



6th IFLAC PEACE CULTURE CONFERENCE

Place: Meridian Hotel, Haifa (Not Final), and Haifa University.

Time: Monday 16 , Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 March 2009.

TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The central theme of the Conference is: "Building Cultural Bridges for Conflict Resolution through Communication and Dialogue". Local and International Peace Organizations and NGO's as well as peace lover individuals, Researchers of Conflict Resolution, Leaders of Women Movements, Internet and Media Experts, TV and Film Directors, Writers, Poets and Artists, will jointly explore the possibilities of promoting Israeli – Palestinian Peace. We will also examine the role of culture, literature, poetry, and other means of artistic expression and communication in guiding our societies towards a peaceful and harmonious Middle East.

This innovative PEACE CULTURE CONFERENCE will have Panels of Lectures, Dialogues and Discussions, Roundtables and Workshops, with practical Peace Resolutions at the end of the Conference, that will be sent to Governments, Institutions, and to the Israeli, Palestinian and the International Media. The main goals are: to give voice to the Silent Majority that craves for Peace, and to promote a harmonious and democratic "Human Rights Society" in our region.

Day 1: : Monday 16 March

Arrival and Registration at the Hotel .

9.00 - Informal Get Together, Introductions and Making Friends.

- Exhibition of Peace NGO's and Organizations, Peace Books, Posters, and Peace Art.
Peace Videos and Films.

10:00 – INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENCY GREETINGS

Guest of Honor: Mr. Yona Yahav – Mayor of Haifa

Prof. Ada Aharoni - IFLAC Founder and International President, Conference Chair

Prof. Ernesto Kahan – IFLAC Vice President, Israel and Argentina

Mr. Michael Holmboe – IFLAC Director in Norway / Scandinavia

College Director Sethu Kumanan – IFLAC Director India.

Dr. Teresinka Pereira – ISPPS Senator, IWA United States and Brazil.

Mrs. Mireille Galanti – Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Nina Goncharov – "New Planet" - Siberia, Russia.

10:15 – 11:00 SESSION 1.

KEYNOTE LECTURE and PRESENTATION

Prof. Ada Aharoni :Goals of the Conference, and Israeli – Palestinian Conflict Resolution Through The Creation of Bridges of Culture (Lecture and Power Point Presentation),

11:00 – 12.30 SESSION 2.

An Israeli - Palestinian Cultural Peace Road That Can Work.

Greeting by Mr. Cohen - Israeli Ambassador in Egypt.

Panel: Opening and Moderator: **Dr. Gershon Baskin.**

Panel: Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, , MPAmi Ayalon, Dr. Hana Siniora.

12:30 – 14.00 SESSION 3

Peace Through the Process of Education

Roundtable: Opening and Moderator – Dr. Sara Zamir

Prof. Gabriel Salomon, Nimer Nimer, Sethu Kumanan, Mr. Arie Kizel.

14.00-15.30: Lunch Break

15.30 – 17.30 SESSION 4

Peace Culture Workshops

Three Workshops will be in English. One of them will be on: The Founding of a “Human - Rights Super-Committee” – Moderated by Yigal Kahana and Dr. Dr. Rassem Amash. Another one will be on: “The Language of Peace,” moderated by Eva Ferrero. The third one, suggested and organized by Timothy Ogene, Operations Officer for the Africa Peace and Conflict Network(APCN), is on: “Young People and the Culture of Peace.”

Three other workshops will be in Hebrew, one of them moderated by Atalya Rosenberg and Israel Litman: “The Paving of Peace through Cultural Bridges.” The second: moderated by Story Teller: Dalia Rahav – on “The Importance of Peace Stories.” The second, moderated by poet Adelina Klein, on “Peace Poetry.”

Resolutions taken in the Workshops will be presented, at the General Meeting, by one of the Participants, chosen as delegate, in each Workshop.

17.30 – 18.00: Coffee Break

20:30 – 22:30

Peace Feast : Suggested Singers – Achinoam Nini (Noah), And Amal Murkus.

Peace Stories: The Carmel Group, Folkloric Presentations: Moad Arqouv Dance Troupe.

Peace Poetry Marathon: Israeli and Palestinin poets will recite their poems and reveal the Peace Story behind the Poem. Among them: Peace Poetry Marathon:

Teresinka Pereira, Chelly Abraham, Nimer Nimer, Adelina Klein, Mahmoud Zeidan, Dalia Rahav, Tony Robin Bulley, Nina Goncharov.

Music: Rony Segoly.

Participants are invited to bring their musical instruments and be prepared to present music, songs and dances from their own culture.

Day 2: Tuesday 17 March

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09:30 – 10:30 SESSION 5

Peace Through the Internet.

Presenter and Panel Moderator: Neri Bar-On

Eva Ferraro, Ygal Kahana, Neri Bar-On, Moni'im, Arie Kizel

10:30 – 11:45 SESSION 6

Women as Peacemakers

Moderator and Opening: Prof. Ada Aharoni

Greetings by the various International Peace Delegations: GATHER THE WOMEN.

Panel: Donna Qawasmi, Irit Halprin, Farahnaz Rezaei:

"Women, Peace and Culture in the Common Cultural Course of the Eastern Mediterranean"

11:30 – 12:30 SESSION 7

How Can TV and Film Directors, Writers and Poets, Contribute to the Promotion of a Peace Culture?

Moderator and Opening: Prof. Ernesto Kahan

Michael Holmboe, Shlomo Ganor, Dr. Chelly Avraham

12.30-14.00: Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 SESSION 8

Peace Culture Workshops:

Three workshops in English, and three in Hebrew. One of the workshops in English will finalize the 'Human Rights Super-Committee', moderated by **Yigal Kahana, Esq. and Dr. Rassem Amash**. Another one, moderated by **Neri Bar-On**, will be on: the basic 8 components of human culture based on Spiral Dynamics Integral and basic review of how we can apply to the process of change within Israel culture and within Palestine culture so we can achieve peace.

Please Prepare Feedback and Resolutions for the General Meeting in all the Workshops.

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.30 - SESSION 9

Concluding General Meeting: Opening: Prof. Ada Aharoni

Feedback and Resolutions from the representatives of the Workshops.

Approval of suggested Resolution: Creation of A Peaceful Palestinian State by the side of Israel.

Announcement of the formation of the Palestinian - Israeli Human Rights Organizational

Network, by Yigal Kahana Esq. and Dr. Rassem Amash.

Approved Resolutions will be sent to major Institutions, Governments and Media.

20:30 – 23:00

Peace Feast 2 : Suggested Singing Group – Ha Kol Over Habibi, Georges Samaan.

Music, Peace Poetry, Dancing and Folkloric Presentations. Performance of Peace Stories by the CARMEL GROUP. Peace Poetry Marathon: Dorit Zilberman, Erez Biton, Shelly El Kayam, David Gould, Ora Assael, Elma Diel Photikam, Harmonie Botella (Iflac - Spain)..

Day 3: Wednesday 18 March

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9.00 Bus from the Hotel to the Haifa University.

10.00 - 18.00 PEACE CULTURE SEMINAR - Jewish – Arab Center at Haifa University.

Greetings:

Prof. Yossi Ben Artzi, Rector of Haifa University

Prof. Faisal Azaiza, Head of the Jewish – Arab Center, Haifa University

Prof. Ada Aharoni, Head of IFLAC

Prof. Gabriel Salomon, Head of the Peace Education Center, Haifa University

Suggested Guest Speaker: Minister of Welfare, Mr. Itshak Bouji Herzog.

10.00 - 11.30 - SESSION 10

Panel Moderated by Prof. Gabriel Solomon: Can academic research on Peace between Israelis and Palestinians have an influence on political leaders?

Prof. Hagai Kupershmidt, Prof. Rachel Herz Lazarovitch, Mr. Amal Abu Zaidan, Dr. Raviv Schwartz

11.30 – 13.00 - SESSION 11

Roundtable: Moderator and Opening - Prof. Faisal Azaiza:

The Haifa Model of Peace Culture between different religions and ethnic entities:

Whereas in other places these different ethnic entities: Israeli, Palestinian, Jewish, Moslem, Christian, Druze and Bahai, often have violent clashes among them, in Haifa they all live in peace and harmony, and prosper together. What is the secret of the Haifa Model? Can it become a Model for our region and for the whole of the Middle East. What is the contribution of the Jewish Arab Center of Haifa University in attaining this harmonious atmosphere in Haifa?

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch Break and Visit to the Hecht Museum

15.00 – 16.30 - SESSION 12

Panel moderated by Prof. Ada Aharoni : The Refugees of the the Arab – Israeli Conflict: The Palestinians and the Jews from Arab Countries.

Are the Arab residents of Haifa and the North more aware that the Jews from Arab Countries, like the Palestinians, were refugees too? Does this reduce the feeling of victimization of the Palestinians, and the feeling of having been forgotten by history of the Jews from Arab countries? Can the IFLAC project for a PEACE CULTURE TV by Satellite, help to resolve the Refugees Problem and promote peace in our region?

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 - 18.00 CONCLUSION

Suggested Guests of Honor - Mr. Shimon Peres, President of Israel.

Mr. Abu Alla , Delegate of the Palestinian Authority.

18.00 Bus to Ussfiya – the Albadiya Peace Tent

18.30 – 20.30 PEACE CULTURE FESTIVAL: IFLAC and EL BAADIA

Peace Culture Happening at the Bedouin Tent of Peace in Ussfiya. **Director: Amin Kassem.**

Suggested Guest Speaker: Welfare Minister - Bougi Herzog.

Peace Through Art Exhibition by Palestinian and Israeli artists.

Palestinian and Israeli Writers and Poets. A Visit to The Bedouin Museum. Refreshments.

20.30 CLOSING OF THE 6th IFLAC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Prof. Ada Aharoni, Amin Kassem, Prof. Ernesto Kahan.

IMPORTANT NOTES

The language of the Conference is in English, and where needed, Hebrew and Arabic translation will be provided.

1. To the Moderators, and Participants in the various Panels and Roundtables:

Please fill the Confirmation of Participation Form below (on Page 8). Please send as a WORD File to: Prof. Ada Aharoni: Iflac@bezeqint.net and to: Dr. Dalia Steiner daliast@netvision.net.il. Only participants who have filled and sent this Form before November 1, 2009, will be included in the Program of the Conference.

2. Call for Expert Moderators of the Peace Workshops. Please send 3 lines bio about yourself and your experience as Moderator, to Prof. Ada Aharoni and to Dr. Steiner, to the above emails.

3. Each Panel and Roundtable is followed by 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

4. We do not have the possibility to offer any grants. All participants will have to pay their own travel expenses, and the Hotel.

The Registration Fee for the 3 days (for participation only), is 150 \$. Those who would like to book accommodations and meals at the Hotel, will have to contact the Hotel directly. We will let you know the phone number and email of the chosen Hotel as soon as we have finalised it.

6. Post Conference Tours are offered by the Hotel, to: Haifa: the Bahai Gardens – the 8th Wonder of the World, Mount Carmel, etc., the Druze Villages, and Accre and its surroundings.

5. This Program is not final, and there may be changes.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR MAKING THIS CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!

Prof. Ada Aharoni – Chair of the Conference, and IFLAC Founder – President.

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At the 6th IFLAC PEACE CULTURE CONFERENCE

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