

## Workshops

**IARF International:** Working in International Organisations. Positioning of IARF in the world of inter-church, inter-denominational, and inter-religious groups. (f.e. ICUU)  
Leading: Wies Houweling

### **IARF in Europe reaching out**

Public Relations. How to reach new groups? Where is religious freedom threatened? Who needs our support? Produce material for publication and education.  
Leading: Chris Hudson

### **IARF inside out:**

Contacting all members. How do Member Groups stay in contact? Use of new and traditional media. Create a newsletter. Contact with other European networks: ELPN, RFYN.  
Leading: to be confirmed

### **IARF Europe and Middle East (EME)**

Setting up of a viable, but not too complex organisation now that we do not have the IARF headquarters next door. Do we need Chapters? How do we finance our ideas?  
Leading: Wytse Dijkstra

At the same time there will be a conference of the Religious Freedom Youth Network (RFYN) in the Freireligiöse Community (Freireligiöse Gemeinde) in Ludwigshafen.  
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## Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Arrival around 18 hrs.

19.00 hrs.  
Opening speech

Carl-Scholl-Saal

## Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

9.15 hrs Morning devotion

9.30 hrs.  
Welcome, Introduction,  
Structure of the conference  
Workshop arrangements

10.00– 12.30 hrs.  
Workshops part 1

lunch

14.30 – 17.00 hrs.  
Workshops part 2

17.00 – 18.00 hrs  
IARF congress in Kochi, South India  
4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2010  
Information and preparations

Dinner

20.00 hrs.  
Joint evening with RFYN and IARF

## Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

9.15 hrs. Morning devotion

9.00 – 09.30 hrs.  
Preparation of the group presentations

09.30 – 12.30 hrs.  
Presentations of the group results,  
discussion and decision making

lunch

14.00 – 15.00 hrs.  
Accompanying the work of the United Nations  
Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or  
Belief, John Taylor, Geneva

16.00 hrs.  
Leaving for Heidelberg  
Guided tour through Heidelberg with historical  
aspects

Dinner in Heidelberg

## Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

10.00 hrs  
International Service  
in the Freireligiöse Gemeinde  
Ludwigshafen

Around 14.00 hrs Good Bye

What is a Liberal Religion good for, when it has no effect to our daily life? That is how we got our theme: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS A CALL FOR ACTION.

It does not mean that we have a call for mission. Certainly not. Our view on religion, that it is oriented towards humans, asks for mutual support and active exchange.

The International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) has moved its headquarters to Japan recently. Has support and contact changed since then?

How can the member groups in Europe and the Middle East come and stay in contact?

Considering today's technical possibilities there should be good ways to find solutions. But technology needs people who can add contents. It is those people whom we expect to come to Mannheim. When each member group and each group interested in IARF send delegates to Mannheim, we will have a successful conference.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Language: The conference language is English. Translations into German will be available mostly in written form.

[www.IARF.net](http://www.IARF.net)

**Conference Venue:**

Community centre of the  
Freireligiöse Gemeinde Mannheim  
L 10, 4 – 6 (Street und number)

**Costs:** Euro 75 including lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, drinks during the day, excursion to Heidelberg

**Postal address:** Deutsche Mitgliedsgruppe  
in der IARF, Wolfgang Jantz  
Südring 16  
D-65795 Hattersheim

**How to get there:**

By train:  
ICE trains stop at the main station. The Freireligiöse Gemeinde is only a few walking minutes away from the central station. (See map)

By car:  
From north and south: A 6, exit Mannheim Neckarau/Zentrum.:

By plane:  
The next international airport is Frankfurt am Main. From there trains go directly to Mannheim.(ca. 90 km)

Map see: [www.Mannheim.de](http://www.Mannheim.de)

**Accommodation** to be arranged individually  
The *Hotel am Bismarck* and the *City Hotel* have rooms reserved for conference participants at special rates. Just mention IARF with your booking.



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**Regional Conference  
for Europe and Middle East**

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Mannheim  
Germany**

**Religious Freedom:  
A Call for Action**