



15 July 2009

Dear Comrade,

This letter comes to invite you to the triennial Congress of the International League of Religious Socialists (ILRS), to be held from **9-11 October 2009 in Córdoba, Spain.**

The specific details of the programme and accommodation are included, as well as the registration form, and initial documents related to the Congress.

The theme of our Congress shall be: Global Crisis and Spirituality: Strengthening Alliances Between Faith and Social Justice. In this historical city of Córdoba, where centuries ago, the three Abrahamic faiths co-existed together in peace, we will gather to consider the role of faith and our socialist politics in addressing the global financial crisis.

In addition:

- We will be re-visiting the challenge of Social Globalisation, the theme of our Oslo Congress in 2006. The points raised there have since that time become all the more important in finding our way ahead to a fairer and more sustainable world economy.
- We will have an opportunity to discuss the Alliance of Civilisations initiative put forth by the Spanish government.
- The Congress will once again address the topic of interfaith dialogue in our societies and member organisations, and how we can be more politically effective in our work.

We have created a special web site for the Congress at **www.ilrs.org/cordoba**, where member organisations may download documents for the Congress.

As we mentioned in our previous letter, we are unable to provide costs for delegates to travel to or to attend the Congress. (A limited amount of funds are available for rather exceptional circumstances; please contact the Secretariat if you wish to make a request for funding.)

Questions regarding your organisation's delegation and status should be addressed to the Secretariat.

We look forward to your joining us in Córdoba.

In solidarity,

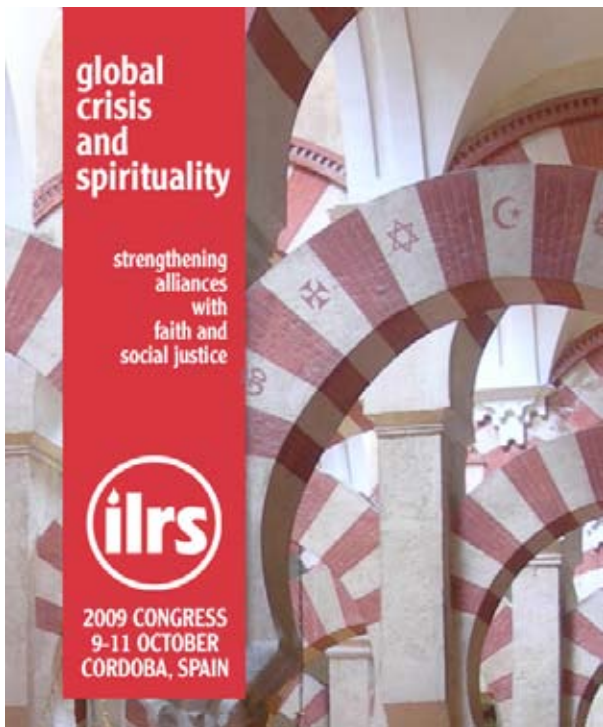
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PROGRAMME  
2009 ILRS CONGRESS  
9-11 october  
córdoba, spain

**FRIDAY, 9 October:**

18.00-21.00: Welcome and registration  
19.00-21.00: Meeting of ILRS Executive Committee  
21:00-23:00: Visit to The city. "Callejeo" (promenade through the streets of Cordoba).

**SATURDAY, 10 October:**

08.00 - 09.00: Registration

**09.00: Opening: Strengthening Alliances Between Faith and Social Justice**

- Miguel Ángel MORATINOS. Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Minister. Government of Spain.
- Pär Axel SAHLBERG, President, ILRS
- Representatives from Cordoba City Council and Andalusia Regional Government
- Juan Pablo DURÁN, Secretario General PSOE-PSA Córdoba

**9.30-11.00: Global Crisis and Spirituality: The Quest for Social Globalisation**

Presentations and discussion from international guests and delegates

11.00-11.30: Break

**11.30-13.30: Religious Perspectives on Social Justice and Economic Crisis**

Presentations and discussion from international guests and delegates

13.30-15.00: Lunch

**15.00-17.30: Workshops**

**Track 1: The Alliance of Civilisations**

Workshop I: Alianza de Civilizaciones (Spanish)

Workshop II: What is a True Alliance of Civilisations? (English)

**Track 2: The Quest for Social Globalisation (languages to be determined)**

Workshop I: Ethical Banks, social fiscality, ethical funds and microcredits

Workshop II: Social Economics, Third Sector, Cooperatives and Corporate Social Responsibility

Workshop III: Market regulation, Fair Trade and responsible consumption.

Workshop IV: German language discussion of Congress themes

17.30: Break

18.00-18.30: Interfaith meditation

19.00: Visit to Mezquita/Cathedral

**21.00: DINNER/RECEPTION at Jardines del Alcazar, with guests from the PSOE from Córdoba**

22.00: Multicultural musical performance

## **SUNDAY, 11 October: ILRS DELEGATE SESSION**

A national meeting of the Spanish member organisation [Cristianos Socialistas en el PSOE] will be held during the morning at the same time as the ILRS Delegate Session.

### **9.00: Opening**

- Opening, seating of delegations, Adoption of Congress chair and agenda
- Report of the Secretary General
- Report of the Executive Committee
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports from the Delegations

11.00-11.20: Break

11.30-13.00: Continue opening session

**13.00-14.00: Formal Closing of Congress with ILRS and our Spanish hosts**

14.00: Lunch

### **15.30: ILRS Congress continues**

The Political Work of the ILRS

- Reports from Workshops
- How to turn ideas into actions?
- Introduction of the ILRS Workplan for 2009-2012
- Evaluation of: the Congress theme, workshop reports and their application to the ILRS Workplan 2009-2012

### **17.00: Report of Elections Committee**

Election of Executive Committee and Officers

### **18.00: Congress ends**

18.30: Meeting of ILRS Executive Committee



# registration

**PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED  
TO THE ILRS SECRETARIAT NO LATER THAN 15 SEPTEMBER 2009.**

## **LOCATION:**

The location of the Congress is the Colegio Mayor Universitario of the University of Cordoba.

**C.M.U. Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción**  
**Avd. Menéndez Pidal s/n**  
**14004 Córdoba.**

## **COST:**

The cost for the Congress will be €50 per day, which includes all meals, materials, and lodging. Vegetarian food will be available at every meal.

## **TRANSPORT TO CORDOBA:**

From Barajas airport: Upon arriving at the airport in Madrid, your objective is to go to the Metro, which will take you to the railway station. You have about a 30-minute walk through the airport to the Metro. The Metro in Madrid is very easy to manage, and you will pay €2 for a ticket to Atocha Rail Station.

## **To Cordoba:**

Cordoba is accessible by high-speed train from Madrid, at a return trip cost of about €100. The journey is approximately 1h 40. Trains leave for Cordoba at regular intervals.

## **In Córdoba:**

Cordoba Central Station is about five minutes away from the University by taxi, for about €5. Buses are also available to the city hospital, which is next to the university.

## **LANGUAGE:**

The language of the congress will be English, with simultaneous translation in Spanish.

# 2009 ILRS CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

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## MEMBERS OF DELEGATION:

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