

In memoriam
Horace Pereira

I was really very sorry to hear that Horace Pereira, who was for so many years with us in WFUNA, is not anymore with us.

I first met Horace in Cyprus in the end of the sixties – beginning of the seventies. I had just entered the hierarchy of the UN Association of Cyprus (UNAC) as chairman of the Larnaca Branch and organizing commissioner of UNAC. Judge Michalakis Triantafyllides, who became President of WFUNA, was our president, Lellos Demetriades, our international commissioner and Nicos Vassiliou, our Secretary-General, to be succeeded soon by Androulla Vassiliou, who became later President of UNAC and of WFUNA.

I invited Horace in my house, we had a friendly chat and since then we became friends. The fact that I had studied in Geneva that I knew Geneva well, helped.

Michalakis Triantafyllides had just become President of the Supreme Court of Cyprus at a relatively young age and Horace was wondering, I remember, if he was going to be tired for so many years in the Bench, if he stayed until retirement.

As Secretary-General Horace was naturally the heart of WFUNA being always helpful to anyone asking for his advice and help. It was the time, when Geneva was in fact also the HQs of the Federation, with New York having a small liaison office. I remember with nostalgia the meetings in the Palais as also the General Assembly of Geneva in 1985.

After he retired, Horace decided to write the history of WFUNA. He did not finish it and now we are waiting for someone else to finish the job.

We will miss him.

These few words are also a small contribution to the history of the UNA of Cyprus and of the WFUNA.

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