

Raising Our Voices with the Victims for the Abolition of DU Weapons

The 3rd ICBUW International Conference — Hiroshima, August 3–6, 2006 —

A-bomb Dome in Hiroshima

ICBUW (=International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons) will hold its 3rd Annual Conference this August in Hiroshima, Japan.

About 30 people, including victims, veterans as well as scientists and journalists, have already agreed to come from around the world to Hiroshima to present their latest findings and views. (See the participant list on reverse)

Our goal is to shine a brighter light on toxic, radioactive DU weapons and highlight the urgent, global nature of this danger that threatens us all.

We extend this invitation to all concerned. Please come to Hiroshima and unite your voice with ours to strengthen our demand for immediate measures to help the victims and a total, explicit, and effective ban on DU weapons.

Let's send a powerful message from Hiroshima, the symbol of radiological disaster.

For more information, please refer to the updated information on the ICBUW homepage:
<http://www.bandepleteduranium.org/>

Host Groups:

NO DU Hiroshima Project: <http://www.nodu-hiroshima.org>

Campaign Against Radiation Exposure (CARE), and the Japanese groups in support of ICBUW

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CADU (UK) : email: office@cadu.org.uk

Program

August 3 (Thurs.) Plenary Sessions

**(Hiroshima International Conference Center:
simultaneous interpretation)**

a.m. Opening Session

p.m. Session 1: Damage Panel-1/ Iraq
Session 2: Damage Panel-2/ USA

August 4 (Fri.) Plenary Sessions

(same as above)

a.m. Session 3: Science-1

p.m. Session 4: Damage Panel-3/ Europe
Session 5: Campaign-1/ Asia-Pacific Area

August 5 (Sat.) Workshops

(Hiroshima City Plaza: simultaneous interpretation)

a.m. Special Session: Meeting with Hibakusha
(A-bomb survivors)

p.m. Session 6: Campaign-2/

Toward the realization of a Ban Treaty

Session 7: Science-2 (in English only)

Session 8: Campaign-3/ Support for Victims

August 6 (Sun.) Plenary Sessions

(Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum)

p.m. Closing Session (13:30-15:30)

***DU is chemically toxic and radioactive;
DU weapons are inhumane weapons
causing indiscriminate damage.***

From ICBUW's Mission Statement (Oct.13, 2003)

These radioactive and chemically toxic weapons were first used on a large scale by the US and the UK in the Gulf War in 1991, subsequently in Bosnia and Yugoslavia by NATO, and again in the war on Iraq by the US and the UK in 2003. It is strongly suspected that the US used uranium weapons also in Afghanistan.

At least sixteen countries have weapon systems with uranium in their arsenals: they are Bahrain,

France, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, UK, and USA.

Because of mounting evidence of harmful effects of uranium on human health and the environment, we call for an immediate and universal ban on the military use of uranium and other radioactive materials. In addition, we call for the cleaning up of all sites contaminated by these weapons along with compensation for all affected populations.

Save Our Children! Save the Earth! Ban DU Weapons!

Iraqi children holding paper-cranes, symbols of the desire for peace

Among about 30 overseas participants are:

Iraq

Dr. Jawad Al-Ali

Director of the Cancer Center, Basra Teaching Hospital. ICBUW science counselor. An Iraqi doctor raising an alarm most extensively about the DU damage afflicting the Iraqi people ever since the Gulf War.



Dr. Souad Al-Azzawi

Former Assist. Professor of environmental engineering at Baghdad Univ. Recipient of the 2003 Nuclear-Free Future Award for her work on environmental contamination after the Gulf War.



Khajak Vartanian

Environmental radiation measuring specialist, Basrah Environmental Department, engaged in measuring the DU contamination, and now involved in a NGO concerned about environmental contaminations caused by wars.



Lebanon

Najib Saab

An editor-in-chief of an Arabic magazine, Environment and Development. Received the United Nations Environment Award in 2003. Environment and Development has featured the DU problem more than once.



USA

Dr. Rosalie Bertel

A founder of IICPH=International Institute of Concern for Public Health; recipient of the Right Livelihood Award 1986. ICBUW science counselor.



Herbert Reed

An Iraq War veteran now suing, together with eight other Iraq War veterans, the US ministry of the Army for not having informed them of the danger of DU.



Damacio Lopez

IDUST=International DU Study Team. Used to live near the exercising range in New Mexico, USA. One of the founders of the ICBUW campaign. Now lives in Costa Rica.



Europe

Dr. Keith Baverstock (Finland)

Professor of Environmental Sciences, University of Kuopio; Former Senior Research Adviser, WHO's Radiation Section.



Ray Bristow (UK)

A Gulf-War veteran suffering from DU. In 2004, he brought into question the British Army's "DU Information Card" issued only to its own soldiers deployed in southern Iraq.



Captain Filippo Montaperto (Italy)

Captain of the Italian Army, and a specialist of removal of unexploded ordnance. Affected with a lymphoma after working in Bosnia for 6 months. Member of Osservatorio Militare (Military Watch).



Stefania Divertito (Italy)

Journalist, news editor for the national daily METRO and winner of the 2004 "Journalist of The Year" Award in Italy for a series of articles on depleted uranium.



Australia

David Bradbury

Documentary director. His latest film *Blowin' In The Wind* looks at some of the health issues surrounding the Shoalwater Bay training facility in Australia and the effects of depleted uranium in theatres of war.



Also among the participants are Dr. Antonietta Gatti and Dr. Stefano Montanari from Italy as well as Dr. Thomas Fasy, Dennis Kyne, Sunny Miller, Charles Jenks, Steve Leeper and Elizabeth Baldwin from USA.

Some more participants are being sought from other countries and areas as well.

Naturally, many Japanese specialists and campaigners will also participate. In addition, Mr. Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima, has agreed to give an opening address, and Ms. Nassrine Azimi, Director of the Hiroshima Office for Asia and the Pacific of UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) is to participate.

The ICBUW members expected to participate are: Manfred Mohr (Germany: IALANA-Germany); Rae Street (Great Britain: CADU); Tara Thornton (USA: Maine Coalition for Endangered Species); Gretel Munroe (USA: Grassroots Actions for Peace); Ria Verjauw (Belgium: representative of the Belgian Coalition to Stop Uranium Weapons); Francesco Iannuzelli (Italy: Peace Link); Dr. Heike Schroeder (Germany: Social Medicine and Epidemiology, Univ. of Bremen); Doug Weir (Great Britain: CADU).

If you are interested in participating in the Conference, please let us know as soon as possible since it is extremely difficult to secure accommodation at this time of the year because of the August 6th Peace Memorial Ceremony and the many meetings and events associated with it.

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Join and Support ICBUW!

Let's unite our voices in order to abolish DU weapons and to offer assistance to those suffering from the damage. The Coalition is working on a Draft Convention on the Prohibition against the Development, Production, Possession and Use of Uranium Weapons. We call on non-governmental organizations, governments and other interested parties to join us in this urgent effort.

Participate in the Online Petition!

ICBUW=The International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons
<http://www.bandepleteduranium.org/>

From the list of active/supporting members (80 groups, 20 countries, as of June, 2006)

- Belgium For Mother Earth
- England CADU
- Germany Our Common Future
- Germany IPPNW-Germany
- Germany IALANA-Germany
- France AVIGOLF
- Iraq Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq
- Italy Peacelink
- Switzerland IPPNW-Switzerland
- USA Military Toxics Project
- USA IDUST
- USA Grassroots Actions for Peace
- USA Centre for Safe Energy
- Canada IICPH
- New Zealand Peace Movement Aotearoa
- India IIPDP
- India SEEDS India
- Pakistan Sustainable Peace & Development Organization
- Japan NO DU Hiroshima Project
- Japan Campaign Against Radiation Exposure
- Japan Hiroshima Alliance for Nuclear Weapons Abolition
- Japan IPPNW-Kyoto
- Japan Japan Congress Against A- and H-Bombs, etc.