Nuclear Exits
Countries Foregoing the Nuclear Option
International Congress
Helsinki, Finland 18th -19th October, 2013
Venue: Paasitorni Congress Centre

Organisers: International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (tbc)
International Peace Bureau
Physicians for Social Responsibility Finland

Programme

The Congress will explore the existing knowledge on the political and NGO processes that have led countries to forego the nuclear option. There are 8 nuclear states in the world and 2 potential members of the club. However, numeral countries have obtained the technological capabilities of going nuclear and gone through the political process but taken nuclear exit. The experiences have not been thoroughly collected and the research has been scarce.

The obligation of our generation is to produce strong public opinion, political willingness and courage to forego the nuclear option and demand nuclear zero.

Friday 18th October

Opening Ceremony 10.00 – 12.00
Chair: Minister Elisabeth Rehn (tbc)
H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Erkki Tuomioja, Finland
Keynote speaker: H.E. President Frederick William de Klerk, Nobel Peace Laureate, South Africa
Lunch 12.00 – 13.00

Why There is so Little Research on Nuclear Exits? 13.00 – 15.00
Professor Raimo Väyrynen, chair
Maria Rost Rublee, Ph.D. Senior lecturer, Australian National University: Why Civil Society Matters: Scholarly Research on Nuclear Exits
Sico van der Meer, Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute of International Relations: Able but unwilling; Why most states that could build nuclear weapons decided not to do so
Discussants: Caroline Gilbert, Jarmo Pykälä

15.00-15.30 Coffee

Nuclear Disarmament and Conversion Process in Practice 15.30 – 17.00
Chair Dr Jukka Laaksonen, Rosatom, Chief, International Relations
Gioconda Ubeda, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica (tbc): The Tlatelolco Process
Tarja Cronberg, Ph.D, Member of European Parliament
Could Iran and DPRK forego their nuclear programmes
Yuri Donskoy, Peacekeepers International Association: The case of Ukraine
Kazakhstan, Belarus tbc

19.00 Reception, City of Helsinki
Saturday 19th October

Nuclear Exit Decisions 9.00 – 10.30
Chair Ms Outi Ojala, chair, Committee of One Hundred, Finland
Tomas Magnusson, co-chair, IPB: Sweden
Dr Tilman Ruff, IPPNW, co-president: Australia,
Dr Andreas Nidecker, IPPNW, Switzerland
Fred S. Frederickson, Director, Nuclear Policy Directorate, NATO:
Under the Nuclear Umbrella

Coffee Break 10.30 -11.00

Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Geopolitics globally and in Asia 11.00 – 13.00
Jayantha Dhanapala, chair, Pugwash
Tadetoshi Akiba, chair, Middle Powers Initiative,
Ho Jin Lee, Former chair, UN Advisory Board of Disarmament

Lunch, 13.00 -14.00

Nuclear Exits for the Future! 14.00 – 15.00
Ira Helfand and Tilman Ruff, co-presidents, IPPNW:
Nuclear Famine – Millions in Danger

The Role of NGO´s and Civil Society, 15.00 – 17.00
Chair: Ilkka Taipale, conference organiser
Ingeborg Breines, Co-President, International Peace Bureau
Alexandre Liebeskind, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue
Jarmo Pykälä, chair, Safer Globe Finland
Alyn Ware, Peace Activist

End of the Conference, Dr Ilkka Taipale, chair, Organising Committee, 17.00

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