



BRIEF NEWS FROM THE IBCR

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Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 15th anniversary of the IBCR

A cocktail party was held on November 6th, 2009 at the Mother House of the Congregation of Notre-Dame by the Bureau and its friends in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 15th anniversary of the IBCR.

The occasion was also an opportunity to announce the launch of the Bureau's latest book, « **Connaître les droits de l'enfant. Comprendre la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant, au Québec** », published by *La courte échelle*. The book will be available in stores November 9th and will be presented at the *Salon du livre de Montréal* (32nd edition), taking place from November 18th to the 23rd.

Annick Murphy, chief prosecutor of criminal and penal pursuits at the Youth Division in Montreal, made a presentation to the audience regarding the importance of the Convention in Québec.



Sebastien Caron, a lawyer at Heenan Blaikie, insisted on the importance of ensuring the financial longevity of IBCR. Thanks to his support, Caron will investigate new financial possibilities for the Bureau.

Over video conference from Paris, the president of the Board of Directors, Judge Jean-Pierre Rosenczveig, expressed his satisfaction to have come so far after only 15 years. He thanked everyone who has been working hard over the years to promote and protect the rights of the child.

The evening's special guest, 8-year-old Nora, reminded us of the 7th article of the Convention on the Rights of the Child which states that *"the child shall (...) have the right to a name, the right to acquire a nationality and, as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents"*.

Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette, the Deputy of Westmount Marc Garneau, Director General of the Quebec Bar Jacques Houle, Director of communication services of the Quebec Bar France Bonneau, Claire Bernard of the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedom and Judge Anne-Marie Trahan were also present to help celebrate the occasion.

We would like to thank all our guests for their attendance and participation; you made the event a night to remember!

A heartfelt thanks also goes to the evening's organizer, Isabelle Marjorie-Tremblay, the IBCR team, its volunteers and interns who, thanks to their collaboration, made the evening a success.



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