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In the name of ICCJ, I welcome the delegates from member organizations and friends of ICCJ from around the world to our 2008 conference. We are glad that you have made the journey to the sacred city of Jerusalem. We are particularly happy to be meeting in Jerusalem in this sixtieth anniversary year of Israel. We are also honored by the presence of some participants from Palestine. ICCJ has always emphasized the importance of theological discussion as well as consideration of more practical issues in the dialogue. Certainly continuing social and political tensions in the region in which we meet are critical to our encounter and can prove challenging. In the coming days we hope to engage in productive discussions of these tensions and their impact on the dialogue as well as other issues of concern such as the recent new papal prayer for the Jews. We are grateful to the ICCI for serving as our host here in Jerusalem. Sincere thanks for joining us.

John T. Pawlikowski, OSM, Ph.D
President, ICCJ

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the ICCJ 2008 conference in Jerusalem, "The Contribution of Jewish- Christian-Muslim Dialogue to Peace-Building in the Middle East." At last year's conference, delegates sang "Next year in Jerusalem," and here we are, just in time to mark Israel's 60th birthday, and to express our support for the peace process that will, hopefully, lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel. Jerusalem, a city of 2 peoples and 3 faiths, is proud and happy to host Jews, Christians and Muslims from throughout the world, who have gathered, as the prophet Malachi tells us (3: 12): "Then they that feared the Lord, spoke with one another." The program of our conference will highlight institutions and organizations that are promoting dialogue for peaceful co-existence in the region, especially those that are operating out of some religious or spiritual framework. We have tried to balance workshops and plenary sessions at our conference venue with field trips and outings to other sites in Jerusalem and in other parts of the country.

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Conference Schedule

Sunday 22 June

- 09:00 – 16:00** Women's Conference
- 09:00** Greetings from Gunnel Borgegård, head of women's division of ICCJ
- Panel on Women's Voices in Peace-building
- Moderator:
Sarah Bernstein,
Interreligious Coordinating Council In Israel (ICCI)
- Panelists:
Nadia Harhash, Palestinian Peace Activist
Wilma Viswanathan, Uniting Church Interfaith Group
Rabbi Amy Eilberg, Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:00** Discussion Groups
- 13:00 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 16:00** Report back from discussion groups
- Open discussion of strategies for women's involvement
- Facilitator: Gunnel Borgegård
- 16:00** Conclusion of Women's Conference
- 15:00 – 17:30** Registration and Check-In – in the lobby (3rd floor)
- 15:00 – 18:15** Exhibit area open – 341 (3rd floor)
- 17:00** Shuttle bus from Tantur to JGH
- 17:30** Opening reception – on the terrace
- 18:30** Dinner – in the main dining room (1st floor)

- 19:30 - 21:30** Plenum – in the large hall (1st floor)
- The Contribution of J-C-M Dialogue to Peace-Building in the Middle East*
- Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, the American Jewish Committee
- H.B. Michel Sabbah, Emeritus Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem
- Qadi Muhammad Zibdi, Qadi of Jerusalem
- Sr. Margaret Shepherd, moderator
- Entertainment: Ihab Nimer and Friends
- 22:00** Shuttle bus from Judaeen Guest House (JGH) to Tantur

Monday 23 June

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| 07:15 Jewish prayer [synagogue] Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman | 07:00 Breakfast at Tantur |
| 08:00 Breakfast at JGH | 07:30 Shuttle #1 to JGH |
| 08:15 Christian prayer [patio] Rev. Kjell Jonasson | 08:30 Shuttle #2 to JGH |
- 09:00 – 10:00** Plenum – in the large hall (1st floor)
- Reflections on the Alexandria Process*
- M.K. Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chair of Knesset Education Comm.
- 10:00** Coffee break
- 10:30** Workshops on Conference Theme (Group I)
- 12:15** Lunch
- 13:30** Depart for outings
- 14:00 – 17:00** Visits to institutes engaged in religious-based reconciliation work
- 17:30 – 19:00** Christian Reception (please see separate invitation)

- 19:15** Jewish/Israeli Reception
(please see separate invitation)
Including presentation of ICCJ Interfaith Gold Medallion
Peace Through Dialogue to Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish,
founder and director, ICCI
- 21:00** Busses to JGH (1 of which goes via Tantur)

Tuesday 23 June

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| 07:30 Jewish prayer
[synagogue] | 07:00 Breakfast at Tantur |
| 08:00 Breakfast at JGH | 07:30 Shuttle #1 to JGH |
| 08:15 Christian prayer
[patio] | 08:30 Shuttle #2 to JGH |
- 09:00** Plenum – in the large hall (1st floor)
My Community and the Land
Ms. Hanan Abu-Dalu, Teacher and interreligious peace
activist
Ms. Suad Younan, Headmistress, Helen
Keller School
Dr. Deborah Weissman, Co-chair, ICCI
Rabbi Ehud Bandel, moderator
- 10:45** Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:45** Workshops on Conference Theme (Group II)
- 13:00** Lunch
- 13:00 – 19:00** Exhibit area open – room 341 (3rd floor)
- 14:30 – 16:00** Workshops on Jewish-Christian Relations (Group I)
- 16:00** Coffee break

- 16:30 – 18:00** Workshops on Jewish-Christian Relations (Group II)
- 18:00** Free evening
Busses to city centers (one way)

Wednesday 25 June

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| 07:30 Jewish prayer
[synagogue] | 07:00 Breakfast at Tantur |
| 08:00 Breakfast at JGH | 07:30 Shuttle #1 to JGH |
| 08:15 Christian prayer
[patio] | 08:30 Shuttle #2 to JGH |
- 07:45** Departure for long study outing
- 08:30 – 09:00** Departure for other study outings
- 16:00** Converge at Biblical Zoo
- 16:30 – 17:30** Text study & Tour
- 18:00 – 19:00** Text study & Tour
- 19:15** Convene in theater
- 19:30** Closing ceremony
- 20:30** Dinner at Zoo
- 22:30** Shuttle busses to JGH and Tantur

Thursday 26 June

- 08:00** Breakfast at JGH
- 09:00 – 13:00** ICCJ Annual General Meeting
- 13:00** Lunch for A.G.M. delegates

The Contribution of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue to Peace-Building in the Middle East

Conference Program at a Glance

	Sunday 22.6	Monday 23.6	Tuesday 24.6	Wednesday 25.6	Thursday 26.6
Morning	Women's Pre-Conference Seminar	Plenum <i>Reflections on the Alexandria Process</i> M.K. Rabbi Michael Melchior	Plenum <i>My Community and the Land</i> ☾ Ms. Hanan Abu-Dalu ✚ Ms. Suad Younan ★ Dr. Deborah Weissman	Study outings to sites/projects on conference theme	Annual General Meeting
		Workshops on conference theme	Workshops on conference theme		
Afternoon	Opening Event: Reception Dinner Plenum <i>The Contribution of J-C-M Dialogue to Peace-Building in the Middle East</i>	Study outings to theme-related sites/projects on conference theme	Workshops on Jewish-Christian Relations	16:00 Closing Event <i>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard lie down with the kid</i> Program at Biblical Zoo Including dinner	
			Workshops on Jewish-Christian Relations		
Evening	★ Rabbi David Rosen ✚ H.B. Patriarch Michel Sabbah ☾ Qadi Muhammad Zibdi	Receptions: Christian Jewish	Free Evening		

DETAILS OF OUTINGS AND WORKSHOPS

VISITS TO INSTITUTES ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS-BASED RECONCILIATION WORK

Monday 23 June 14:00 – 17:00

The Program

A. Tantur Ecumenical Institute

Tantur's place on the seam between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Tour of facilities and vistas. Meeting groups who use Tantur to advance peace: Univ. of Holy Land, IPCRI, etc. How religion and peace-making can go together.

B. Jerusalem International YMCA

Coexistence and understanding through fitness and sports, a bilingual pre-school, youth programs, culture, etc.

C. Swedish Theological Institute (STI)

Tour of historic building and focus on activities in Jewish-Christian relations. Discussion of Church of Sweden approach and legacy of Krister Stendahl.

D. Ecce Homo Convent-Notre Dame de Sion Particular role of the Sisters of Sion in Christian-Jewish reconciliation. Meet with Jewish and Muslim dialogue partners/peace-makers. Programs of experiencing the Holy Land as the fifth Gospel.

E. ICCI: Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel

Interreligious dialogue in the service of peace: Introduction to main programs, involving clergy, youth and young adults, women, etc.

Sponsoring Institute

Since 1972, Tantur has been an ecumenical Christian center, for study programs that welcome all who work for peace.

Jerusalem landmark since 1933. Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize. Goal of fostering unity and peace.

One of most beautiful 19th century buildings in West Jerusalem. Theological study center since 1951.

Located on the Via Dolorosa in the Muslim quarter, a Christian Holy site and archaeological site. Run as a convent for the last 150 years.

Founded in 1991, umbrella organization of 75 Christian, Palestinian-Muslim, and Jewish institutions. Member of ICCJ and WCRP.

WORKSHOPS ON CONFERENCE THEME I

Monday, 23 June, 10:30

- 1. KEDEM: *Kol Dati M'fayes* A Religious Voice for Reconciliation**
Jewish and Muslim Religious Leaders Engaged in Dialogue and Action
Moderated by Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish, ICCI
- 2. Kufr Bir'im and Kfar Etzion: Religious and National Aspects of the Palestinian and Israeli Historical Narratives told through the stories of two villages which were destroyed as result of 1948.**
Shmuel Reiner, Yeshivat Maale Gilboa & Yigal Aricha
- 3. Youth and Young Adult Encounter Programs: Participants' Experiences with Interreligious Dialogue and Conflict Mitigation**
Moderated by Yael Yechieli, ICCI
- 4. The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: An Obstacle and Opportunity for Jewish Christian Dialogue**
Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, World Council of Churches
Responding: Dr. Jane Clements, Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine
Rabbi Dr. Andrew Goldstein, ICCJ Executive Committee
- 5. Laying the Foundations for Peace at an Early Age: A Unique School-based Experiment with Israeli Jewish, Christian and Muslim Adolescents**
Panel Discussion moderated by Hana Bendcowsky and Housam Elias, Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christians Relations (JCJCR)
- 6. Building Trust as a Basis for Multi-faith Dialogue**
Ester Golan, Elana Rozenman & Rula Salameh, three women's voices from TRUST - Emun
- 7. The Arab Christians as a Double Minority and Potential Bridge between the Israeli Jewish and Palestinian Muslim Majorities**
Daniel Rossing, Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations (JCJCR)
- 8. Humanistic Lessons from the Holocaust as a Departure-point for Jewish-Arab Dialogue**
Dr. David Netzer and Raya Kalisman, Center for Humanistic Education, Ghetto Fighters Museum
- 9. An Integrated Realist/Idealist Approach to Israeli-Palestinian Interreligious Dialogue and Peace-building**
Dr. Ben Mollov, Project for the Study of Religion, Culture and Peace, Bar Ilan University
- 10. Teaching an Introduction to Judaism in the Palestinian Context**
Rev. Dr. David Neuhaus, S.J., Bethlehem Univ. & Bet Jalla Seminary

WORKSHOPS ON CONFERENCE THEME II

Tuesday, 24 June, 11:15

11. **The Way of Abraham: Harnessing the Jewish and Muslim Mystical Teachings for Reconciliation**
Ghassan Manasra and Anat Lev-Or , The Way of Abraham
12. **Dilemmas and Best Practices in Youth and Young Adult Interreligious Dialogue Groups: Discussion with Project Coordinators**
Moderated by Avigail Moshe, ICCI
13. **Teaching Islam to Jews, and Judaism to Muslims, in Israel**
Prof. Reuven Amitai, Hebrew University
Dr. Achmed Ghabin, Al Qasemi College
14. **The Divestment Campaign: An Obstacle and Opportunity for Jewish-Christian Dialogue**
Dr. Katherine Henderson, Auburn Theological Seminary
Responding: Rabbi Dr. David Sandmel
15. **The Dirasat Program: Studying Religious Texts to Foster Political Change and Social Transformation**
Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam
16. **How the Media Cover the Religious Dimension of the Conflict**
Hana Sinora, IPCRI, Yair Sheleg, Haaretz, Michele Chabin, Religious News Service
Moderated by Linda Gradstein, NPR
17. **Women should be seen but not heard: Raising Women's Voices - A Discussion with Past and Present Members of ICCI's Women's Dialogue Program**
Moderated by Sarah Bernstein, ICCI
18. **Towards a Critical and Constructive Christian Theology of the Promised Land**
Rev. Dr. Peter Pettit, Inst. for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Muhlenberg College
Responding: Yohanna Katanacho
19. **Applying Prophetic Values of Social Justice in a Conflict Situation**
Rabbis for Human Rights, Staff

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WORKSHOPS ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS I

Tues. 14:30 pm

21. **Christians in the Holy Land: A Demographic and Sociological Portrait**
Dr. Bernard Sabella, Bethlehem University
22. **The Latin Patriarch's Experience of Engagement with the Jewish Community**
Rev. Michael McGarry, Tantur Ecumenical Institute
23. **Bible Study: Dispute for the Sake of Heaven**
Prof. Joseph Sievers, Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies
Rabbi Ehud Bandel, ICCJ Vice President
24. **The editors of TIME magazine recently identified Re-Judaizing Jesus as one of the "10 ideas that are changing the world." Changing the world? Really? Let's think and talk about that. Christians Studying Jewish Texts through the Lens of Jewish Tradition: The Bat Kol Model**
Prof. Sr. Maureen Fritz & Jack Driscoll, CFC, PhD, Bat Kol Institute
25. **I am a Christian Palestinian and a Woman: Grappling with Multiple Identities in the Holy Land**
Vera Baboun, Bethlehem University
26. **Tools 4 Dialogue: Religious Text Study as a Springboard for Dialogue Among Young Christians, Jews and Muslims in the U.K.**
Stephen Sha'ashua and Miram Feldman Kaye, Three Faiths Forum (U.K.)
27. **Education for Coexistence and Reconciliation via Film**
Amy Kronish, Jerusalem International YMCA
28. **Contemporary Jewish-Muslim Relations: Lessons from Jewish-Christian Relations**
Dr. Edward Kessler, The Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths (Cambridge, U.K.)
29. **Feminism, Women and Jewish-Christian Relations**
Dr. Elena Procaro-Foley, Iona College
Dr. Lynne Scholefield, St Mary's Univ. College

WORKSHOPS ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS II

Tuesday 16:30 pm

31. **The Dividing and Unifying Ideas in Christian and Jewish Theology Based on Different Jewish and Christian Approaches to Reading the Bible**
Rabbi Mordechai Piron, Sapir Institute of Jewish Studies
Rev. Dr. Michael Krupp, Israel Interfaith Association
32. **A Movement of Spiritual and Social Renewal: The Story of the Focolare Movement (*A session in memory of Focolare founder, Chiara Lubich*)**
Margaret Karram, Sonia Zelazo and Jordi Marjanedas, Focolare movement
33. **This is Not Londonistan: Working towards Interreligious Tolerance in the U.K.**
Simon Keyes, St. Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
Danny Burkman and Debbie Young-Somers, West London Synagogue
Imam Shahid Hussain, Head of Interfaith Relations, Regent's Park Mosque
34. **Reconsidering the *Parting of the Ways* and its Implications for Jewish-Christian Relations: What is the Relevance of Recent Scholarship's Findings to Dialogue Today?**
Rabbi Dr. David Sandmel, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
35. **From Persecution to Partnership, From Confrontation to Cooperation: Film about Revolutionary Changes in Jewish-Christian Relations**
Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish, ICCI
36. **Beyond Tolerance and Inter-Faith Understanding: A Talmudic Perspective on Pluralism, Dispute, and Intra-Faith *Tiqqun***
Prof. Menachem Fisch, Tel Aviv University and the Shalom Hartman Institute
37. **The Relationship Between Interfaith and Intra-faith Dialogue**
Rev. Dr. Barbara Meyer, Hebrew Union College
Responding: Rabbi Shelton Donnell, Hebrew Union College
38. **When Things Go Wrong in Interreligious Relations: Regensburg, the Good Friday Prayer, and Christians Living In Israel**
Rev. Michael McGarry, Tantur Ecumenical Institute

STUDY OUTINGS

Wednesday, 25 June, 9:00 to 16:00

F. The Christian and Armenian Quarters

An encounter with the diverse historic Christian communities of east and west in Jerusalem and with the unique character and dynamics of Jerusalem as a meeting place between heaven and earth, three religions and two peoples/nations, east and west, diverse and sometimes-conflicting memories of the past and visions of the future, and minority and majority; including an audience with a senior church figure in the Old City, visits to venues in the Christian Quarter which are not generally accessible to the broader public and a special visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christians Relations (JCJCR)

G. Bethlehem and the Ezion Bloc

On this tour, we will listen to voices for peace, voices from different narratives, voices from the three Abrahamic traditions. Beginning in Bethlehem, we will visit the Center for Conflict Resolution and its director, Dr. Noah Salameh; we will then go to the Wiam Center and discuss with its director, Zoughbi Zoughbi, the opportunities to engagement and encounter both within Palestinian society and between Israelis and Palestinians. We will then go to the Efrat settlement to speak with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin about the settlers' vision of the land and its inhabitants. (Non-Israeli passports required).

Rabbi Ilyse Kramer and Ephraim Pelco
Rev. Michael McGarry, Tantur Ecumenical Institute

H. Yad Vashem: The Shoa and Jewish-Christian Relations

Beginning with a visit to the new (2005) historical museum at Yad Vashem and including visit to the Synagogue, Hall of Remembrance, and Children's Memorial. Lunch followed by a short visit to the Learning Center with focus on Holocaust as a religious issue. Symposium and discussion on "Holocaust Remembrance and the Work of Interfaith Dialogue" with Ester Golan, survivor, Fr. Manfred Desalaers of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Auschwitz.

Gemma Del Duca, SC
Yad Vashem The Holocaust Martyrs'and Heroes'
Remembrance Authority

I. Two Jerusalems: Security, Justice and Hope

A comprehensive tour of the Jewish and Muslim neighborhoods in East Jerusalem and of the separation barrier enclosing the "Jerusalem envelope." A very personal look into the separate lives of two peoples. The first section of the tour will be led by Ir Amim and the second by Rabbis for Human Rights.

Ir Amim seeks to render Jerusalem a more viable and equitable city, while generating and promoting a more politically sustainable future.

Rabbis for Human Rights is the rabbinic voice of conscience in Israel. Alongside efforts to prevent human rights abuses, RHR endeavors to introduce an authentic and humanistic understanding of Jewish tradition and sources into Israel's public discourse.

J. Jewish-Muslim Relations in Wadi `Ara:

Meet with faculty and administration from the Al-Qasemi College, the first institution located in an Arab town in Israel to grant an academic degree. Al-Qasemi espouses a unique philosophy and methodology for educating future teachers. The college enables its graduates to function as agents of change in the Arab sector and Israeli society at large and disseminates a humanistic outlook.

Meet teachers and parents from the Hand in Hand bilingual school. In 1997, Hand in Hand Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel was founded to build peace between Jews and Arabs in Israel through development of bilingual and multi-cultural schools. Four schools have been founded including the one that will be visited in Wadi Ara.

Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish, ICCI

Al-Qasemi College & Hand in Hand Bilingual School

K. Neve Shalom / Wahat a-Salam, Abu Gosh

Visit Neve Shalom / Wahat a-Salam (Oasis of Peace) the only intentional Arab-Jewish community in Israel including its newly founded Doumia/Sakina Center for Spirituality.

Continue in the Arab village Abu Gosh and meet Issa Jabber, head of the municipal education department and Frere Olivier of the Benedictine Communion, a monk who has presented Christianity to myriads of Israelis

Dr. Håkan Bengtsson, STI, Neve Shalom / Wahat a-Salam

L. Neve Shalom / Wahat a-Salam and Ramla

What does it mean to be an Arab citizen of the State of Israel?

This is a rare opportunity to open a window on Arab culture in Israel.

We will begin with a visit to NS/WAS (see above option K).

We will visit the first Arab administrative capital in the region from the eighth century Muslim conquest – Ramla.

We will meet with Arab Muslims and Christians who will share with us their conflicts and struggles, their pride and their faith.

We will also visit the famous “Open House” of Ramla.

Rabbi Michael Klein-Katz, Neve Shalom / Wahat a-Salam

M. Between Judaism And Christianity - Sites In The Old City

We will explore “Theology In Stone” to reflect on the relationship between Christianity and Judaism while visiting sites in the Old City of Jerusalem including: Christ Church, Cenaculum (room of the Last Supper), King David's Tomb, the Dormition Abbey, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and more.

Uri Sharon, Israel Interfaith Association

Concluding Program at the Biblical Zoo program

Wednesday, 25 June, 16:00

Teachers:

Marion Apple

Dr. Mary Raeburn, nds

Dr. Ali Qleibo

Rabbi Raymond Apple

Rev. Kees Jan Rodenburg

Ophir Yarden

Judy Cohen

ICCJ Conference Study Tours

Pre-Conference Study Tour

17 – 22 June

Listening to the Other's Religio-Historical Narrative

Post-Conference Study Tour

26 June – 1 July

Spirituality and the Holy Land of Israel

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and the many individuals, organizations and institutions who gave of their time and their resources to conduct and host sessions, workshops, study outings and who contributed in other ways to the success of the conference.

Scriptural texts on page headers:

- Matthew 5 (Sermon on the mount)
- Qur'an Sura 49, including:

O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise (each other)).
- Isaiah 2, including:

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks:
Nation shall not take up Sword against nation;
They shall never again know war.



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ICCI The Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel

ICCI's mission is to harness the teachings and values of the three monotheistic religions and transform religion into a source of reconciliation and coexistence.

Working for Reconciliation Among Jews, Muslims and Christians

Founded in January 1991, ICCI is now Israel's best-known and most-respected inter-religious organization. As an umbrella organization, it comprises 75 Christian, Muslim, and Jewish institutions, including Jewish-Arab coexistence organizations, museums, universities, and other Israeli and Palestinian interreligious organizations.

ICCI serves as the Israel chapter of Religions for Peace (WCRP) and as a member of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ).

An Innovative and Unique Approach to Peace Building

ICCI's programs are based on core values that reflect profound humanitarian principles:

- Moving from dialogue to action
- Addressing the conflict
- Related to the local and regional conflict
- Focus on communities rather than individuals
- Long-term programs and relationships
- Religion as part of the solution
- Our Vision – real change led by grass roots faith communities

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