



Report

October 23rd 2003
Tel-Aviv

Present : Pr Sam TYANO (Prof. of Psychiatry, University of Tel-Aviv, ex-director of Israeli Mental Health) ; Pr Meir TEICHMAN (Dean of School of Social Work, University of Tel-Aviv), Dr Gérard LOPEZ (Institut de Victimologie de France et Département d'éthique médicale – Prof. of Medical Law, University Paris V), Dr Jean Pierre BENAIS (Prof. of Forensic, University Paris XIII), Dr B Israël FELDMAN (Responsible Unitwin Chair: « Dealing with Violence » for Israel), Dr Paul KIEUSSEIAN (Responsible Unitwin Chair “Dealing with Violence” for Armenia).

Excused : Pr Christian HERVE (Département d'éthique médicale et de Droit de la Santé, Université Paris V), represented by Dr Gérard LOPEZ

PROCEEDING OF THE WORK

Pr Sam TYANO and Dr B. Israël FELDMAN invited the participants to this meeting to elaborate a project of cooperation between the University of Tel-Aviv (School of Social Work, directed by Pr Meir TEICHMAN) and the Unitwin Chair («Dealing with Violence »), on the suffering of Israeli and Palestinian populations, beyond all Political Cleavage. There are already many contacts between Israeli and Palestinian Professionals. Pr TYANO explained that it is easier to meet Palestinian Colleagues during Symposia abroad, but informal relations are numerous. Many Therapeutic actions to Palestinian Populations are made together.

Pr Meir TEICHMAN agreed with this way of seeing the situation: He also wants to develop means of establishment of good relations on the subject of the suffering of victims on both sides. He also has contacts with Palestinian Professionals and even engaged a Palestinian Psychologist in his staff. He stressed on the excellence of his contacts in the field of Victimology and Criminology, with Vice-President of the World Society of Victimology, Pr. Sarah BEN DAVID, (Pr at the University Bar Ilan - Israel), for example.

Dr Gerard LOPEZ stressed upon the fact that our project can be inscribed in the frame of Political Culture of Peace of the UNESCO. He proposed to elaborate a Teaching based on the one which functions actually in France, under the shield of the UNESCO, associating Medical Doctors, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Criminologists, Social Workers, Jurists, members of associations who take care of victims. He wishes that Chilean and European Professionals could collaborate in the Israeli Chair, in order to give an

international and dynamic credibility to this work (when their competence will be necessary), since the Chair is already at work in these regions.

All the members approved this idea and put emphasis on the fact that the UNESCO label can be federator in a very powerful way.

Pr Meir TEICHMAN stressed upon the fact that this project needs funds, in order to establish a post of Chief of Project (part-time job during at least 5 years) to elaborate the establishing of such a Teaching.

He proposed the application of Dr B Israel FELDMAN, who accepted, which satisfied all the participants.

Dr Paul KIEUSSEIAN proposed to associate the University of Erevan to this project and to get in touch with the University of Ankara, in order to elaborate such a program between Teachers of the two countries, who are at the moment opposed on the question of the Armenian genocide, which was not recognized by the Turkish Authorities till now.

All the participants agreed that such Teachings would help to establish very fruitful exchanges in this instable Middle East Region and would demonstrate that a Scientific Cooperation is possible beyond the Political cleavages which are seen as insurmountable in a false way.

Pr Meir TEICHMAN proposed to integrate a pool of specialists he already knows in the project of the Chair, and to prepare and to submit to us the amount of the budget necessary to the post of Responsible of Dr B. Israel FELDMAN.

CONCLUSION

A restricted committee of the UNITWIN Chair met in Tel-Aviv on the 23rd, October 2003, in the frame of the « Premier congrès franco-israélien de victimologie pédiatrique » in which intervenened many members of the European Pilotage Committee.

A Project of Research and Training in the field of Victimology, which is inscribed in the efforts of the UNESCO to put an axis on its new C/4 and C/5 which stressed on the needs of Human Security, was shaped: it concerns the University of Tel-Aviv, Palestinian Professionals, the University of Erevan and the University of Ankara.

This project, which is linked to the Politics of development of Human Rights and the Culture of Peace of the UNESCO, will be submitted to the Chilean and French Committees, which are due to meet in the France, in order to perfect it, before submit it to the General Secretary's Office of the UNESCO.

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For the restricted Committee:

Dr G. LOPEZ, world responsible of the Committee of Pilotage of the Chair

Dr B.I. FELDMAN, charged to coordinate the Chair in Israel.