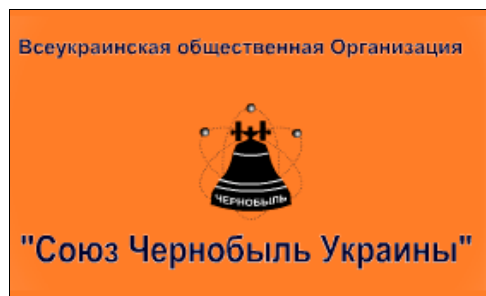


Organisation: Chernobyl Union of Ukraine (“Союз Чернобыль Україна”)

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“Liquidator - do you want to survive
Then don’t wait mercy from authorities
Join us, we will together fight for our rights”
Andreyev Y.B.

I decided to write about the “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” (<http://www.souzchernobyl.org>). The first time I found out about this organization was 3 month ago, when I decided to interview one of the liquidators. The man who agreed to give me the interview was the head of the Lviv branch of this organization. That’s why I am writing about this organization now.

“Союз Чернобыль Україна” was purpose of organisation is to protect persons and to assist members of social, medical, economic and other



founded on March 29th 1991. The main the legitimate interests of disabled organisation and their families in solving problems.

“Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” consists of 490 town and regional centers. There are 446 308 members in the organization, at this moment. I want to add, that not only liquidators are in organization but also other disabled persons who were affected by Chernobyl accident. The president of “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” is Yuriy B. Andreyev, who from 1982-1989 was working as the senior engineer of turbine control at the Chernobyl NPP, from 1986-1989 he was liquidating the consequences of the accident.

Every year “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” organizes:

- Memorial rallies in all big cities in Ukraine
- Recreation for disabled children and orphans abroad
- Reimbursing the costs of difficult surgery operations
- Conferences, trainings and seminars dedicated to Chernobyl tragedy

Every year the organization finances especially complicated surgery operations. The government of Ukraine is the main sponsor of “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine”. The organization doesn’t apply for international grants. This is the main problem of the organization. Despite the large number of liquidators who are members of “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” and who need expensive medical care every year, the organization gets only 1 000 000 (hrn) (125 000\$) every year from national budget. It explains a big amount of rallies for liquidator’s rights, which are organized every year by “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine”.

Concerning the liquidators and other people who were affected by Chernobyl accident, the organization helps them to win lawsuits, mainly against the government.

Also “Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” helps orphans, sending them to rehabilitation camps abroad. For example in 2007 about 300 children visited Italy, France, Bulgaria and Spain.

“Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” has lot international and Ukrainian partners like:

- International organization “Chernobyl Union”, which is registered in the UN
- Also “Chernobyl Union of Kyrgyzstan”, “Chernobyl Union of Russian”, “Chernobyl Union of Kazakhstan”, “Chernobyl Union of Moldova”, “Chernobyl Union of Georgia”, “Chernobyl Union of Armenia”
- Latvian republic movement “Chernobyl Union”
- Lithuanian movement of Chernobyl
- Foundation of victims of radiation in Estonia

“Chernobyl Union of Ukraine” was initiator and co-developer of Ukrainian laws concerning Chernobyl, like “On the status and social protection of citizens affected by the Chernobyl disaster”, “On the national program to overcome the consequences of the Chernobyl accident for the period 2006 - 2010 years” and others.



One of the demonstrations organized by "Chernobyl Union of Ukraine"