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SIPP has been active on many fronts in 2018, and with your help, we will continue growing our programs in 2019.

- **Mar Saba Monastery.** In January, SIPP Board members Peter Ornstein and Bernard Amadei provided assistance to this 1500 year old monastery east of Jerusalem. They “walked the wadis” to determine the source of the pollution in Mar Saba’s drinking water cisterns and made recommendations for reducing that contamination.
- **Grants.** SIPP formalized a grant process to help us make the best informed decisions about giving money to worthy organizations and projects that advance environmental awareness and constructive dialog and interactions in the region. SIPP awarded its first grant under this process to the [Green Land Society for Health Development](#) (GLS). This \$3000 grant, awarded under our new “Environmentally Sustainable Projects” initiative, will support the operation of GLS’s Environmental Education Center in Idhna (near Hebron) for 6 months.
- **First International Conference on Innovations in Conflict Resolution and Mediation.** In November, SIPP Board Members Beth and Peter Ornstein attended this conference at Tel Aviv University where they learned about many civil society programs that promote connections between Israelis and Palestinians and/or Jews and Arabs.
- **Existing Partners.** While in the region, SIPP Board members met with ongoing partners including Israeli attorney Richard Laster, archeologist Avner Goren, Palestinian scientist [Akram Amro](#) (GLS), and [AJEEC-NISPED](#). We hand-delivered a refurbished computer and refurbished projector that we had received as in-kind donations from Aurora company [Technorescue](#), to Dr. Amro, who we are confident will put the equipment to good use at the GLS Environmental Education Center in Idhna.
- **Potential Partners.** While in the region, SIPP Board Members met with potential new partners involved with a



wide range of environmental and educational projects on both sides of the Green Line.

- **Local Programming.** SIPP co-sponsored one program featuring Palestinian and Israeli alumni of the [Arava Institute for Environmental Studies](#) and another featuring alumni of the [Eastern Mediterranean International School](#).

Looking toward 2019, we will bring Dr. Amro to Boulder in April, toward the end of the grant period, so that he can learn about recycling and environmental education in the US. We expect that his visit here, along with the funding and equipment we have provided, will greatly enhance his ability to provide environmental education and worker-safety workshops at the education center.

We also hope to increase the number of grants we award to support environmental projects in the Kidron/Nar basin, and Arab/Jewish educational projects in the West Bank, Jerusalem and in the Negev. We need your help to make this happen.



Please consider an end-of-year donation to SIPP to help us continue our work to build civil society within and between Palestinian and Israeli communities, and to improve the environment that they share. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, please consider donating airline miles as we can use them to bring people from the region to the United States or send American experts to the region.

Sincerely,  
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