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IPB World Congress

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Disarm! For a Climate of Peace

Creating an Action Agenda

30 September – 3 October 2016, Technical University of Berlin



EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues and peace friends,

The IPB World Congress 2016 “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace – Creating an Action Agenda” starts this week. We are very happy to announce that **more than 1,000 people have registered for the congress!** This is a fantastic sign, underlining our ambition to make a change towards peace in our world. We are looking forward to meeting you, to listening to your thoughts and ideas. We are looking forward to intensive, fruitful, sometimes maybe even heated discussions with you on the subject of peace. In order to make the congress become an inspiring, unforgettable experience for you, we try hard to make these days as comfortable as possible for you.

Please find the updated and final program on our website as well as in the Congress App (www.ipb2016.berlin). There, you will find all detailed information. You may download the Congress App in the Android and iOS store (look for: IPBWC2016). The App will guide you through the Congress. It contains all important information on the localities and the rooms in which each single event will take place. It also provides a link to a map of Berlin as well as a link to the public transportation in Berlin. Make sure that you download the Congress App before the event starts.

If you are still looking for accommodation in Berlin, we can offer dorm rooms for participants at a limited, special rate (25,-€ per night, including breakfast and towels) in one of Berlin’s most popular neighborhoods. Feel free to contact us at info@ipb2016.berlin and let us know your arrival and departure dates.

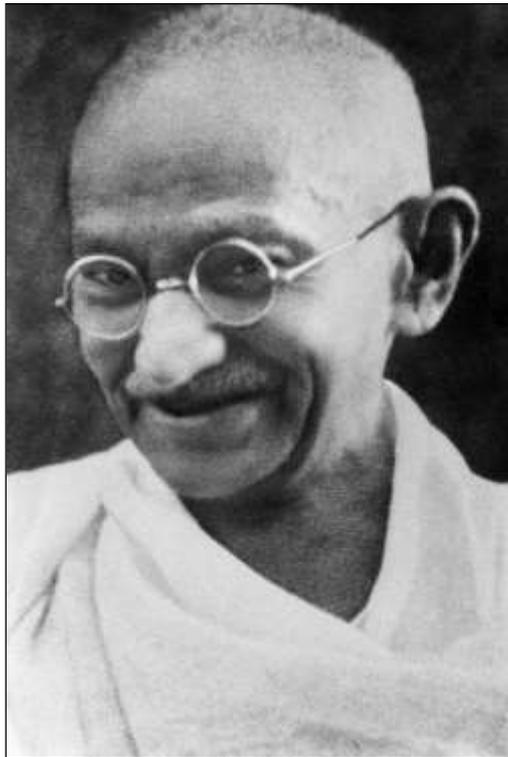
If there are any questions coming up during the congress, please don’t hesitate to talk to our colleagues who are wearing the TEAM button. We kindly ask you to excuse small mishaps or delays, even mistakes. The Congress is self-organized and was prepared by an infinite amount of voluntary work. We all try as much as we can to fulfill all your wishes and help to make the congress a big success.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you!

Conference organizing team: Colin Archer, Ingeborg Breines, Reiner Braun, Juliane Drechsel-Grau, Hester Samoray, Amela Škiljan, Lucas Wirl

“When violence appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.”

Sunday, 2 October would have been Mahatma Ghandis Birthday - Let's remember together the nonviolent Indian lawyer, politician, writer and social activist!



Employing nonviolent civil disobedience, Gandhi led India to independence and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. Gandhi is internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolent protest (*satyagraha*) to achieve political and social progress. His birthday, 2 October, is commemorated as Gandhi Jayanti, a national holiday, and world-wide as the International Day of Nonviolence. Let's all take this occasion to make this important congress a real success.

"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

ABOLITION 2000 MEETING

Abolition 2000 will also be part of the Congress in Berlin and holding their 2016 Annual General Meeting (29-30 September) there. 2017 could be the start of multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations at the UN on a legal agreement to prohibit nuclear weapons leading to their elimination. At the same time however, nuclear-armed states are spending over \$100 billion annually to modernize nuclear weapons. It is so important then that we join together to expose the foolishness and recklessness of nuclear weapons. Come and discuss, plan and help organize for their abolition - register online at Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting or on the Abolition 2000 AGM facebook page. When you register you can also send proposals for discussion at the AGM.

INVITATION TO PRESS CONFERENCE, PHOTO SHOOTING AND TV-EVEN

Friday, 30.09.2016 at 11.57h (3 minutes before 12)

Location: In front of the Reichstag at Platz der Republik

The International Peace Bureau (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1910), the World Future Council and the global Anti-Nuclear Weapons-Campaign Chain Reaction invite to a press conference in front of the Reichstag. Participants are, among others, Tawakkol Karman (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2011, Yemen) and Saber H. Chowdhury (President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Bangladesh). The World Future Council (WFC) and the Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND) will uncover the 3d-picture „the nuclear abyss“ of the artists Joe&Max (<http://3djoemandmax.com/>).

World Congress on Disarmament: The IPB World Congress „Disarm! For a Climate of Peace – Creating an Action Agenda“ at the Technical University of Berlin from September 30th until October 2nd will be presented. More than 900 participants from 75 countries are expected. Participants are, among others, Nobel Peace Laureates, Right Livelihood Award Laureates, Peace Scientists, Members of Parliament and European Parliament, peace activists from all around the world. Read the full, 72-paged program on www.ipb2016.berlin or download the congress app „IPB WC 2016“ (download via google Play Store or Apple Store).

Introductions: Ingeborg Breines, Reiner Braun (Co-Presidents IPB), Holger Güssefeld (WFC), Alyn Ware (Chain Reaction).

Discussion with: Tawakkol Karman (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2011, Yemen) and Saber H. Chowdhury (President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Bangladesh).

Uncovering the 3D-picture “nuclear abyss“: The picture was commissioned by the World Future Council and the campaign Chain Reaction. It was created by Joe Hill of the artists 3DJoe&Max (<http://3djoeandmax.com/>).

Attention: Camera men and photographers are asked to bring a wide-angle lens in order to shoot the picture.

For further information, accreditation and requests for interviews, please contact Lucas Wirl: 0049 (0)176- 64103500 / l.wirl@gmx.net.

INVITATION TO SPECIAL EVENT

Abolishing war/Peace movement futures: Panel with IPB Presidents and former Presidents

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2016

VENUE: Novotel Berlin am Tiergarten, Straße des 17 Juni 106-108, 10623 Berlin.

OPEN TO ALL: This evening's gathering follows on from the finale of the IPB World Congress “Disarm! For a Climate of Peace – Creating an Action Agenda”. It constitutes the first part of IPB's Triennial Assembly. The second, covering the formal business of the organisation, will take place the following day (Monday, October 3rd, 2016) at the offices of IALANA & INES (Marienstrasse 19/20, 10117 Berlin).

18.00 - 19.00: PUBLIC SESSION - Sharing impressions of the congress, introducing some personalities, getting to know the members, thanks to the staff & volunteers, ideas for follow up

19.00 - 20.00: PRESIDENTS PANEL - (followed by a small reception)

Abolishing war/Peace movement futures

Many news stories these days lead us to conclude that the world is in a new phase of tension – with serious conflicts both between big powers and within states. Some therefore deduce that the prospects for the international peace movement are poor. And yet it is precisely at these difficult times in history that a strong peace movement is needed. It is needed in order to prepare the ground – through peace education, defending civil society, building alternatives – for more fundamental changes in the direction of a culture of peace. We have much to celebrate in fact: civil society played key roles in banning landmines and cluster bombs; in establishing the International Criminal Court; banning nuclear testing; and in putting an end to the Vietnam War, apartheid and the Cold War. Further back we could mention the struggles for women's enfranchisement, civil rights, the abolition of slavery. Our speakers on this panel have been

involved in some of these efforts and many more. We shall hear from them of the joys and frustrations of campaigning, their assessments of the current situation and their hopes for the future. We will also invite a contribution from the younger generation – probably a representative of the Youth Gathering that will have concluded its work just before the opening of the Panel. This will be a unique occasion: 6 IPB Presidents in one room! Don't miss it! If you plan to attend please send a brief email to: mailbox@ipb.org.

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