

Unique Tour for Peace and Renewable Energies

3rd "Bikeforpeace-and-New-Energies Ride from Paris to Moscow 2008

Done! After more than 3.750km Bikeride the participants of the Peace and Climate Protection Tour arrived well the 26.07.2008 in Moscow. For promoting peace, intercultural understanding and renewable energies around 150 Bicycle-Riders from 14 nations were six weeks on the way.

Organised by the NGO "Bike for Peace-and-New-Energies e. V." the Peace-Ride started the 3rd time in a row the 12th June 2008 from Paris. The meeting and mutual help of participants from the East and the West are of central importance for the NGO-founder, Konni Schmidt. The "Peace-Bikers" came in big parts from Russia, Germany and Belarussia, but also from as far away as Australia and Argentina. The age of the participants was very mixed and ranged between 11 and 79 years!



The vision of the Bikeforpeace and New Energies Riders is therefore to raise consciousness for the interdependence of peace and renewable energies. Therefore on the one hand during the tour the devastating effects of former wars in Verdun and Chatyn was commemorated. On the other hand famous politicians and scientists informed about the possible worldwide change to renewable energies which works without fossil fuels. Many companies opened their Solar- and Windenergy-parks for sightseeing.



Start in Paris 12.6.2008

Barbara Rütting, the „Honorable-Eldest-President“ of the Bavarian Parliament did give her best wishes to the bikers at their departure in Paris for their long way. She even came on purpose to Paris to be present at the start of the tour under the Eiffel tower. During the whole tour the common used language was mainly English but also "hands and feet" were used for the multinational communication. The tourdays were mostly filled with the sportive challenge, mutual breakdown help, mutual "pushing up the mountains", preparation of breakfast and sometimes also the diner etc. .



Mostly at the beginning the mutual understanding for each other was challenged. But in the course of time many learned to even appreciate the personal and cultural differences as an enrichment.

Some days after the tour ended, the conflict in Georgian Republic broke out. In territorial conflicts about fossil energies the "thin belt" of friendship between East and West is still very frail.



New peace energy - Solarfield Waldpolenz, 28.6.2008

Financially the whole tour was only made possible because of the help of a big number of main sponsors as: SolarWorld, juwi, ewec, wpd, Solar*Tec , IBC SOLAR , SOLARC

The catering of the tour was made in France and Germany only with organic grown food. This healthy way of eating is another important step for environment and climate protection according to the organisation team. The organic-food caterer company, Safran, did renew with delicious meals the "personal energies" of the peace-bikers. Logistic-wise he was helped by the organic-products wholesaler Phönix.

The tour-co-organiser, Dr. Karl von Koerber, associate lecturer of „sustainable nutrition“ at the technical university of Munich, arranged the contact to the organic-food-associations sponsor demeter, Bioland and Naturland. But the tour-organisers want also to thank sincerely to the countless donors and sponsors.



organic-food by Bio-Catering Safran

The organisation team of the „Spirit of Woodstock Festival“ prepared for the tour-participants an unforgettable fundraising concert. The concert took place at Waldpolenz near Leipzig at a former Russian nuclear bomb airport. Here the peaceful tour vision became already reality because the airport was transformed to the world's biggest photovoltaic power plant. Peace-loving musicians from many countries did give excellent concerts and enjoyed the hearts of the participants. The following artists performed in Waldpolenz: Michel Montecrossa, Mirakali, Diana Antara, Christina Lux and the Moonlight Junkies



Michel Montecrossa with the Band The Chosen Few, 28.6.2008

The company Miraprint produced as Media-Sponsor-Partner the tour-flyers in 6 languages. For the first time the bikers were accompanied by two Electro-Bikes of the InnoScooter company and two Electro-Mobiles of the TWIKE company.



Soldier und Peace activists in Borisov, Belarus 18.7.2008

After 3.750 km Bikeride across Europe an overwhelming welcome awaited the participants in Moscow which was organised by the activists of the “Chernobyl-Initiative”. On the blocked 8-lanes ring-road of Moscow the last leg was going to the city-centre at the Red Place. As a final highlight musicians from Russia and the Ukraine gave a concert at the Red place for the tour-participants.



Arrival on the Red Place, Moscow 26.7.2008

For their ideally contribution as „bridge-builder“ the Bike for Peace and New Energies NGO wants to thank the patrons of the tour: Franz Alt, Dörte Fouquet, Hermann Scheer, Angelina Galiteva, Hans-Josef Fell, Irm Pontenagel, Preben Maegaard, Barbara Rütting, Hanne May, Christopher Flavin, Jean-Marc Jossart, Hans-C. Sponeck, Ursula Sladek, Käthi Diethelm, Noël Mamère and the President of the Belarussian Cycling Federation, Alexander Muraviev.

In 2009 the 4th Tour will start the 4th of July from Paris to Moscow.

A very soon advance reservation is recommended, as the number of participants will be limited. More information, reports, films and photos of the last tours and other activities can be found under www.bikeforpeace-and-new-energies.net Sponsor-companies and donors are very welcome. Only because of the generous help we could already in 2008 help many people to participate under special conditions to “Bike for Peace and New Energies“.