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## News from Info-Cult

### Info-Cult and ICSA Conferences

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For close to twenty years, the International Cultic Studies Association's annual international conferences have been jointly organized by Info-Cult. In addition to these annual conferences, Info-Cult has been involved in organizing a smaller biennial conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Since 2013, the Santa Fe conference is held in alternate years when the international conference takes place in Europe. This biennial conference focuses on the needs of former group members and families. It also offers a training track for mental health professionals that includes interactive sessions where participants can discuss issues pertinent to their individual concerns.

Preparations for the **Philadelphia 2018 ICSA conference** are well underway and we have received 130 proposals, the most for any conference to date! The theme of the conference is ***The global challenge of young people born, raised or recruited into extremist groups, abusive religious organizations, or coercive/exploitative relationships.*** With more than 100 speakers, this conference will offer many sessions of interest to former members of cultic groups, families, helping professionals, researchers, and others. Here are some of the topics that will be covered:

- Domestic Violence and Cults
- Gang, Cult and Terror Youth Recruitment
- What Helps Former Members Recover
- Impact of Being Born or Raised in a Cult
- Parenting Postcult
- Cults and Sexuality
- Legal Theories: Overview and Potential Strategies

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#### Talks and Interviews

Carolle Tremblay was an invited guest on a radio station Choix 98.1 Québec, in which she responded to a range of questions « ***La présidente d'Info-Secte répond à TOUTES nos questions!*** » 21-11-2017 // 23:23 <https://radiox.com/recherche?q=info-secte>

In December 2017, Mike Kropveld was an invited speaker at a conference in China. The title of his presentation was ***A multi-perspective approach for understanding and evaluating groups.*** It can be accessed at: [http://infosecte.org/Mike\\_Kropveld\\_Wuhan\\_November\\_2017.pdf](http://infosecte.org/Mike_Kropveld_Wuhan_November_2017.pdf)



View of Philadelphia,  
Site of the Next  
ICSA Conference

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## Info-Cult and ICSA Conferences, continued

**Carolle Tremblay**, lawyer and president of Info-Cult, will be co-chairing the conference and presenting on the subject, *Challenges of Custody and Visitation Disputes*.

**Information about the conference, agenda, speakers, registration, etc... can found here:** <http://www.icsahome.com/events/conferenceannual>

At the last ICSA international conference that was held in Bordeaux, France, a pre-conference meeting was organized on June 27-28, 2017 with the RAN-EXIT (Radicalization Awareness Network – Exit) working group of the European Commission. The theme of this special two-day meeting was *Radicalization and Cults - Lessons from adjacent fields*. **Mike Kropveld**, Info-Cult's Executive Director, was one of a number of presenters invited to participate at this invitation-only meeting.

This unique event was the first of possibly other joint meetings. This is a significant step as a number of professionals involved in the fields of radicalization and cults and new religious movements have noted many similarities in those areas.

A report on the RAN EXIT meeting can be viewed here: [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation\\_awareness\\_network/ran-papers/docs/lessons\\_from\\_adjacent\\_fields\\_cults\\_bordeaux\\_27-28\\_06\\_2017\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/radicalisation_awareness_network/ran-papers/docs/lessons_from_adjacent_fields_cults_bordeaux_27-28_06_2017_en.pdf)

### Talks and Interviews, continued

Mike Kropveld was cited in a recent exposé of a Pastor of a local church. The articles can be found here:

<http://www.journaldemontreal.com/2018/01/29/ruines-par-un-gourou-qui-promet-des-miracles-1>



Mike Kropveld

### 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.

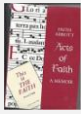
### Info-Cult's Web Site

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](http://www.infocult.org)

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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.

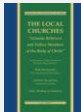
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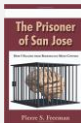
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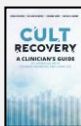
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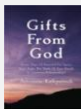
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[http://infosecte.org/Options\\_EN.html](http://infosecte.org/Options_EN.html)



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