Conference programme

Wednesday 1 July 2009

2.00 pm onwards . . . Arrival and registration

6.00 pm . . . . . Evening meal

7.30 pm . . . . . Opening session: Welcome, Strategic opening address: ***'Holding fast and holding forth the word of life'*** Fares Marzone (Italy)

9.15 pm . . . . . Refreshments

Thursday 2 July 2009

9.00 am . . . . . Prayer and worship

9.45 am . . . . . Bible reading: ***'To live is Christ, to die is gain'*** (Phil. 1) Ulrich Neuenhausen (Germany)

10.30 am . . . . . Coffee etc.

11.15 am . . . . . Strategic address: ***'Evangelising a post-Christian society'*** Pierre Bariteau (France)

12.30 pm . . . . . Lunch

Afternoon free

4.30 pm . . . . . Workshops 1

6.00 pm . . . . . Dinner

7.30 pm . . . . . Evening session:

Inspirational examples

9.15 pm . . . . . Refreshments

Friday 3 July 2009

9.00 am . . . . . Prayer and worship

9.45 am . . . . . Bible reading: ***'Every knee shall bow'*** (Phil. 2) Eliseo Casal Chousa (Spain)

10.30 am . . . . . Coffee

11.15 am . . . . . Strategic address: ***'Heavenly citizenship in secularist society'*** Henk Medema (Netherlands)

12.30 pm . . . . . Lunch

Afternoon free

4.30 pm . . . . . Workshops 2

6.00 pm . . . . . Dinner

7.30 pm . . . . . Evening session: Bible Reading: ***'That I might gain Christ'*** (Phil. 3)

More inspirational examples

9.15 pm . . . . . Refreshments

Saturday 4 July 2009

9.00 am . . . . . Prayer and worship

9.45 am . . . . . Bible reading: ***'The Lord is near'*** (Phil. 4) Jozef Abrman (Slovakia)

10.30 am . . . . . Coffee

11.30 am . . . . . Strategic address: ***'Heavenly citizenship in Christianised society'*** Elisei Rusu (Romania)

12.30 pm . . . . . Lunch

2.15 pm . . . . . Closing session ***'Knowing Him'*** Neil Summerton (UK)

4.00 pm . . . . . Refreshments and disperse

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Our citizenship is in heaven

Gospel people in a post-Christian society

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Brethren in Europe conferences

National leaders of churches in the Brethren movement are finding it increasingly valuable to **meet together regularly for networking**. Under the general auspices of the four-yearly International Brethren Conferences on Mission (IBCM), regional conferences are flourishing in different parts of the world. The first Brethren in Europe conference was held at Wiedenest in Germany in June 2005. 165 were present, from 24 European countries.

The intention of the conferences is to **bring together key people** from across Europe, west and east, north and south. We hope that there will be representatives (both men and women) from as many as possible of the European countries in which there are churches connected in some way with the Brethren movement.

The specific purposes of the conference are:

- To **seek the Lord** together, particularly for the renewal of the work of these churches
- To **encourage networking and fellowship** between leaders and other key people on a European basis
- Renewed **inspiration and encouragement** in our lives and ministry
- To **share practical experience, ideas and methods**
- To **consider the challenges and opportunities** facing us, particular for **church-planting and church growth**.

Please support this conference if you possibly can. Come and enjoy a time of conference with like-minded brothers and sisters.

Location

The conference is to be held at **Modra-Harmónia**, in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, 30 kms north east of **Bratislava,** the capital of Slovakia. There is easy access by road, and from Bratislava and Vienna airports.

Transport will be provided to and from Bratislava airport or Bratislava train/bus station (there is a frequent bus service from Vienna airport to Bratislava airport), provided participants can arrive at set times (more details will be provided later to those who book).

Translation

We hope to translate main sessions to and from the main European languages by headphone, and to have group translation for one or two other languages as well.

Visas, etc.

Please check what valid official **travel document** (passport or identity card) you will need for travel from your country to Slovakia. Entry from most European countries is visa free, but from certain countries a visa is needed (please check what is needed in your own case).

Costs

The **conference fee** including meals from lunch on 1 July to the afternoon of 4 July, overnight accommodation, and administrative and other charges will be **€145**.

Return transfer will be available from Bratislava airport or Bratislava train/bus station for an additional €15 on 30 June and the morning of 1 July, and after the conference on 4 July.

An **additional night's accommodation** is available before and after the conference at €15 per person per night excluding meals. **Day visitors**: €20 per day including meals. **Single rooms** (limited in number): €10 per night extra.

Participants will be responsible for arranging and paying for their **own travel** to and from Slovakia. (No funds are available to assist participants to attend the conference. All conference fees, travel costs etc. must be met by individual participants themselves.)

Booking

To make your booking, please complete and return the **separate booking form**. Make your booking immediately and in any case, if at all possible, by 31 May 2009. Please send the booking form to **Neil Summerton**, Abbey Court, Cove, Tiverton, Devon UK, EX16 7RT; Tel.: +44 1398 331105; Email: bie2009@berea.sk

The booking form should be accompanied by either the **full payment or a non-returnable deposit** of €30. In any case, the full fee should be paid by 31 May 2009.

Payment should be made by bank transfer (at your expense) to **Krestanske centrum BEREA**
Address: Alstrova 38, 831 06 Bratislava 35, Slovakia
Account name: Krestanske centrum BEREA
Bank address: Vseobecna uverova banka a.s., Mlynske nivy 1, 829 90 Bratislava 25, Slovakia
IBAN code: SK85 0200 0000 0024 9458 1755
BIC (SWIFT): SUBA SKBX
Quoting: 'BiE; [name of participant]'

Please

- **Pass this brochure on** to others in your country who may be interested to come – please feel free to photocopy it for that purpose.
- **Encourage others** to come.
- **Organise a small party** of participants from your country.

Further information

To learn more and get other details, please be in touch with **Neil Summerton** (neil.summerton@ruralinternet.co.uk) or **Lubomir Vyhnanek** (lvyhnane@stonline.sk).

Steering Group

The conference is being convened by a Steering Group comprising: Fares Marzone (Italy); Reynald Kozycki (France); Henk Medema (Netherlands); Jerzy Karzelek (Poland); Lubomir Vyhnanek (Slovakia); Benjamin Martin (Spain); Antonio Calaim (Portugal); Pall Poulsen (Faroes); Gerd Goldmann (Germany); Neil Summerton (UK), with the co-operation of brothers and sisters in Slovakia.

BRETHREN IN EUROPE 2009 BOOKING FORM

(Please complete one form for each person for whom you are booking – please make extra photocopies of this form for that purpose or send one electronic copy per person. Please write clearly.)

Personal details

FAMILY NAME . . . . . .

FORENAMES . . . . . TITLE . . . . . .

GENDER: ❑ Male / ❑ Female AGE . . . . . .

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POSTAL CODE . . . . . COUNTRY . . . . . .

TELEPHONE NO. . . . . .

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (Medically-necessary requirements only can be catered for)

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Church and ministry details

NAME OF HOME FELLOWSHIP . . . . . .

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RELEVANT BODIES YOU REPRESENT IN YOUR COUNTRY

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NATURE OF PERSONAL MINISTRY FOR CHRIST

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Travel plans

PROPOSED TRAVEL METHOD TO THE CONFERENCE:

❑ Air / ❑ Rail / ❑ Coach / ❑ Car / ❑ Not yet decided

Payment

To reduce administration and charges to you for bank remittances, **we encourage immediate payment of the full conference fee of €145**. Otherwise, a non-returnable deposit of €30 must be remitted by bank transfer in parallel with the sending of this form.

❑ I want return transfer from Bratislava and will add €15 to my conference fee payment.

I am paying ❑ Full conference fee / ❑ Deposit of €30

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Comments, details of intended transport route, or other information which may help us

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DECLARATION

I agree that my name, country and postal, phone and electronic contact details may be included in a list of participants for distribution at the conference. ❑ Yes / ❑ No

I agree that the information that I have given on this form may be stored electronically. ❑ Yes / ❑ No

I confirm that the information given on this booking form is accurate.

Signed . . . . . .

Date . . . . . .

(Now we suggest that you photocopy the completed form for future reference, or file a copy if you are sending it electronically.)

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