



World Philosophy Day 18 November 2010

Activities in Member States around the world¹

1. Albania

International Network of Women Philosophers

Majlinda Keta, member of the International Network of Women Philosophers and Professor at the Philosophy Department of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Tirana, organized a series of activities in November to mark World Philosophy Day in Tirana. These included contributions to TV and radio programmes on philosophy-related topics, such as “Philosophy, Albanian Society and World Philosophy Day” as well as the publication of a newspaper article.

2. Argentina

Argentina Society of Philosophy, International Network of Women Philosophers

As is the case every year, the Argentina Society of Philosophy organized several important activities such as a pre-Congress, on 18 November, with the participation of all universities and institutes devoted to philosophical research, in view of a major international congress that took place from 22 November to 26 November. On both occasions, the Bicentenary of the birth of the State of Argentina was celebrated. Philosophers from all over the world took part in the congress. Activities also took place within the framework of the International Network of Women Philosophers.

Blas Pascal University - Universal Forum of Cultures

The celebration of World Philosophy Day was integrated in the programme of video-conferences organized within the framework of the Universal Forum of Cultures, by the Blas Pascal University (Argentina), the University of Leuven (Belgium), UNED (Spain) and the Universities of Valparaiso (Chile). On 18 November 2010, the Forum’s video-conference was on the topic “Education, Science and Sustainable Development”.

Centre of Philosophy and Social Studies

To celebrate the Day, the Centre organized a symposium on the theme “Philosophy and Social Sciences”, which took place on 18 November 2010 in Mar del Plata, in the Province of Buenos Aires. Several round tables were

¹ Based on information received from partners.

organized in this framework, on the topics “Practical Philosophy”, “Applied Philosophy”, “Theory and Praxis”, and “Discipline Problems”, with the participation of Dr Antonio Manna, Dr Gerardo Rodríguez, Dr Gustavo Fernández Acevedo, Dr José Gil, Laura Llamas Figini and Patricia Bros.

3. Australia

Swich Contemporary Art Space, Ipswich

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, Professor Gilbert Burgh of Queensland University organized a philosophy café on the theme “Art and the City” at the Swich Contemporary Art Space (Ipswich).

Student Philosophy Association of the University of Queensland, St Lucia

The Association organized several activities to celebrate the Day, as follows: a public lecture by Associate Professor William Grey on the theme “What does it mean to be a philosopher - examining the role of philosophers in contemporary society”, followed by a discussion; an “Ask a philosopher” booth that was installed at the University campus - a friendly, comical booth staffed by members of the Association to provide answers to any questions from the general public pertaining to philosophy; as well as an informal philosophical gathering for students and the general public with short speeches and questions on any philosophical topic of interest.

4. Azerbaijan

Academy of Public Administration

Celebrating World Philosophy Day on 18 November 2010, the Academy of Public Administration, under the patronage of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, organized a round table discussion on the theme “Problems of Philosophy of Education and Teaching of Philosophy in the Education System of the Republic of Azerbaijan”. The round table was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education, the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan and of the Republican Philosophical Association, heads of the departments of philosophy of the country’s top universities, the UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Democracy and Peace, as well as scholars and media representatives.

On this occasion, there was also a presentation of the philosophy textbook by Professor Ramiz Mehdiyev, Full Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan.

5. Bangladesh

Department of Philosophy, Jahangirangar University, Dhaka

To mark World Philosophy Day, the Department of Philosophy of Jahangirangar University in Dhaka organized a rally and a half-day seminar on the topic “Feminist Ethics and its Critique” during the first week of December 2010. These events were coordinated by Professor Fahmina Ahmed, who is also member of the International Network of Women Philosophers.

6. Barbados

University of the West Indies – Cave Hill Campus

As is the case each year since 2004, the University organized the traditional international conference “Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium”, which took place on 17, 18 and 19 November 2010. The highlight of the Conference was in the

evening of 18 November, when a public lecture was delivered by Dr Christien van den Anker, Reader at the University of the West of England.

More information regarding the Cave Hill Symposium can be found at www.cavehill.uwi.edu/fhe/histphil/Philosophy/CHiPS/2010/index.htm

7. Belgium

University of Leuven – Universal Forum of Cultures

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8. Benin

Benin Philosophical Society

The Benin Philosophical Society organized a conference on the occasion of World Philosophy Day 2010, which was also held in the framework of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of philosophy teaching in Benin.

9. Cambodia

Cambodian Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics (CAMCAPE)

To celebrate the Day, the Centre organized the official launch of the Khmer Philosophy Radio Programme, followed by a conference on the teaching of philosophy in Cambodia.

Philosophy Department of the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Royal Academy of Cambodia, Philosophical Association of Cambodia and UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh

The above institutions organized together a conference to celebrate World Philosophy Day 2010, which took place on 16 November 2010 at the Royal Academy of Cambodia. The theme of the conference was "Philosophy, cultural diversity and culture of peace", with the participation of LokchomTeav, Dr. Khlot Thyda, President of the Royal Academy, Mr Teruo Jinnai, UNESCO Representative in Cambodia, H.E. Mr Seng Somuny, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Cults and Religious Affairs, H.E. Mr Oum Pom, Executive Director of Philosophical Association of Cambodia and Prof. Khmao Savorn, Head of the Philosophy Department of the Royal University of Phnom Penh.

10. Cameroon

Mballa II High School, Yaoundé, and International Network of Women Philosophers

The high school organized activities to celebrate the Day, including a round table on the theme "Philosophy and Liberty", as well as a play presented by students on the quest by Socrates of the definition of liberty. The coordinator of this event, Lurentine Awono, is also member of the International Network of Women Philosophers.

11. Canada

Canadian's Philosophy Association's "Philosophy in the School" Committee

As is the case each year, the Committee organized activities to celebrate the Day.

Baie-Comeau Cegep, Québec

On 18 November, the Baie-Comeau Cegep (General and Professional Teaching College) organized video-conferences with the objective of getting the students acquainted with the different philosophical approaches in the world today.

UNESCO Chair in Studies of Philosophic Foundations of Justice and Democratic Society at the University of Québec in Montréal, Canadian Commission for UNESCO and the André-Laurendeau Cegep

In celebration of World Philosophy Day 2010, the above partners organized on 18 November a round table on the topic "Democracy: Necessary and yet Impossible?".

Philosophy Course Union, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

The Philosophy Course Union hosted an annual World Philosophy Day talk which took place on 18 November 2010 on the University of Toronto's St. George Campus. This year's main speaker was Professor Ken Taylor from Stanford University, who spoke on the theme "How to Hume a Hegel Kant".

Philosophy Department, Brandon University, Manitoba

The Philosophy Department of Brandon University in Manitoba organized a conference to celebrate World Philosophy Day, which took place on 25 November 2010. This event drew about 50 people and attendees included the city's Mayor and other local dignitaries. The two speakers addressed two different areas in which philosophy contributes to UNESCO's aims. The first, the University President Deborah Poff, delivered a talk on ethics and leadership in society, stressing how these relate to current social challenges. The second speaker, the philosopher Lorraine Mayer, who works primarily on native philosophy, made connections between UNESCO's mission of peace and dialogue from the world view and the societal structure of indigenous populations in North America.

12. Chile

Universities of Valparaiso – Universal Forum of Cultures

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13. Congo

UNESCO Brazzaville Office, Department of Philosophy at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

The UNESCO Brazzaville Office organized several activities to celebrate the Day, in partnership with the Department of Philosophy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

14. Cuba

Cuban Association of Philosophical Research, in collaboration with the University of Havana and the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP)

As is the case every year since the inception of Philosophy Day, the Cuban Association of Philosophical Research organized an important celebration of this Day. On 18 November activities were organized at the University of Havana, with a keynote lecture by Herta Nagl-Docekal, Vice-President of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP). A panel with Cuban philosophers was followed by two other events, namely the VI International Symposium on the theme "The Role of Philosophy and Social Sciences in the American Mediterranean", and the XIII International Workshop on "The New Political Science".

15. Czech Republic

Faculty of Humanities, Masaryk University

World Philosophy Day 2010 was celebrated within the framework of the Human Sciences Week, with a conference on the topic "Causality is Good. The Epistemic Value of Causality" given by Dr Zdenka Jastrzemska.

16. Democratic Republic of the Congo

UNESCO Kinshasa Office

The UNESCO Kinshasa Office organized several activities on 19 November to celebrate World Philosophy Day 2010.

Institute for the Promotion of Francophone Philosophy (IPPF)

Two activities were organized by the IPPF to celebrate World Philosophy Day 2010, namely a conference on the theme "Philosophy, ethics and politics: the philosophical stakes for citizenship education" which was co-organized with the Philosophical Society of Congo (SOPHICO), as well as a first edition of the Philosophical Book Fair, both of which took place on 19 November in Kinshasa.

17. Ecuador

UNESCO Quito Office

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day, a conference on the topic "Philosophy, this lost art of living" presented by Leonardo Samalices, was organized on 18 November 2010 at the Simon Bolivar Andean University.

18. Finland

AIIPh Baltic Sea Net, UNESCO Associated Schools Network – Finland, Finland Association of Philosophy Teachers, Philosophy of Life, Societas Philosophica Finnica

To celebrate the Day, this network organized the "Finnish Philosophical Essay Event", a contest for high-school students. In Finland, the contest also served as a selection platform for the 2011 Philosophy Olympiads. The winner's name was announced on 18 November 2010, and his/her essay was published on the Finland UNESCO Associated Schools' website.

19. France

Reunion Philosophy Circle

The Circle, an association that celebrates World Philosophy Day annually in the Reunion, organized this year several activities and events which took place from 15 November until mid-December 2010, in partnership with various institutional partners and associations, with the purpose of sustaining and giving greater depth to the celebration of the Day.

These activities are:

- philosophical essay competition for students;
- philosophical cinema evening with the film “The end of poverty”, which took place at Saint-Denis University;
- philosophical evening with the reading of philosophers’ texts, followed by exchanges on the topic “The philosopher and his contrary”.
- conference-debate on the theme “Philosophy by all and for all: reality or utopia?”;
- philosophical debate on the theme of education on citizenship and the appropriation of speech, with the participation of elementary school and junior high-school students;
- conference-debate on the topic “To make society: rediscovering together a liking for the future”;
- cultural actions intended for a young public on issues of children’s rights;
- conference on “The young speak up” on children’s rights;
- philosophical medley with philosophers, artists, psychologists and young people, which took place at the Saint-Denis Grand Marché Theatre;
- philosophical café with the economist Ho Hai Quang on the world economic crisis and another with the sociologist Laurent Médéa on the subject of the collective work “Kaf”;
- two mini conferences/meetings on sustainable development and ecological practices.

These activities were reported in an article published on 26 November in the national daily newspaper *Témoignages*.

The institutions and associations involved in these activities are: the University of the Reunion, the Institute for Company Administration (*Institut d’administration des entreprises*), the Education Fair, the Human Rights League, the Teaching League – Federation of the Reunion, the Fée Mazine Association, the Athéna Association, the Rencontres de Bellepierre Association, the Biodanza Association, the Saint-Denis Grand Marché Theatre, the Saint-Denis Department Library and the Mediastore Warehouse.

In addition, the Culture, Education and Environment Council published the *Proceedings of the World Philosophy Day under the auspices of UNESCO – 2009 edition*.

20. Germany

German Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with the German Society of Philosophy and the Association of Higher Education

World Philosophy Day was celebrated in Germany through conferences, lectures, readings, round tables, artistic performances and concerts, organized by Universities and Higher Education Institutes all over the country. More than twenty-two events took place in numerous cities, including Bielefeld,

Bremen, Goslar, Konstanz, Mindelheim, Munster, Solingen and Stuttgart. An electronic calendar of events is available at www.unesco.de/4595.html

German section "Human rights and cultures" of the UNESCO Chair in Philosophy (Paris)

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, a conference took place on 19 November 2010 in Bremen on the general theme "Rights and Culture - Rights of Cultures and Universality of Human Rights". The programme of the Day was based on discussions on such topics as "What is a rights culture?", "Cultural relativism: can one claim universal norms?", "Human rights and modernization in Africa", etc.

21. Guatemala

UNESCO Office in Guatemala City

An article of the daily newspaper *Prensa Libre* published on 18 November 2010 paid tribute to World Philosophy Day.

22. India

Philosophy Department, Aligarh Muslim University

The Department organized a programme of activities to celebrate the Day.

23. Italy

Research Centre for the Didactics of Philosophy of the Province of Savona, "Chiabrera" High School, "Martini" High School, "Colombo" Didactics for Children Centre

The Research Centre for the Didactics of Philosophy organized the event "Philosophy as a Life Experience", which took place from 18 to 20 November 2010. The activities included conferences on aesthetics and philosophy of art, symposia on the teaching of philosophy to children and to young people and workshops on a variety of themes, with the participation of Luca Scarantino (EHESS, Paris), Eulália Bosch (University of Barcelona) and Oscar Brenifier (*Institut de Pratiques Philosophiques*, Paris).

Philosophy Department of Bologna University

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day 2010, several events were organized on 22 and 23 November by the Philosophy Department of Bologna University under the patronage of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO, on the general theme "Key Words in Philosophy". The events were inaugurated by the Special Commissioner of Bologna, the Rector of Bologna University and the Director of the Department of the Philosophy of the University.

Several conferences were organized on 22 November on the topic "Society, Technology and Knowledge", with the participation of the several Italian philosophers, as well as of the German philosopher Günter Abel, who gave a talk on the theme of philosophy from the perspective of neuro-sciences. On 23 November a conference was held on the topic "Democracy, between representation and participation".

24. Lebanon

Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO

Under the patronage of Minister of Culture of Lebanon, the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO organized on 19 November a seminar on the theme

"Critical thinking and public life". The seminar aimed at promoting the status of philosophy and creating awareness of its role in sound and balanced human relationships, and at underscoring the pivotal role of critical thinking in the various aspects of daily life.

25. Madagascar

Madagascar Academy

The Madagascar Academy organized several activities to celebrate the Day.

28. Mauritius

Mauritius Institute of Education and Popular University

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day on 18 November 2010, the Mauritius Institute of Education and Popular University organized a conference on the theme "Does philosophy change our relation to knowledge?" with the participation of the President of the University. In addition, a round table on the question "What can philosophers do to face the challenges of the 21st century?" took place on 19 November as well as a philosophy café on the theme "Is life worth living?", organized on 20 November 2010.

26. Mexico

Metropolitan Autonomous University – Iztapalapa Unit and Philosophical Association of Mexico

The celebration of World Philosophy Day in Mexico took place on 18 and 19 November 2010 at the Metropolitan Autonomous University– Iztapalapa Unit. A round table was organized on this occasion on the topic "Philosophy facing world problems", with the participation of Dr Javier Velázquez Moctezuma, Rector of the Metropolitan Autonomous University – Iztapalapa Unit, Dr Paulette Dieterlen, President of the Philosophical Association of Mexico, Dr Ciro Caraballo, UNESCO – Mexico), as well as Miguel León Portilla, Luis Villoro, Jaime Labastida and Gabriel Vargas Lozano.

27. Morocco

UNESCO Rabat Office, National Commission of Morocco for UNESCO, Faculty of Letters and Humanities of the University of Mohammed V-Agdal in Rabat

World Philosophy Day 2010 was celebrated in Morocco on 30 November 2010 in Rabat, at the initiative of the research unit "Philosophy at the Service of Man" based at the Faculty of Letters and Humanities of the University of Rabat. The event focused on the theme "Mohamed Arkoun and the strategy of critique in the reading of heritage", with the participation of numerous Moroccan philosophers, including Ali Benmakhlouf, Mohammed Abattouy, etc. This event was enriched by the official launch of the new UNESCO Chair on Philosophy and Critical Thought at the University of Mohammed V-Agdal, which began its work in the autumn of 2010.

28. Namibia

University of Namibia Socratic Society

The University of Namibia Socratic Society celebrated the Day on 28 October 2010, with a conference with the participation of J. van den Heever from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

29. Nigeria

Nigerian National Commission for UNESCO
Activities were organized to celebrate the Day.

30. Pakistan

G.C. University, Lahore

To celebrate the Day, the University organized several activities in November 2010 on the theme of social reconciliation.

31. Peru

UNESCO Lima Office

The office organized activities to celebrate the World Philosophy Day on 19 November 2010. These activities were announced by the 18 November edition of the national daily newspaper *El peruano*, in an article underscoring the crucial role of philosophy in the search of the universality of values.

32. Portugal

Philosophy for Children and Creativity Project and International Women Philosophers Network

To celebrate the Day, the Philosophy for Children and Creativity Project organized two philosophy workshops on 19 November on the theme "Colouring outside the lines" with the participation of children and their parents, as well as practical philosophy workshops on the theme "Philosophy goes to high school" which took place on 12 November 2010. The project was coordinated by Joana Sousa and Celeste Machado, who are also members of the International Network of Women Philosophers.

33. Russian Federation

St. Petersburg Philosophical Society and Philosophy Faculty of St. Petersburg State University

On the occasion of World Philosophy Day and of the 70th anniversary of the Philosophy Faculty of the St. Petersburg State University, the St. Petersburg Philosophical Society and the Faculty organized, from 18 to 20 November 2010, the Days of Saint Petersburg Philosophy – 2010, on the theme "The Future of Russia: Strategies of Philosophical Understanding". Several symposia, conferences, seminars and round tables took place on this occasion, as well as a commemoration ceremony "Remembering the Philosophical Steamer of 1922" and a "Second Navigation" prize-giving ceremony for 2010. In addition, an exhibition and sale of books of leading publishing houses of the city and performances of the artistic groups of the University were organized.

Philosophy Chair, Siberian State University of Technology, Krasnoyarsk

The Philosophy Chair of the Siberian State University of Technology in Krasnoyarsk organized several activities to celebrate the 2010 edition of World Philosophy Day. On 18 November, a round table took place with the participation of professors of the Chair, students as well as the wider public of Krasnoyarsk. The day was also dedicated to awarding students who had won the essay competition "In the world of wise thoughts". Finally, the presentation of the report by J.N. Moskvich, President of the Siberian Institute of Problems of Globalization, entitled "Symbols and Metaphors of the Quickly Changing World" and devoted to new educational approaches and prospects of 'real

philosophy', caused great interest among the participants and animated discussions.

34. Senegal

Gaston Berger University in Saint-Louis and UNESCO Dakar Office

To celebrate World Philosophy Day 2010, a conference on the topic "Philosophy and African Cultures" was organized on 2 December in Saint-Louis by the Gaston Berger University in cooperation with the UNESCO Dakar Office. Eight interventions were presented to an audience of about 300 persons, including high-school and university students, professors and teachers and the general public.

The national television and several private media reported the event.

35. Serbia

Požarevac Grammar School, NGO Kreativna Pedagogija [Creative Pedagogy]

As is the case each year, the school organized numerous activities to celebrate the Day, with the participation of its professors and students. On 18 November 2010, the following activities took place: a round table on the topic "The philosophical aspect of social networks (Facebook, MySpace, Twitter)", a workshop for the junior students of the school (15-16 year-olds), a workshop on the topic "Hermeneutics with children". This workshop also represented the final activity of the "Philosophy with Children in Požarevac" Programme managed by the Town of Požarevac, in partnership with the NGO Kreativna Pedagogija [Creative Pedagogy], in which students of elementary and high schools participated. Moreover, on the evening of 18 November, the Creative Pedagogy NGO also organized a café-philo and gave a presentation of the above-mentioned project.

36. South Africa

University of Johannesburg

To celebrate the Day, on 18 November the University organized a one-day mini conference for philosophy students at the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden.

For more information:

<http://www.uj.ac.za/EN/Faculties/humanities/departments/philosophy/NewEvents/events/Pages/home.aspx>

37. Spain

Filoempresas - International Network of Women Philosophers

The Filoempresas group, dedicated to the application of philosophy to the world of business and economics, organized a debate on the World Philosophy Day during its regular courses. The group also published an article about this event on its online blog (<http://filoempresas.wordpress.com/>). The activities also took place within the framework of the International Network of Women Philosophers.

UNED - Universal Forum of Cultures

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Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Barcelona

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, the University organized an exhibition entitled *Mostra de Fotofilosofia 2010* (<http://blocs.xtec.cat/filoconvocatoria>) and awarded a "Photophilosophy" prize. This event was organized in partnership with more than 30 high schools of Catalonia, with the support of the CREAIF (*Centre de Recursos per a l'Ensenyament, Aprenentatge i Innovació de la Filosofia*), of the Catalan Philosophical Society and of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Barcelona. Each high school created a blog with « photophilosophies » produced by its students, namely a philosophical question illustrated by a photo.

38. Tajikistan

Tajikistan National Commission for UNESCO, Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

To celebrate the Day, the Tajikistan National Commission for UNESCO and the Academy of Sciences organized a round table on the theme "Philosophy and the Rapprochement of Cultures in Tajikistan", which took place on 22 November 2010. The participants were professors of the Institute of Philosophy, members of the National Commission, journalists, and members of the Duslik Youth Centre and of various cultural associations from Tajikistan, Kirghizstan and Kazakhstan.

39. Thailand

UNESCO Bangkok Office

On 18 November 2010, the UNESCO Bangkok Office organized a conference with four guest lectures and an open discussion. The guest lectures were delivered on the following topics: "To tell you the truth and nothing but the truth" by H.E. J.B. Disanayaka, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, "The importance of Philosophy Day: self-knowledge and survival of humankind in the 21st century" by Professor Chutatip Umavijani of the Thammasat University in Bangkok, "Philosophy and the contemporary world" by Professor Soraj Hongladarom of Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, and "The Hartshornian way: a way to solve dualism" by Professor Warayuth Sriwarakuel of Assumption University in Bangkok.

Participants in the event were also asked to share their favorite philosophical quotation from a philosopher from their own country.

40. Tunisia

UNESCO Chair in Philosophy at the University of Tunis

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, the Chair organized a conference on the theme "Philosophy and Strategies of Modernity", that took place on 27 and 28 November 2010, with the participation of philosophers from Algeria (Mohamed Jdidi, Benmeziane Benchargui, Rachida Dahdouh, Massoud Abioudh, Rouzi Rabah, Amal Alaouchich), Egypt (Mohamed Jdidi, Benmeziane Benchargui, Rachida Dahdouh, Massoud Abioudh, Rouzi Rabah, Amal Alaouchich), Hungary (Aziz al Adhama), Jordan (Fahmi Jadaan, Faycel Darraj), Kuwait (Chafika Bastaki), Lebanon (Nassif Nassar, Moussa Wahba,

Ali Harb, Antoine Seif, Maryet Fayedh), Lybia (Najib Khattabi, Albakey), Mauritania (Weld Abah Sayed), Morocco (Ali Benmakhlof, Mohamed Mesbehi), Palestine (Abdelkarim Albarghouthi), Syria (Ghanem Hané, Sadok Jalel el Adhem), Tunisia (Mehrez Hamdi, Ridha Channoufi, Abdelaziz Labib, Fathi Meskini, Jaleddine SAid, Mohamad Mahjoub, etc.) and Yemen (Mohammed Kahlani, Saleh Madjel). The different round tables focussed on “Renaissance or Modernity: the Decisive Discourse”, “Arab Philosophical Thought: Enlightenment and the Revival”, “Philosophy of Interculturality and the Strategies of Modernization”, etc.

41. Uruguay

Uruguay Philosophy Association

As is the case every year, the Uruguay Philosophy Association celebrated the Day by organizing activities, which took place on 19 November at the Institute for the Training of Teachers. Professors Atilano Beltranchini, Vice-President of the Association, and Aída Cocchiararo, President of the Association, delivered conferences on the theme “The Importance of Philosophy in Education and in Society”, which were followed by a debate.

42. United Kingdom

Keele University - Keele Forum for Philosophical Research

On 26 November, the Forum organized two activities to celebrate World Philosophy Day, namely the annual Forum Annual Lecture, followed by a conference on “The Morality of Law”.

43. USA

St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York

As every year since 2002, activities were organized by the College to celebrate World Philosophy Day 2010. This year’s theme of the activities, which took place on 17 November, was “Ethics across the Curriculum”. Eight round tables were organized on this occasion, focusing on the link between ethics and other fields and issues, such as business, the sciences, art, education, human rights etc. The film “Hotel Rwanda” on the Rwanda genocide was also shown, followed by a discussion with students.

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

To celebrate the Day, the College organized activities involving College students.

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

The Department organized two events to celebrate the Day this year. On 16 November 2010, Dr Michael Funk Deckard of Lenoir-Thyne University spoke on the topic “The Difficulty of Reality and the Ethics of Killing in War: Debating Coetzee, Mulhall and McMahan”. In addition, on 18 November there was a projection of the documentary “A Film Unfinished” on the Warsaw Ghetto during WW2, an event co-sponsored by the Centre for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the Appalachian State University.