

Members Assembly 18-19th of June 2020

Fun Facts from the INACH Members

ROMEIA

- We hold regular darts tournaments in the organization to relax.
- In the entryway to our office we have posters by the US artist Robbie Conal of three fighters for human rights – Martin Luther King (“Dreaming”), Gandhi (“Watching”) and the Dalai Lama (“Waiting”)
- Our most-watched video of all time has almost half a million views
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6Gs0DhuuJQ>
– it is of an anti-Romani demonstration in Rumburk, Czech Republic in 2011.



Spletno oko

- Andrej is very proud to have contributed with the idea of a raisin as a hate object. »The raisin awareness« idea was actually implemented into the Scan materials.
- Four years ago Andrej and his college promoted the hotline Spletno oko on a porn-fair in Celje. The aim was to raise awareness about the goals of the hotline among the visitors - people who watch a lot of porn.
- There are five different ways for a person who works at Spletno oko to tell where he/she's employed:
 - At the University of Ljubljana
 - At the Faculty of Social Sciences
 - At the Centre for Social Informatics
 - At hte Centre for Safer Internet
 - At Spletno oko.

Which one we use, depends on who we are talking to ☺

SOVA Center

- The Center was established in the year 2002, when unique Russian anti-extremist law was adopted. That coincidence later influenced us a lot.
- Our Center is frequently called ‘human rights center’. But we have no single lawyer. We deeply dislike both hate groups and repressive law enforcement. But we like to research them both.
- SOVA is not an abbreviation. Word ‘sova’ means an owl in Russian. And ‘owl’ is a very polysemous word in Russian. Including – ‘late bird’, which is true for our office.

FOA

- Most of our staff is young - the average is about 26 years old.
- Half of our staff wasn't born in Israel and made Aliya (came to live here).
- A few of our volunteers have found antisemitism on adult websites (porn websites). We didn't ask them to monitor there, of course, but they have sent us emails about us. So we have started monitoring as well and we have succeeded in removing one video so far. It seems that Pornhub, for example, removes faster than FB!

ZARA

- The ZARA team took singing lessons together for more than a year. The song that stuck the most and was then also performed on video for one of the colleagues was „Wannabe“ by Spice Girls.
- A group of three artists drew a wall painting for the counselling room. It is a wall full of flowers, plants etc. to convey trust and comfort. What most people miss is that there is a small little bee hidden in the right-hand corner of the wall painting.
- Every Monday the meeting has a “team-stand-in” instead of a “team-sit-in”. The team holds its weekly team meeting – standing. The team always changes its position when talking about 1. the past week, 2. what is currently urgent and 3. the future week according to the cardinal points.

Jugendschutz.net

- The directions to our old offices (until a few months ago) were: "Go down to the basement, past the toilets, ... " ;)
- We work side by side with "JLo". (One of our colleagues is actually called Jennifer Lopes)
- Our office was flooded last year due to broken pipes. But we keep on working - "come hell or high water".

Gegen vergessen – Für Demokratie

- We keep ourselves active with an annual company relay: 5x5 km in Berlin Tiergarten. Dennis Riffel has always been the fastest – so far...J
- GVFD could be a secret department of the Federal Ministry of Defense in whose immediate vicinity our office is located.
- We share the office corridor (including kitchen, bathroom etc.) with great organizations such as the International Auschwitz Committee or the Stumbling Stone Initiative, so there`s always a lot to talk about...

Czech Helsinki Committee

- 1) One of the founding members of the Czech Helsinki Committee is the former Czech President, Vaclav Havel.
- 2) The CHC is a member to 5 different networks in Europe. Indeed, the CHC is a member of the Czech Women Lobby, the European Association for the defense of Human Rights (AEDH), Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE), the European Network against Racism (ENAR) and International Network against Cyber Hate (INACH).
- 3) The CHC works on more than 15 categories of human rights on a daily basis. Indeed, the CHC works on prison system and criminal justice, discrimination, racism, hate speech, Roma rights and seeking redress for victims of forced sterilization, child`s rights, women`s rights, rights of

elderly, rights of disabled persons, freedom of religion, civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

Active watch

- We have a boxer dog in our offices
- Because our work is sometimes unpleasant for politicians, the president of our organization was pictured as being a CIA, MI6 and MOSSAD agent. Nothing about KGB / FSB though
- We once organized a funeral cortege for our national equality body that included a band playing funeral songs in a jazzy tune. We made it to prime-time news and therefore our message reached several thousands viewers.

LICRA

- Joséphine Baker was an active volunteer of LICRA:



- Before naming LICRA, the NGO was named LICA – International League Against Antisemitism (it has changed during the 1970's since many new racist phenomena became more visible in France).
- Licra was part of the first online hate speech legal complaint against Yahoo in 2000 named LICRA V. Yahoo!

Ligue contre le racisme et l'antisémitisme et Union des étudiants juifs de France c. Yahoo! Inc. et Société Yahoo! France (LICRA c. Yahoo!) is a French court case decided by the Tribunal de grande instance of Paris in 2000. The case concerned the sale of memorabilia from the Nazi period by Internet auction and the application of national laws to the Internet. Some observers have claimed that the judgement creates a universal competence for French courts to decide Internet cases. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LICRA_v._Yahoo!

DigiQ

- What are people trying to do when they enter the digiQ office? They are trying to catch their breath as we are in a building without the lift and there are 67 steps leading to our office.
- DigiQ is a made up word from digital and quotient (as we have an IQ, EQ, we believe we should have a digiQ...)
- We all love jelly beans.

Lovestorm

- Our organisations approach to fight online hate is based on a technology to stop rightwing street violence in the last century.
- Our organisations accomodation for guests is in a site-trailer (circus wagon) in the garden of our founder.
- All our team members are young parents. Their kids may once all go to an „alternative school“, founded by our founder.