



International Korean Adoptee Associations



Paris Gathering 2012

◆ FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH, 2012 TO SUNDAY, JULY 1ST ◆



Racines coréennes



2012

PARIS GATHERING
An International Event by
Racines coréennes



The Worldwide Korean Adoptees' Gathering in Paris!

PARIS, France – Racines coréennes sincerely thanks IKAA for the opportunity given to be hosting the next European Gathering from Friday June 29th to Sunday July 1st, 2012, in the beloved city of Paris!

Racines coréennes is thrilled to welcome a great number of attendees coming from France and around the world!

Formally established in 2004, IKAA is the largest existing network of international Korean adoptees, reaching out to thousands worldwide. Common for all IKAA associations is that they have demonstrated long-term stability, their organizational structure and membership are comprised overwhelmingly of adult adoptees, they have a long history and experience working with adoptees, and they organize activities and events for their members on a regular basis.

IKAA was established to better serve the Korean adoptee community, create a strong communication forum, build global relationships and provide a location where Korean adoptees can turn when in need of a resource. The mission of the IKAA Network is to enrich the global adoption community, promote the sharing of information and resources between adult adoptee associations, strengthen cross-cultural relations and innovate post-adoption services for the broader international adoptee community.

The IKAA Gathering is held once every three years in Seoul, Korea, once every three years in the US, and one every three years in Europe, and continues to gain momentum and significance as an international and large Korean adoptee conference.



The Paris Gathering 2012 is expected to continue this tradition of development and maturity, anticipating the participation of over 250 adult adoptees.

From Friday, June 29th 2012 to Sunday, July 1st, Korean adoptees from around the world will gather in Paris, in the great area of Saint –Germain- des- Prés (6^e et 7^e districts of Paris). We expect more than 15 nationalities!

“Paris Gathering 2012” is a unique and an exceptional event because:

- it is a venue that allows the adoptees – more than 180 000 Korean adoptees worldwide - to share stories, to voice struggles, and to celebrate life together!
- it allows the adoptees to find a place where they can continue their journey of building identity, of searching for a community to belong, and to offer to others and the world the best of who they are!
- it fosters dialogue between adoptees (therefore their families), and actors of the Adoption scene, in France, in Korea and elsewhere!
- it makes the Korean adoptee community known, to the adoptees themselves and to the rest of the world!

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MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

OUR GATHERING OFFERS MANY ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH

Welcoming night on a private houseboat, docked on the Seine River. It will start at 6PM. Imagine this beautiful scenery: the Pont des Arts is next to you and you'll have the Louvre in front of you. Not bad, right?! We will have a guitar impro and then a classical concert. The party will continue on with a more soul & funky groove, with DJ Pal. Expected: the traditional dress code for the opening party of an IKAAs gathering and thus the theme of the party: "Black&White"

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH

Climax Day of our Gathering! The day will start at Théâtre de l'Alliance Française where we will have a series of conferences and panel discussions about the access to origins and the return to Korea. It will be a great opportunity for Korean adoptees to share and talk with our guest speakers.

In the evening, the Korean Embassy in France will host a prestigious Reception for the Korean adoptees. With the support of the Service of the International Adoption (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the top French chef Korean-adoptee Pierre-Sang Boyer will cook and serve a buffet for all.

After the reception at the Embassy, we will all move to a famous and private Parisian white houseboat. It's going to be totally over the top with the Totally Overhype party! Glamour, smart and chic, from night to early morning... are you guys ready?! The party will feature Julian Hyun Rouyre an accomplished Korean -French adoptee contemporary hip-hop dancer - (from the Black Blanc Beur company who recently performed on the You can dance TV show). Don't miss "Little Comet" alias Alya Toth, will share with us her passion and talent for pop-rock music. DJ sessions on the greatest hits of the moment... and THE Miss and Mister Gathering 2012 Contest !

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH

First official day of our Gathering! During this day and in the beautiful Auditorium of the Invalides, you will be able to see many films and documentaries from Korean adoptees. The highlight of the day will be a unique opportunity to meet Holt-Korea and to see the film *Couleur de peau: miel* ("Skin color: honey") from the co-filmmaker/cartoonist Jung Henin a French-Korean adoptee.

Guided tours/shopping in Paris will also be offered in the afternoon.

In the evening, you are invited to wear something "red" for the "Be the Reds" party. It's going to be chic and smart! Get ready for the disco dance lesson... so you'll become a disco pro for the rest of your life! We'll have the best DJ ever to make us feel the beat of the 80's and 90's! There will be many prizes to win too!



SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

Last day of the Gathering... Participants are invited to meet up and go for a last walk along the Seine River. For those who are not on a hurry to go to the airport, you are also invited for a last drink on the terrasse of a private houseboat, with nice music and great view on the Seine River...

REGISTRATION INFO



- The gathering is open to adoptees and close family members and friends. No need to be an IKA or Racines coréennes registered member to attend the event.
- For Your Information (FYI): no activities scheduled for kids!
- Registrations/online check-in will start April 15th, 2012
 - To register, please go to www.gatheringparis2012.org (registrations online only)
 - Registration valid only once the payment of registration fees is made
 - Payments by Visa card, Mastercard, no Amex, no check
 - Closing date for registering: June 24th at midnight, no registration possible after the 24th midnight.
- Cancellation policy: sorry, no refunds!
- Prices do not include transportation
- Prices do not include transportation lodging
- We strongly encourage you to arrive in Paris on Thursday, June 28th, 2012.
- A youth hostel option is possible (up to 53 people); to be eligible. Booking depending upon online registration and payment (35 euros per night per pers = 105 euros for 3 nights total, rooms of 2 to 4 beds with private bathroom). First come first serve

Fees

FEES INCLUDE

- Organization fees
- Fees for the online registration
- Thursday "Black&White" party: entry pass, concert and party in the evening
- Friday: entry pass for the meeting with Holt and film projections or guided tours
- Friday evening: entry pass for the party "Be the reds", the disco dance lesson and the evening party
- Saturday: entry pass for the morning conference
- Saturday lunch
- Saturday: entry pass for the panel discussion in the afternoon
- Saturday evening: Korean Embassy, buffet and concert
- Saturday night: entry pass for the closing party "Totally Overhype"
- Sunday morning: walk along the Seine River
- Sunday afternoon: entry pass for the terrasse on the private houseboat

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Thursday evening: drinks and snacks during the Black&White party *
- Friday lunch
- Friday evening: drinks and snacks during the Be the reds party
- Saturday evening: drinks during the closing Totally Overhype Party* (FYI: 2€ soft drink, 3€ bier, 5€ alcohol, 8€ glass of champagne, 80€ bottle of alcohol & 90€ bottle of champagne)
- Sunday lunch
- Sunday afternoon: drinks and snacks

"Last minute" offer Paris Gathering 2012

For those of you who have not registered yet.... It is still time to do it!!!!
Check this "last minute" offer for the "Paris Gathering 2012"!!!
The offer goes from Thursday, June 7, 2012 onwards!

You have two options:

OPTION "EVERYTHING AT ONCE"

The "everything at once" option is 110 euros. With this option you have access to all the activities during the Gathering (from 6pm Thursday June 24, 2012 until 5pm Sunday, July 1st, 2012). You'll get a badge with your name on it. It is an amazing deal since it's half of the initial price, **110 euros instead of 220 euros!!!!**
Don't miss this out!!!!

OPTION "PICK AND MAKE YOUR OWN SCHEDULE"

You can register for the "pick and make your own schedule" option until June 24 2012. You can choose the activity or event you would like to attend according your preference. Go online, click your pick and pay with your credit card!

Once in Paris, you'll just have to show up to the activity you registered for (you'll find where to go for the event on your program), tell us your name and that will be good!

Here is a list of activities you can pick:

- 'Auditorium' option on Friday, June 29th, 2012. You'll get free access to the meeting with Holt and to all the film sessions at the auditorium from noon to 9:15 pm > **40 euros**
- 'Rive Gauche' option on Friday, June 29th, 2012. You'll get access to the nightclub the 'Be the reds Party', from 9:30pm to 4am > **10 euros**
- 'Theater' option on Saturday, June 30th, 2012. You'll get free access to the panel discussion and conferences, seating at balcony (2d floor of the Theater, from 10am to 5pm > **30 euros**
- 'Embassy' option on Saturday, June 30th 2012. You'll get access to the Embassy of Korea (dinner plus concert) from 7:30pm to 10:30pm > **40 euros**
- 'Boat' on Saturday, June 30th 2012. You'll get access to the houseboat "Concorde Atlantique" for the closing 'Totally Overhype' Party, from 11pm to 5:30 am > **10 euros**

AND STILL AN AMAZING DEAL FOR HOUSING ...

You can still register for the Auberge Advenia. It's an amazing deal: 105 euros for 3 nights (Thursday June 28th until Sunday July 1st), breakfast included!!!!

It's an amazing opportunity to stay with other adoptees from around the world and also to get to know the Racines coréennes team members!

If you would like to stay at the Auberge Advenia, click "YES, I'd like to stay at the Auberge Advenia" on your registration form. We'll be waiting for you at the Auberge on Thursday, June 28th from 4pm onwards!

SCHEDULE



D1 THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2012

PARTICIPANTS' ARRIVAL

2PM: "Check-in" at your hotel.

4PM: To check-in at the Advenia Auberge, please note that you can only do so from 4PM onwards.

(Advenia Auberge: 10 rue François 1^{er}, 75 008 Paris, métro Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau).

WELCOMING NIGHT:

Dress code: black and white!!

From 6PM onwards: Check-in at the registration/ welcome booth at the houseboat "La balle au bond".

"La balle au bond", docked at the "Saints-Pères" Bridge (4 quai Malaquais, 75006 Paris, M* Saint-Germain-des-Près ou Pont-Neuf). You can get there by the Pont des Arts, crossing Quai de Conti, Place of the Institut. M* Saint-Germain-des-Près. Each participant will get a badge that gives access to parties and buffets.

6PM- 9PM: Networking

9PM: Classical concert with the quatuor Paul Chung (soprano, violoncelle and piano)

10PM – 1:30AM: Dancing party with DJ Pal (Big Cheese Records), "The Groovy package" (soul, funk, jazz and rare groove)

D2 FRIDAY, 29TH, JUNE 2012

MEET HOLT AND FILM PROJECTIONS AT THE AUSTERLITZ AUDITORIUM:

- Enter from the "Esplanade of the Invalides", the left wing of the building
- Museum of the Army, National Hotel of the Invalides (129 rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris, M* Varenne)
- You can choose the session you want to attend
- For security reasons, the maximum allowance is 150 pers, make sure you have your pass with you
- Please, make sure to be in the auditorium 15 minutes prior the beginning of the film projection.
- To attend the film projection: pre-registration via the online registration form

12AM - 1:30PM: Meeting with HOLT-Korea, discussion with Hélène Charbonnier, Kim Kyung-joo, director of the Post-adoption service center and Philippe Lapairy

2PM – 5:45PM: Documentary projection "Adoption: blessures secrètes" ("Adoption: secrete

** David, Sonia, Maylis, Anne-Laure, Julian and Sangitta are all adoptees. Some of them were born in Nepal, some others in Ethiopia, in France or elsewhere. They all grew up in a family that did not "give them birth". Orphans or abandoned, they have already lived several lives and carry on them the scars of their past. They are adults today. They bring us to the other side of the mirror in sharing with us about the joys and the difficulties of adoption and ... through their stories, we are invited to experience the journey of being adopted "from inside"; the failures, the drifts, the unspoken and the taboo...*

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FRIDAY, 29TH, JUNE 2012

(FOLLOW-UP)

wounds”; 2011, 90mn by Sarah Lebas and Bruno Joucla, CAPA agency, French language)*. Documentary followed by a conversation with David Sarrailh, protagonist of the documentary (to be confirmed)

4PM – 5:45PM: Film projection of *Couleur de peau : miel* (“Skin color: honey”)** (2012, 75mn, VO: French, English subtitled), followed by discussion with Jung Henin (co-film maker).

6PM-7:15 PM: Film-documentary projection “*Voyage de reconnaissance*”** (“Reconnaissance Trip”; 2011, 68 mn, French, English subtitles)

7:30PM – 9:15PM: Film projection of *Couleur de peau : miel* (“Skin color: honey”)** (2012, 75mn, VO: French, English subtitled), followed by discussion with Jung Henin (co-film maker).

GUIDED TOURS IN PARIS

- The Auditorium of the Invalides will be our meeting point
- Please give your preference/choice of activity when registering online for the Gathering

2PM – 5:45 PM: Tour at Montmartre/Ab-besses (leave and come back at the Auditorium; via Metro 12 – Assemblée Nationale station)

4PM – 5:45 PM: Shopping Avenue des Champs-Élysées

***Sophie was 6 ½ year-old when she left the orphanage in Korea. She never returned to her birth country since then. In 2008, she got unexpectedly confronted to her past again; she got connected to her biological father, Chang-Ho. As the relationship develops, Sophie decides to meet her father in Korea. She flies there during summer: family reunion, reality check, distances... an exceptional testimony from her biological father, who shares with a lot of humility and modesty.*

“BE THE REDS” PARTY

(Please wear something red)
Nightclub “Le rive Gauche”, (1 rue du Sabot, 75006 Paris, M* station Saint-Germain-des-Prés, at the corner of the street Bernard Palissy)

- 9:30 PM:** Party opening
- 10PM – 11PM:** Dance class – Disco Style, “boogie and fun” for all, by Hélène, President of Racines coréennes
- 11PM – 4AM:** All night long party with DJ sessions (80’s and 90’s)



**** In this autobiographic film, which mixes animated and real shooting scenes, Jung shares about “being adopted”, in giving voice to the adoptee and her/his journey. Who is the adoptee? At the end of the day, the adoptee is both the fruit of her/his origins and the fruit of her/his adoption. But the life of an adoptee does not start with adoption only. Jung shares about what is sometimes experienced as an unbearable intrusion in the life and intimacy of the adoptee; the things that make her/him mad and upset whether she/he is in France or Korea. Going back to her/his roots? That can only be up to the adoptee! If the access to the origins is an important matter, it is nonetheless not as vital as the access and ability to be fully, completely and permanently integrated... because the adoptee would rather want to blend than to stand out. It is about listening the adoptee’s voice, it is about respecting the adoptee as a person - an adult person, mature and capable of reasoning -, and it is about giving back to the adoptee her/his intimacy.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2012

Theme of the conferences during the day: “access to origins and going back to Korea”.

Everything will be held at “Théâtre de l'Alliance Française” (in the theater, 101 Boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris, M* Saint-Placide ou Notre-Dame-des-Champs)

10AM: Welcome everyone!

10:15AM: Words of welcome from Hélène Charbonnier, the actual President of Racines coréennes. Yolaine Cellier (founder of Racines coréennes) will briefly present Racines coréenne and Hélène Charbonnier will introduce the team of volunteers.

10:30AM: Speech from the Consul of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea

10:40AM: Speech from the ambassador in charge of International adoption, Service of International Adoption representative (French Ministry of International Affairs)

10:50AM: Hervé Peyre, one of the former Presidents of Racines coréennes will talk about the theme of the day “access to origins and going back to Korea”.

11AM-12:30PM: Plenary lecture (Translated in English and French): “Going back to his/her Korean origins: what kind of access does the Korean adoptee have?”

11AM-11:30AM: “A comparative study; different adoptive countries, different ways of getting access to the adoptions files”

Guest speaker: Thierry Frayssé, ambassador in charge of International adoption, Service of International Adoption representative (French Ministry of International Affairs)

11:30AM-11:45AM: Q&A with the audience

11:45AM-12:15PM: “Going back to the origins, how does it work in Korea?”

Speaker: Felix Kong, GOA'L representative and David Hamon, President of Honor of Racines coréennes, will both provide an overview of the different existing ways (mainly offered by the Korean Government, GOA'L, and Holt) an adoptee has in order to get access to his/her origins' info.

12:15PM-12:30PM: Q&A with the audience

12:30PM-2:30PM: Free time, lunch offered by the Korean Food Foundation (KFF) (take a right turn in Fleurus street and take a break in the beautiful Luxembourg Garden!)

1PM-2PM: mini-workshop only for Belgium Korean French –speaking adoptees (1st balcony), led by Sébastien Vanderlinden



Hélène Charbonnier



Yolaine Cellier

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2012
(FOLLOW-UP)**

2:30PM-4:30PM: Panel discussion with the audience (the discussion is fueled by the audience's questions only) Q&A (English and French translation provided)

“The journey of searching for origins and going back to Korea, what kind of help/support the associations of adoptees and adoptees themselves can provide to the adoptee herself/himself and her/his search?”

2:30PM-3PM: “Mission of Racines Coréennes, a ministry of presence”

Discussion with Kim Linard (one of the former Presidents of Racines coréennes)

3PM-3:30PM: “Going back to Korea: returning to Korean roots and Korean primary identity. Needs, difficulties and experiences from adoptees in Seoul and France”. Damien Avril, a French Korean adoptee who lived in Korea for 5 years will be sharing his experience.

3.30PM-4PM: “Getting access to the origins, what major accomplishments and breakthrough did the European and American adoptee associations help to achieve?”

Discussion with Liselotte Birkmose, vice-President of IKAA.

4:PM: Recap and wrap up of the day by Ysabelle Lacamp; writer and author, she will offer her perspective.



Tim Holm

4:15PM: “Looking towards the future: long story for all, an intimate journey for each” by Hélène Charbonnier, President of Racines coréennes

EVENING RECEPTION AT THE KOREAN EMBASSY

125 rue de Grenelle, 75007 Paris, M* Varenne or Assemblée Nationale. Please make sure to be on time (7:30PM) and dressed up!

7:30PM-8PM: Participants are welcomed by his Excellence Mr. Park Heung-Shin, the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

8:30PM: Welcoming address by his Excellence. Word of welcome by Hélène Charbonnier, President of Racines coréennes, greetings from Jean-Vincent Placé, presentation of Pierre-Sang Boyer. Speech from the sponsors, gifts exchange and speech from Tim Holm, President of IKAA, followed by a speech from the Board of Director.

8:45PM: Official photo shoot session.

**Alya Toth is a very young and yet very talented music artist from Bordeaux, France. Known as “Little Comet”, she uses music to share her unique journey. Born in Korea, she has already lived in Thailand and in Belgium (where her parents are from), and she now lives in Lorient, France. Four years ago, in order to improve her English she moved to Bordeaux. While in High School, she pursued her passion for music in writing songs and playing music. Inspired by her favorite bands The White Stripes and Birk's Works, she is a bilingual artist and talented musician. Encouraged and stimulated by her father, the cartoonist and film maker Jung Henin, she wrote for him the music of “Couleur de peau : Miel (Skin colour: Honey). Cromwell, another famous cartoonist and punk music singer found her artist name and has encouraged Alya to perform on stage (at the age of 16 only, she has given more than 10 concerts already!).*



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SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2012

(FOLLOW-UP)

9PM: Hot buffet served by Pierre-Sang Boyer**, with the support of the Service of International Adoption (ministry of Foreign affairs) and the Korean Residents of France

9:30PM Music concert, traditional and classical music from the Beautiful Mind Ensemble (6 Korean musicians) **10:30PM** End of Reception at the Korean Embassy. You are invited to move to the next location, the houseboat Concorde Atlantique.

**LAST EVENING
CLOSING PARTY “TOTALLY OVERHYPE”**

The houseboat “Bateau Concorde Atlantique” on “Port Solférino” (access for pedestrians by the stairs facing the 23, quai Anatole France, 75007 Paris, Metro station Assemblée nationale, or the Solferino bridge, at the corner of Solferino street and quai Anatole France, metro station Musée d’Orsay or Solférino)

11PM: Welcoming the participants

11.15PM-11:45PM: Mini-concert live de Alya Toth* (aka Little Comet)

11:45PM-midnight: Dance show and demo (contemporary and hip-hop) by Julian Hyun Rouyre (Black Blanc Beur company; Julian recently performed at the “you can dance” 2012 TV show

Midnight-00:30AM: Election of Miss and Mister Gathering 2012 – CHINCHA!

00:30AM-5:30AM: Last moments together... let’s party until we can’t feel our feet anymore... karaoke style or/and DJ sessions on the biggest hits of the moment, it’s up to you!



*** Pierre-Sang Boyer, is a French cook chef and was finalist candidate at the Top Chef 2011 TV show. Born in Korea and adopted at the age of 7 by a French family who shared with him the love of cooking, Pierre Sang Boyer rapidly and naturally found his vocation. He decided to embrace the career of a cook chef. He has been working in several starred restaurants, in London as sous-chef and chef de partie, and at the Opera, a very well know restaurant of Lyon, France. Pierre Sang Boyer is creative, tenacious and persistent. He makes a point to re-invent the art of cooking by engaging his constant imagination, by exploring new horizons of taste and by always offering a perfect presentation of his creative work.*



**** Julian Hyun Rouyre, is a multidisciplinary performer dancer. Julian aka Hyun has enriched, matured and perfected his own dancing style by the different techniques and experiences he has piled up and well mixed in along his dancing career. Former martial arts athlete (black belt in Taekwondo), he steps into the dance world in 2001. Hip-hop, jazz, jazz-rock, “afro style” and break dance, nothing can stop him; he is hungry to learn and to sharpen his skills. He enters the National Academy of Bordeaux, in the “contemporary dance” class. Julian Hyun is not afraid of exploring new territories and his flourishing career builds on his hard work, his active participation in “choreographic battles”, his on stage performances, and his teaching experience given to other young dancers. Lately, he has become part of the Black Blanc Beur Company, for which he helps in the “Chronique de périmètre” recent on-stage performance (2010). In 2012, he participates to the TV show You can dance.*

D4 SUNDAY, JULY 1ST, 2012

Before noon, “check-out”. Each participant has left his/her hotel room before noon (you may be able to leave your luggage at the reception of your hotel).

Meeting point: houseboat La Balle au bond (docked at the Saint-Père Harbour, you can get there by the Pont des Arts bridge, crossing the Quai de Conti, place of the Institute, Metro station Saint-Germain-des-Près)

12PM-1PM: Walk along the Seine River (meeting point Houseboat “La Balle au bond”), pre-registration via the online form.

1PM-5PM: Time for rest for everyone! Get Together afternoon! Share a drink out doors!

2PM-5PM *IKAA Convention and Open Leadership Meeting* at “La Balle au bond” (downstairs, houseboat, 4 quai Malaquais, 6e Paris)



MY CHECK LIST: PLANNING OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	My check list - Planning of activities	check
Thursday	6PM-1:30AM	« Black and White » Party	
Friday	12PM-1:30PM	Meeting with Holt-Korea	
Friday	2PM-3:45PM	« Blessures secrètes » Docu Projection	
Friday	2PM-5:45PM	Guided Tour Montmartre-Abbesses	
Friday	2PM	Other free activities	
Friday	4PM-5:45PM	Shopping Avenue Champs-Elysees	
Friday	4PM-5:45PM	« Couleur de peau : miel » Film Projection	
Friday	4PM	Other free activity	
Friday	6PM-7:15PM	« Voyage de reconnaissance » Docu Projection	
Friday	7:30PM-9:15PM	« Couleur de peau : miel » Film Projection	
Friday	9:30PM-4AM	« Be the reds » Evening Party	
Saturday	10AM-5:15PM	Day of conferences and concert	
Saturday	7:30PM-10:30PM	Reception at the Embassy	
Saturday	11PM-5:30AM	« Totally Overhype » Party	
Sunday	12PM-1PM	Walk along the Seine River	
Sunday	1PM-5PM	Afternoon on terrasse – chillin time?!	

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