

4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Human Rights & Prison Reform

June 21-24, 2009 Geneva, Switzerland

Sponsored by International CURE & Cosponsored by Jane Addams College of Social Work in Chicago

“Prison Reform in the World”

"When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?" Eleanor Roosevelt, Chair of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in 1948.

Sunday, June 21

2 PM - 7 PM

Come to the Geneva Hostel, Rue Rothschild, N 30, (30 N. Rothschild St.). The train station <Cornavin> is one stop from the Airport. The Hostel is 10 minutes on foot from the train station <Cornavin>. Or, at the train station, take tram 13 or 15 to <Nations> get off at <Butini> Rue Rothschild is two streets back from the stop. Look for the hostel international sign.

After arriving at the Hostel, come to the CURE table in the Conference Room to register for the Conference. There is no charge for the Conference and a bed for four nights at the Hostel will be paid for by CURE. But, all participants will have to pay for their travel to and from Geneva and other expenses in Geneva. The Hostel provides a free breakfast every morning and a free card to travel on the tram.

Get on Jose's List NOW if you are staying at the Hostel

After registering, you can check in at the Hostel. You must be on *Jose's List*. Email Jose de Jesus Filho NOW for a form to fill out for the hostel and email it back to him. His email address is jjesusfilho2002@yahoo.com.br

7 PM - 10 PM

Self-Introductions followed by a Social.

Monday, June 22

8 AM

Leave in small groups from the Hostel and travel by tram 13 or 15 to the United Nations. You will be with a volunteer leader who knows the way.

8:30 AM

Get on Eric's List NOW to get into the United Nations

Start being processed through security at the United Nations. You must be on *Eric's List* to be processed through security. *EVERYONE not just those staying at the hostel must be on Eric's List*. Email Eric Peterson NOW for the form that you must fill out and then email back to Eric. Eric's email is vacure@cox.net

Panels in Room XXV in the UN

During the next three days, there will be twelve panels on major human rights documents and their application to people in prison. Listed below are the panelists who have confirmed so far. Each will make an eight minute presentation and be available for questions after all presentations by the panelists. Our goal is to have a panelist from each of the five continents. Thus, there will be more panelists than those listed.

Panels also will have simultaneous translations in French, Spanish and English. If you have an expertise for a particular panel and would like to serve, please email cure@curenational.org

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Universal Declaration on Human Rights in regard to People in Prison e. g. voting

Fr. Tony J. Ranada S.V.D. President emeritus, PRESO Foundation (Prisoners' Restorative Services Operation, Inc.), Philippines

Paula Osmok, Executive Director, John Howard Society of Ontario, Toronto, Canada

Venance Brou, Executive Director, Cote d'Ivoire-CURE, Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

11 AM- 11:30 AM

Break



Brou

11:30 AM - 1 PM

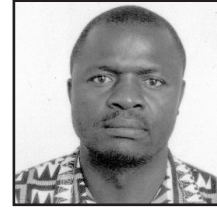
Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and Economic, Social & Cultural Rights and People in Prison

Franz Kurz Member of Registered Society for the Support of Offenders within Association for
probation and Offenders Assistance, Germany

Rev. Samuel Kawilila, Executive Secretary, Kambia-CURE, Kambia;

Aya Kuwayama, The Center for Prisoners' Rights, Japan

Elise Marie Knudsen, John Howard Society of Ontario, Toronto, Canada.



Kawilila



Kuwayama

1 PM - 3 PM

Lunch on your own



Kurz

3 PM - 4:30 PM

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Jose De Jesus Filho, OMI, Catholic Bishops' Conference Prison Pastoral Care of Brasil

Ernest Nnamdi Ogbozor, Consultant, past Country Director for Prisoners Rehabilitation

and Welfare Action (PRAWA/Nigeria) Onipanu, Lagos, Nigeria;



Filho



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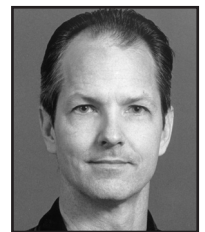
4:30 PM - 6 PM

Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT)

All panelists will be from the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) and presentations will be decided by the APT. The OPCAT provides inspections of institutions where people cannot leave on their own. This includes prisons and jails as well as institutions housing persons with mental disabilities.

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Reception for the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture, the entity created for implementation of the OPCAT. Ambassadors from the countries represented at the Conference will be invited.



Alan Pogue (above) took this picture of the First International Conference on Human Rights and Prison Reform held in New York City in October, 2001.

Alan has won numerous awards and yet, has volunteered his camera expertise since CURE began 35 years ago in Texas.

During the reception, Alan will have pictures of prisons exhibited from the Americas and Africa.

He will travel to Africa a month before the Conference to take the pictures.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7 AM - 8:30 AM

Geneva Hostel Conference Room/How to Start a CURE Chapter. Workshop is open to anyone interested and will be facilitated by Carla Peterson, Executive Director, Virginia-CURE, U.S.A.



Peterson

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Convention on the Rights of the Child in regard to People in Prison and their Children

Creasie Finney Hairston, Dean and Professor, Jane Addams College of Social Work,
University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

Bernard Boeton Terre des hommes Foundation, Children Rights
Department, Lausanne, Switzerland

Kasif Naeem, Legal Aid Coordinator, SOIL (Social Organization for
Integral Life), Pakistan

Koffi Nestor Ouffoue Konan, Niger CURE Leader, Niger



Naeem



Hairston

11:30 AM - 1 PM

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
and its Relationship to Women Incarcerated**

Michael Mary Nolan, Sister of the Holy Cross, Criminal Lawyer and Vice-President,
ITTC a Non-Government Organization that works with women in prison
with a specific program for foreigners in jail in Brazil

Claudia Boudreaux, Ex-Director/Co-founder, Shoulders to Lean On, Inc. Louisiana, USA

Debbie Kilroy, Founder, Sisters Inside, Australia.

Kim Pate, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) Canada



Boudreaux

3 PM - 4:30 PM

**Convention on Protection of Rights of Migrant Workers
and Members of their Families in regard to Prisons**

Rev. Sebastian Thekkanath, Executive Director, CURE India

Dan Ozoukou, Executive Director, Ethiopia-CURE



Thekkanath

4:30 PM- 6 PM

International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination

Malkiat Rahi, Chairman, Singh Legal Foundation, India

Bruno Van Der Maat, Associate Professor at the Univesidad Catolica de Santa Maria
and President Observatorio de Prisione- Arequipa Peru



Van Der Maat

7 PM- 9 PM Conference room at the Geneva Hostel

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Regional instruments for human rights applied to people in prison.

Participants will gather together in separate rooms according to their continents.

Africa will discuss the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

Americas will discuss the American Declaration of the rights and duties of Man
and the American Convention on Human Rights

Europe will discuss the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and
fundamental Freedoms.

Asia will discuss the need for a Regional Instrument.



Wednesday, June 24

7 AM - 8:30 AM **Conference Room at Geneva Hostel.**

Workshop on How to Maintain a CURE Chapter

Carla Peterson, Executive Director, Virginia-CURE, U.S.A. Facilitator

9:30 AM - 11 AM

Second Protocol on the Death Penalty

Aureilie Placais, Program and Administrative Officer, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, France

11:30 AM - 1 PM

Other UN Instruments for Criminal Justice Reform

Rachel Brett, Representative (Human Rights & Refugees), Quaker UN Office, Geneva



Brett

3 PM - 4:30 PM

Standard Minimum for the Treatment of Prisoners

Brother Jarlath D'Souza, Secretary, The Bangladesh Inter-Religious Council for Peace & Justice

Margaret Gaffney, Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Brazil

Aditya Sanjihi, author of study on visiting in the prisons in India.

Worked with Tihar Prison, the biggest prison in Asia.



Sanjihi

4:30 PM - 6 PM

OPCAT Discussion on signing, Ratification and Implementation

Martha Miravete Cicero, Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina - Foro de Vih Mujeres y Familia
The NGO Working Group on the OPCAT is invited to the panel.



Cicero

6:30 PM
We gather for group picture to be taken by Alan Pogue with flags at the United Nations.



WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

This conference has been organized by International CURE a grassroots advocacy organization headquartered in the US. CURE has very limited financial resources and depends on donations from generous members and supporters for its survival.

Generous financial support from the Jane Addams College of Social Work have made this conference possible. Presently International CURE has 48 beds reserved at the Geneva Hostel. The cost per night is \$29. And CURE has reserved 12 beds at the City Hostel which is a few blocks away. So far, CURE is committed to paying over \$10,000.

Recently, many of you were so generous in response to our usual holiday appeal. The present recession makes us hesitant to ask for donations again and we do try not to ask for money more than once a year. But, if you are interested in helping us with this hostel bill, we thank you!

Jane Addams once wrote "The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life."

You have already joined and helped the many in the world who are working for the "good". Could you help again? Send your donations to: International CURE PO Box 2310 Washington, DC 20013