



7th IAFI International Congress Paris, 21, 22, 23, 24 September 2017

Invitation letter from the Spokespersons of the International Association of Freethought

Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends, dear comrades,

We are pleased to inform you of the 7th IAFI Congress to be held in Paris from 22 to 24 September 2017 in symbolic locations (Bourse du Travail, Paris 10th district Town Hall, Paris University). It will be preceded by an international conference of IREL (Institute for Research and Studies of Freethought) and by a gathering in Garibaldi square.

International Conference of IREL (Institute for Research and Studies of Freethought) 21 September 2017

Salle Léon Jouhaux – Annexe de la Bourse du Travail
67 rue Turbigo – 75003 Paris

“Freethought and Freethinkers, yesterday and nowadays”

Chaired by Jean-Marc Schiappa, IREL President

Morning:

Co-chair Mrs Faouzia Farida Charfi, Physics Teacher in Tunis University (Tunisia), and former Minister.

- “Christianization, the end of Freethought” by Jean-Pierre Castel of the Cercle Ernest Renan (Paris)
- “Sylvain Maréchal, a freethinker during the French Revolution” by Serge Bianchi (Professor emeritus, University Rennes II)
- The Paris Commune spreads Freethought worldwide by Pierre Roy (Historian, IREL)

- Open debate

Afternoon:

Co-chair Babacar Diop Buuba, Teacher in the Faculty of Humanities (FLSH), Cheikh Anta Diop University (Dakar, Senegal).

- "Freethought and Labor" by Serge Sebban (Historian, CERMTRI Paris)
 - "Freethought and the Liberation Theology" by Fernando Lozada (Argentina)
 - "Current issues in French secularity" by Philippe Portier (Teacher in Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)
 - "The Catholic Winning Back in Eastern Europe" by Nina Sankari (Kazimir Leszczynski Association, Poland)
- Open debate

Conclusion: "Organized movement of Freethought in the XXIst century" by David Gozlan, General Secretary of Libre Pensée, France.

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Thursday 21 September: International Day of Freethought

18h30: gathering in Garibaldi square – Paris

Speeches: Maria Mantello (Italy), Elbio Laxalte (Uruguay), Pierre Gueguen (France)

Friday 22 September:

Morning: Opening plenary session

Chair: Christian Eyschen (France), Antonio Vergara (Chile), Jean-Sebastien Pierre (France).

Welcoming speeches and introductory reports on the IALP campaigns

- Max Wallace (Australia),
- Keith P. Wood (UK),
- David Gozlan (France).

Afternoon: General Session on women's rights

Chair: Keith Porteous Wood (United Kingdom), Monica Rodriguez (Chile), Maria Montello (Italy).

- Maria Mantello: The Machismo Syndrome and the "femicide"
- A speaker from Planning familial
- Nina Sankari (Poland)
- Babu Gogineni (India)
- Hansi Bremond (France): Issues about women clothes.

- Open debate

Saturday 23 September:

Morning: Discussions following the three introductory reports.

Chair: David Rand (Canada), David Silverman (USA), Elbio Laxalte (Uruguay)

Introductions to discussion:

- *David Rand* – Communitarianism, main threat for secularism in Canada
 - *Michael Nugent* (Ireland) – Discriminations and violations of Human Rights in Ireland
 - *Paco Delgado* (Spain) - Public funding of religions
 - *An official of IBKA* - Separation of Church and State
 - *Léo Igwe* (Nigeria) – Public funding of pilgrimage in Nigeria
 - *Attila Jakab* (Hungary) – Breach in secularism in Hungary
- Open debate

Afternoon: General Session on the right to die with dignity

Chair: Nina Sankari (Poland), Albert Riba (Spain), Fernando Lozada (Argentina)

- *Jean-Luc Romero* (France)
 - *A speaker from Exit Suisse* (Switzerland)
 - *Jacqueline Herremans* (Belgium)
 - *Mickael Nugent* (Ireland)
- Open debate

Or : Visit of secular Montmartre for those who wish

Evening:

Outing in river boat

Banquet for the participants

Sunday 24 September:

Morning: Plenary Session on the Defense of Science

Chair: Pierre Galand (FHE), Fernando Lozada (Argentina), Paco Delgado (Spain)

- *Jean-Sebastien Pierre* (France)
 - *Charles Suzanne* (Belgium)
 - *Gauthier N’Gumbu* – Creationist myths and Theory of Evolution in Africa
 - *Pierre Galand*
- Open debate

Noon: Meeting of the International Committee, in the Headquarters of Libre Pensée, salle Marc Blondel.

Afternoon: Closing of the Congress

Chair: Christian Eyschen (France), Roger Lepeix (France), Antonio Vergara (Chile)

Summaries of the discussions on the three IAFT campaigns, resolutions and final declaration of the congress, closing.

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