

Organisation: Latvia's Union „Cernobila”

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Latvia's Union „Cernobila” is registered in Latvian Ministry of Justice as a social organization since February the 8th, 1993. The organization represents the interests of more than 60,000 participants of liquidation and more than 17,000 of their family members. There are more than 20,000 members in this organization, 30 divisions in different towns of Latvia are active. They represent the interests of their members and gives special attention to health, social care etc. issues.

2735 are disabled from 5189 registered liquidators (the National Register of liquidator is placed in P. Stradina hospital). In the last 2 years (umm, I have no idea what counts as „last two years” because I didn't find in which year this webpage was updated) the number of disabled persons has doubled. There is a clinic In P. Stradina hospital which takes care of liquidators and there also is a stationary with 40 beds where liquidators can take screening and treatment rates.

Union „Cernobila” cooperates with similar organizations in Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, an Poland with whom they also have a Cooperation Agreements signed. Since 1993 “Cernobila” is a member of the international organization “Union Chernobyl” (Kiev). „Cernobila” organizes regular seminars and meetings with participants of liquidation in most of Latvia's towns and rural areas. Every participant is welcome to come to seminars and meetings and ask for help.

This was the organization which submitted a bill about „the liquidators and all suffering people from the Chernobyl disaster in Latvian Republic protection” in Latvian Saeima (the bill was approved and promulgated by the president of Latvia)

Union „Cernobila” also has an opinion about different society questions and they organize people meetings, for example, one (at the French Embassy) against nuclear tests or another - against making too expensive utilities (at the Riga City Council in 1997).

The organization makes publishings in the press, takes part in interviews on the National radio and TV programs, makes press conferences and takes part in church services.

TASKS:

- to promote making of cooperation contracts about health and social care system improvement for liquidators with Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania
- to organize measures to improve health and social care of liquidators, rehabilitation of disabled people
- to improve the division of Chernobyl in P.Stradina hospital (the materials and technical base), to create a radiation victims centre
- to improve information about Chernobyl and its consequences, to make it more available to everyone
- to provide assistance for disabled people and families and children of the perished liquidators

<http://www.chernobyl.lv/eng/izvelne/Goda%20zime> – original page which was recently updated.