

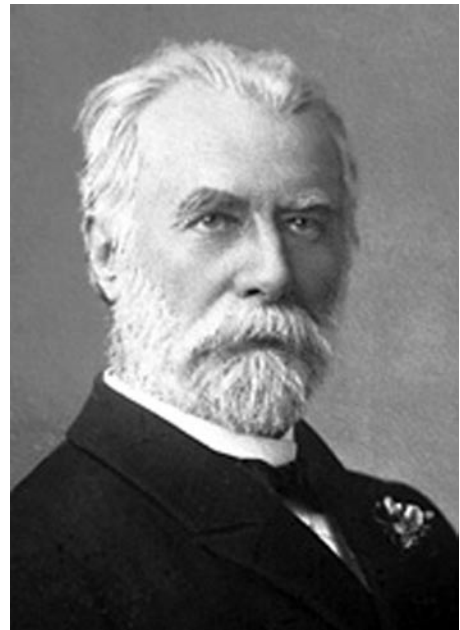
A PEACE CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN

Fredrik Bajer - a Pioneer of Modern Peacemaking

An international seminar on disarmament, terrorism and poverty: challenges for peace and human rights movements

Organised by the Danish Peace Council and the International Peace Bureau on the occasion of the centenary commemoration of F. Bajer's Nobel Peace Prize* (1908)

**Long-time Member of Parliament -- participated as an officer in the 1864 war with Prussia and Austria -- one of the most important founders of the Danish peace movement -- first President of the IPB.*



Copenhagen

14-16 November, 2008

Location: Vanløse Kulturhus, Frode Jakobsens Plads 4. (Vanløse S - and Metro Station)

Speakers include: Well-known Danish and international figures

Since Sept. 2001 our political world has been forced into adopting an apparently permanent obsession with terrorism. Yet millions in civil society -- and even in governments and military forces -- believe the focus of our collective efforts must be on wider questions (poverty, human rights, environmental challenges), seen through a human-security lens. The International Peace Bureau and its partners (including the Danish Peace Council) are working hard to build awareness of the importance of disarmament and anti-militarism for the struggle for sustainable development.

These ideas are not new: our peace ancestors were arguing the case against war and in favour of peaceful methods of resolving disputes well over 100 years ago. Among them was the Dane Fredrik Bajer, whose Nobel centenary we celebrate this year. This gathering in Copenhagen is a way to remember him, his wife Mathilde, and their lifelong work for peace.

It is also a way for peace advocates of today to come together and consider the challenges facing us in our own troubled times.

Provisional programme

Friday 14th November:

Afternoon:

public meeting co-organised with Politiken newspaper

Themes: contemporary peace and security questions, including disarmament for development issues related to IPB's main programme.

Special focus: **human rights issues arising from the 'War on terrorism'.**

Award of the 2008 Sean MacBride Peace Prize

Evening:

Torchlit demonstration at Fredrik Bajers Plads

Note: Possibility of participating also in **Peacewatch:** a daily anti-war vigil outside the Danish Parliament (or combined with the event at F. Bajers Plads).

Saturday 15th November: Meeting open to all

Morning:

Theme: Fredrik Bajer – a Pioneer of Modern Peacemaking

How relevant are his ideas and actions for the peace movement today?

Special focus: **Nordic peace engagement.** Bajer was a keen supporter of the idea of Nordic co-operation.

Afternoon:

Theme: the relationship between development and disarmament, and efforts to put an end to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Special focus: **The Role of the Danish Peace Council.** This may include discussion on the legal proceedings being initiated against the Danish Prime Minister re Danish participation in the US-led War on Terror.

Evening:

Artists for Peace will host a festive programme.

Sunday 16th November:

Morning and afternoon:

IPB annual Council meeting

Open to all IPB members and observers.

Background materials

The summary biography of **Fredrik Bajer** is available at:

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1908/bajer-bio.html

The **International Peace Bureau** website www.ipb.org (newly re-structured) has material on the current IPB programme Disarmament for Development.

The **Danish Peace Academy** has a wealth of material on many subjects, in diverse languages at: <http://www.fredsakademiet.dk>

The **Danish Peace Council** is at: <http://www.danmarksfredsraad.dk>

Accommodation: (recommendable) at Cab-inn (hotel) close to Central Station – rooms available at 545 DKr (single), and 760 Dkr (double). Breakfast at 50 Dkr.
<http://www.copenhagen-booking.com/hotel/dk/cab-inn-city.html?gclid=CLvDr8PGs5QCFRJVugodASMHTg>

Other options at: <http://www.hotels-in-denmark.dk/copenhagen-hotels-denmark.asp>

Registration and updated programmes will be available nearer the date.

Check www.ipb.org for regular news.



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