

# FRIENDLY FIRE // ICBUW NEWSLETTER

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**Dear ICBUW members, friends and interested parties,**

The ICBUW newsletter is intended to provide information - with more or less regular intervals - about our main areas of work as well as current developments on the topic of uranium weapons and seeks to encourage networking and exchange. This seems to us to be of great importance, especially in times of Corona. We look forward to questions, comments and other reactions ([info@icbuw.eu](mailto:info@icbuw.eu)).

Kind Regards,

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World Peace Congress (Barcelona, October 2021)

1. This year ICBUW participates in the Second [World Peace Congress](#) in Barcelona (organised by International Peace Bureau) in October 15 - 17. The Congress will bring together a wide variety of experts and advocates from all around the world. Speakers will come from all kinds of disciplines and backgrounds, including both high level representatives and grassroots level voices. It will equally involve diverse fields: peace organizations, feminist

and civil rights groups, labor unions, environmentalists, educators, religious and spiritual leaders, development workers, human rights advocates, and more. See the full programme of the Congress [here](#) and a festival teaser [here](#).

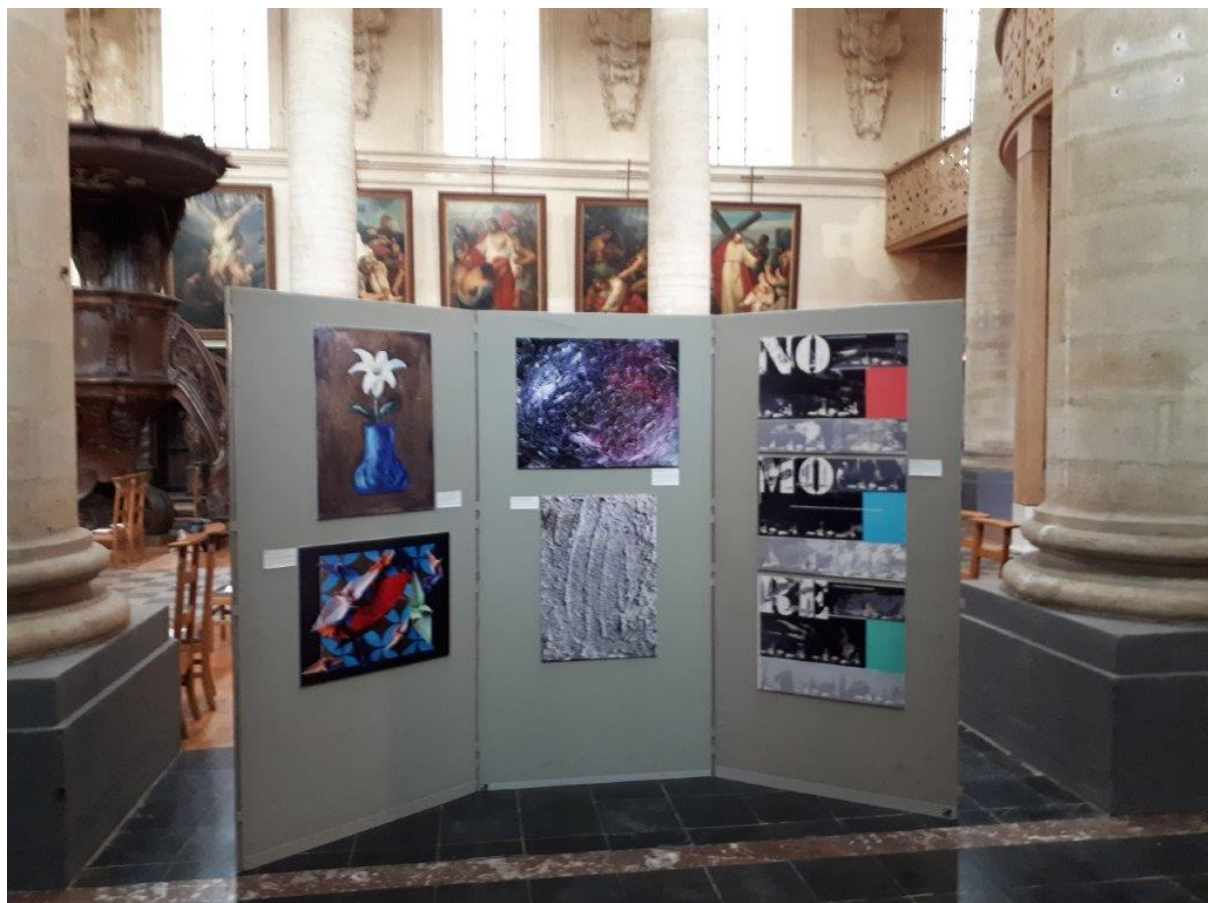
You can register for the congress on [this page](#). It's free and helps you to get a document for the Spanish visa, if you are willing to attend in person.

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We are inviting you to join us in Barcelona or online for our workshop and a film-event which we organise together with IUFF!

- **ICBUW Workshop/Webinar** "[\*Victim Assistance and environmental remediation: The cases of nuclear and of uranium Weapons\*](#)". Our event will feature different speakers (from ICBUW, Conflict and Environment Observatory/CEOBS and Team of Srdjan Aleksic) and cover various aspects of DU use - environmental remediation, victims protection and assistance, legal norms, international cooperation and responsibility. It will take place on the **16.10. 15:00-16:30**.
- **Film-event** on the situation in Serbia after the 1999 NATO aggression involving the use of depleted uranium ammunition and on NATO test activities devastating Sardinia. It is organised together with International Uranium Film Festival (IUFF) and will feature films "Uranium 238 - My Story" by Miodrag Miljkovic and "Balentes" by Lisa Camillo. Dr. Aleksic will be present for input, updating and discussion. It will take place on the **16.10 19.30-21.00**.

You can join us for both events in Zoom via this [link](#). See our [website](#) for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



### "No more Hibakusha" Exhibition in Leuven

2. In August an exhibition "No more Hibakusha" took place in Leuven, Belgium ("Hibaku" means radioactive contamination in Japanese). The exhibition has been devised and developed by the Peace Movement of Leuven (with Belgian Coalition Stop Uranium weapons as one of the member organisations) together with Pax Christi Flanders. With support from the City of Leuven and the St. Michiels Peace Church. Several Japanese artists and students specially designed art work for this one month event. We welcome you to read more about the exhibition [on our website](#).



Nature Magazine

3. A [study recently published](#) by Robert Haley and Randall Parrish concludes that depleted uranium from exploding munitions did not lead to Gulf War illness (GWI) in veterans deployed in the 1991 Gulf War. We have asked ICBUW-affiliated DU experts, members of the Advisory Board, for their comments - you can read them in the [article](#) on our website.

As our newsletter is also meant to be a tool of exchange, we welcome everyone with relevant scientific background in DU field to submit their commentary on the study.






Higher Court of Belgrad (Credit: Higher Court of Belgrad)

4. Serbian DU-case [continues](#): the team of Srdjan Aleksic sued both NATO and the Republic of Serbia in the Higher Court of Belgrad in the continuing pursuit of justice for the victims of DU use in 1999. The lawyer sees different ways of solving this conflict in the courtroom, however, he and his team underline, that these proceedings are to be seen not solely as a court case, but as mediation offer towards NATO. Despite the fact, that the proceedings will take time until the verdict will be reached, Mr. Aleksic, who will also participate on ICBUW' side in the IPB Congress, is optimistic about the outcome. ICBUW continues working with his team and is closely following the developments in the case.



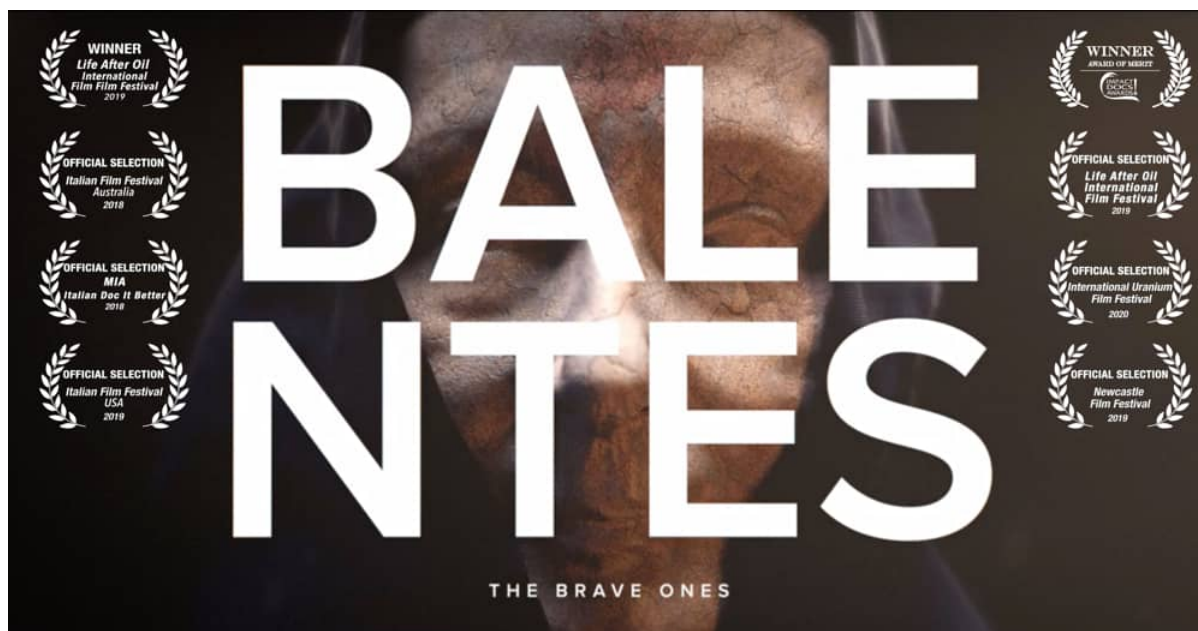
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5. We are happy to inform you about the [recent publications and campaigns](#) which ICBUW joined recently. Read our article about depleted uranium weapons in the First Committee Briefing Book 2021, published by Reaching Critical Will - it is available on [our website](#) as well as on [Reaching Critical Will](#) website.

We also support the COP26 (Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November) Call for Action, started by CEOBS, which aims to encourage states to extend the greenhouse gas emission cuts also on their military emissions. Your organisation can sign the call on the [CEOBS Website](#).



Balentes movie poster

6. Good news coming from Sardinia! The IUFF award-winning film "Balentes" by Lisa Camillo, was put on record in the Teulada trial for the important testimonies in the film and for the extensive research. This was the first time film was cited as legal evidence in a trial. On the 25th of august, the court decreed on the forced indictment of five military officials responsible for military activities on the Teulada base. Within the next months, the prosecution will further inspect the causal connection between the cancer deaths and military activities in the region. We congratulate Balentes team with this historic decision! You can watch the official statement from the director Lisa Camillo on [Vimeo](#). The film is available on Prime Video and Apple TV.



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