earth Norway  
Chairs  
Åse Berg, WILPF Norway and Ariana Durani, WILPF Sweden
- 15.00       Coffee break
- 15.30       **Musical contributions**  
**Håkon Kornstad: Russian music treasures my way**
- 16.00       **Workshop 1: Rethinking security and strategies for peace**  
The workshop will focus on key elements in a peace strategy : fighting enemy perceptions, promoting culture of peace and human security, integrating gender and environmental concerns.  
The workshop will include presentations by speakers as well as questions and discussion.  
Speakers  
Ingeborg Breines, WILPF/Peace Association, Norway  
Karin Utas Carlsson, Peace House, Gothenburg, Sweden  
Ariana Durani, WILPF, Sweden  
Elena Kruglikova, Initiative for Women for Peace, Russia"- digitally  
Chair  
Penny Heymans, Grandmothers for Peace, Norway
- 18.00       End of meeting
- 18.30       Dinner at restaurant, "Isabella", Korsgata 31.(5 min. walk from the hotel.)

## Saturday 13.11

- 9.00 **Speakers' corner**
- 10.00 **Workshop 2 : Towards demilitarization of the Baltic Sea**  
The Baltic Sea has often been spoken of as «The Sea of Peace», although the surrounding countries are now building up provoking military « defense » - more than ever. The aim of the workshop is to come up with concrete ideas for ways to bring people together in meaningful and peaceful dialogue, and find ways to break down the enemy images, promoted to create fear.  
Speakers  
Nikolay Kuzmin, Russia or Oleg Bodrov  
Ola Tunander, Research Professor Emeritus, PRIO, Sweden  
Benjamin Ulbricht, Gotland Peace Center, Sweden  
Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Åland Peace Institute, Åland  
Gertrud Åström, Women's Baltic Peace-building Initiative, Sweden - digitally  
Chair: Ida Harsløf, Denmark
- 12.00 Lunch at Anker hotel
- 13.00 **Musical contributions: Lars Klevstrand: Tear down the fences**
- 13.30 **Workshop 3 : Specific challenges regarding the Arctic**  
The Arctic is a part of the world which is experiencing dramatic change at an unprecedented pace. Strategies for overcoming geopolitical militarisation, environmental destruction, ensuring indigenous rights and people power are raised all over the region.  
The online workshop presents several crucial topics and allows time for questions and discussion:  
Speakers  
Thomas Nilsen, the Independent Barents Observer, Norway - digitally  
Galina Horeva, Russian Soldiers' Mothers, Russia - digitally  
Qivioq Livi Løvstrom, Academic, Human/Indigenous Rights Activist, Greenland - digitally  
Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, researcher, Iceland - digitally  
Chair : Tim Liebenhoff , Norwegian Peace Association, Norway
- 15.30 **Final statement on highlights and way forward: Input and ideas**
- 16.30 **Informal discussion: Networking towards a Nordic Peace Council**  
The Nordic peace organizations have many common visions, objectives and challenges, and many wish for a closer cooperation.  
The discussion start with brief introductions by Nordic peace organisations.  
Hasse Schneidermann, Peace Ministry, Denmark  
Helge Ratzer, Peace Ministry, Denmark  
Marianne Laxen, Peace Union of Finland  
Tim Liebenhoff, Peace Council, Norway  
Karin Utas Carlsson, FREDSAM/Network of Peace Organizations, Gothenburg, Sweden  
Chair : Liss Schanke, Norway
- 18.00 Dinner

## **Sunday 14.11**

- 9.00            **Speakers' corner**
- 10.00            Presentation of draft final statement  
Plenary discussion
- 11.15            **Musical contributions**  
**Elfi Sverdrup and Birgitte Grimstad: Improvisations and Sing-along**
- 11.30            **Open meeting: How can the Nordic countries and Russia promote peace?**  
The Nordic countries and Russia can play a key role for peace in our region – and give a valuable contribution to a more peaceful world. Key elements are dialogue and mutual respect. The Nordic countries have a broad cooperation regarding military defense policies, but less so when it comes to peace strategies. There will be a panel with representatives from the Nordic countries and Russia, followed by questions and discussion.  
Speakers:  
Christian Juhl, Parliamentarian and Nordic Council member, Denmark, digitally  
Geir Jørgensen, Parliamentarian, Norway  
Nikolay Kuzmin, Deputy of Leningrad Oblast Legislative Assembly, Russia  
Erkki Tuomioja, Parliamentarian and Nordic Council member, Finland  
Chair: Sia Spilipoulou Åkermark, Finland
- 13.30            **Presentation of final statement**
- 14.00            Closing of meeting
- 14.30            Lunch at Anker hotel