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Info-Cult's partnership with the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) goes back to the 1980s, and for the last 20 years Info-Cult has been co-organizing the ICSA international conferences. Mike Kropveld, Executive Director of Info-Cult, is a board member of ICSA and chairperson of its conference committee. The recent **ICSA Annual Conference in Bordeaux, France** (June 29–July 1, 2017) was organized in collaboration with Info-Cult and SFRAEM (Société Française de Recherche et d'Analyse en Emprise Mentale).

The Mayor of Bordeaux, Alain Juppé, who has a history of involvement dealing with the cult phenomenon, opened the conference and also hosted a reception at City Hall for all conference attendees.



Mr. Alain Juppé
Mayor of Bordeaux,
opening the 2017 conference.

The conference was a huge success filled with interesting dialogue, different perspectives, and fruitful exchanges among academic disciplines and languages. This was the first ICSA conference where simultaneous translation was offered in more than a dozen sessions. There were approximately 125 speakers and 258 attendees from 23 countries - Australia, United States, United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, China, Japan, Poland, Austria, Finland, South Africa, Canada, Belgium, Italy, France, Spain, Romania, Netherlands, Denmark, Israel, and South Korea.

The theme of the conference, *Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization*, focused on the similarities in the ways in which individuals join cults, and extremist and radical groups, how membership is maintained, and how and why people leave.



The three organisations' presidents, Carolle Tremblay, Info-Cult, Steve Eichel, ICSA and Daniel Picotin, SFRAEM, with the Mayor's representative, Erick Aouizerste, at the reception at City Hall.

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Representatives from CAPRI (*Centre d'action et de prévention contre la radicalisation des individus*), a Bordeaux initiative, offered strategies on how to deal with radicalization. Prior to the conference, there were two days of closed meetings of the European Commission's Radicalization Awareness Network - Exit Working Group ([RAN-EXIT](#)). Invited ICSA members attended and/or presented, including Mike Kropveld of Info-Cult.

Because of the significance of the conference theme in France and around the world, local, national, and international media covered the event, with nearly 20 journalists attending a pre-conference press meeting organized by SFRAEM. Below are links to a few of the articles about the conference that appeared in English, French, Spanish and Italian media:

ICSA Conference 2017 – Cultic Dynamics and Radicalization

Amazon News Media, 4 JUL , 2017

<http://amazonnewsmedia.com/articles/2017/07/04/icsa-2017-radicalisation/>

Bordeaux : sectes et radicalisation en débat

SUD OUEST le 28/06/2017

<http://www.sudouest.fr/2017/06/28/sectes-et-radicalisation-en-debat-3571068-2530.php>

Congrès international sur les sectes à Bordeaux

LE POINT AFP, le 27/06/2017

http://www.lepoint.fr/societe/congres-international-sur-les-sectes-a-bordeaux-27-06-2017-2138746_23.php

Un congresso internazionale ha analizzato a Bordeaux le dinamiche settarie, Aleteia IT, Lug 10, 2017

<https://it.aleteia.org/2017/07/10/1-popolazione-mondiale-vittima-delle-sette/>



Michael Langone, ICSA, Mike Kropveld, Info-Cult, and Daniel Picotin, SFRAEM



Panel participants at *Deprogrammed*. Film with discussion.

Opening Session. Bordeaux, France



Next year's ICSA international conference, organized jointly with **Info-Cult**, will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 5 – 7, 2018. The theme is *The global challenge of young people born, raised or recruited into extremist groups, abusive religious organizations, or coercive/exploitative relationships*.

The Call for Papers can be found here: <http://infosecte.org/2017-ICSA-call-for-papers.pdf>



Philadelphia, site of the 2018 ICSA conference

Info-Cult Activities by staff and members

Board Members

Staff and members of Info-Cult are frequently interviewed in the media or involved in other activities. A few recent items of note:

Carolle Tremblay, (President of Info-Cult, Lawyer), **Dianne Casoni**, **Marie-Andrée Pelland** and **Mike Kropveld** appeared in the documentary:

Secte : mode d'emploi.

March 2017

RDI, Radio-Canada - [Secte, mode d'emploi](#)

SECTE MODE D'EMPLOI (1/3) - [LA SECTE](#)

SECTE MODE D'EMPLOI (2 / 3) - [LE GOUROU](#)

SECTE MODE D'EMPLOI (3 / 3) - [LE DISCIPLE](#)



Scene from the documentary

Christophe Nowakowski (Psychiatrist) – is one of the few professionals that treat former members. The clients he sees are former members who were born or raised in a cult/high demand group.

Dianne Casoni (Full Professor, School of Criminology, Université de Montréal, Psychologist)

Co-investigator, assistant manager in a government funded research project from the Fonds de recherche du Québec sociétés et culture (FRQ-SC), programme 'Actions concertées' titled: **Le processus de la radicalisation menant à la violence : perceptions de la population québécoise, influence qu'exercent les médias traditionnels de masse et les nouveaux médias sociaux**. Info-Cult is one of the community organizations that is a partner in this project.

Titulaire de la Chaire Internationale de Criminologie Université Libre de Bruxelles 2016-2017 where she gave a 5 day course at the University in December 2016 : **La passion sectaire. Connaître et comprendre le sectaire aujourd'hui**

1. Les sectes et le sectaire : notions dépassées ou situations potentiellement problématiques?
2. La figure du leader : de la séduction à l'emprise
3. Les adeptes : de la recherche de sens à la réponse à tout
4. Le groupe: de l'idéal au contrôle
5. Groupes à visées thérapeutiques : des bienfaits aux risques

Marie-Andrée Pelland (Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, University of Moncton)

AUDIO FIL DU MARDI 25 JUILLET 2017 – RADIO-CANADA

Les deux leaders spirituels Winston Blackmore et James Oler coupables de polygamie

Analysis by Marie-Andrée Pelland, Professor of Criminology

<http://ici.radio-canada.ca/premiere/emissions/phare-ouest/segments/entrevue/32419/blackmore-oler-coupables-de-polygamie>

Mike Kropveld (Executive Director)

2017 Night Time Podcast

Part 1 - [Kayla 'Sunray' Reid shares her story](#)

Part 2 - [The Rise of Natureboy](#) (natureboy describes his life prior to his "awakening")

Part 3 - [Natureboy and the Etherians](#) (natureboy describes life after leaving US to present)

Part 4 - [Mike Kropveld, the cult whisperer](#)

Info-Cult Member

Adriana Pacheco

ICSA 2017 International Conference, Bordeaux, France - Presentation

L'influence de la radicalisation doctrinale dans les positionnements des protestants conservateurs québécois face aux lois de protection à l'enfance

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.

Info-Cult's Web Site

Different pages on our website are updated on an ongoing basis and a number of documents and programs are available in their entirety, here: www.infocult.org

Governmental Reports

This page <http://infosecte.org/ic-gov.html> provides a range of government studies and reports, legal decisions and other documents from **21** countries and the Council of Europe.

New Acquisitions September 2017

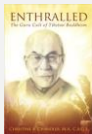
BOOKS

Caparesi, Cristina, Mario Di Fiorino & Stephen A. Kent

[***Costretti ad Amare: Saggi sui Bambini di Dio/ The Family***](#) **(PDF – 9 pages)**

Centro Studi Psichiatria e Territorio

C2002



Chandler, Christine A.

[***Enthralled: The Guru Cult of Tibetan Buddhism***](#)

Create Space Independent Publishing Platform

C2017, North Charleston

DeCamp, John W.

Daesoon Jinrihoe

[***Daesoon Jinrihoe: The Fellowship of Daesoon Truth***](#)

Religious Research & Edification Dept. of Daesoon Jinrihoe, C2017

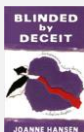
BOOKS (continued)

Di Fiorino, Mario

[*Se il mondo non finisce: quando la profezia non si avvera*](#)

Centro Studi Psichiatria e Territorio

C1996



Hansen, Joanne

[*Blinded by Deceit*](#)

Beaver's Pond Press

C2002, Edina

Veinot, Don, Joy Veinot & Ron Henzel

[*A Matter of Basic Principles: Bill Gothard & the Christian Life*](#)21st Century Press

C2002, Springfield



Viola, Lynne

[*The Unknown Gulag: The Lost World of Stalin's Special Settlements*](#)

Oxford University Press

C2007, New York



Yaeger, Carl H.

[*The Cult Crushers*](#)

TOR, Tom Doherty Associates

C1987, New York

LIVRES ÉLECTRONIQUES/E-BOOKS

Atack, Jon

[*Opening Minds: The Secret World of Manipulation, Undue Influence and Brainwashing*](#)

Kindle Edition

C2015

ACTES/ACTS

FECRIS & CRNRM, organisateurs - organisers

[*Femmes dans les sectes, gourelles et victimes*](#)

Actes du colloque européen,

[*Women in Cults, Gurus and Victims*](#)

Acts of the European Conference,

State University for Library Studies and Information Technologies (SULSIT)

Sofia (Bulgaria)

May 21 2016

GUIDE

MIVILUDES

[*Santé et dérives sectaires*](#)

La documentation française, C2012, Paris

**RAPPORTS/REPORTS**

MIVILUDES

[*Rapport au premier ministre 2013-2014*](#)

La documentation française, C2014

[*Rapport au premier ministre 2015*](#)

La documentation française, C2016

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http://infosecte.org/Options_EN.html



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<http://www.youtube.com/user/infosecte>



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