



IFS International Conference May 11 – 14, 2023 Lille France



Event description

The IFS International Conference 2023 will take place in Lille, France, under the theme: **Democracy and Social Justice.**

The conference will be organized in conjunction with the [French Federation's 9th Congress and 100th Anniversary](#). Nearly 4000 participants will join the event. The IFS International Conference is an opportunity for IFS members to share, network and connects with other IFS members worldwide.

What is the French Congress or Banquet Final? [CHECK IT OUT HERE.](#)

Time and date

May 11 - 14, 2023 at the Grand Palais of Lille, France.

IFS Conference Pre-Program

This conference's program is only for the IFS participants.

Thursday 11.5. | Pre-Conference

- 9.30 –am:** Tour of Lille 10 EUR/person. Only for those who pre-ordered. We will get back by email for time and place confirmation.
- 1.00 – 3.00 pm:** IFS Board Meeting. This is only for Board members and invited guests.
Location: [Centre Social la Busette 1 rue Georges Lefebvre.](#)
- 3.00 - 5.00 pm:** Regional IFS meetings. **Location :** [Centre Social la Busette 1 rue Georges Lefebvre.](#)
- 5.00 pm:** Official congress gathering at the Square. [Republic Square, 2B Pl. de la République, 59000 Lille.](#)
- 6.00 pm:** IFS Delegation Welcome and Celebration's Reception (Drinks and canapés).
Location: [Bazaar St So BAZAAR ST-SO – 292 RUE CAMILLE GUERIN – 59800 LILLE](#)

Friday 12.5. | IFS International Conference starts.

Location : [Lille Grand Palais, 1 Bd des Cités Unies, 59800 Lille, France](#)

9.00 – 10.00 am: International check-in desk at the entrance staffed mainly around the IFS General Assembly.



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10.00 – 12.00 am: IFS General Assembly followed by a “Fishbowl” conversation on how racial equity strategies are advancing in Settlement organizations in New York.

12.15 – 01.15 pm: Common lunch break. [Bazaar St So BAZAAR ST-SO – 292 RUE CAMILLE GUERIN – 59800 LILLE](#)

1.30 – 2.00 pm: Check-in for headsets before the first plenary.

2.00 – 3.30 pm: Welcome and official opening and remarks by the French Federation.

4:00 – 7.00 pm: Workshops.

Please remember to return your headset after workshops.

Saturday 13.5. | Plenary sessions and workshops

Location: [Lille Grand Palais, 1 Bd des Cités Unies, 59800 Lille, France.](#)

8.30 am: Check-in for headset.

9.30 – 11.00 am: Plenary session.

11.30 – 1.00 pm: Workshops.

1.00 – 2:30 pm: Lunch break - big banquet together on long tables.

3.00 – 6.30 pm: Workshops

Please remember to return your headset after the workshops.

6:30 pm: Indoors French Carnaval and food trucks.

9.30 pm: Concert.

Sunday 14.5. | Closing Day

Location: [Lille Grand Palais, 1 Bd des Cités Unies, 59800 Lille, France](#)

8.30 am: Check- in for headset.

9.30am – 12.00 pm: Plenary sessions

Please remember to return your headset after plenary sessions.

12.00 pm: Common picnic outside in public park, or inside depending on weather.



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2.00 pm: Optional tour of the WW1 memorial site. Only for those who pre-ordered.

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IFS STAND for the International delegation.

The IFS Stand is the international IFS delegation's information and meeting point. It's a space for coffee breaks and conversations. **The space is in the front area, and you can bring brochures from your organization or just one copy with a QR on it to be exhibited on the IFS Stand.**

The IFS stand is a 24 m2 space with banners, trestle tables, chairs, a map, and screen.

The back of the IFS Stand is a 50 m2 mini conference area with 50 seats with a screen, projector, microphone, and a sound system. This area is open and available at break times for discussions.

Content and Headset

All IFS delegates will receive a headset with a number on given at the registration desk. **The headset needs to be returned every evening otherwise we will be charged in case of loss.** All plenaries and workshops will be translated simultaneously.

IFS Conference Lille 2023 Workshops

All workshops will be translated simultaneously during the presentation times, and for questions/discussions after presentations: consecutively in the room by volunteer interpreters.

Spaces and Capacities

There will be 4 different meeting spaces and an application showing distances space to space.

Workshops and Time Slots

Your workshop choice (or only available option) will be written on the back of your name tag.

There will be 5 different time slots for workshops. **1** and **2** on Friday afternoon; **3** on Saturday morning, **4** and **5** on Saturday afternoon. An **IFS** in front of the slot means the mini workshop takes place behind the IFS stand (Ref: IFS stand above).

Slot 1 (75 min) Friday, May 12, 16.00 – 17.15

1.13 Journey to Truth and Reconciliation at Vancouver Neighbourhood Houses: A sharing of stories and experiences from local Indigenous Advisors, partners, and members.

Presenters: Steven Eastman, Norm Leech, Deborah Baker, Natasha Johnson; ANHBC, British Columbia, Canada.



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OR

1.14. A community centre within a school: citizenship education.

Presenters: Talina Marcusson, The All-Activity House Sweden; Dakim Duncan and Kadisha Gordon, University Settlement of NYC, USA.

Slot 2 (75 min) Friday, May 12, 17.45 – 19.00

2.13 Active Inclusion of seniors in America, Australia, and Canada.

Presenters: Ben Jackson, Active Care Network, Australia; Dorothy Quon and Rochelle McAllister, WoodGreen, Canada.

OR

2.14 The future of the Euromed network: Locality, IFS Fostering Social Justice Program, EFS.

Presenters: Patricia Brenner, EFS; Tony Armstrong, Locality, UK; Sophie Michelena, FCSF.

Slot 3 (3x 30 min or 90 min) Saturday May 14, 11.30 – 13.00

IFS 5.1 Perpetrator treatment and prevention (Domestic violence).

Presenter: Annika Svensson, Askovfonden, Denmark.

IFS 3.1 Challenges of Democracy and Social justice and implications on the Settlement movement in Nigeria.

Presenter: Sunday Ibobor, Umuebu Neighbourhood House, Nigeria.

IFS 3.2 Walking the talk on Localisation of Humanitarian aid based on charter for change Grand bargain.

Presenter: Roy Douglas Otieno, Tinada Youth organization and Kenya charter for change working group, Kenya.

OR

3.1 Local democracy: let's really dare to cooperate. Presenters from the FCSF.

OR

3.13 Empowerment, community organizing: what do we mean by these terms around the world? Presenters from the FCSF.



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Slot 4 (90 min) Saturday, May 13, 15.00 – 16.30

IFS 4 Equitable Access to Mental Health Care as a Matter of Social Justice and Democracy.

Presenters: Barbara DiGangi, University Settlement, USA; Roy Douglas Otieno, Tinada House, Kenya.

OR

WELLBEING and Culture slot: roam around the exhibition, relax or take part in cultural activities.

Slot 5 (2 x 45 min or 90 min) Saturday, May 13, 17.00 – 18.30

IFS 5.2: Neighborhood Centers – Local engagement in relation to disasters.

Presenter: Paul Sekfy, LCSA, Australia.

IFS 5.3 Power to the People: Settlement Houses & Civic Engagement.

Presenter: Lena Cohen, United Neighbourhood Houses, USA.

OR

5.13 Building bridges between social centres and researchers/universities. Presenters from the FCSF.

OR

5.14 Residents' memories and voices, a tool towards action (Theatre play!!).

We will keep the [IFS website](#) updated with all information about the conference.

Useful Information

Hotel check- in

If your hotel reservation is part of the IFS group reservation, all you need to do is give your first name and last name at reception when you get there. More information can be found here: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/fr/expressbyholidayinnlille.fr.html>

ADDRESSES

You can find key addresses on this link: <https://goo.gl/maps/9NEeFDWKbb8csKNr5>



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Hotel : **Holiday Inn Express Lille Centre**, 75 Bis Rue Leon Gambetta, Centre de Lille, 59000 Lille, France

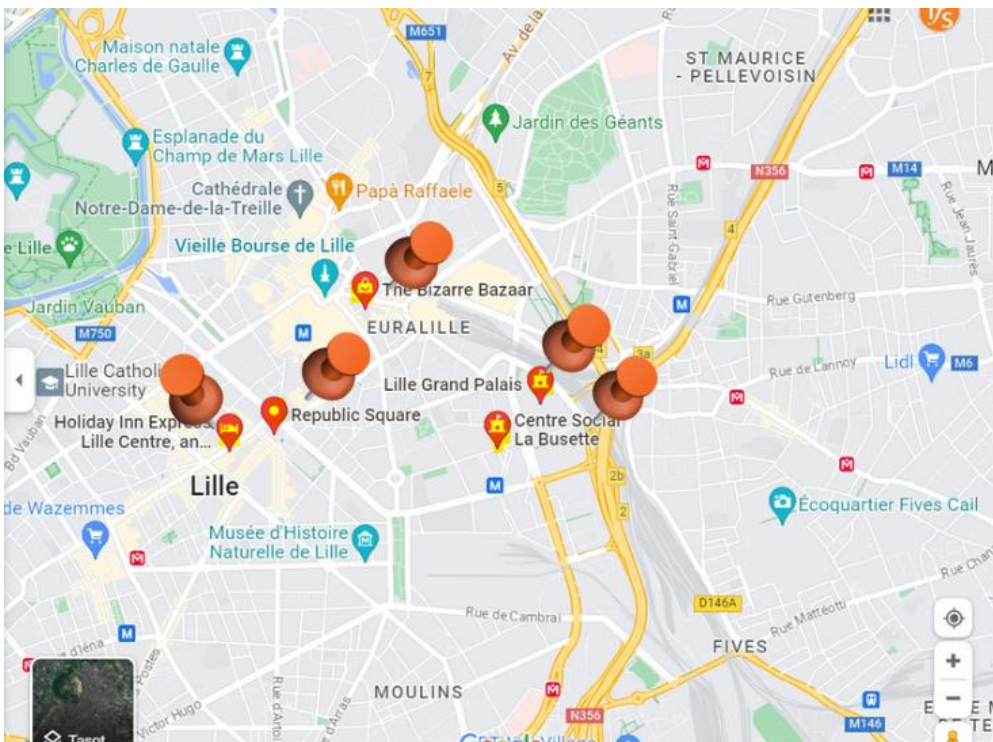
- **Thursday IFS board meeting** 13:00 and regional meetings 15:00, Centre Social la Busette 1 rue Georges Lefebvre 59 000 Lille.
- **Thursday official Congress public reception** 17 :00 Place de la République, Lille
- **All conference activities** Friday to Sunday: [Lille Grand Palais, 1 Bd des Cités Unies, 59800 Lille, France](#)

Distance from Hotel to:

- *Board meeting and regional meetings: 19 min walk*
- *Conference: 20 min walk, or 10 min in car/taxi.*

Restaurant addresses:

- **Thursday IFS evening reception** 18:00 / 6pm Bazaar St So BAZAAR ST-SO – 292 RUE CAMILLE GUERIN – 59800 LILLE
- **Friday IFS lunch after General Assembly: Bazaar St So BAZAAR ST-SO – 292 RUE CAMILLE GUERIN – 59800 LILLE See Map below.**



Friday night: no restaurant booked; small groups book their own.

Saturday lunch, evening dinner and Sunday lunch provided within the Conference venue.



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Weather and more

<https://fi.hotels.com/go/france/things-to-do-lille> What to see in your spare time.

<https://www.weather-atlas.com/en/france/lille-weather-may>

IFS Stand and small meetings.

The Stand will be located on level 3 in “the Square” exhibition hall, from Friday morning. It will be a large area for informal meetings stood around high tables, brochures/handouts display, and our “headquarters”. Please bring a coffee back from the refreshment point on level 3, and hangout.

The space behind the Stand is an “International Conference room” with 50 chairs. The IFS will have English-speaking workshops there, but at each break time between workshops during the Congress (Friday and Saturday), feel free to go round the back to sit down for a more formal conversation.

The stand will be taken down on Sunday morning, so we won’t have access to it after Saturday evening.

Workshop rooms

We will also have 2 main workshop rooms for translated workshops: 3.4 and 3.5 which are very close to the IFS stand. They have interpreting cabins to the side.

To visualize the Grand Palais, look on this link <https://tourmake.it/lillegrandpalais> and find in Espace Modulable the Square, and the 2 rooms under “Salles de Commissions”.

Communication

There will be a large IFS delegation, and we suggest ways of communicating with each other.

WhatsApp communication groups

We suggest that each large area delegation (from Finland, Canada, the UK, the USA) organize themselves with their own communication channels within that delegation, but that one person is the lead communicator from that delegation back to the IFS organisers.

We will also create a WhatsApp group with all the mobile numbers we have for broadcast only: letting everyone know important messages from the conference organisers. But this will not be for interaction between the 93 delegates.

TOURISM OPTIONS



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We will get back by email to the people who let us know they wanted to take part in the tourism options, as we need to confirm exact times with everyone.

Contact numbers for urgent matters: please get in touch by phone or WhatsApp with

Staffan +46 72 311 94 00 for all information about the board meeting, regional meetings, or GA.

Junias +358 50 596 4507 for help finding other delegates, or any support needs you may have.

Sophie +33 6 26 57 04 32 for French hosting and workshop-related questions.

SEE YOU IN LILLE