



International Peace Bureau

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IPB International Events Calendar 22nd 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 and by Reaching Critical Will at <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/disarmcal08.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 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 11th to 15th, from Conflicts to Peace Processes from 18th to 22nd, and Designing Peacebuilding Programs from 25th 29th. Program, contacts and registrations at <http://www.patrir.ro/training/>

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 18th 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 50th anniversary of the first Aldermaston march, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament organises a demonstration at Britain's nuclear bomb factory. They are very keen on the participation of delegations 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, 2nd 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.

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 2nd 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, 3rd 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, 3rd 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 an 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 22nd. 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 34th 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 15th February. Go to <http://www.ipra2008.org/>

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

This year's 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 1st) 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, 5th 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

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](#).

November 14-15-16, IPB's annual seminar and council meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark

The main themes will include militarism - terrorism - human rights.
2008 marks the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize awarded in 1908 to IPB's first President, the Dane Fredrik Bajer, himself an activist in the field of militarism and human rights (prize shared with Klas Pontus Arnoldson, founder of the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society).

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