

# Celebrating and Assessing Twenty Years of Freedom

## Challenges for Church and Society in Post-communist Contexts

Evandeoski teološki fakultet, Osijek, Croatia

28–31 October 2009

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Note:** This Conference Programme is subject to change pending confirmations from contributors.

#### Wednesday

09:00–16:00 – Arrival and Registration of Participants

16:00–16:30 – Coffee Time

16:30–17:00 – Conference Opening

17:00–18:30 – Plenary Session One: “Church and Society in Transition” (*Prof. Dr. Harvey Cox* or *Dr. Michael Bourdeaux*)

18:30–19:30 – Dinner

19:30–20:30 – Panel Discussion One: “Nationalism vs. Globalization” (*Dr. Bojan Žalec, Dr. Marcel Măcelaru*)

#### Thursday

08:30–09:00 – Devotion

09:00–10:30 – Plenary Session Two: “Surviving Freedom” (*Prof. Dr. Paul Mojzes* on “Accommodation of the Churches during the Communist and Post-communist Period”)

10:30–11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00–12:00 – Panel Discussion Two: “Justice and Reconciliation” (*Acad. Prof. Dr. Ivan Golub, Dr. Corneliu Constantineanu*)

12:00–12:30 – Award Presentation to Acad. Prof. Dr. Ivan Golub

12:30–13:30 – Workshops Session One:

- Workshop A: “The Memory of the Church Under Communism” (*Dr. Dorin Dobrinu, Dr. Davorin Peterlin*)
- Workshop B: “Politics and Religious Freedom” (*Dr. Branko Bjelajac* on “Relationship between State and Minority Protestant Churches”)
- Workshop C: “Arts and Culture” (*Dr. Mihail Neamțu* on “Cultural Dissidence under Communism”)

13:30–15:00 – Lunch & Break

15:00–16:00 – Workshops Session Two:

- Workshop D: “Christian Contribution to the Collapse of Communism in 1989” (*Mr. Joe Gouverneur*)

- Workshop E: “Post-communist Countries and the European Union” (*Mr. Robert Bogešić*)
- Workshop F: “Advocacy Issues in Post-communist Context” (?)

16:00–16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30–18:00 – Plenary Session Three: “Church and Society in Transition” (*Dr. Iosif Țon*)

18:00–19:00 – Workshops Session Three:

- Workshop G: “Christian Discipleship in Post-communist Contexts” (*Dr. Dănuț Mănăstireanu*)
- Workshop H: “Missions vs. Proselytism” (*Dr. Emil Bartoș, Prof. Dr. Radomir Rakić*)
- Workshop I: “Christianity and Islam in Eastern Europe” (*Prof. Dr. Mato Zovkić*)

19:00–20:00 – Dinner

## **Friday**

08:30–09:00 – Devotion

09:00–10:00 – Panel Discussion Three: “General and Theological Education” (*Dr. Stanko Gerjolj, Dr. Daniel Mariș, Dr. Sergei Sannikov*)

10:00–10:30 – Coffee Break

10:30–11:30 – Workshops Session Five:

- Workshop J: “Christian Publishing and Theological Resources” (*Dr. Kostake Milkov, Dr. Corneliu Constantineanu*)
- Workshop K: “Media and Technology” (*Mr. Ioan Mehedinți, Mr. Lucian Ciorbă*)

11:30–13:00 – Plenary Session Four: “The Way Ahead” (*Prof. Dr. Peter Kuzmič*)

13:00–13:30 – Presentation of Awards to Prof. Dr. Paul Mojzes, Dr. Michael Bourdeaux and Dr. Iosif Țon

13:30–17:00 – Lunch & Break

17:00–19:00 – Contributions from invited Ambassadors (Awaiting Confirmation)

19:00–20:00 – Dinner

20:00–22:00 – Cultural Evening – Music

## **Saturday**

09:00–10:00 – Travel to the City of Vukovar

10:30–11:00 – Reception in the City Hall (*Mr. Željko Sabo* – Mayor of Vukovar)

11:00–12:00 – Panel Discussion Four: “Majorities and Minorities in Post-communist Societies” (*Prof. Dr. Mato Zovkić, Prof. Dr. Peter Kuzmič*)

12:00–12:30 – Closing