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JUNE 13 - 15, 2014

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BUILDING AWARENESS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY, TAKING ACTION

FINAL PREPARATIONS

We are now down to the final weeks before ICOPA 15 and the local organizing committee is in the midst of its final preparations before the conference. In the weeks ahead, we will be finalizing the conference program and preparing the kit that will be distributed to on-site participants. This package, once assembled, will also be available to off-site participants upon request (see contact information on page 2). A training session is taking place on Friday, June 6th for conference volunteers who will be responsible for registering participants and ensuring that the event is documented through audio-recordings, film, live-streaming, social media posts, and a debriefing report (see next article). We are also involved in a number of outreach activities to promote the event on unceded and unsundered Algonquin Territory, including a Forum Theatre performance entitled "Criminalized!" taking place at noon on Tuesday, May 20th in the Agora at the University of Ottawa and a trivia night starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 27th at the Celtic Cross Pub and Eatery located at 343 Somerset Street (at Bank) in Ottawa. With much of the leg work behind us, we are very much looking forward to hosting a conference that will build awareness about the evolving nature of state repression and its consequences, provide a venue for sharing and developing strategy to resist it, and seed the ground for action towards creating a more socially just world.

POST-CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING

In the weeks following ICOPA 15, a report summarizing the discussions and events at the conference will be compiled and mailed to prisoners who contributed papers and art work, as well as folks on our prisoner outreach committee. This report will also be posted on <http://www.actionicopa.org>. Copies of the document will be available by request at the email and mailing addresses noted below. The purpose of the report is to foster on-going discussions on the future of ICOPA and its activities going forward.

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