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## GOOD NEWS UPDATE!

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### This is an overview of recent achievements of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies network:

- **The first books published by Dignity Press:** Uli Spalthoff led Dignity Press off to a great start of with the publication of 8 books!
  - ❖ *Dignity Economy* – Evelin Lindner
  - ❖ *The Pearl* – Ragnhild Nilsen
  - ❖ *The Nurturing of Time Future* – Howard Richards
  - ❖ *Rare Flower* – Ada Aharoni
  - ❖ *Decolonizing Peace* – Victoria Fontan
  - ❖ *Afghanistan* – Pierre Amal Kana (in French)
  - ❖ *Gandhi and the Future of Economics* – Howard Richards
  - ❖ *A Journey Through Turbulence* – Deepak Tripathi
  - ❖ *Finding Cross-Cultural Common Ground* – Michael H. Prosser, Mansoureh Sharifzadeh, & Zhang Shengyong
- **A “Digniventure” in South America:** Evelin Lindner developed many connections with new and familiar friends during her South American Digniventure through Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, and Ecuador, from the end of March to the end of July 2012. She met with many remarkable individuals and groups, and she videotaped numerous dialogues with distinguished friends, scholars, and activists.
- **The first graduate and professional training courses offered by HumanDHS:** Thanks to Adenrele Awotona, director of the **Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters** University of Massachusetts in Boston, we offered our first graduate and professional training courses online (spring and fall 2012). The course — *Human Dignity, Human Rights, and Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction* — provided training to students and professionals working in disaster relief, conflict resolution, international relations, security, and emergency services.
- **The first online version of the Annual HumanDHS Conference:** Expanding our “cyber-pioneering” efforts, Linda Hartling hosted our first ever online edition (Pacific Rim Edition) of our annual conference, bringing together a wonderful group of contributors from New Mexico, Costa Rica, Sweden, Brazil, and Nepal.
- **The 19th Annual HumanDHS Conference in Oslo was a success!** It brought together 51 participants from around the world, including our dear friend Carmen Hetaraka, a Māori oral historian we met at our HumanDHS Conference in New Zealand! The conference was entitled, *In the Aftermath of the 22nd July: How to Sustain a Global Culture of Equality in Dignity or likeverd*, in remembrance of the 2011 mass shooting in Norway. It explored how building dignity plays a crucial role in healing communities after traumatic disasters, not only locally, but also globally.

We are deeply grateful to Jorunn Økland, the Director of the Centre for Gender Research, and Inga Bostad, Vice-Rector of the University of Oslo, for being our primary hosts in support of this unforgettable conference!

- **Michael Britton represented HumanDHS at global conferences:** Board of Directors member Michael Britton represented the HumanDHS network at two global conferences: *Globalization for the Common Good Initiative Conference on Economics and Spirituality*, chaired by Kamran Mofid, member of our Global Advisory Board, held at Waterperry House in England, and at the *Rhodes Forum: World Dialogue of Civilization at Rhodes*, which is dedicated to promoting dialogue among civilizations and cultures as the path to a better shared future.
- **The World Dignity University (WDU) is entering into educational partnerships!** For example, Mariana Vergara, Executive Director of the BRIDGE Model of Transformational Learning, is initiating a course on *Co-creating Sustainability in the Amazon Rain Forest with the Kichwa Community*.
- **We have over 200 videos on YouTube!** Many of our videos are dialogues with scholars, practitioners, and activists who are contributing their knowledge, expertise, and ideas in support of our *World Dignity University* initiative.
- **We have over 1,000 personally invited members and more than 5,000 names on our email list.**
- **We have more than 290 distinguished scholars and other professionals on our Global Advisory Board!**
- **We are looking forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual HumanDHS Conference in South Africa in April!**

➤ A Global Map of HumanDHS Conferences!

