



International Peace Bureau

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IPB International Events Calendar

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Other Calendars

For disarmament events, go to the comprehensive **Disarmament Calendars** covering UN/intergovernmental and grassroots/civil society events, visit Geneva Forum at www.geneva-forum.org and Reaching Critical Will at <http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/resources/disarmcal08.html>

For country-specific calendars, see;

UK; <http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/events.htm#Oct> and

http://www.museumsforpeace.org/conferences_museums_for_peace.htm .

IPB Calendar

February 27- July 27, Exhibition - IN-SECURITY: The nuclear dilemma, Geneva

Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Geneva. Open from 10:00 to 17:00, except Tuesday - admission free. <http://www.nucleardilemma.org/>

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 7-25, UN Disarmament Commission, New York

More at <http://disarmament.un.org/undiscom.htm> and

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

April 11-12, Disarmament, Development and Peace, Rome

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace is planning an International Seminar on "Disarmament, Development and Peace: Perspectives for an Integral Disarmament," in Rome, on 11th and 12th April 2008. The aim is to promote a broad reflection on the question of disarmament in the contemporary world. Claudette Werleigh, Secretary General of Pax Christi International, and Fr. Paul Lansu of the International Secretariat will attend. [Webpage](#).

April 12, Think outside the bomb conference, Washington DC

Saturday, April 12th, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, in conjunction with American University's Nuclear Studies Institute and Americans for Informed Democracy, is sponsoring a free Think Outside the Bomb regional youth

conference in American University's Ward building. This conference will educate young people on the important nuclear issues today and the need for a nuclear-free world. For a full agenda and general information, go to: <http://www.thinkoutsidethebomb.org/>

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 25-May 4, NPT youth-study and action trip to Geneva
Programme will include: workshops, public actions, discussions, lobbying, a speech to the official conference and a model negotiation session (May 3). <http://www.bang-europe.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 ASSESSMENT', 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), Marie Dennis (Pax Christi) and South African Ambassador Abdul Minty. The meeting will be open to diplomats, NGOs, journalists, researchers, students etc. Location: NGO Room at 15h-18h. Click [here](#) for flyer.

April 29, Why should nuclear weapons be abolished?, Geneva
"Round table" with four speakers and chairperson discussing the need to abolish nuclear weapons. Organised as part of the presentation and of the exhibition *In-Security, The Nuclear Dilemma* and the United Nations Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference Preparatory Committee meeting. Free entrance, in English. Find more information at: www.micr.org and www.nucleardilemma.org.

April 30, panel discussion at the World Council of Churches during the UN Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee, Geneva
Engaging Youth to End the Danger
An inter-generational debate on the costs and dangers of keeping nuclear weapons -- economic, political, moral and religious; for people old enough to remember what nuclear weapons do and people young enough to see them abolished.
30 April 2008, 18:00-20:00 -- Ecumenical Center, 150, Rte de Ferney, Grand Saconnex Refreshments at 18:00; Panel and debate at 18:30

For more information, [click here](#).

1 May, World Court Project to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Geneva - Day conference on possible return to the ICJ

With a focus on the theme of good faith, the conference will examine the obligation to achieve the global abolition of nuclear weapons contained in the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and rooted in humanitarian and other international law. Speakers include World Court Judge Bedjaoui. <http://lcnp.org/wcourt/Conf-Poster.pdf>

May 4-6, Article 9 global conference, Tokyo

This major international 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 24, International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament, The Netherlands

Every day thousands of women in war zones worldwide work hard for peace. We don't know them, we don't hear about them through the media, but they continue their struggle. Even with the little financial support they get they achieve incredible results: what would the world look like if they were to receive more money? For more information regarding registration and schedule, please visit <http://www.ifor.org/WPP/>.

30, 31 May and 1st June, 3rd International Salon for Peace Initiatives, Paris

The 3rd International Salon for Peace Initiatives is organized in the framework of the "International Decade for the Promotion of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)" declared by the UN in 1998. www.salon-initiativesdepaix.org. See also <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 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. 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 global 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. Go to <http://www.ipra2008.org/>.

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

This year's IIPE conference is 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 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

Go to [IPB website](#) for more information.

September 3-9, European Science Foundation and Linköping University Conference, Imaging War: Intergenerational Perspectives, Vadstena, Sweden

Closing date for applications, as well as for abstracts: 11.06.2008. Further information: <http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/details/confdetail258.html?conf=258&year=2008>

September 18-21, 5th European Social Forum at 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/>. For Peace Programmes go to <http://europeanpeaceaction.org/>

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 (to be confirmed)

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).

January 2009, World Social Forum, Belém, Brazil

During World Social Forum's International Council meeting, held in Berlin, Germany, at the end of May, it was decided the next world event will take place in January 2009, in Amazon region.

http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br/noticias_01.php?cd_news=2383&cd_language=2

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