

Annual report 2014

Composition of the board:

The day-to-day board was comprised of the following persons:

Mr. J. Lansen, chairman
Ms. M. Bous-Vocking, secretary
Mr. W. van den Broek, treasurer
Ms. M. Muthert
Mr. E.Schwarz

Advisors:

Ms. M.Mannesse
Ms. F.Meijer-Degen
Ms. M.Rutten-Saris

During 2014, the day-to-day board gathered 3 times.

Reputation:

To realize its goals, the Hijman Degen Foundation remains dependent on external financial aid. The Hijman Degen Foundation has a limited number of donors.

The Hijman Degen Foundation qualifies as a public benefit organization (*algemeen nut beogende instelling* or ANBI). As a result thereof, donors could benefit from certain fiscal advantages when making donations.

Activities: In 2014 no training projects were provided.

We received various requests to provide trainings, primarily from Asia. Unfortunately, these trainings could not take place, due to a lack of financial means.

This year we have approached several organizations to raise awareness of the expertise present within the Hijman Degen Foundation. Our foundation is still looking for other organizations for cooperation.

Final modifications are being made to the website. In the course of 2015, the new Hijman Degen Foundation website will be operational.

Ms. F.Meijer-Degen wrote an article on art therapy for Intervention (Journal of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Conflict Affected Areas) under the title: "Art therapy for mental health workers in areas affected by violence: a rarely explored resource". Volume 12 march 2014 number 1,

Training manual "Coping with loss and trauma through art therapy":

The training manual that was written by Ms. Fiety Meijer has been completely sold out. However, it is still possible to order the manual on demand. Persons working in institutions in low-wage countries mostly order the manual. For each such order it is assessed whether or not the manual should be distributed for free

In 2014 the following contacts were made:

Kirkuk Center for Torture Victims, Iraq

The Dutch and Danish Red Cross

Médecins sans frontières (*Artsen Zonder Grenzen*)

The co-operating Dutch aid organisators (*Samenwerkende Hulporganisaties Nederland*)

Givat-Haviva, Israel