

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOVEMENT

Scientific Symposium on the Precursors of the Red Cross

On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Henry Dunant Society, in close co-operation with local and international Red Cross institutions, is organizing a Scientific Symposium in Geneva on the Precursors of the Red Cross.

The purpose of this symposium, which is to take place from 26 to 28 October in the Palais de l'Athénée, is to answer the following questions: did humanitarian sentiments exist prior to the Red Cross? Who were the women and men who, in the second half of the 19th century, shared the same concern as the Committee of Five, founding institution of the Red Cross? What humanitarian institutions existed back then?

The symposium, whose lectures and discussions are open to all, should make it possible to discover or learn more about unknown or neglected philanthropists, stimulate exchanges between historians belonging to different schools of thought and involve the public at large in the discussions.

The provisional programme for the symposium is as follows:

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2 p.m.

Arrival of participants

PIERRE WELLHAUSER

President of the Council of State of the Republic and Canton of Geneva

Welcoming address

GUY-OLIVIER SEGOND

Mayor of the City of Geneva

Le droit humanitaire avant la fondation de la Croix-Rouge
(Humanitarian law prior to the foundation of the Red Cross)

FRANK B. FREIDEL

Harvard University

Francis Lieber and the codification of the International Law of War

BRUNO ZANOBIO

University of Milan

Chirurgie et médecine militaires à l'aube du mouvement humanitaire
(Military medicine and surgery at the dawn of the humanitarian
movement)

Discussion and break

DOMINIC M. PEDRAZZINI

Federal Military Library, Bern

Conceptions et réalisations humanitaires du général Guillaume-Henri
Dufour lors de la guerre du Sonderbund
(General Guillaume-Henri Dufour's humanitarian ideas and
achievements during the Sonderbund war)

WERNER G. ZIMMERMANN

State Archives, Zurich

Une initiative zurichoise au temps du Sonderbund
(A Zurich initiative at the time of the Sonderbund)

Discussion

Reception hosted by the State and City of Geneva

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 9.00 a.m.

VLADIMIR KALAMANOV

State Institute of International Relations, Moscow

Nicolay Pirogov, médecin, savant et humaniste
(Nicolas Pigorov, doctor, scholar and humanist)

WALTER GRUBER

German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany, Stuttgart

La grande-duchesse Hélène Pavlowna et ses auxiliaires en Crimée
(The Grand Duchess Helena Pavlovna and her auxiliaries
in the Crimea)

Discussion and break

JACQUES MEURANT

ICRC, Geneva

Anatoli Demidoff, pionnier de l'assistance aux prisonniers de guerre
(Anatoli Demidoff, pioneer in the provision of assistance
to prisoners of war)

RENÉE LELANDAIS

Society of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Paris

Les Filles de la Charité sur les champs de bataille d'Algérie, de Crimée,
d'Italie, du Mexique et des Etats-Unis
(The Daughters of Charity on the battlefields of Algeria, the Crimea,
Italy, Mexico and the United States)

Discussion

2.30 p.m.

BARRY SMITH

The Australian National University, Canberra

Florence Nightingale, the Common Soldier and International Succour

SUE MORIARTY GOLDIE

Manchester University

Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War: private truth
and public myth

JEAN GUILLERMAND

Former military medical officer, France

La vision de la guerre de Crimée du médecin inspecteur Lucien Baudens
(The Crimean War as seen by medical inspector Dr. Lucien Baudens)

Discussion and break

GABRIEL MÜTZENBERG

Evangelical Society, Geneva

Sur la lancée du Réveil, un cœur brûlant de compassion:
Valérie de Gasparin
(In the wake of the Réveil, a Genevan Protestant Revivalist Movement,
a heart burning with compassion: Valérie de Gasparin)

ANDRÉ DURAND

Former ICRC delegate, Geneva

Informations et commentaires de la presse genevoise sur les conflits
des années 1847-1863

(News and comments from the Geneva press on conflicts
between 1847 and 1863)

Discussion

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 9 a.m.

WALTER GERT RÖDEL

University of Mainz

Croix blanche et croix rouge: le renouveau de l'Ordre de Saint-Jean
de Jérusalem

(White cross, red cross—the revival of the Order of Saint John
of Jerusalem)

GIUSEPPE ARMOCIDA

University of Milan

Louis Appia

Discussion and break

ANDREA RUSSO

University of Naples

Ferdinando Palasciano et la neutralisation des blessés de guerre

(Ferdinando Palasciano and conferring neutral status
on the war wounded)

GEORGES LUBIN

Editor of the correspondence of George Sand, Boulogne

Henri Arrault: une priorité disputée, ou la guerre des deux Henri
(Henri Arrault: a disputed priority, or the war of the two Henrys)

Discussion

2.30 p.m.

JANE TURNER CENSER

The American University, Washington

Two paths to aiding the soldier: the US Sanitary and
Christian Commissions

JEAN-FRANÇOIS REYMOND

World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, Geneva

Les Unions chrétiennes de Jeunes Gens pansent les plaies pendant la
guerre de Sécession
(The Youngs Men's Christian Associations bind up wounds during the
War of Secession)

Discussion and break

PATRICK F. GILBO

American National Red Cross, Washington

Clara Barton

ROGER DURAND

Henry Dunant Society, Geneva

Précurseurs-fondateurs: les fils enchevêtrés de la genèse rubricrucienne
(Precursors/founders: the complex origins of the Red Cross)

Closing ceremony
