

INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU OSLO CONFERENCE - A CLIMATE OF PEACE








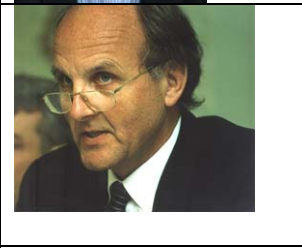
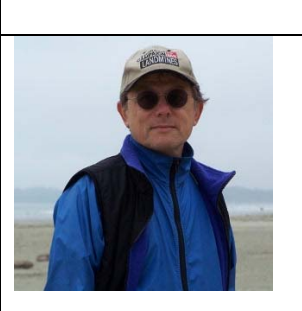

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Plans for the IPB conference are developing fast – see **Preliminary Full Programme**, available at IPB and conference websites. Below you have information on (some of) the speakers, and additional elements re the programme. Note: not complete! More names to come in future editions..

SPEAKERS DESCRIPTIONS

	<p>Tomas Magnusson is very much looking forward to the IPB conference and meeting new and old friends in the peace community. He was elected president of International Peace Bureau in 2006. He has a lifelong activity in Swedish Peace Movement, and his professional work is as director of GI, an organisation supporting migration and development. GI works with refugees in Sweden and has a number of educational projects in Iraq, Belarus and Somalia. He started his “peace career” as conscientious objector in Sweden, and was sentenced to one month in prison. This is now long time ago – in June this year conscription was abolished in Sweden. Change is possible!</p>
	<p>Tarja Cronberg is chair of Peace Union of Finland: I have been involved in politics in Finland (Green party, chair and Minister) but today more of a independent researcher. Just finished a report on Tactical Nuclear Weapons for the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. I have been years ago working also as the Director of Copenhagen Peace Research Institute and peace and disarmament issues have been on my agenda for years.</p>
	<p>Corazon Valdez Fabros (Philippines) is lawyer by profession and has been with the anti-bases, anti-nuclear movement for more than 40 years. Currently with the Coordinating Committee of the International Network for the Abolition of Foreign Military Bases (No Bases Network); and Co-Convenor of the Citizens Peace Watch, a network that monitors, documents and exposes the activities of the US and other foreign military presence and intervention in the Philippines. She is one of the Conveners of the Philippine Women Network for Peace and Security and the SCRAP VFA Movement in the Philippines. She is on the Advisory Board of Women and Gender Commission of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines; Member of the Working Group on Foreign Policy Development Round Table Series/Focus on the Global South. A founding member of the National Union of Peoples’ Lawyers and the Counsels for the Defense of Liberties in the Philippines.</p>




	<p>Subrata Ghoshroy is a Research Associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the USA. His research interests are military-industrial complex, arms control and disarmament, preventing weaponization of space, and missile defense. Prior to joining MIT in 2005, he was for ten years a Senior Defense Analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). He also spent a year as a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. Earlier he served in the US Congress as a Science Fellow and also as a professional staff member of the Armed Services Committee. Mr. Ghoshroy was originally trained as an engineer and practiced his profession for 20 years working in the defense industry. He was born in India and grew up in Calcutta. He holds Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering, and Public Policy. He is also an expert on South Asia and is co-author of <i>South Asia at a Crossroads</i> published in 2010.</p>
	<p>Khder Kareem - Mayor of Halabja, Iraqi Kurdistan (city targeted by Saddam Hussein, chemical weapons attack) Graduated from the Technical Institute in 1983. In 1977 he joined secretly the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, and in 1987 the Peshmarga forces. After Kurdistan uprising in 1991 he was in the Roads Department in Ministry of Reconstruction. In 2001 he became head of Halabja Reconstruction office, and in 2005 was elected Mayor. With the cooperation of the Kurdistan government, he organised an international peace conference in Sulimaniya in 2008. In September 2008 he became Vice-president of Mayors for Peace network. With Mrs Fulgida Barratoni, he has opened a relation between IPB and Iraq.</p>
	<p>Metta Spencer is Professor of Sociology, Univ. Toronto, 1971-97 (Coordinated Peace & Conflict program). Professor Emeritus since 1997. <i>Peace Magazine</i> editor since 1983. For decades I frequently went to Europe for END and Helsinki Citizens Assembly meetings, thence to Russia for research on my forthcoming book, "The Russian Quest for Peace and Democracy." My travels reduced after 2000, but I want to be engaged globally again. I retired from teaching peace studies at U. Toronto several years ago, but continue writing and organizing public fora. The aforementioned book is based on hundreds of interviews I did since 1982. I will combine IPB trips with more visits to Russia, but my next book will not take 28 years to prepare.</p>
	<p>Peter Weiss is an international and human rights lawyer. He is President of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy and Vice President of IALANA, the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, and of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York. Against all odds,, he is devoting his retirement years to bringing about a nuclear weapons free world, the abolition of torture and a just peace in the Middle East.</p>
	<p>Joe Murray has worked with the justice and peace organisation Afri for many years, taking action through initiatives such as the 'famine walk' in County Mayo, commemorating the famine in Ireland and linking it to contemporary issues of famine and hunger; the 'Just a Second' Campaign which raised the equivalent of what is spent on weapons every second and used this to fund peace and anti-poverty projects; and Afri's involvement with the 'After School Arms Club', a campaign to highlight the lack of legislation to control arms brokering. In 1989 Joe worked as part of a UN emergency programme in Central Sudan. He has travelled extensively in Africa and Latin America and was a member of a human rights delegation to East Timor in 2001. He received the Desmond and Leah Tutu Human Rights Award in 2003</p>

	<p>Dr. Terumi Tanaka is Secretary-General of Japan Confederation of A-H Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo). Born 1932. He suffered in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, and lost 5 relatives in the attack. He graduated from the Science University of Tokyo in 1960 and received the Degree of Doctor of Engineering from Tohoku University in 1993. He has contributed to the movement toward the abolition of the nuclear weapons and of demanding compensation by Japan for the sacrifice of the atomic bomb victims, as a director of Nihon Hidankyo since 1978.</p>
	<p>Carlos Vargas, Senior Legal Adviser of the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Vice-President IALANA. Law professor Univ. of Costa Rica. Along with many people in my country, I learned about making the difference since I was a little kid, when we found that long-standing philosophies about the importance of connections between human rights, peace education, democracy, environmental protection, sustainable development, and equal opportunities for all people are fundamentally tied to the principles underlying the abolition of the armed forces, abolition of war, and consequently to the abolition of nuclear weapons. I learned that in producing peace, all these factors are linked.</p>
	<p>Kristian Harpviken - new Director of the Oslo Peace Research Institute (PRIO). Research areas: Transnational mobilization and civil war; War-related migration and social networks; Regional (in-)security; Peacebuilding and peacemaking; Methodology in contexts of crisis and conflict. Geographical focus on Afghanistan and its neighbourhood. Former conscientious objector.</p>
	<p>Fredrik S. Heffermehl, born 1938, a former vice president of IPB, holds law degrees from Oslo and New York University. Since 1982 he has held leading positions in the Norwegian and international peace movement. His books include "Peace is Possible" (in 18 languages) and "The Nobel Peace Prize" (Praeger, 2010 – see nobelwill.org) appearing in time for the 2010 centennial celebration.</p>
	<p>Yeshua Moser-Puangsuan is a scholar, lecturer and activist. He currently works as a research coordinator for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines treaty monitoring initiative: <i>Landmine & Cluster Munition Monitor</i>. He also sits on the International Council of the nongovernmental organization Nonviolence International, and is a Consultant to the International Peace Bureau. He is the author/editor (with Tom Weber) of <i>Nonviolent Intervention Across Borders</i> which documents the history of unarmed intervention in settings of armed conflict, and several other publications on nonviolent action.</p>
	<p>Verdiana Grossi is a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Psychology and Education of the University of Geneva. Her research focuses on peace, peace education, human rights and gender studies. She contributed substantively to the exhibition <i>Making Peace</i>, held in Geneva this summer, commemorating the centenary of IPB's Nobel Peace Prize. Over the years peace education has had to face the challenges of a changing world, adapting to different environments: from a colonial world to globalisation. It constantly had to find new strategies to attract the attention of schools, institutions and public opinion. The presentation will examine the different stages that peace education has undergone and the conditions for creating a favourable climate</p>

for developing it.

IPB Presidents' Panel: 21st century peace climates

A special feature of the final day (Sun. 26th Sept) is a panel composed of the 3 past presidents*, chaired by the current President Tomas Magnusson. It will be run as a kind of conversation reflecting on the past and the future. Each will be asked to 'paint a picture' of what a climate of peace would look like in the coming century.

	<p>Bruce Kent (UK): After school I spent two years in the British army as a post-war conscript and then studied law, entered a catholic seminary and was ordained priest in 1958. Then parish priest in London and university chaplain for nearly 30 years. Diverted into the peace movement via Pax Christi in 1959 and have been involved in many peace organisations since--- IPB, CND, Campaign Against the Arms Trade, Movement for the Abolition of War, the United Nations Association etc etc etc. Not ready to retire yet.</p>
	<p>Maj-Britt Theorin (Sweden): Former member of European and Swedish Parliaments, former Ambassador responsible for disarmament policy of Sweden. I am still actively working for peace; now as president of Operation 1325 (an umbrella organisation of five women's peace movements). We work towards governments and EU in order to see that UNSC resolution 1325 is being implemented in practice. I am also on the board of UNIFEM Sweden where for three years I have worked against trafficking and educated trade unionists in order to stop the demand. And of course I am still active against nuclear weapons and am often out in the country speaking.</p>
	<p>Cora Weiss (USA) was President of the IPB from 2000-2006 and now serves as its representative at the UN. She has spent her life in the movements for civil rights, human rights, women and peace. Since 1996 she has served as the President of the Hague Appeal for Peace which sponsored the largest peace conference in history in The Hague in May 1999 and which called for the Abolition of War and Peace is a Human Right. The Hague Appeal promoted the Global Campaign for Peace Education which has produced a number of books available to download at <www.haguepeace.org>. Weiss is particularly concerned with the out of control growth of the private mercenary and contractor industry and supports the Convention on Private Mercenaries and Contractors soon to come before the UN. She is also a supporter of the effort to bring a resolution on the Human Right to Peace to the UN. This October she will be working with a coalition of women on the 10th anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, of which she was among the civil society drafters. Weiss is calling for the full implementation of the resolution which calls for women to participate in all levels of governance and at all decision making tables; for the prevention of armed conflict and the protection of women in violent conflict.</p>

Youth programme (Sept 21-22)

The youth programme will open on the International Day of Peace (Sept. 21) and will be run in Norwegian. Co-organised with Changemaker, PRESS, and the UN Association.

- Discussions at the Literature House: 3 sessions on different topics: Afghan war – Role of the UN – Norway as a Peace Nation
- City centre surprise event: on the theme of small arms
- Film: 'War Child' to be shown.

- Well known bands to play Tuesday social evening, at the Park Theater: Gatas Parlament and Bretton Woods. Organisations will have information stalls. 16h00 - midnight
- Facebook group has been set up.

Full info at: http://ipb100.org/?page_id=31

More music !

A separate music evening will be organised at the Blå music club on the evening of Saturday 25th. Performers include : Bugge Wesseltoft / Anders Engen / Paolo Vinacci / Nils Bech / Bendik Giske.... See full programme and background info in Norwegian and English at: <http://www.blaaoslo.no/program>

Conference website

New material is being uploaded every week at : <http://ipb100.org>

Register now!

You can register by sending your registration form to: barbara@norgesfredsrad.no

It is available at: http://ipb100.org/?page_id=6

NOTE: There is no registration fee as such, but conference meals will need to be purchased using a meal ticket.

Practical matters sheet : gives information about the venues, accommodation, local transport etc. http://ipb100.org/?page_id=93



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