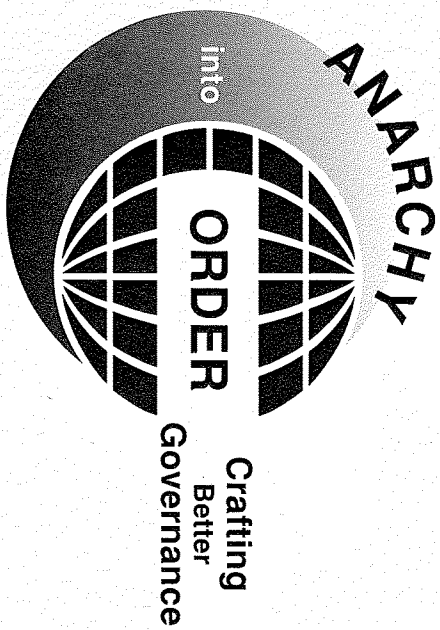




# **ASSOCIATION FOR BAHÁ'Í STUDIES**

## **20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

SEPTEMBER 26 - 29, 1996

## MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENOR

*Welcome, Welcome, Welcome.*

Dear Friends, Members of the Association, and Guests,

Governance is the theme of this Conference. Governance in the spirit and within the context of the Association for Bahá'í Studies and Bahá'í community life, calls for respect of the principles of courtesy, consultation and good fellowship. Governance is simply how we choose to do what we do. Governance is a process. It evolves and grows in any agency or community.

We find in the 1917 Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, "Fellowship, fellowship, love, love, unity, unity." These words are not only the key to learning, but if learning is an apt model for good governance, then these are also the key words for generating trust. Good governance depends on trust as the key to efficiency. Good governance depends on clarity of thought and vision for effectiveness.

This Conference offers itself as a kind of model of better governance. Team work, open communication, good fellowship, modern technology and continuous well planned hard work have been the

ingredients which over 100 volunteers and 120 presenters have been using to create this conference. We invite you to now enjoy the handiwork.

The Plenary sessions have been designed to offer balanced and varied presentations on selected themes of governance. The North American and Australian perspectives on Bahá'í Administration keynote the plenary presentations. The speakers that follow blend views from both within and outside the Bahá'í community through the generous participation of well known and well respected members of the larger community in Alberta and Canada. We welcome these distinguished guests who share our concern for society and recognize the critical role of values and leadership in improving the condition of our society.

Volunteers, Presenters and Delegates - at this Conference, together we are "Crafting Better Governance."

- Doug Raynor

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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## WELCOME

The Conference Committee has made every effort to ensure that your experience here in Edmonton is both pleasant and safe. All of us are dedicated to serving you, so please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. Hosts may be identified by the green stripe along the side of their name tags.

The Edmonton Bahá'í Community also extends its warm welcome and invites you to the Bahá'í Centre, 9414 - 111 Avenue, for hospitality and a "fireside" chat Wednesday evening. The Centre will be open throughout the Conference.

## ABS INFORMATION DESK

Information desks are set up at the Convention Centre and at the Westin Hotel. Hosts will be happy to provide you with information about the Conference and the City of Edmonton.

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Bahá'í Centre: 479-8770  
The Westin Hotel: 426-3636  
Official Travel Agent: Marisa: 990-0702  
Convenor's Office: 462-9747

## TRANSPORTATION

The Westin Hotel and the Convention Centre are connected underground. If you prefer to go this route, please follow the map, or ask a host to guide you. If you wish, you may use the shuttle buses, available from the Westin Hotel to the Convention Centre and back during peak Conference hours. Please confirm these hours with the ABS Information Desk.

### *Within Edmonton:*

Yellow Cab - 462-3456  
Alberta Co-op - 425-8310  
Checker - 484-8888

Airport Shuttles are available from most major hotels. Please check with their staff for detailed scheduling.

## MESSAGES

Messages may be posted on a board next to the Registration Desk at the Convention Centre. Already posted is the Conference Committee's Favourite Restaurants. Check it out for some excellent suggestions. Also posted is detailed information on parking costs in the downtown area.

## SAFETY

Edmonton is a well-patrolled and safe city. However, for evening strolls it is advisable to remain west of 97 Street, China Gate and Canada Place. Remember to take off your conference name tags that will identify you as a tourist.

Please notify a host immediately if you have any emergency or security concerns.





### **CONFERENCE TAPES**

Take this 20th Annual Conference home with you! Tapes will be available for sale at the Registration Desk. Singles are \$6.50 each. Albums of 3, 6 and 8 are available for \$20, \$30 and \$46 respectively.

### **BOOKSTORE**

The Bookstore is operated by Unity Arts, the designated supplier for ABS Conferences in Canada. Hours of operation are from 10:00 to 22:00 beginning at 17:00 on Thursday until about 16:00 on Sunday (Salon 5).

### **SPECIAL FEATURES**

To assist you in your personal "better governance" process, Salon 19 has been reserved as a prayer and meditation room.

For the comfort of our life members and honoured seniors, Room 20 has been reserved. Please feel welcome to use this room as often as you wish.

Integration of the Arts in this Conference also includes a Visual Arts Display, which can be found in Salon 5 & 6.

### **CONFERENCE LOGISTICS**

#### **LOST AND FOUND:**

Such articles will be turned over either to the Convention Centre staff or Westin Hotel staff accordingly. Hosts will be able to assist you in this matter.

#### **PHARMACIES:**

Shoppers Drug Mart - Eaton Centre - 10200 102 Ave.

Standard Life Centre ARP Pharmacy - 10405 Jasper Ave.

**PARKING:** See the message board.

**SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS:** See the message board for conference committee favourites.

### **EVALUATION FORMS**

The Committee kindly asks for your assistance and cooperation in filling out the evaluation form at the end of the Conference, as well as returning the plastic holder of your name tag.

# **T H U R S D A Y • a t a g l a n c e**

|                      |                                           |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:30                | DEVOTIONS                                 | 19:30 | UNITY FEAST                                                                                                                                                             |
| 09:00<br>to<br>16:30 | FULL-DAY SESSIONS                         |       | SALON 8 - 10                                                                                                                                                            |
|                      | SALON 16 ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY          |       | PREPARING FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM:                                                                                                                                      |
|                      | SALON 13 AGRICULTURE                      |       | FROM ANARCHY INTO ORDER                                                                                                                                                 |
|                      | SALON 4 ARTS                              |       | The program for the evening will include music, inspirational readings, interpretive dance, a video presentation, and a consultation followed by refreshments.          |
|                      | SALON 14 BUILT ENVIRONMENT                |       | The consultation will focus on what we, as individuals, can all do to implement principles of equality, justice, and unity in our families, workplaces and communities. |
|                      | SALON 6 EDUCATION                         |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 1 RELIGIOUS STUDIES                 |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09:00<br>to<br>12:00 | MORNING SESSIONS                          |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 17 ECONOMICS                        |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 18 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY           |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 15 SUBMITTED PAPERS                 |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:00                | LUNCH                                     |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13:00<br>to<br>16:30 | AFTERNOON SESSIONS                        |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 17-18 LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES   |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                      | SALON 15-16 RACE UNITY / MULTICULTURALISM |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 16:30                | DINNER                                    |       |                                                                                                                                                                         |

*Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.*  
Bahá'u'lláh

# THURSDAY • FULL-DAY SESSIONS

## ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY

**Location:** Salon 16/offsite

**Coordinators:** Hilary Harper  
Allison Healy

A session designed to attract those interested in exploring some of the spiritual traditions of Canada's aboriginal peoples. Includes a visit to Poundmaker's Lodge, an addictions treatment centre just outside of Edmonton, to participate in a sweatlodge hosted by the Nechi Institute.

## AGRICULTURE

**Location:** Salon 13

**Coordinator:** Paul Hanley

*"First and foremost is the principle that to all the members of the body politic shall be given the greatest achievements of the world of humanity. Each one shall have the utmost welfare and well-being. To solve this we must begin with the farmer; there will we lay a foundation for system and order because the peasant class and the agricultural class exceed other classes in the importance of their service."* 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
Scheduled presentations include a panel of farmers and others on "How to be a Bahá'í Farmer" and also:

Pyer Vaillancourt (presented by Peter Calkins)

*Reflections on the Management of Agricultural Resources*

Neil Whatley

*Alternate Systems of Agriculture*

*Production with the Bribri of Talamanca,*

Costa Rica

Paul Hanley

*The Conference on Religion, the Land and Conversation in Japan*

## ARTS

**Location:** Salon 4

**Coordinator:** Anne Perry

The Bahá'í Institute for the Arts exists to encourage participating artists and Bahá'ís to utilize the arts in a way that will foster growth, transformation, and the application of Bahá'í principles to creativity. In addition to stimulating individual progress and teaching work, it seeks to promote an academic and serious study of the arts, which may result in publication, presentation or exhibition of art and art criticism. This year's conference will focus on transforming anarchy into order through presentations and discussion with visual artists, musicians, and writers as well as other participants.

## PRESENTATIONS:

Ian Kluge, Poet

*A Poetic Essay On Beauty*

Sheila Banani, Poet

*Taking Chances: Windward in a Time of Butterflies*

Catherine Patrick, Poet

*In A Poet's Voice*

Jalaliyih Quinn, Visual Artist

*Painting As A Spiritual Discipline*

Garry Berteig, Visual Artist

*Post-Modernism in Light of Bahá'í*

*Teachings*

Kenji Konishi, Visual Artist

*Vessel of Spirit*

## REPORTS:

Allegra Kazemzadeh

Kenji Konishi

Dr. Leslie Asplund

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

**Location:** Salon 14

**Coordinator:** Doug Raynor

## MORNING SESSION:

A tour of public areas of buildings adjacent to the Convention Centre (Canada Place, Citadel Theatre, the walkways, and City Hall) to demonstrate how this 'winter city' has been designed to reflect principles and needs of the city and its occupants, and to show where these also reflect Bahá'í principles of business and consultation.

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

Dr. June Thomas

*Racial Unity: Implications for the Metropolis*

## EDUCATION

**Location:** Salon 6

**Coordinator:** Gretchen Peters

**MORNING SESSION:** to build a supportive, active Bahá'í Education Association

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

Howarth Cummings

*Transitional Learning for Youth: Adapting*

*Bahá'í Principles of Consultation for*

*Preparation of Youth for Work*

Gretchen Peters

*Building a Consciousness of World*

*Citizenship*



Robert Stockman

*The Wilmette Institute: A Progress  
Report After the First Year*

Adam Behrendt

*Building Better Governance Through  
Adult Education*

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

*Location:* Salon 1

*Coordinators:* Jack McLean

Dr. Robert Stockman

## MORNING SESSION

Dr. Bronwyn Elsmore

*Creedism: The Forgotten Area of Human  
Rights? Progress in New Zealand Law*

Jack McLean

*Theological Ethics in a Bahá'í  
Perspective*

Dr. Diana Malout

*The Hidden Words: Imagery as  
Cosmology*

Shahrokh Monjazei

*The Rashh-i-'Ama': A Preliminary  
Exploration of the Earliest Extant Text of  
the Bahá'í Dispensation*

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

The afternoon will open with a keynote presentation by Dr. Seena Fazel on *"Interreligious Dialogue and the Bahá'í Faith: Some Preliminary Observations,"* followed by open discussion. In attendance will be members of Edmonton's Interfaith Centre who will share insights about the North American Interfaith Network Conference held last month in Dallas, Texas. This session seeks to foster consultation among practitioners of Edmonton's various faith communities and the ABS delegates on how religion can be a contributor to the spiritual evolution of today's society.



# THURSDAY • HALF-DAY SESSIONS

## • morning sessions •

### ECONOMICS

*Location:* Salon 17

*Coordinator:* Keith Jensen

Annual meeting of the Economics Seminar

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

*Location:* Salon 18

*Coordinator:* Dr. Ron Somerby

"All blessings are divine in origin, but none can be compared with this power of intellectual investigation and research, which is an eternal gift producing fruits of unending delight. . . . Therefore, you should put forward your most earnest efforts toward the acquisition of science and arts. The greater your attainment, the higher your standard in the divine purpose." 'Abdu'l-Bahá

A session to discuss the goals of the Science and Technology Seminar, as well as the uses and relevance of developing a web-site for STS. Time permitting, discussion will center around "evolution," using the Statement on Evolution by the Universal House of Justice.

### SUBMITTED PAPERS

*Location:* Salon 15

*Chair:* Roxanne Lalonde

Dr. Sandra Fotos - *Strategies for*

*Spiritualization: Applying Language Learning Principles to the Acquisition of Virtues*

Barbara R. Sims - *Early Ainu Believers of Japan, Chief Takeichi Moritake (1902-1976) and his son, Mr. Kzsutomo Umegai (1924-1992)*

## • afternoon sessions •

### LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

*Location:* Salon 17-18

*Coordinators:* Paul Bujold

Suzanne Sauvé

What do community loans, literacy, the women's prison, popular theatre, faith communities, women, and family violence all have in common? This session will provide participants with insights into the many areas and methods of community development practice, while offering an opportunity to further their learning through dialogue with other practitioners.

Bob McKeon

*Edmonton Community Loan Fund*

Yvonne Chiu

*Newer Health Initiatives with Implications for Participatory Democracy*

Carol Hutchings

*The new women's prison in Edmonton*

Yvon Laberge

*Family Literacy in the Franco-Alberta Community*

Jenny Kains

*The NEED Project - self-employment/ entrepreneurship for low income women*

Deborah Hurford

*Research-based performance art which examines critical issues and empowers individuals, institutions, and communities to initiate positive change*

Beant Singh

*Role of Faith Communities in Family Violence Prevention*

### RACE UNITY / MULTICULTURALISM

*Location:* Salon 15-16

*Coordinator:* Dr. Richard Thomas

An open discussion to explore the application of the principle of the organic unity of the human race to the economic, social, and spiritual conditions of marginalized minority populations, and how this principle affects the social, economic, and spiritual life of racial minorities within various religious communities, including Bahá'í communities.



# FRIDAY • at a glance

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:30                | DEVOTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 18:45 | DRUM CONVOCATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 09:00<br>to<br>16:30 | FULL-DAY SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                | 19:15 | OFFICIAL OPENING<br>Welcoming comments from the Convenor and government representatives.<br>CHAIR: Doug Raynor                                                                                                                           |
|                      | SALON 13 ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE<br>SALON 4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT<br>SALON 14 A DIALOGUE ON HEALTH                                                                                                                 | 19:30 | THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF<br>BAHÁ'U'LLÁH: A MODEL OF BETTER GOVERNANCE<br>A review of the Bahá'í system of governance and its applicability to the needs of society at large.<br>SPEAKERS: Dr. Robert Henderson<br>Dr. Arini Beaumaris |
| 09:00<br>to<br>12:00 | MORNING SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 21:00 | CHAMBER CONCERT<br>Ina Dykstra<br>CAROLINE MacKay<br>THE KIWANIS SINGERS                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                      | SALON 17 COMPUTER-MEDIATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS<br>SALON 18 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE<br>SALON 6 EDUCATION<br>SALON 16 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS<br>SALON 1 KNOWLEDGE IN THE BAHÁ'Í DISPENSATION<br>SALON 15 WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 12:00                | LUNCH                                                                                                                                                                                                            |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13:30<br>to<br>16:30 | AFTERNOON SESSIONS                                                                                                                                                                                               |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                      | SALON 1 BAHÁ'Í SCHOLARSHIP<br>SALON 16 CONFLICT RESOLUTION<br>SALON 15 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE<br>SALON 17-18 HUMAN RIGHTS<br>SALON 6 THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNANCE<br>SALON 20 MASS MEDIA/COMMUNICATION               |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



# FRIDAY • FULL-DAY SESSIONS

## ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE

*Location:* Salon 13

*Coordinators:* Carol Etkin  
Bob Watts

**WORKSHOP 1:** Based on this passage from the Bahá'í writings: "Attach great importance to the indigenous population of America. . . . Should they be educated and guided, there can be no doubt that they will become so illumined as to enlighten the whole world." 'Abdu'l-Bahá

**WORKSHOP 2:** "Spiritual Prerequisites for Aboriginal Governance" will explore leadership, the duties of government, social and economic development and education.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Location:* Salon 4

*Coordinators:* Dr. Michael Bopp  
Judie Bopp

**THEME QUESTION:** What does the Bahá'í community have to contribute to the challenge of engaging grassroots community people in the process of building a sustainable future?

### KEYNOTE

Dr. Glen Eyford and Dr. Michael Bopp  
*A Light at the End of the Tunnel:*  
*Principles to Guide Development Action*

### WORKSHOP SESSIONS

J.C. Lucas  
*Building on Cultural Strengths for Community Healing and Development*  
Mark Wedge  
*Moral Leadership Development: The Yukon Experience*

Soheyl Mottahedeh

*Grassroots Mass Participation in a Bahá'í Organized Project: The Case of Zaire*  
Paul Bujold, Michael Bopp, Judie Bopp  
*Reaching Out: Building the Capacity of the Bahá'í Community for Service.*

**KEYNOTE DRAMATIZATION: Women and Poverty**  
Sheila Pinkerton, Susan Millar, Pat O'Flanagan, Navid Majidi, Carole Curties

**RESPONSE PANEL:** Judie Bopp, Sandy Slobodian, Soheyl Mottahedeh

**FACILITATED AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Issues and Strategies for Transformative Action: Where to start? What to do? How to be effective?

### STUDY/WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

Richard Poole  
*Small-Scale Development in the Ecuadorean Andes*  
Helgi Eyford  
*The Role and Purpose of Culture in Development*  
Dr. Pat Slobodian, Sandy Slobodian and Chris Cook Jr.  
*The Thin Edge of the Wedge: A Health Development Project in Vanuatu*  
Andy Tamas  
*Organization as Community: Using an Inter-cultural and Community Development Approach to Increase Organizational Effectiveness*

Allan Fuller

*In Search of a Bahá'í Approach to Community Development: Ideas Out of Africa*

**WRAP-UP PLENARY:** *Lines of Action within the Bahá'í Community and the Wider World*

**PIPE CEREMONY:** J.C. Lucas

## A DIALOGUE ON HEALTH

(sponsored by the Bahá'í Health Association of Canada)

*Location:* Salon 14

*Coordinators:* Dr. Chris Greenaway  
Dr. John Guilfoyle

### MORNING SESSION

*Chair:* Dr. Beth Bowen  
*"Values and Vision"*  
Dr. Chris Greenaway  
*The Determinants of Health*  
Dr. A.M. Ghadirian  
*Ethics and Medicine*  
Dr. John Guilfoyle  
*Health Public Policy*

### AFTERNOON SESSION

*Chair:* Dr. Brenda Maxwell  
*"Models of Healthcare Governance" with presentations on the U.K. (Dr. Seena Fazel), the U.S. (Dr. Beth Bowen) and the Canadian (Howard Sapers, M.L.A.) experience.*



# FRIDAY • HALF-DAY SESSIONS

## • morning sessions •

### COMPUTER-MEDIATED

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

*Location:* Salon 17

*Coordinator:* Dr. Mark Foster

"A mechanism of world communication will be devised, embracing the whole planet, freed from national hindrances and restrictions and functioning with marvelous swiftness and perfect regularity." Shoghi Effendi

Marion Finley et. al., presented by Julian Lebensol - *The BCCA Experiences in the Bahá'í International Community*  
Dr. Sandra Fotos - *A Preliminary Discourse Analysis of E-mail from the Perspective of Moderation*

Dr. Mark Foster - *Cyberspace: A Hermeneutic Analysis*

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

*Location:* Salon 18

*Coordinator:* Dr. Gene Andrews

This session opens with a brief description of the agenda and a context-setting review of today's global business environment.

PART 1: *Corporate Governance and Bahá'í Principles: Ideals vs. Reality* - What principles are applicable in today's corporate environment?; PART 2: *Corporate Survival and Inclusion* - What is the link between inclusion and global competitiveness?

PANELISTS: Jalal Hatami, Dr. Billy Roberts and Antoinette Washington share their remarks, leading to an open discussion.

### EDUCATION

*Location:* Salon 6

*Coordinator:* Dr. Dwight Allen

"The knowledge of God is the cause of spiritual progress and attraction, and through it the perception of truth, the exaltation of humanity, divine civilization, rightness of morals and illumination are obtained." 'Abdu'l-Bahá  
Presentations will be followed by a panel and open discussion.

Dr. Roy Steiner - *The Development of Bahá'í Teaching and Training Institutes*  
Dr. Douglas Allen - *An Examination of the Advantages and Disadvantages of China's Centralized Approach to Education*

Simon Richmond - *Governance of Bahá'í Educational Institutions in Africa: The Banani International School in Zambia*  
Rena Steiner - *How Bahá'í Principles Shape the Governance of Informal Bahá'í Organizations, such as Bahá'í Music Workshop Groups*

Dr. Dwight Allen - *How Bahá'í Principles Can Help Shape the Worldwide Educational Reform*

Additional panelists - Alyce LeBlanc  
Adam Behrendt  
Ron Fortin

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

*Location:* Salon 16

*Coordinator:* Steven Gonzales

Two panels followed by discussion:

- 1) *External Affairs and the Art of Strategic Planning* - Hugh Adamson, Jeffery Huffines, Hugh Locke, Reginald Newkirk;
- 2) *The Earth is But One Country: Policy Implications for Immigrants, Migrants and Refugees* - Layli Miller Bashir, Tamineh Roshanian, Puran Stevens.

### KNOWLEDGE IN THE BAHÁ'Í DISPENSATION

*Location:* Salon 1

*Coordinator:* Dr. Pierre-Yves Mocaïs  
This session features a panel consultation on the nature of knowledge in this new Dispensation and how it affects our lives.

In *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 'Abdu'l-Bahá wonders how we "shall attain the reality of knowledge" and answers: "By the breaths and promptings of the Holy Spirit which is light and knowledge itself" for "the divine standard of knowledge is infallible." Is it to say then, that the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh has created a new standard of knowledge as well as a new knowledge system? What would be the nature and principles of that knowledge? How would it relate to matters of faith, truth, and freedom? How does it revolutionize the present dogma of the theory of knowledge? How does it affect epistemological as well as

# FRIDAY • HALF-DAY SESSIONS

hermeneutical practices, from the way we develop, process, and transmit knowledge to the way we conduct scholarship?

This year's workshop will be divided in three parts:

- (1) a presentation of some of these ideas by a four-member panel
- (2) a general discussion supported by mini-compilations
- (3) a more focused consultation on the relationship between knowledge and the institute process outlined in recent letters from the Universal House of Justice.

## PANEL

Wendy Heller

*Extracting Some Principles of Knowledge from the Texts*

Dr. Ross Woodman

*Knowledge and Faith*

Dr. David Smith

*From Knowledge to Deeds: The Path to Civilization Building*

Dr. Susan Brill

*Conversive Scholarly Relations:*

*Centering the Sacred and Decentering*

*the Self: A Bahá'í Model*

## WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE: FROM THE GRASSROOTS TO THE GLOBAL

*Location:* Salon 15

*Coordinator:* May Cummings

*"According to the spirit of this age, women must advance and fulfill their mission in all departments of life, becoming equal to men."*

'Abdu'l-Bahá

Women of diverse backgrounds share their experiences and research in the application of the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh in their daily lives - from involvement in the workplace, sports at school, academia, and volunteer work.

Lynn Echevarria-Howe

Foundational beliefs in religion and philosophy about women's inferior nature and how 'Abdu'l-Bahá refuted these erroneous theories.

Nuvyn Cummings

*Coach, I Wanna Join Your Team!*

Parisa Sheermohammad and Linda Hackinen

*Reflections and Connections: Bahá'í*

*Women on the Move*

Dr. Brenda Maxwell

*Governance : The Missing Element*

Constance Chen

*Why Should Women Be Involved in Governance?*

## • afternoon sessions •

### BAHÁ'Í SCHOLARSHIP

*Location:* Salon 1

*Coordinator:* Dr. Peter Morgan

A session designed to explore the dimensions of Bahá'í scholarship, including informal presentations of research and discussion on avoiding gender-biased language, citation practices in Bahá'í scholarship, and mentoring of junior scholars.

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION

*Location:* Salon 16

*Coordinators:* Linda Khadem

*"Address yourselves to the promotion of the well-being and tranquillity of the children of men. Bend your minds and wills to the education of the peoples and kindreds of the earth, that haply the dissensions that divide it may, through the power of the Most Great Name, be blotted out from its face, and all mankind become the upholders of one Order and the inhabitants of one City. Illumine and hallow your hearts; let them not be profaned by the thorns of hate or the thistles of malice. Ye dwell in one world, and have been created through the operation of one Will. Blessed is he who minglenth with all men in a spirit of utmost kindness and love." — Bahá'u'lláh*



# FRIDAY • HALF-DAY SESSIONS

Building on the morning's Corporate Governance session, this session will focus on putting ethics into practice in areas of dispute resolution.

Fundamental to the progression or destruction of a society is how that society chooses to resolve its conflicts. This interactive seminar will give a brief overview of the history of conflict resolution and will present some current developments in a variety of areas. What does the Bahá'í model of conflict resolution have to add and where can it best be applied?

## PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Dwight Allen  
*Conflict Resolution in Education*  
 Dwight Bashir-Elahi  
*A Bahá'í Approach to International Conflict Analysis and Resolution: Building Bridges to the Future World Order*  
 Steven Gonzales  
*Mediation: The Search for Common Ground*  
 John Huddleston  
*Consultation: The Bahá'í Perspective on Resolving Conflicts*  
 Linda Khadem  
*Historical Perspective on Conflict Resolution*  
 Peter Portlock  
*Waging Peace: Appropriate Dispute Resolution in the 90's*

## GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

*Location:* Salon 15  
*Coordinator:* Guy Blood  
 Muriel Smith

*Global Governance: Where are we? Where should we be going?*

Dr. Tom Keating

*Democracy and Global Governance*  
 Keith Christian Jensen

*The Evolution of Global Governance: The Constitutional Order of International Law*

Dr. Richard Vanderberg  
*The Role of Religion in International Relations*

## HUMAN RIGHTS

*Location:* Salon 17-18  
*Coordinator:* Gerry Gall

A discussion group focusing on this internationally relevant but highly contentious subject.

## PANELISTS:

Wendy Kinsella  
 Charlach MacIntosh  
 Reginald Newkirk

## THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNANCE

*Location:* Salon 6  
*Coordinator:* Hugh Locke

A session focused on the relations of individuals to governing institutions, featuring presentations on personal spirituality, individual well-being, and virtues.

David Bowie

*Bahá'í Governance: An Appealing Process*

Dr. Ian Kluge

*Towards a Politics of Unity: A Bahá'í-Based Model for Postmodern Democracy*  
 Leonard Musta

*From the Invisible Hand of Self-Interest to the Visible Hand of God*

David Kilgour, M.P.

*Public Service and the Individual*  
 Dr. June Thomas

*The Importance of Plans for Progress: A Study Session on the Administrative Order*

## MASS MEDIA / COMMUNICATION

*Location:* Salon 20  
*Coordinator:* Fred Badiyan

An in-depth workshop on the role of media in society and their responsibility to the public, featuring input from practitioners, including Michael Snook - *Creative Control: Governance in Mass Media*



# SATURDAY - at a glance

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| 08:30          | DEVOTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 14:00 | THE HASAN BALLYUZI MEMORIAL LECTURE<br>CHAIR: Dr. Pierre-Yves Mocuais<br>SPEAKER: Dr. Ross Woodman<br><i>The Role of the Feminine in the Bahá'í Faith</i>                                                                                                               |
| 09:00          | MORAL LEADERSHIP<br>CHAIR: Judge Margaret Osbaldeston<br>SPEAKERS: Dr. David Smith<br>The dimensions of the concept of moral leadership from a Bahá'í perspective.<br>David Kilgour, M.P.<br>The requirements for moral leadership in government.                                                                                             | 14:45 | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:00          | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 15:00 | ENTERTAINMENT<br>World Citizen - Métis Youth Rap Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:15          | ENTERTAINMENT<br>Pillars of Peace - Youth Dance Workshop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15:15 | ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE PANEL<br>Aboriginal leaders will review the history, the current political and social situation and explore how better aboriginal governance might be achieved.<br>CHAIR: Cheryl Fennell<br>PANELISTS: Marge Friedel<br>Conrad Sioui<br>Bob Watts |
| 10:30          | CITIZENSHIP IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY<br>An examination of the roles and responsibilities of citizens in an increasingly complex society.<br>CHAIR: Ingrid Hauck<br>PANELISTS: Susanne Tamas<br><i>Concepts and Conundrums</i><br>Joan Crockatt, Charlach MacIntosh<br>Variety in Alberta society and the demands this has placed on citizens. | 17:00 | DINNER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:00 to 14:00 | BANQUET LUNCHEON<br>ABS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE<br>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19:30 | GALA CELEBRATION<br>An extraordinary evening of eclectic entertainment including poetry, music and dance.<br><i>THE WAJJO DRUMMERS</i><br>KEITH BARTLETT<br>UNITED SAXOPHONE LIBERATION FRONT<br>RENA STEINER<br>ANNE PERRY<br>NANCY WARD                               |



# SUNDAY • at a glance

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| 08:30 | DEVOTIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| 09:00 | <p><b>THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN CIVILIZATION</b><br/>Three different approaches to the relevance of religion, values, and spirituality to an evolving civilization and its institutions.</p> <p>CHAIR: Dr. Anne Pearson<br/>PANELISTS: Hugh Adamson</p> <p><i>The Role of Religion in Civilization:<br/>Chief Instrument for the Establishment of Order</i><br/>Wendy Heller</p> <p><i>The Religious Foundations of Civil Society</i><br/>Dr. June Thomas</p> <p><i>Shoghi Effendi's Plans for Progress</i></p> |  |  |
| 10:30 | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |
| 10:45 | ENTERTAINMENT - Nancy Ward                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |
| 10:50 | <p><b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b><br/>The elements and dynamics of a good community are explored and applied to the processes of global civilization.</p> <p>CHAIR: Judie Bopp<br/>SPEAKER: Dr. Glen Eyford</p> <p><i>The Civilized Community</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |
| 12:00 | CLOSING CEREMONIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |
|       | <p>CHAIR: Doug Raynor<br/>SPEAKER: Dr. Abdu'l-Missagh Ghadirian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from Children/Youth Conference</li> <li>• Hand-over to Next Convenor</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |
| 12:45 | FAREWELL AND DRUM CEREMONY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |

# CONFERENCE NOTES



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

## BECOMING MORAL LEADERS

This parallel conference for children ages 5 to 15 has been designed to give the participants an opportunity to consider the future world society. How can the concepts of moral leadership and moral capabilities be developed in order to fully contribute to the transformation of society? Related themes will be explored through the use of small and large group sessions employing a variety of learning methods: drama, music, hands-on activities, the study of selected passages, and guest speakers from the main conference.

The Core Curriculum has been used as a framework for setting goals and planning session content.

## NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS:

Children over the age of 12 have the option of attending the main conference sessions if they have the maturity and the capacity to do so. These youth must make a commitment to either program as there are to be no unsupervised gatherings of youth in the hallways of the Convention Centre during the conference sessions.

As a safety precaution, all children age 9 and under must be signed in and out of the program each day by those authorized at the time of registration.

Fifteen minutes has been added to the beginning of each session to allow parents to drop off their children and proceed to their own sessions. Please pick up your children promptly at the end of each morning, afternoon and evening session. Parents will be charged babysitting fees if their children are not picked up 15 minutes after the close of each session.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### *Thursday, September 26*

WELCOME/DEVOTIONS/MUSIC

THE EVOLUTION OF HUMANKIND AND THIS AGE OF TRANSITION

*Location:* Salon 2

*Speaker:* Dr. Pierre-Yves Mocuquais

*The Plan of God and the Needs of the Present Hour*

Small group activities on this theme exploring a timeline on the development of humankind; the Great Plan of God.

LUNCH

OLD AND NEW STYLES OF LEADERSHIP

*Location:* Salon 2

*Speaker:* Susanne Tamas

*Moral Leadership*

Dramatic explorations of old and new models of leadership.

A Walk in the River Valley.

DINNER

UNITY FEAST

Children and youth attend with their parents.

08:15

08:15  
to  
12:00

12:00

13:15  
to  
16:30

16:30

19:00

## Friday, September 27

### DEVOTIONS/MUSIC

PROGRESS OF THE NATIONS TOWARDS THE LESSER PEACE  
*Location:* Salon 2  
*Speaker:* Dr. Ridván Moqbel  
*The Importance of Scholarship* - Small group and jigsaw activities on the Lesser Peace and the institutions of the future world society.

### LUNCH

THE PRINCIPLE OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY AND THE ART OF CONSULTATION  
*Location:* Salon 2  
*Speaker:* Ed Muttart  
*Unity in Diversity* - Exploring consultation through games. Field Trip to The Muttart Conservatory.

### DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT  
*Location:* Salon 2  
*Drum Ceremony*  
*Special Guest Entertainer:* Nancy Ward  
 Crafts/games

## Saturday, September 28

### PRAYERS/MUSIC

PRACTICING MORAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH MORAL CAPABILITIES  
*Location:* Salon 4  
*Speaker:* Reginald Newkirk

*Children and Youth as Moral Leaders* - Small group work on the theme followed by presentations.

12:00

LUNCHEON for children and youth.  
 A Walk in the River Valley

13:30  
to

DESTINY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
*Location:* Salon 4

16:30

*Speakers:* Milad and Melody Asdaghi  
*Workshop on the theme.*  
 Paper presentation: Nuvyn Cummings  
*Choose your own adventure: Fighting Spiritual Battles.*

16:30

DINNER

18:30  
to

EVENING CELEBRATION

(Children and youth will sit together with facilitators for part or all of the evening's entertainment. Please collect children in Salon 4 following the performance.)  
 Activities are planned for children not able to sit through the entire program.

## Sunday, September 29

### PRAYERS/MUSIC

08:15

RESPONDING TO THE FOUR YEAR PLAN.

08:15  
to

*Location:* Salon 4

12:00

*Speaker:* Thora Eyford, Workshop on Wellness  
*Speaker:* Scott and Jeff Ward

Workshop: Using our talents to serve the Faith. Responding with individual service plans.

12:00

CLOSING CEREMONIES

Children and Youth Performing Conference song --  
*"Shape the Future."*

Children and youth to be picked up in Salon 4 at the close of the Conference.





## ARTISTS PRESENTING

**ERNE ABEL** is a Dene drummer from the Northwest Territories, and utilizes the traditional caribou skin drum as a unifying medium.

**RIEL AUBICHON** plays the fiddle in various folk styles, including Metis, Bluegrass, Old Time and Cajun. His most recent recording "Waltz Time" includes several original compositions.

**SHEILA BANANI** is a poet. Sheila's poem, "Life's Rainbow," appears in the best-selling anthology *When I Am An Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple*, published by Papier-Mache Press.

**KEITH BARTLETT** works as a performer and producer in a wide variety of music styles. He's currently recording, in collaboration with Leane Boschmann-Epp, a collection of traditional prophetic hymns and new music entitled "O People of the Gospel." Keith's daughter, Tahirih Bartlett, will accompany him on piano and "Chapman stick."

**PAUL CARROLL** is a drummer and multi-instrumentalist/producer from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Paul recently moved to Yellowknife, NWT. Uses drumming as a method of sharing his faith and motivating youth.

**INA DYKSTRA** is a piano teacher, clinician, adjudicator and performer from Alberta. In addition to solo pieces, she will perform a duet with Patt McAvory, one of her students, on Friday evening.

**NIA FAST** studies harp with Nora Bumanis, principal harpist with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. She also plays for the Edmonton Youth Orchestra.

**ROGER & MARIE GERVAIS** Marie (pianist and composer) and Roger (guitarist and composer) frequently offer their instrumental expertise to Bahá'í events. They composed the childrens conference theme song.

**LEEELIA GILDAY** is studying voice in the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Alberta.

**JOHN HIGGINS** writes and arranges music primarily for choirs. Setting excerpts from the Bahá'í writings to music is a particular interest for him.

**THE KIWANIS SINGERS** is a community choir from Edmonton which specializes in vocal jazz, pop, Broadway and gospel styles of music. An ensemble from this group, consisting of John Higgins, Ruth Laiken, Janet McClelland, Jeremy Miller, Carolyn Russel, Karen Suecie, Bernie Schaloske, Francis Tam, and Brian Wedman will perform on Friday evening.

**CAROLYNE MACKAY** is known for her pure, lyrical voice, which soars as she plays her Celtic Harp. Her most recent recording includes, "O Most Mighty Ocean! Selected Passages from the Kitab-i-Aqdas." A new release, "Suite; Mothers and Angels", songs of stories for women, will be available in October, 1996.

**DIANA MALOUF** is a professional singer and dancer. She has performed as a choir member in World Congress and Heart of America Tour. Her dance specialty of 20 years: Middle Eastern.

**PILLARS OF PEACE** is a Bahá'í youth dance workshop which uses the medium of dance to look at social issues and to convey a message of harmony and unity.

**ANDREW PEMBERTON-PIGOTT** is a superb entertainer. Andrew, as once said about him, puts the "muse" in the music. A witty humorist, he sings a variety of styles and plays both the guitar and piano.

**VAL PEMBERTON-PIGOTT** is a singer who lives for harmony, especially those tough alto parts!

**MEGAN PORTER** is a young performer who currently dances at the Bariatage Dance Studio. She has created a dance for the music "Terraces" by Sia Samimi.

**COLIN RYAN** is Principal Cellist for the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

**GLORIA ROTH** is a piano teacher and singer living north of Edmonton, and a frequent performer at religious and secular events of all kinds.

**SIA SAMIMI** plays classical guitar in a unique style which combines and transforms many musical forms and cultures. His first album, "Terraces," was inspired by and dedicated to the ARC projects on Mount Carmel in Israel.

**RENA STEINER** is Artistic Director for the Diversity Dance workshop in the Seattle, Washington area. Previously she danced for the Dance Theater of Harlem and was a soloist for Hamburg Ballet.

**EVERDINA STUPARYK** lives in Gibbons, Alberta and is the past director of and currently sings with the Sturgeon Unity Singers.

**BAHRAM TAHRIRIHA** developed a love for reciting poetry in his native Iran. Last year he sponsored and helped produce a half-hour Farsi language show on CKER radio in Edmonton.

**PAULINE TUTTLE** is a flutist and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in ethnomusicology at the University of Seattle, Washington. Her research is on the "Role and Development of Music in the International Bahá'í Community."

**UNITED SAXOPHONE LIBERATION FRONT** Don Berner, Jerrold Dubyk, Curtis Henker and Ken Hoffman consistently have put up a lively "front" in many Edmonton musical scenes including "First Night" and the "Edmonton Street Performers Festival."

**NANCY WARD** is a singer-songwriter from Thornhill, Ontario. In her music she addresses her concerns for peace, equality and the environment.

**WORLD CITIZEN** is Jeff and Scott Ward, a Métis Bahá'í Youth Rap Group. This entertaining team exemplifies the vibrancy of youth.

**NEDA YAMACH** studies violin in the Edmonton area. She performs frequently at Bahá'í functions as well as regional music competitions, and recently began playing with the junior Edmonton Youth Orchestra.

*Our appreciation to all the artists who offered their time and talents, and our apologies to any who were inadvertently omitted or left out due to last-minute changes.*

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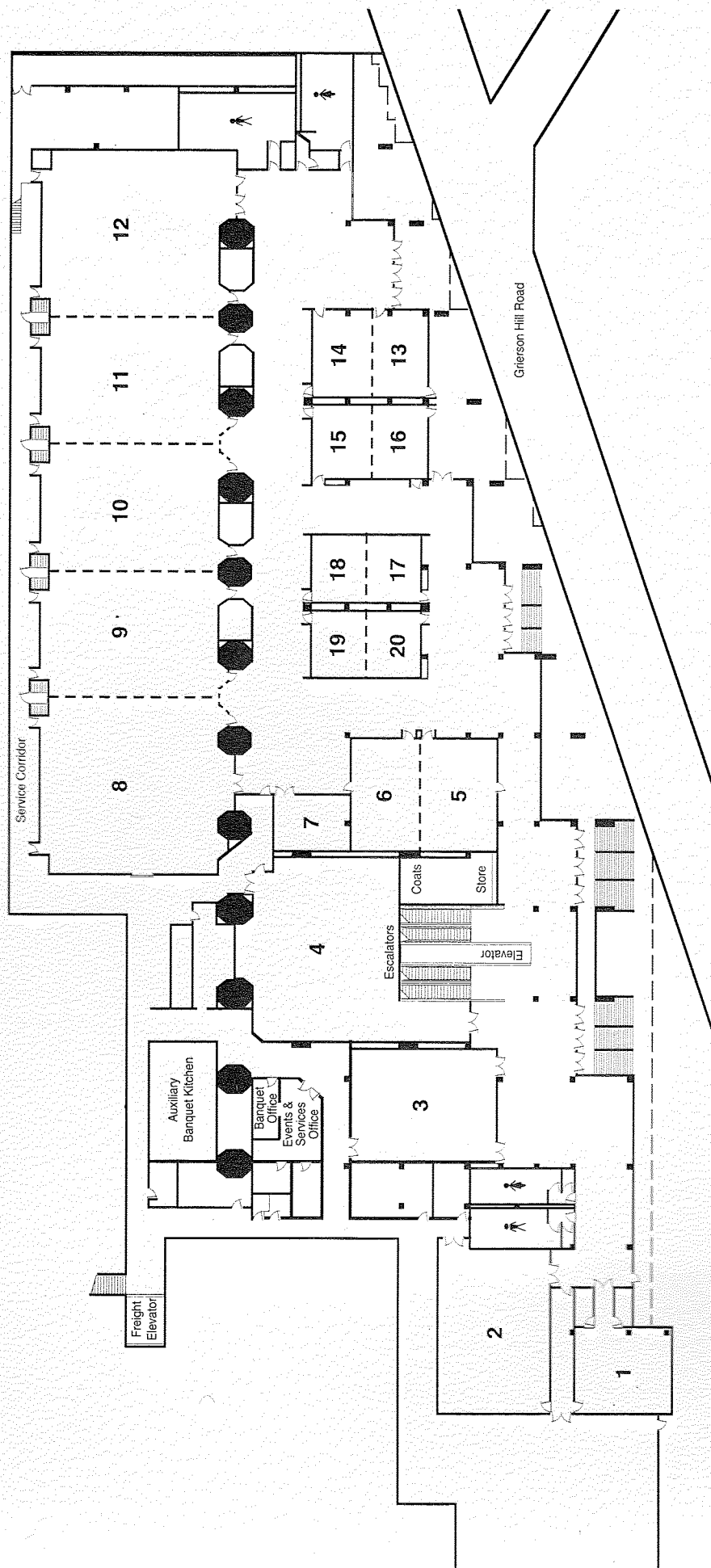
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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

DEVOTIONS (08:30)

FULL-DAY SESSIONS (09:00 - 16:30)

Salon 16 ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY  
Salon 13 AGRICULTURE  
Salon 4 ARTS  
Salon 14 BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
Salon 6 EDUCATION  
Salon 1 RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MORNING SESSIONS (09:00 - 12:00)

Salon 17 ECONOMICS  
Salon 18 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
Salon 15 SUBMITTED PAPERS

LUNCH (12:00 - 13:30)

AFTERNOON SESSIONS (13:00 - 16:30)

Salon 17-18 LOCAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES  
Salon 15-16 RACE UNITY / MULTICULTURALISM

UNITY FEAST (19:30)

Salon 8 - 10 PREPARING FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM: FROM ANARCHY INTO ORDER

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

DEVOTIONS (08:30)

FULL-DAY SESSIONS (09:00 - 16:30)

Salon 13 ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE  
Salon 4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Salon 14 A DIALOGUE ON HEALTH

MORNING SESSIONS (09:00 - 12:00)

Salon 17 COMPUTER-MEDIATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
Salon 18 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE  
Salon 6 EDUCATION  
Salon 16 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
Salon 1 KNOWLEDGE IN THE BAHÁ'Í DISPENSATION  
Salon 15 WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE

AFTERNOON SESSIONS (13:00 - 16:30)

Salon 1 BAHÁ'Í SCHOLARSHIP  
Salon 16 CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
Salon 15 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE  
Salon 17-18 HUMAN RIGHTS  
Salon 6 INDIVIDUAL AND GOVERNANCE  
Salon 20 MASS MEDIA/COMMUNICATION

DRUM CEREMONY (18:45)

OFFICIAL OPENING (19:15)

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF

BAHÁ'U'LLÁH (19:30)

CHAMBER CONCERT (21:00)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

DEVOTIONS (8:30)

MORAL LEADERSHIP (9:00)

BREAK (10:00)

ENTERTAINMENT (10:15)

CITIZENSHIP IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY (10:30)

LUNCHEON  
Awards & Annual General Meeting (12:00)

HASAN BALLYUZI MEMORIAL LECTURE (14:00)

BREAK (14:45)

ENTERTAINMENT (15:00)

ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE (15:15)

DINNER (17:00)

GALA CELEBRATION (19:30)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

DEVOTIONS (08:30)

THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN CIVILIZATION (09:00)

BREAK (10:30)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (10:50)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (10:50)

CLOSING CEREMONIES (12:00)