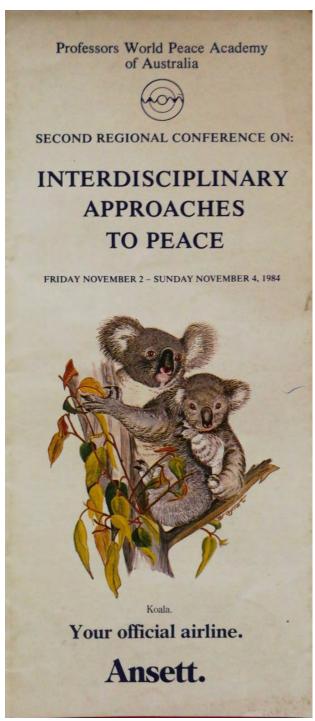
# PWPA Australia's Second Regional Conference, November 2 -4, 1984

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You know one challenge about writing a blog is you really need to think about what will interest your readers.

On the one hand I want to write something that will attract interest and comments and feedback. On the other hand, I am determined to be honest, to be me and to be authentic. So, to find the balance of writing for the "public" and writing for myself is probably the trick I am seeking to resolve.

I've often said I'm writing for myself and more and more as I get into <u>reminiscing</u>, I'm thinking I'll set up a database of my articles and index the dates and times and events I've been involved in.

I just went back to my old diaries of 1983 and 1984. Yes, I have my journals and plan to use them as support for my eventual memoirs. Yet I was disappointed, but not really surprised, to discover that all I wrote during the PWPA conference I organized in 1984 was that it occurred. As so often in my exciting life, the most exciting things don't get written about because I'm too busy doing them, not writing about them!

So all my memories of the drama, the thrill, the excitement of the three day conference are in my head and have not yet been committed to paper. Even now, as I recall, I have no doubt that my version of the story is accurate, yet you know how memories change with time and I'd love to get some feedback from other participants of the time. Like maybe a Facebook entry, or a YouTube video? But no, it was before that time. Don't rub it in. Life was exciting for us too then when we were your age. Even if you can't find the records in Facebook or Twitter.

So, you see my perceived audience is my own kids, and thankfully, some of them actually do read my blog! And I think I might have a chance with their

peers. In other words, I just went back in time to when I was 30 years old and want to share some stories about my life.

On Monday when Josef works in the afternoon, we joined the Austrian Unification prayer meeting and I was tasked to provide the reading. Now in my last blog <a href="lilly.fam-gundacker.eu/blog/6917/#more-6917">lilly.fam-gundacker.eu/blog/6917/#more-6917</a> I mentioned our readings of Father and Mother Moon's speeches.

I am now fascinated as I have religiously subscribed to Bob Proctor's programme on self-development, and he stresses the need for constant study. And what did Reverend Moon teach us? He asked us to come together for study and prayer, which Josef and I do. Yet now when we pray together, we have to tee up the time because I also have a buddy meeting.

Anyhow, apart from our personal/family prayer and study which Josef and I do together, we also have a community prayer and study which we call Hon Dok Hae or HDH for short. It comes from a Korean term which I guess maybe roughly translates into meeting for prayer and study. So, since the Corona pandemic we have lots of HDH groups which have sprung up and one of them is the weekly community group which entails all Austrian members of the Unification movement who feel moved to participate. And this week it was my turn to lead the show.

As it so happens, we were reading from Chambumo Gyeong, a textbook of speeches by Father and Mother Moon. We were in a part where Father Moon talks about the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) and how he called the professors to Korea after a conference in the USA in the 1980s. I was officially a Researcher and actually the chief secretary of PWPA. So I felt the urge to share about my experience in Australia at that time. You see when I came to Europe in 1988, I had changed my name because we got married in America and now I was a pregnant wife. My role had changed and my perceptions had changed with my new environment.

Now as a retired international civil servant I have the urge again to just go back a little in time. I'm appreciating all I experienced. I'm also looking forward to share a little more with you.

# THE PROFESSORS WORLD PEACE ACADEMY OF AUSTRALIA

invites you to attend the SECOND REGIONAL CON-FERENCE ON: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PEACE, at Kooralbyn Valley, Queensland, on November 2-4, 1984.

#### INTRODUCTION

When we come to peace forums, it is apparent that there are contending views, a paradox indeed. In order to better understand the various perspectives that will be offered at this conference and to encourage reconciliation of views that might seem to be at odds, we suggest the following categorization be used to appreciate various possible approaches to peace.

#### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Modern world views of life have developed from the great changes that arose when European Mediaeval society was transformed. Two philosophical streams flowed through the fertile episodes of the Renaissance and Reformation into our present day. These views of life were an expression of humankind's quest to satisfy desires for knowledge and meaning.

First came the movement to revive Hellenism, emphasizing humanist concerns such as the beauty of nature, freedom of the individual and the value of life in this world. The movement to develop scientific enquiry, the power of reason and individual rights became known as the Renaissance.

Second came the movement to revive Hebraism, emphasizing inner life or experience (as opposed to doctrines or formalities), consciousness development, moral conduct, creative uniqueness, relationship with absolute values and religious principles: Faith, duty, piety. This became known as the Reformation.

In keeping with historical and social development, we propose these two possible approaches to peace and their synthesis, be considered, in presentations and discussions on peace throughout this conference.

# OVERALL STRUCTURE

It is proposed to focus content on issues dealing with "Peace in the Individual", then "Peace in the Family", "Peace in the "Socio/Spatial Environment (City or Country)", "Peace in the Nation and Region", "Peace in the World" and "Future Prospects of Peace". It is hoped this will give enough scope to include all the controversial areas, and cover practical approaches and relevant solutions. The goal is to provide an INTERDISCIPLINARY approach which leads to constructive action in a wide range of areas: social, political, philosophical, economic, as well as communications and technology.

#### **DETAILS**

The conference will begin with introductory speakers (1) giving an overview. We want to provide ample opportunity for panel discussion in order to maximize feed-back and interaction, to the view of formulating solid practical proposals, and establishing various "Task Forces".

The second section (2) looks at different perspectives on "Peace in the Individual". On Saturday morning we divide up into three

different committees (3), dealing with A. "Peace in the Family", B. "Peace in the Socio/Spatial Environment", and C. "Peace in the Nation/Region".

The Saturday afternoon session is packed with powerful speakers on "Peace in the World" (4), and we invite participants who cannot attend the whole conference, to make a special effort to participate in this section.

This is followed by a special PWPA Delegate from Japan, speaking on "Future Prospects of Peace", (5) after the final banquet. After the second address on this topic on Sunday morning, it is hoped to discuss areas of divergence and convergence. (7) Here resolutions and proposals can be made and hopefully reported on at the next Regional Conference on: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PEACE. All participants in the conference are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of PWPA at 11am, Sunday morning. You are encouraged to attend the whole conference if possible, to take advantage of the progressive structure of the conference, dealing with spheres of influence in our lives.

# THE PROFESSORS WORLD PEACE ACADEMY OF AUSTRALIA

Humanity is today faced with many problems and dangers. Indeed, the very survival of civilization is threatened by the possibility of world war and nuclear disaster.

The challenge for scholars is to guide the world's leaders in the proper utilization of technological advancements. During times of crisis it is appropriate for humankind to turn to the intellectuals to suggest objective, non-partisan solutions to pressing military and social issues.

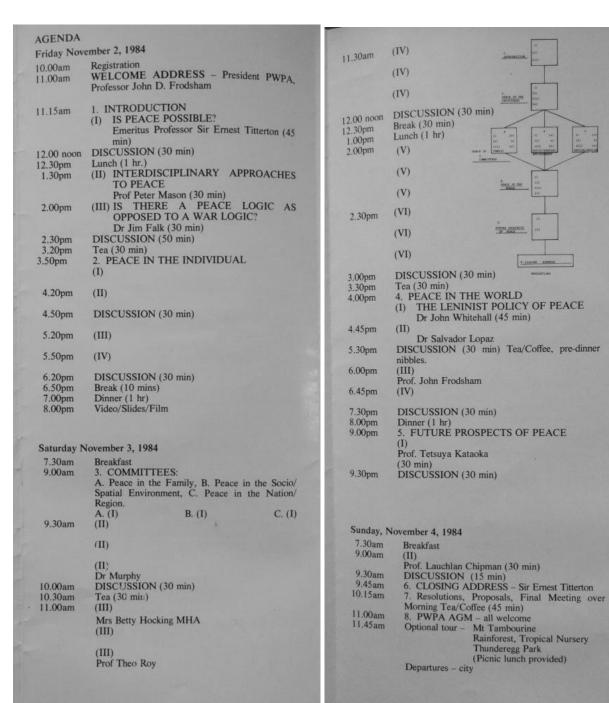
This inspired the creation of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) – to provide scholars with a vehicle through which to influence decision-makers in the pursuit and creation of constructive solutions to the dilemmas the world faces.

The academy seeks to contribute to the solution of problems by providing scholars with an international network through which their ideas can have impact upon the formation and implementation of public policy.

The first step for the academic community begins on the professional and interpersonal level in our relationships in our own cities and universities.

# INTERDISCIPLINARY

Cross-fertilization is essential to growth. The PWPA is an association of scholars from a diversity of backgrounds, disciplines, political persuasions, and ideological perspectives working co-operatively for the peace of the world. They are scholars who are concerned with the crisis of modern civilization and because of that concern, are willing to commit themselves to the utilization of their academic competence for the purpose of the study and amelioration of the problems which beset contemporary society. In pursuit of its goals, the Academy sponsors a wide range of study groups, seminars, task forces, and publications.



#### REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete (IN BLOCK LETTERS) and forward with remittance to:		
	TA	ne Secretary, PWPA, GPO Box 195, Canberra, 2601, C.T., as soon as possible.
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		I enclose my curriculum vitae and two (2) passport photos.
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		Please send me more information about PWPA
		I would like a subscription to the International Journal on World Peace.

#### COSTS

- \*A. SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS OF THE ACADEMY Travel to and from Kooralbyn Valley, all meals and accommodation in a three-share villa will be provided by the PWPA of Australia, with gratitude to the INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION for making this conference possible.
- \*B. FULL REGISTRATION includes all meals and accommodation in a three-share villa. Total Cost \$150.00.
- \*C. SPECIAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION -on November 3rd, 1984, PEACE IN THE WORLD. Four Speakers, including discussion, dinner and Guest Speaker from PWPA Japan on: FUTURE PROSPECTS OF PEACE \$26.00.
- \*D. SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONLY excluding dinner and guest speaker, \$7.50

#### TRAVEL

- A. Speakers and special guests, please fill in the travel details and your ticket will be made available at the Ansett office nearest you.
- B. Participants and observers, please make your flight bookings direct with Ansett, quoting the File No. on this brochure (File 1322). Please book early. Apex fares (35% off normal economy flights) may be available on bookings made 30 days in advance of travel, if you stay in Brisbane at least seven (7) nights. (Why not plan a holiday?)

Transport from Brisbane to Kooralbyn Valley will be provided for all those wanting it. Please ring Greg Stone on Brisbane 44 1522, to arrange a free pickup.

# **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Academy are expressed by six terms: international, academic, interdisciplinary, transcendental, future-oriented and action-oriented.

- International The academy is concerned not only with providing answers to specific problems but it examines the most fundamental issues facing our world and proposes various means to bring about global peace and understanding.
- Academic PWPA strives to become an institution of the highest academic competence which commands respect and can provide scholarly, non partisan recommendations which can be a source of reference available to world leaders, national leaders, local community leaders or to anyone who may request it.
- Interdisciplinary The intention of the Academy is to facilitate peace through encouraging non violent solutions and ecumenical dialogue. It therefore encourages interdisciplinary (as well as international, intercultural and interideological) dialogue and co-operation.
- 4. Transcendental or Philosophical To aid humanity in the search for and realization of universal ideals, especially those of peace and harmony. Everyone today seems to have their own standard of value. Universally agreed upon criteria are lacking; common standards of value are needed. PWPA strives to determine which values best facilitate harmony and good will.
- Future Oriented PWPA seeks to lay the foundation for a viable world order by articulating a vision for world peace in which the aspirations of all are represented and which all people can find meaningful and palatable.
- Practical or Action Oriented To discover and implement practical ways and means by which peace can be realized. The organisation is action and issue oriented.

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