

# INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU OSLO CONFERENCE - A CLIMATE OF PEACE



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## Speakers confirmed

### Keynote address

The keynote address at the opening ceremony will be given by **Federico Mayor**: a Spanish scholar and politician, who served as Director-General of UNESCO from 1987 to 1999. He then returned to Spain to create the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, serving as its President. In 2005 he was designated Co-President for the High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilizations, by the UN Secretary-General. He is member of the Honorary Board of the International Coalition for the Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence as well as the Honorary Chairman of the Académie de la Paix. Under Mayor's guidance, UNESCO created the Culture of Peace Programme, revolving around four main themes: education for peace; human rights and democracy; the fight against isolation and poverty; the defence of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue; and conflict prevention and the consolidation of peace. More details at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federico\\_Mayor\\_Zaragoza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federico_Mayor_Zaragoza)  
[http://www.fund-culturadepaz.org/index\\_eng.html](http://www.fund-culturadepaz.org/index_eng.html)

### MacBride Peace Prize 2010

Another highlight of the conference: we are delighted to announce that **Binalakshmi Nepram**, founder of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and Secretary-General of Control Arms Foundation of India, is to be awarded the **Sean MacBride Peace Prize 2010**. The prize is awarded annually by the IPB. It is named after Sean MacBride, a distinguished Irish statesman who shared the 1974 Nobel Peace Prize, and is given to individuals or organisations for their outstanding work for peace, disarmament and human rights. (see: <http://ipb.org/i/about-ipb/II-F-mac-bride-peace-prize.html>)

Colin Archer, IPB Secretary-General, writes: *"This award is made in recognition of Binalakshmi's extraordinary efforts to promote disarmament and an end to gun violence in India. Her pioneering work with both the Manipuri Women's Gun Survivor Network and the Control Arms Foundation of India has demonstrated deep determination and commitment - in particular to the linkage between disarmament and development, which is a vital topic for the IPB. Her achievements offer an inspiring model for activists in other parts of the world".*

## Other resource persons (TBC)

- Corazon Fabros – Philippines, organiser against US military bases
- Subrata Ghoshroy - Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Indian expert on military research funding

- Khder Kareem - Mayor of Halabja, Iraqi Kurdistan (city targeted by Saddam Hussein, chemical weapons attack)
- Terumi Tanaka - Nihon Hidankyo, Hiroshima survivors' organisation.
- Carlos Vargas, Law professor – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica
- Christian Hartviken - new Director of the Oslo Peace Research Institute (PRIO)
- Verdiana Grossi – peace historian and educator, Geneva
- Fredrik Heffermehl - author, Nobel's Will - Oslo
- Mads Gilbert – Norwegian doctor with longstanding commitment to the people of Gaza
- Catherine Roberts - Imperial War Museum, London

### **Youth programme (Sept 21-22)**

The youth programme will open on the International Day of Peace (Sept. 21) and will be run in Norwegian. Co-organised with Changemaker and PRESS.

- Discussions at the Literature House: 3 sessions on different topics: Afghan war – Role of the UN – Norway as a Peace Nation
- City centre surprise event: on the theme of small arms
- Film: 'War Child' to be shown.
- Well known bands to play Tuesday social evening, at the Park Theater: Gatas Parlament and Bretton Woods. Organisations will have information stalls. 16h00 - midnight
- Facebook group has been set up.

More info at: [http://ipb100.org/?page\\_id=31](http://ipb100.org/?page_id=31)

### **More music**

A separate music evening will be organised at the Blå arts centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **IPB Presidents' Panel (to be confirmed)**

A special feature of the final day (Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept) is a panel composed of the 3 past presidents\*, chaired by the current President Tomas Magnusson. Each will be asked to 'paint a picture' of what a climate of peace would look like in the coming century.

\*Bruce Kent, UK -- Maj-Britt Theorin, Sweden -- Cora Weiss, USA

### **Conference website**

New material is being uploaded every week at : <http://ipb100.org>

Take a look!

### **Registration now open !**

You can now register by sending an email to: [barbara@norgesfredsrad.no](mailto:barbara@norgesfredsrad.no)

The form is also available at: [http://ipb100.org/?page\\_id=6](http://ipb100.org/?page_id=6)

**Practical matters sheet** : now available.

It gives information about the venues, accommodation, local transport etc.

[http://ipb100.org/?page\\_id=93](http://ipb100.org/?page_id=93)

