



“The Way Forward to a World Free of Nuclear Weapons”

Canadian Pugwash Group Anniversary Conference, Pugwash, N.S. July 9-12, 2015

Thursday July 9

1800-1900 – Dinner for participants at Lobster Factory, adjacent to Thinkers Lodge, 249 Water Street, Village of Pugwash

Public Forum at Pugwash District High School, 192 Church St., Village of Pugwash

1930-2100 – Lessons Learned and Unlearned

Chairperson: Ms. Alexa McDonough, O.C.

Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Shawn Brunt, Chairperson, Thinkers Lodge Society (or a TLS representative) and Mr. Giovanni Brenciaglia, Pugwash Park Commission.

Public Forum:

“The Legacy of Hiroshima – 70 years on” - Dr. Kennette Benedict

“How will the next generation champion disarmament?” - Mr. Poul-Erik Christiansen

Friday July 10

VENUE: St. Thomas More Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Village of Pugwash

0915 – Welcome by Conference Chair, Mr. Paul Meyer

0930-1030 - Current Context I

Chairperson: Dr. Peter Meincke

“Pugwash at 60 and Nuclear Disarmament: A Call to Humanity” - The Hon. Douglas Roche O.C.

“Cold War Redux: Implications for Nuclear Disarmament” - Prof. Sergei Plekhanov

1030-1100 - Coffee Break

1100-1215 – Current Context II

Chairperson: Mr. Shane Roberts

“The 2015 NPT Review Conference: An Assessment” - Prof. Erika Simpson

“Modernization Programs of the NWS” - Ms. Peggy Mason

“The Challenge of a WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East” - Mr. Paul Meyer

1215 – 1315 – Lunch break (Lobster Factory)

GROUP PHOTO – THINKERS LODGE GROUNDS [details to be provided]

1330 -1450 – Current Context III

Chairperson: Prof. David Fleming

“The Fissile Material Challenge: The GGE and Beyond” - Dr. Martin Larose

“Arctic Security: Prospects for a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone” - Dr. Adele Buckley

“Strategic Foresight and a World Without Nuclear Weapons” - Dr. David Harries

1450-1500 Guidance to Breakout Groups -[Paul Meyer]

1500-1700 Breakout Group Discussion

[Coffee Break Included]

Themes for Breakout Groups:

1) Strategic Foresight's role in Progress on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation - facilitated by Dr. David Harries

2) Ballistic Missile Defences and Outer Space Security -facilitated by Mr. Cesar Jaramillo

3) Nuclear Disarmament – facilitated by Ms. Peggy Mason

4) The Use of Force and Challenges to Conventional Arms Control – facilitated by Mr. Robin Collins

18:00-2000 Dinner (Lobster Factory)

Address – Chairperson: Ms. Dennice Leahey, O.C.

“The Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons Movement: A Game Changer for Nuclear Disarmament?” - Dr. Randy Rydell

Saturday July 11

VENUE: St. Thomas More Church Hall, 79 Church Street

0915 – 1045 The Way Forward: Options

Chairperson: Prof. Pierre Jasmin

“The Ban” - Mr. Cesar Jaramillo

“The Nuclear Weapons Convention” - Dr. John Burroughs

“Probing Existing Initiatives to Discern Smart Steps for Disarmament” - Ms. Bev Delong

1045-1115 Coffee break

1115-1245 The Way Forward: Activist Groups

Chairperson: Ms. Emma Hansen

“An Irish Perspective on New Agenda Coalition and the Way Forward” - Mr. Michael Hurley, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland to Canada

“The Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative” - Mr. Marius Grinius

“Civil Society Engagement” - Ms. Macha MacKay

1245-1400 Lunch break (Thinkers Lodge Dining Hall)



1400-1530 Breakout Group Discussion continued and Formulation of Recommendations (1 or 2 per group)

1530-1545 Coffee Break

1545-1730 [Reports of Breakout Groups](#) and Plenary Discussion of Recommendations

Chairperson: Mr. Paul Meyer

[[Recommendations to the Government of Canada](#) | [Recommandations de Pugwash Canada réuni à Pugwash en juillet-2015](#)]

1730-1745: Concluding Remarks by Conference Chairperson

1800-2100 Dinner (Lobster Factory) with Guests from Thinkers Lodge Society (TLS)

Chairperson: Dr. David Harries

[BEFORE DINNER] Grace The Hon Douglas Roche, O.C.

[AFTER DINNER] Program:

- "The Way Forward for the TLS", Mr. Shawn Brunt, Chairperson, Thinkers Lodge Society (or a TLS representative)
- ["Canadian Pugwash and Existential Threats to Humanity"](#) – Ms. Sandra Butcher, Prof. Walter Dorn and Prof. Pierre Jasmin – [Decisive Times For Pugwash](#) | [Pugwash-à-la-croisée-des-chemins](#)

SUBMISSION from Earl Turcotte: ["Toward the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons"](#)

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