

Annual Report 2015

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Liberal greetings,

Well that was a very long time and a very hectic period especially in my country. In this period of time I tried to continue most of my agenda that I set in January 2014, I as well tried to help in building our website. I sure hope that my work help our organization progress.

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Amman, Jordan:

I was part of IFLRY facilitation team in an event co-organized by IFLRY and AYUFD with support of IDI and FNF on the 21May in Amman Jordan. It was a great experience to work in the Arab world as this was part of my agenda the experience was really to share the international perspective with other Arab that I represent, the event as a whole was a success.

Planning of the seminar started in Vienna at our last GA together with SG Frerik Kampman and AYUFD IO Farah Iqrsousi.

The title of the seminar was 'Towards a Common freedom and human rights vision for the Arab world' and we worked on establishing the event's goals, formulating the program was a bit hard as we had to change it a lot until it suits all the partners .

IFLRY appointed a full facilitation team I was one of them , I was a bit relaxed as I have full trust from the participants in term of the language and understanding the habits and the way of thinking and working and so I used that to implement the non-formal education way that we use in iflry, in fact it was a success. Besides helping other facilitators in the logistics stuff, I was responsible of an important and very critical session, "Liberalism vs Political Islam" the point was to see what are the challenges that the arab liberals face especially with the huge spreading of the political islam the session went very good it was more a small introduction an interactive video that led to an interesting discussion then group work and we ended up with a small booklet about the challenges and how we can face it. The

After seminar a general assembly of AYUFD started our presence was for a certain time explaining the role of ayufd as a regional member in IFLRY and talked a bit about iflry and how can ayufd benefits from its presence in our international organization and the support that we provide, and a brief of our work, manifesto and annual plan of action, the crowd were very interested as the meeting afterwards was about their statutes a lot of questions were posed. Then later on after the meeting a small committee was formed for updating ayufd statutes and bylaws and they chose me as an iflry representative to give them advices and help them thru, until their next GA.

Gender Equality Program:

Personally I was very satisfied with the last results and seminar that was held in Tunisia that was a great success. Unfortunately the term of the Gender Equality program Manager Alena Santalainen has ended, and it's an opportunity to thank her on the great job that she did and for the time and efforts that she spent. A new call was lunched for a new GE program manager, many applied and after some discussion in the bureau Laura Neijenhuis was chosen and another call for a team was lunched and finally we set a team from six members. Waiting now for the startup meeting, to continue our program. I did some researches and found some statistics and fact of about the gender equality and women rights is the MENA where we can put our experience as an international organization and try to help somehow. And since we already started our project in the MENA region with contribution with AYUFD it will be a good chance to continue in the same area, but different country. It will be a chance to follow up our last activity and to merge our new regional member in our international work.

Website:

After the comments and the questioning in our last General assembly in Vienna about the website and the timeline of the launching, I proposed on the bureau to help in building the website, taking the approval I started to collect the data of our members organizations and put them in the website, this action took time more than expected we had to search for the logos of all the MO, their websites and if they don't have a website we shared their facebook page, I categorized the members by continent .

Other part of the website containing our programs, an introduction of our programs and our program managers, our bureau and their duties, Libel, events, donations, newsletter, our GAs and ECs and many other things. You can shortly check it: www.iflry.com .

Other participations:

The Hague, Netherland:

On August 30 I participate in a 3 seminar organized by our MO Jonge Democraten in the Hague, Netherlands with the title of "Democratic Inclusion from a Euro-Arab Perspective" 12 different country from Europe and the Arab world met together and worked on the different perspectives of democratic inclusion, and ended up with 7 different projects between the European youth parties and the Arab ones.

Lebanese Demonstrations:

The political situations in Lebanon is hectic as always, but this time it went to the streets, with big demonstrations against the corruptions and for the environmental situation, as the garbage were left in the streets for a long period, so that took part of my time, until the government proposed an acceptable solution, that's still in process and there was some disagreement on the principles and application with the communists and it ended up by a riot.

Radikal Ungdom Congress:

Technically I will be on my way to Copenhagen to participate in RU congress , will talk about the experience in my next report.

Thank You.