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For more than a decade, [Info-Cult](#) has been collaborating in the organization of International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) annual international conferences. These conferences are held on alternating years in North America and Europe. Info-Cult hosted the [ICSA Annual Conference in Montreal](#) in 2012, and the theme was *Manipulation and Victimization*.

These conferences are open to anyone interested in attending, and they address the needs and interests of four main groups: former members, families, mental health professionals and researchers.

ICSA and Info-Cult are firmly committed to [dialogue](#), freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion.

Mike Kropveld, Executive Director of Info-Cult and Chair of the ICSA Conference Committee, is proud to be involved in organizing these annual conferences as they play a critical role in informing people about the issue of cults, new religious movements and related groups and subjects. These conferences also play a unique role in helping those harmed by high control groups. What's more, these International conferences encourage a wide range of viewpoints, and attendees and speakers from around the world include academicians, researchers, mental health professionals, former and current group members, families, clergy, educators, and many more.

This year's conference theme: [Cultic Dynamics and radicalization](#)

The 2017 conference will be in [Bordeaux, France](#) and will be the first ICSA conference to be held in France. It will also be the first conference, where selected sessions will be simultaneously translated in all time blocks of the three-day conference.

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Talks, conferences and Interviews of Info-Cult staff and members

Adriana Pacheco, Info-Cult member

L'influence de la radicalisation doctrinale dans les positionnements des protestants conservateurs québécois face aux lois de protection à l'enfance - [Annual ICSA Conference](#) – 2017 Bordeaux, France June 29 - July 1, 2017

Le châtime corporel en milieu protestant conservateur, Jeudi 15 juin - École d'été 2017

[Milieux de pratique et diversité religieuse](#), Université de Sherbrooke campus Longueuil, Québec

Conflicto entre ley secular y ley divina Análisis del discurso de los protestantes conservadores sobre el Estado y la transgresión eventual de la ley
29 september 2016, Universidad Loyola, Acapulco, México
13 october 2016, Universidad del Valle de Cuernavaca, Cuernavaca, México.

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Bordeaux, France
Site of the 2017 ICSA International
Conference

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The issue of radicalization has been a focus of world-wide concern and the link between radicalization and cults is increasingly being recognized. The Bordeaux conference will feature several sessions by experts on radicalization and extremist groups.

We are also very pleased that M. Alain Juppé, Mayor of Bordeaux and former Prime Minister of France, has kindly agreed to open the conference and to host a reception for all participants at the Bordeaux City Hall.

The conference will include preconference workshops and more than 80 sessions and over 125 speakers. Here is a selection of conferences among the English, French and simultaneous translated sessions.

NOTE: Simultaneously translated sessions are in red and sessions in French are in green. For the full agenda go to:

<http://www.icsahome.com/events/conferenceannual/agenda>

Selected conferences at the Bordeaux 2017 Conference: Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization

- Preconference workshops for mental health professionals, families, former group members, educators, and researchers
- **Panel – L'Exit Counseling : Pratiques et expériences croisées I / Exit Counselling : Sharing practices and experiences I (Joseph Kelly; Patrick Ryan; Daniel Picotin; Joseph Szimhart)**
- Open discussions for former members and SGAs (people born or raised in cultic groups)
- Panel - Canadian Extremisms in Comparative Perspective (Martin Geoffrey; Susan Palmer; Lorne Dawson)
- **Panel - Comprendre la radicalisation pour la prévenir / Understanding Radicalization to Prevent It - (CAPRI - Centre d'action et de prévention contre la radicalisation des individus)**
- **Le rôle de la structure dans l'organisation sectaire ou radicalisée dans la construction de l'emprise individuelle : confusion des pouvoirs et vassalisation du pouvoir temporel (Jean-Pierre Jouglà)**
- **Why is the Patty Hearst Story from 1974 Still Relevant for Today's World? / Pourquoi l'histoire de Patty Hearst de 1974 demeure-t-elle pertinente dans le monde d'aujourd'hui? (Lorna Goldberg; Cathrine Moestue)**
- Panel - Moral Injury, Trauma and Recovery: Common Re-entry Issues and Treatment for Veterans and Survivors of High-Demand Groups (Helen Land; Vincent Starnino; Doni Whitsett)
- From Deprogramming to De-radicalization: How Cultic Studies can Inform Policy Approaches to Countering Violent and Harmful Extremism in Australia (Stephen Mutch)
- **Détresse émotionnelle chez les adolescents victimes de cyberharcèlement (Sofia Buelga; Jessica Ortega-Baron)**

**Selected conferences at the Bordeaux 2017 Conference:
Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization** (continued)

- Panel - Radicalization and Disengagement: From the Search for Utopia to Disillusionment and Disengagement (Tony McAleer; Adrian Oertli; Robert Orell)
- Robes of Silk Feet of Clay: An Autobiographical Account of a Love Affair with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the Beatles' Guru (Judith Bourque)
- Panel -. Lieux d'accueil thérapeutiques et prise en charge spécialisée pour les victimes de dérives sectaires / Specialized Care for the Victims of Cultic Abuse (Gillie Jenkinson; Lorna Goldberg; William Goldberg)
- Jehovah's Witness's Ban on Blood Transfusions: History, Present Situation, and Perspectives of Doctors and Former Members (Joni Valkila)
- Les raisons religieuses et séculières du radicalisme islamistes / The Religious and Secular Reasons for Islamist Radicalization (Tareq Oubrou)
- SO...What Does Help Former Cult Members Recover? A Report on Empirical Research (Gillie Jenkinson)
- A Psychological Autopsy of a Malignant Narcissist in Church Leadership (Charles Zeiders)
- L'influence de la radicalisation doctrinale dans les positionnements des protestants conservateurs québécois face aux lois de protection à l'enfance (Adriana Pacheco)
- Clergy Maleficence, Religious Fanaticism, Abuse of Power (Paula Parish-Foley)
- De l'Emprise à La Liberté, dérives au sein de l'Eglise, témoignages et réflexions (Pierre Vignon)
- Mental Disorders Among Cult Leaders (Stephen Kent)
- How a Court Recognized "Mind Control": Persuading the Court About the Reality of Cultic Dynamics – A Japanese Experience (Takashi Yamaguchi)
- What Do They Do About It? Reactions by Minority Religions to Internal Abuses / Que font-ils à propos de ça? Les réactions de religions minoritaires aux abus internes. (Eileen Barker)
- Recovery of a Community Following the Collapse of a Cult (Nigel Denning; Linda Tilgner)
- Parent to Parent: Keeping Your Teen Safe (Robin Boyle)
- Prevention Before Recruitment: Where do we Begin? (Alexandra Stein)
- Panel - A Model for an International Member-Run Family Help Group (Donna Kerbel et al.)
- Government Regulation of Religious Extremist Groups: The Swinging Pendulum (Linda Demaine)
- Ce que des victimes d'abus spirituels m'ont appris (Blandine de Dinechin)

In addition, Thursday evening will feature **Deprogrammed**, a documentary by Montreal filmmaker Mia Donovan (English with French subtitles) followed by a discussion. **DEPROGRAMMED** chronicles Ted 'Black Lightning' Patrick's anti-cult crusade, its era, from 1971 until around 1990 and some questions raised.

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Carolle Tremblay, President and **Dianne Casoni**, Treasurer of Info-Cult, Marie-Andrée Pelland, board member and **Mike Kropveld**, its Executive Director were interviewed for the Documentary [Secte : mode d'emploi](#). RDI, Radio-Canada. March 2017

Info-Cult's Web Site

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Governmental Reports

This page <http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-gov.html> provides a range of government studies and reports, legal decisions and other documents from **20** countries and the Council of Europe.

Publications and Documents by Info-Cult and Colleagues

Recent additions are available in their entirety at:
<http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ICPubs.html>

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Library Collection

Info-Cult's library has acquired a vast quantity of materials on "cults", "new religious movements" and related groups and subjects. .

The documentation centre is the largest of its kind in North America and houses, thousands of files, more than 1,200 programs on audio/video cassettes, journals, newsletters, government and legal documents, academic reports, journals and thousands of books principally in English and French with a smaller collection of documents in Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and German. The collection spans critical and group generated information and other materials which are obtained from sources around the world.

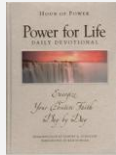


New Acquisitions

Here we provide the complete list of acquisitions that have been added to our library since the last list we provided.

The combined list which includes the library acquisitions since 1999 can be found here: <http://infosect.freeshell.org/infocult/ic-selacq.html>. If you would like to know about the rest of our collection (journals, newsletters, file, videos, etc...) please contact us. Additional information on these acquisitions can be found on our web site at: www.infosecte.org See: Info-Cult's Library Collection.

Books



Schuller, Robert Anthony & Robert Harold Schuller & Sheila Schuller Coleman, Contributors
[Hour of Power, Power for Life Daily Devotional: Energize Your Positive Faith Day by Day](#)
 Crystal Cathedral, Hour of Power



Zieman, Bonnie
[The Challenge to Heal: A Recovery Guide to Help Reclaim Your Life After Leaving any High-Control Group](#)
 Create Space Independent Publishing Platform
 C2016, North Charleston



Zieman, Bonnie
[Exiting the JW Cult: a Healing Handbook for Current & Former Jehovah's Witnesses](#)
 Create Space Independent Publishing Platform
 C2015, North Charleston



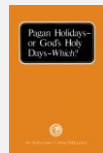
Zieman, Bonnie
[Fading Out of the JW Cult: a Memoir](#)
 Create Space Independent Publishing Platform
 C2016, North Charleston

PROCEEDINGS



Vonck, Chris, editor
[Acta Comparanda : Subsidia III, The Jehovah's Witnesses in scholarly perspective: What is new in the Scientific study of the movement?](#)
 FVG, Faculty for Comparative Study of Religions and Humanism
 C2016, Wilrijk-Antwerpen

BOOKLETS



Armstrong, Herbert W.
[Pagan Holiday - or God's Holy Days - Which?](#)
 C1957



Flurry, Gerald
[Great Again: Why America is Falling Fast but it's greatest glory ever is imminent](#)
 Philadelphia Church of God
 C2016



[The Truth about Christmas](#)
 Philadelphia Church of God
 C2013

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