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World Congress of Families IX Announces Additional Speakers and Panelists

Pro-family gathering welcomes friends and people of goodwill from all nations to Salt Lake City, October 27-30, 2015

SALT LAKE CITY—Today the World Congress of Families (WCF) announced the names of four additional participants who will address critical issues affecting families throughout the world at WCF IX, Oct. 27-30, 2015, in Salt Lake City at the Grand America Hotel. High-profile speakers and participants, along with thousands of pro-family advocates, will unite for this historic event—the first Congress ever to be held in the United States.

“I have spent a lot of time protecting and advancing the natural family, and it always renews my hope for a bright future when you have a huge support system come together to discuss issues and strategies for strengthening families and ensuring the safety and well-being of children,” said Janice Shaw Crouse, executive director of WCF IX. “We are 24 days from opening day ceremonies of the World Congress of Families IX, and the excitement is rapidly growing here at Salt Lake City.”

The additional speakers announced this week include the following:

Tim Ballard is the Founder and CEO of Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.). He also serves as O.U.R.’s Jump Team Commander for rescue operations. Ballard began his career at the Central Intelligence Agency where he worked cases dealing with terrorism and Latin America. He has spent more than a decade working as a Special Agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security where he was assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and deployed as an undercover operative for the U.S. Child Sex Tourism Jump Team. He has worked every type of case imaginable in the fight to dismantle child trafficking rings.



Elizabeth Smart is an American activist and founder of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation. Elizabeth's abduction was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. She was abducted on June 5, 2002, and her captors controlled her by threatening to kill her and her family if she tried to escape. Fortunately, the police caught the perpetrators and safely returned Elizabeth to her family on March 12, 2003 after she was held prisoner for nine grueling months. Through this traumatic experience, Elizabeth has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs and national legislation. Elizabeth has helped promote the national AMBER Alert, The Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act, and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions. Elizabeth's example is a daily demonstration that there really is life after a tragic event.

Clay Olsen is the chief executive officer and co-founder of Fight the New Drug. With a passion for film and an entrepreneurial heart, Clay is the vision behind Fight the New Drug, a group of passionate and innovative problem-solvers whose mission is to raise awareness on the harmful effects of pornography through creative mediums. Clay can be found touring the country, speaking in assemblies, filming and raving about his favorite restaurant of the day. After living in Argentina, founding four businesses, and establishing a solid career path, Clay forsook all logic, quit his day job, and began dedicating all of his time towards Fight the New Drug.

Lola Velarde is the director for UN affairs at the Institute for Family Policy. The Institute is an initiative of a concerned individuals who want to increase awareness among policy and decision makers and the general public of the key role of the family and to highlight the need for building synergies among various family organizations. The Institute increases exposure by generating proposals and alternatives, cooperating for social development, and promoting the dialogue and network building among national and international institutions with shared goals.

World Congress of Families IX has a full lineup of speakers and participants that can be viewed on WCF IX's website, wcf9.org/schedule/. WCF will continue to announce four new participants every week.

WCF is the largest gathering of pro-family advocates in the world. WCF IX will seek to provide participants with sound scholarship and effective strategies, as well as mobilize intellectual and advocacy resources to affirm and defend the natural family.

For more information, please visit wcf9.org or follow WCF on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).