

BANg General Meeting

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Official protocol of the meeting, Chairperson: Nina Eisenhardt, Germany

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This protocol will be send over the BANg e-mail list bang-europe@riseup.org. The agreements were made in consensus between the present BANg members. We are asking everybody on this list to make his or her comments. If there are no objections till 1st June 2008 the agreements are valid.

Topics

The General Meeting was set to talk about following issues:

1. Cooperation requests of various organizations, namely: WFUNA, Greenkids, Abolition 2000, The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs
2. Add to the aims of BANg, announced in the mission statement, the prohibition of the peaceful use of nuclear fissile material namely nuclear power plants.
3. The decision making process of BANg e.g. on the cooperation requests or projects which are organized in the name of BANg and ideas for the future of BANg.

This meeting was necessary because BANg is becoming well known and we have to adapt to the new challenges.

Agreements

Topic 1

If an organization is asking for cooperation between them and BANg the form "Cooperation application" has to be filled in and send over the e-mail list of BANg. If it is confirmed (confirmation see decision making process) the application form will be published at the website under supporters.

Topic 2

At the founding meeting in Milano the point why nuclear power wasn't add to the mission statement was that BANg hasn't got enough potential to cover different topics with its work. We considered if the situation has changed but we agreed that it is still better to concentrate ourselves on nuclear weapons and extend our work in this field. But we also agreed that nuclear power plants are a matter of proliferation for nuclear weapons and we have to care about them. So we agreed to add a sentence to the mission statement in which we declare that we are against nuclear power plants because they are endanger the Non-Proliferation.

Proposal for the sentence:

...while ruling out the same right to others. “The risks of proliferation of nuclear weapons from civil nuclear programs are increasing, while not enough support is provided for peaceful cooperation on the inalienable right of humans to safe, clean and sustainable energy.” BANg, the European Youth...

Topic 3

We talked about the problem that we are having several events that are happening in the name of BANg but they aren't all communicated. BANg members not get informed about what's happening and so they don't also have the power to decide if they want to have this event or also cooperation partner. This would become a bigger problem the bigger BANg gets.

So we decided that there should be a “Project application” form which you have to fill in and send over the e-mail list. If there is no negative response within ONE MONTH the project is an official BANg project and will be published on the website. Everybody on the e-mail list is asked to tell his or her opinion and can refuse the project under explaining his or her concerns or make additional proposals.

The same rules are valid for the confirmation of a cooperation application but the deadline for a response should be 2 weeks.

We also thought about what we can do if there is no decision because some are supporting the idea and others are refusing. We came to the conclusion that a smaller group of people than all **BANg members** of the e-mail list should built in this case a body to vote for a decision. This body is built by the **BANg Coordinators**. A BANg Coordinator is everybody who organized or is organizing an event of BANg. This means that he or she filled in the application form for an event and is there listed under coordinators. After 2 years without involvement (organizing) the person is not longer a BANg Coordinator but he or she can get the position after being involved (organizing or participating) in a BANg event. All BANg Coordinators are listed on the website.

What if a BANg event happens? After the application is adopted the event will be post on our website. After the event, or during, the Coordinators are asked to contact the webmaster to send information and e.g. pictures or a report of the event.

We are suggesting this because BANg should be a network and this includes that we communicate our events and share ideas. We are thinking that a given form makes it easier to communicate events and submit all the interesting information for the others.

We also thought about a renewal of our country contacts and we suggest that everybody, member or coordinator, who wants to be a country contact can be a country contact. Their contact details will be forwarded to other NGO's so youth have the possibility to contact someone from their country. They are connection

between BANg and press, members etc. Their tasks will change from time to time depending on the ongoing events.

Everybody who wants to be a country contact should send a request to the email list and if there are no concerns that the country contact will be added on the website.

