



INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU

Annual Seminar

Books or Bombs? Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development

Institute for Peace Studies
Bibliotheca Alexandrina

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT



A boy saves a few books from the rubble of his home, a six-storey apartment building which was bombed by the Israeli air force. The building was in the middle of a densely populated area in the city of Tyre, Lebanon. © 2007 Jeroen Oerlemans / Panos Pictures

November 11-12, 2007

INTRODUCTION

You are warmly invited to participate in an international seminar organised by the International Peace Bureau in cooperation with the Institute for Peace Studies, Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

www.peacestudiesinstitute.org

This seminar is the main international gathering in 2007 to showcase and to debate IPB's ongoing programme *Sustainable Disarmament for Sustainable Development*. Through this work IPB is building a global network to pursue three objectives:

- ◆ to encourage states to shift resources away from military spending and towards greater investment in sustainable development;
 - ◆ to draw attention to the negative impact of weapons on the development process and to promote disarmament; and
 - ◆ to integrate these efforts into peace and social justice campaigns around the world.
- The meeting will bring together experts and advocates, diplomats and students, journalists and civil society representatives from many countries.

More details about the seminar programme, speakers, etc will follow – continuous updating on our website www.ipb.org

Linked to this seminar will be the annual IPB Council meeting (November 13)



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

MORNING

Opening Session: **WELCOME**

- Amb. Aly Maher El Sayed, Peace Studies Institute
- Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Library of Alexandria (TBC)
- Tomas Magnusson, IPB President
- Amb. Jan Henningsson, Swedish Institute
- Amb. (Ms.) Faiza Abou El Naga, Minister of International Cooperation, Egyptian Government

Plenary session 1:

DISARMAMENT - DEVELOPMENT: AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

MAIN SPEAKER:

- Amb. Jayantha Dhanapala, IPB Hon. President, former UN Under Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs

AFTERNOON

Plenary session 2:

DISARMAMENT - DEVELOPMENT: IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MAIN SPEAKER:

- Amb. Mohamed Shaker, Egyptian Council on Foreign Affairs

Plenary session 3:

DISARMAMENT - DEVELOPMENT: CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES

MAIN SPEAKER:

- David Minoves, Director, Catalan Development Agency (TBC)

Optional Tour of the Bibliotheca

EVENING

Reception offered by the Swedish Institute



MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

Workshop day – session leaders/experts to be announced later.

MORNING

WORKSHOP 1

Military spending and human development

WORKSHOP 2

Weapons of Mass Destruction-free M. East

WORKSHOP 3

Landmines, remnants of war, cluster munitions

AFTERNOON

WORKSHOP 4

Small arms and light weapons

WORKSHOP 5

Science & technology research – its relationship with the economy of war and development choices

WORKSHOP 6

Educating and campaigning: building civil society coalitions

FINAL PLENARY

Workshop reports and closing remarks

Additional speakers: Among the other resource persons who have been invited are:

Frida Berrigan (World Policy Institute), Jean-Pierre Dardaud (President, Frères des Hommes), Rebecca Peters (Director, IANSA, International Action Network on Small Arms) – *all to be confirmed.*

Interpretation (Arabic – English)

will be available for all sessions, except 2 workshops that will be in English only.

ABOUT THE BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the New Library of Alexandria, is dedicated to recapture the spirit of the original. It aspires to be:

- The World's window on Egypt;
- Egypt's window on the world;
- A leading institution of the digital age; and above all
- A center for learning, tolerance, dialogue and understanding.

To fulfil that role, the new complex is much more than a library. It contains:

- A library that can hold millions of books;
- A center for the Internet and its archive;
- Six specialized libraries
- Three museums
- A Planetarium;
- An ALEXploratorium for children's exhibitions;
- Two permanent exhibitions;



- Six art galleries for temporary exhibitions;
- A conference center for thousands of persons;
- Seven research institutes covering:

Today, this vast complex is a reality receiving more than 800,000 visitors a year. www.bibalex.org

About the Institute for Peace Studies

The Institute for Peace Studies (www.bibalex.org/IPS) of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) was inaugurated in February 2006 and is hosted at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The Institute seeks to undertake studies and research, prepare material and case studies, and promote the culture of peace in the region. It also aims to engage in a series of partnerships on regional and international levels and, to develop training and research programs that will enhance human security and peace, as well as expand the role of women and young people in the process of peace building. See also: www.peacestudiesinstitute.org

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU

The IPB is dedicated to the vision of a World Without War. We are a Nobel Peace Laureate (1910) and over the years 13 of our officers have been recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize. Our 280 member organisations in 70 countries, and individual members, form a global network bringing together expertise and campaigning experience in a common cause



Tourist opportunities

Egypt is a fabulous destination for those interested in exploring history, architecture, arts and crafts, religion, food and more! The Institute for Peace Studies is happy to put you in touch with reliable tour operators and other tourist facilities. Think about combining attendance at the seminar with visits to Alexandria, Cairo, the Pyramids, Luxor and beyond! We recommend you contact **Wings Tours**: Mr. Ahmed Galal.

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