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Tours, June 30th – July 4th 2008

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From now until June 2008, this NEWSLETTER will provide you with information on the state of progress of the preparation for the Conference and also on Conference registrations. As the different speakers programmed for presentations (in both symposiums and workshops) confirm their attendance, you will be provided with all the relevant details. The Newsletter will also cover points designed to make the Conference experience easier and more enjoyable, not only for the official agenda inside the Congress Centre, but also for outside activities.

What is the current state of Conference preparation?

Our partners

The Conference has received the label of the **French Presidency of the European Union**. The French government thus acknowledges the importance of the 33rd ICSW Global Conference by labelling it a social policy event of the French Presidency of the EU that will start in July 2008.

ALTERNATIVES ECONOMIQUES, a French monthly magazine that focuses on economic and social issues has become a partner of the Conference. An article on the Conference will be published in the June issue of the magazine. Take a look at the website of ALTERNATIVES ECONOMIQUES, <http://www.alternatives-economiques.fr/>.

Speakers

Speakers have recently confirmed their participation in the 33rd ICSW Global Conference. We introduce three of them in this issue of the newsletter:



Mrs Diana Nistorescu is the Executive Director of the Romanian Federation of NGOs active in child protection. She will make a presentation in symposium 2, “The Growing Role of Civil Society, NGOs, Empowerment of Citizens”.

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Mr Fabio Veras Soares is researcher at the UNDP – International Poverty Centre (Brazil). He will speak in symposium 7, “Poverty Reduction and Minimum Income Policies: Results and Limits”.



Mrs Shereen Usdin is co-founder of the Soul City Institute for Health and Development Communication (South Africa) and 2004 SABC/Shoprite-Checkers Health Woman of the Year. She will give a presentation in symposium 8, “Human Development: Sustainable Development, Human rights, Social Policies and Multiculturalism, Basic Education”.

Workshops – Stands – Call for papers

A number of workshops have been created and are now open to registration. Among them:

- Day 1, Social Work:

- . *Workshop 17 : Fighting Human Trafficking and Its Consequences*
- . *Workshop 18: Empowering Civil Society*
- . *Workshop 27: Gender Studies and Social Work*

- Day 2, Social Protection:

- . *Workshop 33 : Les inégalités sociales de santé*
- . *Workshop 34 : Socio-economic perspectives on migrations*
- . *Workshop 37 : Reforming social protection (in English)*
- . *Workshop 47 : Les réformes de la protection sociale (in French)*

- Day 3, Social Development :

- . *Workshop 54 : Micro-finance*
- . *Workshop 56 : Globalisation of social policies and access to social rights*

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A rubric « Stands » is open on the website. If you would like to, you can rent an exhibition stand in the venue of the Conference. The cost is 1000 euros tax included for 3 days of exhibition, from Tuesday, July 1st to Thursday, July 3rd. Please check the website for more information.

The call for papers is now closed. We received more than 100 hundred papers from some 30 different countries. People whose papers have been selected by the Reading Committee will make presentations in workshops in Tours.

Useful information: Tours and its surroundings

The architect of the Vinci Convention Centre where the Conference will take place, Jean NOUVEL, has been awarded the Pritzker prize, the equivalent of the Nobel prize in the field of architecture. Jean NOUVEL is notably the architect of the Arabic World Institute and the Cartier Foundation in Paris and of the Kansai Airport in Japan. Learn more about this major French architect at www.jeannouvel.com.

Accommodation in TOURS

We recommend you book your hotel as soon as possible as other events are taking place in Tours early July. You can make a reservation through the Vinci Convention Centre when you register online for the Conference. Also, you can use websites that were mentioned in the previous newsletter:

- <http://www.tourism-touraine.com/>
- <http://www.ligeris.com/>
- <http://www.booking.com/region/fr/touraine.fr>

Tourism

Use the « Tourism » rubric of the Conference website to prepare and reserve tours in the cradle of the French Renaissance famed for its “Loire castles”.

REGISTRATION

Register before May 1st to benefit from “early birds” reduced fees.

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