

IARF

The purpose of the International Association for Religious Freedom is to work for freedom of religion and belief because it is a precious human right that potentially enables the best within our religious lives, or our search for truth or enlightenment, to flourish. www.IARF.net

IARF EME is the organization of IARF member groups and chapters in Europe and the Middle East.

To further aims within the IARF mandate, it can:

- organize conferences and symposia open to the general public
- set up networks of people from among its membership
- support IARF and its member organizations
- invite others to join its networks and/or join forces with similar organizations to support religious communities suffering from injustice or persecution
- give support to other organizations which operate within the IARF mandate
- set up foundations to raise funds for specific targets within the IARF mandate

This regional conference is open to all who wish to attend. Language will be English. It is being facilitated by IARF Dutch Chapter (NLG) The organizing committee consists of:

Annelies Trenning (IARF NLG Dutch chapter)
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Conference Venue:

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Mennorode runs a shuttle to Nunspeet Railway Station. By appointment only. Contact reception desk at least 24 hrs. in advance.

Costs:

Euro 235 All-in; starting dinner on Thursday, incl. excursion; excl. lunch on Sunday. For those wishing to attend part of the programme or staying elsewhere day prices apply.

How to get there:

By train:

From Schiphol to Nunspeet Railway Station by Amersfoort. For schedule check 9292.nl

By car:

From A1 (E30) take junction 18 *Kootwijk*
From A28 junction 14 *Elspeet* follow N.301;
Mennorode is situated apart from village; follow signs.

Further enquiries and application forms at

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belief with integrity

IARF EME Regional Conference for Europe and Middle East July, 19th - 22nd 2012

Liberal Religion on 'Hold', 'Play', Or 'Fast Forward'?

Keynote Speakers
Prof. Meerten B. ter Borg
Prof. Anne R. Mackor

**"Mennorode", Elspeet
Netherlands**

LECTURES

Prof Meerten B. ter Borg

Prof. ter Borg has recently stepped down as professor of noninstitutional religion at Leiden University. He is a prolific author of books and articles on implicit religion and sense-making, in Dutch. In English he has published in *Implicit Religion*, *Sociological Analysis* and in the *Oxford Handbook of The Sociology of Religion*.

Prof. Anne R. Mackor

Prof. Mackor has been professor of professional ethics, with particular attention for the legal professions, at the faculty of law of Groningen University since 2009. Since 2004 she is the Socrates professor of professional ethics at the Faculty of Theology and Religious studies and the Faculty of Philosophy at the same university.

IARF WORKSHOPS

Robert Papini, [IARF international Secretariat] will do a plenary on recent developments in IARF work. Including an introduction to IARF's new website.

Lucie Meijer will give newcomers to IARF a short introduction to its history and its institutions, and give practical advice on how to set up a chapter and get started.

Yehuda Stolov will explain his efforts to bring together religious leaders in a complicated political setting.

Morse Flores will outline IARF's position as an NGO at the UN in Geneva, with Wytske Dijkstra focusing on the UPR process.

Annelies Trenning and Renate Bauer will explain lobby work at the European Parliament; EPRID and EPPSP to be highlighted.

PROGRAMME

Thursday July 19th 16.00 sharp

[0. registration open from 14.00]

1. Opening session incl. performance by Kees Posthumus
2. Dinner
3. 1st key-note: Prof. Meerten ter Borg on our vanguard position
4. Evening Devotion

Friday July 20th:

1. Morning Devotion
2. Breakfast
3. 2nd key-note: Prof. Anne Ruth Mackor on the ethics of being directive
4. Plenary: Robert Papini (IARF int. Secretariat): "IARF (k)now"
5. Lunch
6. Excursion + Pancake Dinner
7. Plenary Multimedia presentation
8. Evening Devotion (Nedko Popov)

Saturday July 21st:

1. Morning Devotion
2. Breakfast
3. Plenary: Religions and politics in The Netherlands (J. Röselaers, t.b.c.)
4. Various Meetings:
 - a) Business Meeting EME

b) Workshop "EME Fast Forward - New Countries, New Chapters" (Lucie Meijer)

c) Creative Workshop (Mariken Hanke van Peurseem)

5. Lunch

6. Workshops:

a) Jerusalem – Hebron Religious Leaders Forum, IARF Project (Yehuda Stolov)

b) IARF and the European Union (Annelies Trenning, Renate Bauer)

c) IARF Human Rights Work at the UN (Morse Flores, Wytske Dijkstra)

7. Plenary Session: Summary of Workshops – the fun way

8. Dinner

9. Cultural Evening

Sunday 22nd:

1. Breakfast

2. Worship Service + Closing

Conference closes 12.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Kees Posthumus has gained renown with performances about Calvin, Arminius and Menno; international career includes a tour of Israel.

Mariken Hanke van Peurseem is a teacher of music and professional player of recorders.

Joost Röselaers is a Remonstrant minister in Amsterdam. He frequently invites celebrities to his pulpit.

Workshop programme to be expanded depending on number of participants.