

About ICBE

ICBE stands for Igorot Cordillera BIMAAK-Europe. It is an informal network of Igorot/Cordillera/BIBAK organizations, foundations, associations, or groups in Europe. The network began with a gathering of Igorot Cordillerans in Gent, Belgium, in 2002, hosted by the Cordillera Community in Belgium. Membership in the network means that a member of an Igorot/Cordillera/BIBAK organization in Europe has attended an ICBE consultation. These consultations and conferences are held biennially.

In the network

As of 2023, those in the network are: Benguet Organization-UK (BOUK), BIBAAK Cordillera Barcelona, BIBAK Ireland, BIBAK Marbella, BIBAK Switzerland, BIBAAK Madrid, BIMAAK Sweden, Cordillera Community in Belgium (Cordi-Bel), Cordillera Germany Organization (CGO), Cordillera Migrant Workers Association (CMWA) of Milan and Como Italy, Cordillerans in Italy of Bologna and Modena, Cordillerans in Rome (Cordi-Rome), Dap-ayan di I-Montanyosa of northern Italy, Ifugao Organization UK, the then Igorot Austria-Cordillera, Igorot Cooperative in Athens Greece, Igorot-Czech Republic Community, Igorot in France Association (IFA), Igorot Organization in Austria, Igorot UK, Igorot UK Charity, Lang-ay Organization ti Frankfurt, MABIKAs Foundation-The Philippine Cordillera Connection in The Netherlands (MABIKAs Foundation), Mountain Province Federation UK, Rambak Austria, Solibao NRW (North Rhine Westphalia) Germany, ULNOS di Mountain Province Rome Italy, United Igorot Association of Napoli and United Kalinga Apayao Network (UKAN).

About the conference

The 12th ICBE conference marks the start of passing on tradition, trust, and support to the second and third generations, empowering them to manage future ICBE gatherings. The theme for this year is **Raised in the Diaspora: Navigating our Indigenous Identity as Second-Generation Igorots**. After 23 years since the first ICBE gathering in Belgium, the Cordi-Bel or Cordillera Community in Belgium, is honored to be the host of this gathering once again.

This cultural event is organized in collaboration with the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains (LAMC) at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).



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12th ICBE Conference 2025

Program

29 May – 1 June 2025
Brussels, Belgium

This brochure is
available online
in flipbook format.
Scan the QR code
or visit **icbe.eu**



Venue

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
Salle Dupréel, 2nd Floor, Building S
Campus Solbosch
Avenue Jeanne 44, Ixelles

This conference is hosted by the Cordillera Community in Belgium (Cordi-Bel).

CONFERENCE RATES

Full four-day conference with tour.....	125 €
Full four-day conference without tour.....	90 €
Saturday sessions until gala night	75 €
Saturday cultural gala entry with dinner.....	35 €
Friday tour only.....	45 €
Thursday welcome night only.....	15 €

SPECIAL RATE

PARTICIPANTS 17 YEARS AND BELOW

Full conference with tour.....	75 €
Full conference without tour	45 €

CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND BELOW

Full conference with tour.....	65 €
Full conference without tour	35 €

FREE FOR KIDS 5 YEARS AND BELOW

Attention !

To register, please complete the registration form:

<https://forms.gle/KsjtpwfQsTPTfPk67>

For Payments: Please send corresponding payments
via bank transfer:

Name: Cordillera Community in Belgium ASBL

Account Number: BE97 0682 4026 1549

BIC: GKCCBEBB

In your transaction, please write

“ICBE Registration Fee” with your full name.

NOTE: Registration is open until **30 April 2025**.

Acknowledgement

- The venue and conference kits (including totes, nametags, brochures, etc.) are supported financially by the Fund for Scientific Research in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (FNRS) and by the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).
- Dinner on Thursday and lunch on Sunday are compliments of Cordi-Bel.



Cordillera Hymn

Cradled by majestic mountains
Blest with nature's flowing fountains
Blooming flow'rs and verdant hills
Is a region of murm'ring rills.

Here dwell freedom loving people
Strong our bond it's hard to topple
For our freedom we rise and fight
Our priceless ancestral birth right.

Chorus:

Cordillera, region of wonder hail
Beloved land, your name we shall not fail
Honor and fame to you we'll strive to bring
Your glory won we shall forever sing.

'Neath the sky the rain may gather
Angry clouds may craz'ly wander
But the sun shines forever fair
As we climb up the golden stair.

Dreams of peace of oneness and progress
Cherished goals our region presses
Striving to build a brighter dawn
For our children to call their own.
(Repeat Chorus)

Day 1

Welcome Night

Thursday, 29 May 2025

- 14:00 – 18:30 **Arrival and Registration of Participants**
Distribution of conference kits at the reception desk by Susan Kilakil and Ellen Godio assisted by Kimberly Lindelauf and Abigail Naron. Registered participants will be welcomed by the ChiCo and guide them to the refreshment or dining area.

Welcome kakailians!

- 19:00 – 20:00 **Dinner**
- 20:00 – 21:30 **Opening Program**
Moderated by Aurora Basali (Cordi-Bel)
- Welcome Remarks**
by Cristobal Agnaonao (Cordi-Bel)
- Patpong, Distribution of Tapuey**
- Turnover of Responsibility of Hosting the Conference**
from Myra Colis (Founding Chairperson, MABIKAs Foundation, The Netherlands) to Karen Palangchao (Internal Chairperson of Cordi-Bel)
- Honoring Our ICBE Pioneers**
Ric Cuyob, Alice Pumihic-Cuyob (Belgium),
Peter Agnaonao & Susan Kilakil (Belgium),
Conchita Balagtey-Pooten (UK),
Ruth Licay (Austria),
Patrick Bounggick Sr. & Cristabel Bounggick (Austria),
Rhino Oblas & Mechthild Oblas (Germany),
Henry Foken (Switzerland),
Juerg Hafner and Lolit Hafner (Switzerland), and
Cesar Tomilas Taguba & Yvonne Kay-an Belen (The Netherlands)
- Reflections by Our ICBE Pioneers**
- Update on the 15th Igorot International Consultation (IIC)**
in Los Angeles, USA on 3-5 July 2026
by Marjorie Guidangen-Akistoy (Igorot Organization in Austria)
- House Rules and Program Overview**
by Ric Cuyob (Cordi-Bel)
- 21:30 – 22:15 **First Round of Introductions**
Per Country or Organization (followed by group photo ops)
- 22:15 – 24:00 **Patpong & Singing Our Hymns**

Day 2

Tour and Book Launch

Friday, 30 May 2025

Explore Gent, Brugge,
& Brussels!

- 8:00 **Departure from Venue**
Tour, Arranged by Cordi-Bel
- Itinerary: Historical and cultural trip to Gent – the Timicheg Tunnel and Rizal memorial place where the El Filibusterismo was published. While en route to Gent, we will pass by the European Quarters to see the European Commission Building and the European Parliament. Then, we will proceed to Brugge, a medieval city with picturesque canals, historic architecture, and a variety of chocolaterías!
- Note: We will do a packed lunch so lunchtime is flexible.
- 15:00 **Departure from Brugge**
- 16:30 **ETA in Brussels. Free Time in the City.**
Explore the vibrant city center of Brussels at your own pace. Discover the charm of the Grand Place and its surrounding attractions!
- 18:00 **Dinner (individual arrangement)**
Note: Restaurants open only from 18:30; buffet resto opens at 18:00

Book Launch!

- 20:30 – 23:00 **Book Launch**
Volume II of *Travels, Triumphs, Travails of Igorot Cordillerans in Europe*
- Facilitated by the Editors:
Yvonne Kay-an Belen, Lorena Clerc, Myra Zymelka-Colis,
Ric Cuyob, Marilyn Velasco Magoo, Christina T. Moncado,
and Averil Pooten-Watan
- Distribution of books to those who pre-ordered.
- Patpong

Day 3

Plenary, Workshop & Cultural Night

Saturday, 31 May 2025

Morning Plenary Session

Plenary, Panel Discussion and Open Forum

Moderated by Myra Colis (MABIKAs Foundation–The Netherlands)

- 8:00 – 8:45 Coffee/Tea and Registration of Newcomers
- 8:45 - 9:00 Assembly & Community Singing
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome Remarks**
by Kathleen Lindelauf (External Chairperson, Cordi-Bel)
- 9:10 – 9:40 Second Round of Introductions of Newcomers
- 9:40–10:10 **Break & Intermission**
by the Second-Generation of Igorot UK
- 10:10–10:20 **Introduction of Panel Discussants**
“The Millennial Anthropologists” by the moderator
- 10:20–10:30 **“Contemporary Issues and Experiences of Indigeneity”**
Panelist 1: Macario Lacbawan, Lund University, Sweden
- 10:30–10:40 **“Anxious Negotiations of a Second-Generation Igorot in the Diaspora: An Autoethnography”**
Panelist 2: Abigail Mier, KULeuven, Belgium
- 10:40–10:50 **“Cowboy Hats & the Igorot Cowboys in Restless Mobility”**
Panelist 3: Angelie Marilla, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- 11:05 – 11:20 **Reactors to the Panel**
Mark Sapaen Watan (Igorot UK Charity) for Panelist 1
Lorena Clerc (BIBAK Switzerland) for Panelist 2
Grace Nabus (Igorot UK) for Panelist 3
- 11:20 – 11:55 Open Forum
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

Note: During the plenary and parallel workshop sessions, there will be a separate program and special workshop for kids.

Afternoon Parallel Sessions

Workshop Discussion Groups

Moderated by Averil Pooten-Watan (Chairperson, Igorot UK Charity)

- 13:00 – 13:30 **Patpong**
- 13:30 – 13:45 **Assembly and Creation of Workshop Groups**
The workshop will be based on the morning plenary session. Each group will give feedback and/or reflections on the panel discussion, reaction and forum.
- Workshop discussion group 1**
Contemporary Issues and Experiences of Indigeneity
- Workshop discussion group 2**
Anxious Negotiations of a Second-Generation Igorot in the Diaspora
- Workshop discussion group 3**
The Igorot Cowboys in the Diaspora
- Note:
1. Assign a moderator and secretary per group.
2. Each group will proceed to the designated Salles/Rooms.
3. Coffee and snacks will be available during the workshop (self-service).
- 13:45 – 15:15 **Parallel Sessions**
Workshop Discussion Groups Proper (1h30mins)
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Plenary Session**
Workshop Reports (15mins / group)
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Closing Remarks**
by the moderator, Averil Pooten-Watan
- 16:15 – 17:00 **Patpong, Preparation for the Gala Night**

The Cultural Gala



Saturday Night, 31 May 2025

Laura Baeyens (Cordi-Bel) & George Londob (BIBAK-Switzerland)
Masters of Ceremonies

17:00 – 17:30 Arrival and Registration

Participants will be welcomed by Susan Kilakil & Ellen Godio and ushered by the ChiCo

17:30 – 18:30 Opening Program

National Anthems and Hymns
Lupang Hinirang, La Brabançonne, European Hymn
and Cordillera Hymn

A Cordilleran Dance
by Cordi-Bel Ladies

Presentation of the 12th ICBE Conference
Delegates & Guests

Welcome Remarks
by Karen Palangchao (Internal Chairperson, Cordi-Bel)

Prayer to Kabunian
to be led by Peter Agnaonao, with Ric Cuyob & Lawrence Buyuccan

Distribution of *tapuey* to participants

18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – 20:10 Messages from Guests & Turnover Ceremony

Introduction of the Guests of Honor
by Marivonne Pumihic Cuyob

Message from H.E. Jaime Victor B. Ledda,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Belgium,
the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Union

Remark from Dr. Alexander 'Sasha' Newell,
Directeur du Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des
Mondes Contemporains, Université libre de Bruxelles

Acknowledgments

by Airen Rüttimann (President, BIBAK Switzerland)

Offering of Tokens and Picture-Taking

Turnover Ceremony

From 12th ICBE Conference to 13th ICBE Conference
by Marie Cuyob (Vice Chairperson of Cordi-Bel)
to the next host (to be determined)

20:10 – 20:50

Photo Ops

Picture-taking by country and a group photo of all
participants will be handled by the official photographer
and a Photobooth will be available at the hall.

20:50 – 21:00

Special Presentation of the Children

21:00 – 24:00

Pattong / Cultural Shows for the rest of the evening!



Iyaman! Merci! Thank you!
Au revoir, À bientôt ! Bye, Bye!
for those leaving early on Sunday, 1 June.

Day 4

Closing Session & Departure

Sunday, 1 June 2025

Moderated by Grace Nabus (Igorot UK)

9:45 – 10:15	Coffee/Tea
10:15 – 11:00	Sunday Service
11:00 – 12:00	Oral Evaluations by the Participants
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch and Farewell
15:00	Cleaning/ Packing Up Venue is available until 22:00.

Iyaman kakailians!
Bon voyage !

How to reach the venue?



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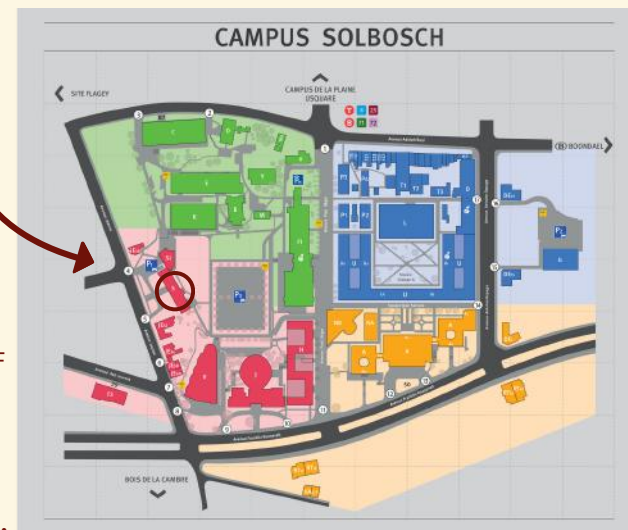
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