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MEDIA, CONVICTIONS ET RELIGIONS - *Le rôle des media dans la promotion du dialogue interculturel, de la tolérance et de la compréhension mutuelle : la liberté d'expression des media et le respect de la diversité culturelle et religieuse*

Michel AGUILAR, administrator, *European Buddhist Union, France*



The **European Buddhist Union (EBU)** is a federation of Buddhist communities and organisations in Europe. Being broad and impartial it is open to Buddhists of all schools and traditions. Its principal aims are to promote the fellowship and encourage co-operation between the Buddhists in Europe: to promote Buddhists in Europe to meet and get acquainted. To promote the development of friendly relations between Buddhist organisations and consequently to promote co-operation on matters that are of interest to all. As such EBU supports and promotes a natural growth of Buddhism in Europe.

Halil AHMETSPAHCIC, *Imam au Centre Culturel Islamique du Grand Duché du Luxembourg (CCIL)*

Etudes secondaires accomplies à Medressa Gazi Husrevbeg à Sarajevo, en 1979. Diplômé de la Faculté islamique à Sarajevo en 1984. 1988/89 - spécialisation en langue arabe en Jordanie. Actuellement, il poursuit des études en master à la Faculté pédagogique islamique à Sarajevo. A exercé la fonction d'Imam capitaine à l'Armée bosniaque pendant l'agression sur la Bosnie et Herzégovine, et membre de l'Assemblée supérieure de la communauté islamique de la Bosnie. A travaillé en tant que professeur à la Medressa à Travnik (BiH) et a organisé plusieurs expositions de calligraphie en Bosnie ainsi qu'au Luxembourg.

Depuis 1998, il exerce la fonction d'Imam au **Centre Culturel Islamique du Grand Duché du Luxembourg**. A traduit 5 livres de l'arabe, de l'anglais et du français. Auteur de deux livres ainsi que de plusieurs ouvrages et articles dans différents médias. En cours, le nouveau projet littéraire « guérir avec la supplication ». Membre du groupe interreligieux AGIR et participant à plusieurs conférences interreligieuses au Luxembourg et en Belgique. Guide au pèlerinage à la Mecque, 5 fois de Bosnie et 3 fois du Luxembourg sous l'organisation du CCIL.

Rabbi Nathan ALFRED - *International Jewish Center of Belgium, Brussels*



Nathan Alfred, 27, a King's College, Cambridge graduate and chess champion, joined the IJC as a student rabbi in October, 2008. He was ordained by Leo Baeck College in London in June, 2008 and continues as a Rabbi for the International Jewish Community of Belgium. Rabbi Nathan Alfred founded the virtual community "EuroJews" in 2003. He also co-created "The Facebook Shul" in 2007, and has worked on several projects for Jeneration, a British young adults' initiative. A graduate of Leo Baeck College, Nathan serves the International Jewish Center in Brussels, and now lives and works in Luxembourg.

AL-MIDANI Mohammed Amin - *Centre Arabe pour l'Education au Droit International Humanitaire et aux Droits Humains* – (Arabic Center for International and Humanitarian Law Education) Lyon-Strasbourg, France



Le Centre Arabe pour l'Education au Droit International Humanitaire et aux Droits Humains (Lyon-Strasbourg, France) est une association française avec des représentants dans plusieurs capitales et villes dans le monde arabe. Le Centre a pour objet de favoriser le dialogue euro-arabe, de promouvoir les échanges culturels entre les deux rives de la Méditerranée, de participer à la formation des cadres travaillant dans le domaine du droit international

humanitaire, aux droits humains et d'élaborer et diffuser des recherches, des rapports, des études et des traductions et, enfin de coopérer et échanger des expériences avec les organisations gouvernementales et non gouvernementales arabes, régionales et internationales.

Mohammed Amin AL-MIDANI - Né le 2 décembre 1952 à Damas, Syrie. Docteur d'Etat en Droit Public, Université de Strasbourg, France. Président du Centre Arabe pour l'Education au Droit International Humanitaire et aux Droits Humains, France. Directeur adjoint du Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherches Islamologiques, Université de Strasbourg, France. Chercheur et Enseignant en droit international des droits de l'homme. Il a publié plusieurs articles et ouvrages en langue arabe. Il a publié en français : *Les droits de l'homme et l'Islam*, 2e édition, Orient-Occident, le Centre Arabe pour l'Education au Droit International Humanitaire et aux Droits Humains, Université de Strasbourg, 2010.



Rev. Father Shahe ANANYAN, Armenia

Rev. Father Shahe ANANYAN was born in 1982, in Nor Achine (Republic of Armenia). After high school studies he is a graduate from the Kevorkian Pontifical University, in 2003. Ordained priest in 2005 he was appointed personal secretary of His Holiness Karekin II of Armenia. From 2006-2010 he studies and was graduated from the Catholic Institute of Paris and ELCOA (*Ecole des Langues et des Civilisations de l'Orient Ancien*). He holds a BA on the theme: "The Canonical Lecture of Proverbs 8 in the Armenian Tradition". Now he teaches the Old Testament Theology at the Kevorkian Theological University. He is fluent in Russian, French, German, English, and Italian. He specialized in the Syriac and in Syriac Studies (Masters in Paris), working equally with Armenian Classical, Hebrew and Aramaic, Greek, Latin and Old Slavonic languages. Since 2009 he has been a member of the Group of Researchers with CNRS (*Centre National des Recherches Scientifiques*) in Paris. He is preparing for this year his Ph.D. on Medieval History of Byzance and Armenia.

Ndeje ANDUJAR, Junta Islamica (*The islamic board*), Spain

Junta Islamica is an international, non-profit organisation founded in 1989 with the main objective of articulating and organising the Muslims in Spain and contributes to the promotion of the civil rights. The Islamic Board has been one of the organisations which participated at the signature in 1992 of the Co-operation Agreement between the Spanish State and the Islamic Commission of Spain. The president of the Islamic Board, Mansur Escudero was co-founder of the Islamic Commission of Spain and its Secretary General until 2006. He was also chairman of the Spanish Federation of Islamic Religious Entities (FEERI), until 2002. The lines of work followed by the Islamic Board have been characterised by the promotion of the freedom of conscience, common spaces for meeting and exchange on social, economic, cultural, religious issues, open to all citizens of the Spanish society. The goal of the Islamic board is promoting basic freedoms, human rights, religious dialogue, gender equality, freedom of expression and conscience, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence between human being and the preservation of the environment.



Ndeye ANDUJAR, was born in Madrid, Spain. She is the director of Department of Education and Training of [Junta Islamica](#) (Islamic Board). She co-organised the International Congress on Islamic Feminism in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010. She was the director of the Spanish website [webislam.com](#) from 2008 to 2010. Ndeye Andujar is a member of International Networks [WISE's](#) and [Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow](#). She holds a PhD in Foreign Language and Literature (specialized in e-learning), at UNED (National University for Distance Learning). She is coordinator and lecturer of the "On line-Course Expert in Islam",

at Camilo José Cela University (Spain). She was a Spanish teacher at the Secondary School Mansart (France, Les Yvelines), from 2002 to 2011. Ms. Andujar has co-authored several books and articles on Islamic Feminism. Book in progress: "Feminist Readings of the Qur'ān: Social, Political, and Religious Implications" in *Control, Consent and Choice: New Voices of Muslim Women Theologians*. Böhlau-Press or LIT-Press

Frédérique AST, *Défenseur des droits / Mission lutte contre les discriminations et égalité*, France

Le **Défenseur des droits** est une autorité constitutionnelle indépendante. Unique en son genre, elle est chargée de veiller à la protection de vos droits et de vos libertés et de promouvoir l'égalité. Inscrite dans la Constitution depuis le 23 juillet 2008 et instituée par la loi organique et la loi ordinaire du 29 mars 2011, elle regroupe les missions du Médiateur de la République, du Défenseur des enfants, de la Haute Autorité de Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l'Égalité (HALDE) et de la Commission Nationale de Déontologie de la Sécurité (CNDS). Le terme « Défenseur des droits » désigne aussi bien l'institution que la personne qui la préside : Dominique Baudis est le Défenseur des droits depuis le 22 juin 2011.

Grace ATTARD - *National Council of Women of Malta*, Malta

National Council of Women of Malta

The **National Council of Women of Malta** was founded in 1964. It is a non-governmental organisation comprising individual members and national organisations. The National Council of Women provides a forum for women of different backgrounds and experiences to come together as individuals and as representatives of affiliated organisations, to exchange information and ideas, formulate policy, educate and promote change.



Grace Attard, President of *The National Council of Women of Malta* and member of the *European Economic & Social Committee (EESC) of the European Union*

Secondary School Teacher by profession (retired). She had trained in and taught Media Education, History and Career Guidance. Ms Attard has conducted radio programmes for adults, personal and social development sessions and has taken a leading role and carried out research on legislation on gender equality, women in entrepreneurship, childcare provision and domestic violence amongst others. Ms Attard has been a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) for the past six years, with particular focus on Citizenship, Employment and Social Affairs (SOC) and on External Relations (REX) Euromed, where amongst others she has been working on the role of Civil Society, Freedom of Expression and Gender Equality in the Euromed. Ms Attard currently is President of National Council of Women of Malta; she had been working on intercultural dialogue in relation to irregular migrants and asylum seekers, besides the regular work on gender equality and addressing obstacles for increasing the participation of women in all spheres of society. At National level, she is member of the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development, (MCESD) Civil Society Committee, Member of the National Consultative Committee for Enterprise and co-chair of the Gender Equality Committee of the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST). Ms Attard has been working on gender balance for many years, always looking for innovative ways of changing traditional stereotypical roles in different spheres of society at national, EU and Euromed level. Her work at the EESC provides for a vast range of areas where the gender dimension needs to be included, in particular in the EU2020.

Ioana AVADANI - *Centru pentru Jurnalism Independent* - Romania



The **Center for Independent Journalism** is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation, offering courses and specialized training for journalists and media organizations. The Center organises courses, seminars, debates, roundtables and professional assistance focusing on media specific problems.

CIJ is a project of the Independent Journalism Foundation, New York, which operates similar centers in Bratislava and Budapest. CIJ opened in 1994. Since then, hundreds of students have received opportunities in professional training at the Center. Throughout the year, the Center offers a variety of courses, ranging from the basics of journalism to specialised courses for print, radio and TV.

Ioana Avadani is the executive director of the Center for Independent Journalism in Bucharest, Romania. She has an experience of over 17 years in the media field, having worked as a news agency deputy-in-chief editor, a TV editor and as a media developer with CIJ. As a CIJ director, Avadani coordinated programs ranging from professional training for journalists to targeted assistance for media operations, from advocacy for transparency, press freedom and protection of journalists to curricula development and strengthening the journalists associations in Romania. She was instrumental in the passing of critical legislation such as Access to Information and sunshine laws, Broadcast law, Public Broadcast Services and public procurement legislation. She has also been central to the media self-regulation in Romania.

Between 2004 and 2006, she served two successive mandates as the president of the South East European Network for the Professionalisation of the Media, a network gathering 18 training centers and media institutes in 10 countries in the South-Eastern Europe. She is a member of the Prime Minister's College for Consultation with the NGOs, as well as a member of Team Europe, a group of independent experts in EU issues, created by the European Commission.

Avadani published several articles and studies dedicated to the media developments in Romania and SEE region. She appeared as a speaker in many national and international events and taught numerous courses for various audiences. She is also active in literature translation from English (especially from the Romanian-born American writer and poet Andrei Codrescu).

Rev. James BARNETT - *InterEuropean Commission on Church and School* - United Kingdom



InterEuropean Commission on Church and School

(ICCS) est une OING dotée du statut participatif auprès du Conseil de l'Europe depuis 1986. Elle se fait représenter par ses "Correspondants" dans 24 pays de l'Europe. ICCS est membre du CoGREE, elle travaille avec l'UNESCO. Le siège est à Münster en Allemagne, à l'Institut Comenius, qui est un institut de recherche et d'activités éducatives. Les correspondants travaillent avec des Instituts de formation, des Universités et avec des centres parrainés par les églises, mais toujours dans le contexte du dialogue et de rencontres à travers la diversité. ICCS organise une Conférence tous les trois ans, dont la plus récente, sur "*L'employabilité, la Mobilité et la Flexibilité : les Exigences européennes un défi pour la Religion et l'Éducation*" s'est tenue à Prague du 29 juin au 3 juillet 2011.



Rev. James BARNETT est formateur et Prêtre Anglican. Il a travaillé dans deux écoles en Angleterre et s'intéresse en particulier à la sensibilisation non confessionnelle au fait religieux. Dans le Lancashire, il a été membre du Conseil d'Administration d'un centre de jeunesse à Preston. Le centre était un lieu de rencontre et de dialogue interculturels ainsi que de connaissance mutuelle à travers les différences religieuses. Il a travaillé avec l'Institut Farmington, un institut de recherche

basé à Oxford, et a été directeur avec l'Abbé actuel de Westminster d'un projet de développement des cours sur la religion pour les examens publics. Il a travaillé sur l'éducation des Adultes et a enseigné à l'Université d'Exeter. Il a vécu à Strasbourg pendant six ans et a été membre du Staff Associé de la KEK. Il porte un intérêt aux media, en particulier à l'influence des media sur les adolescents au regard du développement de leurs valeurs personnelles.

François BECKER - *Le réseau Europeen Eglises et Libertés (The European Network Church on the Move), France*



Le réseau Europeen Eglises et Libertés (The European Network Church on the Move) is a spontaneous convergence of organisations – associations, communities, informal groups and networks – of European Christians who are in majority Catholic, sharing “the vision of a Church prophetic, ecumenical, liberating, supporting, loving, which neither excludes nor discriminates and which follows on the steps of Jesus the liberator and the will to work, respecting



cultural and religious diversity, for peace, justice, freedom, human rights and democracy, including in the Catholic Church (Cf Declaration of rights and freedoms in the Catholic Church, European Network 1994 (d)). The European Network declares itself an integral part of the Catholic Church enjoying the freedom of association under the law of the Catholic Church (Canon 215) (Constitution Preamble b and d).

Guido BELLATTI CECCOLI – PhD in philosophy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland



As Ambassador and Permanent Representative of San Marino to the Council of Europe as well as in his capacity as Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C), he co-chaired the 2009 and 2010 Exchanges on the religious dimension of the intercultural dialogue.

Marco BELLIZI - *L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, Holy See*



L'Osservatore Romano (English: *The Roman Observer*) is the "semi-official" newspaper of the Holy See. It covers the Pope's entire public activities, publishes editorials by

important churchmen, and runs official documents after their being released. The publication prints two Latin mottoes under the masthead of each edition: *Unicuique suum* ("To each his own") and *Non praevalerunt* ("[The gates of Hell] shall not prevail"). The current editor-in-chief is Giovanni Maria Vian. 'Osservatore Romano' is published in nine different languages (listed by date of first publication): Daily and weekly in Italian (1861/1950), Weekly in French (1949), Weekly in English (1968), Weekly in Spanish (1969), Weekly in Portuguese (1970), Weekly in German (1971), Monthly in Polish (1980), Weekly in Malayalam (2007). The daily Italian edition of *L'Osservatore Romano* is published in the afternoon, but with a cover date of the following day, a convention that sometimes results in confusion. The English weekly edition was first published on 4 April 1968. Currently it is distributed in more than 129 countries, including both English-speaking countries and locales where English is used as the general means of communication.

Marco Bellizi, 43, is the Italian political columnist and the coordinator of the International Religious News Service of the "*L'Osservatore Romano*". Graduated in Political Sciences with a specialisation in International Politics, he started his career working for the daily newspaper "*Corriere della Sera*" and for

others daily newspapers and magazines. The International Religious News Service of "L'Osservatore Romano" collects any religious news from the country all over the world, paying special attention to religious freedom and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Marco Bellizi is also committed to the promotion of mutual understanding between faiths, through organisation and advertising of interreligious meetings in Rome.

Ghaleb BENCHEIKH - France Televisions, France



France Télévisions is the French public national television broadcaster and a member of Marvelous Interactive in Japan. It is a state-owned company formed from the bringing together of the public television channels France 2 (formerly Antenne 2) and France 3 (formerly France Régions 3), later joined by the legally independent channels France 5 (formerly La Cinquième), France Ô (formerly RFO Sat), and France 4 (formerly Festival). France Télévisions is currently funded by the revenue from television licence fees and commercial advertising. The new law on public broadcasting will phase out commercial advertising on the public television channels (at first in the evening, then gradually throughout the day). France Télévisions is a supporter of the Hybrid Broadcast Broadband TV (HbbTV) initiative (a consortium of broadcasting and Internet industry companies including SES Astra, OpenTV and Institut für Rundfunktechnik) that is promoting and establishing an open European standard for hybrid set-top boxes for the reception of broadcast TV and broadband multimedia applications with a single user interface.



Ghaleb Bencheikh, né en 1960 à [Djeddah](#) en [Arabie saoudite](#), est un [docteur ès sciences](#) et [physicien franco-algérien](#). Fils du [Cheikh Abbas](#) Bencheikh el Hocine, ancien recteur de la [Grande mosquée de Paris](#), et frère de [Soheib Bencheikh](#), ancien [mufti](#) de [Marseille](#), il est également de [formation philosophique](#) et [théologique](#) et anime l'émission *Islam* dans le cadre des émissions religieuses diffusées sur [France 2](#) le dimanche matin. Il préside la [Conférence mondiale des religions pour la paix](#), ce qui l'amène à de nombreuses interventions en [France](#) et à l'étranger. Orateur s'exprimant avec beaucoup aisance, Ghaleb Bencheikh propage et vulgarise à sa manière les thèses et les idées fortes de son frère [Soheib Bencheikh](#). Il appartient au comité de parrainage de la [Coordination française pour la Décennie](#) de la culture de non-violence et de [paix](#).

Coskun BEYAZGUL, *Dyanet* – Belgique



Président de l'Exécutif des Musulmans de Belgique, élu en 2005. M. BEYAZGUL a été président de l'EMB de juillet 2005 à mars 2008. Actuellement M. Beyazgul occupe la position Porte-parole de la Diyanet – section belge de la Direction des Affaires religieuses de Turquie.

Abdelhamid BEYUKI, Member of ECRI, Director of Remcode, *Red Euromediterranea de Cooperacion al Desarrollo*, Spain / *Euromediterranea de Cooperacion al Desarrollo*, Spain



European Commission against racism and intolerance (ECRI) is a Council of Europe monitoring body, specialised in combating racism, xenophobia, anti-

Semitism and intolerance in greater Europe, from the perspective of the protection of human rights. ECRI's action covers all the measures needed to combat violence, discrimination and prejudice against persons or groups of persons on grounds of race, color, language, religion, nationality or national or

ethnic origin. ECRI was established by the first Summit of Heads of State and Government of the member States of the Council of Europe (see Vienna Declaration adopted on 9 October 1993). The second Summit in Strasbourg on 10-11 October 1997 strengthened ECRI's action and on 13 June 2002 the Committee of Ministers adopted an autonomous Statute for ECRI, thereby consolidating its role as an independent human rights monitoring body. ECRI's members are appointed on the basis of their in-depth knowledge of combating racism and intolerance. They serve in their individual capacity and are independent and impartial in fulfilling their mandate.



Abdelhamid BEYUKI est diplômé de sciences juridiques, faculté de Droit, Université Med V- Rabat, 1982, études supérieures de sciences juridiques, Faculté de Droit, Université Complutense – Madrid. 1998 Vice-Président du Comité de Défense des Réfugiés en Espagne. 1987-1990 Coordinateur de migration au syndicat espagnol UGT. 1991-1996 Président fondateur de l'Association des Travailleurs marocains en Espagne (ATIME). 1989-2002 Président fondateur de l'Association Entre Cultures. 2003 Vice-Président du Conseil des Migrants et Réfugiés en Espagne. 1997-2000 Directeur du Réseau Euro-Méditerranée de Coopération et Développement, Membre du Conseil d'Administration de la Plateforme EUROMED. Ecrivain (4 livres en arabe et 2 en espagnol). Auteur d'articles d'opinion dans des journaux espagnols (El Pais, El Mundo) et marocains. Directeur du journal électronique Al Moulahed ("Observateur").

Stéphane BIJOUX – Deputy Director in charge of diversity in information, France Télévisions, France

Depuis la loi du 7 mars 2009, **France Télévisions** regroupe au sein d'une même entreprise les 5 diffuseurs France 2, France 3, France 4, France 5 et RFO. Société de service public, France Télévisions s'impose comme la principale offre télévisuelle française en rassemblant plus d'un tiers de l'audience nationale. Affichant une ligne éditoriale différente et ambitieuse et offrant toujours plus de place à la culture et à la création, France Télévisions se veut au service du public, de tous les publics. Composant un bouquet de chaînes aux identités fortes et complémentaires, France Télévisions est présent sur tous les genres de programmes et offre à chaque instant un vrai choix au téléspectateur. Avec 424 millions d'euros investis en 2008 dans tous les genres audiovisuels et cinématographiques, France Télévisions apparaît plus que jamais comme un acteur incontournable de la création française et comme le premier média culturel en France.

Outre le soutien à la création audiovisuelle, France Télévisions s'engage en faveur de missions citoyennes : la diversité, le handicap, le développement durable et le soutien aux causes d'intérêt général. France Télévisions cultive sa différence en développant sur ses antennes comme au sein de l'entreprise, la représentation de la France telle qu'elle est : ouverte, rassemblée et multiculturelle. Le bouquet France Télévisions est un média citoyen, un média durable, un média responsable, qui fait de sa relation privilégiée avec les téléspectateurs la colonne vertébrale de sa stratégie. Cette différence est la marque du service public. Parce que France Télévisions veut faire évoluer les mentalités, une mission sur la représentation de la diversité dans les œuvres de création a été mise en place dès 2008. En 2009, France Télévisions a poursuivi son engagement avec la mise en place d'un Comité permanent de la diversité, composé de personnalités extérieures et de collaborateurs de France Télévisions.



Stéphane Bijoux – Directeur délégué en charge de la représentation de la diversité dans l'information de France Télévision. Formé à l'Institut de Journalisme de Bordeaux Aquitaine, il est également diplômé en ethnologie sur l'Afrique et le Pacifique. Il a été directeur de l'information de RFO (Réseau France Outre-Mer) de 2002 à 2005. Il a ensuite participé à la construction d'un processus de fabrication numérique des journaux télévisés (Media Asset Management) à RFO Polynésie comme rédacteur en chef. Outre-Mer, il a aussi occupé les fonctions de Rédacteur en chef national des magazines d'information de

RFO et de rédacteur en chef de RFO Réunion. Depuis 2009, il a rejoint le siège de France Télévisions comme Coordonnateur pour la Diversité dans l'Information. A ce titre, il siège au Comité Permanent pour la Diversité à France Télévisions. Il est aussi présentateur joker des éditions du Soir3 Week-end sur France3. Depuis mars 2011, il est directeur délégué en charge de la diversité dans l'information de France Télévisions.

Dounia BOUZAR - *Cultes et Cultures Consulting* - Paris, France



Créé depuis septembre 2009, le cabinet d'études **Cultes et Cultures Consulting** est spécialisé dans la gestion du fait religieux dans le monde du travail. Dans le cadre des activités de son cabinet, Dounia Bouzar a, notamment, publié ses deux dernières enquêtes de terrain (800 interviews) sur la gestion des revendications religieuses, tant au sein des services publics (*La République ou la Burqa, les services publics face à l'Islam manipulé*, Albin Michel, janvier 2010) qu'au sein des entreprises (*Allah a-t-il sa place dans l'entreprise*, Albin Michel, 2009). Début octobre 2010, un guide sur ces mêmes sujets sera publié aux éditions Eyrolles « *La laïcité dans le monde du travail : Cadre légal et solutions pratiques à partir de 30 études de cas* ».



Docteur en anthropologie du fait religieux, ancienne éducatrice du Ministère de la Justice, **Dounia Bouzar** est nommée en 2003 par le Ministre de l'Intérieur en tant que personnalité qualifiée au Conseil Français du Culte Musulman, où elle siège au titre de la génération de musulmans nés en France jusqu'à janvier 2005. Auteur d'une dizaine d'ouvrages sur la gestion de l'islam en France, elle mène diverses recherche-action auprès des jeunes musulmans nés en France et écrit aussi des spectacles « show-boomerang » sur la question de l'égalité des chances produits par la FNAC. Nommée par le Time Magazine comme « héros européen » pour son travail de réflexion novateur sur « l'islam de France », elle a été primée par l'Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques pour son ouvrage « *Quelle éducation face au radicalisme religieux ?* », publié en 2006 chez Dunod, meilleur livre de l'année sur le lien social. Elle est récemment nommée Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques pour son apport au patrimoine culturel français. Elle est également auditrice auprès de l'Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale depuis 2005.

Anne BRASSEUR, *Assemblée parlementaire, Conseil de l'Europe*

L'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe (APCE) est composée d'un certain nombre de représentants de chaque Etat membre et son Président est élu chaque année parmi ces membres pour une période maximale de deux sessions. L'actuel Président est Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU (Turquie, GDE). Il a été élu en janvier 2010. Alors qu'au sein du Comité des Ministres chaque Etat membre a une voix, au sein de l'Assemblée parlementaire, c'est la population du pays qui détermine le nombre de représentants et donc de voix. Le plus grand nombre est 18, le plus petit 2. Comme il y a un nombre égal de représentants et de suppléants, l'Assemblée compte au total 636 membres, auxquels s'ajoutent 18 observateurs. Chaque Etat membre est libre de choisir le mode de désignation de ses représentants à l'APCE, à condition que ceux-ci soient élus ou désignés en son sein par le parlement national ou fédéral. La composition politique de chaque délégation nationale doit refléter de façon raisonnablement fidèle la représentation des différents partis au sein du parlement national.

Anne Brasseur est née le 19 mai 1950 à Luxembourg. Elle obtient le diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en 1969. Ensuite, elle part en Allemagne pour poursuivre des études supérieures en psychologie aux universités de Tübingen et Mannheim. En 1975, elle obtient un diplôme en psychologie et devient



psychologue auprès du Service de Psychologie et d'Orientation scolaires à l'Ecole professionnelle et au Lycée de Garçons à Esch-sur-Alzette. De 1976 à 1979, Madame Brasseur est chargée de direction du Service central d'Assistance sociale auprès du Parquet général de Luxembourg.

Sa carrière politique débute en 1975, quand elle devient conseiller communal de la ville de Luxembourg. En 1979, elle devient député. Elle est d'abord membre de l'Assemblée de l'Atlantique Nord, ensuite de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe, depuis 1993 et de l'UEO. Au sein de la Chambre des députés, elle assume la fonction de Présidente de la Commission des Pétitions. Par ailleurs, elle est membre de la Commission des Finances et du Budget et de la Commission de la Force publique. Elle est également membre de la Commission des Médias, de la Recherche et de la Culture. Elle assume les responsabilités de Vice-présidente de la Commission des Transports et des Travaux publics.

Elle est membre du Comité des Régions et Présidente du SICEC (Syndicat intercommunal pour la Construction et l'Exploitation d'un Crématorium). Elle a également été Présidente de l'Association des Femmes libérales.

En 1981, Madame Brasseur se voit confier le poste d'Echevin responsable des constructions communales, du génie civil, des travaux neufs, de la voirie, de la circulation, des sports et des crèches, des responsabilités qu'elle exerce jusqu'à sa nomination aux fonctions de ministre. Député sortant et candidate de son parti aux élections législatives du 13 juin 1999, elle est élue député dans la circonscription du Centre sur la liste du PDL. Le 7 août 1999 elle est nommée ministre de l'Education nationale, de la Formation professionnelle et des Sports.

Christine CAMPANELLA, *AGIR (Action Groupe Inter-Religions), Luxembourg*

Agent pastoral au service de l'**Archevêché**, elle travaille principalement sur l'interculturalité en mettant en lien toutes les composantes des communautés pastorales (étrangères et autochtones). Elle assure également l'encadrement et l'intégration de la communauté capverdienne dans le tissu pastoral du Luxembourg. Un autre de ses mandats concerne le fait religieux au Luxembourg qui nécessite la rencontre de nouvelles religiosités sur leur terrain, y compris celles à coloration sectaire. Des contacts réguliers avec plusieurs responsables locaux en Europe ont été établis depuis plusieurs années. Enfin, elle assure depuis maintenant 17 ans la coordination du groupe **AGIR (Action Groupe Inter-Religions)**. Christine Campanella est convaincue de la nécessité de promouvoir le dialogue interculturel et interreligieux afin de favoriser de bonnes relations entre les différentes familles religieuses et culturelles.

Sue CARO -Senior Diversity Manager, *BBC, United Kingdom*

Sue Caro is a Diversity Manager at the **BBC**, promoting the business and creative case for diversity; internally and externally, nationally and internationally. She interacts and works with senior



management and other BBC colleagues, internal staff networks, external opinion formers and interest groups, license fee payers, a wide range of diverse talent and represents the BBC at events both in the UK and overseas. Before she took up her current role she worked in production, commissioning and editorial management for ITN, Channel 4, ITV and Sky - and in the independent production sector. She began her TV career working in News, historically a very male dominated and macho area of production. Many of her ideas about diversity and inclusivity were forged in the deadline focused, adrenaline fuelled environment of news where for example women.

Tamara CHERGOLEISHVILI- Editor in chief, *Tabula Magazine*, Georgia



Tabula magazine is a weekly magazine with strict editorial policy that is to foster political pluralism and development of free market, protection of human rights and rule of law through inciting critical thinking and adherence to professional journalism standards. The goal of the magazine is to help readers to better understand Georgian and international policy motive powers and ideas. In addition to covering the events ongoing in Georgia and worldwide, The Tabula magazine will try to have influence on the ongoing events and play a role of catalyst to foster civil, economic and national liberties. According to the publishers, the circulation of the first edition topped 5,000; 1,500 copies have been distributed at present. The Tabula is published by the civil education foundation with the financial backing of rightist libertarian businessmen.



Tamara Chergolishvili is the Editor-in-chief of the Tabula

Christos CHRISTOFIDES- *Union of Cyprus Journalists*, Cyprus

Efforts for the establishment of a professional organisation of the press family of Cyprus in the form of a trade union organisation started in the early 1930's, but for a long time they had no practical result, due to insurmountable objective and subjective difficulties.



A determined and fruitful effort was made in 1959 with the termination of the British colonial rule of the island, year of the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus in 1960. That same year the **Union of Cyprus Journalists** was established. The founding members were 27 and all worked as professional journalists in a daily and several weekly newspapers. The Union had a seven-member committee: President,

Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three councilors. The aims and targets were clear: to strengthen and safeguard the freedom of the press, to defend the right to free expression and opinion, to protect the independence, freedoms and rights of journalists, to improve their professional position and to regulate the conditions of their employment through a collective agreement, to raise the standard of journalism and to train journalists.

The Union of Cyprus Journalists is represented in the Radio- Television Advisory Committee and the Administrative Council of the Cyprus News Agency and in various cases it is invited to parliamentary committees to express its views when matters that concern the media are discussed. Through this practice the Union contributes positively and practically to the strengthening and effective protection of the rights and freedoms of the press and journalists. .

A committed trade unionist and activist, **Christos Christofides** has been actively involved in the union boards in all places he worked, as well as in a number of NGOs and citizen groups, including bi-communal groups. From 1988 to 1991 he took part as volunteer sub-editor in publishing and writing for the weekly political newspaper "*Embros*", dealing mostly with international issues. From 2007 to date he is a member of the Cyprus Media Complaints Commission.

Mohammed COLIN – Directeur *Saphirnews.com / Salamnews / European Media Islamic Network* - Paris, France



SaphirNews.com propose une information thématique centrée sur les musulmans et leurs préoccupations. SaphirNews.com est le premier quotidien français en ligne spécialisé dans l'actualité et l'information sur le fait

musulman. Lancé en novembre 2002 sous le nom de saphirnet.info, il gagne en audience à la faveur du débat sur les signes religieux et la laïcité. Le traitement de cet événement installe le site comme une référence incontournable. Les archives de SaphirNews sont en libre accès. Elles proposent plus 20 000 articles inédits. Les visites oscillent entre 10 000 et 30 000 connections par jour soit 700 000 connections mensuelles.



Salam News est un magazine urbain, les cultures musulmanes s'expriment aujourd'hui dans les grandes villes par le biais des musiques urbaines, des formes architecturales des nouvelles mosquées, des nouveaux secteurs d'activités tels que le prêt-à-porter, le divertissement. Chaque mois Salamnews va à la rencontre de ces acteurs qui participent à l'essor et au développement d'une France plurielle et métissée. Distribué à 100 000 exemplaires auprès d'un réseau national de 800 points, on trouve Salamnews dans les commerces de proximité, les fast-foods, les centres culturels des mosquées, les lieux de transit.

Diplômé d'un master Infocom et d'un master 2 de l'Institut d'études européennes (Paris-VIII), **Mohammed Colin** a été chargé de communication chez France Télécom. En parallèle, il cofonde en 2002 le journal en ligne Saphirnews.com, premier quotidien musulman d'actualité *Salam News*. Il crée en septembre 2008 le 1^{er} gratuit des cultures musulmanes. Mensuel diffusé à 150 000 exemplaires sur toute la France. En novembre 2008, il organise avec webislam (publication espagnole) à Madrid le 1^{er} colloque consacré aux médias européens à références musulmanes. Ce colloque va donner naissance à la plateforme EMIN (*European Media Islamic Network*) Anthropologue de formation, il est très impliqué par les questions touchant au dialogue interculturel, aux minorités représentées par les médias et la publicité, et au développement économique des zones urbaines dites sensibles.



Patrick DE ROND, *Carrefour Pastorale des Jeunes*, Luxembourg



L'association, Carrefour Pastorale des Jeunes, a pour objectifs: de participer à l'organisation et à l'animation sur le plan local, régional et national d'événements religieux, spirituels et culturels, de promouvoir l'échange entre jeunes de différentes nationalités dans le cadre du SERVICE EUROPÉEN VOLONTAIRE, de favoriser un réseau transfrontalier des différents services religieux, spirituels et culturels pour jeunes.

Père DUARTE da CUHA - Secrétaire général du *Conseil des Conférences Episcopales d'Europe* (CCEE)

CONSILIUM CONFERENTIARUM EPISCOPORUM EUROPAE CCEE

Le Conseil des Conférences Episcopales d'Europe (CCEE) est un organisme de communion entre les Conférences épiscopales d'Europe, qui a pour but, dans un monde qui tend vers une plus pleine unité, la promotion et la défense du bien de l'Eglise. Et en particulier : l'exercice de la collégialité dans la communion hiérarchique « *cum et sub romano pontefice* », la pratique d'une communication et coopération plus étroites entre les évêques et entre les Conférences épiscopales d'Europe dans le respect de la fonction et des compétences propres à chacun, pour promouvoir et inspirer la nouvelle évangélisation au niveau européen, le soutien à la collaboration œcuménique en Europe, pour établir l'unité des chrétiens, le témoignage ecclésial dans la société européenne.

Le Conseil des Conférences épiscopales d'Europe (CCEE) réunit les Présidents des 33 Conférences épiscopales présentes en Europe représentées de plein droit par leur Président, ainsi que les Archevêques de Luxembourg, de la Principauté de Monaco et de Chypre des Maronites, et les Évêques de Chisinau (Moldavie) et de l'Éparchie de Mukachevo. Il est présidé par le Cardinal Peter Erdő, Archevêque d'Esztergom-Budapest, Primat de Hongrie. Ses vice-présidents sont le Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco, Archevêque de Gênes et S. Exc. Mgr Józef Michalik Archevêque de Przemyśl. Le Secrétaire général du CCEE est le P. Duarte da Cunha. Le siège du secrétariat se trouve à Saint-Gall (Suisse). Vers la fin du Concile Vatican II, le 18 novembre 1965, s'est tenue une rencontre des Présidents de 13 Conférences épiscopales d'Europe. Ils ont créé un Comité composé de six délégués des Conférences épiscopales et d'un secrétaire chargé d'assurer la liaison, avec pour tâche de réfléchir sur les modalités et les contenus d'une future collaboration effective et durable entre les Conférences épiscopales en Europe. La responsabilité en a été confiée à Mgr Roger Etchegaray. Ce Comité a organisé une première rencontre à Noordwijkerhout (Pays Bas) du 10 au 13 juillet 1967. Le 7 octobre 1967, a eu lieu une deuxième session entre les Présidents des Conférences Episcopales. Ils ont décidé de convoquer un deuxième Symposim, qui s'est tenu à Coire (Suisse) du 7 au 10 juillet 1969. Le 20 octobre 1969, les délégués des Conférences épiscopales d'Europe se sont réunis à Rome. Les 23-24 mars 1971, a eu lieu, toujours à Rome, l'Assemblée constitutive du CCEE. Depuis 1993, ce sont les Présidents en personne qui représentent les Conférences épiscopales au CCEE, et non plus des évêques délégués.

Père DUARTE da CUHA est né le 1er juin 1968. Il a été ordonné prêtre en 1993 par le Patriarcat de Lisbonne (Portugal). Il a passé son baccalauréat de théologie et obtenu un master en études pastorales à l'Université catholique de Lisbonne. Parti ensuite étudier à Rome, il a passé sa licence en théologie à l'Université Pontificale Grégorienne en 1995, puis son doctorat en théologie en 1998 avec une thèse sur « L'amitié dans l'œuvre de saint Thomas d'Aquin ». Parmi ses nombreuses activités d'enseignant, de 2000 à 2004, le père Duarte da Cunha a été professeur de Doctrine sociale de l'Église au Département des Sciences humanistes, de la foi et de théologie de la Faculté de théologie de l'Université catholique du Portugal. Dans cette même Université, il a présidé la commission chargée de fonder l'Institut des sciences de la famille (2000-2005). Il a également enseigné différentes matières (ecclésiologie, théologie fondamentale, eschatologie et mariologie) au Séminaire catholique du Timor Oriental, Dili, en 2002 et en 2005. Il est l'auteur de publications scientifiques portant notamment sur la figure et l'œuvre de saint Thomas d'Aquin, sur la famille, sur l'éthique sociale. À Lisbonne, il a été Secrétaire général du Patriarcat de Lisbonne (1997-2000) et Assistant du Bureau pour la famille (1997-2007). De 1998 à 2000 il a été curé à S. Vicente de Fora et de 2000 à 2008 à Nossa Senhora do Carmo – Alto Lumiar. Le Père da Cunha a fondé en 1998 l'association « *Ponto de Apoio à Vida* », une institution privée qui a pour but d'aider et accompagner les femmes enceintes en difficulté.



Jean DE BRUKER – Centre d'action laïque – Bruxelles, Belgique

Le **Centre d'Action Laïque** représente 7 régionales, 28 associations constitutives, 320 associations locales - 200 permanents – 3500 bénévoles. Il a pour objet de défendre et de promouvoir la laïcité en Belgique et en particulier en Wallonie et à Bruxelles.



Par laïcité, il faut entendre, d'une part, la volonté de construire une société juste, progressiste et fraternelle, dotée d'institutions publiques impartiales, garante de la dignité de la personne et des droits humains et assurant à chacun la liberté de pensée et d'expression, ainsi que l'égalité de tous devant la loi, sans distinction de sexe, d'origine, de culture ou de conviction ; une société considérant que les options confessionnelles ou non confessionnelles relèvent exclusivement de la sphère privée des personnes. Par laïcité, il faut entendre d'autre part, l'élaboration personnelle d'une conception de vie qui se fonde sur l'expérience humaine, à l'exclusion de toute référence confessionnelle, dogmatique ou surnaturelle, qui implique l'adhésion aux valeurs du libre

examen, d'émancipation à l'égard de toute forme de conditionnement et aux impératifs de citoyenneté et de justice. Le CAL est membre de la Fédération Humaniste Européenne (FHE), association internationale sans but lucratif de droit belge, créée en 1991 et qui regroupe de très nombreuses associations laïques et humanistes d'Europe au sens large et a pour objectif la promotion des principes d'humanisme et de la laïcité de la société en Europe. Il est également membre de l'*International Humanist and Ethical Union* (IHEU) fondée en 1952 à Amsterdam. L'IHEU comprend des associations humanistes nationales et régionales d'un grand nombre de pays dans le monde. Son siège social est à Londres. L'IHEU est reconnue comme organisation non gouvernementale par l'UNESCO, l'UNICEF, les Nations Unies et le Conseil de l'Europe. Le CAL est aussi membre de la COFACE, une organisation pluraliste, au sein de la société civile, qui a pour mission de promouvoir la politique familiale, la solidarité entre les générations et les intérêts des enfants au sein de l'Union européenne. Le CAL est aussi membre de la FESEFA, une organisation qui regroupe plus de 300 associations de tous horizons philosophiques et installées dans toute la Communauté française. Ces associations relèvent du champ de l'éducation permanente, et/ ou de l'insertion socioprofessionnelle wallonne et bruxelloise et de la formation des adultes.

Jean DE BRUEKER est Secrétaire Général adjoint chargé des affaires internationales du CAL. *Formation* : Licence en Sciences Sociales, agrégation en Sciences politiques et sociales, cycle de formation Coopération au Développement. Connaissances linguistiques : Français, Néerlandais, Anglais. *Expérience professionnelle* : *Bureau International du travail (BIT – ILO)* : expert associé en République populaire du Congo ; promotion féminine et familiale au Cameroun ; évaluation de projets – affaires sociales. *Asbl Sésame* : Coordinateur AMO (Action en Milieu Ouvert) *Centre d'Action Laïque* depuis 1985 : Coordinateur projet jeunesse, délégué gestion, secrétaire général adjoint puis secrétaire général adjoint chargé des affaires internationales du CAL.

Sonja EGGERICKX, President of the *International Humanist and Ethical Union*, Belgium



The **International Humanist and Ethical Union** is the sole world umbrella organization embracing Humanist, atheist, rationalist, secular, skeptic, Ethical Culture, free thought and similar organisations worldwide. IHEU is the world union of more than 100 humanist, rationalist, secular, ethical culture, atheist and free thought organisations in over 40 countries. Its mission is to represent and support the worldwide Humanist movement. Its aim is a Humanist world in which human rights are respected and everyone can live a life of dignity. Founded in Amsterdam in 1952, IHEU is a democratic union of more than 100 member organisations in 40 countries.

Julian Huxley (the first director of UNESCO) and presided over the founding Congress of the IHEU. The IHEU's vision is one of a Humanist world; a world in which the human rights of minorities are respected and everyone is able to live a life of dignity. The mission of IHEU is to build and represent the global Humanist movement that defends human rights and promotes Humanist values worldwide. IHEU sponsors the triennial World Humanist Congress and publishes International Humanist News. The next international congress is to be held in Oslo, Norway, in August 2011. In 2002, the IHEU General Assembly unanimously adopted the Amsterdam Declaration 2002 which represents the official defining statement of World Humanism. The Happy Human is the official symbol of IHEU.



President of International Humanist and Ethical Union, **Sonja EGGERICKS** is a school inspector who lives in the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium. In 2006 she became President of the International Humanist and Ethical Union's Executive Committee, to New Zealand's Humanist Society of New Zealand newsletter (26 March 2006). Her volunteer activities include serving as president of Unie Vrijzinnige Verenigingen (UVV), the Flemish umbrella organization for Humanism in Belgium, as well as president of IHEU. Sonja Eggerickx took part in a conference and ceremony in the Belgian Senate along with the other exceptional women.

Myria GEORGIU *London School of Economics, United Kingdom*



Dr Myria Georgiou, London School of Economics, teaches at the Dept of Media and Communications, LSE. She has a PhD in Sociology (LSE), an MSc in Journalism (Boston University) and a BA in Sociology (Pantheon University, Athens) and her research focuses on the broader areas of Diaspora, migration, media and identity. Before joining the LSE, Myria Georgiou was a Senior Lecturer in International Communications and Director of Postgraduate Taught Studies at ICS, University of Leeds (2003-2009). She has also worked as a journalist for BBC World Service, Greek press, and the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation. Her PhD was conducted under the guidance of Roger Silverstone and her doctoral thesis was ethnography of media consumption and identity construction within the London Greek Cypriot Diaspora. After her PhD, she took up a postdoctoral position at the LSE, working again with Roger Silverstone (EMTEL2 Network; FP5), and conducting the first ever mapping of diasporic media in the EU. Dr Georgiou is currently the Chair of the Ethnicity and Race in Communication (ERIC) Division of ICA; she is the founder and former chair of the Diaspora, Migration and Media section of ECREA. Her expertise in the area of cultural diversity and mediation has led to a number of invited consultancies and advisory roles for various organisations, including the Council of Europe; International Broadcasting Trust (IBT); Urban Communication Foundation (US); Panos Paris; and Panos London. Her work has been published in English, French, Japanese and Greek.

Paul GOERENS – *Coordination nationale pastorale, nouvelles croyances et dérives sectaires*

Le phénomène sectaire se nourrit de la quête spirituelle et de la recherche de sens de nos contemporains. Ce n'est pas pour rien que la couverture et l'accroche de nombreux groupes sont religieuses alors que leur finalité est autre. Le service national [Pastorale, sectes et nouvelles croyances](#) étudie les sectes et les nouveaux courants religieux pour un discernement théologique et pastoral.



Héritière du travail réalisé par l'ancien Service national Pastorale, sectes et nouvelles croyances, cette nouvelle structure - **la Coordination nationale Pastorale, nouvelles croyances et dérives sectaires** - a été mise en place dans le cadre de la réforme ayant visé à réorganiser le fonctionnement de la Conférence des évêques de France. Etant donnée l'importance de ce champ pastoral pour les diocèses, il a semblé nécessaire de maintenir une instance plus légère, destinée à accompagner la mission des délégués diocésains. Dans le respect des personnes, la tâche de la Pastorale s'appuie sur les valeurs inscrites dans l'Evangile : écouter, dialoguer, accompagner, soutenir sans transiger sur le contenu de la foi, tel est le fond de notre responsabilité humaine et spirituelle.

Nazareno GOTTARDI, *Représentant baha'i auprès d'AGIR (Action Groupe Inter Religions), Luxembourg*

La foi bahá'íe est la plus jeune des religions indépendantes du monde. Son fondateur, Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), est considéré par les bahá'ís comme le nouveau messenger de Dieu pour aujourd'hui. L'unité est le thème central de son message. Il a enseigné qu'il n'y a qu'un seul Dieu, une seule race humaine, que toutes les religions du monde constituent la principale force civilisatrice de l'histoire et qu'elles ont permis au genre humain de franchir les étapes successives de l'évolution que Dieu a voulue et projetée pour l'humanité. Au Luxembourg, outre une majorité luxembourgeoise, les Bahá'ís proviennent de 18 autres origines nationales et résident en 47 localités. Il existe des conseils d'administration librement élus à l'échelle nationale et locale. Le Conseil d'administration à l'échelle nationale est dénommé : *Assemblée Spirituelle Nationale des Bahá'ís du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg*.

Nazzareno GOTTARDI est diplômé en Physique à l'Université de Milan, est né en 1941 à Milan et vit au Luxembourg. Pendant 12 ans il s'est occupé à Euratom (Commission européenne) de la sauvegarde des centrales nucléaires dans les pays de l'UE, en particulier en tant que chef de l'équipe d'inspection des réacteurs en France, en Angleterre, en Hollande et en Espagne. Il a enseigné à l'École Polytechnique de Milan.

Rabbi Gerald Herschel GLUCK, Chairman of the Muslim-Jewish Forum, United Kingdom

Rabbi Marc RAPHAEL GUEDJ, Director, *Sources & Roots Foundation*, Switzerland



The **Roots and Sources Foundation**, based in Geneva, is a state-approved organisation which aims to develop research, teaching and discussion, to promote peace through dialogue, allowing us to overcome identity crises. to feed the interfaith dialogue and research from an interdisciplinary perspective. to share and pass on the universal values of Judaism. It organises and conducts conferences, seminars and conferences around the universal dimension of Jewish wisdom. It promotes a form of interreligious dialogue in which the wisdom and spirituality of different religions are invited to interact and share their mutual universal dimensions. The foundation is particularly interested in the dialogue with Islam. In this context, the Foundation Roots & Sources is a partner of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis. It organised conferences in Geneva around the dialogue between Judaism and Sufism. The foundation hosts a coffee shop "Wisdom" where young Muslims and Jews meet and discuss regularly.

After having held the position of rabbi of Metz, France, from 1995 to 2001, **Rabbi Marc RAPHAEL GUEDJ** was chief Rabbi of Geneva, Switzerland. In 2001, he creates the foundation *Roots and Sources* (*Racines et Sources*) whose mission it is to share the universal Jewish wisdom and interreligious dialogue.

Ingo HANKE, Interreligious group *AGIR*, Luxembourg / Groupe interreligieux *AGIR*, Luxembourg (Erwuesse Bildung Luxembourg, Responsable pour le dialogue interreligieux)

René HARTMANN - *International league of Non religious and Atheists*, Germany

The **IBKA** was founded 1976 in Berlin. Its current name was adopted in 1982. Its roots go back to 1972 when the MIZ magazine had been introduced and its predecessor – the Bund der Konfessionslosen Berlin (Union of the non-religious in Berlin) – was founded. René Hartmann was born in 1968. He is a Software Engineer. He has been working for IBKA in different functions since 1997. He has been a member of the executive board since 1998, first chairman of IBKA 1999-2003 and from 2009 until today. He is a member of *the Atheist Alliance International* (AAI) board since 2011.

Monseigneur Jean-Claude HOLLERICH, Archevêque de Luxembourg



Msg Jean-Claude HOLLERICH est né le 9 août 1958 à Differdange et il a passé son enfance à Vianden. Après ses études secondaires à l'École apostolique de Clairefontaine et au Lycée classique de Diekirch, il a entamé sa formation sacerdotale à l'Université Grégorienne à Rome, où il a suivi deux ans de philosophie et une première année de théologie. En 1981, il est entré dans la Compagnie de Jésus et a passé son noviciat à

Namur. De 1983 à 1985, il a passé un stage pastoral à Luxembourg et est parti pour le Japon en septembre 1985, où il a étudié la langue et la culture japonaises. De 1987 à 1989 il a continué ses études de théologie à la *Sophia University* de Tokyo, de 1989 à 1990, il a préparé une licence en théologie. Le 21 avril 1990, il a obtenu son ordination sacerdotale à Bruxelles. En 1994 il a passé une licence en langue et littérature allemande à la *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität* de Munich et en 2001 il a accompli ses études de doctorat à l'Institut pour les études de l'Union Européenne à Bonn. Depuis 1994, il est enseignant de langues - allemand et français, et des études européennes à la *Sophia University* de Tokyo; il a été nommé professeur associé en 1999 et professeur en 2006. D'avril 2008 à mars 2011 il a été vice-recteur pour les Affaires générales et estudiantines.

Szymon HOLOWNIA, Poland



Szymon HOLOWNIA was born in 1976 in [Białystok](#) and is [Polish journalist](#) and [writer](#). He graduated from High School Social Educational Society in Białystok. He studied [psychology](#) at the Warsaw [School of Social Sciences](#). Twice he was in [the novitiate](#) of the Order [Dominicans](#). He worked as a paramedic. He founded the Białystok branch of the Foundation "Help The Maltese". In 1997-2000 he was editor of the culture, "[Gazeta Wyborcza](#)", in 2001-2004, a columnist and editor of the social "[Newsweek Poland](#)". Since April and July 2005 served as deputy editor of "[Ozone](#)".

Since September 2005 to 2006 worked for the "[Republic](#)" as the editor of *Plus Minus*. Published in "[Popular Culture](#)", "[Machina](#)", "[Guide to the Catholic](#)", "[Tygodnik Powszechny](#)". Since 2006, the publicist, "Newsweek Poland". He has broadcast on [Radio Białystok](#), [Radio Vox FM](#), worked with [Radio PiN](#).

In 2006 he was leading the program "*simply ask*" at the [TVP1](#). In March 2007 he was Deputy Director of channel [Religia.tv](#) for programming. The station that ran the ethical talk show *Between the shopping mall* transmitted from the [Golden Terraces](#) in Warsaw (2007-2010), *God and the City* (2010) and *People suitcase* (since 2009). Since September 2007, carrying out a review of the press in [Good Morning TVN](#). Since 2008, together with [Martin Prokop](#) co-run on television [TVN](#) program [I have a talent!](#)

Yolande ILIANO - *President of Religions for Peace – Europe*, Belgique

Religions for Peace - Europe is one out of five regional bodies of the World Conference on Religions  for Peace movement. The President of Religions for Peace - Europe is Ms Yolande Iliano.
European Council of Religious Leaders

Yolande ILIANO is the successor of Dr Hans Ucko. Ms Yolande Iliano, a Christian from Belgium, is a retired teacher and school director by profession. She has been involved in Religions for Peace for twenty years. Since 1990, Ms Yolande Iliano has been operational in a range of activities and projects in peace education and interfaith dialogue. Her achievements include the 2008 launching of the European Women of Faith Network (EWFN) in the European Parliament and in 2009 the launching of the Belgium Council of Religious Leaders (BCRL) in the Belgian Parliament. Ms Iliano is situated in Brussels and holds a master degree in religious studies, a diploma in practical political science, and an honorary degree in pedagogy. At the time of her election as president, she was serving as council member of the European Council of Religious Leaders, chairperson of Religions for Peace-Belgium, co-chair of the European Women of Faith Network and co-vice-president of Religions for Peace-Europe.

Ahmed JABALLAH, Conseiller Religieux de la Shoura, l'Assemblée de la Communauté Musulmane du Grand Duché de Luxembourg

Diplômé de l'université de La Zaitouna de Tunis et docteur en islamologie de la Sorbonne, **Ahmed Jaballah** est professeur de théologie musulmane. Il a fondé en 1999 un établissement supérieur d'enseignement des sciences islamiques, l'Institut Européen de Sciences Humaines (IESH) de Paris, dont il est le directeur. Il est membre du Conseil Européen de la Fatwa et de la Recherche et du Conseil Français de la Finance Islamique (COFFIS). Le 4 juin 2011, il a été élu président de l'Union des Organisations Islamiques de Luxembourg (UOIF), une des principales organisations islamiques françaises. Depuis janvier 2009, Dr Jaballah est le conseiller religieux de la Shoura, l'Assemblée de la Communauté Musulmane du Grand Duché de Luxembourg.

Noura JABALLAH, Chairperson, *European Forum of Muslim Women*, France

The **European Forum of Muslim Women** was created at the beginning of 2006, following a series of European Coordination of Muslim female associations active in several European countries. It works within the European Union for the consolidation of bonds and the exchange of experience between the various members in order to support the involvement of the Muslim woman in society as a citizen and to better respond to her worries and to defend her interests. Official associations from different European countries have participated in working meetings and exchanges since 2003. The issues that were central to discussions of this platform were issues emerging from the commitment of Muslim women to European society and how to succeed. Another concern is the increasing discrimination and racism.

After three years of co-ordination and co-operation between various Muslim women's associations in Europe, and before concluding that there was a vacuum in the representation of Muslim women in Europe, an urgent need was felt for an interlocutor with the authorities, European civil society or official organisations and associations of Muslims and non-Muslims. It was therefore decided to create the EFOMW (European Forum Of Muslim Women). Such a Forum could speak on behalf of Muslim women in Europe, about their problems, their aspirations and could provide the social realities of Muslim women and defend their causes.

Several sites will be the focus of reflection for the promotion of the culture of dialogue, guaranteeing the right to live together in Europe, a shared future for all. The Forum is a platform for women either as active participants or simply as supporters.



Noura JABALLAH is a founding member of the European Forum of the Muslim Women which she has chaired since 2006. She is a professor in Muslim theology and speaks French and Arabic. She is committed to national and European associative work and has tried in her papers and her conferences to deconstruct the prejudices regarding Muslim women and to value their potential and their contribution in social reforms. Since 1995, she has militated for the recognition of the rights of Muslim women within the Muslim community and in society. She was the first president of the French League of Muslim Woman (1995-2003). She has made an important contribution to interreligious dialogue and is a consultant member of the European Women of Faith Network.

Thorbjørn JAGLAND – Secretary General of the *Council of Europe*

The **Council of Europe**, based in Strasbourg (France), now covers virtually the entire European continent, with its 47 member countries. Founded on 5 May 1949 by 10 countries, the Council of Europe seeks to develop throughout Europe common and democratic principles based on the European Convention on Human Rights and other reference



texts on the protection of individuals. The primary aim of the Council of Europe is to create a common democratic and legal area throughout the whole of the continent, ensuring respect for its fundamental values: human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

These values are the foundations of a tolerant and civilized society and indispensable for European stability, economic growth and social cohesion. On the basis of these fundamental values, we try to find shared solutions to major problems such as terrorism, organized crime and corruption, cybercrime, bioethics and cloning, violence against children and women, and trafficking in human beings. Co-operation between all member states is the only way to solve the major problems facing society today.



Thorbjørn Jagland is Secretary General of the Council of Europe since 1 October 2009. He was the President of the Storting (Norwegian Parliament) from 2005 to 2009. He was elected Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which awards the Nobel Peace Prize every year. He has held two of the most influential governmental positions in Norway: Prime Minister (1996-97) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2000-2001). After serving as Foreign Minister, he was Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee in the Storting for four years (2001-2005). He also served as Chairman of the EEA Consultative Committee during this period (2000-2005).

In addition, he has held a number of other parliamentary positions, such as head of the Storting's Delegation for Relations with the European Parliament for six years. He was a member of the Storting for 15 years. Mr Jagland was Leader of the Norwegian Labor Party for ten years (1992-2002), and Party Secretary of the Labor Party for five years (1987-1992). He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Oslo centre for Peace and Human Rights, and Member of the International Board of Governors at the Peres Center for Peace. He served as Vice-President of the Socialist International 1999-2008, and Chair of the Social International Middle East Committee from 2000 to 2006. He was a member of the *Sharm El-Sheikh Fact-finding Commission* (The Mitchell Commission) from 2000 to 2001. Over the last 20 years, Mr Jagland has published widely on a range of issues, in particular on European and international affairs. He has published four books in Norway: *My European Dream* (1990), *Letters* (1995), *Our Vulnerable World* (2001) and *Ten Theses on the EU and Norway* (2003). He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Oslo (1975). He was born on 5 November 1950 in Drammen, Norway. He is married to Hanne Grotjord. They have two children.

Jean-Luc KARLESKIND, Vice-Président de la *Shoura*, l'Assemblée de la Communauté Musulmane du Grand Duché de Luxembourg

Diplômé en Administration des Affaires de la Graduate School of Business de Stanford (USA) et de l'International Institute for Management Development (IMD Lausanne, Suisse), Jean-Luc Karleskind est un cadre financier international. Sa carrière l'a amené en France, au Royaume-Uni, en Suisse, en Italie, en Pologne et en Russie avant de venir au Grand Duché de Luxembourg en 2001. Membre fondateur de l'association islamique Le Juste Milieu de Luxembourg-Ville en 2008, il en est membre du Conseil d'Administration. Il est vice-président de la Shoura depuis juillet 2011.

Elisabeta KITANOVIĆ - *Conference of European Churches* – Geneva, Switzerland

The **Conference of European Churches** (CEC) is a fellowship of some 120 Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican and Old Catholic Churches from all countries of Europe, plus 40 associated organisations. The CEC was founded in 1959. It has offices in Geneva, Brussels and Strasbourg. The Church and Society Commission of CEC links member churches and associated organisations of CEC with the European Union's institutions, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, NATO and the UN (on European matters). Its task is to help the



churches study church and society questions from a theological and social-ethical perspective, especially those with a European dimension, and to represent common positions of the member churches in their relations with political institutions working in Europe.



Elizabeta Kitanović has graduated in theology and holds the diploma of the Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Serbian Government. She is currently working on a Magister thesis in the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade. She has worked in the Office for Interchurch Affairs and the Informative Service of the Serbian Orthodox Church. In 2006 she took over the post of Public Relations Officer and Junior Adviser for Interreligious Affairs in the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Serbian Government. Since 2007 she holds the position of Executive Secretary for *Human Rights and Communications* in the *Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches*. She is the editor of the Annual Report of the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches. Currently, she is working on the editing of the Human Rights Training Manual for European Churches.

Annika LAATS - *Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Estonian: *Eesti Evangeelne Luterlik Kirik*), Estonia

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church is a [Lutheran](#) church in [Estonia](#). EELC is member of the [Lutheran World Federation](#). It is also a member of the [Porvoo Communion](#), putting it in [full communion](#) with the [Church of England](#) and other Anglican churches in Europe.

The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELC) was constituted in 1949, when the previous church hierarchy, *Eesti Evangeeliumi Luteriusu Kirik*, headed by [Bishop Johan Köpp](#), had escaped to [Sweden](#) in 1944. When the [Soviet Union](#) invaded Estonia in 1940, most Christian organisations were dissolved, church property was confiscated, theologians were exiled to [Siberia](#), and religious education programs were outlawed. [World War II](#) later brought devastation to many church buildings. It was not until 1988 that church activities were renewed when a movement for religious tolerance began in the Soviet Union. Although women had studied [theology](#) at [Tartu University](#) in the 1920s and some had sought ordination as priests, it was not until 1967 that the first woman, Laine Villenthal, was ordained.



Annika LAATS was born in 1970 in Tallinn, Estonia. She started her university studies in the faculty of medicine but later switched over to theology. She studied both in the Institute of Theology of the EELC (Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church) and in the faculty of theology of the University of Tartu (Dorpat). In 2002, she completed her training for ministry in the Pastoral Seminary of the EELC. Since then, she has been pastor in the EELC, at first as the second pastor in a big city congregation in Tartu and now as the pastor of a small village congregation in Northern Estonia. She is an assistant-dean of the Western-Harju deanery and the delegate of the council of EELC. At the same time she is a part-time doctoral student in the University of Helsinki in the field of systematics. She is married, she has three children.

Remzi LANI – Director - *The Albanian Media Institute* (AMI); Albania



Albanian Media Institute
Instituti Shqiptar i Medias

The Albanian Media Institute (AMI) was established by the end of 1995, thanks to the grant provided by DANIDA and the assistance of the Danish School of Journalism. After more than

a decade AMI has been consolidated, constituting at present one of the main actors of civil society in Albania and one of most the important journalistic training institutions in the Balkan region. The mission of AMI is: to become a training centre for the journalists of Albania, to co-ordinate and support the activities related to the training of journalists and the overall development of media in Albania, to

undertake studies and projects in support of the development of the Albanian media, to establish relations with similar foreign and international organisations, to facilitate and make possible the increase of funds and adopt financial strategies which ensure long-term sustainability, to participate in the legislative processes in the field of media to establish strong relations with the Faculty of Journalism at the Tirana University, to create special units for conducting opinion polls.

The Albanian Media Institute has succeeded in having a substantial support from the Swiss Development Agency, the SOROS Foundation, IREX, and other partners and donors. This support has been materialised in organising training courses in different fields of journalism, establishing and maintaining an Internet studio that offers free service to journalistic community, organising joint activities, conferences, and roundtables, promoting media dialogue and developing media policies, as well as sharing the same facilities.

Every year, approximately 300 Albanian journalists participate in the training courses of the AMI. The Institute has established a team of about 15 Albanian trainers, who teach in most of the courses organised by AMI. After years of work in co-operation with its donor community, new training formats have been initiated and these formats serve today as models in other similar centers in the region.

At present, AMI is substantially engaged in media policy issues in Albania, such as the improvement of media legislation, Code of Ethics, various issues related to freedom of expression, access to information etc. In addition, the Institute has organised several research works, the most important one being, "Monitoring Albanian Media Landscape". The AMI has published in the course of the last 5 years approximately 20 books in the fields of journalism, PR, thus filling the existing voids. With the support of the SDC, the AMI has completed an extensive project in the field of PR, becoming one of the early pioneers in this area. The AMI has played an important role in regional projects, in particular after the SEENPM (a Network of 17 media centers of SEE) was established upon the AMI's initiative in 2000. The AMI held the SEENPM Presidency during its first two years. The AMI is presently member of several international organisations, such as the EJTA (where it had one chair in the board for 2001- 2003), the World Association of Newspapers, the Reporting Diversity Network, etc.



Remzi LANI is the director of the Albanian Media Institute. ". He is one of the most prominent figures in the Balkan media community. He has worked as the Chief Editor of "Zeri i Rinise" (1983-1992) and as correspondent for the Spanish paper "El Mundo" as well as "Zeri". He has co-authored "My Albania Ground Zero" and "Masters of Humanist Philosophy".

Paul LEHNERS, *Université de Luxembourg*, Luxembourg



Paul LEHNERS est le premier professeur titulaire de la Chaire UNESCO des Droits de l'homme à l'**Université de Luxembourg**. Pr. Jean-Paul Lehnars, historien et expert en droits de l'homme travaille au sein de la Faculté des Lettres, des Sciences humaines, des Arts et des Sciences de l'Éducation de l'Université du Luxembourg. Professeur Lehnars est actuellement membre du jury du prix Aline et

Emile Mayrisch, depuis 2006, il préside la Commission épiscopale Justice et Paix depuis 2008 et il est membre du Arbeitsgruppe « Menschenwürde und Menschenrechte » Kommission der Deutschen Justitia et Pax depuis 2010.

Faruk LICINA, Chairman of the *Centre Culturel Islamique du Grand - Duché de Luxembourg* (CCIL)



Faruk Licina, est éducateur diplômé de formation. Il est membre du comité du CCIL depuis 2001 et assure la présidence du CCIL depuis mars 2011. Membre du Conseil National pour Etrangers du Grand Duché de Luxembourg.

Joseph LORENT – Président du *Conseil de Presse* Luxembourg



Le **Conseil de presse** (www.press.lu) est un organisme institué par la loi du 20 décembre 1979 relative à la reconnaissance et à la protection du titre professionnel de journaliste. Il attribue des "cartes de journaliste professionnel" en considérant certains critères. Il représente les éditeurs et les journalistes qui sont regroupés dans l'ALJ (Association luxembourgeoise des journalistes) ou dans l'UJL (Union des journalistes Luxembourg). Le Conseil de presse compte 40 membres dont 20 du groupe des éditeurs et 20 du groupe des journalistes. La composition du Conseil de presse est renouvelée tous les deux ans. Les membres sont nommés par arrêté grand-ducal. La présidence est tournante entre le groupe des éditeurs et des journalistes.

Joseph LORENT est le Président du *Conseil de Presse* Luxembourg



Anders ELLEBÆK MADSEN – *Kristeligt Dagblad* - Denmark

Kristeligt Dagblad

Christian Daily is a national Danish newspaper established in 1896 as a protest against the other Danish media considered as being unfair in their coverage of religious matters. In the last 15 years the newspaper has succeeded in developing a journalism that reaches far outside church circles, focusing on the core topics of faith, ethics and existence. This also includes non-religious coverage of family life, sorrow, life stages and so on. In the digital age the old newspaper has launched 9 web sites, 6 of which are user generated. The sites focus on news, Christian living, interreligious dialogue, books, calendars, memories of lost ones and dating. Contrary to most religious newspapers in the world we don't just publish texts written on other religious groups - we also publish texts written by other religious groups. On the biggest portal on religion in Scandinavia, *religion.dk*, much of the content is written by monks, priests, imams and rabbis. Christian Daily has the biggest web site on religion in Denmark.



Anders Ellebæk MADSEN started out at the Christian Daily (*Kristeligt Dagblad*) in 2001 when the newspaper had just launched its first web site in 2000. Became Chief of Digital Media in 2004 and he is now responsible of content and development on the electronic platforms of the media house. He is filling out the position both as the editor and the chief of the organization's digital media. Has been running both web 2.0 and news sites. Education: Studies in French and German culture and language with a focus on existential matters. He writes about religious and ethical questions as well as the effects of the internet.

Jacob MAHI, Imam du Centre Islamique *Le Juste Milieu*, Luxembourg

Diplômé de l'Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Islamiques de Bruxelles et docteur en islamologie de

l'Université de Lille, Dr. Mahi est professeur de théologie musulmane dans différents instituts supérieurs en Belgique et en France. Il est le porte-parole du Conseil des Théologiens Musulmans de Belgique.

Michaela MARKSOVA -TOMINOVA, President of the *Association for Equal Opportunities*- member of Karat Coalition, Czech Republic



KARAT COALITION is an international non-governmental organization based on voluntary membership of organizations and individuals. KARAT COALITION performs its activities on the territory of the Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries, hereinafter called the Region. KARAT COALITION's seat is located in Warsaw (Poland). The seat can be moved within the Region as the Board shall decide and if ratified by the General Assembly.



Michaela Marksova-Tominova (born in 1969), is an expert on equal opportunities policy, gender issues, family policy, children's rights, and social exclusion. In August 2010, she has been appointed as shadow Minister for Equal Opportunities and Human Rights in the shadow Cabinet of the Czech Social Democratic Party. She publishes articles and comments, takes part in TV and radio discussions. She has published a book "Family and Work: *How to harmonise both without getting crazy*". She worked in NGO sector (as Managing Director of Gender Studies NGO in Prague) as well as in the public sector (i.e. as Head of Department of Family Policy and Social Work at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, as Head of Department of Equal Opportunities in Education at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports or in several advisory positions at the Office of the Government).

Christiane MARTIN- Director of the *Office Luxembourgeois de l'accueil et de l'intégration* (OLAI), Luxembourg

The **Office Luxembourgeois de l'accueil et de l'intégration (OLAI)** is a public agency under the auspices of the ministry responsible for implementing the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's integration policy. It was created by the law of 16 December 2008 on the reception and integration of foreigners in



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Luxembourg, which entered into force on 1 June 2009. The OLAI replaces the Government Commission for Foreigners established in 1993. The OLAI has a coordinating and a networking role. At the national level, the OLAI collaborates closely with the ministries involved in integration, municipalities, civil society actors, namely foreigners' organizations and those working in favor of foreigners, as well as research institutes.

At the European and international level, the OLAI represents the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at the European Union Council of Europe Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations (UN), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The OLAI is the responsible authority for implementing the European Refugee Fund (ERF), European Fund for the Integration of Third-country nationals (IF). The OLAI is the national contact point on integration to the European Commission, in the fight against discrimination as regards the Community program "Progress".

Rev. Fr Laurent MAZAS- *Pontifical Council for Culture* – Holy See

The **Pontifical Council for Culture** ([Latin](#): *Pontificium Consilium de Cultura*) Department of the Roman Curia, promotes relations between the Church and the world of culture, and promotes intercultural dialogue. It takes dialogue initiatives in the fields of science,



literature and the arts. It establishes dialogue and organises meetings of studies in this area with those who do not believe in God or who profess no religion through a structure called the court of the Gentiles. It follows the work of international organisations with regard to the field of culture, in particular the Council of Europe and UNESCO, ensuring the participation of the Holy See in international congresses concerned with science, culture and education. It follows the political and cultural activities throughout the world, and welcomes the representatives of culture interested in better understanding the action of the Church in this area.



French Catholic priest born in Japan to a French father, who was born in Lebanon, **Reverend Father Mazas** lived in an environment of cultural encounters and religions since a very early age, especially in Greece where he spent his childhood. Ph.D., he worked in education, especially in Cameroon where he was at the head of a large school. Pontifical Council for Culture for the past ten years, reverend father Mazas holds the leadership of the Department of International Organisations and Dialogue with "non-believers" through the new dialogue structure called the Court of the Gentiles, launched in March 2011 in Paris.

Mgr Piotr MAZURKIEWICZ, Secrétaire Général de la *Commission des Episcopats de la Communauté européenne (COMECE)*



COMECE is the Commission of the Bishops of the European Community. This commission is composed of Bishops delegated by the Episcopal conferences in member states of the European Union and has a permanent secretariat in Brussels. It aims to support and analyse the political process of the European Union to inform and raise Church's awareness to the development of legislation and European policies to encourage reflection, based on the social teaching of the Church, on the challenges of building a united Europe.

Born in 1960, **Piotr Mazurkiewicz** is a priest of the Archdiocese of Warsaw (Poland) and an expert on European issues, political philosophy, the social doctrine of the Church and political and social ethics. He was elected by the bishops of COMECE as its secretary general. He succeeded Noel Treanor, ordinate Bishop of Down and Connor (Northern Ireland).

Ritva SINI MERILAMPI, Chair of the *Finnish Society on Media Education (Sällskapet för medieförståelse rf., Mediakasvatusseura ry.)*, Helsinki

The **Finnish Society on Media Education**, founded in 2005 by Finnish researchers and practitioners within media education, is an association operating nation-wide in two main languages (Finnish and Swedish). The society and its activities are funded by the Ministry of Education and culture. Its aim is to support and develop the field of research and practices concerning media education, contribute to the public debate and provide opportunities to share media educational experiences online and offline. The Organization has over 200 personal members from all over the country (teachers, early childhood pedagogues, social workers, librarians and more). In 2011 it has nearly 50 community members, among them are film centres, youth centres, culture centres, associations, companies... The Finnish Society on Media Education is a member of the [UN-Alliance of Civilizations Media Literacy Education Clearinghouse](#) and in co-operation with International [Clearinghouse on Children, Youth and Media](#).

Boban MITEVSKI, *Chief of the Cabinet of the Archbishop, Orthodox Church of "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"*

Gabriel NISSIM - *Conférence des Organisations Internationales Non Gouvernementales (OING) du Conseil de l'Europe* – Strasbourg, Paris



Gabriel NISSIM est né en 1935 à Florence (Italie) et est de nationalité française. Il est entré dans l'Ordre des Dominicains en 1954. Ordonné prêtre en 1962. Titulaire d'une licence en philosophie et d'une maîtrise en théologie. Au Cameroun de 1968 à

1975 : responsable d'éducation ; émissions de radio ; description et enseignement à l'Université de Yaoundé d'une langue camerounaise. Titulaire d'un Doctorat en études africaines de l'EHESS (Paris) (1979). Membre de 1975 à 1985 du Laboratoire des langues et civilisations à tradition orale du CNRS (France). Producteur de l'émission catholique française de télévision « le Jour du Seigneur » de 1985 à 1991. Président de l'Association des producteurs religieux de la chaîne France 2 (1987-1991). Représentant de l'Association catholique mondiale de Communication (SIGNIS) au Conseil de l'Europe depuis 1993. Publication de plusieurs brochures sur les Médias. Président de la Commission des Droits de l'Homme (2e mandat). Représentant de la **Conférence des OING** au CDMC – participation aux Conférences ministérielles sur les médias (Kiev et Reykjavik).



Ana PERONA-FJELDSTAD, *The Wergeland Centre*, Oslo, Norway



The Wergeland Centre, Oslo, Norway is a European resource centre on education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship. Established as an innovative co-operation

initiative between Norway and the Council of Europe in 2008, it is located in Oslo, Norway. The Center opened in February 2009, and it builds on and promotes the work performed by the Council of Europe and Norway for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship. The Centre is open to all member states of the Council of Europe, and the main target groups are teachers, teacher trainers, decision makers and multipliers within education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship. By providing in-service training, carrying out and supporting research, facilitating networks, serving as a platform for further collaboration and disseminating information and good practices on the field, the Centre aims at becoming one of the leading professional bodies of its kind (the presentation will contain a summary of the activities planned for the near future).



Born in Argentina, **Ana Perona-Fjeldstad** is an Argentinean-Italian citizen living in Norway. A lawyer with a MA in International Relations, she has working experience from the Argentine Parliament and at the Latin American Graduate School of Social Sciences (FLACSO). From 1994-2009 she worked at the International Council for Open and Distance

Education, a global NGO in the field of open and distance learning in close relations with UNESCO. Perona Fjeldstad held several positions there until she became ICDEs' acting Secretary General. Since February 2009 she is the Executive Director at the European Wergeland Centre.

David POLLOCK- *European Humanist Federation*, United Kingdom

European Humanist Federation - (EHF-FHE) is an international association that federates numerous European humanist associations. It also has individual members. The members of its administrative board are elected for three-year terms by the general assembly of the member organizations. The EHF is closely allied with the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU). Based in Brussels, the EHF

promotes the principles of humanism and of a secular society, supporting human rights, opposing discrimination against non-believers and fighting for equal treatment. EHF works in the European Union (where it is officially recognized as a partner for dialogue) and cooperates with like-minded Members of the European Parliament and with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. It is active in



the human rights wing of the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe), contributing to its conferences and making the case against religious privilege and in favor of democracy and the rule of law. The EHF collaborates with other groups - including religious organizations - with which it shares goals and interest.

David Pollock is president of the **European Humanist Federation** and a trustee of the British Humanist Association.

Firdevs ROBINSON – journalist, *Association of European Journalists*, United Kingdom



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS

Across Europe, the **Association of European Journalists** (AEJ) brings together individual journalists through their membership of the national sections. The AEJ was set up in 1962 in

the then six EEC-countries and was founded by 70 journalists, convinced by the need for European integration in a democratic way who believed in the potential of journalism to promote European harmony. For that reason they were determined to defend the freedom of information and freedom of the press in Europe. Most activities of the AEJ are arranged by the sections at national level. However, one of the aims of the international association is to create links between individual journalists; to exchange contacts, information and ideas. The AEJ partners with the European Journalism Centre (EJC), an independent institution for further training of journalists. There are now more than 20 sections, independently established in countries that belong to the Council of Europe. Members in each section are drawn from a wide spectrum of the media staff and freelance contributors to television, radio, national, regional and specialists newspapers and periodicals and the new media. Membership in each section is open to all journalists including foreign media representatives based in the country.

Registered under Belgian law the AEJ is an independent non-profit-making international organisation with neither party-political nor union ties. It has close working relations with several international organisations. At European level, the AEJ is governed by a democratic structure consisting of the General Assembly, an executive committee, elected officers and the general secretariat. The executive committee consists of all the national section secretaries and some elected members.



Firdevs Robinson has over 25 years of experience in journalism and broadcasting, covering international affairs. First as a print journalist in Turkey and Pakistan, then as a BBC producer, documentary maker and editor based in London, she has reported and commented on most of the main events worldwide for the last two and a half decades. Until recently, she was editing the BBC World Service's Central Asia & Caucasus Service, responsible for Azeri, Uzbek, Uzbek for Afghanistan and Kyrgyz language services. At present, Firdevs works as the London correspondent of CNBC-e television, a finance channel broadcasting in Turkey as well as a writer, analyst and public speaker, commenting frequently on Turkey, the Middle East, Central Asia and Caucasus, and media related issues.

Rev. Higumène Philip RYABYKH, representative of the *Moscow Patriarchate to the Council of Europe Christian Orthodox Church*, Russian Federation



The **representation of the Russian Orthodox Church** in Strasbourg (France) was established on 24 March 2004 by Alexis II, Patriarch of Moscow and Bésatissime of all Russia, and by the Holy Synod. The representation is responsible for expressing the position of the Moscow Patriarchate to the Council of Europe. The purpose of the Russian Orthodox Church is to contribute to strengthening the spiritual foundations in the collaboration between the different peoples of Europe through the believers living in these countries and also through a direct dialogue between the religious authorities of the Moscow Patriarchate and the European inter-governmental institutions.

Mendel SAMAMA - *Beth Loubavitch* – Strasbourg, France



Le **Beth Loubavitch** est une émanation de « Chabad-Lubavitch » qui est à ce jour la plus grande organisation juive internationale. Elle compte plus de 4000 représentations dans le monde entier. Beth Loubavitch est engagé pour promouvoir le savoir et la tradition juive grâce à des actions d'éducatrices, de cultures et de dialogues auprès de la jeunesse par ses institutions scolaires (le plus grand complexe européen juif se trouve dans le 19e à Paris) et auprès d'un public adulte à travers ses centres communautaires. L'implication de Beth Loubavitch dans le dialogue interculturel est une constante qui a pour but principal de promouvoir le vivre ensemble et de favoriser l'entente entre les cultures et le respect mutuel.



Mendel Samama est né le 31 juillet 1976 à Strasbourg. Marié, père de 7 enfants. Bachelor en « Sciences des Religions » de l'Université Rabbinical College of America, juin 1996. Impliqué dans la vie communautaire depuis plus de 13 ans, enseignant en religion dans différentes écoles. Il mène en parallèle des activités européennes auprès des institutions, en assurant une activité de consultant rabbinique, en particulier auprès du Père Patrick Desbois (dans le cadre de ses recherches sur les fosses communes juives des Einsatzgruppen) et pour d'autres organisations. Egalement étudiant en fin d'étude au Séminaire Israélite de France afin d'obtenir l'équivalence française du Bachelor. Impliqué dans le dialogue interculturel depuis plusieurs années pour le Conseil de l'Europe et d'autres organisations internationales, ce dernier est au cœur de ses préoccupations quotidiennes.

Sandro SANDINI - Commission « *Nouvelles Religiosités et Évangélisation* »

La Commission diocésaine « **Nouvelles Religiosités et Évangélisation** » est une antenne au service de l'église catholique et de la population. Sa mission est de recenser et d'étudier les nouvelles croyances et les nouveaux mouvements religieux, d'informer sur ces différents mouvements, d'aider à une réflexion pastorale dans un pluralisme religieux et de rester vigilants face aux possibles dérives sectaires. Elle met également à la disposition de toute personne qui en fera la demande une documentation et des ouvrages spécialisés.



Vugar SEIDOV - Regional Representative, Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic - *Azerbaijan State Telegraph Agency (AzerTAc or AzerTAj), Azerbaijan*

AzerTAc is the official news agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan. It was established on March 1, 1920. Throughout the Soviet period, the agency held various names and after restoration of Azerbaijani independence in 1991, the agency name was restored. In 1995-2000, the agency was named *State Telegraph Agency under Cabinet of Ministers* and then it was renamed to *Azerbaijan State Telegraph Agency*. AzerTAc cooperates with other notable news agencies such as ITAR-TASS (Russia), Anatolian News Agency (Turkey), Xinhua (China), Rompres (Romania), Ukrinform (Ukraine), BelTA (Belarus), Tanjug (Serbia), BTA (Bulgaria), ANSA (Italy), IRNA (Iran), Moldpres (Moldova), ATA (Albania), MTI (Hungary) MENA (Egypt), PETRA (Jordan) and ANTARA (Indonesia), Montsame (Mongolia), Yonhap (South Korea), LETA (Latvia), Kabar (Kyrgyzstan), Kazinform (Kazakhstan), KUNA (Kuwait), Khovar (Tajikistan). It is a member of Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies and European Alliance of News Agencies AzerTAc is also the co-founder of Association of the National News Agencies of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Union of the Turkish Speaking News Agencies (TKA) and the Black Sea Association of National News Agencies (BSANNA). The agency has offices in the United States, Russia, Turkey, France, Germany, Austria, Iran, Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan and all provinces of Azerbaijan.



Vugar Seidov holds a Masters Degree in European Studies from the Central European University, MPhil in International Relations from the University of Cambridge, and PhD in History from Moscow University. His professional experience covers such areas as educational management, media consultancy, refugee relief, international development programs. His research interests include international relief, conflict management, and humanitarian law.

Sorin SELARU, *Eglise Orthodoxe Roumaine*, Directeur de la Représentation de l'Eglise Orthodoxe Roumaine auprès des Institutions Européennes, Roumanie.

Père Selaru est conseiller du Patriarche Daniel de Roumanie. Il enseigne également à l'Université de Théologie Orthodoxe de Bucarest.

Sabahudin SELIMOVIC, *Président de la Shoura, Assemblée de la Communauté Musulmane du Grand Duché de Luxembourg*.

Juriste diplômé de l'Ecole Supérieure des Affaires Intérieures de Belgrade, M. Selimovic est membre fondateur de l'Association Islamique et Culturelle de Sud d'Esch-sur Alzette (DE de Luxembourg) et de la Shoura, l'Assemblée de la Communauté Religieuse du Grand Duché de Luxembourg. Il assure la présidence de la Shoura depuis juillet 2011.

Olga SIRBU - *Women Political Club 50/50-member of Karat Coalition, Moldova*



KARAT COALITION is an international non-governmental organisation based on voluntary membership of organizations and individuals. KARAT COALITION performs its activities on the territory of the Central and Eastern European and Central Asian countries, hereinafter called the Region. KARAT COALITION's seat is located in Warsaw (Poland). The seat can be moved within the Region as the

Board shall decide and if ratified by the General Assembly.

Olga SIRBU holds both BA and MA Degrees in International Relations. In 2005 she started working at the Political Club of Women 50/50 and now she is a Deputy Executive Director. She promotes women's human rights and encourages women to actively participate in decision making processes of all levels. Olga has attended many trainings and seminars on human rights issues. Her belief in the idea of human rights and wish to put it into practice have only strengthened. She is also the president of the People to People International Chisinau, Moldova Chapter - this is a voluntary work that she is involved in for the same purpose - creating a culture of human rights.

Volker STRAUSS - Pasteur titulaire de l'Église protestante du Luxembourg



Volker Strauss est âgé de 44 ans. Il est marié et père de deux filles. Il a été élu à la fonction de pasteur titulaire le 4 février 2010 par le Consistoire de l'Église protestante du Luxembourg. Formation Volker Strauss parle plusieurs langues (allemand, français, l'anglais et l'italien). Il a fait ses études à Berlin, Heidelberg, New York, Rome et Tübingen.

Pasteur protestant, Volker Strauss a été ordonné pasteur de l'Église évangélique du Wurtemberg. Il a travaillé pendant trois ans dans une paroisse luthérienne du pays de Montbéliard. Il a travaillé en dernier lieu dans une grande paroisse à Stuttgart. Volker Strauss a fait valoir pour sa fonction à Luxembourg une grande expérience de direction dans l'Église protestante et la diaconie, en particulier au niveau du travail de la diaspora. Pasteur titulaire Volker Strauss travaille en étroite collaboration avec son collègue Volker Beba et développera les activités du Centre protestant à Clausen. Il est chargé de cours dans la section française de l'École européenne.

Mark THOMPSON - *Open Society Foundations Media Program* - London, United Kingdom



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The **Media Program of the Open Society Foundations** promotes independent and viable media and professional, quality

journalism in countries undergoing a process of democratization and building media markets. The program sees independent journalism as playing a crucial role in the functioning of democracies and establishing standards in a media environment being transformed by technological change. The Research and Policy Portfolio of the program carries out research into aspects of media policy with a strong connection to pluralism and diversity, transparency and accountability, editorial independence, freedom of expression and information, public service (public interest), and high professional standards.

Mark Thompson edits the Media Program site, www.mediapolicy.org (currently under development, due for relaunch in late October). Before joining the OSF in 2008, he worked as a journalist, an information / policy officer for international organisations (the United Nations and the OSCE), a media development consultant, and author. His books include *A Paper House: the ending of Yugoslavia* (1992), *Forging War: the media in Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1994, 1999), and *The White War. Life and death on the Italian front 1915-1919* (2008).



Christos Filiotis VALACHAS, Representative of the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Strasbourg

Dr. Christos Filiotis VALACHAS est professeur à la faculté de théologie de l'université Aristote de Thessalonique

Marco VENTURA- Professor, Siena University, Italy

Marco VENTURA is a full professor (*professore ordinario*) of law and religion at the Faculty of Law of the University of Siena, Italy. After a PhD at the University of Strasbourg he was a visiting professor the universities of London (UCL), Oxford, Strasbourg, Coimbra and Brussels (ULB). He is a member of the *European Consortium for Church and State Research* and of the *Center for Society, law and Religion in Europe (Centre for Société, Droit et Religion en Europe)* at the University of Strasbourg. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* (Cambridge University Press). In 2007 and 2009 he was heard by the Italian Parliament on religious freedom issues. His subjects of study include church and state relationships, religious laws, religious freedom, bioethics and biolaw. Marco Ventura is the author of many books: *Procréer hors la loi (Outlawed Procreation)* (Strasbourg, 1994), *Pena e penitenza nel diritto canonico postconciliare (Punishment and penance in the post-conciliar canon law)* (Napoli, 1996) and *La laicità dell'Unione Europea Europe Union's Secularism* (Torino, 2001). He has published over 70 papers in Italian, French and English.



Mr Vladimir VIDOVIĆ, Center of Interreligious Dialogue *Hrvatski Aeropag*, Croatia

Vladimir VIDOVIĆ, born on 28.07.1982. He is member of the Franciscan Order. He lives in Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Currently he studies theology science and works in Hrvatski Aeropag-Center for Interreligious dialogue. He had studied Civil Law.



Stein VILLUMSTAD, Secretary General of *Religions for Peace*, Norway

Religions for Peace 
European Council of Religious Leaders

The European Council of Religious Leaders is one of five regional Interreligious Councils (IRCs) within the **Religions for Peace** network. The European Council of Religious Leaders brings together senior religious leaders from Europe's historical religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam together with Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and Zoroastrians. The Council was founded in Oslo in 2002. The Council is funded by its members and has received project support from The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *Religions for Peace* is a network of national and regional Interreligious Councils (IRC) connected through an international World Council and Secretariat, based in New York.

The global organisation brings together 70 national and 5 regional *IRCs*. Through these *IRCs* Mosques, Synagogues, Churches, Temples and Gudwaras form a network that enables them to mobilize and use their shared potential as religious communities for Reconciliation and Peace. The vision of the *European Council of Religious Leaders* is based in the shared commitment of the faith traditions to human dignity and the right to live in peace. On this basis religious leaders have committed themselves to work together to prevent conflict, to promote peaceful coexistence and to encourage their communities to do the same. Work through the European Council of Religious Leaders is undertaken on the basis of mutual respect and appreciation for religious diversity. The task of the European Council of Religious Leaders is –

based in the different religious traditions and Holy Books - to encourage a common moral responsibility for the prevention of conflict and the promotion of dialogue. In a continent where religion has often been seen as a source of conflict, the European Council of Religious Leaders seeks to be a resource for peace. The European Council of Religious Leaders was founded at a time when political and social changes in Europe are being achieved through peaceful negotiation. In these processes of change a great diversity of religions, traditions and cultures are brought together. Through dialogue, education and influence the European Council of Religious Leaders promotes cooperation for peace and stability among religious communities. The European Council of Religious Leaders supports and equips inter religious councils in countries like Bosnia, Kosovo¹ and Albania to work through dialogue and cooperation for peace between different ethnic and religious groups - from the grassroots to political and religious leadership in countries with a past filled with conflict.



Stein Villumstad has extensive experience in interreligious dialogue, international development, conflict transformation and human rights work. He comes to ECRL after serving five years as deputy secretary general in Religions for Peace. He also served in Norwegian Church Aid for twenty years, both as regional representatives in Eastern Africa and as assistant general secretary. Mr. Villumstad was the first co-chair of the Action by Churches Together (ACT International) Executive Committee, charged with coordinating church based emergency relief for more than one hundred organizations worldwide. He has been a member of the World Council of Churches' (WCC) Commission on International Affairs. Mr Villumstad holds a masters degree of international administration from the School for International Training in Vermont, where his thesis focused on policy considerations for non-governmental organizations involved in humanitarian assistance during conflict and complex emergencies.

Sammy WAGNER, Président du Parlement des Jeunes, Grand Duché de Luxembourg



Le **Parlement des jeunes** est l'organe principal pour renforcer la voix de la jeunesse dans la société luxembourgeoise. Il sera composé de 60 membres, comme la chambre des Députés et pourra discuter de toutes les questions qui ont trait à la vie des jeunes au Luxembourg. Le parlement des jeunes sera une interface entre la jeunesse luxembourgeoise et le monde politique luxembourgeois, et en premier lieu le gouvernement et la Chambre des Députés, avec laquelle le parlement des jeunes travaillera en collaboration étroite. Le parlement des jeunes est ouvert à tous les jeunes vivant au Luxembourg et âgés entre 14 et 28 ans.

Sammy Wagner est étudiant en 3ème année en science physique à l'Université du Luxembourg. Depuis 2009, il est Président du Parlement des Jeunes du Luxembourg ; depuis 2010, il est membre du Conseil supérieur de la Jeunesse.

¹ All reference to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo./ *Toute référence au Kosovo mentionnée dans ce texte, que ce soit le territoire, les institutions ou la population, doit se comprendre en pleine conformité avec la Résolution 1244 du Conseil de Sécurité des Nations-Unies et sans préjuger du statut du Kosovo.*

Keith WHITMORE - President of the *Congress of Local and Regional Authorities*



Created in 1957, the **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe** is a political assembly composed of representatives of 318 full members from over 200 000 European municipalities and regions. The Congress helps the Organisation's new member states in tangibly introducing real local and regional self-government. It delivers support in founding the actual units of local and regional self-government while encouraging consultation and political dialogue between the national governments and the territorial entities and performs a function of keeping watch on local democracy in Europe, by producing "monitoring reports" on the situation in the member States. The Congress is also in charge of local and regional election monitoring and of setting the standards for Europe in electoral matters. It advises the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on all aspects of local and regional policy.



Keith Whitmore was born on 15 June 1955 in Manchester, United Kingdom and has lived in Manchester all his life and plays an active cultural role in civic life as well as being an elected politician, being a board member of the Royal Exchange Theatre, People's History Museum, Museum of Transport and Heaton Park Tramway. He is a passionate steam railway enthusiast and strongly supports the heritage railway sector.

On 26 October 2010 Keith Whitmore was elected President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. Prior to his election, he was the Chairman of the Institutional Committee of the Congress. He has been a member of the Congress since 1996 and previously held the positions of Vice-President of the Congress and Chairman of its Sustainable Development Committee as well as being Head of the UK delegation to the Congress. He was also the Council of Europe Political Coordinator of the European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) and was the former Congress representative on the Venice Commission. In addition, he is a member of the Policy Committee of the Council of European Municipalities & Regions (CEMR) and the Vice-Chairman of the CEMR Governance Committee, as well as a former member of the EU Committee of the Regions. Councilor Keith Whitmore has been an elected member of Manchester City Council for over 30 years having first been elected in May 1979. He was last re-elected as a Manchester City Councilor in May 2008. He is one of the UK's leading councilors involved in European issues. During that time he served as leader of the Manchester Liberal Democrat Group of Councilors for nine years from 1988 to 1997. Previously he was also a member of the *Greater Manchester Council* until its abolition in 1985 and led the Liberal Party for five years on the *Greater Manchester Council*.

He was formerly Deputy Chairman of the *Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority*, he is a Director of *Greater Manchester Accessible Transport* and the *Manchester Museum of Transport*, as well as chairing the Board for the *Heaton Park Tramway*.

Léon ZECHES - Administrateur, Groupe de presse Saint-Paul (ancien Directeur général et Rédacteur en chef au *Luxembourg Wort*), Luxembourg

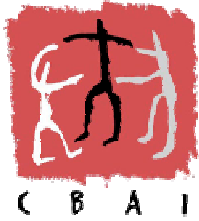


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Jamila ZEKHNINI *Agenda Interculturel* – Bruxelles, Belgique

L'Agenda interculturel est le mensuel publié par le CBAI – Centre bruxellois d'action interculturelle. Le



CBAI est une association fondée en 1981 à partir de l'expérience des migrations et des exils à Bruxelles, capitale multiculturelle. Le CBAI est une association sans but lucratif, créée en 1981. Son objectif est la promotion active des relations interculturelles à Bruxelles en particulier, et dans la société belge en général. Le CBAI travaille autour de 4 axes : Formation (pour améliorer les compétences interculturelles), Accompagnement associatif, Diffusion culturelle et Information, via le centre de documentation (42 000 titres) et l'Agenda interculturel. Depuis 2006, le CBAI réalise les missions de Centre régional d'Appui en Cohésion sociale

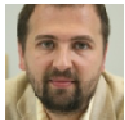
(CRAcs) dans la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale. Dans sa revue *l'Agenda Interculturel*, priorité est donnée aux informations liées aux thèmes de l'interculturalité, de la lutte contre le racisme et de la sociologie des migrations. À titre d'exemples, des dossiers ont traité de la reconnaissance des minorités culturelles, des politiques et pratiques de cohésion sociale, du féminisme musulman, des politiques urbaines et de mixité sociale, de la déconstruction des stéréotypes. Le CBAI agit comme facilitateur ou intermédiaire d'autres acteurs de l'interculturel et des médias belges grand public, en faisant partager analyses et en facilitant les contacts.



Jamila ZEKHNINI est licenciée en Journalisme et Communication de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles. Elle a travaillé une dizaine d'années dans le secteur de l'insertion sociale et professionnelle, comme formatrice en communication interculturelle et comme journaliste de « presse associative » depuis 2 ans pour le mensuel *l'Agenda interculturel*, éditée par le CBAI qui propose des dossiers thématiques, des bons tuyaux, des articles d'opinion, les derniers ouvrages disponibles... Toutes les rubriques approfondissent des sujets liés à l'immigration et à l'interculturel. Analyses, interviews, expériences, récits de vie rythment les dossiers qui, bien que pris dans le tourbillon de l'actualité, sont traités avec recul et réflexion pour stimuler les débats d'idées et les actions de solidarité.

Andrei ZOLOTOV, *RUSSIA PROFILE* Russia

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recognized as an expert in Russia's religious affairs and global developments related to Orthodox Christianity.

In 2003, Andrei Zolotov left *The Moscow Times* and ENI to develop *Russia Profile*, which he has served as editor since its inception. In August 2008 he moved for a year to Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, as a Fellow of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism, while retaining an advisory function with *Russia Profile*.