



The Beacon for Freedom of Expression Conference 2004

Beacon on Freedom of Expression Conference 19 th May 2003

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 - 11:30 **Opening of Conference**

H.E. Ms.Valgerd Svarstad Haugland The Norwegian Minister of Cultural & Church Affairs

Ismail Serageldin , Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina

Bishop Desmond Tutu , South Africa Nobel Laureate, via video

Aung San Suu Kyi , Burmese Nobel Laureate, via video conference

"Arabic Poetry and Freedom of Expression"

Ahmed Abdel Mooti Hegazy, writer

Gere Andarssen , Deputy Director, Worldview Rights introduces Exhibition
"Art for Freedom"

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

Press Conference

Conference Moderator: Kay Raseroka, IFLA President-Elect

12:00 - 12:45 **Session 1:**

"Artistic freedom of expression"

Arne Ruth , former editor-in-chief of the Swedish newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* presently guest professor in residence at the University of Oslo

"Fundamentalism and Art Oppression"

Mostafa El Razzaz , Chairman of the Visual Art Committee of the Supreme Council of Culture and Folklore Art Society

12:45 - 01:30 **Session 2:**

"Censorship of films, broadcasting and Internet"

Andrew Puddephat , Executive Director of Article 19, representative of IFEX - International Freedom of Expression exchange and Board member of the International Steering Committee

Gehad Odah , Vice-Dean, Faculty of Political Science, Helwan University

Break



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01:30 - 02:30

Session 3

02:30- 03:15

" The end of history: censorship and libraries "

Alex Byrne , IFLA Governing Board Member / Chair of IFLA/FAIFE Committee and member of the International Steering Committee for the Beacon for Freedom of Expression

" Role of public libraries in promoting freedom of expression "

H.E. Ambassador Abdel Raouf Elreedy , Chairman of the Board of Mubarak Public Library, former Ambassador to the USA

Session 4

03:15 - 04:00

"Censorship in a local and international perspective"

Eugene Schoulgin , Chair of Writers in Prison Committee, International PEN
Hani Shukrallah, Managing Editor -Al Ahram Weekly

Coffee Break

04:00 - 04:30

Session 5

04:30 - 05:15

"The importance of dialogue serving intercultural and inter-religious communication on freedom of expression"

Bendik Rugaas , Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Council of Europe

Egyptian Participant

05:15 - 06:00

Session 6 - Round table discussion

"The continued development of Beacon for Freedom of Expression"

Mette Newth , Project Leader and Chair of Beacon for Freedom of Expression international Steering Committee

Frode Bakken , President of the Norwegian Library Association, Chair of the Norwegian Steering Committee and member of the International Steering Committee

Gere Andarssen, " Nobel Peace Laureates Follow up Fund"

Ismail Serageldin , Director of the BA

Announcement of International Conference in September 2004 (during BA Book Fair)



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06:00 - 07:00 Tour of Library (Library closes at 7:00 p.m.)

08:00 - 09:30 Dinner hosted by the Norwegian Minister of Cultural and Church Affairs