

Clam per la Dignitat

Acknowledgement, protection and promotion of the dignity of the human being

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Dear friends,

As the holidays approach we write as we did last year to share with you what has been done and what we would like to do next year 2008, as far as possible counting on your help.

In accordance with the three backbones of Clam per la Dignitat, we can summarize the year 2007 as follows:

(1) International cooperation

- *Kirgistan*. The experience of one year of international cooperation that our friends and members of Claim for Dignity e.V., Annette and Andreas, have developed in Osch (South Kirgistan, Central Asia) has been very positive. We don't know yet if the task they have carried out through our organization will have continuity.

- *South Africa*. Even though in particular and friendship-wise we don't lose contact with South Africa we consider that the "MaS" project has concluded (Madombidzha School). The School hosts around sixty children with special needs, although the work is not totally over. We do not close the door to future collaborations. With these lines, we hope consolidation and growth of this important work.

- *Peru*. A year ago we wrote in this letter about our wish to find new horizons in order to start a new stage of international cooperation. Fortunately and thanks to our presence in the Internet the Peruvian DNGO CIESCU, which stands for Centro de Investigación y Estudios Económicos, Educativos, Sociales y Culturales, contacted us and after the first exchanges we decided to collaborate in a new Project. We started a new work alliance together with CIESCU and since 1 October Stephanie Wildenberg is in Arequipa. She is a member of Claim for Dignity e.V. and collaborates with the project "La Mansión: reducció de la desnutrició infantil a través de l'educació". Despite the hardness of the situation in the marginal neighbourhood of La Mansión, close to Arequipa, the first inputs of Stephanie are positive. Also the German foundation "Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg" (LS) has granted Claim for Dignity e.V. with an aid of €14.000 for this project: thank you so much!

(2) Local volunteering

- *Sostre*. Although members of Clam per la Dignitat are engaged with volunteering, we do not have our "own local project". In this regard, in the only field where we share somehow as a group is in "Sostre", mainly through the commitment of Javi Laguno, member of Clam per la Dignitat, and of its Board. Our intention is to promote this initiative or similar ones here in our country because we think that international solidarity only makes sense if we also commit ourselves with projects in our local environment.

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(3) Education and sensibilization

- *Sopar de la Fam.* This year we did not celebrate the dinner known as Sopar de la Fam because its celebration was on the same dates that the diffusion and funds collecting activity of the Elenc Teatral J.V. Foix. Nevertheless we would like it to be a tradition in our NGO.

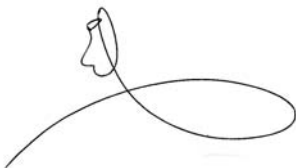
- *CexDe and website in the Internet.* Our bulletin CexDe and our web continue to be our window to the world and our usual way of being in contact with one another. These two realities are alive thanks to our webmaster Ralf Kammerer and thanks to the altruistic effort of many members of Clam who elaborate and translate our bulletin. Once again, thank you!

- *Economic report.* Economically speaking, as you may have seen, we have asked the bank to proceed to charge through direct debit payment the year fee on November. If anyone does not have the quote debited and has not effected the payment yet, please consider this as a reminder. In Germany the instalments and donations can be reduced from the year tax declaration, but not yet in Spain. In 2007 we have requested two aids: one to the Generalitat de Catalunya and another one to the already cited German foundation. The Generalitat has rejected this aid for formal reasons that next year we will have already arranged. Our economy situation allows us to cover minimums, but in order to be more operative we should have a greater volume and continuity in the entries.

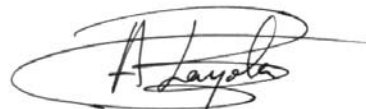
- *Secretary and management.* Regarding the secretary's office management we have moved a step forward: we have put together all of our databases of Clam per la Dignitat and of Claim for Dignity e.V. and we are working with Microsoft Access, so that it allows to send customized emails and to know exactly and all the time how many of us we are and who we are. The database control will be in charge of Viola Durán, secretaryship, and of Antonio Esparza, treasurer, with the computer support of Aleix Layola and of Javi Laguno. We take this opportunity to also thank the support that university teacher Dr. José Javier Molins has given to us.

- *2008.* We would like to face 2008, keeping and consolidating what we have now and also the project "La Mansión", giving an opportunity to other young people to make one-year stays as volunteers. In this sense, we are valuing the possibility of filing a formal request to the German state so that Claim for Dignity e.V. is recognized as an entity that allow young German people to be a volunteer for one year (*FSJ, freiwilliges soziales Jahr*), with the subsequent economic support from the German state.

- *IV Assembly of "Clam per la Dignitat"**: Finally, we invite you to our IV Assembly that will take place next 28 December at 18:00h in Sant Just Desvern. Later on, we will share the traditional Christmas dinner. We look forward to see you. Merry Christmas to all of you!



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* Next Sunday, December 15th at 15:00 in the Evangelic church of Aich/Aichtal we will celebrate the VII Assembly of Claim for Dignity e.V. Afterwards, there will be an altogether dinner with those of you who attend in order to celebrate Christmas.