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### Project F4R

Centre international pour la liberté religieuse et les affaires publiques, CIRLAP

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#### **PROJET A**

**Project proposed by the CIRLAP to promote the F4R program and vision and to train and equip active supporters in a spirit of interfaith dialogue and religious freedom through a 20 major events from 2017 to 2020. The events will be held in different countries and will reach a large spectrum of the society, including religious leaders, authorities, students, human rights experts and believers and non believers.**

#### **Experience in the field of religious freedom**

The CIRLAP was officially opened on February 4, 2017 during the 2nd Festival of Religious Freedom held on the Adventist Campus of Saleve near Geneva. The Center benefits from an old tradition of the defense of religious freedom which began in the XIX th century with the organisation of the National and the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) (1889,1893) and of the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference of SDA ( 1901), The International Association of the Defense of Religious Liberty AIDLR (1948). The three institutions got the UN - NGO Consultative Status by the ECOSOC.

#### **Experience of the Center Director Dr john Graz**

Graz had been the IRLA Secretary General during 20 years (1995 - 2015). He organized 4 IRLA World Congresses and initiated 40 international congresses, symposiums on the 5 continents. Graz Launched the largest meetings of religious freedom called '*Festival of Religious Freedom*' in 35 countries, gathering more than 250,000 people in stadiums and large auditoriums. Under his leadership were held: The Annual *Religious Liberty Dinner*; The Annual *IRLA Meeting of Experts*; The TV program *Global Faith and Freedom*; The Journal *Fides & Libertas*. Graz was involved in several interfaiths / Interchurch dialogues. He was *Secretary of the Conference of the Secretaries of the Christian World Communions* (2003 - 2014), a group of Secretary General of World Christian Churches that represent a large majority of Christians.

### **The purpose of the Center**

To promote religious freedom for all according to Article 18 of the UN UDHR in a peaceful context of inter - faith relations.

### **Current activities of the Center**

**Religious Freedom Seminars** at international, national, local level hold on the Adventist Campus of Saleve near Geneva and out of Campus : 2017 Guadeloupe, Martinique, Serbia, France ...

**Master 2 Annual Intensive Week**, on campus.

**The Center has Organized and initiated** the following events : Symposiums; Concerts; Festivals ... In 2017 in the cities of Lausanne; Neuchâtel; Genève; Paris; Collonges sous Salève ...

### **Lectures on Religious Freedom as guest speakers**

Center's leaders are invited to give lectures on religious freedom in Europe and around the world, in universities, churches, schools ...

### **Project Faith for Rights 2017 to 2020**

The program F4R is in harmony with the philosophy and the activity of the CILRAP. From October 2017 to October 2020, the Center will promote the F4R program and spirit in the following events :

Festival of Religious Freedom; Inter Faith Meetings; Symposiums; Concerts; Exhibitions on the theme of Religious Freedom for All.

#### **2017**

Neully, RF Festival, October 14;

Geneva , RF Festival, October 28;

Collonges s/Saleve, Human Rights' day, December 9-10,  
2018

Lausanne, RF' s day, January 20,

Collonges s/Saleve, RF Festival, February 3.

Geneve, Ecole hoteliere, Religious Liberty Dinner, June 21;

Religious Freedom Intensive Week for students of Master 2, September;

In preparation: Neuchatel, Lugano ...

From October 2017 to October 2020

The Center will hold and initiate 20 major events promoting the F4R program in Switzerland, France ...

The climax of this activity will be the Religious Liberty dinner where Awards will be given. Dates : June 20, 2018. June 20, 2020.

The Center is building a network with other similar university center in USA, Canada, Argentina ...

**A special program: The Human Rights' day Celebration :** Campus adventiste du Saleve, near Geneva:

9-10 December 2017

8-10 Decemcer 2018

7-10 December 2019

10 - 12 December 2020

Program:

1. 11. 00 Religious service with the presence of interfaiths representatives;
2. 12. 15 March for Peace and Religious Freedom;
3. 15.00 Human Rights Symposium;
4. 19.00 Freedom and Peace Concert.

Promotion of the F4R program and spirit through the Center's speakers tour in Europe and around the world according to the invitation and on Radio and TV programs ...

**Goal:**

In promoting the F4R program in the context of the promotion of religious freedom and Huamn Rights, with the presence of religious and gouvernment representatives, we will make this program more visible wishing to get support of countries and religious institutions.

**Projet B**

**Geneva's Religious Freedom / F4R Festivals**

**Purpose:** Promotion of the F4R through a serie of events reaching inter - faith community and the diplomatic family in Geneva region.

**Where:** Geneva region;

**When:** 2017 - 2020;

**How: a. Religious Freedom Festivals:**

A full program with religious service, symposium, walk, concert. Every year.

**b. Training class of one week on religious Freedom.** Every year.

**c. Religious Freedom Award Diner,** Geneva, Ecole hoteliere, June 21, 2018, june 20, 2020.

Events that are already been planned and will be hold:

**Date: 2017**

October 14, Neuilly - done;

October 28, Geneva

December 9-10 Collonges

**Date: 2018**

January 20, Lausanne

February 4, Collonges

Lugano, Neuchatel ...

**d. Human Rights day's celebration**

9 - 10 dec. 2017 Campus du Saleve

8 - 10 dec. 2018 70 th Anniversary

7 - 10 dec. 2019

10 - 12 dec. 2020

Program of the day: - Inter/faiths service; Walk for Peace and Freedom; Human Rights Symposium on F4R; Exhibition on Human's Rights Heros; Peace and Freedom Concert.

**Budget:** An estimated budget of 100,000 euros could help to cover the expenses.

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