

**Piccadilly Cafe Declaration
Torino, 24 July 2004**

The representatives of the national Blue Shield Committees recognised by the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) attending the Blue Shield International Meeting held in Torino, Italy 23rd to 24th July 2004 met together and agreed the following principles:

- To maintain contact via email
- To explore the possibility of holding regular meetings together
- To invite existing and new national Blue Shield committees recognised by the ICBS to work together to support and promote Blue Shield activities
- To nominate a representative of the national Blue Shield committees to represent the national Blue Shield committees at ICBS Board meetings (or a substitute if the nominated member is unable to attend)
- The nominated representative of the national Blue Shield committees will act, initially, as co-ordinator for a twelve month period
- The nominated representative of the national Blue Shield committees will report the meetings of the ICBS attended to the national Blue Shield committees via email
- The national Blue Shield committees agree to link our websites
- The representatives of the national Blue Shield committees identified a number of priority issues and agreed to initiate working groups to prepare reports for the next meeting of the ICBS in October 2004:
 - Resources to support the work of the national Blue Shield committees
 - Development of organisational structures for national Blue Shield committees
 - Identification of core activities of the Blue Shield
 - Liaising with and developing training for armed forces

The representatives of the national Blue Shield committees recorded their appreciation of the joint meeting in Torino July 2004 and urge the ICBS to hold regular joint meetings, at least annually, to support the aims of the Blue Shield and initiatives discussed in Torino, July 2004.

The representatives of the national Blue Shield committees nominated Dr Vanessa Marshall (UKIRB) who accepted this responsibility to 31st March 2005.

The representatives of Belgium (Christiane Logie) and Italy (Dr Massimo Carcione) agreed to act as substitutes.

Representatives of the national Blue Shield Committees:

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| Belgium | Christiane Logie |
| Czech Republic | Dr Jana Souchova |
| Italy | Dr Massimo Carcione |
| Macedonia | Prof. Dr Krste Bogoeski |
| Madagascar | Dr Chantal Radimilahy |
| Norway | Leif Pareli |
| The Republic of Poland | Dariusz Drewniacki |
| United Kingdom and Ireland | Dr Vanessa Marshall |
| Venezuela | Maria Ismenia Toledo |