Alliance for Health Promotion

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Introduction
2018 marked the 10th anniversary of the Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP) becoming a former structure and registered as an association under Swiss Law by the State of Geneva. The predecessor of the Alliance was established as an ad-hoc advisory group of NGOs at the 4th WHO International Conference on Health Promotion in Jakarta in 1997.

The Alliance is now an international NGO with an office in Versoix, Canton of Geneva, Switzerland. In 2015 the Alliance obtained Official Relations with the World Health Organization and was granted Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

Vision
The Alliance aspires to see empowered individuals and communities with ownership of knowledge and the means to better control their health and fully enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

Mission
The Mission of the Alliance is to strengthen global efforts to improve health by
• bridging the gap between international declarations and local realities,
• catalyzing and galvanizing NGOs health promotion actions, and
• advocating for a holistic approach to health.

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Major events during the reporting period
1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019

• 8th Global Forum on Health Promotion – Graduate Institute, November 2018
• NGO consultation during the Executive Board meeting, WHO, January 2019
• Pre WHA Lunchtime Seminar, Graduate Institute, May 2019
• Health Promotion Day, Walk the Talk, Geneva, May
• Annual Briefing during the World Health Assembly, UN Palais, Geneva, May
• Consultation on Primary Health Care, the Astana Declaration, UN Palais
• Workshop on Health Promotion in Bangalore, India, July 2019
• Regional Workshop on Health Promotion, Kitale, Kenya August

8th Global Forum on Health Promotion
Graduate Institute, Auditorium Ivan Pictet
14 November 2018, 9:00-16:00
“Health Promotion for prevention and control of Non-communicable diseases (NCDs):
Translating global declarations into community level action and impact”

The 8th Global Forum on Health Promotion (8GFHP) was organised by the Alliance in collaboration with the World Health Organization and hosted by the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, 14 November 2018.

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The keynote speech by Dr Svetlana Akselrod, Assistant Director General of WHO was followed by a high level panel. Technical workshops conducted in the afternoon included topics on Health Promotion in Communities, NCDs and Health Literacy and Evidence based Health Promotion strategies to fight NCDs.

Faten Ben Abdelaziz, WHO Coordinator for Health Promotion, Designated Technical Officer, DTO of the Alliance was among the panellists and participated all day through.

The Global Forum held annually since 2011, organised always in collaboration with WHO, provides a platform for key stakeholders to address current challenges and opportunities of Health Promotion. as well as set the agenda for research, advocacy and action. It is a platform intended for everyone involved in promoting healthy lives, to share experiences, learn from one another and to build understanding of best practices.

The theme was timely in view of the world’s focus on the Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs, which recognized that health and wellbeing are central to development. The HLM on NCDs in New-York in September and the Global Conference on Primary Health Care in Astana, Kazakhstan in October have provided us enough food for thought how governments and non-state actors can work together to take forward the key messages of the global conferences, identify the gaps and take actions in order to increase the impact on the life of people.

The Forum confirmed the need for civil society networks to carry the key messages to the local communities and contribute to the implementation of the recommendations of the declarations. The Forum also confirmed the need to build the capacity of CSOs so that they are able to contribute effectively to achieving the SDGs.

**NGO Consultation during the WHO Executive Board session**

*WHO Meeting Room M205*

*25 January 2019, 12:30-14:30*

*“Health, Environment and Climate Change – Raising Awareness”*

The Alliance organizes annually a consultation during the WHO Executive Board, EB session in January to take advantage of the presence of a great number of Non-State Actors (NSA) attending the event in Geneva with the aim of strategizing for the World Health Assembly around one or two issues of common interest.

This year it was organized in close collaboration with the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation, IPSF, member of the Alliance. Joanna Koch, Alliance Board Member co-chaired the meeting together with IPSF President Elect Ms Aya Jamal.

Climate Change has a devastating effect on health, particularly on children and those lacking Universal Health Coverage. The same polluting energy sources that are driving climate change are also directly causing massive health burdens - nine out of ten people living in cities breathe polluted air, and air pollution in many places is increasing, a threat that Dr. Tedros has called “the new tobacco”. The Consultation addressed the EB Agenda item 5.6 Health, Environment and Climate Change, and referred to the 7th Global Forum on Health Promotion “Our Planet, Our Health”, to the WHO Special Report on Health to the 24th Climate Change Conference of the Parties, the outcomes of the first WHO global conference on air pollution, and the 2018 UNEP / WHO Nairobi Collaboration Agreement.
The moderator stated in her introduction that the Health promotion remit should be well placed to respond to emerging climate-related health challenges, therefore clear role for health promotion in climate change mitigation at the national, international and community level is greatly needed. And there is no better tool than young people to utilize in advancing the health promotion agenda on environment and climate change.

In her Opening remarks Maria Neira, WHO Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health (PHE) touched on a wide variety of issues how pollution affects everything not only in the air, but in the water, soil, the food we eat, the whole of agriculture and life itself. She referred to the Katowice Climate Conference in Poland, early December 2018. Dr Neira welcomed IPSF leading role and said: “Students are our inspiration for the Future”. She concluded by saying that all of us could do something for environment, for example by walking or cycling and leaving the car at home.

Expert Speakers, among them Nathalie Roebbel, WHO Coordinator Air Pollution and Urban Health, Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, WHO Coordinator, Climate Change and Health and Pierre Quiblier, UNEP revealed many different aspects of climate change which impact health, introducing the issue of children’s’ rights, chemicals, food safety and more. Some of the statements included:

“Clean air is not a choice but a must. There is a need for better monitoring, better data collection, better partnerships, and better capacity building Initiatives.”

“25 % of the burden of disease is coming from environmental factors. Climate presents the single biggest threat to development, and its widespread, unprecedented impacts burden the poorest and most vulnerable.”

“To convince decision makers to take urgent action to combat climate change and minimize its disruptions is integral to the successful implementation of the SDGs.”

It was recognized that the Alliance for Health Promotion as an international NGO with its wide network and outreach is well placed to bring awareness, knowledge and expertise into the heart of communities, particularly those in under-developed, vulnerable regions in remote areas.

In order to take forward the messages and working together with WHO, it was suggested to organize a side event during the World Health Assembly and also submit a statement to the WHA.

Pre-WHA Lunchtime Seminar
Graduate Institute A1
18 May 2019
“Achieving Healthier Populations through Alliances with Civil Society”

It was the second time after the Jubilee conference held in the UN Palais in 2017 that the Alliance organised a pre-WHA Seminar.

The event saw the participation of some of the most influential actors in the field of health in International Geneva and other parts of the world. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom graced the event with his presence and delivered the closing speech. The Assistant Director-General of the newly formed ‘Healthier Populations’ division, Dr Naoko Yamamoto delivered a technical presentation on the restructuring of the WHO and the renewed prioritisation of the health community on health promotion. Her technical presentation set the stage for further engagement with the event’s theme through a panel discussion which was moderated by Dr Mihály Kökény, a senior fellow of the Global Health Centre at The Graduate Institute.

The panelists for the discussion represented a wide range of global health actors from different regions and organisations; most importantly, the panel was not only gender-sensitive but also
included a diversity in age. Loyce Pace from the Global Health Council highlighted the need for meaningful engagement with civil society. Elizabeth Cherian Paramesh brought in a range of examples from India, where NGOs have played a key role in health promotion, especially during the aftermath of natural disasters. The youngest panelist was Daniel Semmy from International Pharmaceutical Students Federation who was able to bring in the youth’s perspective on promoting health. The Secretary of Sri Lanka, Lakshmi Somatunga from the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine shared the cultural history of Sri Lanka where communities have played an integral role strengthening health systems. Dr Svetlana Akselrod, the WHO Director UNIATF and GCM Secretariat emphasized on the need for civil society’s engagement in order to achieve the global goals of universal health coverage, protection from health emergencies and healthy living.

The panel discussion was followed by a stimulating round of audience participation in the form of comments. Having witnessed the presentations, Dr Tedros delivered the closing speech by addressing some of the points raised during the discussions.

He reiterated the new priorities of the WHO and their efforts to change the discourse around global health. He recognised the need for partnerships with civil society organisations and the mutual benefits that can arise out of such alliances. He made it clear that there was real transformation taking place within the WHO, to make it play its rightful role in achieving the goal to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being. He confirmed that the 3 billion goal of WHO can only be achieved with civil society’s participation.

In the end, Mr Bernard Kadasia, President of the Alliance expressed his gratitude to the participants for making the Pre-WHA lunchtime seminar a catalyst in opening the doors to wider discussions on the role of civil society in bridging the gap between global declarations and local realities. He also thanked Dr Tedros for making time out to attend the event despite his hectic schedule before the commencement of the 72nd World Health Assembly.

Health Promotion Day - Walk the Talk
Sunday, 19 May, Geneva

It was a great feeling to experience that for the second year the Alliance’s modest initiative of Health Promotion Day has developed into a huge public event offering delegates of WHA and the population of Geneva happy outdoor activities and celebrities on the stage at the Place des Nations and five other locations in Geneva. The slogan was: “Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge”.

Building on the success of the inaugural event held in 2018, more than 5000 people took part in the Geneva edition of the Walk the Talk event which celebrates the importance of health and recognizes the vital role that the city of Geneva plays as a hub for global health. The event started at Place des Nations and was open to people of all ages and abilities and held over different distances ranging from 3-8 kilometres.

The Alliance partnering with the Geneva University Hospital, the Institute of Global Health and several local associations were among the lucky ones to set up their tents at the Place des Nations. We received a nice Certificate of Gratitude signed by the Director-General of WHO recognizing our contribution.

Following the example of Geneva a Walk the Talk event took place for the first time in New York in September prior to the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage.
The Annual Briefing of the Alliance is a side event of the World Health Assembly. Every year since its establishment in 1997 the Alliance has organized a Briefing offering an opportunity for Civil Society, governments and other key stakeholders in Global Health to share experiences, practices, ideas on health promotion, identify gaps, and agree on priorities for action as well as respective roles.

The Side Event at the 72nd World Health Assembly, organised in collaboration with the Global Climate and Health Alliance, GCHA, was attended by over 80 people. Bernard Kadasia, President of the Alliance welcomed participants. Opening remarks were made by WHO Assistant Director-General Dr Naoko Yamamoto. Speakers included also Tarek Ezzine, representing IFMSA, International Federation of Students’ Associations, and Dr Svetlana Akselrod, co-chair of WHO Civil Society Working Group on GCM/NCD. Panelists and the audience engaged in a compelling discussion moderated by Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, WHO Coordinator, on making health systems resilient in the face of climate change.

As an outcome of the side event, Jeni Miller, Executive Director of GCHA announced the launching of the WHO Civil Society Working Group on Climate and Health convening for a collective voice on climate change and health. The working group with the Alliance in membership including also Prof. Dr.H.Paramesh, will develop a coordinated strategy to drive policy action on climate change and its related impacts on health. WHO Director Dr Maria Neira delivered the closing address and highlighted the need for simplifying the message on climate change and to popularise the movement, so that all groups of civil society are able to participate in it.

The reason of organising the above Consultation was to follow up the Astana Declaration adopted at the international Conference on PHC where Alliance Board Member Joanna Koch also attended. The Astana Conference in Kazakhstan was organised to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the International Conference on Primary Health Care in Alma Ata in 1978.

The Briefing saw participation of the Government of Kazakhstan, WHO Director Ed Kelley and Health Promotion Coordinator Faten Ben Abdelaziz as well as members of the Alliance led by President Bernard Kadasia. Minister Counsellor Arman Baissuanov recognised the role of NGOs in achieving the objectives of the Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting would be organised on the operational framework of the Declaration.

This year’s Kitale Workshop took place on 2 August. It was organised by the Health Promotion Alliance of Kenya (HPAK) with support from the Alliance for Health Promotion and its members and partners, namely Life University, Health Nexus, the Afro-European Medical and Research Network (AEMRN) and the international project: Co-operating for Health. There were 80 participants of whom more than half were Community Health Volunteers active in Trans-Nzoia County. The next largest group of participants was that of healthcare professionals from the county. The local and County
government was represented, too. The theme of the workshop was “Making Universal Health Coverage Real at the Individual and Community Level.

The main topics included: The health status in the county and main trends, Non-communicable diseases and Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Financing UHC at individual and community level, Traffic accidents and injuries as a key component of UHC, Strategies and actions to move towards achieving UHC.

The organisers and the participants were excited to receive a video message from the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, for the second year running.

Regional Workshop on Health Promotion in Bangalore, India
The Alliance continued to collaborate with its member, the Lakeside Center for Health Promotion to organise the 5th Workshop in India within the framework of the 37th Annual CME (Continuing Medical Education) programme on 28 July 2019. The theme was: “Universal Health Coverage: Everyone Everywhere”. Some of the topics addressed were: NGOs for sustainable health care, The changing health care scenario and The management of childhood tuberculosis: challenges and progress.

Through co-sponsoring the Annual CME programme, this big event of high-level government representatives, health professionals and scientific experts the Alliance gains visibility, creates awareness about the importance of community engagement through Health Promotion strategies and gains also by the exposure to various experts in climate change, allergy and air pollution as well as community development which are all part of the vision of the Alliance.

The Alliance for Health promotion co-sponsored the 37th Annual CME program on “Universal Health Coverage: Everyone Everywhere” along with Divecha Center for Climate Change Indian Institute of Science, Indian Academy of Pediatrics Karnataka State, IAP Bangalore and Bangalore Pediatric Association.

The session sponsored by the Alliance for Health Promotion included:

WHO Theme – 2019 “Relevance to the National Health Policy by Prof Dr H Paramesh, Pediatric Pulmonologist and Environmentalist, Role of NGOs for Sustainable Health Care by Dr Rashmi Cherian Paramesh Director Lakeside Center for Health Promotion, The Changing Health Care Scenario by Dr. Aravind Gubbi , Consultant Endoscopic Surgeon, Specialist in GI Endoscopy / Colonoscopy & Gastro-Intestinal Diseases.

The session was chaired by Prof. S K Satheesh Chairman, Divecha Center for Climate Change, Professor, Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Dr B Sanjeev Rai Chief of Research, Father Muller Research Center, Pediatrician, Bangalore

The Alliance session was received with great interest by the audience that comprised of Doctors, Pediatricians, Medical Students, Rotarians and general public. The activities of the Alliance for Health promotion were presented to the audience by Professor Elizabeth Cherian Paramesh, Vice-President of the Alliance.

Working with the World Health Organization
1. The Alliance obtained Official Relations (OR) with WHO in January 2015. The first 3-year collaboration was evaluated and the Alliance’ status was renewed for another 3 years (2018-2020).
As a result of a consultation process with Dr Faten Ben Abdelaziz, Designated Technical Officer, DTO of WHO working with the Alliance the following strategic areas of collaboration have been identified:

- Joint development of a capacity building programme on the SDGs and health promotion targeting civil society organisations,
- Contribute to the development of a global health literacy agenda to support civil society action for the SDGs and health promotion, and,
- Monitor the uptake of the actions from the Shanghai Declaration by civil society organisations (CSOs) and members of the Alliance network.

In compliance with the guidelines on the implementation of FENSA, Framework Engagement with Non-state actors the Alliance was obliged to present its first annual report evaluating the collaboration with WHO.

The Annual Report on the first year of work collaboration was submitted, though with some delay due to communication problems and confusion about the Alliance Focal Point with WHO.

This Report gave account on the outcome of the APW (Agreement for performance of work) signed in October 2018 to support the Alliance in conducting a capacity assessment survey of NGOs working in health promotion and the SDGs. The purpose of the survey was to inform the development of a capacity building package that would support the implementation of the guide on accelerating action on the commitments from the Shanghai Declaration.

The Shanghai Declaration recognizes health and wellbeing as essential to achieving sustainable development. It affirms health as a universal right, an essential resource for everyday living, a shared social goal, and a political priority for all countries.

Advancing the commitments of the Shanghai Declaration, including implementation of the guide, requires new skills and capacities from organizations engaged in health promotion. Furthermore, the Guide emphasized that building new capacities and mobilizing resources to support meaningful health promotion activities it is essential to respond to the complex public health challenges facing the world today.

According to the APW the deliverables provided by 31 December 2018 were the following:

- Capacity Assessment Tool: A Capacity Assessment Survey among Alliance members with a return of 25%
- Updated Database of members of the Alliance
- Final Technical Report – on the Capacity Assessment Survey results

2. At this year’s World Health Assembly the Alliance submitted and read out two Statements, one on Agenda item 11.6 Health, environment and climate change and the other one on Agenda 12.8 Global Strategy for Women’s Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030)

3. Collaboration continued also with the WHO European Office. The Coordinator attended the the 69th Regional Committee of WHO Europe held in Copenhagen, Headquarters of the European Office. Out of the 280 delegates 44 have come from Non-State-actors

After a 10 year mandate as Regional Director, Zsuzsanna Jakab’s successor was elected. The new Director, Hans Kluge from Belgium will take up his office in February 2020. The Acting Regional Director is Piroska Oestin, while Dr Jakab was appointed Deputy Director General of WHO Head Office is Geneva.
Among the four resolutions adopted at the RC69 one was on promoting health literacy that seeks to help people make informed decisions.

4. The transformation process in WHO had a favourable impact on the role of Health Promotion which has been elevated to a higher position within the Headquarters. Instead of a HPR Unit, a Department has been established headed by Dr Ruediger Krech, one time director of the Department on SDH and Ethics. Dr Faten Ben Abdelaziz remained the DTO of the Alliance. The Department is part of the Division on UHC and Healthier Population.

**Participation in UN activities**
Since the Alliance obtained Consultative Status with ECOSOC in 2015 time has come for submitting the first Quadrennial Report which focussed on the initiatives taken in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

There is a number of activities and workshops in Geneva organized by the SDG Lab where we participated during the year.

The sixth "So What?" series started
On the occasion of the centenary of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and in the lead up to the Climate Action Summit 2019, the SDG Lab and the ILO will be co-hosting the sixth iteration of the "So What?" series exploring Decent Work (SDG 8) and Climate Change (SDG 13), in partnership with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

During the Building Bridges Week one of the many themes addressed was bringing more finance to the SDGs and more SDGs into finance

The Geneva 2030 Ecosystem holds meetings 3-4 times a year to bring together a diverse group of actors in Geneva to discuss how we can strengthen collective and individual efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda.

**Project development – Fundraising**
The year started with enthusiastic initiatives and great hope to engage more in fundraising. We coopted to the Board an experienced person who guided our first trials. A fundraising strategy has been developed, a list of potential funding sources has been updated among other things. A fundraising package is being compiled introducing the Alliance and its achievements, a project outline has been developed on Digital Capacity Building. Our work slowed down, unfortunately for the following reasons: the money committed to finance a consultant in charge of fundraising did not arrive, our fundraising professional who offered her time on a voluntary basis had to leave the Board due to her increasing commitments and workload and the intern from the Graduate Institute who developed the Digital Capacity Building project got a job and left us.
A simple conclusion: money can only be raised with money.

**Governance**
The Strategic Plan (2028-2020) review process identified a number of dysfunctionalities which we were able to clarify. It took us long but finally we managed to put order in our governance system. This included also settling some external and internal communication problems. The Annual General Meeting 2018 adopted Amendments to the Statutes and Rules.

Election of the Board was conducted accordingly. The new Board, composed of 14 members (see attached list) has met 3 times after their election. In the period between two Board meetings it is the Officers’ Group in charge of making interim decisions. The Group is composed of the President
Bernard Kadasia, Vice-President Elizabeth Cherian Paramesh, Treasurer Jean-Pierre Girard and Secretary Gabriella Sozanski.

Through an e-voting process a new logo was agreed on for the Alliance by majority voting. It has been designed by a professional at no cost and will contribute to developing a branding for the Alliance.

Two independent advisors help the work of the Alliance, Glenn Laverack, Technical Advisor and Mihály Kökény, Policy Advisor. Both of them are long-time supporters of the Alliance. This year we made their engagement with and commitment to the Alliance official.

Membership
The Alliance currently has 30 institutional members and 17 individual members including 12 students from UCLA, University of Los Angeles Fielding School for Public Health, USA They participated as part of the Alliance delegation at the World Health Assembly. The students contribute regularly by drafting policy briefs and statements.

New applications/admissions during the reporting period are the following:
- International Society of Dietary Supplements and Phytotherapy, ISDSP, Italy
- Groupe entreprise en Santé, GES, Québec
- International Society of Lymphology, Italy
- Individual member: Mr Chin-Shui Shih

One of our valuable member organisations, Biovision Foundation, Switzerland announced their withdrawal from next year on.
Another NGO, ACTPEW had to be excluded for non-payment of its dues for two years

Communication and Visibility
The most recent Newsletters were published in June and September 2019. They were drawn up with the help of interns and circulated through Mailchimp to more than 500 addresses in the Alliance’s database, also established by our interns.

The Alliance informs its network mainly through its website: www.alliance4healthpromotion.org Unfortunately it does not work properly. Until technical problems are sorted out new information, pdf files and photos are being uploaded through social media.

A Digital Capacity Building project has been developed that includes also a new website design with the main objective of using it for implementing the Capacity Building project in collaboration with WHO with special focus on youth engagement.

The Alliance has increased its visibility through updating its profile on the WHO and the UN ECOSOC website. The Alliance is also included in the Directory of the Graduate Institute as one of the Geneva Global Health Actors.

Office of the Alliance
Since August 2012 the Secretariat coordinates the activities of the Alliance from a small independent office in Versoix, Grand-Montfleury 48, where several other NGOs have their seat. For the first two years, the Alliance received a subsidy from the Canton of Geneva, but since it had finished, the Alliance had to pay the full rent, though still subsidised by the State, along with the maintenance costs.
We share our office in the Villa Grand-Montfleury, Versoix to accommodate the Geneva Representation of Life University, REPSSI (Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative) and the Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance, FCGHA, an NGO recently established and supported by our member organisation the O’Neill Institute of Georgetown University. This service and the conditions are regulated by the NGO Office of the State of Geneva which issues authorization subject to annual renewal. To have a physical address is a pre-condition for registering an NGO or representation in Geneva.

**Internships – voluntary work**

The Alliance continues to rely on the work of volunteers and interns and has no employee or any paid staff.

Interns did a remarkable job during the year. We would not have been able to implement our workplan.

Julia Zietemann, University in Paris, in exchange programme at the Graduate Institute helped us with the evaluation of the Strategic Review and presented her findings to the Board and AGM in November 2018. The term of the Alliance contract with Lana Raspail was terminated as she was not able to continue on a voluntary basis. Around the WHA-linked May events we benefitted from several interns helping around the WHA events and who stayed on for the beginning of the summer:

- Cecilia Vorfeld (Johns Hopkins University) who developed the first draft of the Milestones document
- Boglarka Ori (New York University Abu-Dhabi) produced policy briefs on mental health and physical activity related to health promotion
- Murchana Roychoudhury (Graduate Institute) designed a brochure on the Alliance and developed an outline for a Digital Capacity Building project.

Great thanks for their professional voluntary work.

Clélia Romy continued to work with us as a volunteer and has been in charge of the Newsletters, website, social media and the database of the Alliance.

In August we signed an agreement on voluntary work with Dorijan Pimenta for the job of Bookeeper. He has prepared an interim financial report to the Board meeting 28 August.

Unpaid internship opportunities continue to be open to students and other volunteers and are published through different channels, website of the Alliance, through our Students’ associations, the website of CAGI and the Graduate Institute and others in the area of communication, overall administration, coordination, project development and management as well as fundraising.

The attempt to hire a part time Coordinator for a trial period of 6 months failed as the amount of CHF 12,000 promised by a member (raising money from friends of the Alliance) had not been transferred to the Alliance account. Thus, Board Member and Secretary Gabriella Sozanski was invited to continue the Coordinator’s functions while remaining Secretary to the Board. A contribution to covering her expenses (CHF 250 per month) was voted by the Board meeting 18 May.