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COUNTRIES	CENTRES/ GROUPS	SSIO MEMBERS	SSE STUDENTS	ISSE	SATHYA SAI SCHOOLS
Bosnia/Herzegovina	2	21			
Croatia	13	97	7		
France	4	62			
Greece	6	139	16		
Israel	2	34			
Italy	36	457	35	1	
Macedonia	2	6			
Romania	1	5			
Serbia/Montenegro	4	23	44		
Slovenia	2	50			
Spain	6	246	84		
Switzerland	11	246	49		
TOTAL	89	1,386	235	1	



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Croatia

For the past 26 years, SSIO volunteers have rendered selfless service by caring for psychiatric patients in Orehovica.

In May 2018, the SSIO of Croatia organised a free concert featuring famed British singer and actress, Dana Gillespie. The theme followed the SSIO initiative, 'Serve the Planet', and had beautiful, eco-friendly decorations. More than 300 guests enjoyed the programme.

Over 60 people from Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia, Greece, and Croatia gathered at Villa Mare in the coastal town of Rovinj for a three-day regional retreat. The YAs of Croatia and Slovenia played a special role by giving two presentations on the SSIO's 'Serve the Planet' projects.



France

Deeply moved by the plight of refugees, SSIO volunteers from the Netherlands have lovingly and compassionately helped the displaced people at a camp near Calais, France over the last four years. During this year, the volunteers continued to distribute clothes, food, hygiene products, and tents. Volunteers also prepared meals, as well as cut and delivered firewood to provide warmth during the cold weather.



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Greece

Around 50 YAs from 14 European countries renewed their connection with Sathya Sai Baba by attending the 2nd European Sai Young Adults Camp in Athens. Held between 17th and 26th of August 2018, the camp included spiritual workshops, devotional singing, exercises, and excursions to historical sites in Athens, where amidst the spectacular surroundings, the attendees reflected on the theme 'Trust In Your Heart'.



Israel

On 1st February 2019, SSIO volunteers served meals at the Lasova Restaurant, near the Central Bus Depot of Tel Aviv. The restaurant serves meals daily to about 300 underprivileged persons, including refugees, the homeless and the elderly. The volunteers joyfully tidied up the restaurant, prepared and served the food, and washed the utensils afterwards.

More than 50 people attended the 8th SSEHV seminar presented by the Institute of Sathya Sai Education of South Europe, on 2nd June 2018 at the Sathya Sai Centre of Tel Aviv. Videos of the presentations were shared on Facebook, and subsequently viewed by at least 2,000 people.



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Italy

On 1st April 2018, Sathya Sai volunteers from the towns of Mestre, Udine, Verona, and Bolzano, along with volunteers from the Amici di (Friends of) Paolo Favale Association cooked and served an Easter lunch comprising of pizza, canapés, lasagna, spaghetti, vegetables, salad and dessert to more than 50 people in need in the streets of Verona.

The Colosseum in Rome welcomed a programme of peace and compassion on 21st September 2018. The event showcased over 5,000 drawings by children from 35 countries as part of the United Nations' International Day of Peace. This included drawings from numerous Sathya Sai Centres around the world. A YA from Ghana was awarded the prestigious First Prize in the Peace Movie Award competition.



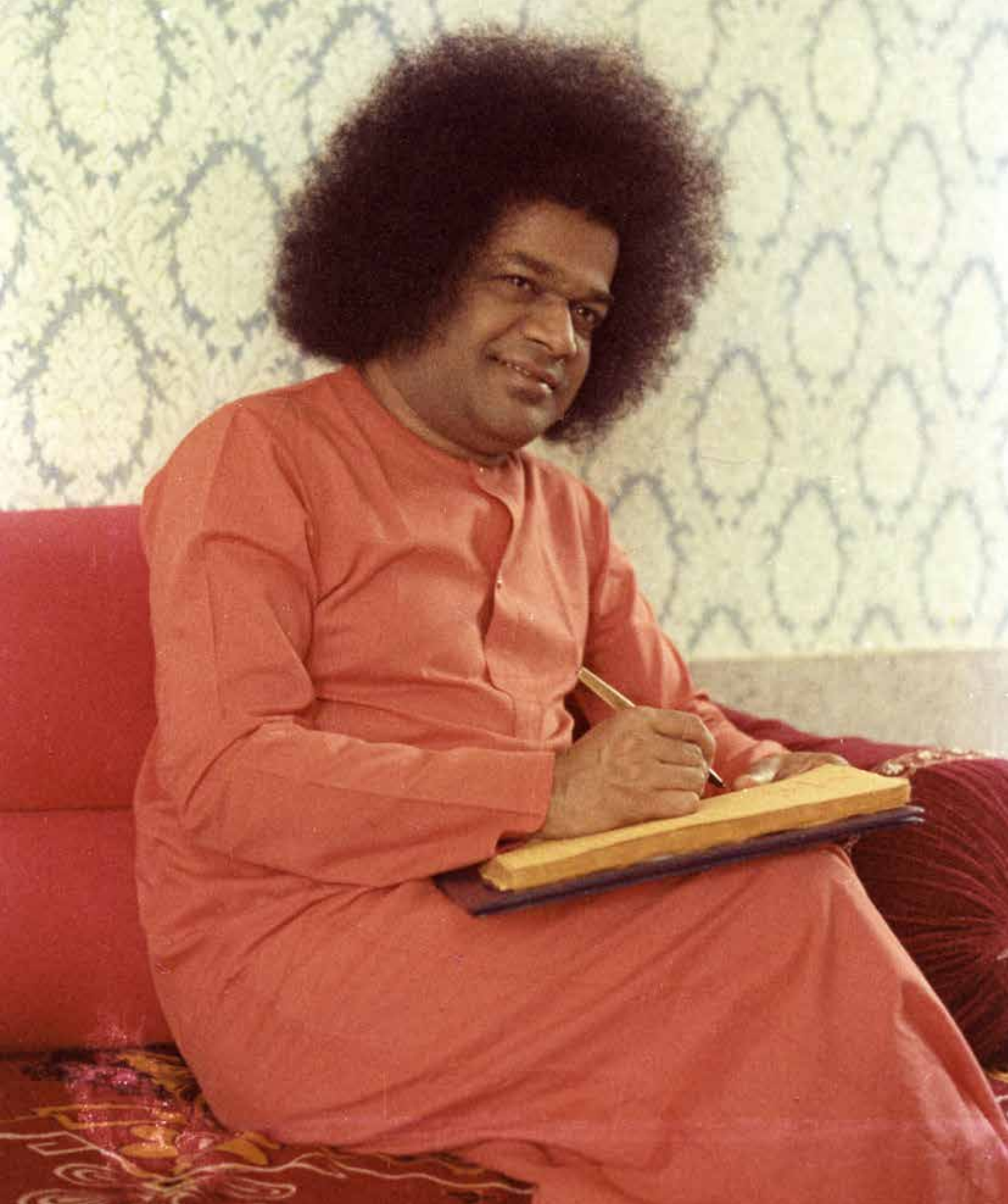
Spain

The SSIO of Spain held an Annual National Retreat in El Escorial from 6th to 9th December 2018. The retreat included workshops on SSEHV, meditation and a walk through the beautiful gardens at Price's Cottage. SSIO members also participated in a 'Serve the Planet' project near Tenerife.

Volunteers from the Sathya Sai Centre in Madrid took loving care of abandoned or battered cats and dogs at an animal shelter. The volunteers even took the dogs out for a walk.



Spain



“True education is that which fosters pure feelings. To have virtues is the true meaning of learning. Only when man cultivates the feeling of love, can there be equality. Good conduct is the hallmark of a true human being.”

–Sathya Sai Baba, 26th September 2000