



HUMANIST CANADA

April 29, 2019

Greetings!

As we're heading into the summer months, it's wonderful to deliver some more to news to the community. With the end of April, we have some of the same news, but also some similar news in terms of the updates relevant to the Humanist Canada community.

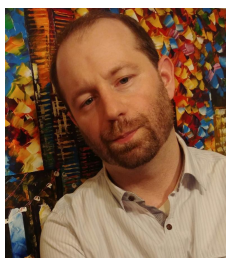
We're looking at a petition, an essay contest, a scholarship, an Annual General Meeting or AGM for Humanist Canada, an AGM for Humanists International in Iceland, and some updates from Humanists International from the UN. The UN is the preeminent human rights collective in the world.

Thank you for being a part of the community and allowing us to represent you.

Regards,
Scott Jacobsen
Editor & Board Member



Humanist Canada's 2019 Annual General Meeting



Marc Schaus
Author of *Post Secular*

AGM
Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 5th
1-4 pm



Art Gallery of Burlington

The Humanist Canada 2019 AGM will be held at the Art Gallery of Burlington. In addition to reporting to the membership on the past year's activities, we will celebrate the launch of Humanist Canada's new Chapter Program and to welcome our very first chapter Hamilton-Burlington Humanists. Welcome one and all!

Marc is the author of both **Post Secular: Science, Humanism and the Future of Faith** and the upcoming *This World First: Dispatches on Secular Progress Around the World*. [Read More...](#)

If you have not yet registered, please take a moment today.

AGM Packages will be emailed on May 2, 2019, look for yours.



International News

Humanists International has launched a new Membership Blog featuring a [round-up of members' news from the past month](#). This month includes the story about a cathedral you probably didn't see, a visit of the UN Special Rapporteur, and a protest in solidarity with an alleged atheist in Saudi Arabia. **Check it out!**

Online Edition Freedom of Thought Report



Humanists International, Freedom of Thought Report is the most comprehensive report of its kind. Published annually, with a more frequently updated online edition, it tells of the "untold millions of de facto humanists, atheists and otherwise religiously unaffiliated people living in countries where they face discrimination or outright persecution, both in society and at the hands of the state." *Andrew Copson, President of Humanists International* [Read online](#) or [download the report](#).



Humanist Canada's Essay Contest...

Deadline for submissions is May 15, 2019.

The Association humaniste du Québec and Humanist Canada have founded an essay contest for students at the high school and CEGEP level. There is a total of \$8,000 in prizes. First place prize in each language will come to \$1,000.

The full information can be found at the [Humanist Canada Essay Contest](#). Share this link with teachers, educators and youth who may be interested.

More signatures are needed to help stop anti-choice harassment of patients!



Feminists for Action Windsor started a petition after Windsor Regional Hospital CEO David Musy indicated that they would not be applying for the 150m Bubble-Zone protection under the [Safe Access to Abortion Services Act](#).

Please [sign this petition](#) to compel Windsor Regional Hospital, Metropolitan Campus to apply for and enforce the 150m bubble-zone protection and to provide for the safety, dignity, and freedom of choice of the individuals seeking these services.

Humanists International General Assembly 2019 in Reykjavik, Iceland

It is happening on Sunday 2 June 2019 in Reykjavik, Iceland,



in conjunction with the General Assembly of the European Humanist Federation, and a conference organised by the Icelandic Ethical Humanist Association over the same weekend.

Humanist Canada will be represented by Scott Jacobsen, who is also the Vice-President of Young Humanists International. If anyone else is attending, please let us know: members@humanistcanada.ca.



CALL FOR SPEAKERS 2020 MIAMI World Humanist Congress

Beyond Borders: Our Vibrant Global Humanist Culture

[Deadline for Proposals: Wednesday, May 15, 2019.](#)

Humanists International and the American Humanist Association are now accepting speaker and presenter proposals for the 2020 Miami World Humanist Congress. The event will be held in Miami, Florida (USA) at the Hyatt Regency on August 6-9, 2020.

This is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the humanist community, meet like-minded people, and gain visibility.



Tell us what you'd like to see in the Newsletter.

To ensure the newsletter is relevant we invite your response to a few short questions. Having feedback from across the country is our goal.

[VIEW SURVEY](#)

Why membership in Humanist Canada is important!

We simply can't do it without you. We are entirely funded through memberships and donations. Your involvement is incredibly significant and goes a long way to support lasting change for a better society and a tolerant world where rational thinking and kindness prevail.

Your membership status/expiry date is on **[Ooops, either we hit a snag or you're not yet listed as a member.](#)** (M/D/Y). If you are due to renew, just click on your personal link below, confirm your information and make your payment today. Thank you!

Click here: http://weblink.donorperfect.com/humanistcanada_join

If you have any questions about renewing, please contact the National Office at members@humanistcanada.ca or 1-877-486-2671.