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8th internationalist meeting of Vénissieux

1917-2017: against the war, socialism, more than ever!

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The 8th internationalist meetings of Vénissieux will be held on November 24th and 25th, 2017 ... It' will be an exceptional one with the participation of delegations from the Chinese Communist Party, from the Russian Communist Party (KPRF) ,and from the Embassy of Cuba in France.

As with previous ones , the 2017 Internationalist Meetings will enable activists from Vénissieux and its surroundings, and from other regions of France, to better understand the world, the struggles of the peoples, and the action of the Communists. We cannot understand and therefore change anything in France, if we do not look at France as part of the world, of the violence of capitalist globalization, and of the resistances and the successes of the People

For the 100th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, our Internationalist Meetings will emphasize the impact of the October Revolution on the twentieth century. We will emphasize its relevance for Socialism as a solution in the twenty-first century against the violence of capitalist globalization .

We are proud to give voice to Communist Parties that are symbols of socialism. We are proud to break the demonization of Socialism by the media. We are proud to open a wide debate on the history of Socialism, on its social, cultural, democratic, technological successes in the twentieth century, but also on its dramas and failures, on the shock of the capitalist restoration after the dissolution of the USSR, on the ongoing Communist debates on Socialism in Russia, in China, in Cuba ... and everywhere else !



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Program updated

Friday, November 24

- 6.00 pm: Inauguration of exhibitions
- 6.30 pm Meeting of young people of the world organized by young communists

An event in the context of our meetings

- 8.00 pm: "Gérard Philipe" cinema, "October", film by Eisenstein, followed by a debate

Saturday morning, November 25 : The impact of the October revolution in the world

- 9.00 am: Reception of the particiants
- 9.30 am: Video "Requiem Lenin", music by Hans Eisler, text by Bertold Brecht, and images class struggles that make history ...
- 9.45 am: Presentation of the October Revolution, Sylvain Tessier, journal "Germinal"
- 10.00 am: Speech by Tatiana Desiatova, head of the Moscow interbrigade of the 100th anniversary of October (KPRF)
- 10.30 am: Speech of a representative of the Cuban Communist Party,
- 11.00 am: Speech by Mrs. Zizi LI (Central Bureau of Compilation and Translation of the Chinese Communist Party), *The Beginnings of Marxism in China and its Development in the 20th Century*.
- 11:30 am: Debates, questions and answers
- 12.00 am: Conclusions by Danielle Bleitrach (sociologist, author of the book "**Stalin, bloodthirsty tyrant or national hero?**")

Internationalist meals

- 12.30 am Welcome of the delegations by the Mayor of Vénissieux, Michèle Picard

Saturday, November 25 afternoon: The news of socialism

- 2.30 pm: speech by Tatiana Desiatova, head of the Moscow interbrigade of the 100th anniversary of October (KPRF),
- 3.15 pm: speech by the Cuban ambassador to France,
- 4.00pm: speech of Youping CUI (Central Bureau of Compilation and Translation of the Chinese Communist Party), *The Chinese miracle and its economic orientation.*
- 4.45 pm: Debates, questions and answers
- 6.00 pm: Socialism for France, Hervé Poly, Federal Secretary of PCF Pas de Calais
- 6.30 pm: Screening of the symphonic poem "**October**" by Shostakovich

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By opening up the debate on socialism, we will be able to better answer the strategic questions facing communists in France as in many other countries.

- How to unite the people against a bourgeoisie who always does everything to divide it? Should we turn to the "99%" of people or should we first organize some social classes ?
- In developed capitalist countries, do we need a "revolution" or can we change society gradually?
- What name should we give to a post capitalist society ? socialism? communism?
- Is a peaceful way to socialism possible after the coup in Chile in 1973, the violence of the 1980s contracts in Nicaragua in 1990, the violence against the progressive government of Venezuela in 2017?
- In order to change society, do we need successive "stages", such as the "advanced democracy" proposed by the PCF in the 1970s? Can socialism be built "at a stroke", or do it requires a long time as the Chinese communists say?
- Is communism invalidated by the collapse of the Soviet Union, or is it necessary, on the contrary, to reconstruct a

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communist history of the socialist countries?

- How to reconcile internationalism, solidarity between workers of all countries, and respect for national histories?

Meetings are also the occasion for discussions with publishers, authors, journals and internationalist associations, for art exhibition, and music.

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