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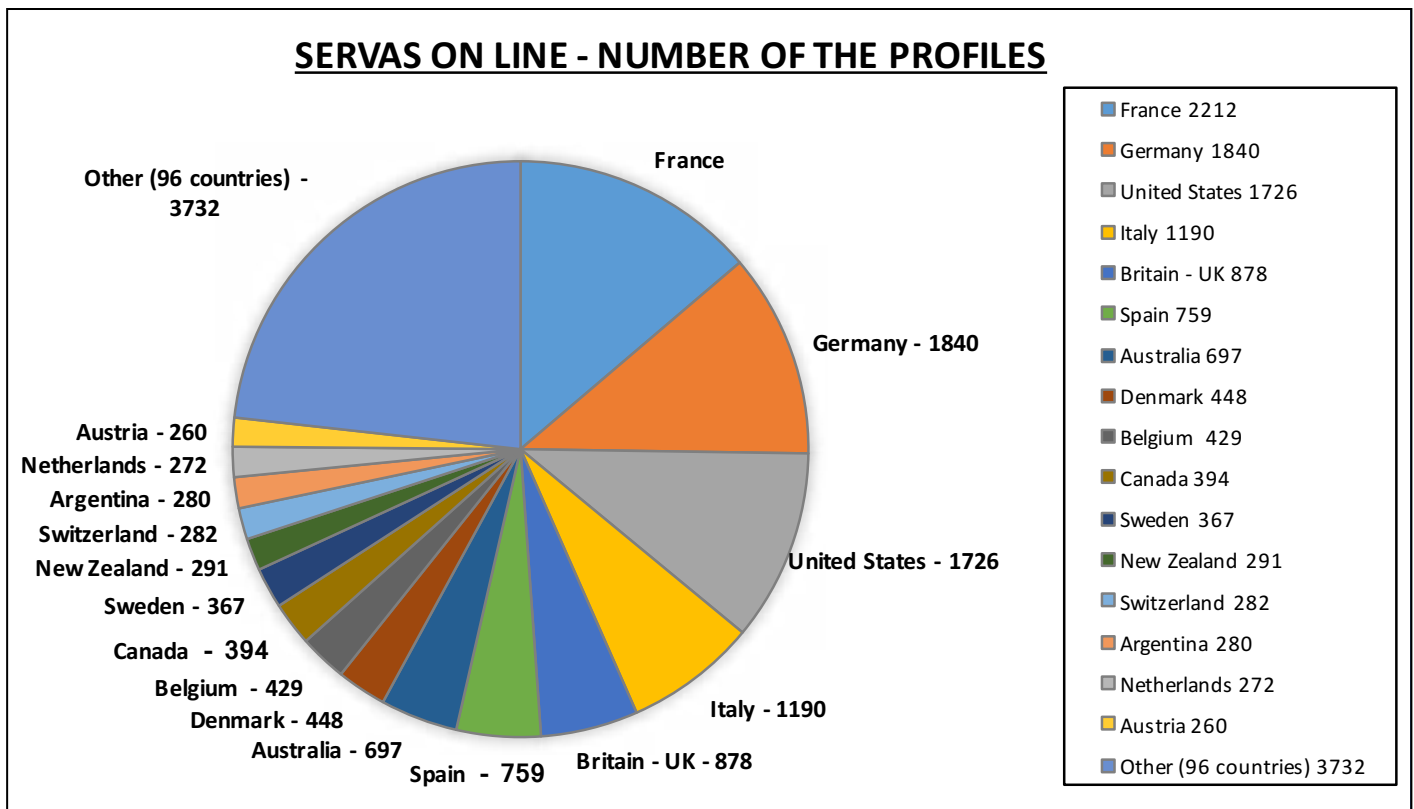
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16 000 PROFILES PLUS IN SERVASONLINE

On 24 March this year there were 16 000 individual Servas members with their profiles in the ServasOnline System, which is now the main global Servas International (SI) membership administration system.

The number of profiles in the ServasOnline system has increased substantially thanks to the entry of Servas USA a few months ago and of Servas Germany recently..



In January 2019 there were 11 401 profiles, so there had been an increase with 3 491 individual member profiles during the last 13 months. The entry of Servas Italy in 2019 added a substantial number of profiles.

This means that almost 100 percent of all individual members of Servas worldwide now have their member data in ServasOnline.

There are ongoing activities to integrate the rest of the non-integrated Servas countries as soon as possible. Servas Germany has been testing their anticipated upcoming membership migration on the test server.

It should be noted the profiles in ServasOnline are in the following categories: Host plus other roles, Traveller plus other roles and Day Host only plus other roles. If someone is a Host and a Day Host, this is counted as one.

Servas France was the first member country that successfully transferred their members' data on July 24, 2016. No Servas country has made a formal refusal to join ServasOnline.

Jonny Sägänger, SI President

Joseph Lestang, ServasOnline Team & Servas France

---- EDITORIAL ----**STAYING TOGETHER WHILE WE ARE APART**

by Jonny Sägänger, SI President

The covid-19 disease is causing suffering around the world and will upset our lives physically, emotionally, medically, and mentally for some time.

Servas has been hard hit by the pandemic, both on an individual humanistic level and as an organisation. We have received information that the death of at least one member of Servas has been caused by the corona virus (please read the text on [page 4](#) about AnnaMaria Cazzaniga - "la Mariucci" of Servas Italy).

Servas' core activity – the hospitality program with homestay – will dramatically shrink during 2020 as travel has almost come to a full stop because of restrictions and people using common sense. Other main Servas activities have been postponed. The global recession will make leisure travel less frequent for the foreseeable future

During this time, I would like to make it clear: Servas will prevail as we did through the financial crisis 2007–2008 and other pandemics.

I have together with the other members of Servas International's global board – SI Exco – agreed on the following motto: Servas doesn't cancel – Servas adjusts.

As always, crisis moments also present opportunity.

Many of the opportunities that Servas should seize are driven by the increased interest and possibilities for interactive digital communication and collaboration on web based electronic platforms. It's also driven by the fact that the current medical need for physical distancing doesn't mean that we need to distance ourselves from each other socially. As a matter of fact, it's quite the opposite: The need for us to keep socially close is larger than ever.

One fresh example on how to address this need: Deborah Parkes of Servas Canada has launched the initiative "Servas virtual travel project". The first virtual meeting took recently place. This is the core idea: Sparked by the corona pandemic and the impediments to in-person travel -- and the HUGE importance of socially connecting – this aim of this initiative is to encourage members to connect with each other through Skype, Facetime, Zoom, WhatsApp, email, chat, phone ... whatever works for each person.

Other opportunities for Servas to seize:

- Web based video and audio communication applications in mobile phones and other types of computers are as an alternative to physical meetings increasingly being used for the informative talks between Servas members and presumptive/prospective new members. One of the advantages of this arrangement is that the presumptive/prospective host can use her or his mobile phone or computer to show the Servas member around in the home where the future Servas travellers will be hosted.
- Servas International decision making and elections can become more decentralized and the organisation's existing democratic processes can be strengthened and improved. Servas International has during many years used the SI Distant Vote (SI DV) for decision making between the SI General Assemblies, making voting possible for Servas member group representatives even though they are not physically present at a polling place. The current crisis gives us an opportunity to look closely at how the democratic tool of distant voting can be improved and more widely used.

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"In Memoriam"

In March AnnaMaria Cazzaniga - "la Mariucci" - from Milan left us. A wonderful woman, full of life, a Servas "beacon". Curious, globetrotter, a young tolerant and inclusive spirit, she always had positive and wise words to share.

Over the years she traveled all over the world and hosted a lot in Milan along the years; she wrote beautiful journals from her travels and had many anecdotes about meeting people, which were the real destination of her travels.

She created the flag that accompanies Servas Italy in every national assembly, sewing with her own hands letter by letter what was her ideal: "Servas Italia" and "Servas Porte Aperte".

Until a few years ago she was always present at the Milanese, Lombard and national meetings with a participatory spirit; she was very helpful in every situation and an excellent cook, too!

This photo was taken during the spring 2009 national assembly in Italy.

Some years ago she retired in a home for elderly in Milan where she received visits from her friends Servas with great pleasure. Always in order and dressed in pink, her favorite color.

Unfortunately the corona virus spread in the building where she was living; the moment of emergency does not allow the funeral but we will have contact with the family to find out when and where to bring her pink roses..

May the earth be light to you, dear Mariucci, you will be missed and your spirit will be with us always, always, and forever"

Anna Cristina Siragusa, Servas Italy



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Servas France has developed a system to hold electronic elections before the group's national general assembly. This could – if there's enough technically able people around – be put in practice by other Servas member groups as well as by Servas International.

This climate smart and including mode for voting and for electing Servas International officers will be the new normal in the future.

Other ways to remain active with Servas while #physicaldistancing (you find more in another article in this newsletter):

- Host virtual happy hours with Servas friends to bolster human connection.
- Plan a future Servas Experience in your local community.

- Consider volunteering for Servas in Servas Confluence virtual collaboration space. Servas Confluence offers a web based space where Servas volunteers can initiate and develop relevant projects. (Interested? Send an email to president@servas.org)

When Servas pulls through this crisis – and together we will – it will be largely because we believe in peace, exchanging ideas, cultural learning, tolerance and understanding.

We will use this opportunity to increase our ability to communicate with each other virtually, and this will strengthen our organisation.

This is why I think Servas will come out of this even stronger.

SERVAS' CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

US Servas added a Coronavirus announcement to their website on March 16. It's timely and useful information, so SI News Bulletin republishes the text below to the benefit for the entire Servas community. Other national Servas groups are encouraged to replicate Servas US' initiative.

Please especially note the text about how to remain active with Servas while #socialdistancing:

The Servas US text:

We understand Servas host and traveler concerns surrounding coronavirus and its potential impact on travel plans. The safety of our Servas community is our highest priority.

We recommend closely watching the travel advisories from the U.S. Department of State and updates from the World Health Organization.

- Wash your hands often (for a minimum of 20 seconds).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid large gatherings of greater than 10 people.
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet to anyone coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel ill or have a fever or cough.
- If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.
- Follow directions and advice from local health authorities.
- Stay up-to-date with the World Health Organization and CDC guidelines.

US Servas is advising that members:

- stay up-to-date with the local health advisories in the communities in which you are travelling.
- notify your hosts as soon as possible if you have to cancel your travel plans.
- notify travelers as soon as possible if you are no longer able to host.
- have a back-up plan if your host is unable or unwilling to host you.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and travel plans can change at any time. This can include airlines cancelling flights and cities enforcing quarantines. Be prepared, check ahead of time, and take extra precautions in case your travel plans may be affected.

Ways to remain active with Servas while #socialdistancing:

- Host virtual happy hours with Servas friends to bolster human connection.
- Plan a future Servas Experience in your local community.
- Send your works of art to Jean Luc for the Servas Artist exhibition at the Samara State Institute of Culture this spring.
- Catch up on the US Servas Open Doors newsletter.
- Consider volunteering for US Servas
- Contribute financially to peace initiatives.

Resources:

World Health Organization (WHO) <https://www.who.int/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

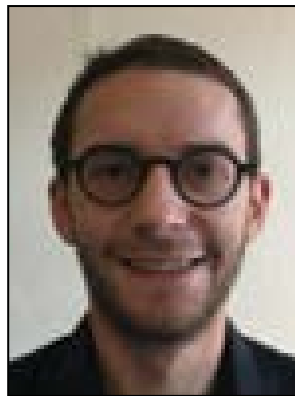
OPINION: OFFSET HAS NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON CO2 EMISSIONS

The global board of Servas International – SI Exco – has accepted the 22 recommendations from its Ethical Travel Team regarding what the Servas response should be to global warming and, in particular, the emissions caused by air travel.

One of the SI Ethical Travel Team (SIETT) recommendations adopted by SI Exco is — where air travel cannot be avoided — to encourage Servas members to buy so-called certified offsets credits.

In response to this, Benjamin Zucali, a member of Servas Austria and a master's student in social ecology, has written the following opinion article:

So far trade in CO2 certificates has shown no significant effect on CO2 emissions. The prices are too low to have any impact and there are too many certificates on the market. Furthermore, these certificates have been used to commodify air, which is very dangerous. To buy certificates helps wealthy people and rich nations to feel better and build a new market, but it does not change the fact that CO2 is emitted. It is just a new market which can be used to prolong capitalism and the paradigm of economic growth. Something similar happens with renewable energy. Hardly anyone is seriously thinking about reducing energy consumption. Instead, our society is searching for new energy sources because we are all aware one day we will reach peak oil. Thereby we forget that



Benjamin Zucali
Member of Servas Austria
Master student
in Social Ecology

each type of energy production has a negative impact on the environment.

Servas as a travellers and peace organization has a very difficult position concerning the big share transportation has in CO2 emissions. I think the best thing is to tell people to limit their number of flights and, if someone is flying, it should be for the longest stay possible. Furthermore, people should be honest with themselves and say yes, I'm part of a global elite being able to move freely and thereby emitting greenhouse

gases. If someone is not fine with emitting large amounts of CO2, the alternatives are to stay close to home or to take the time to travel by public transport, by bicycle or by walking. That does not necessarily mean zero CO2 emissions, but it is limiting them.

TEAM TO SHARE SI MTS RESPONSIBILITIES

SI Exco, the global board of Servas International, is happy to announce that Jim Leask of Servas Canada has accepted to become formally appointed SI Membership & Technology Secretary, SI MTS. On March 25 2020 Jim Leask succeeded Andreas Becker as SI MTS.

The workload and the responsibilities associated with the SI MTS role will be shared by Jim Leask and Paul Nielsen of Servas Australia, as well as other members of SI ICT and the ServasOnline Team.

Andreas Becker informed SI Exco on March 18 that he's leaving his position as SI MTS. The day after he informed the Servas community about his decision.

It is with great satisfaction SI Exco welcomes Jim Leask in his formal role as SI MTS.

Jonny Sägänger, SI President

DEEPEST WISH COME TRUE: A JOURNEY TO PALESTINE

Recently, at the end of our German summer, when it is still very hot in Palestine, I took part in an organized tour where we travelled something like the way Servas people normally do as individuals.

Although Palestine and Al Israa (Israel) do have religious significance for Hebrews, Christians and Muslims, the aim of this journey was to get to know the people of the country, visiting individuals, where we stayed for two nights in Beit Laham (Bethlehem), refugee camps (the Aida camp), trauma centres (art projects in Ramallah), women's projects selling Fairtrade products (in Al Kuds – Jerusalem and Bethlehem) or olive oil production (Jordan Valley and Nablus).

I didn't expect to meet so many Christian Palestinians. They see themselves as Palestinians – as Palestine is an Arabic country. Actually the number of Christians is decreasing because of the conflict, but I didn't have any difficulty going to church, as there are plenty of churches, mostly quite near a mosque.

Of course we met Jews, Christians and Muslims. Some Jews we met by accident, not always very comfortable in the case of aggressive settlers, but most people were very interested in the peace process (as in Tel Aviv or in Jerusalem), including those who try to protect Palestinian farmers from troubles with settlers and others who tried to stop the destruction of the houses in East Jerusalem in August 2019.

Unfortunately a lot of Palestinians do not believe in supportive initiatives with Jews, as there is a big wall 5.5 metres high and approximately 50 kilometres long between them in Bethlehem and a defensive exclusion area of approximately 125 kilometres.

The Israeli government says the wall is necessary to protect Israel from terrorism. Actually, as you can see in the news, no one can stop a terrorist attack, if someone really wants to do it. Normally individual terrorists (even if they are threatened or brainwashed by a terrorist group) and, believe me, unfortunately it has worsened since "fascistic Islamist" groups went to Palestine because of the war in Syria and Iraq, making many Palestinians of the West Bank feel threatened as well. Tunnels or missiles built by man without the possibility of aiming at a target, but still with the very horrible possibility to hurt someone really badly or worse to kill someone.

I consider the separation of these two areas — not regarding whether Palestine and Israel is going to decide to be two countries or join into one country — as one of the most important problems to aim at for peace, and definitely it is the worst for the animals and plants, as they do not know about walls, so they are becoming disoriented from and their natural way to living and dying.

The other horrible mistake by "Israel" has been to make problems for Gaza. The water there is polluted, and children suffer from kidney problems and they do not get enough water. Inhabitants of the West Bank have to pay extra costs to get it from Israel, even if it is their water on their property.

One first step to smooth the conflict could be to give Palestine enough water (Israel gets 94 percent of the water, while Palestine has just 6 percent for the same number of inhabitants).



Key of return in front of the AIDA-refugee camp in Betlehem

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If you might think that I am anti-semitic you are absolutely wrong. I have nothing against Jews, as they are my older brothers and sisters, and yes I hope that they can live in peace all over the world, as so many died in the Holocaust. One of the biggest genocides of the world took place in Germany. Still I believe that most Israelis do not know, or do not want to know, that their government is committing a perverse crime on Palestine and I also accuse all Arab countries where Palestinians stay as refugees. Even if they do live there without ever setting foot in Palestine, these countries do not give Palestinians their nationality and so do not offer them the protection of a nation. This shameful!

You can read the facts in UN reports, but before you stop reading this article, I have to tell you about the landscape, the people, the sun and the herbs all over the place – and most of all the marvellous feeling of visiting a spiritual place.

We started our journey in Bethlehem and stayed with families for two nights. I stayed with a very sweet family, who were producing art from olive trees. We ate supper and breakfast together.

We got to know the first very important issue in Palestine. Do not throw your toilet paper into the loo, but in the garbage bin beside it. Otherwise everything gets blocked. The good thing is, that every bathroom has a bidet, so you can imagine that people without a bidet might be considered as dirty. My husband and I installed a bidet in our bathroom, as we thought that you can take good things from other cultures into your home.

In Bethlehem we visited the Church of the Nativity and Christ's birthplace. It is very beautiful, but absolutely overcrowded by tourists, as I was myself.

We went further on to Hebron, to the tomb Abraham, the father of all religions who believe in a one and only god. I felt very safe during my stay in Palestine and walked on my own a lot, because I do talk a bit of Arabic (enough to get into a little conversation).

Hebron felt so tense. The market is threatened by stones thrown by settlers. On a street going towards a synagogue, just a few yards away from the mosque with Abraham's tomb, Palestinians are not allowed to walk on that road. This street is patrolled by Israeli soldiers, who do three months in Hebron during their army service. They don't feel comfortable either, because I asked them.

Even if Hebron is an area with a lot of conflict, I was impressed by its people; they do not give up hope that, some day, peace and justice will come, even if they know they might have to be patient for a long time. They go on with their life and find solutions. I think, that some of our people in Germany might need some of this hope. Money doesn't solve problems, people do!

Ramallah was the next stop. It reminded me of Amman in Jordan. In some ways Ramallah is the town



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for rich people. We saw the residence President Mahmoud Abbas, who unfortunately not seems to be a great help for his people. At least, hopefully, he will support laws to protect and support women, as woman power is growing stronger in Palestine. You might be surprised, but I think, that women in the West Bank are more open-minded and educated than in most other Arabic countries.

Going on to Jericho, the desert and through the Jordan Valley we reached Nablus. Named Neapolis by the Romans, the town has a cute market, and is also known as little Damascus.

I do love Nablus! It is very bright. The old market smells marvellous. I found the best zaatar (kind of herb mixture) and olive soap I've ever had.

Nablus is a big town and it is said that Joseph's Tomb, the grave of Christ's father is there. Although it is said to be very conservative, Samaritans, Christians and Muslims live together in peace. They might not love each other, but they work together and live together in respect.

The last few days we spent in Jerusalem near the Damascus Gate. We visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with Christ's burial place, the Temple Mount and the Al Aksa mosque. We went very early in the morning and I loved it.

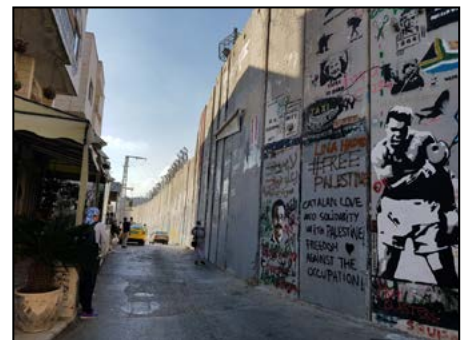
The next day I went on my own just two hours later in the day and I was relieved to get out of old Jerusalem, because of all the crowds of people who go through. So my second piece of advice: If you want to visit old Jerusalem, get up very early in the morning (between 7 and 8 o'clock am) and you will be overwhelmed by its beauty and spirit.

The other advice every tourist should know before travelling to Palestine and Israel is that you need a car from East Jerusalem. This way you can travel in Israel and in Palestine. With an Israeli or Palestinian car, you can get difficulties at the checkpoints between the three different zones. Zone A is under Palestinian control, Zone B is half and half and Zone C is under Israeli control. At night the Israeli military control all the checkpoints.

Last of all, I have to say that I never felt so safe as in Palestine, provided you avoid demonstrations. Everyone is happy to see tourists and if you Arabic you get their hearts immediately.

Back in Germany, I am still missing the special light, which I know from Jordan too. I miss this weird feeling of being in the land of Abraham and his children, in a place that should be more peaceful than any other place. It has already shown that suffering cannot be neglected and beaten by aggression and war, but just with getting into contact and getting to know each other and meeting with respect – the fundamental idea of Servas.

*Dagmar Lübbers
Hamburg, September 2019*



SERVAS ISRAEL “COEXISTENCE IN SCIENCE” MEETING WITH ISRAELI ARAB RESEARCHERS

In October 2019 a Servas Israel group was hosted at the Triangle Regional Research and Development Center in Kfar Qara, a research hub located 35 kilometres south east of Haifa. The Center serves as a lever for development in the region by promoting business entrepreneurship based on innovative and knowledge-intensive technologies. A large number of academics from the region have scientific research experience in various disciplines from Israel and abroad.

The event on October 29, 2019 was initiated by Servas Israel member Nurit, who made the contacts and guided the day's agenda. At the meeting the host scientists and researchers working at the Center outlined various technology advances by Israeli Arab scientists. The lectures were interesting — and important for us as Servas members to know about and help spread the word.



We would like to thank Dr. Ibrahim Yahya, the Scientific Director of the R&D Centre, who spoke in general about the projects at the Center - nano-encapsulation in agriculture, machine reading of Arabic texts, how to generate electricity while growing food in greenhouses.

Over fifty Servas members, with their guests (who are interested in joining Servas) attended the meeting. After the four short presentations, there was a fruitful

and helpful mutual exchange between the visitors and their scientific hosts, regarding specific technical questions, cooperation with other scientific, funding and governmental institutions in Israel and abroad, difficulties and suggestions on how to promote their work and obtain research grants.

Thanks also to the other lecturers, who detailed their scientific research and activities:

- Mohammed Yahya, who researches digital decoding of Arabic in ancient manuscripts
- Razan Younes for her work in the field of nano-encapsulation in ecological pest control in agriculture - encapsulating chemicals on a molecular level in a special kind of minerals, to replace the need of insecticides.
- Mohammed Abu Nada active in promoting hi-tech startups in the Israeli Arab community

Thanks to Servas Israel members Nurit, Nirit and Shlomi for contributing to the organization and the success of the meeting.

Last but not least: On an ecological point, this was Servas Israel's first attempt to organize an event without disposable tableware. The experience was successful, and we will continue to do so.

Read more about the Triangle R&D Center in Kfar Qara:

www.gov.il/en/departments/units/meshulash_mop

Read about all Servas Israel meetings: <https://israel.servas.org/?CategoryID=167>

*Claudia Sagi
Servas Israel*

PEOPLE: NEW SERVAS KEY PEOPLE

SERVAS SLOVAKIA

- In 2019 Zuzana Polaková became the National Secretary.
- Other board members will be elected later this year, they will replace Imrich Bertok and Olga Vodova.

SERVAS MOROCCO

Board changes in 2019:

- National Secretary: Abdellah Nabaoui My, replacing Mourad El Kaddiri
- National Deputy: Ahmed Lamzari, replacing Abdellah Nabaoui My
- Peace Secretary: Mourad El Kaddiri

SERVAS BRAZIL

The administrative staff has changed in January 2020.

- National Secretary: Augusta Dantas, replacing Cecilia Galvao
- National Deputy: Marta do Socorro Aragão, replacing Isabela Campos
- Host List Coordinator: Terezinha de Paulo, replacing Dorly Schutz
- ServasOnline Coordinator: Yara Silva, replacing Everton Santos

SERVAS TURKEY

Executive Committee and other officers were elected in February 2020.

- National Secretary: Zeynep Aydin Basibuyuk, replacing Gülsen Elyak
- National Deputy: M. Bulent Savran
- General Secretary: Esra Sakin
- Treasurer: Feride Sermin Utku, replacing Zeynep Aydin Basibuyuk
- Peace Secretary: Mehmet Ates, replacing Sermin Utku
- Host list Coordinator: Engin Ozlem, replacing Esra Sakin
- Bulletin Editor: Damla Tezcan Londra
- Youth and Family Coordinator: Emine Nazli Olsun, replacing Esra Satkin
- Servas Turkey also has many coordinators and interviewers.

SERVAS CAMBODIA

Since February 2020 the main contact is Tiet Ho. He replaces Tola Suy, who resigned.

SERVAS IRELAND

In February 2020 the National Secretary Olive Thorpe resigned. A new National Secretary will be elected at the General Meeting in June.

SERVAS SWEDEN

At the Annual Meeting in February 2020 new people joined the board:

- Sture Wilhelmson, Mats Nilsson and Hans Eriksson.
- Susanne Göthner (Deputy), Monica Nilsson and Ann-Katrine Roth left the board.



Servas Sweden board members (left to right): Holly Xiao, Kristina Båth Sägänger (treasurer), Lenka Katila, Eva Hartman-Juhlin (chair), Manda Björling

The other key people remain the same:

- Eva Hartman-Juhlin (chair), Kristina Båth Sägänger (treasurer), Harley Thomas (national administrator), Holly Xiao, Lenka Katila and Manda Björling.

SERVAS IRAN

Since March 2020 Servas Iran has a complete Executive Board. Thank you to Behnaz Amini!

- National Secretary: Hamed Ghassemian
- National Deputies: Amir Asadi and Hossein Sarafraz
- Treasurer: Zahra Karimi
- ServasOnline Administrator: Hossein Sarafaz
- Peace Secretary: Zahra Karimi

Thanks to everyone who has left their national boards. Your contribution to the development of Servas is really appreciated.

Congratulations and a warm welcome to all the new people joining the boards of their country, and good luck with facing the challenge in making Servas more fascinating and more attractive for young people.

*Rita Dessauvage, SI Dolphin Team
Member of Servas Belgium & Luxembourg*

SERVAS BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG: LUNCH WITH AN INTERNATIONAL TWIST!

On Sunday February 2, members of Servas Belgium & Luxembourg came together in Bruges for a cultural event and for the traditional New Year lunch.

Behnaz Amini was among us. Behnaz established Servas in Iran, is now living and working in Brussels, though she is still in close contact with Servas Iran. Servas is doing well, she told me, having almost a hundred members. Servas Iran is working on their statutes and will have elections for a new board in the near future. Behnaz is now an active member of our national group.

Parisa and Ramin Rostami, an Iranian couple and Servas members as well also joined us in Bruges.

It was a pleasure to meet Yamellys Sánchez, former Peace Secretary of Servas Venezuela, who is now living in Ghent, Belgium, with her family. The family fled to escape from the bad situation in their own country. Her sister Yency and her family, also members, are living in Brussels. They were very active in Servas Venezuela and have started a new life in Belgium.

Great to meet Erick Lefort, President of Servas France, in Bruges. We are good neighbours!

Compliments and thanks to the organizers. You did a great job. We enjoyed the successful get-together.

Rita Dessauvage, Former National Secretary, Servas Belgium and Luxembourg



Rita Dessauvage, former National Secretary of Servas Belgium and Luxembourg, with Behnaz Amini, who established Servas in Iran. Now living and working in Brussels, Behnaz Amini is still in close contact with Servas Iran.

CALL FOR SERVAS ARTISTS FOR AN EXHIBITION IN RUSSIA

In a few months, works of visual art will be exhibited in a slide show presentation in a museum.

You can send me by internet one or more visuals in 300 dpi, up to a maximum of three together with a CV and references.

Painting, sculpture, photography, video, etc...

The theme is on Servas values: "Peace Through Colours".

Please send your artwork before June 15, 2020 to :

Jean-Luc TURLURE (Servas France) : [artists\[at\]servas.org](mailto:artists@servas.org)

(+33 (0) 683 731309)

TURKISH OUTREACH FOR ERASMUS PROJECT

I work as an English teacher at a primary school in Izmir, Turkey. I would like to put my school in an EU Erasmus project with EU country schools.

Would you be so kind to check and see if any of the schools in your area is currently preparing an Erasmus project to apply for soon? If so, we can become partners and work together. Please let me know...

With Erasmus, we could put Servas ideals in the projects and bring people closer together.

All the best,

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US SERVAS PEACE SECRETARY REACHING OUT

In 2019 US Servas established a Peace and Justice Committee. As newly elected US Servas Peace Secretary, I have the honour of serving as its first chairperson.



The search for peace and justice is the very basis of Servas. I love Servas, and will give it my best.

Because of the overwhelming economic and military power that the United States wields over the world, frankly, I feel daunted by the role of Peace Secretary for US Servas. Where to even start?

In addition to serving US Servas members, the US Peace and Justice Committee hopes to work synergistically with the International Peace Secretary, with other national peace secretaries, and with our representative to the UN.

It is our hope that in these troubled times, we will find many ways to work together through Servas.

Best wishes,

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Servas International website:

servas.org/index.php

Servas on Twitter:

twitter.com/ServasI?lang=en

Servas on Facebook:

Servas Travelling for Peace

www.facebook.com/groups/servas/

This public discussion group is for people who are interested in learning more about Servas International. Membership in a recognized Servas Group is not required. Membership in this Facebook group does not make you a member of Servas.

- Administrators: Jonny Sågänger, Carla Kristensen, Servas International (FB Page)
- Moderators: Jae Kwoang Park

Servas International

www.facebook.com/groups/117649068294944/

This closed discussion group is for people who are members of Servas. Your membership will be verified.

- Administrators: Arnoud Philipppo, Paige LaCombe
- Moderator: Tawny Foskett

SI Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/pg/Servas.International/about/?ref=page_internal

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