

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The XIth European Conference on Science and Theology (ECST 11)

Sustaining Diversity: Science, Theology and the Futures of Creation

5-10th April 2006, Iasi, Romania

The European Society for the Study of Science And Theology (ESSSAT) invites you to the Eleventh European Conference on Science and Theology, in Iași, Romania. Iași is one of the largest Romanian cities where history, culture, and religious life exist side by side in a harmonious way. Iași is the main centre for Moldavian culture, its records dating back to the fourteenth century.

The conference will bring together scholars and scientists from Europe and elsewhere interested in all aspects of the interactions of science and theology. Our knowledge and our values, our sciences and theologies, influence our engagement with biological diversity and ecological responsibility. Cultural diversity develops under the influences of science, technology and intense economic exchange. What can science and theology contribute to a viable future? Which future do we find attractive? Hence the focus for this conference: ‘Sustaining Diversity: Science, Theology and the Futures of Creation’.

We will hear **lectures** by Daniel Ciobotea (RO), the Metropolitan of Moldavia and Bucovina; Anne Primavesi (UK), a theologian focussing on ecology; Noreen Herzfeld (USA), professor of computer science and theology; Jan Boersema (NL), biologist and theologian, professor of cultural and religious aspects of environmental studies; Regina Kather (DE), a philosopher with experience in Romania and expertise in the philosophy of nature. A plenary debate will focus on **Science and Orthodoxy**. Sessions for short papers offer more opportunities for the exchange of ideas.

A reception will be held on Wednesday April 5th, 2006, at 18.00 in the Palace of Culture. The conference venue from Thursday to Sunday will be the A.I. Cuza University and the TU Gh. Asachi. The programme includes an excursion to the world-renowned painted monasteries (dating from around 1500) in Bucovina. Departure will be after breakfast on Monday, April 10th.

Early registration, before October 1st, 2005, is strongly advised and results in a discount. Passport and visa requirements for countries outside the European Union should be checked in good time.

All those attending the conference are invited to offer **contributions** on the conference theme or on other aspects of the interaction between science and theology. We welcome especially papers on the interaction of scientific knowledge and religious ideas and values on:

- Biodiversity and environmental impact assessment
- Sustainability and the roles of technology
- Integrity of nature, stewardship
- Responsibility for nature, humans in nature
- Kenosis and the created co-creator
- Cultural diversity & convergence, e.g. due to science
- Science and Orthodoxy.

Those wishing to present a paper should submit a provisional title, 5 to 10 keywords and an abstract in English of not more than 500 words which makes clear the relevance of the paper to the theme of the conference or to other aspects of the *interaction* between science and theology. Proposals should include: name, academic affiliation, postal and e-mail addresses. These must be received before October 1st 2005, by the scientific programme officer (preferably by e-mail). Papers in Romanian are also welcome, though contributors are encouraged to write in English.

Information about the acceptance of a paper will be given early in December 2005 together with guidelines for the paper. Complete papers, not longer than 2500 words, must be received by February 1st, 2006. Papers will be made available in advance on a password-protected website to registered participants and members of ESSSAT. Each presenter will have 10 minutes to present the main ideas of the paper, followed by 30 minutes for discussion. Some of the papers presented at the conference will appear in forthcoming ESSSAT publications. Information on submission and selection will be given at the conference.

A single fee covers **registration**, conference documents, access to papers on the website, meals (except breakfasts and lunch on Sunday), conference dinner, excursion and local transport during the conference. The fee is 300 Euro with discounts for early registration (until October 1st, 2005), and for ESSSAT members. Thanks to sponsorship, the fee for participants from Eastern Europe is 150 Euro. Partners of participants may register for 150 Euro. Students from Europe recommended by their professors pay 150 Euro. They should register as above, and send the letter of recommendation to the ESSSAT secretary.

Should you cancel your registration before February 1st, 2006, your fee will be refunded with a deduction of 50 Euro. After that date your fee will not be returned. For accommodation a deposit of 50 Euro is required; the balance will be paid at the conference. Romanian participants register by sending the registration form to Dr. Iulian Rusu (Iași, RO) with payment of the conference fee of 550 RON. All other participants register with Dr. Chris Wiltsher (UK).

ESSSAT offers a limited number of **scholarships** to cover registration and/or accommodation and/or travel expenses (occasionally). Applications will be considered from:

- Students and non-established younger scholars from all European countries;
- Scholars and scientists from European countries where financial circumstances may inhibit participation.

Students and scholars from outside Europe in similar circumstances may be considered but preference will be given to those studying or working in Europe. Guidelines for application are available on the ESSSAT Website, or by contacting the ESSSAT secretary. Scholarship application together with a copy of the Registration form should be sent to her not later than October 1st 2005.

In 2006 three prizes will be awarded, with preference given to younger scholars from disciplines such as theology, philosophy, the natural sciences, ethics or history:

- **ESSSAT Research Prize** (as a doctoral dissertation) sponsored by the Radboud Foundation, the Netherlands;
- **ESSSAT Communication Prize** (including print, video, TV, radio, or internet) sponsored by the Counterbalance Foundation;
- **ESSSAT Student Prize** (an essay at graduate or upper undergraduate level) sponsored by the Radboud Foundation.

Nominations for 2006 must be submitted to the secretary of ESSSAT by October 1st, 2005.

For further information see our **Conference Websites**: www.ecst.tuiasi.ro or www.ESSSAT.org.

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Registration form for ECST XI

Privacy: tick boxes to exclude data from the list of participants

Title and family name
First name
Institution(s)
Postal address
Code and city
Country
Telephone
E-mail

Please tick as appropriate:
 Eastern European participant 150 Euro
 Romanian participant 550 (new) Lei
 Student 150 Euro.
(Student: letter of recommendation sent.)

Early registration fee (until October 1st, 2005)
 ESSSAT member 240 Euro
 Non-member 270 Euro

Later registration fee (after October 1st, 2005)
 ESSSAT member 270 Euro
 Non-member 300 Euro
 Partner: add 150 Euro

Name:

Accommodation preferences (see conf. website):
Hotel: Single; Shared; Double
 Student accommodation (shared only)
 No accommodation requested
Accommodation deposit 50 Euro
Total payment . . . Euro

Information on how to pay:
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