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## ENDO V. Meeting in Athens.

One of the subjects dealt with at the meeting in Athens from May 18 to 20 of the then-known WENDO V was the decision of this network to change its name to that of ENDO V (European Network for the Development of Volunteering). This slight change of name means that ENDO V opens its doors to all the National Societies that made up the former Western European Network for the Development of Volunteering as well as to the National Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent which have recently acquired access and pre-access to the European Union.

In the course of the meeting, Eckhard Otte, in charge of volunteering in the German Red Cross, was chosen as the new coordinator of ENDO V until May, 2007.

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» [Eckhard Otte](#). German Red Cross.

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## Next meeting of ENDO V

The Netherlands Red Cross will host the next ENDO V meeting in The Hague, from October 19 to 21. Among the subjects to be dealt with at this meeting of the network will be:

- IT solutions – database systems from low profile sophisticated systems.
- Recruitment.
- Quality systems in volunteering development.
- Coping with crises

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» [Frank Claessens](#). Netherlands Red Cross.

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### Advent of website of the XIX World Conference of IAVE (International Association for the Volunteer Effort)

The World Conference of the IAVE to be held in New Delhi (India) from November 10 to 14, 2006, is already on line:

[www.volunteerindia.org/conference](http://www.volunteerindia.org/conference) with complete information of the items of the conference as well as of its logistic and strategic management. Please remember that the final date of registration in the Conference is September 15. Registration can be made on-line.



»» [IAVE](http://www.volunteerindia.org) and [Volunteer India](http://www.volunteerindia.org).

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The following is a selection of the recommended documents available from the Library:

### **Women Volunteers, Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies, South Asia**

By Karishma Khanna, March 2006, South Asia Regional Delegation, 55 pp. in English. 1.69 MB (PDF document)

*This study examines the participation of women volunteers in four national societies in South Asia, which are Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Maldives. It identifies barriers and proposes inducements for women to volunteer, and makes recommendations for the national societies to increase their involvement in programmes .*



### **Making a Difference Through Volunteering**

1995-2005, British Red Cross, in English 144p. 1.25 MB (PDF document)

*A research document commissioned by three British national charities, including the British Red Cross, with the objective of identifying and highlighting the distinctive contribution of volunteers involved in providing support to people also receiving different health and social care support from statutory services. This document defines the impact of volunteer time and energy on improving the quality of daily life for housebound people in the UK.*



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### The near future of the Reference Centre on Volunteering

At the ENDOV meeting in Athens in May, 2006, the Reference Centre on Volunteering presented its plan of work for the period July 2005 – June 2006, centred on two subjects:

1. The design and construction of a website devoted to volunteering and volunteer management, to be presented officially on December 5, 2006, the International Day of Volunteering.
2. The initiation of an on-line training course in English and in Spanish for volunteer managers.

These two activities will be carried out thanks to the financiers of the project, particularly the Vodafone Spain Foundation.

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»» [Maryanne Burton](#) and [Ferran Cobertera](#). Reference Centre on Volunteering.

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### New system of quality control in the management of volunteering in the Spanish Red Cross.

The design of a system of quality of management introduced by the Spanish Red Cross in May, 2005, and implanted in January, 2006, is raising the level of management of volunteering in this National Society.

It has provided indicators and checks of each of the phases of management of volunteering in the Spanish Red Cross, from that of recruitment to retirement, so that the cycle is subject to constant surveillance. It also allows a continual solution of unexpected difficulties.

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»» [José Carlos Vidal](#). Spanish Red Cross.

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## Two new National Societies in the International Federation

As part of the extraordinary sessions of the General Meeting in Geneva between June 19 and 22, it was agreed to admit the Palestine Red Crescent as the 184th National Society of the International Federation, and the Magen David Adom in Israel as the number 185 of the International Federation. We take this opportunity to congratulate the volunteers of these two new National Societies for the efforts they are making to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable members of their communities.



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## Profiles of volunteers in the website of the International Federation

For those who wish to know more of the motivation and activities of the volunteers of the National Societies throughout the five continents, the web of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent offers hundreds of profiles of volunteers from all over the world.



*Volunteers of the Norwegian Red Cross*

This is a simple way to discover materializations that may differ from our own.

➤ [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

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## We need you!

We want the E-newsletter on volunteering to reach a greater audience. Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be interested.

If you would like to include an interesting initiative from your National Society, please contact us ( [fch@cruzroja.es](mailto:fch@cruzroja.es) ).

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