

International Association of Free Thought Association Internationale de Libre Pensée Asociación Internacional de Libre Pensamiento

Letter to Freethought, Humanist, Rationalist and Secular Associations throughout the world

Dear friends and comrades,

The French Federation of Libre Pensée has been entrusted by the International Association of Freethought to organize in France the IXth Congress of the IAFT.

It will be held on **10 and 11 October 2025 at the Grenoble City Hall** (Auvergne- Rhône-Alpes Region) where we will be fraternally welcomed by the **Mayor of the city**.

Its themes will be, for which we are looking for contributions from you:

- Mutual Aid and Solidarity between Freethinkers and their associations throughout the world
- The Crimes of the Churches and just reparation for the victims
- Inventories of the wealth of Churches and religions

A meeting of the **International Council** will be held on Saturday 11 October at noon, at which we will discuss our actions and a change to the **bylaws** of the Association, following requests from Latin America. You will find the draft attached.

This **IX**th **Congress** will conclude with the adoption of an **International Declaration** summarising the issues under discussion. The draft will be sent to you a few months in advance so that you can discuss it and amend it if you wish.

On Saturday evening, there will be a major public conference in **Lyon**, home of the **Primate of the Gauls** of the Catholic Church and heavily involved in the sexual crimes of the Catholic clergy. The theme will be the **Barbarin affair**, the archbishop implicated in these crimes, and we'll be holding it with associations of victims of the Church.

We'll be sending you the registration forms and fees shortly.

We look forward to meeting you.

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