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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

By the end of 1999 the Association for the Promotion of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, founded in 1996, changed its name into “Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights-Research Association (BIM Research Association)“, mainly for image and taxation reasons. Since its beginning it was due to the foundation of this Association that human rights teaching and training activities have developed into an equally important focal point of the institute’s activities. With the entry into force of the new curriculum of the Law Faculty at Vienna University, a new Optional Course for the Teaching of Fundamental Rights and Human Rights has been established and a great part of the lectures in European and International human rights protection were carried out by BIM staff.

First experiences show that the students are very interested in the new course. Apart from the Austrian and ERASMUS – students mainly the so-called “Masterini-students”, who are studying their second semester of the “European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratization“ in Vienna, are following these classes.

In addition, BIM is now in charge of the field of human rights education within the University Course of Political Education. Furthermore, after almost two years of preparation within the BIM Research Association, the new University Course of Information Law and Legal Information was finally inaugurated in October 1999 at the Law Faculty. These new developments are complementary to the traditional human rights education and training activities in Austria and abroad, which are carried out by staff of BIM and the BIM Research Association as well as to the extensive tasks carried out in schools by the Service Centre for Human Rights Education at the BIM Research Association established in 1997. With this

special focus on human rights education and training BIM contributes to the implementation of the UN-Decade for Human Rights Education in Austria.

In the framework of its research projects the BIM Research Association also focused on the area of human rights of women. A comprehensive legal comparative and interdisciplinary project to investigate the reasons for trafficking in women and forced prostitution from Central and Eastern Europe into the European Union and the combat thereof has been carried out. Additionally, a study about the legal and factual situation of women in Austria as well as a practical handbook for women's rights are under preparation. A separate study is dealing with the rights of women in Zimbabwe. The research focus on women's rights is complementary to the other focal issues of BIM and the BIM Research Association, like human rights and development, the rights of the child, protection against discrimination, the rights of refugees and human rights in the former Yugoslavia, which continued to be part of the main work of the institute during 1999.

In continuation of the general assembly of the BIM Research Association, State Secretary Ms Benita Ferrero Waldner handed over *the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders* to the Yugoslav human rights activist *Nataša Kandić*. The ceremony in Palais Dietrichstein was prepared by the BIM Research Association together with the Martin Ennals Foundation in Geneva and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. *Nataša Kandić* was awarded for her engaged fight against nationalism, racism and ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, and especially for her brave activities in Kosovo.

With regard to its publication activities BIM can be proud of a very satisfactory development. Since many years BIM is co-editor of the Yearbook "Human Rights in Developing

Countries” mainly written by the Nordic human rights institutes. Only a short while ago, the yearbook changed its name into “Human Rights in Development”. Since 1998 BIM is also co-editor of the “Jahrbuch der Menschenrechte” which is published in Germany. Since the end of 1998, the Service Centre for Human Rights Education publishes the quarterly “Teaching Human Rights”.

In addition BIM is also publishing its own study series since the beginning of 1999, the “Studienreihe des Ludwig Boltzmann Instituts für Menschenrechte” edited by the BIM directors. After long preparations, the first two volumes of this human rights study series could be published, namely “The Implementation of the UN-Convention Against Racial Discrimination in Austria” and “The Constitutional Implementation of the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child in Austria”.

In the beginning of 2000 two additional volumes were published, namely “The Prevention of Torture in Europe” and “The EU Human Rights Dialogue with China”. In mid-2000 the first volume to the subject of “Temporary Protection of Bosnian Refugees in Europe (Country Reports)” was published. A series of further volumes are under preparation (see also under F.1.2.). We would herewith like to express our gratitude for the excellent co-operation to our publishing company, Verlag Österreich.

## **B. RESEARCH PROJECTS AND STUDIES**

### **1. Country-related Projects**

#### *1.1. Project “Human Rights Violations and Ethnic Cleansing in the Kosovar Town of Rahovec/Orahovac in July 1998”*

Subject of the research were the incidents during the period of 17 to 24 July 1998, when during the beginning of the seizure of Rahovec by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) severe human rights violations were committed on the local Serb population and then during the recapture by Yugoslav forces whereby Albanian districts of the city were shelled and massacres and expulsions took place.

Already at the end of 1998 staff of the BIM Research Association started to interview ten former inhabitants of Rahovec, who had found shelter as refugees in camps near Sarajevo for a first analysis. The intermediary report which was based on these first “exploratory interviews” was drafted in March 1999. Due to the small number of interviews, the report only showed a fragment of the complete picture of the incidents that occurred during July 1998 and did therefore not contain any scientifically established facts. Especially, with regard to the presumed crimes committed by the KLA, no conclusions could be provided in the report due to the fact that all persons interviewed were ethnic Albanians.

These first “exploratory interviews” made clear the pressing need for clarification of alleged mass executions, burning, abductions and of the existence of mass graves and therefore the BIM Research Association decided to continue the project.

Funds were granted through a special fund of the Austrian National Bank.

As the fighting continued until June 1999, research could not take place in Kosovo and staff of the BIM Research Association again carried out their interviews with persons of ethnic Albanian origin in refugee camps near Sarajevo. Later, the interviews with Albanian victims and eye witnesses took place in the Austrian towns Linz, Eferding and Graz. It was only after the end of the war in June and July 1999 that staff of the BIM Research Association travelled to Kosovo and Serbia in order to interview both Albanian and Serb eye witnesses and victims in Rahovec, but also in the southern Serb towns Kraljevo, Kragujevac and Krusevac. The BIM Research Association staff also visited places where executions and burning of people, shelling of refugees and the removal of corpses allegedly had occurred. They also visited those places in Prizren and Rahovec, where mass graves were assumed to be.

The interviews by the staff of the BIM Research Association were carried out in the respective mother tongue of the survivors. This is the reason why the team of interviewers was comprised of Albanian and Serb staff members, who also contributed to the evaluation of these interviews. During the course of the year 2000 a study (modelled on the BIM case study about the north-eastern Bosnian town of Zvornik) which should give a detailed impression about the incidents in Rahovec during July 1998 will be published within the BIM study series (see F.1.2.). *Enver Hoxhaj* (project co-ordinator), *Violetta Demaj*, *Sandra Horina* and *Paul Angeli* formed the project team.



### *1.2. Study “The OSCE Mission to Kosovo – First Experiences”*

This study was carried out by BIM upon request of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. *Michael Karnitschnig* elaborated a draft and a report about first experiences with regard to the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. The reports were finished at the end of 1999 and will be published in an omnibus volume within the BIM study series on human rights under the title “The Human Rights Situation in Kosovo” (see F.1.2.). This omnibus volume will also include contributions about the UN-Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) as well as about the political and human rights situation in Kosovo.

### *1.3. Human Rights Dialogue EU - China*

In the context of its Common Foreign and Security Policy the European Union maintains a human rights dialogue with China. Since 1998, representatives of human rights NGOs, independent legal experts and scientific research institutes are participating in this political dialogue. During the Austrian Presidency of the European Union in the second half of 1998, the BIM Research Association organised a human rights seminar in Beijing together with the Law Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. *Marijana Grandits* participated in a further human rights seminar within the framework of this dialogue in Finland.

Legal experts from China and the European Union had presented during the Beijing seminar in October 1998 written reports about four subjects: detention conditions, death penalty, minorities and racism. After these reports had been edited by *Manfred Nowak*, *Gabriele Reiter* and *Florian Philipitsch*, they were published as volume 4 of the BIM human rights study series in the beginning of 2000. The two chairpersons of the seminar, *Manfred Nowak* and *Xin Chunying* are the co-editors of this book carrying the title

“EU-China Human Rights Dialogue, Proceedings of the Second EU-China Legal Expert Seminar held in Beijing on 19 and 20 October 1998”. In addition to her editorial work, *Gabriele Reiter* also took care of the administrative and financial matters of this project. She was supported by *Eva Wipler*.

#### *1.4. Uganda*

Based on the ongoing co-operation on human rights related aspects in Uganda between the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs and BIM, *Helmut Sax* elaborated a comprehensive report about the armed conflict in north-western Uganda. This report was published in the “Jahrbuch Menschenrechte” at the end of 1999. It is an analysis of the origin and the background of the conflict, which has been going on now for one and a half decades as well as of possible solution strategies (see F.3.).

Further, *Helmut Sax* wrote position papers for the Austrian Regional Office of Development Co-operation (EZA) in Kampala on different project proposals, for example with regard to questions about integration of human rights during imprisonment and about internship programmes at the Human Rights Centre of the Makerere-University.

#### *1.5. Ethiopia*

Within the co-operation framework agreement between BIM and the Department for Development Co-operation of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, a strategy paper for the Austrian Co-ordination Office in Addis Abbeba with regard to the promotion of democratisation and human rights was elaborated.

A three-weeks stay of *Christian Hainzl* in Ethiopia as well as the meetings and discussions during his stay with Ethiopian NGOs and representatives of bilateral and multilateral development agencies served as a basis for this strategy paper.

Additionally, *Christian Hainzl* drafted a proposal about a possible human rights training work-shop for staff members of Ethiopian NGOs to be held in the year 2000.

### *1.6. Bhutan*

The planned co-operation between BIM and the UNDP-office in Thimphu/Bhutan with regard to the participation of Austrian experts in a series of workshops on the topic „legal drafting“ to be carried out at the end of the year, could not take place for organisational reasons. The written reports produced by *Christian Hainzl* about Bhutan will be published in mid-2000 as volume 5 of the BIM study series with the title „Human Rights in Bhutan“ (see under F.1.2.).

## **2. Projects related to Human Rights of Women**

### *2.1. Project “Combating Trafficking in Women”*

Since January 1999, the BIM Research Association has been investigating within a comprehensive and interdisciplinary research project the reasons and circumstances of trafficking in women from Central and Eastern Europe into the EU. The aim of the project is to give a picture about the legal and factual situation of trafficked women as well as the elaboration of recommendations for decision-makers on a national and international level.

*Angelika Kartusch, Katharina Knaus, Gabriele Reiter and Louise Sperl* formed the research team under the project management of *Hannes Tretter* and with the support of

*Marijana Grandits*. In October 1999 the report “The Combat of Trafficking in Women in Austria” and a study about the international standards for the combat of trafficking in women was presented. The project team also co-ordinated the elaboration of four country studies, which were prepared by lawyers and sociologists from the countries concerned.

During the course of the year, country-specific reports on the combat of trafficking in women were prepared on the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and the Ukraine. Reports about Romania and Bulgaria followed during spring 2000. These studies give an overview about the legal and factual situation of trafficked women in the countries concerned, which are at the same time countries of origin, transit and also countries of destination for the business of trafficking in women (see F.5.).

The country studies analyse the legal and factual relevance of international conventions in the countries concerned as well as their implementation into national law. The possibilities offered by each legal system to grant sufficient protection to victims of trafficking are an issue of concern as well as the positions of the respective governments and parliaments towards the phenomenon of trafficking in women. Each country study concludes with critical remarks and recommendations.

A legal comparison of the different country studies will offer a general overview about international and European standards with regard to trafficking in human beings and describe the national legal norms in the countries concerned as well as possible measures on the international and national level. Concrete recommendations and measures for the combat of trafficking in women and for the protection of human rights will be given to the European Union and the respective national governments.

## *2.2. Project “Manual on Human Rights of Women”: Introduction into the International Human Rights Regime with Regard to Women.*

*Elisabeth Gabriel* and *Marion Wiesinger* have been working since autumn 1999 on the elaboration of a “Manual on Human Rights of Women” within the framework of the BIM Research Association. The manual is supposed to give relevant and clearly presented information about international law, to serve as reference book for all interested in human rights, as well as offer practical advice on the subject concerned. The aim of this project is to inform people of different professional backgrounds about the basics, contents, and possibilities of the work in the field of women’s human rights. The book shall offer comprehensible knowledge about the legal situation as well as an overview, practical guidance and contact information. The implementation of women’s human rights is a focal issue of the international human rights work, know-how and networking are important criteria for an effective engagement in this area.

The introduction, including historical and philosophical aspects about human rights and women, will be followed by a practical part, which will deal with gender-specific subjects with regard to international human rights instruments. The structure of the handbook follows the one of the Platform of Action of the World Conference on Women in Beijing comprising a wide range of topics. The research will be oriented along the working areas and specialised interests of the users.

Since a clear arrangement and comprehensibility are important criteria for such a manual, comprehensive annexes including graphics, literature, a chronology of international agreements and documents, addresses as well as a guide how to draft shadow reports will complete the book. Additionally, there will also be a special section on Vienna included, containing

addresses and contact information of NGOs, public authorities, networks, initiatives and research institutions. The handbook will be published at the end of 2000/beginning 2001 in the BIM study series.

### *2.3. Study “Women’s Human Rights in Zimbabwe”*

In the autumn of 1999 BIM elaborated the study “Women’s Human Rights in Zimbabwe – an analysis on the implementation of CEDAW” on behalf of the department for development co-operation in the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The aim of the study was to provide an inventory on the legal and factual situation of women in Zimbabwe. A spectacular judgement of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe with regard to women and the law of succession perfectly illustrates the difficult position of women between customary law and statutory law. This is a general problem reflected in various fields related to women’s human rights and constitutes therefore, a starting point for reform. The study was elaborated by *Gabriele Reiter*.

### **3. Teaching Manual on “The International Human Rights Regime”**

Parallel to the main lecture about international human rights protection within the framework of the newly established optional course on “Fundamental Rights and Human Rights” during the winter semester 1999/2000 (see C.2.), *Manfred Nowak* started to prepare a teaching manual on this subject in English and German. The aim of this project is to present the highly complex scientific discipline of the international human rights regime in a short, comprehensible, up-to-date and practice oriented way for law students and those of other disciplines. The text will be illustrated by charts, graphics and

overviews, which can also be used for overhead presentation during the lecture. *Walter Suntinger, Tanja Vospernik, Sandra Horina and Renate Frech* assisted in this project which will be funded by the Austrian National Bank and the Hermann and Marianne Straniak Foundation.

#### **4. Study about the Position of Human Rights and the Promotion of Democracy in the International Development Co-operation**

The first study about the position and promotion of human rights and democratisation in the international development co-operation elaborated by *Christian Hainzl* on behalf of the department for development co-operation of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs could be finished in May 1999.

In continuation to this first study and on the basis of discussions with various officials of this department, it was decided to elaborate an Austrian-specific strategy paper including a guide-line document on this topic.

#### **5. Study on the Legal Status of Displaced Persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Selected European Countries (Temporary Protection)**

In the framework of the project supported by the Fund for the Promotion of Scientific Research, BIM was able to finish its work in the beginning of 1999. The country reports will be published in the BIM study series on human rights in mid-2000 (see F.1.). The legal analysis and conclusions will be published in a separate volume of the study series, likely by the end of 2000 (see further details in the annual report 1998).

The project is co-ordinated by *Hannes Tretter*. The second volume is being drafted by *Christine Amann*, *Ulrike Davy*, *Ulrike Brandl* and *Nikolaus Marschik*.

## **6. Study on the Registration of Persons in Mass Flight Situations**

After a co-operation agreement with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) was concluded in March 1998, a joint project group analysed the possibilities to develop and establish an EU-wide, harmonised system for the registration of persons in mass flight situations, who are received in the member states under temporary protection. The analysis was completed in February 1999 and was handed over in form of a comprehensive report to the European Commission and the EU member states.

The project was carried out with the support of the EU Commission and was co-ordinated by *Nikolaus Marschik*. *Stephan Müller* advised the project group in political science related issues.

## **7. The Implementation of International Human Rights Standards in Austria**

### *7.1. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*

BIM staff members continued to work on subjects with regard to the rights of the child also after the completion and presentation of the study on “The Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Austrian Constitutional Law”. Following an invitation of the “Verlag Österreich” publishing company, the study was also presented within the framework of the Austrian Book Fair in Graz in April 1999 together with *Wolfgang Sellitsch*, the Styrian Ombudsman for Children and Minors, and *Ewald Filler* from the Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family.



*Helmut Sax* analysed in several scientific articles the impact of the review system before the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, which had in January 1999 discussed the first Austrian State report with regard to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and formulated recommendations in 25 areas of concern in Austria.

Further, BIM supported the editing of the State report and the comments of the UN Committee carried out by the Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family. *Helmut Sax* translated the comments and the guidelines for the preparation of State reports as well as the lay-out of the publication.

The BIM Service Centre for Human Rights Education, dedicated its spring edition of the quarterly "Teaching Human Rights" to the subject "Rights of the Child". Moreover, *Gerda Grüner, Barbara Weber and Helmut Sax* gave various presentations with regard to this subject during different seminars.

Finally, the BIM Research Association participated actively in the Action Platform for a Children's Rights Day on the occasion of the 10-years anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November.

## *7.2. The UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination*

The research project "The Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination from 21 December 1965 into Austrian Law" was supported by the Vienna Integration Fund and the Federal Ministry of Justice and was carried out by *Nikolaus Marschik* under the management of *Hannes Tretter*. The study was published in January 1999 as the first volume of the BIM study series on human rights by the Verlag Österreich under the title "The UN Convention against Racial Discrimination in Austrian Law" (see also F.1. and 5.).

## **8. The Elaboration of a Draft for an Anti-Discrimination Law in Austria**

In the framework of this project and with the intensive support of NGOs and legal experts as well as experts from different ministries a concrete draft for a general Austrian anti-discrimination law was elaborated. This is a step further towards the repeatedly expressed call for the enactment of such a law in Austria by NGO's as well as by the Council of Europe and the United Nations (CERD).

The draft especially aims at the possibility to effectively fight against discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, ethnicity, origin, nationality or citizenship, disability, political or religious belief, sexual orientation or identity. Ways shall be found to restrict discrimination by private persons and government agencies with the means of civil law. By comparing other existing European anti-discrimination laws and by taking into account Austria's obligations under international law, it was possible to integrate a modern understanding of equality into the draft. The project receives special attention also because of the on-going intensive efforts of the European Union to implement article 13 of the EC Treaty by issuing directives which need to be transformed into national law by the EU member States.

The work on the project started in April 1999 and was intensive from the beginning. Apart from the elaboration of a first draft, two reference groups which held meetings on a regular basis, were established. These meetings were very constructive and brought about intensive high-level discussions concerning the problem. The suggestions of the reference groups were carefully analysed and taken into account during the conception of the draft. At the same time, it was necessary to draft a legal text according to European

standards based on a comparative analysis of existing European anti-discrimination laws as well as on the development of EC law.

By the end of the year a first draft of an Austrian anti-discrimination-law based on this research project has been prepared. Further steps to be taken during this project are:

- The organisation of a symposium on this issue during autumn 2000, in case that no parliamentary commission will be entrusted with this task;
- The publication of the draft and an extensive explanatory report within the BIM study series by the end of 2000 (see F.1).

The project is being carried out by *Dieter Schindlauer* under the management of *Hannes Tretter* and with the financial support of the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Ministry of Justice and the Vienna Integration Fund.

## **9. UN-World Conference against Racism**

In the framework of the long-standing co-operation between BIM and the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, a one-year framework contract between the institute and the ministry was concluded in February 1999. Within this contract BIM was entrusted with the preparation of different human rights activities, especially with the scientific preparations for the UN-World Conference against Racism and the Council of Europe European Regional Preparatory Conference. *Nikolaus Marschik* was officially assigned to the department of human rights and international humanitarian law at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. His tasks include the areas of racism and xenophobia, fundamental rights and freedoms in

the EU, OSCE and the Council of Europe, minority issues, non-discrimination, human rights in Austria as well as human rights in the EU applicant countries and in the Balkans including the Stability Pact. Respective publications are planned.

## **10. Legal Opinion concerning the Rights of the Accused during Criminal Procedure**

*Johanna Höller* and *Angelika Kartusch* elaborated a legal opinion under the management of *Hannes Tretter* and upon request of *Rudolf Zitta*, lawyer in Salzburg, on selected questions concerning the Austrian Code of Criminal Procedure. These questions included, among others, provisions in the Code of Criminal Procedure about the right of the accused to challenge a judge for bias, to refuse to give evidence, the granting of sufficient time for the defence, the overall length of the procedure, the appointment of an assigned counsel, etc. The respective Austrian legal provisions and the current jurisprudence of the Supreme Court were being checked against their compatibility with the right to a fair trial according to article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). As additional assessment criteria national constitutional law, especially the case law of the Constitutional Court with regard to the principle of rule of law was taken into account. Two publications including the above mentioned subjects are under preparation.

## **11. Human Rights Networks and NGO Co-ordination**

### *11.1 Support for NGO Co-ordination/Human Rights Network*

From July 1998 until December 1999 the BIM Research Association hosted a co-ordination centre for Austrian non-governmental organisations.

The human rights co-ordinators in the federal ministries and the offices of the State governments were officially appointed during 1999. In April 1999 the first meeting between the co-ordinators and representatives of NGOs took place within the framework of a seminar at the Federal Academy of Public Administration.

An important long-term demand of the NGOs, namely the installation of a parliamentary human rights committee, was finally reached with the inauguration of the committee in November 1999.

The efforts of the NGOs and some governmental authorities to continue the in 1997 established national committee for human rights as platform for dialogue between government agencies and non-governmental organisations, also after the human rights year 1998, were not as successful. During 1999 the National Committee did not hold a single meeting.

A focal issue of the work of *Marion Wiesinger*, who was in charge for the activities of the NGO-Co-ordination Centre until mid-1999, was also the review of the project proposals with regard to the human rights year, where in some cases significant delays arose even though a favourable reaction was given by the partly governmental, partly non-governmental recommendation group. In September 1999, *Katrin Wladasch* took over the tasks of the NGO-Co-ordination centre on a reduced level, since the financial burden was now exclusively on the NGOs. The implementation of the NGO catalogue of

human rights related requests of 1998 for an improved structural embodiment of human rights in Austria continued to be a focal issue of the co-ordination centre. *Helmut Sax* supported the work of the co-ordination centre in his function as a member of the advisory board to the centre.

### *11.2. Co-ordination process of European Human Rights Institutes*

Following an initiative of the Danish Human Rights Centre a first meeting of European Human Rights Institutes took place on 1 September 1999. Representatives of eight institutions as well as of the Office of the UN-High Commissioner for Human Rights discussed possibilities of an enhanced scientific co-operation, an improved co-ordination of activities as well as a clear common position with regard to major human rights concerns. *Helmut Sax* represented the BIM at this meeting, and further meetings are under preparation.

## **C. EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **1. Service Centre for Human Rights Education**

The service centre for human rights education of the BIM Research Association made use of several human rights related anniversaries and events in 1999 in order to support teachers of all types of schools at all levels with regard to human rights education. Apart from the personal advice, the service offer was improved by various new information materials and the quarterly newsletter "Teaching Human Rights". The network of contact-teachers, who regularly receive information about human rights and human rights education and who distribute the information material in their schools was enlarged to a total number of 980 people. Topical issues of central concern in 1999 were the rights of the child

as well as social and economic rights, with a special focus on women's human rights.

On the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN-Convention on the Rights of the Child this year's training courses for teachers covered the subject of child rights. Teachers from all over Austria had the possibility during three days to work on various questions relating to the rights of the child and to get to know advanced didactic methods in the area of media education through cinema as well as to discuss concepts for projects. The concept of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as its origin and development, and the areas of concern with regard to the implementation in Austria were presented during the course. Further parts of the programme were the media-pedagogical background and the general concept of movies being part of teaching and lectures, workshops and a panel discussion about the "Implementation of the Rights of the Child in Schools and Society". 28 teachers coming from five federal States participated in the course.

The issue 2/99 of the newsletter "Teaching Human Rights" about children's rights gave an overview of the current problems of children in Austria and world-wide (see F.4.). The service centre also supported many activities of other organisations and institutions in the educational sector with regard to children's rights.

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe, the service centre provided schools with an information brochure including material about the council and its significance for human rights. It can be used as a starting basis for the work with pupils in this field. The brochure includes information about the foundation, development, functioning, the methods of work and the instruments of the Council of Europe; it further contains special information about fundamental rights and their protection, points of views of the Council of Europe with regard to different human rights, and

press articles out of Austrian print media. In addition, the brochure includes important addresses and web sites of the Council of Europe as well as several didactic materials to be copied for use in class.

In response to the incidents in Kosovo (war and “ethnic cleansing”) the issue 3/99 of the newsletter “Teaching Human Rights” provided information about the causes and consequences of the war in the Balkans, the situation of the people concerned as well as about relief and aid activities.

The issue 4/99 of the newsletter “Teaching Human Rights” was dealing with economic and social rights, including the topics of poverty in Austria, the right to education and global learning (see F.4.).

Recent developments in the field of international women’s rights were the reason for the preparation of a paper about women’s human rights (see F.4.). It includes the history and development of women’s rights including the current problems that women world-wide have to deal with nowadays. The material is recommended to be used in schools starting at level 9 (see F.24).

The service centre continued to provide most of its material free of charge (contact: e-mail: [service@humanrights.at](mailto:service@humanrights.at) / Tel.: +43 1 4277-27427).

*Barbara Weber and Gerda Grüner* were responsible for the Service Centre and, since the maternity leave of *Gerda Grüner*, *Gabriele Reiter* together with *Barbara Weber*. The service Centre is supported by an advisory board including representatives of organisations and institutions significant for the development of human rights education. The Service Centre is funded by the department for political education of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Art.



## **2. Optional Curriculum “Fundamental Rights and Human Rights”**

Within the framework of the new curricula of the law faculty at the Vienna University, which entered into force in the winter semester 1999/2000, students have for the first time the possibility to follow an optional curriculum about fundamental and human rights. It was chosen by a high number of students. Lectures related to issues of the international human rights protection are mainly being carried out by the staff of BIM. *Manfred Nowak* has held together with *Walter Suntinger* the main lecture about “International Protection of Human Rights” and *Hannes Tretter* about the “OSCE-Process” during the winter semester 1999/2000. *Hannes Tretter* was also responsible for the main lecture “European human rights protection” during the summer semester 2000.

In addition the following specialised seminars will be offered by BIM staff members during the summer semester 2000:

“Individual Criminal Responsibility for serious Human Rights Violations” (*Manfred Nowak and Ursula Kriebaum*), “Human Rights and Development Co-operation” (*Manfred Nowak and Christian Hainzl*), “Human Rights and the Maintenance of International Peace and Security” (*Manfred Nowak and Nikolaus Marschik*), “Human Rights of Children” (*Manfred Nowak and Helmut Sax*), and “Mechanisms for the Prevention of Human Rights Violations” (*Manfred Nowak and Walter Suntinger*). These seminars are also offered to the students of the “European Masters Degree in Human Rights and Democratization” (see the respective lectures and seminars in the summer semester 1999 under C.3.).

### **3. European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization**

This one-year interdisciplinary post-graduate course was initiated by the European Commission and took place for the first time in 1997/98. During this one-year intensive course students (so-called "Masterini") from different disciplines (law, political science, economics, philosophy, history, etc.) from EU member states and applicant countries are taught to be specialists in human rights and democratisation issues as well as prepared for concrete missions in the field (for example as election or human rights monitors).

The course is administrated by the University of Padova. The winter semesters takes place in Venice whereby the teaching is a collective effort of the 15 participating universities, respectively institutes, from all EU member states. During the summer semester the students are studying and preparing their thesis at one of the participating universities. The "European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization" is being awarded by the University of Padova. The course is managed by a Board of National Directors comprised by one representative of each of the participating universities as well as of the European Commission.

In June 1998 the University of Vienna became official participating university, *Manfred Nowak* was nominated National Director by the Dean of Vienna University and *Hannes Tretter* as Deputy National Director. The BIM Research Association was entrusted with the administration of the course in Vienna and with the supervision of the Masterini students who choose Vienna. *Manfred Nowak*, *Hannes Tretter* and *Marijana Grandits* participated regularly in meetings of the "Council of National Directors" in Venice as well as at the inauguration and graduation ceremonies in September 1999 in the Palazzo Ducale.

Within the framework of the master's programme *Manfred Nowak* was responsible for a one-week lecture about human rights field work both in January 1999 and January 2000. *Eva Wipler, Gabriele Reiter, Marijana Grandits and Manfred Nowak* organised and carried out a one-week field trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina for approximately 70 Masterini in January 1999 and 2000. *Manfred Nowak* gave an introductory lecture about recent developments in international human rights protection in September 1999 and *Hannes Tretter* gave a lecture about the OSCE with the support of *Johanna Höller* in October 1999 in Venice.

BIM staff members gave the following specialised lectures at the Vienna University during the summer semester 1999, which were in particular offered to the 14 Masterini students who chose Vienna University for their second semester studies: "Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (*Manfred Nowak*), "The situation of Romanies in Central and Eastern Europe" (*Manfred Nowak and Stephan Müller*), "The Prohibition of Racial Discrimination" (*Manfred Nowak and Nikolaus Marschik*), "Human Rights of Children" (*Manfred Nowak and Helmut Sax*), "Human Rights and Buddhism in the Himalayas" (*Manfred Nowak and Christian Hainzl*), "Peace-Security-Human Rights: The OSCE-Process" (*Hannes Tretter*), "The Protection of Ethnic Minorities in Europe" (*Hannes Tretter*), "Torture Prevention: International and National Monitoring Mechanisms" (*Ursula Kriebaum*).

During the summer semester of 1999, the BIM team and especially *Gabriele Reiter and Ottilie Vollnhofer* also supported the 14 Masterini students by looking for accommodations, the installation of computer work stations and provided advice and assistance to the students during the elaboration of their thesis.

#### **4. University Course in Information Law and Legal Information**

After the formal establishment of a one-year university course in Information Law and Legal Information by a decision of the Law Faculty of Vienna University in September 1998, the formal prerequisites were settled and the preparation for the planned inauguration of the course in October 1999 could commence.

The first tasks of the project team, comprised of *Martin Witzmann and Mathias Maurer* under the supervision of *Nikolaus Forgó*, were to find additional sponsors for the funding of the preparatory work as well as to promote the course through pro-active media and marketing activities. As a result of these efforts many articles about the new university course appeared in Austrian newspapers and weekly magazines, as well as a high interest of commercial institutions emerged in support of the course. The legal data base (RDB), the publishing companies Manz and Orac as well as Linde, Siemens, Trend, Profil and Telekom Austria highly contributed with their financial and personal support to the success of the project.

During the student-fair “Success 99” interested students had for the first time the opportunity to personally be informed about this new university course and its aims. At the same time the inscription period for the first year of the new course in 1999/2000 started.

At the end of the inscription period the organisers could be proud about the registration of 45 highly qualified lawyers, of whom 22 were accepted by the Scientific Board.

During the summer months final adaptations with regard to the curriculum took place and after intensive preparatory talks with the lecturers the final curriculum was adopted. With the inauguration celebration in October 1999 the two years of

preparatory work ended. The second course for the academic year 2000/2001 is already under preparation.

## **5. University course/Master's Programme "Political Education"**

Within the framework of the master's programme in political Education at the inter-university institute for interdisciplinary research and education in Innsbruck-Klagenfurt-Wien (IFF), five BIM and BIM Research Association staff members held a seminar about human rights (*Gerda Grüner, Manfred Nowak, Helmut Sax, Walter Suntinger and Barbara Weber*).

During the one-week course in November 1999, participants (teachers, NGO-representatives, etc) were offered introductory classes about the history of human rights and about Austrian and international human rights protection. Several subjects were treated in an in-depth way, namely the rights of the child, women's human rights and the rights of refugees. The implementation of human rights within the immediate environment of the participants was also discussed.

## **D. LIBRARY, DOCUMENTATION, IT SERVICES AND WEB SITE**

### **1. Documentation**

*Tanja Vospernik* (since February 1999), *Paul Angeli* and *Eva Fuchs* are responsible for the documentation and the library, assisted mainly by *Karin Hinteregger* and *Beatrix Ferenci*.

The restructuring of the documentation and its division into a topical and country-specific area of information was completed in the beginning of the year. The documentation comprises books, magazines, press releases, case-law,

documents from international organisations (UN, OSCE, Council of Europe, EU, OAS, etc.), bibliographies, brochures, NGO-publications and other documents.

In order to provide users with an easier access to single documents, Hermann Withalm and Tanja Vospernik conceived a proper database for the institute. This database should comprise all books available at the institute's library as well as all magazines and other documents. It will be accessible either by simple search (with the help of an extensive list of keywords both in English and German) or by combined search which makes the search for specialised literature and documents much easier. This database represents an important addition to the On-line catalogue (O-Pac) of the Vienna University and will be accessible via the BIM Web Site through the creation of a corresponding web-edition to the O-Pac.

*Eva Fuchs* continues to electronically record the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. Furthermore, BIM continues to act as official "depository library" of the OSCE.

The library is open to the public during the regular opening hours, which did not change on Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12 a.m. and on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. The database and the library guide (which can be found in the secretariat) are means of orientation. For other issues and concerns, the staff responsible for the library provides the necessary information.

## **2. IT**

Over the year the installation of Windows NT based network, version 4.0 was completed. *Christian Trunschitz* is responsible for the technical implementation and continues to supervise the network support. Concerning IT-problems he has been supported by *Martin Witzmann*, *Mathias Maurer* and *Helmut Sax*.

Additional computers and rooms were provided to be used by the students of the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation for the period of their stay with the support of the Law Faculty, Juridicum On-line, Bank Austria and Creditanstalt.

### **3. The new BIM Web site**

Following intensive discussions about the graphic design and thematic contributions, the newly designed web site of the Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights went on-line on 6 June 1999, shortly after mid-night (<http://www.univie.ac.at/bim>).

The Institute is now also able to provide information via the internet about its areas of teaching and research, its projects as well as about current developments in human rights. In addition, the BIM web site provides an extensive collection of over 400 web links with topics like human rights - Austria/international, rights of the child; research and education; law and politics; international organisations.

The graphic design and the technical implementation was carried out by the web-expert *Georg Zeglovits*, whereas *Gerda Grüner and Helmut Sax* were responsible for the conception of the content together with other staff members. *Helmut Sax* continues to be responsible for the extensions and up-dating of the Web site.

## **E. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **1. BIM**

In 1999 the total income of the Institute was ATS 5.890.000,- while the total expenses amounted to ATS 5.827.000,-. BIM

was financed by the basic financial contribution of the Ludwig Boltzmann Society with an amount of ATS 400.000,- and by project funding through various donors. The Institute would like to thank the following institutions for their financial support:

Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry for Science and Research, Federal Chancellery, Vienna Integration Fund, Federal Ministry for Youth and Family, ICMPD and the Independent Federal Asylum Senate.

In addition, BIM received contributions by the *BIM Research Association* for scientific assistance relating to the following projects:

European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization, University course for Information Law and legal information, Human Rights Education, Study about the ECHR, Combat of Trafficking in Women, EU-Dialogue with China, NGO-Co-ordination

## **2. The BIM Research Association**

The income of the BIM Research Association was ATS 4.864.000,-, while the expenses amounted to ATS 4.795.000,-.

The following ministries, institutions and companies supported projects by the BIM Research Association:

European Commission, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry for Science and Research, Federal Ministry of Justice, Federal Ministry of Interior, Federal Chancellery, Open Society Foundation, University of Padova, Academy Bolzano, UNESCO, Special Fund of the Austrian National Bank, Manz Publishing Company, Orac Publishing Company, Legal Data Base (RDB), Die Presse.

Per decision of the competent tax authority for Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland, the BIM Research Association was



granted the status of a beneficiary recipient according to para 4(4)(5)(e) of the Income Tax Act of 1988, meaning that financial contributions towards the BIM Research Association can be deducted from taxes. Presently, the BIM Research Association has 142 members comprising various sectors of society.

The following NGOs, institutions and people financially supported the NGO-Co-ordination centre:

Amnesty International, Integration Österreich, Helping Hands, Austrian P.E.N. Club, ÖFSE, Legal Committee Lambda, Initiative Minderheiten, FIAN, SOS Mitmensch, Asylum Co-ordination, HOSI, Journalists without Frontiers, Walter Schachermayer.

## **F. PUBLICATIONS**

### **1. BIM Human Rights Study Series**

#### *1.1. Published:*

- Volume 1: *Nikolaus Marschik, Die UN-Rassendiskriminierungskonvention im österreichischen Recht, 1999, 195 pages*
- Volume 2: *Helmut Sax/Christian Hainzl, Die verfassungsrechtliche Umsetzung der UN-Kinderrechtskonvention in Österreich, 1999, 257 pages*
- Volume 3: *Ursula Kriebaum, Folterprävention in Europa – Die Europäische Konvention zur Verhütung von Folter und unmenschlicher oder erniedrigender Be-*

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Volume 4: *Manfred Nowak/Xin Chunying* (eds.): EU-China Human Rights Dialogue. Proceedings of the Second EU-China Legal Expert Seminar held in Beijing on 19 and 20 October 1998, 190 pages

Volume 6: *Hannes Tretter* (ed.), Temporary Protection für bosnische Flüchtlinge in Europa – Länderberichte/Country Reports, 2000, 530 pages

### *1.2. Under preparation:*

Volume 5: *Christian Hainzl*, Human Rights in Bhutan (mid-2000)

Volume 7: *Hannes Tretter* (ed.), Temporary Protection für bosnische Flüchtlinge in Europa – Analysen und Schlußfolgerungen (end 2000/beginning 2001)

Volume 8: *Hannes Tretter/Paul Angeli/Enver Hoxaj* (ed.), Ethnische Säuberungen in Bosnien und Herzegowina und im Kosovo (autumn 2000)

Volume 9: *Martin Ölz*, NGOs im internationalen Menschenrechtsschutz (autumn 2000)

Volume 10: *Angelika Kartusch/Katharina Knaus/Gabriele Reiter* (eds.), Combat of Trafficking in Women for the Purpose of Forced Prostitution (end 2000)

- Volume 11: *Dieter Schindlauer, Ein Antidiskriminierungsgesetz für Österreich (end 2000)*
- Volume 12: *Hannes Tretter (ed.), Kosovo unter internationaler Verwaltung (end 2000)*

## **2. Co-publishing of the Yearbook „Human Rights in Development“**

The, for the time being, last meeting of the editorial board of the project “Yearbook Human Rights in Development: Global Perspectives and Local Issues“ took place on 26 February 1999. Following several changes to the deadline, the 1998 publication could only be published by the Kluwer publishing house at the end of 1999. As the financial support of the current BIM yearbook activities by the Hermann and Marianne Straniak foundation ended in 1998, no further contributions by BIM could be realised for the 1999 publication.

## **3. Co-publishing of the “Jahrbuch Menschenrechte“**

In co-operation with the German section of amnesty international, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights and the Institute for Development and Peace, *Gabriele von Armin, Volkmar Diele, Franz-Josef Hutter, Sabine Kurtenbach and Carsten Tessmer* published the second volume of this Yearbook for the year 2000. In this edition, emphasis is put on different approaches of reacting to human rights violations. The discourses on globalisation issues and national human rights problems (Belarus, Brasil, China, Germany and Uganda) continues. The protection of human rights in the European Union and the results of the UN Human Rights commission taking place in Geneva this year receive special attention.

On behalf of the Institute, *Helmut Sax* wrote a contribution on the armed conflict in North and West Uganda (“Shadow on ,Africa’s pearl‘ – in the context of the armed conflict in Uganda“). *Hannes Tretter*’s contribution deals with the theme “Taking the lead with a good example: A human rights agenda for the European Union for the year 2000“.

#### **4. “Teaching Human Rights“: Newsletter and Information Folder of the Service Centre for Human Rights Education**

The first issue of this quarterly newsletter on human rights education was published in the winter of 1998. The purpose of the newsletter is to make information on human rights studies available to a broader public and to create a discussion forum for this field. During the year under review, three more newsletters were published in which experts in theory and practice take positions with regard to current human rights issues.

*Newsletter “Teaching Human Rights“:*

2/99: Children’s Rights

3/99: Refugees

4/99: Poverty

*Information folders:*

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