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International Leadership Conference

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon

ILC Participants

ILC PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN HELD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BRINGING TOGETHER THOUSANDS OF LEADERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

There is a growing awareness among people throughout the world of the urgent need for innovative vision and courageous leadership if we are to resolve the critical issues of our time.

UPF's ILC programs have been developed to address this need. The ILC series gives emphasis to the development of a new model or paradigm for leadership and good governance at this time in history; a model that is innovative, principled and effective in solving global problems.

The ILC program introduces essential, universal values, principles and practices that are necessary to create a world in which people of every region, race, nationality, culture and religion live together in peace. We will consider the root causes of conflict and the ways we can move together from states of conflict, inequality, poverty and enmity toward reconciliation, cooperation and prosperity as one human family under God.

Participants at an International Leadership Conference

Welcome!

Dear ILC Participants,

Welcome to this special International Leadership Conference (ILC), sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, and convened on April 28-29, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The theme for the ILC is "*Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: the Role of Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians.*" The ILC will feature two special projects recently launched by UPF: the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

A highly selective group of delegates from Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East, Africa, Oceania and the Far East are in attendance, including members of parliaments, religious leaders, women leaders, and civil society leaders. We believe that the participation of high level representatives from over 40 nations will assure its success.

The Universal Peace Federation was founded by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. UPF's founding vision is rooted in universal spiritual and moral principles that apply to all areas of human endeavor, including the family, society, government, religion, business, academia, media, arts, and sports.

With this in mind, the ILC provides a golden opportunity for us to come together as an international and interreligious group of leaders from various sectors to reflect on the ways we might each contribute to building a nation and a world of lasting peace.

A significant feature of the program will be the launch of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and the Middle East. All participants will then be invited as honored guests to attend the "Peace Starts with Me" Festival that will gather 10,000 people at the Wiener Stadthalle, in Vienna. The UPF Founder Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon will be a keynote speaker at this event.

Thank you for joining us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

Dr Katsumi Ostuka
President, UPF Europe and Middle East

Universal Peace Federation

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founders, UPF International

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) is a global network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building a world of peace centered on universal spiritual and moral values. UPF and its global network of Ambassadors for Peace bring universal, spiritual principles to the task of resolving conflict and reconciling the divided human family.

International Leadership Conferences, symposia, and peace councils offer opportunities for high-level consultations. These are complemented by "track two" diplomacy and grass-roots programs that build support for a culture of peace.

UPF is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. We support and promote the work of the United Nations and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

UPF World Assembly in New York City

Ambassadors for Peace

Launched in 2001, Ambassadors for Peace form the world's largest and most diverse network of peace leaders. They come from all walks of life representing all races, religions, nationalities, and cultures, and commit themselves to:

- Stand on the common ground of universal moral principles, committed to overcoming barriers and promoting reconciliation and peace.
- Constitute a global network of leaders representing the religious, racial, and ethnic diversity of the human family as well as all disciplines and sectors of human endeavor.
- Engage in peace initiatives and programs that promote reconciliation and cooperation beyond traditional boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, and nationality.
- Promote and practice the ethic of "living for the sake of others" as the guiding principle for building world peace and a global community.

Guiding Principles

- **We are one family under God.**
- **The highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral in nature.**
- **The family is the "school of love and peace."**
- **By practicing the ethics of living for the sake of others we can reconcile the divided human family.**
- **Lasting peace cannot be achieved through political compromise alone but must involve a commitment to personal change.**

Areas of Focus

- **Interfaith activism for peace**
- **Establishment of an Interfaith Council at the United Nations**
- **Humanitarian Relief**
- **Conflict Prevention**
- **Marriage and Family**
- **Environmentalism and Conservation**

International Leadership Conference

"TOWARD INTERDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL PROSPERITY: THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS"

Program Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Morning — Arrivals in Vienna and Registration

16:00 — Session I: The Vision and Initiatives of the Universal Peace Federation

This session will feature an introduction to the UPF Founders' vision and the peacebuilding principles informing the two projects recently launched by the Universal Peace Federation: the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD).

Moderator: **Mr. Jacques Marion**, Secretary General, UPF Europe

Welcoming Remarks: **Dr. Katsumi Otsuka**, President, UPF Europe & Middle East
Ms. Carolyn Handschin, UN Office Director, WFWP International
Founders' Vision and UPF Initiatives: **Dr. Thomas Walsh**, Chair, UPF International

16:30 — Session II: Religious Leaders and Parliamentarians as Peacemakers

Lasting solutions to the critical challenges of our time call for both the skills and experience of politicians and the global vision provided by religious leaders. How can parliamentarians and leaders of faith-based organizations, transcending national, religious and political affiliations, cooperate to develop comprehensive strategies for peace and development? Panelists will offer their perspectives on the complementary roles of political and religious leaders and propose policies and action steps to address specific challenges affecting Europe and the Middle East.

Moderator: **Mr. Peter Haider,** President, UPF Austria

Dr. Elmar Kuhn, Dean, Class of World Religions, Europ. Academy of Sciences and Arts
H.E. Fatmir Sejdiu, President of Kosovo (2006 – 2010)
Hon. Angela Guerra, Member of Parliament, Portugal
Hon. Andrey Svintsov, Member of the State Duma, Russia
Hon. Dr. Mohamad Habash, Islamic Scholar, former Member of Parliament, Syria

18:00 — Break

18:30 **Session III: The Role and Relevance of Religion in Building Inclusive, Peaceful and Prosperous Societies**

Throughout the world, religion continues to play a very significant role in guiding the development of individuals as well as the wider society. While in some countries—in Europe, for example—there are spheres of life that are largely secularized, religion nevertheless has ongoing relevance and importance. The vast majority of the world's population identify themselves with a religious worldview that informs their ideas and guides their practices. In this session, panelists will assess the conditions under which religions can exert a positive influence on modern, democratic societies and offer policy recommendations to this effect.

Moderator: **Mr. David Fraser Harris,** Secretary General, UPF Middle East

Dr. Viggo Mortensen, Prof. em. in Systematic Theology, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Mr. Shlomi Perlmuter, Senior Lecturer, Elul College, Israel
Dr. Raffaella Di Marzio, Director, Center for Studies on Freedom of Religion, Belief and Conscience (LIREC), Italy
Hon. Dr. Andriy Yurash, Head, State Department of Religion, Ukraine
Dr. Ismail Yasin, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, University of Vienna, Austria

20:00 Dinner

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 **Interfaith Prayer and Meditation** (optional, in both hotels)

7:00 Breakfast

9:00 **Session IV: Beyond Coexistence: Dealing with the Challenges of Interdependence - *(Four Concurrent Sessions)***

A. Values Education and Healthy Families – Fostering an Environment for Prosperity, Citizenship and Interreligious Harmony

Building a peaceful world of co-prosperity and shared values has long been the goal of religion, politics and educational institutions. In a stable, loving family, individuals may naturally develop capacities for love, respect, communication, cooperation, service, conflict resolution, forgiveness and other social skills that are relevant to life in the wider society. How can this universal principle be applied and extended to encourage harmonious social relations and partnerships for peace in our communities and in the family of nations?

Moderator: **Ms. Carolyn Handschin,** UN Office Director, WFWP International

Prof. Yeon-ah Moon, President, WFWP International
Hon. Dr. Vasilika Hysi, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Albania
Hon. Nina Nováková, Member of Parliament (2013-2017), Czech Republic
Rev. Ivo Sasek, President, Organische Christus Generation (OCG), Switzerland
Ms. Tahirih Danesh, Senior Programme Consultant, The Ward and Brown Foundation, United Kingdom

B. Middle East Peace Initiatives: Assessing the Role of Religion

Peacebuilding necessarily involves cooperation between all sectors of society. While the world looks in anguish at the horrors of multiple conflicts in the home of the Abrahamic faiths, the evidence on the ground suggests that such conflicts are stoked by an array of other factors, not least a dearth of civic values and near-absence of the rule of law. In what way has—and in what way can—religion play a positive role in bringing peace to the peoples of the Middle East?

Moderator: **Ms. Natascha Schellen,** Communications Advisor, WFWP Europe

Mr. Oraib Al Rantawi, General Director, Al Quds Center for Political Studies, Jordan
Hon. Tahani Abu Daqqa, Former Minister of Sports, Palestine
Dr. Jihad Naaman, Professor, Lebanese University, Lebanon
Rev. Anders Gadegaard, Dean of the Cathedral, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denmark

C. Toward a New Dialogue between Europe and Eurasia

After the end of the socialist system in Europe, following the dissolution of the USSR, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, new sovereign states with new borders appeared on the map of Europe. In the context of the current geopolitical realities, participating nations of the Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) need to come to the negotiating table to revise the Helsinki Accords to reach a mutually acceptable understanding of the previous frameworks and discuss their possible modification. Panelists in this session will offer their perspectives on the role that may be played by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – and by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) – in this undertaking.

Moderator: **Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky,** Chief Academic Researcher,
Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Dr. Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1999-2004), Austria
Dr. Alexander Dubowy, Senior Researcher, Austrian Defense Academy, Austria
Ms. Dalila Khorava, President, Georgia for Refugees, Georgia
Hon. Viktor Ielensky, Member of Parliament, Ukraine
Dr. Leo Gabriel, Journalist and Anthropologist, Austria

D. Peace Initiatives in the Balkans

As a historical crossroads of empires and cultures, the Balkan Peninsula is the center of political, cultural and religious influences that make it a significant field for interreligious and intercultural peacebuilding in Europe in the 21st century. In this session, panelists will offer their perspectives on peacebuilding initiatives undertaken in the Balkans and recommend action steps toward a peaceful and democratic future in the region. This session also will feature a presentation of the Balkan Peace Road project promoted by UPF.

Moderator: **Professor Anis Bajrektarevic,** Head, IFIMES Permanent Mission to Austria
and Vienna-based Intl Organisations

Hajji Baba Edmond Brahimaj, World Leader, Bektashi Order, Albania
Mr. Mirnes Kovač, Journalist, Preporod Islamic News Magazine, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Hon. Dr. Skender Recica, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Kosovo
Mr. Alksandar Pekovic, Ljubljana Creative Forum, Serbia
Ms. Manjola Vasmatics, Secretary General, Tirana UPF Peace Council, Albania

10:30 Break

11:00 **Session V: Inauguration of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in Europe and the Middle East**

It is time for humanity to embrace universally shared values, going beyond differences of ideology, race, nationality, and religion, and pursue a path of mutual cooperation and mutual prosperity. In this way it is possible to build a world of lasting and sustainable peace that can be bequeathed to future generations. To fulfill this task, religious leaders have a primary responsibility to cooperate beyond denominations and work in harmony with leaders in all fields of society. In this session, religious leaders and leaders of faith-based organizations will propose the formation of a world-level interfaith association through which to work together for peace and development.

Moderator: **Dr. Thomas Walsh,** Chairman, UPF International

Keynote speech: **Dr. Felix Unger,** President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts
Archbishop Dr. Johannes Ndanga, President, Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe
Ms. Asmaa Kftaro, Women's Advisory Board, UN Envoy for Peacebuilding in Syria
Rev. Dr. William McComish, Dean Emeritus, Geneva St. Peter's Cathedral, Switzerland
Rev. Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, President, World Congress of Faiths, United Kingdom

Musical interlude

Interreligious Prayer

Father Mariano Perron, Delegate for Interconfessional Affairs (1974-2012), Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Madrid, Spain

Rector Khalil Merroun, Rector, Mosque of Evry, France

Peace Ceremony

IAPD Declaration

Dr. Elmar Kuhn, Dean, Class of World Religions, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Buses depart to the Wiener Stadthalle

15:00 **"Peace Starts with Me" Festival** - Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna

17:30 Buses depart to hotel

19:00 **Closing Banquet** (at Parkhotel Schönbrunn)

Moderator: **Mr. David Fraser Harris,** Secretary General, UPF Middle East

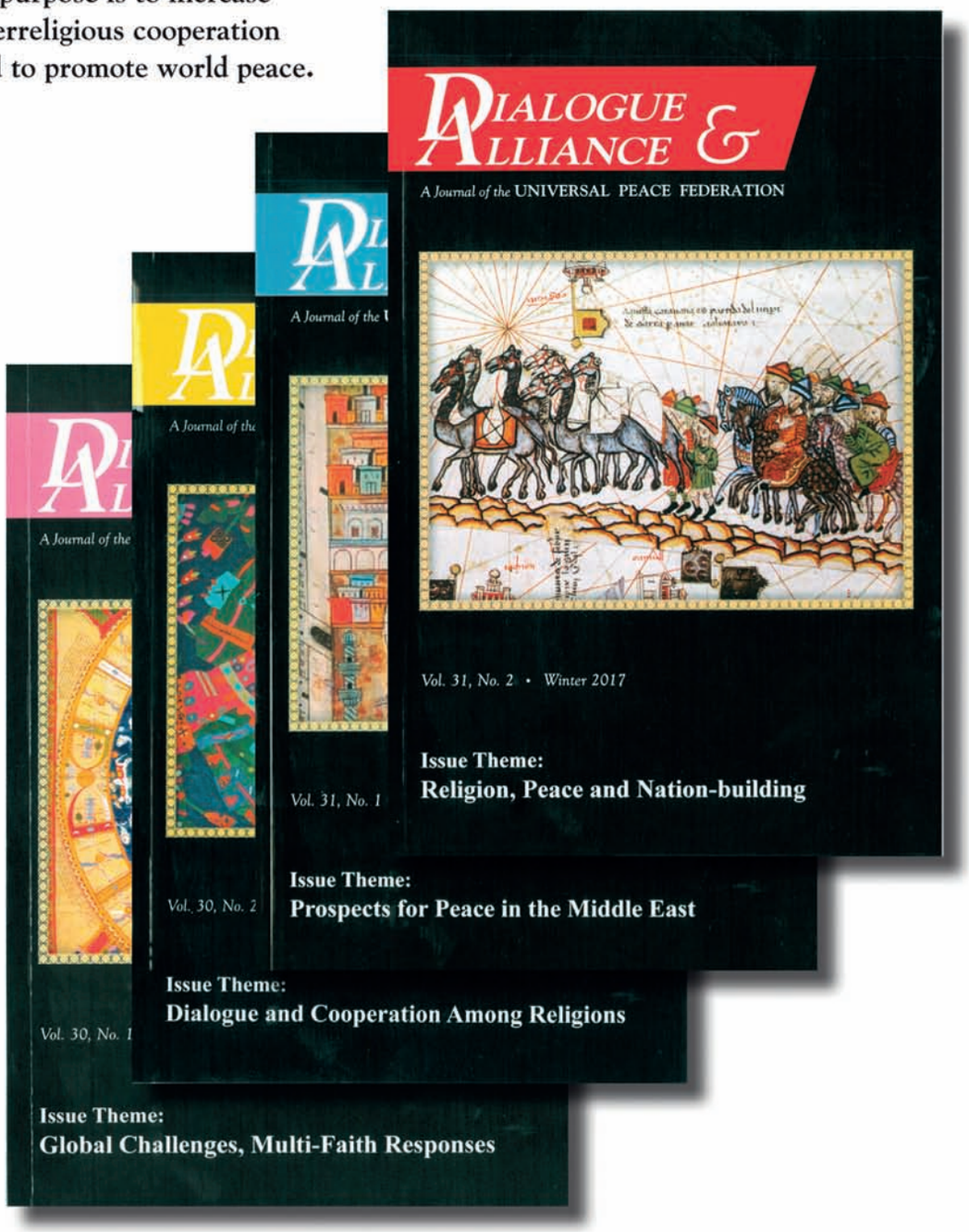
Congratulatory Remarks: **H. E. Alfred Moisiu,** President of Albania (2002 – 2007)
Closing Remarks: **Dr. Michael Balcomb,** Chairman, FFWPU Europe & Middle East

MONDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 Breakfast
Departures

Dialogue and Alliance

Dialogue and Alliance is a journal of the *Universal Peace Federation*. Its purpose is to increase interreligious cooperation and to promote world peace.



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Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation

The Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation was established in 2015 to promote and develop the Sunhak Peace Prize, an annual award given to individuals or organizations that have contributed substantially to peace and human development, for the sake of future generations. The Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation has its administrative headquarters in New York. The Foundation appoints an independent, international, and interreligious Committee of judges who evaluate candidates who have been submitted by members of the Sunhak Peace Prize Nominators from around the world.

The founder of the Sunhak Peace Prize, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, Dr. Gino Strada, and Chairman Dr. Il Sik Hong

Core Values: A Legacy of Peace

The Sunhak Peace Prize was established to honor the lives and legacy of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, both of whom devoted their lives to peace. In 2015, the Sunhak Peace Prize was awarded to President Anote Tong of Kiribati, and to Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta of India. The 2017 laureates are Dr. Sakena Yacoobi of Afghanistan and Dr. Gino Strada of Italy. The peaceful world envisioned by humankind can only be built upon an all-encompassing foundation where peace among nations exists politically, militarily and religiously, and is realized by protecting family values, the sanctity of marriage, and the value of filial piety through the maturity of human character. The next Sunhak Peace Prize will be presented in 2019.

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