

## News from Info-Cult

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### International Conference – Montreal 2012

More than 250 participants from 16 countries

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**Annual International Conference Brings Together Experts on Cults, Psychological Abuse, and New Religious Movements.**

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The International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) Annual Conference was held in Montreal from July 5 – 7. The conference was hosted by Info-Cult and organized in collaboration with the Université de Montréal, the International Centre for Comparative Criminology (ICCC) of the Université de Montréal, and l'Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes.

Two hundred and fifty people from 16 countries attended and for about 40% of the attendees this was their first time participating at one of these conferences. Participants included academics, mental health professional, law enforcement personnel, families, media, members and former group members and the general public.

The conference provided a range of sessions for academics, mental health professionals, families and former members and highlighted the fact that there is still much to do especially as it pertains to the need for more specialized services for former members who often face great difficulty in integrating into mainline society after an extreme group experience

Feedback about the conference was extremely positive and people remarked on the quality and scope of the presentations, and the open and respectful manner in which discussions were held.

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### Education

#### Videos and recordings on Info-Cult Web Site

##### New Video on Info-Cult

A short video about Info-Cult was recently produced by volunteers and added to our site and on Youtube. It can be found at the following urls:

<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-e2.html>

[http://youtu.be/S5i7QIP\\_1nl](http://youtu.be/S5i7QIP_1nl)

**Beyond the Mirage** and **Au-delà des Mirages** can now be downloaded directly from our site as well as from YouTube at the following urls:

<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-e7.html>

<http://youtu.be/P5aSP660da0>

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## International Conference – Montreal 2012

On the eve of the conference, Info-Cult organized a reception for some of the international conference participants. It was held on the terrace of Montreal City hall, and hosted by Ms Helen Fotopulos who is a member of the City of Montréal Executive Committee. In her greetings to those in attendance Ms Fotopulos welcomed them to Montreal and was especially gracious and generous with her words of praise for Info-Cult and its thirty-plus years of service to the public.

Most of the members of Info-Cult were involved in different aspects of this conference. They were instrumental in all stages of its organization, volunteering their time during the conference or in presentations they gave at the conference.

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*Special sessions were held for former group members and families and featured presentations in English and French by more than 100 speakers from 16 countries on 4 continents.*

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Carolle Tremblay, president of Info-Cult, received the ICSA Herb Rosedale Award in recognition for her years of effort and dedication in helping those who have been harmed by cultic groups. This Award is given "In recognition of leadership in the effort to preserve and protect individual freedom". It was presented to her at the 2012 conference award's session



The ICSA Montreal conference program can still be accessed [here](#).



*Reception at Montreal City Hall hosted by Ms. Helen Fotopulos, Member of City Executive Committee with some international participants.*

The ICSA conference was covered by the media (radio, TV and print), and below is a sample. The links are to three reports - one in English and two in French:

### English

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1223218--montreal-cult-conference-an-emotional-tinderbox-as-diverse-group-of-attendees-can-t-hide-rifts>

### French

<http://www.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/societe/2012/07/05/003-congres-sectes-montreal.shtml>

<http://www.lapresse.ca/vivre/sante/2012/07/10/01-4542366-comment-fonctionnent-les-croyances.php>

**The next ICSA conference** will be held in Trieste, Italy, July 4 – 6, 2013 and is being organized jointly with Info-Secte/Info-Cult, SOS-Abusi Psicologici and Exit S.C.S. Onlus.

Click [here](#) for the Call for Papers.

## Education

### Videos and recordings on Info-Cult Web Site (cont...)

**TV programs and documentaries** – An extensive collection of previously broadcast TV programs and documentaries, some dating back to the 1980s, can be found at the following url:

<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-events.html>

### Documents Published by Info-Cult

Over the years Info-Cult and colleagues have published a number of documents many of which can be found on the following page of our site:

<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ICPubs.html>

### Info-Cult Library

Info-Cult's library regularly receives new acquisitions. The most recent list can be found [here](#). Past acquisitions can also be easily accessed and documents acquired over the last 13 years are listed [here](#).

Other pages on our site are regularly updated as new information is received, Bookmark our site: [www.infocult.org](http://www.infocult.org) and keep up to date.

### Info-Cult E-mail Information Lists (English and French)

Info-Cult's **free** email service offers to subscribers: articles on cults, new religious movements and related subjects, announcements of upcoming conferences, television programs and updates about Info-Cult.

If you are interested in subscribing to **either or both language lists**, email us at: [infosect@qc.aibn.com](mailto:infosect@qc.aibn.com)

NOTE: The information sent on the English and French lists are generally different. The inclusion of information on a group in our mailings is provided solely as a source of information and does not denote that Info-Cult considers the group to be a cult or harmful.

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Or online at:



<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s37870&Language=en>

Or by:

**PayPal**

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SKRL Productions

Info-Cult Promotional Video

4 minutes