



INTERNATIONAL BRETHREN CONFERENCE ON MISSION
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IBCM5 Conference now to take place at Strasbourg, France

The IBCM5 conference, to take place on 13 - 17 June 2011, will now be held at Strasbourg on the River Rhine in the east of France.

This involves a switch from the site just east of Paris previously announced.

The change is being made because further research has enabled the organisers to find better accommodation, both for the conference meetings and to house participants. Costs will also slightly lower than at the location previously in mind.

The conference meetings will now take place at a large independent evangelical church whose building has extensive, well-equipped facilities for the main conference meetings, for workshops and conference meals. The main sleeping accommodation for participants will be at CIARUS, a high-quality hostel in rue Finkmatt in the centre of Strasbourg, a short tram trip from l'EPIS.

The conference planning group believes that these facilities will provide the conditions for an excellent conference.

Strasbourg is an historic town of great interest on the Franco-German border. In particular, it was very important as one of the main seats of the European Reformation in the sixteenth century.

Strasbourg is readily accessible from the Paris (France) and Frankfurt (Germany) international airports, and also from Brussels and Amsterdam international airports. There are low-cost flights from many European airports to Karlsruhe-Baden and Basel-Muhlhouse airports. Strasbourg is easily accessible by rail and road from all over Europe, including from the airports mentioned.

The conference planning group expects to publish a conference brochure and booking form, giving full details of the conference, in July.

Notes to editors

1. L'EPIS is a large evangelical church of some 1,000 members which is fully involved in inter-denominational evangelical co-operation in the Strasbourg area and in France.
2. CIARUS is a member of the French YMCA. As well as providing sleeping accommodation and breakfast, CIARUS will be responsible for catering at the conference at the L'EPIS church.
3. The conference is being arranged by the IBCM International Planning Group and representatives of the Commission de service et de référence of Assemblées et Communautés Evangéliques de France (CAEF) which unites over 100 Brethren local churches in France. The group responsible for detailed planning comprises Fares Marzone (Italy - IBCM Chairman), Reynald Kozycki (CAEF Chairman), Claude Grandjean (France), Annette Nickel (Wiedenest, Germany), and Neil Summerton (United Kingdom - IBCM Secretary). The IBCM International Planning Group comprises Fares Marzone, Neil Summerton, Reynald Kozycki, Kelvin Samwata (Zambia) and Paul Joshua (India). It is supported by a wider consultative group drawn from across the world.