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ICMDA EUROPE - EURASIA CONFERENCE 2008

SEPTEMBER
7th - 14th 2008



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GREETINGS

Letter from the chairman

Dear colleagues and friends,

medical practice is becoming increasingly and overwhelmingly complex. Fantastic achievements of research and medical technology in many fields have led to challenges regarding ethical, economical and other questions. **Medical doctors, dentists, students** as well as **allied health care professionals** are often stretched to their limits in their quest to help and guide their patients, respectively preparing for it with a vast amount of information available. The tear and wear shows, it seems to be increasingly difficult to retain personal "sanity" in a quickly changing world. Burnout is not a privilege of our patients only.

The ICMDA-Conference is designed to address complex issues of personal and professional content. The title reflects design: our **unlimited God** dealing with very confined human beings. This loving mentor stretching us to leave our comfort zones. The careful assessment of personal and professional overload as a result of misguided judgement regarding human resources versus **God's unlimitedness**.

The **5 preconference streams** and the **main conference** are designed as a unit and participants are invited and encouraged to stay for the whole week. We will experience fellowship with colleagues from countries so far hidden to many of us. Through the growing international network of ICMDA we have been able to invite outstanding speakers. They will challenge us to stretch mind, heart and imagination - not only for ourselves, but also for our marriages, families, professional duties as well as for our societies.

Put the dates in your calendar and challenge every subsequent demand on these dates whether they are really more important than this conference.

May the good LORD bless you over the next few months until we see each other at the conference and spread the word and the joy for this upcoming event.

Come and see, relax, be encouraged, be challenged and experience what the LORD has in store for us in demanding times like these.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Herbert Bronnenmayer
Chairman

HIGHLIGHTS

Preconference streams

Sep 7-10 2008

Bible readings: Dr Andrzej Turkanik, Austria.

Student and Juniors Stream – Resources for Students and Junior Graduates

HIV AIDS Stream - Resources for HIV AIDS

Education Stream - Resources for teaching others

International Saline Solution Stream - Resources in everyday practice

Allied Health Professionals Stream - Resources in Networking

Main conference

Sep 10-14 2008

Bible readings: Prof John Lennox, UK

Plenary addresses:

"The doctor him/herself" – Dr Chris Steyn, NL

"The doctor's workplace" – Prof Dr John Wyatt, UK

"The doctor's family and society" – DDr. Henry and Alina Wieja, PL

Under the patronage of ***Dr. Heinz Fischer, Austrian President***

PRECONFERENCE STREAMS

The 2008 Europe – Eurasia conference begins with pre-conference streams which will run from the afternoon of Sunday 7th Sept. to lunchtime Wednesday 10th Sept.

Five streams will reflect how God's values affect us in our early years as **students and Juniors** (ICMDA), in our **daily practice** (International Saline Solution), in **how we teach and what we teach** others (PRIME), in our **relationships between colleagues, professions and nations** (HCFI), and in one of the greatest medical challenges of our time (**HIV-AIDS**). The preconference will offer time in separate streams and join together with other streams where there are matters of joint interest or concern. The Bible readings at the preconference will be given by **Dr Andrzej Turkanik**, director of Schloss Mittersill training centre in Austria.

Student and Juniors Stream – Resources for Students and Junior Graduates

Plenary addresses

- "Limited Science – Unlimited God"
(Prof Voicu Todorache, Romania)
- "My limited perspective – Unlimited vision"
(Dr. Peter Saunders, UK)
- "Limited possibilities – Resources unlimited"
(Dr. Ursula Fojtik, Germany).

Small group sessions will allow for in-depth review from one's own perspective – intensive, personally challenging, practical with much to take away. Most importantly, it is the atmosphere of fellowship and one-on-one encounters, thereby maximising relational contacts, that makes this conference special. It is the outspoken hope that the students and juniors will stay for the rest of the week – mutual benefit versus generation gap.

HIV AIDS Stream – Resources for HIV AIDS

Organised in collaboration with the ICMDA HIV Initiative

The aim of the HIV preconference stream is to bring together Christians working in HIV & AIDS care, prevention and treatment across the region in order to learn from one another, explore new models of practice, look at how we influence our own churches and faith communities to respond positively, and to strengthen networks of professionals working in the field.

Education Stream – Resources for teaching others

Led by PRIME

(Partnerships in International Medical Education)

If we are to restore a view of the patient as a whole person, we need to equip ourselves with new concepts, evidence, materials and methods. This stream will allow us to explore and share these, based on the experiences we bring from the different situations in which we work. God is establishing a strong network of dedicated believers at all levels of medical and health-care education. This time together will strengthen this, give new vision and provide resources to put compassion back to the heart of clinical care.

This preconference stream is for those involved at any level of teaching others in our various professions.

Allied Health Professionals Stream – Resources in Networking

Organised by Healthcare Christian
Fellowship International (HCFI)

Allied healthcare professionals who believe God wants to transform them, their workplace and their profession will interact extensively with others who share their vision, passion and burden. The program is geared towards action and interaction both on strategic and personal levels. Participants will explore how they can jointly optimize the impact they have on one another, their colleagues, their patients and their nation.

In partnership with HCFI for the first time we welcome allied healthcare professionals across the region to attend this preconference as they seek to follow Jesus in healthcare. This pre-conference stream is aimed at allied health professionals students and graduate, doctors and dentists also welcome!

International Saline Solution Stream – Resources in everyday practice

Organised by International Health Services

As medical practitioners we are daily confronted with people who have been taken out of their common routines by their illnesses. If being a Christian is of any relevance, this will show especially in times of crisis. How can we let our faith speak in an adequate and helpful manner into the situation of our patients and their relatives in our everyday medical life? "Saline Solution" wants to provide help to be a witness for Jesus even in a hectic practice or clinic. Each person longing to live his or her Christian faith with a sharper profile in the medical surroundings is very welcome to learn about the concept and to help adapt it to our own situation.

We invite graduate allied healthcare professionals as well as students. Interested doctors and dentists are also welcome.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Languages

The official conference language will be English with interpretation into German, Russian and Hungarian (bible readings und key note lectures only). If there are significantly sized groups requiring another language and able to provide their own interpreter, they should communicate with the Organisation Secretary as soon as possible.

Venue

The main conference venue will be the "Dachstein-Tauern-Hall" in Schladming, just about an hour from Salzburg, Austria, in the centre of the Dachstein-Tauern region.

For those interested in untouched nature and silence just interrupted by chirping birds, surrounded by a fascinating colour play in autumn, Schladming has much to offer. Alternatively, a half-day excursion to the beautiful town of Salzburg will be organized.

Address:

Dachstein Tauern Hall Europaplatz 613
8970 Schladming • Austria

A hotline number will be available on our website (www.icmda2008.archae.at) in due course.

Access

Schladming is situated approximately 90 km south of Salzburg, 180 km from Graz, 260 km from Munich/Germany, 300 km from Vienna. A shuttle service will be provided between the airports of above cities on September 7th, 10th, and 14th.

Please note, however, that we can only guarantee your transfer if you apply specifically via our website until August 20th 2008.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Low-cost flight arrangements

The conference office will be able to help in booking **budget flights from a variety of destinations**. Please note that we need to know about your interest as soon as possible (**office@archae.at**), closing date being **June 30th 2008**.

Bursary application

A limited fund is available to assist with travel costs for those from more distant places and with conference expenses in cases of economic hardship. Everyone will be expected to contribute as much as possible to their expenses.

If you want to **contribute** to the fund please contact our office.

Please download from the website or contact us at **bursary@archae.at** to request a bursary application form. Early application is recommended. The **closing date is March 31st 2008**, recipients will be informed until **May 31st 2008**.

Registration fee

We are all aware of the economic differences across the region. Following ICMDA's suggestion we have defined 3 categories for registration fees. Your registration in category 1 will subsidise those in categories 2 and 3. We hope you will do this with joy as an expression of Christian love.

Countries in Category 1: Austria, Switzerland, Germany, UK, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, North America, Australia

Countries in Category 2: Hungary, Czech Rep., Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland, Croatia, Greece

Countries in Category 3: Russia and former Soviet states, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Turkey, Central Asia, Asia, Africa, South America

Registration process

Please use the conference website (www.icmda2008.archae.at) to register online. Registrations after June 30th 2008 will be accommodated as far as possible. We are not able to guarantee your accommodation thereafter and thus encourage you to register as soon as possible.



CATEGORY 1

CATEGORY 2

CATEGORY 3

Delegate

PRE & MAIN	390,00	285,00	150,00
MAIN or PRE	260,00	190,00	100,00

Accompanying person, Health care, Junior Doctors

PRE & MAIN	270,00	180,00	105,00
MAIN or PRE	180,00	120,00	70,00

student*

PRE & MAIN	195,00	120,00	75,00
MAIN or PRE	130,00	80,00	50,00

*Lunch and dinner is included in registration fee; *student ID required; Junior doctor: up to 5 years beyond graduation - certificate required; Pre...any preconference stream / Main...main conference
Price given in €*

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCOMODATION

Upon registration, you may choose from the following options for your accommodation (breakfast included).

Accommodation is within walking distance.

Hotel Royer****

double room 59,00 € / night / person
(www.royer.at)

Youth Hostel

2-6 bed room 20,20 € / night
(www.jfgh.at/schladming.php)

Bed and breakfast

26,00 € / night

VISA INFORMATION

Who needs visa?

Participants from: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia & Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Participants from outside the EU/Eurasia who do not have a multiple entry Schengen visa

For full details, visit: <http://www.bmeia.gv.at>.

How much does it cost?

From about EUR 30,- to EUR 60,-

How long does it take?

We advise you to leave at least a month. For safety, the sooner the better. Participants from Moldova in particular should expect long delays.

What do I need?

- Completed application form, duly signed by the applicant(s). You must answer all the questions, otherwise your application will not be accepted.

This can be downloaded from:

http://www.bmeia.gv.at/up-media/2668 Visa_application_form.rtf

- A full national passport or official travel document valid for more than 3 months beyond the validity of the requested visa, with a blank visa page to affix the visa sticker. Your Residence Permit must also exceed by more than 3 months the validity of the requested visa. Exception will be made (1 month) for people returning for good to their country on presentation of their travel tickets.

- 2 passport-size photos (do not staple or damage the photo) http://www.bmeia.gv.at/up-media/3094_foto_englisch_2_.pdf
- Proof of why you want to visit Austria: ICMDA will provide the necessary letter of invitation. You will need to show how you paid for the travel and conference, our letter will show that we are responsible for your costs while you are in Austria.
- Proof of sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay (e.g. recent bank statement, travellers cheques) with the applicant's name, amounting to a minimum of GBP 30.00 day/person. Please note that cash and credit card statements are not acceptable proof.
- Proof of health insurance (travel insurance) - minimum of medical coverage GBP 15,000 to cover the whole period of the visa. Please make sure that the document includes the following information: name of applicant, duration of the insurance, cover details (e.g. sport cover). A policy number only is not sufficient!
- Evidence of occupation/student status: Proof of your current occupation. This could be a recent, original letter of continued employment from your employer stating the position and income; if you are self-employed: a letter from your solicitor, accountant or the Chamber of Commerce including income statement; if you are a student, you will need a letter from the school, college/university confirming your status/attendance. Pay slips and work contracts are not accepted.
- Transport documentation:- airline ticket or email confirmation of airline- or rail ticket- if you are driving: ferry confirmation, registration document, proof of legal ownership of vehicle,

insurance papers (Green Card, which provides additional proof that the minimum legal third party cover is held. For further advice please contact your insurance company), if applicable: export license. **Please note: a proof of reservation is needed, but a ticket should not be bought until a visa is guaranteed or issued!**

Please use the following information in your application:

- 22: Short Stay
- 23: Individual
- 24: Single Entry
- 25: Duration of stay – whole conference: 8 days, preconference only: 4 days, main conference 5 days
- 34: FIRM ICMDA
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- 35: Myself – but point them to our letter stating that there will be no further costs during the stay
- 36: Accommodation – show letter

PROVISIONAL SEMINARS

The seminar program will reflect the issues faced within the Eurasia region with seminar speakers drawn from across the region. Mindful of the overall theme of the conference seminars in the main conference will be linked either vertically to the theme of the day as explored in the key note plenary or horizontally to other seminars in a series or track of 3 linked seminars. Participants will be able to either follow a series on a specific themes ("Track") or choose individual seminar topics of interest to them. Those seminars which link together under a common theme or topic will explore issues at the limits of Christianity and medicine;

PRELIMINARY TRACKS:

Disability

- Created in the image of God- Limitations in a fallen world
- Called to care for the disabled and their families
- Integration of disabled in medicine and society

End of Life Issues

- Death and Dying in the 21st century
- Physician assisted suicide – euthanasia
- Palliative care

Beginning of Life Issues

- When does life begin?
- Research and options: Stem cell research, PID, IVF
- Abortion

Work-life Balance

- Personal walk with God
- Workoholism
- Burnout

Dental

- Work-Life-Balance
- Team work
- Short term missionary opportunities for dentist

Spirituality in medicine

- Spirituality in Health and Disease
- Spiritual Intelligence
- Talking about Spirituality to Atheists

Mission

- The changing face of medical mission
- Threats and opportunities in medical missions in the 21st century
- Member Care - (Un-) limited resources in missionaries
- Equipping communities and health systems
- Relief medicine
- Clinics and mobile health clinics in the former Soviet Union

Using our spiritual gifts in the workplace

- What are spiritual gifts?
- How can I find out, what my spiritual gifts are?
- Where do I go from now?

Wholistic and alternative medicine

- Why is alternative medicine so popular?
- For example: homeopathy
- Recapture whole person medicine

Discipleship of Christians in Medicine

- Principles and purpose of discipleship
- Christian medical fellowship groups
- Mentorship

Growing a Christian medical movement

- Being a leader of a CMF
- Priorities in Leadership of a CMF
- Supporting students and junior doctors

HIV/ AIDS

- The nature of the epidemic
- Equipping the church
- Compassionate care of the affected and infected

Science, Evolution, Intelligent design

- Science and Faith
- Evolution – Darwin, Dawkins and God
- Intelligent Design

Sex and sexual health

- Sex – enjoying it Gods way
- Sex Education
- Contraception

Counselling

- Understanding grief and God's grace
- Understanding trauma
- The role of forgiveness

Prejudice

- Becoming aware of the blindspots in society and healthcare
- Jesus response to prejudice – politically correct?
- Overcoming our prejudices

Addiction in society

- Drugs and alcohol
- Smoking and the Christian Doctor
- Pornography and sexual addiction

The family

- Fighting for the family
- Promoting healthy relationships and parenting
- The doctors family

Medicine and society

- Medicine and politics (party politics and medical politics)
- Medicine and the media
- Campaigning/ Lobbying

PROGRAMME

PRECONFERENCE
Sep 7th to 10th 2008

MAIN CONFERENCE
Sep 10th to 14th 2008

	SUNDAY (07.09.2008)	MONDAY (08.09.2008)	TUESDAY (09.09.2008)	WEDNESDAY (10.09.2008)	THURSDAY (11.09.2008)	FRIDAY (12.09.2008)	SATURDAY (13.09.2008)	SUNDAY (14.09.2008)	
07:30 AM	REGISTRATION	PRAYER TIME (7.30 - 8.00 am)		PRAYER TIME (7.30 - 8.00 am)					
08:00 AM		BREAKFAST		BREAKFAST					
09:00 AM		WORSHIP		WORSHIP					
09:30 AM		BIBLE LECTURE A. Turkanik (AUT)	BIBLE LECTURE A. Turkanik (AUT)		BIBLE LECTURE A. Turkanik (AUT)	BIBLE LECTURE J. Lennox (UK)	BIBLE LECTURE J. Lennox (UK)	BIBLE LECTURE J. Lennox (UK)	BIBLE LECTURE J. Lennox (UK)
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10:45 AM		KEYNOTE LECTURE	KEYNOTE LECTURE		KEYNOTE LECTURE	KEYNOTE LECTURE	KEYNOTE LECTURE	KEYNOTE LECTURE	KEYNOTE LECTURE
			Student and Juniors Stream						
			HIV AIDS Stream						
			Allied Health Professionals Stream			„WORKPLACE“ John Wyatt (UK)	„FAMILY“ Alina & Henryk Wieja (PL)	„THE DOCTOR HIM/HERSELF“ Chris Steyn (NL)	„MISSION“ Peter Pattison (UK)
			Education Stream						
		International Saline Solution Stream							
12:30 AM		LUNCH TIME		LUNCH TIME					
02:00 PM		SMALL GROUPS		SMALL GROUPS					
03:00 PM		3:00 - 4:15 pm Seminar 1 ●●●●●	3:00 - 4:15 pm Seminar 3 ●●●●●		3:00 - 4:15 pm Seminar 1 ●●●●●	3:00 - 4:15 pm Seminar 3 ●●●●●	3:00 - 4:15 pm Seminar 5 ●●●●●	LEAVE	
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05:00 PM		free time / sports	free time / sports	free time / sports	free time / sports	free time / sports	free time / sports		
06:00 PM	DINNER				DINNER				
07:30 PM	Preconference official opening „Limited Science-Unlimited God“ V. Tudorache (RO)	International evening / worship & praise / campfire	International evening / worship & praise / campfire	Main conference official opening Dinner	Worship Concert	Chillout & prayer night	Austrian Evening		
08:00 PM									
09:00 PM	SMALL GROUPS			„Limited Science-Unlimited God“ J. Fellinger (AUT)					
10:00 PM									
10:30 PM									

The whole time available:
Room of silence for prayer
Opportunities for counselling
Cafés