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**INACH Conference 2009 “Freedom of Speech versus Hate Speech”
November 9 and 10, 2009**

**Venue: Jewish Historical Museum
Nieuwe Amstelstraat 1, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**Organized by Magenta, Meldpunt Discriminatie Internet
(Dutch Complaints Bureau Discrimination Internet) & INACH**

Monday November 9

- 9:00 am **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:20 am Welcome from the chair, **Mr. Philippe Schmidt**, and **Ms. Sille Jansen**, coordinator Dutch Complaints Bureau
- 9.40 am Opening remarks by **Mr. Eberhard van der Laan**, Minister of Housing, Communities and Integration of The Netherlands (.t.b.c.)
- 10:00 am **Keynote speakers**
- Mr. David Matas**, Senior legal council, B'nai B'rith Canada. Author of *'Bloody words; Hate and free speech'*
- Prof. Paul Cliteur**, Columnist, publicist, Professor of Encyclopaedia of the Law, University of Leiden
- 11:00 am Coffee break
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm **The role of the State: Responsibility or interference?**
- Introductory remarks** **Mr. Cyriel Triesscheijn**, director of RADAR, Rotterdam.
Prosecution of online hate speech through NGO – Authorities cooperation: successes, challenges and best practice.
- Presenters** **Mr. Eberhard van der Laan**, Dutch Minister of Housing, Communities and Integration (t.b.c.)
Representative of the Council of Europe
Mr. Henk Marquart Scholtz, Secretary-General, International Association of Prosecutors
Mr. Thomas Günter, Legal expert, Jugendschutz.net, Gemany
- Moderator** **Mr. Cyriel Triesscheijn**

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| 12:15 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Freedom of speech: The trans-Atlantic divide? |
| | Presenters Mr. Scot Rubin , Head of Communication, YouTube/Google (t.b.c.) Mr. Steve Sheinberg , Associate Director, Legal Affairs, Anti-Defamation League Ms. Nasrin Khan , Legal expert, former Senior Crown Prosecutor and former Legal adviser of OSCE/ODIHR Prof. Dr. Felix Herzog , Professor for criminal law, criminal procedure right and philosophy of law, University Bremen (t.b.c.) |
| | Moderator Ms. Suzette Bronkhorst , Secretary-General INACH |
| 3:00 pm | Coffee break |
| 3:15 pm | Shifting values in the digital age |
| | Presenters Mr. David Matas , Senior legal council, B'nai B'rith Canada. Author of "Bloody words;Hate and free speech" Mr. Richard Allen , Director of Policy for the EU, Facebook. (t.b.c.) Dr. Rafal Pankowski , Deputy Editor of Nigdy Wiecej ("Never Again") magazine and research program coordinator at Collegium Civitas, Warsaw. Mr. Philippe Schmidt , Chair of the International Network Against Cyber Hate |
| | Moderator Ms. Sille Jansen , coordinator MDI, Dutch Complaints Bureau |
| 4:15 pm | Summary and plenary debate |
| 5:00 pm | closing of first day. |

Tuesday November 10

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| 9:30 am | Registration and Coffee |
| 10:00 am | Freedom of speech vs. Blasphemy and religious defamation |
| | Presenters Mrs. Anastasia Crickley , Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Chairperson of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (t.b.c.) Mr. Stephen Green , National Director of The Christian Voice, United Kingdom Prof. dr. ir. Fouad Laroui , Professor of French literature, expert on Arabic Culture, researcher, University of Amsterdam (t.b.c.) Prof. dr. Henrik Kaspersen , Cyber crime specialist, Chair of the former Cybercrime Convention Committee (CoE), Emeritus Professor VU University Amsterdam. Mr. Bashy Quraishy , Chair-Advisory Council-ENAR, Chair-Jewish Muslim Co-operation Platform – Brussels, Senior Advisor - COJEP International-Strasbourg |
| | Moderator Mr. Ronald Eissens , General Director, Magenta Foundation, board member INACH |
| 11:30 | Coffee break |
| 12:00 | Closing debate |



The International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH)

Many people's life changed significantly with the rapid development of the Internet in the 1990's. It was estimated that the amount of computers connected to the Internet more than doubled every year. It was the decennium in which the possibilities for unfolding daily activities broadened. Shopping, listening to the radio, making phone calls to friends or colleagues and taking care of financial administration, all could be done by 'simply' using the Internet. Nowadays almost every household in the western world is connected to the Internet and its uses are unprecedented; it is easy to access, has instant global reach and information (good or bad) can be disseminated almost unrestrictedly. Unfortunately the Internet is not merely used for positive activities. Racism, antisemitism, hate against Muslims, gays, and other discrimination or incitement to hatred and violence can be found on tens of thousands of websites. The Internet has become an efficient communication and dissemination tool for hate speech and creating fear.

In 1996 a governmental organization in Germany, Jugendschutz.net and a Non-governmental organization in the Netherlands, Stichting Magenta, Meldpunt Discriminatie Internet, were the first organizations in the world to start a dedicated outfit to address these issues, each in their own country. In 2002 they founded the International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH).

The vision of INACH is the international co-operation between complaints bureaus against discrimination, which allows the sharing of knowledge, the exchange of best practices and coordinated measures against hate speech, promoting respect, citizenship and responsibility, enabling Internet users to exercise their right of freedom of speech with respect for the rights and reputations of others, and to freely use the Internet without experiencing cyber hate. The mission of INACH is not to restrict the Internet but to add value to it. INACH promotes, defends and educates. INACH brings the online inline with human rights.

The International Network Against Cyber Hate is a cross-national network consisting of bureaus from both sides of the Atlantic. By joining different expertise in a single-purpose network INACH has reached an unparalleled level of understanding about cyber hate, allowing its members to better reinforce the rights of all Internet users. Incorporating different cultural backgrounds and speaking many languages, INACH has a multifaceted perspective of cyber hate and constantly strives to combat and address all forms of online discrimination. INACH started-off with four members, growing larger every year. Today, the network consists of eighteen nodes ranging from Russia, to Spain, over the Atlantic to the United States and Canada, with Serbia as the most recent new network node. The mission of the network is to unite and empower organizations fighting cyber hate, to create awareness and promote attitude change about on-line discrimination and to reinforce the rights of all Internet users.

2009 Conference

Since 2002 annual meetings are held. The latest 2 conferences had as topics 'Education' (Berlin, 2007) and 'Internet Hate Speech' (Washington D.C., 2008). This year's conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, organized by the INACH secretariat and the Meldpunt Discriminatie Internet, will go back to the roots under the title *Freedom of Speech versus Hate Speech*. An international host of lawmakers, academics, politicians and experts will gather for 2 days to discuss this important and returning issue which plays an ever-growing role in contemporary society.