

News from Info-Cult

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The 2012 ICSA Conference in Montreal



Info-Cult is pleased to announce that the **2012 International Cultic Studies Association's (ICSA)** Annual conference will be held in Montreal from July 5 – 7, 2012. This will be the first time it will be held in our city. This conference is being organized jointly with **Info-Cult** in collaboration with the **Université de Montréal**, **The International Centre for Comparative Criminology (ICCC)** of the Université de Montréal and the **Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes**.

The upcoming conference will have an academic conference entitled, **Manipulation and Victimization: Findings and Controversies**, organized by the International Centre for Comparative Criminology (ICCC) that will run parallel to ICSA's annual conference.

These conferences bring together experts in a variety of fields from around the world and respond to the needs and interests of four constituencies: former members, families, academics and mental health professionals. There will also be sessions for anyone having an interest in "cults", "new religious movements" and related phenomena. In addition, emphasis is placed on encouraging students to present and/or to participate at ICSA conferences.

When more information about this conference becomes available we will be posting it on our website as well as reporting on it in future editions of **News from Info-Cult**.

Who is Info-Cult

Founded in 1980, Info-Cult is a non-profit charitable organization that offers help and information about cults, new religious movements and related phenomena.

Our services include :
an information and assistance phone line, consultation, research, conferences, documentation centre and an internet site.

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The 2011 ICSA International Conference in Barcelona

The 2011 **ICSA** international conference will be held in Barcelona, Spain (July 7 – 9) and is being organized jointly with **Atención e Investigación de Socioadicciones (AIS)** in collaboration with **Info-Cult/Info-Secte** and the **University of Barcelona**.

Presenters and participants from more than 20 countries will be attending. Info-Cult's President Carolle Tremblay, in addition to her other roles at the conference, will be presenting on the subject: **How the Law can Help Families and Ex-Members**.

Mike Kropveld, Info-Cult Executive Director will be moderating the sessions **Applying Conflict Resolution and Mediation to Cultic and Related Problems**. Dialogue is an approach Info-Cult actively advocates in dealing with cult-related situations and collaborating in the organizing of conferences and meetings both locally and internationally is one way we have put our position into practice.

Also presenting in Barcelona in a Spanish session is Adriana Pacheco a Montreal colleague. Her topic will be: **Discurso de los protestantes conservadores quebequenses francófonos sobre el castigo corporal de los niños: la influencia de las diferencias generacionales** and is based on her doctoral research.

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Two thesis from Info-Cult colleagues can be found online in the Thesis section of our site.

Adriana Pacheco's doctoral thesis is titled : *Étude sur le châtime nt corporel des enfants chez les protestants conservateurs francophones du Québec : conflit entre loi séculière et loi divine?*, École de Criminologie, Université de Montréal.

Marie-Andrée Pelland's (Info-Cult Board member) thesis: *Allégations d'entorses aux lois : Effets sur la réalité sociale d'un groupe de mormons polygames canadiens* Université de Montréal, École de criminologie.

On an ongoing basis documentary and other programs on a variety of groups and subjects are added to our Announcements page under the heading: **PROGRAMS ALREADY BROADCAST**

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