



# International Peace Bureau

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## IPB International Events Calendar 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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For Disarmament events, go to the comprehensive **Disarmament Calendars** of UN and other intergovernmental, grassroots and civil society events in key cities by the Geneva Forum at [www.geneva-forum.org](http://www.geneva-forum.org) and by Reaching Critical Will at <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/disarmcal08.html>

### February 9, Quaker Conference on *Energy, Climate Change and Conflict*, Leicester, UK

The relation between climate change, unequal distribution of energy and wealth around the world, and conflict is being widely recognised. This conference will be an opportunity for Quakers to address the following questions: are we part of the problem? Is there a solution? What can Quakers do? More at

<http://leicester.quaker.eu.org/qcea.htm>

### February 11-29, International Winter Peacebuilding Academy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

The international peace and development training centre proposes three five-day training courses for policy makers and practitioners. Gender and Peacebuilding from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, from Conflicts to Peace Processes from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Designing Peacebuilding Programs from 25<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>. Program, contacts and registrations at <http://www.patrir.ro/training/>

### February 16-17, Global Summit for a Nuclear Weapon-Free World, London

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) is celebrating its 50 year anniversary by arranging a meeting on nuclear issues, especially the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). More information to come <http://www.cnduk.org/pages/diary.html>

### February 18-22, International Conference on Cluster Munitions, Wellington, New Zealand

A major conference with participants from more than 100 governments and civil society experts in the removal of cluster munitions, victim assistance and advocacy. Go to

<http://www.stopclusterbombs.org.nz/the-conference/>

### February 29-3 March, Workshop on nuclear weapons, militarization, and violence: threats to human security that persist, Mexico city

This workshop, organised by the Independent Network of Engineers and Scientists (INES) in partnership with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de

Mexico (UNAM), will have as objective to highlight the blind spots in the debate about science for sustainability and peace. More information, detailed program and registration at <http://inesmex2008.blogspot.com/>

**March 5-6, International Women's Day disarmament seminar, Geneva**

The title of the seminar is *At What Cost? Wars, Weapons and Conflict Prevention*. It is co-sponsored by WILPF and the Geneva Forum. For more information go to <http://www.wilpf.int.ch/events/2008IWDseminar.html>

**March 7-11, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress, Delhi, India**

Held for the first time in South Asia, this year's Congress theme will be Peace, Health and Development. Go to <http://www.ippnw2008.org/>

**March 15-22, Worldwide Anti-War protests on the anniversary of the Iraq invasion**

As decided at the World Against War Conference organized by the Stop The War Coalition UK, various protests will take place worldwide. Check their website for further information <http://www.stopwar.org.uk/>

**March 24, The Bomb Stops Here: surround the base at Aldermaston, London/Aldermaston, UK**

For the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Aldermaston march, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament organises a demonstration at Britain's nuclear bomb factory. They are very keen about the participation of delegation from other countries. More about the demonstration and the *bikes not bombs* bike ride at <http://www.veggies.org.uk/event.php?ref=1219>

**March 28-29, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace History Conference, London**

IPB and the Movement for Abolition of War are organising a second Peace History Conference following the April 2007 success. More information at: <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/home.shtml> and [www.ipb.org](http://www.ipb.org).

**March 29, Caring for Creation: all faiths for peace, justice and Sustainability, Oxford, UK**

Organised by the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CCND), this inter faith conference, including workshops and discussions, will include speakers such as Dr. Edward Echlin, Michael Meacher MP, Carol Naughton and many more. More at <http://www.ccnd.gn.apc.org/events.html>

**April 7-18, OPCW 2<sup>nd</sup> review Conference, The Hague, Netherlands**

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has been operating for 10 years. It is a watchdog organisation that implements the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). More at <http://www.opcw.org/>

**April 7-28, UN Disarmament Commission, New York**

More at <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/dc/dcindex.html>

**April 11-13, Annual Space Organizing Conference, Omaha, Nebraska**

Organized by the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, this conference will look closely at the U.S. Strategic Command and what it has become since 9/11. The final program is now online at <http://www.space4peace.org/>

**April 28 - May 9, NPT Second Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference, Geneva**

The next Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) 2010. For side meetings, newsletter, registration, information etc., go to <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/legal/npt/2008index.html>

**April 28, IPB MEETING 'NUCLEAR WEAPONS: AT WHAT PRICE? AN ECONOMIC, MORAL AND POLITICAL ASSESMENT', Geneva**

This meeting at NPT PrepComm (see above) will be organized together with the World Council of Churches. Speakers will include: Stephen Schwartz, co-author of *Atomic Audit*, a comprehensive report on the costs of the US nuclear weapons programme, published by Brookings Institution, USA. The meeting will be open to diplomats, NGOs, journalists, researchers, students etc. Location to be announced.

**May 4-6, Article 9 global conference, Tokyo**

This conference will bring together Nobel Peace Laureates, intellectuals, cultural figures and NGO activists to discuss disarmament and global peace making. <http://www.article-9.org/en/conference/index.html>

**May 9-11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rally for International Disarmament in Saintes, France**

Action des Citoyens pour le Désarmement Nucléaire invites you to a rally for 'International Disarmament - Nuclear, Biological and Chemical'. [More...](#)

**May 12-June 27, Conference on Disarmament (CD) - Second Session, Geneva**

Go to CD website by clicking [here](#).

**May 30 - June 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Salon for Peace Initiatives, Paris**

French and international exhibitors will present their peace and non-violence initiatives that will highlight the numerous dimensions of peace . More <http://www.decennie.org/documents/Salon3/en/presentation.html>

**June 2-9, Global week of action against gun violence**

This week of action, the highlight of the control arms campaign, is a opportunity for activists from around the world to raise awareness, campaign for better gun laws and push for stronger regulation of the international arms trade. More at <http://www.controlarms.org/>

**June 6-8, European Network Against Arms Trade, Oslo**

ENAAT website at <http://www.enaat.org/>

**June 25-28, The Culture of Reconstruction: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Aftermath of Crisis, Cambridge, UK**

Organized by the Cambridge University Post-conflict and Post-crisis Group, this 'solution oriented' conference will bring together professionals working on post-conflict and post-crisis scenarios to exchange perspectives and experiences. Papers can be submitted until February 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information about the conference and submission guidelines at

<http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/2007-8/postconflict.html>

**July 7-9, G8 Summit, Hokkaido Toyako, Japan**

The G8 represent about 65% of the world global economy and the majority of global military power. This will be their 34<sup>th</sup> annual heads of governments meeting. More at

<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/economy/summit/2008/index.html>

**July 14-18, UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons: Biennial Meeting of States (BMS), New York**

This is the major 2008 event on small arms. Government will report on their implementation of the Program of Action (PA) and share information and ideas with civil society to make plans for the next two years. The [International Action Network on Small Arms](#) is the official coordinator of civil society engagement in the BMS.

**July 15-19, International Peace Research Association Global Conference 2008, Leuven, Belgium**

Held every two years, the conference gathers peace researchers from around the world to exchange ideas and experiences, to initiate joint projects and develop new avenues for research. This year's meeting will concentrate on the crucial links between sustainable development and peace building. Deadline for proposal submissions is 15<sup>th</sup> February. Go to

<http://www.ipra2008.org/>

**July 28-4 August, International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE) 2008, Haifa, Israel**

This years IIPE conference will be entitled "Critical Pedagogy: educating for Peace and Justice". More than a conference, it is a multicultural, participative and interactive learning community. This year's IIPE will examine the complexity of peace education issues in an unequal world. Read more and register (before March 1<sup>st</sup>) at

<http://www.tc.edu/PeaceEd/IIPE/>

**July 28-12 September, Conference on Disarmament (CD) - third session, Geneva**

Go to CD website by clicking [here](#).

**August 6-9, Hiroshima and Nagasaki World Conferences against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs**

More information to come soon

**September 18-21, 5<sup>th</sup> European Social Forum, Malmö, Sweden**

Four days of workshops, seminars, debates, manifestations, films, music, arts etc. to build a more sustainable, democratic and equitable society.

<http://www.esf2008.org/en/>

**September 21, International Day of Peace**

[www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org)

**September 29-3 October, International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference, Vienna, Austria**

<http://www.iaea.org/>

**November 10-14, Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), Geneva, Switzerland**

Go to CCW website by clicking [here](#).

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