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Dear colleagues in gender, conflict and violence research!

This is the second issue of the newsletter from the project Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV) aiming at a broader audience. It is distributed to the European Network on Conflict, Gender and Violence and posted at the CAHRV web-page.

In November 2005 the **THE CAHRV WEB-PAGE** was updated with a new format, additional information and links. Please see <http://www.cahrv.uni-osnabrueck.de/>.

THE SECOND GENERAL CAHRV CONFERENCE took place from the 26th to 28th of September 2005 in Paris, France. Approximately 250 participants attended the opening day in the historic building of the Sorbonne, including experts in the fields of policy, advocacy, practice and science. International bodies such as the WHO and Amnesty International and national French NGO's were present, as well as experts from the Council of Europe, the European Parliamentary Assembly and the European Commission. The first day focused upon "Naming and measuring violence against women in Europe: What is at stake for academia and government". The second and third day focused on cross cutting themes and gave members of CAHRV the opportunity to explore tensions, contradictions, agreements and to engage in what they consider to be the key issues for the future study of interpersonal violence. Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner for Human Rights in Northern Ireland gave an opening keynote address: "Human security for women, men and children – integrating and differentiating themes from a gender perspective". Thereafter, in each of the four panels, one member of each sub-network of the CAHRV project spoke to the panel theme with a focus on key issues or questions arising from their sub-network perspective. A more extensive summary of the conference can be found at the CAHRV web-page under the link 'Conferences'. Here you also find some of the papers and/or powerpoint presentations from the conference and more papers/presentations will follow soon.

UPCOMING: In the spring of 2006 the publication of results from the work within CAHRV at the web-page will start. This concerns both overarching reports and national reports from the different parts of the project.

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