

# 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 PROGRAM

**Note:** This conference program is subject to change pending confirmations from contributors.

#### Wednesday

09:00–17:00 – Arrival and Registration of Participants

17:00–18:00 – Coffee Time

18:00–18:30 – Conference Opening

18:30–20:00 – Plenary Session One: “Church and Society in Transition” (*Dr. Michael Bourdeaux*)

20:00–21:00 – Dinner

#### Thursday

08:00–09:00 – Breakfast

09:00–09:30 – Devotion

09:30–10:30 – Panel Discussion One: “Justice and Reconciliation” (*Acad. Prof. Dr. Ivan Golub, Dr. Corneliu Constantineanu*)

10:30–11:00 – Award Presentation to Acad. Prof. Dr. Ivan Golub

11:00–11:30 – Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 – Plenary Session Two: “Surviving Freedom” (*Prof. Dr. Paul Mojzes on “Accommodation of the Churches during the Communist and Post-communist Period”*)

13:00–15:00 – Lunch & Break

15:00–16:00 – Workshops Session One:

- Workshop A: “The Memory of the Church under Communism” (*Dr. Davorin Peterlin, Mr. Daniel Oprean*)

- Workshop B: “Politics and Religious Freedom” (*Mr. Branko Bjelajac on “Relationship between State and Minority Protestant Churches”*)

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

16:00–16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30–17:30 – Workshops Session Two:

- Workshop D: “Post-communist Countries and the European Union” (*Mr. Robert Bogešić*)

- Workshop E: “Advocacy Issues in Post-communist Context” (*Ivan Jurić*)

- Workshop F: “Christian Discipleship in Post-communist Contexts” (*Dr. Dănuț Mănăstireanu*)

17:30–18:00 – **Available slot (Presentation of ETF Library)**  
18:00–19:00 – Award Presentation to Prof. Dr. Paul Mojzes and Dr. Michael Bourdeaux  
19:00–20:00 – Panel Discussion Two: “Nationalism vs. Globalization” (*Dr. Bojan Žalec, Dr. Marcel Măcelaru*)  
20:00–21:00 – Dinner

## **Friday**

08:00–09:00 – Breakfast  
09:00–09:30 – Devotion  
09:30–10:30 – Panel Discussion Three: “General and Theological Education” (*Dr. Stanko Gerjolj*)  
10:30–11:00 – Coffee Break  
11:00–12:00 – Workshops Session Three:  
- Workshop G: “Missions vs. Proselytism” (*Dr. Emil Bartoș, Prof. Dr. Radomir Rakić*)  
- Workshop H: “Christianity and Islam in Eastern Europe” (*Prof. Dr. Mato Zovkić, Dr. Marjana Harcet*)  
12:00–13:00 – Workshops Session Four:  
- Workshop I: “Christian Publishing and Theological Resources” (*Dr. Corneliu Constantineanu*)  
- Workshop J: “Media and Technology” (*Mr. Ioan Mehedinți, Mr. Lucian Ciorba*)  
- Workshop K: “Arts and Culture” (*Dr. Mihail Neamțu on “Cultural Dissidence under Communism”*)  
13:00–17:00 – Lunch & Break (tour of Osijek city)  
17:00–20:00 – Plenary Session Three: “The Way Ahead” (*Prof. Dr. Peter Kuzmič*)  
- Contributions from invited Ambassadors (Awaiting Confirmation)  
20:00–21:00 – Dinner

## **Saturday**

08:00–09:00 – Breakfast  
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