

## **Annual Report of the International Committee (2003-2004)**

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**Membership and Co-Chairs.** It has been a year of considerable growth for the International Committee. From 31 members just after last year's CC meeting, we have grown to our current membership of 48 voting members, 4 advisors and 7 observers, from 26 different states (see membership list, below). In February long-time co-chair Annie Goeke resigned, and Julia Willebrand was elected as her replacement, for a two-year term ending February 23, 2006.

**International Policy.** During the past year the International Committee developed three major policy statements. In October the CC approved our declaration opposing U.S. intervention in Cuba, calling for an end to U.S. sanctions. In November our declaration supporting fair trade, and opposing the Free Trade Area of the Americas, was adopted by the CC. In late December we drafted a 2004 Platform proposal on Israel and Palestine, outlining a Green policy for that part of the Middle East, and calling on all parties to seek a nonviolent, democratic, and secular single-state solution. This proposal has been submitted to the Platform Committee by the Green Party of Rhode Island, for referral to the Platform plenary in Milwaukee.

### **Representing the Green Party**

**Internationally.** This past year the International Committee sent U.S. delegations to nine international meetings and mobilizations, including the founding Congress of the European Green Party (Rome), the annual meeting of the Federation of Green Parties of the Americas (Managua), the Council of European Greens (Luxembourg), the Palestinian Right of Return Conference (Haifa), the founding meeting of the Green Ecological Party of Nicaragua (Managua), the ministerial of the World Trade Organization (Cancún), the ministerial of the Free Trade Area of the Americas-F'TAA (Miami), the World Social Forum (Mumbai), and the Hemispheric Conference against F'TAA (Havana).

**Global Networking.** Our members participated in the ongoing online development of both the Global Green Network and the Global Green Coordination,

and helped plan and organize GGN and GGC meetings at the Rome Congress.

**Guest Hosting and Student Exchange.** In 2003 and 2004 we hosted a number of international Green guests in Washington, DC and New York City. Our members participated in two-way exchanges of student volunteers, in the European Youth Greens 'Manoverde' project.

**Electronic Communications.** Our IC web pages were completely redesigned and updated in early 2004, and we have refined procedures for our e-mail listserve, facilitating online decision-making practices accessible to the entire Committee membership.

### **International Program, 2004 Convention.**

Working with colleagues in the world's other Green parties, we developed a comprehensive international program for the 2004 convention, with a welcoming reception, three international policy forums, a national press conference, and an open forum on global issues. These events feature participation by 31 Green Party leaders from 17 countries, including Members of Parliament, government ministers, local and regional Green elected officials, and national Green party officers.

**Correspondence and Solidarity.** We compiled the 2003-2004 report of the Federation of Green Parties of the Americas, for the Rome meeting of European Greens; held correspondence with the Green Party in Colombia, and Ingrid Betancourt's family there; issued a joint statement with the Australian Greens, opposing the Australia/U.S. Free Trade agreement; sent letters of support for the Green Ecological Party of Mexico, for proceedings of the national electoral courts; sent a letter of support to the Guatemalan Greens, in their efforts to gain ballot access and develop an electoral coalition; and wrote letters of sympathy and support to the Swedish Greens, on the murder of Minister Anna Lindh, and to the Dominican Green Party, after devastating floods in that country.

## Members of the International Committee, June 15, 2004

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