



Photo : Stacy Hughes, Peace Boat

# A CLIMATE FOR PEACE

IPB NOBEL-CENTENARY  
CONFERENCE:  
OSLO, 23-26 SEPT. 2010

The **International Peace Bureau (IPB)** cordially invites all members and supporters to join together for a great celebration in the Norwegian capital from **23th to 26th September 2010**. Under the broad title 'A *Climate for Peace*' we will organise – together with the Norwegian Peace Council - an intensive programme of discussions, social gatherings and cultural events. For details of the programme please visit:

<http://osloconference.ipb.org>

## 100 years of peacemaking

One hundred years ago, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the Permanent International Peace Bureau. With this decision the Norwegian Nobel Committee recognized the leading role of the IPB in the international movement for peace and disarmament. Founded in 1891 in Bern, the IPB was at the time a unique co-operative structure, bringing radical, as well as liberal and conservative, champions of peace together in one organization. IPB's contribution as a key NGO player was evident during the first international peace conference in 1899 which gave rise to the Hague Conventions and other international law milestones. Since those early years, the IPB has worked hard as a federation of organisations to incorporate different levels of activity, and to harmonise a variety of perspectives on the challenge of peacemaking. Over the decades, despite two world wars and many conflicts and controversies, a wide range of individuals and organizations have succeeded in working together within the IPB framework to strengthen the ties among peace and disarmament communities



## Connecting the past to the future

On the occasion of the centenary of the Nobel award to IPB, we propose to draw a line connecting the early history of international peace promotion and its pioneers to the challenges of the present day. In accordance with IPB's broad vision ('working together for a world without war') our aim is to strengthen the partnerships between different currents in the peace movement, and to raise the question of what peace work in the coming century will look like. The title A Climate for Peace is both a reference to rapidly growing global environmental concerns, and a reminder that progress in peacemaking depends on creating a positive political and social atmosphere in which specific policies can be adopted.

We are immensely grateful to our Norwegian and other Nordic partners in the organisation of this important gathering, and we welcome all our members, friends and supporters to join us in Oslo for this very special occasion.



## Summary Programme:

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Venue	Nobel Peace Center	Litteraturhuset	
Morning		Plenary <b>DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT</b> - Presentation of IPB's work - Workshops	Plenary <b>CONFLICTS + CIVILIAN PEACE SERVICE</b> Workshops
Afternoon		Plenary <b>NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT</b> - Hot spot debate: <b>The West's role in Afghanistan</b>	Plenary <b>PEACE EDUCATION</b> - Hot spot debate: <b>Norway as a peace nation</b>
Evening	<b>OPENING</b> • Official presentations • Keynote • Opening • Official presentations • Keynote • MacBride Prize award Cocktail	Special panel: <b>100 YEARS...(AND MORE) OF PEACEMAKING</b>	- Reports from workshops - Proposals for IPB action - Adoption of Conference Declaration Concert

**Additional days: Tues-Weds Sept 21-22 : YOUTH PROGRAMME (in Norwegian)**  
**Sun. Sept 26: IPB TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY – held at Nobel Institute**

*If you require an invitation letter for visa purposes, please write to Hedda Langemyr [hedda@norgesfredsrad.no](mailto:hedda@norgesfredsrad.no) who will send you a formal letter that you can present to the Norwegian Consulate in your capital city. Registration will open in early summer 2010. For all other details please contact IPB Geneva secretariat:*



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