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Program of the Annual Meeting, Gent, March 9th – 10th 2013

[as of March 04, changes to the program may occur]

Location: Peace House Gent, Belgium Vredeshuis, Sint-Margrietstraat 9, 9000 Gent

Friday 8th

- 13.00 16.30 Meeting of the International Coordinating Committee
- 17.00 18:00 Meeting of the international Afghanistan Network
- 19.00 Public event in Gent:
 For gender justice, peace, and solidarity.
 No to war no to NATO, stop militarization

solidarity greetings via Skype from Maired Maguire, Ireland (tbc), Nobel Peace Prize award Angie Zelter, (GB,) Right Livelihood Award on behalf of Trident Ploughshares Coalition

Introduction speech by Christiane Reymann, Germany, A feminist analysis of militarism and NATO

Round table talk **"What to do to stop militarization and reach gender justice"** with Agneta Norberg, Schweden Elsa Rassbach, Germany/USA Claire Chastain, France Maggi Poppe, Belgium moderation: Kristine Karch, Germany

Saturday 9th

- 10.30 Opening of the Annual Meeting Welcome by Beigeordnete of the City of Gent Elke Decruyenaere and Reiner Braun Greetings by the Major of Gent
- **10.45** Report of the work of the network *by Reiner Braun* Commentaries and discussion*: Joseph Gerson and Elsa Rassbach* (on Chicago), *Claire Chastain* (on Afghanistan conferences), *Lucas Wirl* (on nuclear), *Kristine Karch* (on women), *Luis Gutierrez-Esparza* (on Argentina)
- **11.30 13.15** Discussion of the work of the past 18 months, short introduction and then open discussion
- 13.15 14.00 Procedures of the elections to the ICC
- 14.00 -15.00 Lunch Break
- 15.00 -16.00 Discussion on Mali (Introduction Tobias Pflüger)
- 16.00 18.00 main Challenges for the Peace movement
 - a. Militarization and economic crises (Georges Spriet)
 - b. EU Militarization and NATO (Agneta Norberg)
- 18.00 18:30 Break
- 18.30 20:00 continuation
 - c. NATO and Pacific (Joseph Gerson)
 - d. Nuclear weapons: Modernization and "Iran" (Pieter Teirlinck)
 - e. Drones (including int. law) (Dave Webb)
 - f. Shannon Airport (Seamas Rattigan)
- 20:00 Common dinner and party

Sunday 10th

- 9.00 9.30 Middle East (*Ludo de Brabander*)
- **9.30 11:00** The future work of the Network Introductions: *Claire Chastain, Lucas Wirl* 2014, Afghanistan, Africa, Latin America
- 11:00 12:00 elections of the ICC
- 12:00 13:00 further decisions
- 13.00 Final words
- 13.30 14.30 First meeting of the new International Coordinating Committee

NOTE: The EU parliamentarians will not be in Brussels on Monday 11th We try to arrange a meeting with European Parliamentarians on Friday morning.

Organizational details:

Accommodation: hostels, hotels and private accommodation are available. Please contact the email below for further information.

Registration: please write an email to kongress@ialana.de

We kindly ask for symbolic financial contributions.

Please feel free to send this invitation to colleagues, friends, and interested organizations.