



UN NGO Committee on Ageing in Vienna

Report for 2008 activities

In 2008 the UN NGO Committee on Ageing in Vienna has meetings on:

- 1 February 25, 2008
- 2 May 26, 2008
- 3 July 8, 2008
- 4 September 29, 2008

In July meeting we had the great pleasure to welcome Mr. Bautista, President of CONGO, who informs the committee about his working plans as President of CONGO. His main aim is to invent transparency by making the work of CONGO visible. He intends also to raise the value of the Vienna committee on Ageing and achieve a similarity between all three committees in Geneva, New York and Vienna. All three centers should do the same job and report to CONGO.

Mr. Batista is changing the CONGO board to a service offering organization, the centers will be divided into : demographic-, thematic and regional subjects. Congo is going to get regional centers in special regions with specific problems, f.e. in African regions. All documents will be available on the CONGO Website.

In the meetings the representatives of the NGOs report on the activities of their organisations and how these can be integrated within the framework of the UN World Action Plan on Aging.

The main activities in the past year was a cooperation event on 1st October – the International Day of older Persons .- together with the 50plus hotel group which invited the chair of the Vienna committee Monika Klenovec to inform about the UN World Action Plan on Ageing with its three main priorities in connection with accessible built environment requirements according the “design for all” concept. A press breakfast in Café Landtmann was organised and nearly booked out by interested journalists.

A brochure is under progress which will inform about the member organisations of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing in Vienna and all their relevant actions for the elderly society.

Ulrike Waginger who is also in Geneva part of the Ageing committee and represents INPEA become a new member of our committee. We hope that this "Double Membership" will enable closer cooperation with the Geneva NGO Cte. and eventually lead to joint projects.