




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.

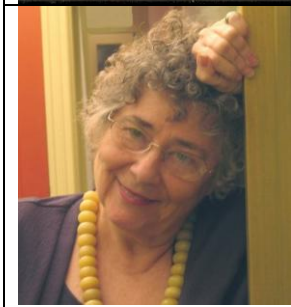
SPEAKERS DESCRIPTIONS

	<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>Ingeborg Breines has a humanistic education in philosophy, literature, history of ideas and arts. She has background from teaching and from the Norwegian National Council for Innovation in Education. She served as Secretary-General of the Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO before joining UNESCO Headquarters, where she first held the position as Special Adviser to the Director-General on Women and Gender, then Director of the Women and the Culture of Peace Program. Subsequently she was appointed Director of the UNESCO Office in Islamabad and the UNESCO Liaison Office in Geneva. She is presently director of Nordland Academy for Arts and Sciences, Northern Norway. Ingeborg Breines has served on a broad range of boards and committees. She has authored, co-authored or edited many publications notably on gender issues, conflict resolution and a culture of peace. She is presently Vice President of the International Peace Bureau, and of the Norwegian Peace Alliance (Norges Fredslag).</p>
	<p>Federico Mayor: a Spanish scholar and politician, who served as Director-General of UNESCO from 1987 to 1999. He then returned to Spain to create the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, serving as its President. In 2005 he was designated Co-President for the High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations, by the UN Secretary-General. He is member of the Honorary Board of the International Coalition for the Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence as well as the Honorary Chairman of the Académie de la Paix. Under Mayor’s guidance, UNESCO created the Culture of Peace Programme, revolving around four main themes: education for peace; human rights and democracy; the fight against isolation and poverty; the defence of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue; and conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace.</p>

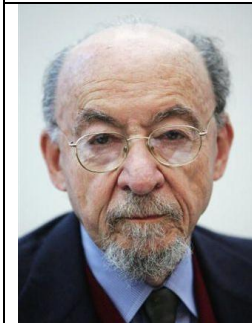
	<p>Binalakshmi Nepram is to be awarded at this conference the Sean MacBride Peace Prize 2010. She is a writer-author with a master's degree from J. Nehru University, New Delhi. In 2004, she co-founded the Control Arms Foundation of India, the first Indian civil society organization to work on conventional disarmament issues by making disarmament meaningful to people's lives. She also set up the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network in her home state to help women and children affected by gun violence. She is a leading figure in India on landmines, cluster bombs and the International Arms Trade Treaty, and has represented Indian civil society at the UN in fora such as those related to the Control Arms campaign, disarmament and the Commission on the Status of Women.</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 work today as an independent researcher. Just finished a report on Nuclear-Free Security for the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. I am the former Director of Copenhagen Peace Research Institute. Peace and disarmament issues have been on my research and action 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>Colin Archer: peace and human rights activist in many different fields since early 1970s. Worked in Latin America and Caribbean, then directed a Third World Centre in Manchester. This involved many local and national projects in development education and solidarity work. Later taught in adult education for 10 years. Active on nuclear issues in UK in 1980s, with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. As Secretary-General of the IPB he has organised a wide variety of projects, publications and events: e.g. in the World Court Project and Abolition 2000 (coalitions against nuclear weapons), Hague Appeal for Peace (World Congress 1999), and Global Campaign for Peace Education. Author of <i>Warfare or Welfare?</i> (IPB, 2005) and <i>Whose Priorities?</i> (2007) which form the basis for IPB's current principal programme: Disarmament for Development.</p>

	<p>Fred Lubang is the Regional Representative of Nonviolence International Southeast Asia, an NGO based in Thailand. Concurrently, he is the National Coordinator of the Philippine Campaign to Ban Landmines. Fred is a member of the advisory board of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and the Cluster Munitions Coalition; a member of the regional council of the International Peace Bureau, the 1910 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; and a member of the Control Arms Coalition Steering Board. He once served as a member of the board of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA). He has been a researcher for the Landmine Monitor since 1998 in Southeast Asia (Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Burma) and has been involved with several peace research projects. He is currently leading the development of a peace education program in Southern Thailand. He also teaches at the Rotary Center on Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok.</p>
	<p>Catherine Roberts is Project Coordinator of <i>Build The Truce</i>, the Imperial War Museum's major learning initiative for 2010 – 2012. <i>Build TheTruce</i> aims to connect young people and communities with their practical, spiritual, individual, and communal resilience in the face of conflict through a programme of activities engaging with the concepts of truce and conflict resolution. Catherine has worked at Imperial War Museum North, Manchester, since 2003, managing the informal learning programmes and subsequently as Head of Learning & Access. She has held previous roles at National Museums Liverpool and as a tutor in adult literacy and family learning.</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>



Metta Spencer is Professor of Sociology, Univ. Toronto, 1971-97 (Coordinated Peace & Conflict program). Professor Emeritus since 1997. *Peace Magazine* 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.




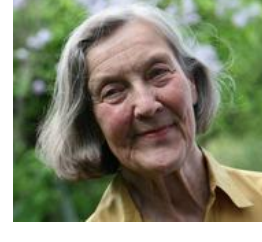
Peter Weiss is an international and human rights lawyer. He is President of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy and Vice President of IALANA, the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, and of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York. Against all odds,, he is devoting his retirement years to bringing about a nuclear weapons free world, the abolition of torture and a just peace in the Middle East.



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

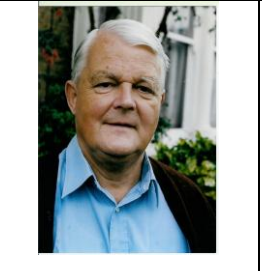




Dr. Terumi Tanaka is Secretary-General of Japan Confederation of A-H Bomb Sufferers Organizations (Nihon Hidankyo). Born 1932. He suffered in the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, and lost 5 relatives in the attack. He graduated from the Science University of Tokyo in 1960 and received the Degree of Doctor 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>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>Ingrid Eide (born 1933) is a sociologist from the University of Oslo. She is co-founder of PRIO (International Peace Research Institute of Oslo) and has contributed to its research programme on various aspects of development cooperation. In the late 1980s she was Director of UNDP's Women in Development programme. She has been State Secretary, MP and is now member of the Oslo City Council. She has been member of various UN Boards and Committees, including UNESCO.</p>

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.</p>

	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.
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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
- 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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