

**world  
mediation  
forum**

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WORLD MEDIATION FORUM



# 5th International Conference of the World Mediation Forum (WMF)



## MEDIATION A NEW CULTURE OF CHANGE

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# 1. WORLD MEDIATION FORUM (WMF)

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The World Mediation Forum <http://www.mediate.com/world/> (WMF) is an association of people, organisations and institutions interested in interpersonal, intergroup, transcultural and international mediation. Its main purpose is to spread and exchange knowledge regarding mediation. A conference is organized every other year in different parts of the world.

The WMF was started in Dublin, Ireland in 1993 after the first International Conference on Mediation. It was formally constituted at an Assembly during the First Conference of the WMF at El Escorial, Spain in 1995. The other Conferences were located in Havana, Cuba in 1998, Sardinia, Italy in 2000 and Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2003.

## 1.2 OBJECTIVES

The WMF Conferences aim to:

- stimulate exchanges of ideas and thoughts between practitioners, researchers or any person involved in conflict management at local, regional or international level
- facilitate a comparative analysis of various models, cultures and practices of mediation.
- explore the place and responsibility of mediation in the changes it leads
- promote mediation in the management of conflict in various fields of professional and social life.

The three conference days will include presentations and exchanges through plenary sessions, round tables and workshops

# 2. THE 5TH WMF CONFERENCE

## 2.1 ORGANIZER : INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE KURT BÖSCH (IUKB)

The 5th WMF conference will be organized by the academic Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB: [www.iukb.ch](http://www.iukb.ch)), officially named by the Government of the Swiss Confederation on November 11, 1992, according to the 2nd article of Swiss Federal Law from March 22, 1991 regarding Swiss Universities (LAU). Through its postgraduate training, its programs of continuing education and its research projects, the Institute promotes inter and trans-disciplinary exchanges for the study of the social, environmental and cultural characteristics of our society.

## 2.2 LOCATION : CRANS MONTANA

The 5th World Conference of the WMF will take place in Crans Montana (<http://www.crans-montana.ch>) at the Congress Centre "Le Régent" (<http://www2.congres.ch/>). Located in the heart of the Alps, 1500 metres high, it is surrounded by magnificent natural scenery and is close to the resort center with easy access to various forms of communication, business and accommodation.

The location offers an excellent environment to combine work and relaxation : something few other resorts can offer.

Thanks to its renovation the Régent is a high-quality centre with flexible rooms and technical possibilities (simultaneous translation, electronic connections, access to internet etc.).

### 2.3 GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION

Crans Montana is a high plateau, facing south, 1500 metres high, in the middle of the Swiss Alps.

Crans Montana is located 240 km from Milan, 190 km away from Geneva, 280 km from Zürich, 20 km from Sion et 15 km from Sierre.

#### AIRPORTS

- Zürich-Kloten
- Geneva-Cointrin
- Milano Malpensa



Trains run at regular intervals and provide transport from the airports to Sierre. From Sierre, a funicular or a bus takes people to Crans Montana. Special buses will be organised from Sierre to Crans-Montana and in Crans-Montana.

#### RAILWAY

(two trains every hour) – [www.cff.ch](http://www.cff.ch)

- Station of Sierre (TGV des Neiges et Intercity)
- Funicular : Sierre – Montana; takes 12 minutes

## 3. PROGRAMME OF THE 5TH CONFERENCE

### MEDIATION: A NEW CULTURE OF CHANGE

The worldwide application of exchanges, the opening of borders, increased travel and migration are issues for our societies and bring changes in political, cultural, social and familial institutions, as well as in the environment, posing challenges for various state and international organisations.

Mediation is an effective approach for managing the conflicts that arise from societal and environmental changes.

It is considered more and more as a way of reinforcing citizenship by favouring durable politics of development in the world.

### **3.1 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Renowned individuals will be invited by the Organizing Committee to give a paper lasting 45 to 60 minutes, followed by a plenary debate for 30 minutes (see website).

### **3.2 PRESENTATIONS (SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS)**

Researchers, academics or practitioners who would like to make a presentation related to one of the themes listed below must send their proposal (the title and a summary of 5,000 characters) and a CV to the Organizing Committee by **March 31, 2005**. A Scientific Committee will be appointed to evaluate the proposals (see web site).

### **3.3 THEMES**

Each of the themes can include any of the fields of mediation. We suggest a comparative approach based on the following themes :

#### **THEME 1 : History of mediation**

The origins of mediation, its theoretical foundations, practice developments and institutionalisation.

#### **THEME 2 : The contexts of mediation**

The various fields of mediation and their relationship to other modes of conflict management.

#### **THEME 3 : Mediation : a new paradigm of conflict management**

Changes lead by mediation in the social regulation of conflict.

#### **THEME 4 : Mediation and contemporary problems**

The position of mediation with regard to the challenges of our contemporary society including : the increase of violence, migration and armed conflicts.

#### **THEME 5 : Mediation and sustainable development**

The contribution of mediation to new strategies of urban governance (towns, cities, districts, cross-border, global), the management of natural resources and the protection of the environment.

#### **THEME 6 : Mediation and intercultural relations**

Mediation on the management of problems arising from ethnic and cultural differences as a way of facilitating cohabitation of different ethnic groups and indigenous communities and relations between them.

## 4.

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The purpose of the pre-conference workshops is to enable registrants to attend practical workshops during the two days before the conference.

Each of these workshops will be conducted by one or two presenters who will focus on different themes related to mediation. They will be in different languages but without translation. Numbers will be restricted. (see website)

A certificate of participation established by the WMF and the IUKB will be issued. Registrations must arrive before **June 30, 2005**.

## 5. PRESENTATION OF EXPERIENCES AND/OR PROJECTS

### 5.1 Poster session

The World Mediation Forum aims to facilitate the spread of information and exchanges between practitioners or institutions. It also aims at promoting mediation and the development of a culture of responsibility and peace in any type of conflict.

The IUKB and the WMF will organize rooms for mediators or institutions who are willing to present their experiences or projects. This will offer a real chance to develop synergies and potentials.

Any person or institution willing to present an experimental or innovative project in the mediation field (practice, training or research) may send this project (a summary of 1 or 2 sheet with a CV of 20 lines) before **March 31, 2005**. People who want to present their project will have the possibility to do so during the Conference. (see website).

A specially formed Committee will examine these projects during the Conference and will present an award of distinction to three.

### 5.2 Audio-visual projections

In the same spirit as the poster sessions, a room will be available for individuals or organisations wishing to present projects or experiences through videos or powerpoint displays.

Those projects (summary of 15 lines and a CV of 20 lines) must be sent to the secretary of the Conference before **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005**.

*Please take note that you need to do an inscription at the Conference to have the possibility to make these presentations (posters or audio-visual projections). A limited number of posters and projections could be presented at this occasion.*

## 6.

## EXHIBITIONS

The Congress Centre "Le Régent" provides comfortable rooms for exhibitions. Firms or institutions may ask the possibility to exhibit their products or projects during the Conference.

A presentation can be made beside each stand, slots in the timetable will be proposed to the chosen projects.

The costs and room availability may be requested from the Conference secretary. The requests must be made by **June 30, 2005**. Exceptionally the later requests could be examined if the space is sufficient.

## 7.

## OFFICIAL RECEPTION

An official reception will be organised on September 10. 2005 on evening. The prices are :  
Group I : 40 Euros / Group II : 60 Euros / Students : 30 Euros.

## 8.

## PROGRAMME FOR ACCOMPANYING GUESTS

Many tourist and cultural activities will be available for accompanying guests :

*During all the Conference :*

**Ascent in the cablecar** *Price : € 50.- Supplementary of € 91.- to go with a paragliding: /  
Materiel location: € 20.- / Participation min. 20 persons*

Ascent by cablecar to Bellalui (2543 meters high) to enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Alps.

Typical meals with "raclette" and the accordion. Downhill walking or paragliding

*The September 10, 2005 only :*

### **Sion – St-Léonard - Wine tasting**

*Price : € 53.- (lunch included, without drink) / Participation min. 40 persons*

Visit the Capital of Valais with its Castles dating from the Middle Ages, Valère and Tourbillon. Then, on the way back a visit of the Underground Lake (the biggest lake in Europe) of St-Léonard and sampling typical wines and specialities of the region in a wine-cellar.

### **Fondation Gianadda – Farinet's vineyard – Museum Fake Money**

*Price : € 39.- (lunch included, without drink) / Participation min. 40 persons*

Visit the cultural exhibition of the Pierre Gianadda Foundation in Martigny, which is one of the cultural centres that hosts the biggest number of visitors in Switzerland, then, on our way back, we will stop in Saillon to visit the smallest vineyard of the world, where many celebrities have gathered grapes (Abbé Pierre, Dalai Lama, Jean-Louis Barrault, etc.) and visit the Museum Fake Money (unique in the all World).

**Zermatt** *Price : € 48.- (lunch included, without drink) / Participation min. 40 persons*

One cannot come to the Valais without visiting the Cervin (Matterhorn) and Zermatt, the pretty village without cars.

Travel there with the scenic railway of Täsch, then go to the Gornergrat, a beautiful journey which displays the magnificent scenery of the Cervin.

## 9.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

#### INSTITUT UNIVERSITAIRE KURT BÖSCH (IUKB)

Post box 4176 - CH-1950 SION 4  
Tél. +41 (0)27 395 53 33 ou +41 (0)27 205 73 00 fax +41-(0)27-395 53 34  
E-mail : [forum2005@iukb.ch](mailto:forum2005@iukb.ch)  
Information on the program : <http://mediation.qualilearning.org>

A detailed programme with information about the Conference plenary sessions and workshops will be sent to all the participants in advance of the conference.

### LANGUAGES

French, English and Spanish, Italian and German in simultaneous translation during the plenary sessions if numbers are sufficient.

### VISA

People who need a visa for their trip to Switzerland should contact the Conference office before **June 15, 2005**.

### CLIMATE

The high mountains surrounding the Valais protect it mostly from depressions coming from the Atlantic ocean or the Mediterranean sea. The Valais is the driest area in Switzerland. Its climate can be summarized by three characteristics : cold winter, dry summer and contrasted temperatures.

### LODGING

Accommodation is organised by the Congress Centre "Le Régent". Accommodation can be found for 20 € a night and above .

CENTRE DE CONGRES "LE REGENT"  
Phone +41 (0)27 484 21 11 - Fax +41 (0)27 484 21 12  
[regent@crans-montana.ch](mailto:regent@crans-montana.ch) / [www.crans-montana.ch/regent/](http://www.crans-montana.ch/regent/)

### DEADLINES

- March 31, 2005 : - The title and a summary of the contribution of ~5'000 characters + CV of 20 lines  
- Project of the posters + CV of 20 lines  
- Project of the audio-visual projections + CV of 20 lines
- May 30, 2005 : Jury's answer
- June 15, 2005 : last day to contact the secretary for the visa
- June 30, 2005 : - registration to the pre-conference  
- registration to the exhibitions  
- transmission of the texts, posters and audio-visual projections  
- transmission of the full text accepted by the jury for the CD publication
- September 9, 2005 : possibility of late registration for the Conference and pre-conference

## PRICE LIST

- Registration includes :**
1. One entry
  2. Three lunches
  3. The coffee breaks
  4. A CD of the conference proceedings

Category  Group		Members of the WMF		Non-members of the WMF		Students *	
		1 payment	3 down payments	1 payment	3 down payments	1 payment	3 down payments
Registration before 02.28.05	I	176 €	3 x 64 €	195 €	3 x 72 €	165 €	3 x 61 €
	II	311 €	3 x 114 €	345 €	3 x 127 €	295 €	3 x 108 €
Registration before between 03.01 and 06.30.2005 + 10%	I	193 €	3 x 71 €	215 €	3 x 79 €	182 €	3 x 67 €
	II	342 €	3 x 125 €	380 €	3 x 139 €	325 €	3 x 119 €
Registration after 06.30.05 + 15%	I	202 €	3 x 74 €	224 €	3 x 82 €	190 €	3 x 70 €
	II	357 €	3 x 131 €	397 €	3 x 145 €	339 €	3 x 124 €

- Group I : Other countries
- Group II : West European countries : Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican
- North America : Canada, USA
- Asia : Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Middle-East : Israel, Arab Emirates

\* Student rate : a student card has to be shown

- 3 Down payments : 1<sup>st</sup> : with the inscription  
 2<sup>nd</sup> : June 30, 2005  
 3<sup>rd</sup> : opening of the Conference



**9.****REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVINCE / STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_ FAX : \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION : \_\_\_\_\_

FIRM : \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_ FAX : \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE CHOSEN:  French  English  Spanish  Italian  German3 Down Paiements yes  no **9.1 REGISTRATION TO THE PRE-CONFERENCE :**
 **1 conference** (€ 100.00)  **2 conferences** € 180.00 €  
 Themes (see website) n° \_\_\_\_\_ (3 themes maximum)
**9.2 REGISTRATION TO THE CONFERENCE**Member of the WMF  Student  Group I  Group II  €**9.3 OFFICIAL RECEPTION** Student  Group I  Group II  €**9.4 CULTURAL PROGRAMME** : NO ..... €**TOTAL AMOUNT** € \_\_\_\_\_ CASH (Only accepted by the secretary during the Conference at the Centre for Congress « Le Régent ») Bank TRANSFERTCREDIT CARD  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  
(it is possible to transfer those data by fax)**I hereby authorise to debit from my credit card account the amount of the required deposit**Number 

Card holder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date  / Safety code 

VI/MC : last 2 digits on back of the card

AX : last 4 digits on upper front of card

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**I HEREBY ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS STATED IN THIS FORM**Information without complete payment will not be processed or confirmed. Online registration available from 10.01.2004. Please return this form to: **Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB)**

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E-mail : [forum2005@iukb.ch](mailto:forum2005@iukb.ch)**N.B. : For the accomodation, please contact the Congress Centre "Le Régent"****"Le Régent" : Tél. +41 (0)27 484 21 11 - Fax +41 (0)27 484 21 12****e-mail : [regent@crans-montana.ch](mailto:regent@crans-montana.ch) / [www.crans-montana.ch/regent/](http://www.crans-montana.ch/regent/)**

# 11. PROPOSITION OF COMMUNICATION

## 1. CONTRIBUTION IN WORKSHOP

NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE THEME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF THE COMMUNICATION \_\_\_\_\_

### Technical needs

- Over projector       Video       Slide projector  
 Powerpoint projector       Other :

## 2. POSTERS

THÈME \_\_\_\_\_

TITRE OF THE POSTER \_\_\_\_\_

FORMAT \_\_\_\_\_

The texts will be printed by the organizers according to the framework mentioned on the website.

## 3. PROJECTIONS

THEME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF DOCUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

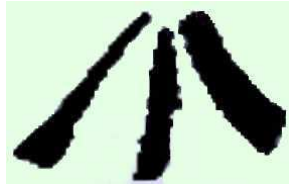
DURATION \_\_\_\_\_

A summary of the resume (maximum 20 lines) must be sent to the Organizing Committee by **March 31, 2005**.

A posters' frameworks and projections (1 to 2 sheets) must be sent to the Organizing Committee by **March 31, 2005**. After examination by the Scientific Council, some indications about the selection of the documents will be communicated by e-mail for **May 30, 2005**. The texts of the posters and the documents of the projection will be transmitted to the Organizing Committee for **June 30, 2005**.

## 12.

## WMF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



FORO MUNDIAL DE MEDIACIÓN – WORLD MEDIATION FORUM –FORUM MONDIAL DE MEDIATION

**Membership application and payment authorization form**

Please debit my credit card No			
Type of card... [ WMF cannot process other types at present ]		<i>Visa / Mastercard</i>	
Expiry date on card		____ / ____	
Exact name on card			
For my annual individual membership fee* of €			
For the annual association membership fee* of €			
New member?	<i>Yes / No</i>	Renewing membership?	<i>Yes / No</i>
Signature		Date	
Applicant's name / Association's name			
Address			
	Zip / Post code	Country	
Email		Fax No	
Mediation details (optional)			
How did you hear about WMF ?			

**Please print, fill in details and send by fax to Barbara Wood WMF  
Treasurer, 13 Royal Terrace West, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, Ireland.  
Fax number: 00353 1 2800259 Email: [torquil@eircom.net](mailto:torquil@eircom.net) Tick box for receipt**

**WMF Annual Membership Fees**

**Group II countries:** Western European countries, Canada, USA, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Israel & Arab Emirates

	Group II countries	Group 1 All other countries
	<i>Euro currency only, please</i>	
Individual members	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>
Students & unsalaried mediators	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Associations (< 250 members)	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>
Associations (> 250 members)	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>