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THE IXth INTERNATIONAL OMBUDSMAN INSTITUTE WORLD CONFERENCE

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THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMEN 200 YEARS ANNIVERSARY



On behalf of the Swedish Parliament, I would like to wish you welcome to Sweden and to the IXth World Conference of the International Ombudsman Institute as well as the Celebration of

the Bicentennial of the Office of the Swedish Parliamentary Ombudsmen. I take pride in the fact that the Swedish institution, established by the Constitution of 1809, has inspired other countries on all continents to set up similar independent bodies to promote the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms. I certainly look forward to meet ombudsmen, members of their staff and other guests from all over the world in Stockholm.

Per Westerberg

SPEAKER OF THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT



The IXth World Ombudsman Conference coincides with the Bicentennial Celebration of the Swedish Ombudsman in Stockholm in June 2009. In those 200 years our ombudsman community has experienced an

embracing of the institution beyond Scandinavia, beyond the Western nations into a global phenomenon which now helps define what it means to be democratic. The gathering of our community at the birthplace of the modern ombudsman institution is fitting. I hope that you will join me and your officers of the International Ombudsman Institute in this celebration and learning opportunity.

Bill Angrick

PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL OMBUDSMAN INSTITUTE



We wish members of the IOI and other guests most welcome to Stockholm in June 2009. We have endeavoured, together with the IOI Board of Directors, to compose a programme for the IXth IOI World Conference that will be inspiring and give colleagues with different mandates and experiences a possibility to exchange views on important matters related to the work of ombudsmen. In addition, we hope that the Special Day of Celebrating the Bicentennial of our office will provide all of us with a comprehensive account of the different lines along which the ombudsman concept has evolved during 200 years. We look forward to this event and to be able to show you Stockholm and some of its delights – and, of course, to meet old friends and make new ones.

Mats Melin

CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN

Cecilia Nordenfelt

PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN

Kerstin André

PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN

Hans-Gunnar Axberger

PARLIAMENTARY OMBUDSMAN

General Information

Venue and Dates

The IXth International Ombudsman Institute World Conference will be held **9–12 June 2009** at:

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Important Dates

- The registration will be open from **18 December, 2008** at www.ioi2009.com
- Deadline for hotel cancellations **17 April, 2009**.
- Please note that the deadline for registration is **17 March, 2009**.

Web Site

For the latest information about the conference, please visit the Conference web site at: www.ioi2009.com

Language

The official languages of the conference are English, French and Spanish. There will be simultaneous interpreting.

Hotels

A quantity of hotel rooms in different price categories has been booked in central Stockholm City at preferential rates during the conference. To make a hotel booking, enter the registration link at www.ioi2009.com

Please note:

- All indicated prices include breakfast.
- Rates may increase without notice due to changes in government charges, taxes or levies.
- Should the requested hotel be fully booked, Congrex Sweden has the right to book another hotel in the same category.

Methods of Payment

Payment of the registration fee and hotel cost should be made in advance, in Swedish Crowns – SEK, in one of the following ways:

- Credit Card (American Express, Visa or Mastercard/Eurocard).
- Bank Transfer (All bank fees are to be paid by the transmitter).

Personal checks, company checks or Eurochecks will *not* be accepted.

Number of Participants

It will probably, for logistical reasons, be necessary to restrict the number of participants to the incumbent or incumbents of each Member of the IOI together with at the most two members of their staff. It is possible for Members to indicate if they want to bring more Members of their staff. Please send your request to IOI2009@congrex.com. Confirmation of whether this is possible cannot, however, be given until some time after the expiration of the registration deadline – **17 March, 2009**.



Please register online for the conference, the social programme
and making hotel reservations:

Veillez vous inscrire en ligne pour la conférence, le programme social,
et faire les réservations d'hôtel :

Sírvase registrarse para la conferencia, el programa social
y hacer sus reservas de hotel por internet:

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