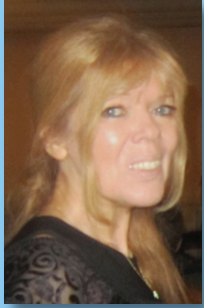




The Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America Convention at Sea

Dear Friends,



We are delighted to invite you, your family and friends to attend the 2018 Florida Federation Convention in conjunction with the Inter American Theosophical Federation, on May 18-21 at the Royal Caribbean cruise *Enchantment of the Seas*, while sailing from Miami port to the Bahamas, and returning to the port of departure.

The Convention theme is Theosophy in the 21st Century, a bilingual event with keynote speakers: Tim Boyd, International TS President, David Bruce, TSA National Secretary and Pablo Sender, TSA National speaker, plus special guests.

The 2018 Convention will also include a variety of activities, panel discussions, forums, audio-visual presentations, yoga, meditation, sacred dance, and free time for social gatherings and interaction throughout the weekend with TS members and friends from different regions in the USA and overseas. Even though the core of the convention will be at the ship, extra curriculum activities will take place while taking tours visiting the Bahamas. (See please, detailed Program on page 3 of this Newsletter).

We are looking forward to seeing you at this Convention at Sea, for another anticipated special annual reunion among fellow Theosophists exchanging insights and quality information in another transformative time together.

In Love and Light,
Nori Rao, President
Florida Federation, TSA



**The Florida Federation TSA & The Inter American Theosophical Federation
Convention at Sea**

May 18th-21st, 2018

Theosophy in the 21st Century - Teosofía en el Siglo XXI

A bilingual event

TS President Tim Boyd,

TSA National Secretary David Bruce and TSA National Speaker Pablo Sender,

plus special guests, multiple panel discussions, open forums, yoga, meditation and free time, to enjoy the variety of options the cruise offers for relaxation and entertainment.

For booking, and any further questions and/or details, contact directly our travel Agent:

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Office hours: Mon-Fri: 11:30am-8:30pm (US Central Time)

US and Canada: 1-800-514-9986 ext. 7204

We are looking forward to seeing you at this theosophical Convention at Sea!

THEOSOPHY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Keynote Speakers



During our time together I would expect to focus on the current and future relevance of Theosophy to collective issues we are facing. The value of proper practice in extending our experience of our deeper capacities will also be addressed. Tim Boyd.

Tim Boyd has been serving as international President of the Theosophical Society Adyar since April of 2014. He is a founding member of a spiritual community which was active in Chicago for more than 25 years. The group worked with troubled youth, taught meditation and healing methods, established organic food gardens on vacant lots, purchased and renovated numerous residential buildings in the area, and placed bee hives on the roofs of buildings. His involvement with the Theosophical Order of Service and the Chushul orphanage in Tibet led to an audience with the Dalai Lama which resulted in the TSA sponsoring his visit to Chicago in July of 2011 for a two day event attended by ten-thousand people. He speaks and conducts workshops around the world.



The Voice of the Silence

Every generation has its challenges, every age its defining moment. Ours is no different. Although our present-day challenges may have been unimaginable to previous generations, H. P. Blavatsky left us a remarkable guidebook called *The Voice of the Silence*, which is most relevant today and truly a Voice for All Seasons.

David Bruce is a third generation Theosophist. After working twenty years in the electronics distribution industry, he was hired in 2003 to work full time for the Theosophical Society in America. For the past seven years he has held the office of national secretary.



Theosophy and the Current Technology of Spirituality

Today, many people are seeking for ways to cope with our increasingly stressful lives. In response to this, modern Spirituality has become little more than a collection of techniques, which can at best provide superficial relief. What does Theosophy have to offer to help people in the current situation

Pablo Sender, PhD in Biological Sciences, became a member of the Theosophical Society (TS) in his native Argentina, in 1996. He has worked at the International Headquarters of the TS in India, and is currently living at the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, in Ojai, CA, working for the TS in America. He has presented Theosophical lectures, workshops, and classes in India and several countries in Europe, and the three Americas.

THEOSOPHY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Guest Speakers on the cruise

Aryel Sanat, Author of *The Inner Life of Krishnamurti*
Dr Scott Olsen, Author of *The Golden Section: Nature's Secret*

Isis Resende, President Inter American Federation

Lisette Arroyo, Vice- President IATF

Maria Mengel, Delegate, IATF

Doris Buomberger, IATF

Uma Shankar Pandey, IATF

Nori Rao, President Florida Federation TSA

*The Guest Speakers will dwell on the convention theme
Theosophy in the 21st Century, sharing on their visions, insights
and aspirations while interacting with the participants.*

Enchantment of the Sea

Itinerary: Miami-Bahamas- Miami

Departs, Friday, May 18, Miami, FL 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, CocoCay, Bahamas 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20, Nassau, Bahamas 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Arrives, Monday, May 21, Miami, FL 7:00 a.m.

Conference Center hours (on board ship):

Fri: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sat: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m./ 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sun: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For booking info. contact travel agent Logan Thomas: lthomas@vacationstogo.com.

For general questions, please contact: floridafederationtsa@gmail.com

2018 Convention: Additional Activities

May 16th, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at

The Theosophical Society of South Florida

831 SE 9th St, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Theosophy as an Agent of Transformation

presented by **Isis Resende**, President of the IAFT

with participation of **Aryel Sanat** and **Nori Rao**

May 17th

Dinner/Forum in Miami (location/hours TBA)



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Theosophy in the 21st Century

Change and Transformation

A motivational journey into self-exploration
through the principles of the ageless wisdom.

A bilingual event

Teosofía en el Siglo XXI

Cambio y Transformación

Un recorrido hacia la auto-exploración
a través de los principios de la sabiduría eterna.

Evento bilingüe

PROGRAM

Friday, May 18

Meetings will be on board ship at the Conference Center

- 4:30 p.m. E.S. meeting/ members only
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner — all together
- 7:00 p.m. Official Opening
- 7:45 p.m. Tim Boyd, TS International President
- 9:00 p.m. *Free time the rest of the evening*

Saturday, May 19

- 6:00 a.m. on Breakfast/Free Time

Group A (at Conference Center)

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome
- 8:15 a.m. David Bruce, National Sec TSA
- 9:15 a.m. Break — Q/A
- 9:30 a.m. IATF speakers
- 10:30 a.m. Break — Q/A
- 10:45 a.m. Pablo Sender, TSA National speaker
- 11:45 a.m. Break — Q/A
- 12:00 Noon Lunch/Free time until 3:30 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Open Forum: Tim Boyd, Isis Resende & IATF
- 5:00 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, all together
- 7:00 p.m. Panel presentation with keynotes and guests:
Tim Boyd, David Bruce, Pablo Sender, Aryel Sanat, Scott Olsen.
- 9:00 p.m. *Free time the rest of the evening*

PROGRAM - Part 2

Group B (for those spending all day Saturday at CocoCay Island)

8:00 a.m. Informal Theosophical group discussions on island
between individuals and with IATF group leaders
Also beach activities, i.e. swimming, snorkeling, etc
Return back to ship by 5:00 pm.

5:30 p.m. Dinner all together
See Group A schedule above for evening activities

Sunday May 19

Group A (on board ship)

5:45 a.m. Sunrise Yoga & Meditation with Nori

6:00 am on Breakfast/Free time all morning

12:00 Noon Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Open Forum: Pablo Sender, Aryel Sanat, and more.

2:45 p.m. Break—Q/A

3:00 p.m. Tim Boyd, David Bruce, Pablo Sender and guest
speakers' closing remarks.

4:45 p.m. **Convention Closing**

5:30 p.m. Dinner all together followed by free-time

Sunday—Group B (for those spending the day at Nassau)

8 a.m. Informal Theosophical group discussions on island.
Exchange of ideas on a vision for the future of Theosophy
between individuals and with IATF group leaders. Also, fun time at Nassau.

5:30 p.m. Dinner all together followed by free-time

Donations at the door to help cover our costs are most welcome!

You may also send a tax-deductible donation by check to:

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“Theosophy is who Theosophy does, not thinks, not studies, not feels but does.”

— Helena Petrovna Blavatsky