26th IPRA General Conference
on ‘Agenda for Peace and Development’
Freetown, Sierra Leone - 27th Nov. to 1st Dec. 2016

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In Collaboration with the 10th Dealing with Disasters Conference Series,
Northumbria University, UK & Sakarya University, Turkey
MESSAGE FROM IPRA SECRETARY GENERAL

It is with great pleasure that I warmly welcome peace research colleagues from all over the world spanning all the continents to this 26th IPRA General Conference on the theme: AGENDA FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: Conflict Prevention, Post-Conflict Transformation, and the Conflict, Disaster Risk and Sustainable Development Debate. The theme of the conference is timely not only because of the growing research pointing to the causal links between the lack of development and civil wars but also the fact that holding this conference in Sierra Leone, a country which recently made the giant leap from a post-conflict country to one on the part of development, according to UN Secretary General Banki Moon, provides the rare opportunity for peace researchers all over the world to access more bottom-up perspectives of post-conflict and peacebuilding approaches.

Ulrich Beck’s idea of ‘risk society’ and ‘manufactured uncertainties’ largely relates to often ‘invisible environmental issues’. However, what has been ignored, and which certainly deserves attention in research and policy interventions, is the broader conceptualization of risk beyond the parameters of ‘manufactured uncertainties’ that lead to environmental disasters and other challenges, to include those associated with indirect or invisible forms of violence such as absolute poverty, inequality, famine, forced migration, forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking, racism, xenophobia, marginalization or exclusion of minorities, disease, business risk, patriarchy and gender discrimination, religious discrimination, corruption, hate speech, unfair trade and other insecurities. The broader conceptualization of risk and conflict is therefore associated with indirect or invisible forms of violence, resonating with Galtung’s conceptualization of conflict as invisible cultural (attitude) and structural forms of violence. … This shows that there are links between risk and conflict, broadly speaking, although this is rarely recognized in research and policy interventions. As I argue in my book Human Rights Journalism: Advances in Reporting Humanitarian Interventions (2012), and in my preface to Cabot’s forthcoming book on ‘Human, environmental security and peace’ (2017), invisible and indirect forms of violence (attitude and contradictions) by way of risk or conflict, such as absolute poverty, famine, racism, discrimination, economic injustice, and inequality, if not prevented or managed, can lead to direct/visible forms of violence (behaviour) such as civil wars, armed robber, inter-state wars, murder, rape, beating, torture, genocide, ethnic cleansing, domestic violence, extremism and terrorism.

I agree with Cabot’s emphatic argument that climate change in itself cannot lead to conflict in the sense of direct violence, and that other factors (such as political, social and economic) should be taken into consideration. Her book provides a convincing argument grounded in a combination of theoretical and empirical research drawing on case studies from three geographically and culturally closely linked West African countries: Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire and Burkina Faso. Yet, as pointed out in Cabot’s new book, there is relatively little research looking at the links between non-environmental factors or risks and conflicts.

It is hoped that the interventions and papers to be presented at this conference will stimulate more scholar debates and publications that would take this conversation to the next level. It is in this vein that the partnership with Northumbria University’s Disaster and Development Network’s 10th Dealing with Disaster’s Series partnership with IPRA in organising this conference was conceived. I want to take this opportunity to thank all participants who have made their long or short journeys to share their research and learn from others about the global peace, conflict, and sustainable development challenges, especially in the global South. I also want to thank the University of Sierra Leone for hosting this conference, despite all the challenges, and to all those who, one way or the other, contributed to the successful bringing together of this conference. Finally, I want to extend my warm thanks, in particular, to my co-secretary general Dr Nesrin Kenar and the two heads of the sub-organising committee in Sierra Leone, Mrs Bernadette Cole and Mrs Memunatu Pratt, as well as Professor Andrew Collins of the DDN at Northumbria university and the IPRA conference secretariat assistants, for their support throughout the process, without which this conference would not have taken place.

Dr Ibrahim Seaga Shaw - Secretary General, IPRA
Senior Lecturer, Media and Politics
Northumbria University, UK
Sunday, 27 November 2016

13:00 – 15:00 Conference Registration and picking of conference bags and badges
15:00 – 16:30 Parallel Pre-conference workshops by IPRA Working Groups and others

Pre-Conference Workshops - Sunday 27th November, 2016
Venue: Bintumani Conference Centre

Agenda for all the workshops

1. Rationale to the Working Group – introduced by working groups’ conveners
2. Interventions from participants – requests should be submitted in advance and presented in no more than five minutes
3. Open debate – a series of questions will be available to prompt discussion if necessary. The debate should address theoretical, methodological and practice/policy related aspects that variously relate to the text that follows below
4. Drafting – involves initial summarising of key theoretical, methodological and practice/policy points and actions for the working group to address and that will be revisited again for further development prior to the close of the conference.

15:00 – 16:30 1. Risk and Conflict Working Group

Convenors: Prof. Andrew Collins, Disaster and Development Network (DDN) / Department of Geography, Northumbria University, UK. andrew.collins@northumbria.ac.uk
Dr Ibrahim Seaga Shaw, Risk and Conflict Network, Northumbria University, UK and IPRA. Ibrahim.shaw@northumbria.ac.uk

15:00 – 16:30 2. Reflective Practitioner Working Group

Conveners: Tatsushi Arai (tatsushi.arai@sit.edu), PhD, Professor of Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation, School for International Training (SIT) Graduate Institute & Fellow, Center for Peacemaking Practice, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, USA.

15:00 – 16:30 3. Conflict-Sensitive Journalism Working Group

Conveners:
- Professor Jake Lynch, Director of Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney. Jake Lynch <jake.lynch@sydney.edu.au> (jake.lynch@sydney.edu.au)
- Professor Steve Youngblood, Associate Professor, Park University, USA steve.youngblood@park.edu

OPENING CEREMONY

Sunday 27th November 2016
Venue: Bintumani Conference Centre
Time: 17.00 - 19.00

- Welcome Message from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal University of Sierra Leone Professor Ekundayo Thompson
- IPRA Secretaries General Dr. Ibrahim Seaga Shaw and Dr. Nesrin Kenar
- Professor Andrew Collins, Director, Disaster and Development Network, Northumbria University
- Mr Guan Yi, CEO, Shanxi Zhuoao Organisation, Xian, China
- Keynote speech by Professor Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Yale University, USA
- Address and Official Opening of Conference - HE Dr Ernest Bai Koroma, President of SL and Chancellor of the University of Sierra Leone.

Cocktail Reception
Venue: Bintumani Conference Centre
(19.00 – 21.30)
Hosted by the USL in collaboration with the World Bank, Sierra Leone (With cultural performances by the National Dance Troupe)
Conference Program
Monday, November 28, 2016
Registration: 8.00 – 9.00
9.00-10.30  Plenary 1
Peace building, Human Security and Development

This plenary examines how peacebuilding at various levels (global, regional, national, local and individual) can produce wellbeing, greater human security and sustainable development. This includes the role of different methodologies for achieving these objectives, both through science and the arts.

Moderator: Helen Ware, University of New England, Australia
Keynote: Dr Zainab Bangura, Under Secretary General and Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Panel Speakers:
Professor Satoshi Kodama, Mie University, Japan; Professor Ernesto Verdeja, University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Studies, United States, Prof. Dr. Herbert B. Rosana, Bicol University, Philippines; Dr. Paul Richards, University London, UK

10.30 – 11.00  Tea/Coffee Break

Commission Sessions - 1

11.00 – 12.30  Art and Peace Commission

Chair:
1. Valentina Bau, University of New South Wales, Austrailia - Communicating for Peace through Art - Using art and communication for development to work with internally displaced adolescents in Mindanao
2. Rosalie Fransen, New York University, USA - Organizational Learning in a Negative Peace Context: Lessons from Search for Common Ground - Sri Lanka
3. Emily Bauman, NYU, USA - The Iconography of Peace: Some Conceptual and Policy Implications

11.00 – 12.30  Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission

Chair and Discussant: Jade Lal Fernando
1. Helen Ware, University of New England, Australia Ideology and Impact: Evaluating Grass Roots Peace Building
2. Abu Bah, Northern Illinois University, USA Post-Conflict Institutional Designs in Africa
3. Felix Gerdes, University of Liberia, Liberia Governing the City: Post-war Social Order and State Formation in the Urban Area
4. Milad Elharathi, Cambridge University, UK Libya Between Development Priority and Military Politics: The Missed Path toward National Strategy

11.00 – 12.30  Ecology and Peace Commission

EPC Goals, Results and Future Plans:

Chairperson: Serena Eréndira Serrano Oswald, Mexico
Co-chairs: Ursula Oswald Spring and Hans Günter Brauch
* Report of activities (2012-2016): Ursula Oswald Spring
* Publications: 3 peer reviewed books: Hans Günter Brauch
* Book Launch: 2 volumes resulting from IPRAX conference in 2014 in Istanbul - APESS Volume 4: Hans Günter Brauch
* Book Launch: Charlene Cabot:
* Outlook: Publication of peer reviewed results of this conference: Hans Günter Brauch
* Business meeting: Election of co-chairs for (2017-2019): Ursula Oswald Spring

11.00 – 12.30  Gender and Peace Commission

Chair:
1. Serena Eréndira Serrano Oswald, Regional Multidisciplinary Research Centre National Autonomous University of Mexico / Gestalt Institute - "Engendered identities: conflicts and negotiations in a migrant context in Mexico"
2. Leena Vastapuu, University of Turku, FINLAND - "Hope is not gone altogether: The roles and reintegration of young female war veterans in Liberia"
3. Leda Maúca, Faculty of Political Sciences Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina - "Postmodern feminist theories, gender, peace and politics"

11.00 – 12.30  Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission

Chair: Frances Sowa
* Julius Bourc, Technical University of Kenya, Kenya - Peace or War Journalism: Can objectivity be the panacea?
* Oma Djebah, The New Diplomat, Multi-Media Limited, Nigeria - Niger Delta Crisis: The Role of the Media in Peace Building*
* Frances Sowa, Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone - Rights-based Journalism: A factor for Sierra Leone's post conflict transformation and development agenda.

11.00 – 12.30  Nonviolence and Peace Movements Commission

Nonviolence Socio-Cultural Action
Chair: Matt Meyer
1. Diego Checa Fidalgo, Spain, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University - Current challenges for unarmed civilian peacekeeping to prevent violence and promote social change
2. Serena Eréndira Serrano Oswald, Mexico, UNAM - National Autonomous, University of Mexico/ Gestalt Institute. Intangible Cultural Heritage as pillar for peace through the generation of social resilience: a systemic and social representations outlook in Mexico
3. Mokua Ombati, Kenya, Moi University - Dissenting Voices: Dramatizing and Shaming Norm-Breaking Behaviours in Kenya

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11.00 – 12.30  Peace Negotiation, Mediation & Migration and Peace Commission Joint Session

Chair: Tatsushi Arai, School for International Training (SIT) Graduate Institute, Japan/USA
1. Rajib Timalsina, Tribhuvan University, NEPAL - Community Mediation Center (CMC) Strategy to support Local Governance and Post-conflict Reconciliation in Nepal
2. Chido Samatha Mutangadura, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa - The Role of the African Union in the Burundian Crisis 2015-2016: An Examination of African Mediation in Electoral Conflicts
3. Kevin J. A. Thomas, Pennsylvania State University, USA - Highly-skilled migration from Africa to the US: Exit mechanisms, demographic determinants, and the role of socio-economic trends

11.00 – 12.30  Peace, Security and Development Commission

Chair: Oladejo Olowu and Christine Atieno
1. Agnieszka Pacynska, George Mason University, USA - Foreign Direct Investment, Persistent Inequalities and Political Tensions in Post-Conflict Liberia
2. Herbert Rosana, Bicol University, Philippines - The Military's Image Role Transformation in Counter Insurgency through Humanitarian and Disaster Operations
3. Dwi Prameswati, University of Copenhagen, Denmark - Resilience through Enhancing Disaster Preparedness among Villagers:
Case Study of Disaster Resilient Village (Destana) Program Implementation in Nusa Tenggara Barat, Indonesia.
4. Fariz Ahmadov, Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) - "The problems of economic growth and development in independent Turkish Republic"

11.00 – 12.30  Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission

Title of Session: Truth, Justice and Reconciliation in Sierra Leone and Liberia

Chair & Discussant: James Tonny Dhizaala, University of Sydney
1. Rajib Timalsina, Tribhuvan University, NEPAL - Community Mediation Center (CMC) Strategy to support Local Governance and Post-conflict Reconciliation in Nepal
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11.00 – 12.30  Religion, Spirituality and Peace Commission

New Paradigm of Religion for Conflict Resolution

Chair – Pradeep Dhabal
2. Chabalai Deelapapausith, Thammasat University, Thailand - "Being Thai: When Religion and Spirituality are Integrated with Patriotic·
3. Manjushree Sharma, India - Religious thoughts in Political Ideologies
11.00 – 12.30 Youth and Peace Commission

- Pathways to Peace: Transformative Power of Children and Families
- Studies from and on Africa

Chair: Sri Nuryanti - Co-chair: Kyle D. Pruett
Discussant: Yasemin Sirali, MBA, Rina Shalit, PhD, James F. Leckman, MD, PhD, Siobhan Fitzpatrick, PhD, and Kyle D. Pruett, MD
2. Yusuf Sheikh Omar and Khadijo Mohamed Osman, UK - Working with young people to build peace in war-torn Somalia
3. Irena Girzely: Save the Children, Myanmar - Youth Participation in Myanmar’s Peace Process

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

Plenary Session 2

This plenary explores peace building and conflict resolution in Africa based on case studies from around the continent.

Moderator: Professor Matt Mogweku, Ilala College, New York, USA
Keywords: Professor David Francis, Centre for Conflict Studies, Birmingham University, UK
Panel speakers:
- Prof. Dr. M.E. (Myrm) de Bruij, University of Leiden, The Netherlands;
- Dr Abu Bakkar Miri, North Illinois University, USA;
- Cris Toffolo, Northeastern Illinois University, USA

15.00-15.30 Tea/Coffee Break

13.30 – 15.00 Peace Building and conflict resolution in Africa

15.30 – 17.00 Art and Peace Commission

1. Paola Helena Acosta Sierra, Institución Universitaria Politécnico Grancolombiano, Colombia - "Rends, Resouns": Contemporary Poetry as Intervention in State Violence
2. Timothy Lariv, Birmingham University, USA - “Rends, Resouns”: Contemporary Poetry as Intervention in State Violence

15.30 – 17.00 Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission

Chair and Discussant: Luc Breydel
1. William Lewis, Bowie State University, USA - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Nelson Mandela: A Comparative Analysis and Reflections on their Civil Rights Leadership and Legacies

Ecology and Peace Commission

Chair: Hans Günter Brauch, Chairman, AFES-PRESS, Germany
Discussant: Alvin Santiago, Federal University of Sao Francisco Valley (UNIVASF), Petrolina, PE, Brazil
1. Ursula Oswald Spring, Research professor, UNAM/CRIM, Mexico - Climate-smart agriculture and a sustainable food system towards a sustainable-engendered peace
2. Hans Günter Brauch, Chairman, AFES-PRESS, Germany - Sustainability Transition and Sustainable Peace as Transformative Science: A Peace Ecology Perspective
3. Serena Estrada Serrano Oswald, Researcher, UNAM/CRIM, Mexico - The study of environmentally induced migration for peace research: theory outlook, scientific discourses and research findings

Gender and Peace Commission

Chair: Leila Muisic
Moderator: Sarajevo University, Bosnia and Herzegovina
1. Paul Chaney, Cardiff University, UNITED KINGDOM - “Transitional justice”, gender equality and post-conflict reconstruction: Towards a Transformative Model for war-affected states
2. Ian Marie Fritz, University of Cincinnati and University of Johannesburg, USA - "CN Security Council Resolution 1325 and Inclusive Peacebuilding"
3. Carrie Reiling, University of California, Irvine, USA - "Decolonizing Peacebuilding Policies: Women’s Local Practises and International Discourses"
4. Eni Ayeni, Community Advancement Initiative for Self-Reliance, NIGERIA - "Gender and Peace: Inequality displayed in Peace and Reconciliation Process in Africa"

Human Rights and Human Security Commission

15.30 – 17.00 The Concept of Human Rights within State Legislations in Conflict Regions

Chair: Stephanie Thiel, University of Giessen, GERMANY - On Complex Interrelation of Human Rights and Peace
- Taito Imamo, Osaka City University, JAPAN - Effect of School & Community Health Program on Peace-building in the Developing East Jakarta
- Nurana Rajabova - Universal Human Rights and Their Adequacy in Cultural Contexts
- Sri Nuryanti Indonesia: Role of Civil society in post disaster relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction

15.30 – 17.00 Internal Conflicts Commission

Chair: Helen Ware
1. Zulfan Tadoeddin, Western Sydney University, Australia - Why are local elections in Indonesia's Papua most violent?
2. Alcorta Ludovico, Institute for Management Research, Netherlands, - Do socioeconomic and political inequalities coalesce or merely coincide in the build-up to conflict?
3. Luca Rainieri and Alice Martini, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy - ESIS and Al-Qaeda as strategies and political imaginaries in Africa: a comparison between Boko Haram and Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
4. Unto Vesa, Tampere Peace Research Institute, FINLAND - How to Revive Disarmament Negotiations

15.30 – 17.00 Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission

APN Panel Presentation Chair: Admire Mare
1. Admire Mare, University of Johannesburg, South Africa - Journalistic mediation of political violence in Zimbabwe 2008 and 2013 election
2. Johannes John-Langba, University of Cape Town, South Africa - “Media Analysis of Alonso Killings in Tanzania”
4. Mama Abdul-Jallil, University of Kharoum, Sudan - The Heidelberg Darfur Dialogue and the Doha Document for Peace in Darfur: From a Facilitated Dialogue to a Mediated Agreement
5. Absosede Omowumi Babatunde, University of Ilorin, Nigeria - Oil and Conflict in Nigeria: Towards Traditional Mechanisms of Conflict Resolution

15.30 – 17.00 Peace, Security and Development Commission

Co-Chairs: Quennie Raagas and Christine Atieno
1. Luca Rainieri: Sant’ Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy - Civil Wars in areas of poor natural endowment: Politics, Economy, Imaginaries. The case of North Mali
2. Mumin S. Kovač, Folk Bernardad Academy, Sweden & Ibrahim Bangura, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone - “Boss, is there anything for your boy?': Electoral competition and violent ties in Kono in Sierra Leone
4. Marcos Alvar V. Ferreras, Federal University of Paraiba, Brazil - The nexus between Structural Violence and Transnational Organized Crime in Brazil

15.30 – 17.00 Peace Culture and Communication Commission

Chair: Sudeshna Roy
1. El Hadji Malick Ndiaye, Seattle University, USA - Peace building in West Africa: Can traditions and ethics of peace preempt military options in conflict resolution?
2. Richard M’Bayo, Joshua Nicol and Twnya Musa, University of Sierra Leone - Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic and Media: Implications for Peace, Culture, and Development.
3. Timothy Gachanga, Community Peace Museums Heritage Foundation, Kenya - Peace Cultures as a tool for Social Transformation

15.30 – 17.00 Religion, Spirituality and Peace Commission

Spirituality as a Transformational Tool

Chair: Manjushree Sharma
1. Pradeep Dhakal, Chetanalaya Institute, Nepal - Co-existent Socialism: A Model for Sustainable Peace
2. Nurana Rajabova, University of San Diego, USA - Extremism in Islam: Looking Beyond the Common Narratives
3. Syeda Rumana Mehdi, Bennington College, USA/Pakistan - Conflict Transformation in Pakistan: Role of Religious Shrines

17.00 – 17.30 Tea/Coffee Break

17.30 – 19.00 IPRA Council Meeting
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Launch Event Agenda

8:00 – 09:00  Registration, tea and coffee
9:00 – 09:30  Opening remarks and welcome by Dr. Theresa Betancourt
9:30 – 10:30  Government, Bilateral Organization, and Partner Remarks by MOYA, MOHS, WB, Caritas
10:30 – 10:45  Break
10:45 – 11:15  Overview of Youth FORWARD: Alternate Delivery Platforms and Implementation Models for Bringing Evidence-Based Behavioral Interventions to Scale for Youth Facing Adversity in West Africa Dr. Theresa Betancourt

Planned outcomes:

1. Gather formative information for official needs assessment, and
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Breakouts:

1. Assessing the needs of individuals engaged in research – Lead by Dr. Tamora Callands and Katharine Collet
   - Discuss overall goals of the CBC and research in SL
   - Present the needs assessment template
   - Explore the issues around virtual learning classrooms, IT and software
   - Discuss of current research engagement
   - Discussion of current capacity to carry out research (skills etc).

2. Forming a mental health research working group

3. Tracking and utilizing data to ensure evidence-based practices – Osman Siddiqi, Charlotte Capstick and Florence Baingana
   - Discussion of evidence based indicators of change in socioeconomic status and mental health status
   - Discussion of how data drives policy and is driven by policy
   - Explore next steps in tracking of mental health and socio-economic indicators
   - Discuss multi-sectoral approach to data tracking and sharing
   - Discussion of current capacity to carry out M&E and develop/advocate for policy

Planned outcomes:

1. Initiate conversation about how to better coordinate between sectors working on mental health and youth issues, and
2. Gather formative information on M&E and policy translation courses

3. Ensuring organizational buy-in and designing and implementing effective supervision structures – Dr. Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith and Dr. Greg Aarons
   - Discussion of rationale for organizational buy-in and measurement techniques
   - Discussion of current supervision models and ways to enhance them
   - Discussion of current ways of bringing stakeholders together and other methods for collaboration and team building across organizations

Planned outcomes:

1. Gather formative information on supervision models to better adapt ICT,
2. Better understand organizational structures and collaboration models to guide organizational buy-in measure

Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Venue: Bintumani Conference Centre
Registration: 8.00 – 9.00
9.00-10.30  Plenary 3

Disasters, Development and Conflict Risk Reduction

The plenary reflects on why environmental threats to humankind, sustainable development initiatives and reducing conflict coalesce as common interconnected objectives.

Moderator: Professor Hans Gaenter Brauch, Free University of Berlin, Germany
Keynote: Professor Andrew Collins, Northumbria University; Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK
Panel Speakers:
- Professor Ursula Oswald Spring, Mexico State University, Mexico
- Dr Almany Santiago, Federal University of Sao Francisco Valley (UNIVASF), Petrolina, PE, Brazil; Cordula Dittmer, Berlin, Disaster Research Unit, Germany

10:30-11.00 Tea/Coffee Break

Commission Sessions - 3

11.00 – 12.30  Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission
Chair and Discussant: Helen Ware
1. Khalil Elmedani, University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates - Popular Consultation as peaceful mechanism for conflict resolution in war stricken societies: Case Study of Blue Nile and Southern Kordofan, Sudan.
2. Tina Uys, University of Johannesburg, South Africa – Risk of the ‘Bread Lottery’: The critical role of popular participation in the Peacebuilding process in Post-Genocide Rwanda
3. Arvo Silhurt, University of Waterloo, Canada - “Leverage Points” and “Path Dependence”: System-wide Impacts of Peacebuilding
4. Philemon Nsengiyumva, University of the Western Cape, South Africa - The Role of Sports on Peace Keeping in Uganda and Kenya: The Case for Karamoja region

11.00 – 12.30  Ecology and Peace Commission

11.00 – 12.30  Indigenous Peoples Commission

Way of Indigenous Life
Chair: Matt Mogekwu
1. Matt Mogekwu, USA - Exploiting Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) as Reinforcement for Indigenous Peoples’ Rights in the Quest for Global Peace
2. Dr. Manushri Sharma, India - ‘The Art of Life - Case Study on Indigenous People of Dahanu, Thane District’
3. Michiko Yoshio, Okayama University, Japan - Indigenous Cham People Facing to Nuclear Power Plant Project in Vietnam

11.00 – 12.30  Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission

Media Ethics and Identity
Moderator: Chair: Ritchard M Bayo
1. Ritchard M Bayo, FRC, University of Sierra Leone - Elite Struggles and their Media Manifestations in Sierra Leone.
2. Mochish K S, School of Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India - Gender, Ethnicity and Media in the Global South: An analysis of struggles of women tribal leader in a graded Indian society
3. Angela Wilson, Savannah State University, USA - The Modern Media Approach: Media Ethics and Effective Implementation
4. George Nyabuga, University of Nairobi, Kenya - A problem of belonging: Identity seeking in a risk society
11.00 – 12.30  Peace Education Commission
Chair: Linda Groff, Global Options & Evolutionary Futures Consulting, USA
1. Johanna Esquivel, New Mexico State University, USA - Scaffolding Peace, Identity, and Language with Elementary Bilingual Students: A Critical Examination of Media Stereotypes and World Childhoods in Practice
2. Wim Lennart, Kennesaw State University, USA - Can We Teach Peace in a Time of War?
3. Irene Giovannini, Universidad Externado de Colombia, COLOMBIA - Collaborative Practices and Peace education in Colombia

11.00 – 12.30  Peace Journalism Commission
Chair: Mert Mogecku
1. Jake Lynch, University of Sydney, Australia - Implementing Peace Journalism in today's mediascapes
2. Brian Wilson, University of British Columbia, CANADA - Sport Journalism for Peace! Reflections on a Research Project and An Argument for Taking Sport Journalism Seriously
3. Gloria Odo, Moi University, Kenya - Deconstruction of Terrorism News: A Peace Journalism proposal

11.00 – 12.30  Peace, Security and Development Commission
Co-Chairs: James Ihazaala and Christine Atieno
1. Tatsushi Arui, School for International Training (SET) Graduate Institute, Japan/USA - Afghanistan in Transition: Good Governance and Inclusive Development as security
2. Ernesto Verdeja, University of Notre Dame, USA - Genocide and Mass Atrocity Forecasting
3. Patricia Maudlin, George Mason University, USA - Land at the Crossroads: People, Resources and Policy

11.00 – 12.30  Peace Theories Commission
Chair: - Maria Ketzererick, Philips University Marburg, Germany - From Terrorist Organization to Securitized Statebuilding
1. Yasuo Mizobe, Meiji University, Japan - Campaigns against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs in Africa and Japan through an Analysis of the Accra Assembly for the World Without Bombs in 1962
2. Garrick Cooper, University of Canterbury - Hope without the divine: the hollowness of secularism.

11.00 – 12.30  Peace Tourism Commission
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Chair: - Hristina Nedialkova, University of Economics - Varna, BULGARIA - Role of the tour guide in the intercultural communication within organized cultural tourism
1. Ian McIntosh, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), School of Liberal Arts, USA - Pilgrimage and Peace Building
2. Rajib Timalinsa, Tribhuvan University, NEPAL - Healing and Reconciliation through Peace tourism
3. Alvaro Santiago, Federal University of Sao Francisco Valley, Brazil - Travelling for peace: The case of Servas International

11.00 – 12.30  Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission
Complexity, Conflict Sensitivity and Transitional Justice
Chair & Discussant: Wendy Lombourne, University of Sydney
1. Mariam Salehi, University of Marburg, Germany - "They could maybe do it if they were Swedish". The thin line between a holistic approach to transitional justice and impracticable perfectionism
3. Roshan Polkheral, Tribhuvan University, Nepal - Transitional Justice within the context of Democracy
4. Mujibar Rahman Ahbo, University of Sydney, Australia - Reconciliation with the Taliban: Lessons from the Past and Present

11.00 – 12.30  Religion, Spirituality and Peace Commission
Transition towards Peace and Prosperity
Chair: Sylvia Prisca Delima
1. Richard Gbemudu, Nigeria - Religion and Political conflicts in Africa: a case of Central African Republic
2. Maria Ericson, Sweden - An ethics of hospitality and the role of the churches in post-apartheid South Africa and in our "global village"
4. Aina-Obi Shamsuuddin Bolaito, Sudan - Muslims and World Peace; Are Islamic norms and etiquettes perspective met in practice?

11.00 – 12.30  Youth and Peace Commission
Chair: Manish Sharma
1. James F. Leckman, Yale Child Study Center, USA - Pathways to Peace: What can developmental neuroscience teach us?
2. Siobhan Fitzpatrick - The transformative power of early childhood in building peaceful inclusive communities
4. Rima Salah, Yale Child Study Center, USA The - Early Childhood Peace Consortium (ECPC) and the International Peace Agenda

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch-Break
15.30 – 17.00 Peace Education Commission

Chair: Raj Kumar Dhungana, Kathmandu University
1. Candice Carter, Saint Martin’s University, USA - Performing Arts as Conflict Education: Damage Prevention and Reconciliation.
2. Cris Tofololo, Northeastern Illinois University, USA - Critical Role of Post-Genocide Education in Achieving the Goal of a Peaceful Future for Rwanda.
3. Linda Groff, Global Options & Evolutionary Futures Consulting, USA - A 12-Sector Community Peace Wheel for Organizing Peace Education Events and Editing a Book of Articles on Different Aspects of Peace.

15.30 – 17.00 Peace Journalism Commission

Chair: Jake Lynch
1. Matt Mogekwu, Ithaca College, USA - Peace Journalism as an Education Tool for Setting the Agenda for Conflict Prevention.
2. Steven Younghblood, Park University, USA - Reporting Syrian Refugees in Turkey
3. Virgil Hawkins, Osaka University, Japan - The Use of Conflict Death Tolls in the Media

15.30 – 17.00 Peace, Security and Development Commission

Co-Chairs: Leopold Nangorgo and Christine Atieno
1. Diego M. A Canencio, Diana Marcela A. Ortiz, Jose Gabriel Z. Garcia - Mental Health, Trajectories and Quality of Life: A proposal for new understandings of DDR processes in Colombia
3. Roberto Belloni, University of Trento, Italy - The Multi-Level Dimensions of Peace: Regionalism in the Western Balkans
4. James Tonny Dhuzaa, The University of Sydney - Entrenching Dictatorial Regime in Uganda: the 2016 shadow General Election

15.30 – 17.00 Peace Theories Commission

Chair:
1. Catriona Hanley, Loyola University, USA.
2. Michael Karlberg, Western Washington University, USA - Peace and Development in a Post-Secular Age

15.30 – 17.00 Religion, Spirituality and Peace Commission

Role of Religion for Peace Chair: Maria Ericson

Chair: Maria Ericson
1. Stephen Goodwin, Yeditepe University, Turkey - Creating Sanctuary: Religious Contributions to Positive Peace in Post conflict Zones
2. Ben Musanjani wa Musangunu, Centre Resolution Conflicts, UK - Learning from spiritual & emotional support for peace builders – case of Centre Resolution Conflicts (CRC), DRC

17.30 – 19.00 Regional Association Meeting

• APPRA
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• PJAVA

19:00 – 22:00

IPRA Gala Dinner with a local band providing background music and cultural performances (OPTIONAL—$US30 dollars for IPRA MEMBERS and US$50 for NON-IPRA members.

VENUE OF THE GALA DINNER: BINTUMANI HOTEL

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Venue: Bintumani Conference Centre - Registration: 8.00 – 9.00
09.00-10.30 Plenary 5
Post Conflict and Transitional Justice

Based on the concept and reality of post conflict the plenary addresses processes of change and transformations that underpin transitional justice, peace and reconciliation. This includes in relation to environmental sustainability, local economies and social cohesion.

Moderator: Dr Patrick Hiller, Portland State University / War Prevention Initiative, USA
Keynote: Dr Wendy Lambourne, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney, Australia
Panel Speakers:
1. Professor Rashid Ismail, Vasser College, New York, USA;
2. Professor Dejo OLOWU, American University, Yola, Nigeria;
3. Huma Haider, University of Birmingham, UK;
4. Mrs Fatmata Claire Carlton-Hanciles - Executive Director Sierra Leone Legal Aid Board

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee Break

Commission Sessions - 5

11.00 – 12.30 Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission Chair and Discussant: Tina Uys

Chair and Discussant: Tina Uys
1. Richard Mbayo, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone - The Democratic Project and the Transition from War to Peace in Africa
2. Valery Buinwi Ferim, University of Fort Hare, South Africa - African Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the Transformation of Contemporary Conflicts: The Case of the Bakweri Chiefcy in Cameroon
3. Reuben Lewis, Hiroshima University, Japan - The Relevance of National Infrastructure for Peace (NI4P) for Institutionalization of Conflict Prevention: Emerging cases from West Africa
4. Abosede Omonowi Babatunde & Mahlouz A. Adedimeji, University of Ilorin, Nigeria - Radicalised Armed Groups and the Challenges of Democratic Consolidation in Nigeria

11.00 – 12.30 Ecology and Peace Commission

Climate Change: Studies from and on Africa

Chair: Manish Sharma, Dept of Gandhian and Peace Studies, Panjab University Chandigarh, India
Discussant: Serrena Erنditora Serrano Oswald, Mexico
1. Temitope Akinyemi & Sagie Narsah, Univ of Kwa Zulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa - From Rebuttal to Affirmation: A Meta-theoretical Analysis of Climate Change Conflict Linkages
2. Sylvia Priica Delima, Indonesia - Eco-politic and Social Resistance for Islands Sustainable Development
3. Ferruh Tuzcuoglu, Azerbaijan, State University of Economics (UNEC) - “The roles of NGOs in the formation of environmental policy in Turkey”

11.00 – 12.30 Gender and Peace Commission

Sexual and gender based violence and global peace building

Chair:
1. Idorenyin Eyo, University of Uyo, NIGERIA - "Sexual Offences by Members of Peace Contingents in Armed Conflicts in Africa"
2. David Andrew Omona, Uganda Christian University, Uganda - "The Peace is not peaceful. The effect of post conflict Sexual and Gender Based Violence on harmonious resettlement in northern Uganda"
3. Nancy Openda, Egerton University, - "Case Study of Western Ghats
4. Kristen McLean, Yale University, USA - Fatherhood and Masculinity in Sierra Leone: Implications for Intergenerational Peace-building
11.00 – 12.30 Indigenous Peoples Commission

Concluding Session
Chair: Manjushri Sharma
- Review, assessment and performance
- Compilation of Papers
- Conference report
- Future plans

11.00 – 12.30 Internal Conflicts Commission

Chair:
2. Volkan Ipek, Hacettepe University, Turkey - Morocco's position vis a vis MINURSO
3. Helen Ware, University of New England - Rebel rulers or Stationary Bandits
4. Ndokang Esono Ludwig, University of Yaounde 2, Cameroon - Political Instability in a Country and Health State in Another Country: The Case of Central African Republic (CAR) and Cameroon Using a Mortality Model

11.00 – 12.30 Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission Media Representation of Conflict

Chair: Godspower Udoh
1. Godspower Udoh, University of Uyo, NIGERIA - An Aesthetic Appraisal of Newspaper Coverage of Boko Haram Activities
2. Rokeshia Ashley, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA - Representations of Conflict in Diasporic Media: A Case Study of the War of Darfur
3. Amurag Chakma, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh - Triggering Role of New Media in Communal Violence: Lessons from Bangladesh and India
4. Colin Robinson, Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation - Reassessing the Liberian Defence Reform Experience

11.00 – 12.30 Nonviolence and Peace Movements Commission

Nonviolence: Gandhian Concerns
Chair:
1. Vidya Jain, India - Swadeshi (Self-reliance and Globalisation: Gandhian Perspective).
2. Manish Sharma, India, Punjab University - Environmental Sustainability and Social Dynamics.

11.00 – 12.30 Peace Culture and Communication Commission

Chair:
1. Azadeh Hourmanesh, California Institute of Integral Studies, USA - Establishing rapport with children by discussing cultural differences in a psychotherapeutic school-based setting.
2. Mallory Klaunig, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA - "How psychological science may inform the peace process"
3. Sudeshna Roy, Stephen F. Austin State University, USA - Examining the effectiveness of intercultural communication in engendering peace culture in the Middle East.
4. Emma Swan, University of Ottawa, Canada - Sumud and a Culture of Peace: Towards a Deeper Understanding of Indigenous Mechanisms for Peacebuilding in Palestine

11.00 – 12.30 Peace Education Commission

Chair: Candice Carter, Saint Martin's University, USA
1. MD ABDULLAH AL MASUM, University of Chittagong, BANGLADESH - Modernisation of Old Traditional Madrasah Education in Bangladesh: Lessons from British System.
2. Shino Yokotuka, University of Daleware, USA - For a Global Peace or a Global Competition?: Analyzing the Division at the Heart of UNESCO's Global Citizenship Education.
3. Raj Kumar Dhungana, Kathmandu University - Clashes Inside the Class: Effect of Political Violence in Schools in Nepal's Terai Region

11.00 – 12.30 Peace, Security and Development Commission

Co-Chairs: Marcos Ferreira and Christine Atieno
1. Frieder Lempp, Massey University, New Zealand - Experiences of conflict in Melanesia
2. Kattie Lussier, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea - Doing Research during Yemen’s war: An ethical and methodological reflection
3. Musa Adamu Wunti: Bauchi State University, Nigeria - Religiosity, Radicalism and challenges for sustainable peacebuilding in Nigeria
4. Amos Otieno, St. Paul's University, Kenya - The Vicious Cycle of Underdevelopment in Africa: Re-defining Peace and Security

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break
13.30 – 15.00 Plenary 6

Culture, Marginality, Rights and Responsibilities

This plenary illuminates the role of culture and human rights in addressing uneven development, in particular highlighting issues of gender, age, ability, minority groups, religious and spiritual rights and in context of displacement through conflict.

Moderator: Dr Sudeshna Roy, Austin University, Texas, USA
Keynote: Mr. Sedu Mans Jn, Director General, NASSTT, Sierra Leone
Panel Speakers:
1. Prof. T. Debeh Sayndee, Director, Kofi Annan Institute For Conflict Transformation, Liberia;
2. Professor Vidya Jain, University of Rajasthan, India;
3. Dr Isidore Udoh, Northeastern Illinois University, USA

15.00 – 15.30 Tea/Coffee Break

Commission Session 6

15.30 – 16.00 Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission
Chair and Discussant: Richard M'Bayo
1. Isidore Udoh, Northeastern Illinois University, USA - Assessment of the Sources of Violent Conflicts and Strategies for Peacebuilding in Nigeria’s Niger Delta
2. Hideaki Shinoda, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan - Is "Partnership Peacekeeping" a Development of "Ownership"? An Examination of Multi-organizational Peace Operations’ History, Strategy and Politics
3. Ianel Galvanek, Berghof Foundation, Germany - Peaceful Coexistence?: "Traditional" and "Non-traditional" Conflict Resolution Mechanisms

15.30 – 16.00 Ecology and Peace Commission
Chair: Ursula Oswald Spring and Hans Günter Brauch
- Review, assessment and performance
- Preparation of next peer-reviewed book
- Election of new co-chairs (2017-2019): three
- Planning for IPRA Conference in 2018

15.30 – 16.00 Gender and Peace Commission
Chair: Hendrik Quest, Eberhard Karls University, Germany - Militarized Masculinity, DDR and SSR: Reflections on a new research agenda.
2. Marie Rose Bashwira, Wageningen University, Congo - "Necessity or choice: Motives of women migration to artisanal mining regions in the Eastern DRC."

15.30 – 16.00 Global Political Economy Commission
Chair:
1. Katharine Collet, Sierra Leone, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health - Integrating Psychosocial Interventions into Employment Counselling Programs: Experiences from the Youth FORWARD Model in Sierra Leone

15.30 – 16.00 Media, Conflicts and Human Rights Commission

Visualised Media Representation
Chair: Di Luo
1. Janina Wozniak, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa, and Nyasha Mapuwey, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe - Cartooning the peace and reconciliation initiatives during the government of national unity in Zimbabwe, in Zim-Daily.com and NewZimbabwe.com
2. Thomas Martin, University Of Lincoln, UK - Visualising truth: incorporating participatory media projects into documentary methodologies

15.30 – 16.00 Peace Journalism Commission
Chair: Jake Lynch
2. Muhammad Tarique, National University of Modern Languages, Lahore - War v/s Peace: Agenda building in the case of Irans nuclear program in Ahmeed Najad and Hassan Roshani period

15.30 – 17.00 Peace, Security and Development Commission
Chair: Robert Esuruku and Christine Atieno
1. Annette Schramm, University of Tuebingen, Germany - Agricultural policies in peacebuilding: Perpetuating 'Land grabbing'?
2. Dejo Olowu, American University of Nigeria, Nigeria - Peacebuilding and Development in the Lake Chad Region: The Post-Boko Haram Context
3. Anne Menzel, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany - Exceptional Emergency or more of "normal" suffering? A different kind of Ebola story
4. Leopold Nangorogo Yeo, CCSR_Cellule de coordination et suivi de la reinsertion, Cote d'Ivoire - DDR en Cote d'Ivoire, Quelle Innovations? Quelle Spécificité? Comment l'adapter à d'autres contextes de sorties de crises? (English translation: DDR in the Ivory Coast: Innovations, Influences and Adaptations to the outcomes of the crisis)

15.30 – 17.00 Reconciliation and Transitional Justice Commission
Forgiveness and Transitional-Justice – an Interactive Panel

With Wim Laven, Kennesaw State University, USA
Three Case Studies: Forgiveness and Transitional-Justice

17.00 – 17.30 Tea/Coffee Break

17.30 – 19.00 IPRA Administrative Meeting

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9.00 – 9.30 Plenary Session 7
Future Outlooks for Peace and Development

This plenary reflects on the awareness, intersections of new learning and pathways to peace and development that have been revitalised or newly discovered through IPRA and its partner DWD 2016.

Moderator: Professor Andrew Collins

Keynote: Dr. Minkailu Bah, Minister of Education and Technology

Panel speakers:
1. Prof. Gibrisu Juma, Acting Dep. Vice Chancellor - FBC/SL
2. Dr. Ibrahim Seaga Shaw, Northumbria university, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK, and IPRA Secretary General;
3. Dr. Nesrin Kanar, Sakarya University, Turkey, and IPRA Secretary General,
4. Mrs Memunatu Pratt, FBC Peace and conflict Studies University of Sierra Leone

10.30 – 11.00 Tea/Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00 Commission Business Meetings

12:00: Conference officially ends

12:00-3:30 pm
Special Tour (Optional) of Touristic and Historical sites, including the Sierra Leone Peace Museum and the UN Special Court For Sierra Leone

Other Participants
1. Wirba Yongye, Bahai International Community, Cameroon
2. Solomon Faris, Bahai International Community, Ethiopia
3. Rika Fujiya, Keio University, Japan
4. Essien Asuquo Butt, Organization for Peace Development Initiative.
5. Usman Tar, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, Nigeria
6. Abu Kagbo, Bahai International Community, Sierra Leone.
7. Aaladdin Yalcinkaya, Marmara University, Turkey
8. Samuel Osunwe, Kingston University London, UK
9. Bishal Kunwar, Chetanalaya Institute, Kathmandu, Nepal
10. Kullaya Taesilapasathit, Thammasat University, Thailand
11. Felesu Swarey, Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation
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IPRA Statute

Art. 1 (Name)
The name of the Association is the International Peace Research Association, hereafter called IPRA. It was established at a conference held in London on December 3, 1964. The association year is the calendar year.

• Art. 2 (Nature)
IPRA is a voluntary non-profit association of researchers and educators cooperating for scientific purposes.

• Art. 3 (Purpose)
The purpose of IPRA is to advance interdisciplinary research into the conditions of peace and the causes of war and other forms of violence. To this end IPRA shall undertake measures of world-wide cooperation designed to assist the advancement of peace research, and in particular to promote national and international studies and teaching relating to the pursuit of these goals. IPRA shall facilitate contacts between scholars and educators throughout the world, to encourage the international dissemination of results of research in the field and of information on significant development of peace research.

• Art. 4 (On Diversity)
IPRA, as an organization, is fully committed to the principles of equity and diversity, based on geographical representations, genders, races, classes, sexual preferences, ages, religions, cultures, political perspectives, and areas of expertise in research, education, and action/advocacy. Such diversity should be reflected in the IPRA Council, the Executive Committee, the officers of the organization, the Regional Associations and Councils, the IPRA Commissions, and such other organs of IPRA that may be established in the future.

• Art. 5 (Activities)
To achieve the purpose mentioned in Art. 3, IPRA will engage, as far as possible in close cooperation with UNESCO, in such activities as: the organization of international and interdisciplinary general and special conferences, the organization of symposia, seminars and round tables, the organization of international summer schools, workshops, and training courses, the publication of scientific studies of an interdisciplinary character and the proceedings of IPRA conferences, directing the attention of scientists to aspects of peace research, and peace education that might require further investigation.

• Art. 6 (Members)
IPRA shall be composed of three classes of members: individual scholars, scientific institutions and scientific associations, able to accept membership of the Association. IPRA may also have contributing members. Applications will be considered by the Executive Committee.

• Art. 7 (The General Conference)
As a general rule, General Conferences shall be held at least every second year. At the General Conference there shall be a scientific programme and an Administrative Meeting.

• Art 8 (The Administrative Conference of the General Conference)
The Administrative Conference shall hear and approve the report of activities and the financial report of the Secretary General and any other report the IPRA Council shall deem appropriate to submit to it. The Administrative Conference shall elect the Secretary General, Secretary General-Elect and the IPRA Council. The term of the Council shall begin immediately and continue until the next Administrative Meeting. The term of the Secretary General shall begin as soon as practically possible after election. The Administrative Conference shall determine the general policy of the Association. Any individual or corporate member, whose membership fees are not in arrears, shall have one vote. Representatives voting for corporate members or for individual members not present in the Administrative Meeting must bear credentials from the respective corporate and individual members.

• Art. 9 (IPRA Council)
The IPRA Council shall consist of elected and ex officio members. The Administrative Meeting elects 24 members by quota-election for a period of four years. Those who receive the most and second votes among the candidates in each quota of A-1) Africa/female, A-2) Africa/male, B-1) Asia-Pacific/female, B-2) Asia-Pacific/male, C-1) Europe/female, C-2) Europe/male, D-1) Latin America/female, D-2) Latin America/male, E-1) North America/female, E-2) North America/male shall be elected. Those who receive the most votes among the candidates in each quota of F-1) Middle East/female, F-2) Middle East/male, G-1) Russia and former socialist European countries/female, G-2) Russia and former socialist European countries/male shall be elected.

Ex officio members are the Newsletter Editors, IPRA foundation President, heads of regional associations and Secretary General, and, during the election period after the change in office of the latter, his or her immediate predecessor. In addition, one convenor of each IPRA Commission will join the Council, as ex officio, non-voting members. The Administrative Meeting may decide to appoint other ex officio members. The Council shall advise the Executive Committee and the Secretary General in important questions.

• Art 10 (The Executive Committee)
The Executive Committee shall consist of at least five members, elected by the Council from its members. The Executive Committee must be gender balanced and reflect regional representation. The Executive Committee shall determine the policy matters of IPRA between the General Conferences. It shall give general directions to the Secretary General, and assist him or her in their implementation. Special Conferences, dealing with specific topics, will be held on the decision of the Executive Committee. If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee between meetings of the General Conference, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy by co-option. The two secretaries general shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee while the five other members are nominated by the Secretaries general based on regional and gender balance and should be endorsed by the Council. The five Executive Committee Members shall serve for not more than two terms just like the secretaries general. In order to ensure administrative continuity in IPRA the outgoing secretaries general should serve in the next IPRA Executive Committee for a period of two years which ends at the next IPRA conference.

• Art 11 (The Secretariat General)
The Secretary General shall be responsible for the conduct of day-to-day activities of IPRA. He or she will consult with the Executive Committee and keep the Council and the Secretary General-in-Elect informed. Because of the voluntary nature of the Secretary General and the fact that it is such demanding on top of the holder’s main paid job, two secretaries-general are elected for four years period to conduct the day to day activities of IPRA, including the organization of general conference every two years. The secretaries-general should work together and should agree between themselves who will host the first conference and where. The two shall submit proposals explaining the main theme of the conference and why they want to organize it in the host countries. The IPRA Executive Committee will shortlist two or more proposals for the coming four years and submit for approval to the next IPRA General Conference/ Administrative Meeting. To ensure gender and regional balance the two secretaries-general for every four year term should be female and male, and should come from two different regions. The Executive Committee will provide priority to proposals from regions where IPRA conferences have not been held for a very long time.
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- **Art. 12 (Regional Associations and Councils)** Regional Peace Research Associations may be established or associated with IPRA by decision of an Administrative Meeting, and periodically reviewed. A Regional Peace Research Association may elect or appoint one or more Conveners. These appointments shall be subject to ratification by the IPRA Executive Committee, which may, in exceptional circumstances, veto the choice(s) made and appoint other(s) to the role of conveners, instead.

- **Art. 13 (IPRA Commissions)** IPRA Commissions may be created and supported by decision of the Executive Committee, provided that their purposes and activities are compatible with the statute of IPRA, and periodically reconsidered. A Commission may elect or appoint one or more conveners. These appointments will be subject to ratification by the IPRA Executive Committee, which may, in exceptional circumstances, veto the choice(s) made and appoint other(s) to the role of conveners, instead.

Commission Conveners are the key actors in organising peace research in IPRA. After every IPRA General Conference 60 days later they are required to give a detailed report of the activities of their commission, including potentially publishable papers, to the Secretaries General.

- **Art. 14 (Nomination Committee)** The Administrative Meeting may appoint a Nomination Committee to submit a slate of candidates for the offices of Secretary General and IPRA Council members at the next General Conference.

- **Art. 15 (Nominations and Elections)** Any member of IPRA may make a nomination for Secretary General, Secretary General Elect or IPRA Council offices provided that it is made in writing and clearly states who makes the nomination, and that the nominee has agreed to be nominated. Nominations that are to be considered by the Nomination Committee have to be made more than 24 hours prior to the opening of the Administrative Meeting. Apart from its own proposals, the Nomination Committee shall prepare a list of nominations thus made. Anybody who has paid the individual membership fee and is duly nominated, is eligible for election to an IPRA office. If there are no more nominees than offices, the Administrative Meeting may decide to elect by acclamation. Otherwise, all elections take place by closed votes.

- **Art. 16 (Finance)** The financial resources of IPRA shall include: • Annual dues to be contributed by the members, the amount of which shall be determined by the Administrative Meeting. • Subventions, grants and donations, • Proceeds from the sale of publications. • Fees for special services.

- **Art. 17 (Languages)** The working languages of the Association shall be those of UNESCO. The application of this principle shall be determined by considerations of practicability and efficiency.

- **Art. 18 (Publications and Statements)** Decisions as to what publications to appear under the auspices of IPRA, and what statements are to appear in the name of IPRA, shall be taken by the Administrative Meeting or the Executive Committee.

- **Art 19 (Amendment)** This Statute may be amended by a 2/3 majority of the members present and voting at the Administrative Meeting of a General Conference.

- **Art 20 (Termination of membership)** Membership may be terminated: • by a letter of resignation directed to the Secretary General. • by a vote of exclusion adopted by a Council for reasons of activity incompatible with the aims of the Association.

- **Art 21 (Dissolution)** The decision to dissolve the Association shall need a 2/3 majority of the members participating in the Administrative Meeting of a General Conference convoked for the purpose at least three months in advance.

**INTERNATIONAL RULES**

At the 17th General Conference in Brussels (1996) the Secretary General (KathrinKoppe) was mandated to formulate the following internal rules which have since gone for four years but until recently have not been made to written form. The Secretary General submitted a text to the Council which gave its agreement so that these rules from now on are formally binding on all officers and members of IPRA (from the IPRA Newsletter, vol. 35, no. 1, March 1997).

All officers— including the members of the Nomination Committee— are elected for a term of two years until the next General Conference. It is possible that other officers are elected for a second term. Exceptions are possible if the diversity as fixed in Article 4 of the Statutes requires otherwise and the General Conference agrees.

- The Nomination Committee may comprise representatives from the Regional Affiliates of IPRA.
- Individual applications for membership (Article 6 of the IPRA Statutes) can be considered by the Executive Committee only when seconded by two active members.
- Corporate members have two votes in the administrative meeting (according to the double amount of their membership fees). Due to financial status the working language of the Association is English, but all members shall have the right to express themselves in one of the working languages of UNESCO. NB With the amendments to the statutes, adopted in the Calgary Conference, the first two points of the internal rules may not be valid, the elections are for four year terms.}

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