



International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

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### **IHRA Plenary Meetings in Manchester, United Kingdom**

**November 2014** – The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) will hold its second semi-annual Plenary meeting under the UK Chairmanship from 1-4 December 2014 in Manchester.

Over four days, experts and policymakers from around the world representing 31 member countries, five observer countries, and seven permanent observer organisations will meet to discuss the Holocaust as a contemporary political issue. As the Stockholm Declaration said in 2000, the unprecedented character of the Holocaust will always hold universal meaning. IHRA member countries pledged to strengthen their efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust. At the Plenary three additional countries (El Salvador, Albania and Moldova) are applying to join IHRA with observer status.

IHRA Chair Sir Andrew Burns, UK Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues, will meet with IHRA experts and governmental representatives to discuss a number of important issues, including advancement of IHRA's multi-year work plan and outreach to countries around the world. Sir Andrew comments: "The IHRA Plenary meetings bring together distinguished expert delegates - academics, educationalists, curators and administrators in order to continue work with governmental policy-makers on crucial topics of high contemporary relevance, such as the fight against antisemitism and Holocaust denial, remembering and understanding the genocide of the Roma, promoting greater public access to Holocaust archives and reflecting on the relevance of the Holocaust to other genocides."

Following the first day of meetings, a film about the making of “Night Will Fall”, a lost documentary shot by Alfred Hitchcock and Sidney Bernstein in 1945 about the liberation of the concentration camps, will be shown followed by a panel discussion with its director Andre Singer and producer Sally Angel. Other evening events will include a reception at Manchester Town Hall hosted by the Lord Mayor and a reception held at Imperial War Museum North.

In advance of the Plenary meetings, the UK Chairmanship and Staffordshire University are organising a one-day conference entitled “What Britain Knew: The Holocaust and Nazi Crimes,” which will explore the theme of Britain’s knowledge of the Holocaust. A select group of experts will take part in panel discussions examining the relationships that Britain had with the rest of Europe as a result of the movement of people and intelligence across continents.

The purpose of IHRA is to encourage political and social leaders to learn from the Holocaust for the benefit of citizens of member countries and the international public. IHRA and the UK Chairmanship look forward to further progress and concrete outcomes from the Manchester meetings.

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