

HISTORY

Founded in 1964, IPRA developed from a group of scholars interested in holding research conferences on the topic of international peace and security. Under the leadership of John Burton, this group decided to form a professional association with the principal aim of increasing the quantity of research focused on world peace and ensuring its scientific quality.

Today, IPRA has approximately 1400 individual and institutional associates worldwide and is a member of the International Social Science Council. In 1989 IPRA was awarded the UNESCO prize for Peace Education. In 2006 IPRA and its host (CPRS) received the UNESCO Chair for Peace Architecture and Intellectual and Moral Solidarity.

ORGANISATION

IPRA is made up of members who may affiliate with any of IPRA's commissions, working groups and regional associations. IPRA is administered by the Secretary General and advised by the Council, both of which are elected biennially by the IPRA members.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in IPRA benefits scholars, practitioners and students of peace research, conflict transformation and peace building. If you are not a member of our organisation, we urge you to join and enjoy the benefits from the range of activities and services. Apply online or download the membership form and email/fax it to the Secretariat (below). Payment for individual or institutional (biennial) membership is possible online or at IPRA conferences.

IPRA GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2008

IPRA's 22nd Biennial Global Conference, "Building Sustainable Futures: Enacting Peace and Development" will be held in Leuven, Belgium, 15-19 July 2008. The conference theme focuses on the interaction between economic development, environmental change and conflict prevention and peace building efforts in the 21st century. Without adequate efforts to build sustainable peace at local, national, regional and global levels, sustainable development cannot succeed. Additionally, too many peace interventions do not address root causes or sources of violence. This conference will address the complexity of these links through plenary sessions and more than one hundred panels and roundtables organised by IPRA's Commissions and Working Groups. For more information, please see the conference website: www.ipra2008.org.

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International Peace Research Association

The Network for Peace Research

The International Peace Research Association

(IPRA) is an international non-governmental organisation seeking to advance transdisciplinary research into the conditions of sustainable peace and the causes of war and other forms of violence. IPRA encourages worldwide cooperation designed to assist the advancement of peace research, in particular: to promote national and international studies and teaching related to the pursuit of world peace, to facilitate contacts and cooperation between scholars and educators throughout the world, and to encourage the worldwide dissemination of the results of peace research.

COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

Each of IPRA's commissions and working groups has its own convenors and carries out its own research activities. The activities include organising panels at the biennial conferences and stimulating communication among interested peace researchers through meetings, publications, and occasional papers.

Art and Peace Commission
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Eastern Europe Commission
Ecology and Peace Commission
Forced Migration Commission
Gender and Peace Commission
Global Political Economy Commission
Indigenous Peoples' Rights Commission
Internal Conflicts Commission
International Human Rights Commission
Nonviolence Commission
Peace Culture and Communications Commission
Peace Education Commission
Peace History Commission
Peace Journalism Commission
Peace Movements Commission
Peace Theories Commission
Reconciliation Commission
Religion and Peace Commission
Security and Disarmament Commission
Youth and Peace Commission

Development and Peace Group
Earth Charter Working Group
Evaluation of Development and Peace Activities Group
World Governance and Peace Group
Knowledge and Peace Group
Middle East Group
Peace Negotiation and Mediation Group
Peace Psychology Group
Sport and Peace Group

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA)
Africa Peace Research and Education Association (AFPREA)
European Peace Research Association (EUPRA)
Consejo Latinoamericano de Investigacion para la Paz (CLAIP, Latin America)
Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA, North America)

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CONFERENCES

Biennially IPRA holds its international conference, a major event with hundreds of participants from around the globe. The goal of each conference is information sharing. Additionally, it is a forum for global networking and initiating joint projects. The conferences are made up of approximately 100 panels, organised by IPRA's commissions and working groups, in addition to plenary sessions highlighting keynote speakers and current themes. The conference venues have been chosen to reflect the association's global scope:

1965	Groningen, the Netherlands	1988	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1967	Tallberg, Sweden	1990	Groningen, the Netherlands
1969	Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia	1992	Kyoto, Japan
1971	Bled, Yugoslavia	1994	Valetta, Malta
1974	Varanasi, India	1996	Brisbane, Australia
1975	Turku, Finland	1998	Durban, South Africa
1977	Oaxtepec, Mexico	2000	Tampere, Finland
1979	Konigstein, Germany	2002	Suwon, Korea
1981	Orillia, Canada	2004	Sopron, Hungary
1983	Gyor, Hungary	2006	Calgary, Canada
1986	Sussex, England	2008	Leuven, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

IPRA sponsors publications of the highest quality in peace research and peace education. The International Journal of Peace Studies (IJPS) provides a peer reviewed outlet for the best in our field of research. A free subscription to IJPS is included in IPRA membership. In addition, our IPRA News web page strives to bring news about the field and practitioners to the members. Finally, the IPRA webpage intends to provide useful information (databanks, addresses of research institutions and education-training programmes) for peace researchers.

