



Call for Papers: ICSA Annual Conference

Theme: Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization

Bordeaux, France
June 29, 2017—July 1, 2017

The [International Cultic Studies Association \(ICSA\)](#) is conducting its 2017 Annual International Conference jointly with [Info-Secte/Info-Cult](#) of Montreal and Société Française de Recherche et d'Analyse de l'Emprise Mentale (SFRAEM). The conference will take place in Bordeaux, France from June 29 through July 1, 2017 (preconference workshops on Wednesday June 28). The conference will address the needs and interests of ICSA's four main constituencies: former group members, families, helping professionals, and researchers.

ICSA is firmly committed to freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion. Consistent with these values, ICSA's policy with regard to conferences has been to encourage a wide range of viewpoints. Opinions expressed are those of the speakers and do not necessarily reflect the views of ICSA's directors, staff, or supporters.

Attendees and speakers at past conferences have been diverse, including academicians, researchers, helping professionals, former and current group members, families, clergy, educators, and others. Individual presenters at ICSA's annual conference will have 30 minutes for paper delivery and audience discussion. Panel organizers have 90 minutes for the panel and audience discussion. It is recommended that no more than three people speak on a panel.

The conference committee is especially interested in proposals related to differences and similarities in cultic and radical groups as well as issues related to leaving/exiting these groups. However, the committee will consider proposals on all aspects of the cult phenomenon, including victims' perspectives, psychological and social manipulation, religious fanaticism, terrorism, law enforcement, treatment, prevention, and legal, social, and public-policy aspects of manipulation and victimization.

Proposal abstracts should be in **English or French** and should succinctly describe the question(s) to be explored, the purpose of the paper/panel, the method(s) used, and the results or conclusions that are expected or have been found.

Individual presenters for the ICSA Annual Conference please send the following:

1. Your name, email address, affiliation, street address, phone number(s), and a biographical profile, if one does not already exist at www.icsahome.com/elibrary/peopleprofiles (**under 200 words**)
2. Paper title
3. An abstract (**300 words maximum**)

Panel organizers for the ICSA Annual Conference please send the following:

1. Panel title
2. Participants' names, e-mail addresses, affiliations, street addresses, phone number(s) and biographical profiles, if one does not already exist at www.icsahome.com/elibrary/peopleprofiles (**under 200 words**)
3. Paper titles
4. An abstract (**300 words maximum**) for each paper and/or an abstract for the panel as a whole.

Send your proposal to the Conference Committee: mail@icsamail.com ♦ ICSA, P.O. Box 2265, Bonita Springs, FL 34133, USA ♦ Phone: 1-239-514-3081 ♦ Fax: 1-305-393-8193.

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2016