



## *Greetings from the Sweden Local Organising Committee (LOC)*

Preparations are ongoing at full speed for the Conference. As of 28th April, we have 4 Main Teachers for our Morning Electives and 8 Teachers for our afternoon Workshops. More teachers are on the way. We are now more than 85 people registered for the In Person Conference and 4 for the Virtual Conference. Thus far we have people coming from Australia, Denmark, Finland, South Africa, Sweden, Australia, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Norway, United Kingdom, and USA. We still have space for many more, so make your decision and book your place and come and spend a week dancing for Jesus with ICDF members from around the world.

Our hope and prayer is that many would find that times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord as we meet with one another and with Jesus who came to give life with joy and abundance.

**(Acts 3:20a, John 10:10b).**

This April Newsletter is filled with more details on the Conference, what you can expect and how you can contribute.

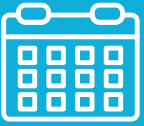
Please also help us spread the word about the conference! If you decide to attend, we look forward to warmly welcoming you to Gullbrannagården, a vacation camping-site and conference facility beautifully located on the Swedish West coast, south of the city of Halmstad.

**Anette, Hilde, Kerstin, Lena and Patrik**  
-The Local Organising Committee of Psalto  
The Christian Dance Fellowship of Scandinavia

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2 - 7 AUGUST 2022

## TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022

### REGISTRATION AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING

7:30-9:00	Breakfast
10:00	A workshop and a seminar for delegates who arrive early
12:30	Lunch
14:00	ICDF Networks presentations
14:45	Teachers presentations
15:45	Information meeting for Delegates (practicalities, guided tour around venue)
17:00	Dinner

### Evening: Workshops sign-up

19:00	Official opening, host country night
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## WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST TO FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

### THE PROGRAMME FORMAT REMAINS THE SAME EXCEPT THAT THE EVENING THEMES CHANGE EACH NIGHT:

7.30-8:50	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	Morning Gathering
10:00	Fika*
10:30-12:30	Morning Electives / Kids Programme **
12:30-13:30	Lunch + Open Stage outdoors if weather permits
14:00-15:15	Afternoon workshops 1
15:45-17:00	Afternoon workshops 2
17:00-18:30	Dinner / Thursday - Grand Dinner / Friday - BBQ
19:00	Teachers' Night / Country Night / Beach party and Community Dance night

### Evening fika - Enjoy this very Swedish time of fellowship and refreshment!

\*Fika is a very Swedish word and roughly translates to "Meet up, have something small to eat and drink, and chat."

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## SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2022 : VISIT CITY DAY / PRAYER WALK

Morning gathering  
Outreach rehearsal + Workshop for weekend visitors  
Lunch  
Choose between Outreach in the city or Prayer Watch on the mountain  
Dinner  
Public Concert Night

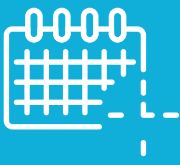
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## SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022 : CLOSING DAY

Rehearsals for the morning worship  
Move out of accommodation

10:00	Morning worship at Gullbrannagården
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00	Closing ceremony
15:00 - 17:00	Country Leaders Meeting





# EVENING PROGRAMMES

## TUESDAY - OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE HOST COUNTRY

Expect songs, dances and more from Sweden and Scandinavia.

## WEDNESDAY - TEACHERS' NIGHT

Watch your teachers do their favourites

## THURSDAY - GRAND DINNER & COUNTRY NIGHT

Dress up for this wonderful occasion in your Traditional country costume or wear something that represents your country. All Countries represented at the Conference are encouraged to prepare a dance to present in the programme.

## FRIDAY - BEACH PARTY WITH COMMUNITY DANCE NIGHT

Bring your towel and wear your swimsuit if you're brave enough to have an evening swim at Gullbrannagården beach. We'll enjoy community dances on the beach if the weather allows.

## SATURDAY - PUBLIC CONCERT NIGHT

This is an informal evening and will be open to the public and other campers at Gullbrannagården. The programme will include dances from the Morning Electives and other dances approved by the LOC.



**FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IN OUR ICDF HISTORY, WE HAVE INCLUDED A YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S TRACK WHICH WILL RUN ALONGSIDE THE MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME.**

## REFRESH ( YOUTH ) TRACK

**As part of the ICDF conference in Sweden we are running an afternoon track specifically tailored to train, connect and encourage dancers aged 17-30.**

Steven Turner is the Refresh ( Youth ) Network Leader and will be running this programme. It will be a 3 hour session covering both afternoon workshop slots and there will be a mixture of technique (from a variety of teachers focusing on a different style every day), leadership training, biblical devotional and building connections with each other.

## CHILDREN'S TRACK

Mornings:	Kids programme (children supervised*)
Afternoons, first workshop:	Dance workshop that kids can join
Free time:	After the first workshop, free time for kids - go to the beach or play on site
Evenings:	Kids join the evening programme

For more information on the Children's Track check the Sweden Conference website.

**\*\* Please note: During the Kids Programme in the morning, children will be supervised. At other times, children are the responsibility and under the supervision of their parents / guardians / designated adult**

# SHARING A DANCE AT CONFERENCE

If you want to share a dance, please send us a video of it or at least the music and a brief description including its length to [conference@psalto.se](mailto:conference@psalto.se)

We will try to give you a time and opportunity during the conference to share your dance, however, we cannot promise that it will be possible.

## TEACHERS

These are our confirmed teachers as of the end of April. Open the link and click on the photo to see what you can expect in the class that these Teachers will be presenting.

## MORNING ELECTIVES

<https://gatherings.icdf.com/en/sweden-2022/teachers-morning-electives>



LISA WILSON  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



ANNA ARNOLD  
(UK)



CAROLINE HUTCHINGS  
(UK)



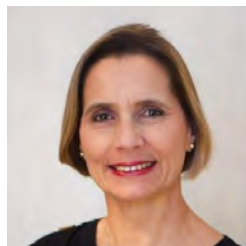
APRIL HATTON  
(USA)

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

<https://gatherings.icdf.com/en/sweden-2022/teachers-afternoon-workshops>



MARY JONES  
(AUSTRALIA)



LIESL TOWNSEND  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



ANNASARA YDERSTEDT  
(SWEDEN)



CLAIRE JONES  
(AUSTRALIA)



MARIE BENSLY  
(UK)



TOVE LILJEDAHL  
(SWEDEN)



MELANIE ERASMUS  
(SOUTH AFRICA)



ANETTE SUNDELL-  
LILJEDAHL (SWEDEN)

We have extended invitations to additional teachers and these will be added on the website.



## CONFERENCE SPEAKER : OLOF PALM



**Olof Palm** has been a Priest since 1985 and serves at St Petrus Evangelical Orthodox Church in Halmstad. He has been connected with ICDF Scandinavia since its formative days as CDF Sweden and, in the early years, was one of their theological advisors. Olof believes that God intended us to use and enjoy our bodies because we are created in His image. He will be speaking at our morning devotions and we look forward to Olof sharing his heart with the dancers during our conference.



## THE VIRTUAL (ONLINE ) CONFERENCE

For those of you who are unable to attend the Conference, we have planned an offer that we think is great value for money and gives you a taste of being on site. The cost for the Virtual Conference is SEK 490.

### HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

We will prepare one room at the venue from which livestreams are broadcast. In this room, we will place one of the Morning Electives for you to watch and participate in. It will be the same teacher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

From the same room, we will livestream one Afternoon Workshop each day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These workshops will feature a different teacher each day.

We have not yet decided which teachers we will livestream in the mornings and in the afternoons. Please note that we will not livestream parallel sessions, and you as a participant will not be able to choose among the teachers.

We also plan to livestream the evenings on Tuesday (Host Country Night), Wednesday (Teachers' night), Thursday (Countries' Night), and the Dance concert on Saturday night!

There is no livestream on Friday evening. All livestreams will be recorded and we intend to make these available for you to watch until at least the end of the year. You will be able to watch from one screen at a time.

We also intend to give you access to the virtual conference through the conference app that you can sign in to when you have registered and paid for your attendance.

There could possibly be some bonus material that we choose to include, free of charge. We will probably make adjustments to this plan as the conference approaches.

It would be helpful for you to have space in the room in front of your screen so that you can move around if you want to join in.

**In short, expect lots of dance, virtually!**



# POST CONFERENCE MEETING WITH COUNTRY LEADERS

This meeting will take place after the Closing Ceremony on Sunday 7 August from 15:00 - 17:00. All Country Leaders are invited as we will have an internet link to those who are not able to be with us in person. The purpose of the meeting will be to share the vision for ICDF for the next 3 years and to plot the course ahead with each country leader.



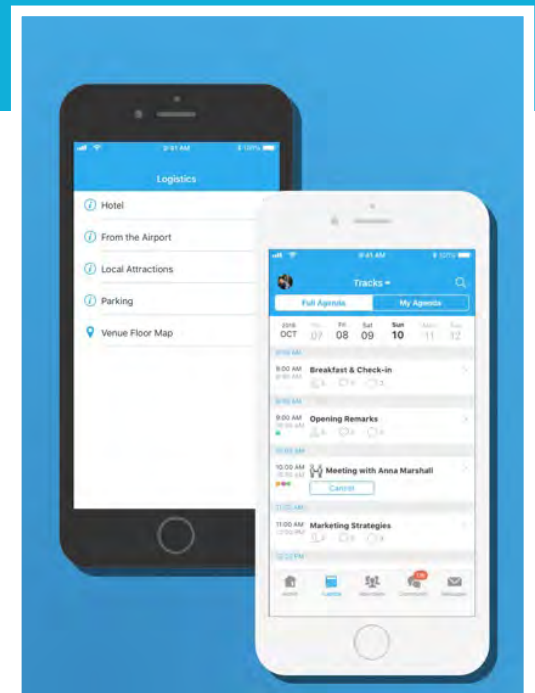
## CONFERENCE APP

All conference delegates, please sign up for the Conference web and smartphone App! It connects you with other delegates and provides you with up-to-date information on teachers, programme, attendees, announcements, travel information, venue map, and more, right at your fingertips.

Who else is coming? And from your country? Find out on the conference app. Connect and start preparing your contribution for the Country Night.

It is a good idea to get used to it well ahead of time. In your smartphone App Store or Google play, search for Whova. Download the app. Open it and search for "International" and be kept up to date with all information related to the conference. You should be able to sign up as soon as you have registered.

If you struggle, please email Patrik at [conference@psalto.se](mailto:conference@psalto.se)



## DANCE RESOURCES TO SELL AT CONFERENCE

If you have any dance resources to sell at Conference eg. books, flags, CD's, artwork, T-shirts, etc. you are most welcome to bring them and we will have a dedicated place set aside for delegates to view your items. This will be kept in a reasonably safe place, possibly in our common meeting building. You will need to take full responsibility for your things and for manning your table when you want to keep it open. We encourage a voluntary donation of your sales to the conference.





# TRAVEL TO SWEDEN - GULLBRANNAGÅRDEN

On April 1st, Sweden removed its Covid-19 related entry ban. There is no longer any requirement on testing or Covid-certificate or similar to enter Sweden. However, if you are flying from Sweden to another country after the Conference, please ensure that you will not be subjected to Covid entry bans.

The closest airports are Copenhagen Kastrup (CPH) and Göteborg Landvetter (GOT). From CPH, take a train to Halmstad. From GOT, take the airport coach to Göteborg, then a train to Halmstad. From Halmstad, take local bus 314 to stop Gullbrannagården Paprikavägen. Walk 200 metres to the venue. You can't miss it.

Total travel cost about SEK 340 to 420 one way. Total travel time max 3-4 hours from the airport to the venue. Taxi would be very expensive. More details in the conference app on the "LOGISTICS" button.



## SCHENGEN VISA

Holders of passports from some countries need a visa. The conference registration page tells you where to check whether you need a VISA or not. Please note that obtaining a VISA from Sweden often takes several months, despite official information to the contrary. Please do not delay. Apply as soon as possible! We recommend that you pay all the conference costs before applying for VISA. We can then certify your payment in the invitation letter.

Please note that you need to attach to your VISA application the letter of invitation from the Psalto LOC and prove that you have adequate medical insurance. If you have questions about VISA's, please email Kerstin at [visas@psalto.se](mailto:visas@psalto.se)

If you are denied VISA and can prove it, we will refund the money you paid for your registration minus SEK 500, and give you free access to the Virtual conference.

### WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF MY VISA BEING APPROVED?

We understand that this may be a question on many people's minds. We don't know for sure. We have sadly heard that many people from low-income countries have had their Swedish visa applications rejected. The following may assist with your VISA application:

- It might help if you are older, married, and/or hold a senior position at a recognised organisation.
- We strongly recommend you to pay your registration and accommodation in full before you apply so that we can indicate that in the letter of invitation.
- You need to show that you are able to pay for your whole stay, also if you stay for the extra tourist
- Tour, so a printout of your bank statement may help.
- You need to show that you have a paid return air ticket.
- You might want to attach a letter from your employer showing that you are expected back.

## MONEY

Swedes rarely use cash. Visa and MasterCard generally work well. We recommend that you bring at least one of each.



## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten Youth Scholarships to attend the Sweden Conference are available through the ICDF Foundation. The Scholarships will cover the Conference Course Fees.

Successful applicants will still need to cover their costs for food, accommodation, and travel.

Who can apply?

- Anyone under the age of 30 years
- Possessing a background in dance or performing arts
- Currently exploring dance in the Christian Context

How to apply for this scholarship? Click on the link and complete the application form:

<https://forms.gle/n1S1zzpnW1Mn2WmD6>

For further information, please email Jenny Dennis at [icdffoundation@outlook.com](mailto:icdffoundation@outlook.com)

## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

On the Mondays before and after the conference, you can join optional sightseeing tours where we will show you a part of our beautiful country. A packed lunch and fika is included. We leave after breakfast and return in time for the evening meal. More details at <https://gatherings.icdf.com/en/node/475>



## POST-CONFERENCE TOURIST TOUR

The tourist package of 4-5 days is most likely happening. This far we have 16 people who are interested. On Tuesday August 9th, you can join a tour of Southern Sweden. We plan to end the tour in Göteborg on Friday night 12/8 or on Saturday 13/8. We might perhaps offer travel to Copenhagen on Saturday or Sunday 14/8 for those who fly out from there.





# ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## ELECTRICITY

For mains electricity, Sweden uses 230 V AC 50 Hz presented in CEE7/3 "Shuko" (Type F) sockets. Europlugs and CEE 7/7 "Shuko" plugs both mate with these sockets. If you live in South Africa, Australia, UK or the USA you probably need a plug converter, typically sold in airports. If you live in the Americas, check the voltage rating on your charger. If it says 110 V 60 Hz or similar, leave it at home. Here are photos of the plugs and sockets that are common in Sweden.



## WIFI

Free WiFi is available in Swedish airports, coaches, train stations, trains, some buses, and the conference venue. The connection is sometimes slow. You may want to enable international data roaming on your smartphone.

## MOBILE PHONE

Your mobile phone should work in Sweden if it supports 3G or 4G. If it supports only 2G and was purchased in the Americas then you need to check its frequencies. The Swedish GSM bands are 900 and 1800 MHz like in most of the world. Prepaid Swedish SIM cards ("kontantkort") can be purchased at Pressbyrån and elsewhere.

## LANGUAGE

Most Swedes speak enough English. Here are some basic Swedish words to help you on your way.

Hi - **Hej**

Good morning - **God morgon**

Good evening - **God kväll**

Something small to eat and drink while perhaps having a chat - **Fika**

Please - **Swedish does not have a one-word equivalent to the word "please".**

Do you speak English? - **Pratar du engelska?**

Yes - **Ja**

No - **Nej**

Thank you - **Tack**

God bless you - **Gud välsigne dig**

Goodbye - **Hejdå**

## IF YOU GET SICK AT CONFERENCE

In the unlikely event that you get sick at the Conference, the LOC has made provision for a special Sick Bay room for you to recuperate and get better. We also have nurses on the conference team who will be able to administer First Aid and assess your situation.



## PRAYER TEAM

Our Prayer Team will be on duty throughout the Conference and a Prayer Room will be available for private and corporate prayer. Should you wish to join this team please email Patrik Pettersson at [conference@psalto.se](mailto:conference@psalto.se)



If you were still making up your mind to attend this Conference, we hope that the information contained in this Newsletter has made you excited to now attend.

To those who have already registered and booked your flights, August is just 4 months away. We look forward to welcoming you all to the 11th ICDF Conference in Sweden and we look forward to an unforgettable week when we will dance, meet, share, praise, grow and be refreshed by Him who came to give life with joy and abundance!

Blessings,

***Psalto – ICDF Scandinavia LOC and ICDF Leadership Team***