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## Wrocław, 2015

*27<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling*

***Building Community and Peace***

***Religious sources of intercultural and interreligious co-operation***



27. Internationales Seminar für Interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung

**Frieden stiften und Gemeinschaft bilden**

**Religiöse Quellen interkultureller und interreligiöser Zusammenarbeit**

**11. – 17. Juni 2015 / 11 – 17 June 2015**

## Partner of SIPCC for the Seminar

### **Towarzystwo Poradnictwa i Psychologii Pastoralnej w Polsce**

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[www.tpipp.pl](http://www.tpipp.pl)

### **Evanjelická bohoslovecká fakulta Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave**

Bartókova 8; SK - 811 02 Bratislava

[www.fevth.uniba.sk](http://www.fevth.uniba.sk)

### **Caritas Vlaanderen, Belgium**

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## Issues – processes – goals of the Seminar

SIPCC continues with the 27th International Seminar for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling a multi-years series, which was started in 2014. We want to study intensively the potentials and the meanings of

### **Culture - Religion - Tradition**

for today's living conditions and for pastoral care and counseling in our multicultural and multi-religious societies.

In 2015 we want to deal with the question of which "*spiritual sources*" religions, faith-communities and other worldviews offer to contribute to community and peace building, an important issue in today's societies and on a global scale of war and terrorism. The exchange to these issues will be among others used to enhance education for intercultural and interreligious care and counselling in an integrative way. We are convinced that car and counselling can contribute to community and peace building.

In *forums and lectures* we will focus on experiences and issues of community building and peace work. The specific aim of the *workshops* in different areas of care and counselling will be to look at existential question, to explore spiritual and religious elements and to make them fruitful for integrative education. In *reflection-groups* the own spiritual and religious resources and their implementation into daily life and work will be in the center, especially how they can inspire for community and peace building.

The SIPCC seminar is organized in cooperation with the Society for counseling and pastoral psychology in Poland (*Towarzystwo Poradnictwa i Psychologii Pastoralnej w Polsce - TPiPP*) and the Evangelical Theological Faculty of the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia (*Evanjelická bohoslovecká fakulta Univerzity Komenského in Bratislava*).

This project is funded with support from the European Union within the Lifelong Learning Programme. The following institutions are working together in this learning partnership from 2013 to 2015:

Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung  
*Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling – SIPCC (Coordination)*

Evangelische Akademie der Pfalz, Germany

Theologische Fakultät der Universität Bern,  
Abteilung Seelsorge, Religionspsychologie und Religionspädagogik, Switzerland

Association Francaise de Formation et Supervision Pastorales, France

Evanjelická bohoslovecká fakulta Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave, Slovakia

Towarzystwo Poradnictwa i Psychologii Pastoralnej w Polsce – TPiPP, Poland

With this Seminar the learning partnership will end.

**The aim of the learning partnership and of the Seminar** is to show that care and counselling, grounded in religious powerful resources, can make relevant contributions to integration and inclusion in multicultural and multi-religious societies, as they are formed increasingly in Europe and worldwide.

The seminar takes place in the beautiful city of **Wrocław** in Lower Silesia in Poland and will play an important role in some program points.



## WORKING METHODS AT THE SEMINAR

**Devotions in the morning:** The day begins with thanks and prayer . Devotions during the intercultural seminars of SIPCC should open a space for ungoing learning and also for spiritual experience and growth. They are led by members of different cultural, denominational and religious background. Participants will find a possibility of becoming connected with oneself, with other participants and a power outside of ourselves.

A space may be opened for experiencing community, peace and transcendency. Therefore openness for different and strange traditions and rituals, a feeling for one's own spiritual need and also the readiness for getting irritated is a good precondition to reach the intended goal.

**Intercultural Forum:** The forums open the daily content-related work. They form an open space (similar to a "marketplace") for exchange of experiences, opinions and ideas using a narrative biographical manner. The core is telling about oneself. Some group-members introduce their personal experiences and opinions to the day's topic in the form of an interview. That will stimulate the plenary to talk about their own experiences, to express opinions and to get into contact to each other. Experiences of integration and participation, especially of people from other cultures and religions will be the main interest.

**Lectures and presentations** give impetus to the respective topics of the day in the plenum.

### **Workshops:**

#### **Religious and spiritual resources for intercultural and interfaith care and counselling**

A series of workshops will take place in four sessions on the following areas of care and counselling. The working fields and topics are:

**Community** (religious - political - ethnic) communal life - diversity – Participation

Moderation: *Christa Weiß, Sabine Temme*

**Hospital and nursing homes:** Disease - Suffering – Mortality

Moderation: *Dominiek Lootens, Ursula Harfst*

**School and Youth:** Education - Media – Family

Moderation: *Helmut Weiß, N.N.*

**Working with migrants:** Loss - Identity – Integration

Moderation: *Jean-Charles Kaiser, Ursula Hecker*

The personal experiences of the participants should get as much space as possible. Therefore, they are asked to select a workshop before the seminar and to prepare for the following questions:

1. What are specific existential questions in this area of life and work?
2. How do I deal with these existential questions personally and professionally?
3. What religious and spiritual elements, rituals and traditions can be made fruitful for pastoral care in this domain?
4. What religious and spiritual sources of different cultural and religious traditions are relevant today for pastoral education in this domain?

At the beginning of each meeting spiritual and content-related inputs are applied to the above issues, in order to have a common starting point for discussion in the group. Important experiences and findings from the talks are written down for further development of education in care and counselling.

To get into a joint learning process, the participants are asked in each workshop to participate continuously in all four sessions. The workshops will be composed as much as possible with intercultural and inter-religious members.

**Reflection-groups:** In reflection groups, the participants have the opportunity to share on a personal level in a small group. The own experience with oneself in communities (family, spiritual affiliation, participation in communities) and the search for peace and reconciliation in everyday personal and professional life will be in the focus. The experiences of the day will be the starting point of the reflections.

The groups stay together during the whole conference. The workshops should be composed as much as possible with intercultural and inter-religious members.

**Seminar observation:** International Study Group of SIPCC

**General Assembly of the SIPCC:** Reports - Publications - Activities - Plans

**Celebration 1995 - 2015 - 20 years SIPCC: *Building Community and Peace***

A Festival of Cultures and Religions: "Peace on Earth..."

## Programme

### THURSDAY, 11 June, 2015

Arrival

16.00	Coffee / Tea
17.00	Welcome - Introduction
18.30	Supper
20.00	Meeting each other

### FRIDAY, 12 June, 2015

**Theme of the day:**

**Religion – Community – Society**

7.30 – 8.30	Breakfast
8.30 – 8.50	<b>Morning devotion</b>
9.00 – 10.00	<b>Intercultural Forum:</b> My religious and spiritual community – is she open? How open am I myself for others? Are there peace activities in my community? Coffee/Tea
10.15 – 12.30	<b>Presentation - Discussion</b> The Meaning of Community in religions and their importance for peace: Christianity: Professor Dr. <i>Marek Jerzy Uglorz</i> , Warsaw, Poland Judaism: <i>Linda S. Golding</i> ; Chaplain at New York Presbyterian Hospital, USA Islam: Professor Dr. <i>Cemal Tosun</i> , University Ankara, Turkey

12.30 Lunch

**Muslim Friday prayer at noon**

15.00 – 16.30 **1st session of the Workshops to**

Community / Hospital – Nursing Homes / School and Youth / Work with migrants  
*Existential issues in the working field*

Coffee/Tea

17.00 – 18.30 **Reflection groups**

18.30 Supper

**Jewish celebration: The coming of the Sabbath**

## SATURDAY, 13 June, 2015

<b>Theme of the day:</b> <b>Religion – Community – Society II</b>
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7.30 – 8.30 Breakfast

8.30 – 8.50 **Morning devotion**

9.00 – 10.30 **Intercultural Forum:**

Does religion play a public role in the city in which I am living?  
If so, which one? How is religion active for peace?

Coffee/Tea

11.00 – 12.30 **Presentation - Discussion**

Developments in the city of **Wrocław** after 1989 and the influence of religions for peaceful life together  
Bishop *Ryszard Bogusz*, Pastor of the Evangelical-Augsburgian Congregation in Wrocław

12.30 Lunch

15.00 – 16.30 **2nd session of the Workshops to**

Community / Hospital – Nursing Homes / School and Youth / Work with migrants  
*Dealing with existential issues*

Coffee/Tea

17.00 – 18.30 **Reflection groups**

18.30 Supper

Evening Experiencing the city by night

**SUNDAY, 14 June, 2015**



Hubert Begasse

**1995 – 2015**  
**20 Jahre / 20 years**



**Theme of the day:**

***Building community and peace***

A festival of cultures and religions: Peace on Earth ...“

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| 7.30 – 8.30 | Breakfast   |
| 10.00       | Ecumenical worship in the Protestant Church<br>Representatives of various Christian Churches are present<br>Sermon: Bishop ks. <i>Waldemar Pytel</i> from the Church of Peace in Šwidnica<br>Preparation: Bishop ks. <i>Ryszard Bogusz</i> and the Polish co-operating team |
| 12.00       | Lunch with the Protestant congregation and guests in the parish house   |
| 15.00       | Guided tours through Wrocław (in English and German)  |
| 17.00       | Cultural programme (theatre – pantomime or organ concert)   |
| 19.30       | Buffett and festival: „SIPCC – a community of gifted people“<br><b>All participants are invited, to enjoy the others by making music, singing, telling stories or other activities</b>  |

## MONDAY, 15 June, 2015

**Theme of the day:**  
**Religions and Peace**

- 7.30 – 8.30 Breakfast
- 8.30 – 8.50 **Morning devotion**
- 9.00 – 10.30 **Intercultural Forum:** How can I work for peace in my context?  
How can SIPCC work for peace?  
  
Coffee/Tea
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Presentation - Discussion**  
**Building community for peace: the example of Myanmar**  
*Rev. Dr. Maung Maung Yin; Vice-president and Professor of Christian Ethics,  
Director of Peace Studies Center; Myanmar Institute of Theology*  
**Engagement for peace: Example Palestine**  
*Rev. Imad Haddad; Pastor of the Lutheran Congregation Ramallah; Palestine*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.30 **3rd session of the Workshops to**  
Community / Hospital – Nursing Homes / School and Youth / Work with migrants  
*Religious and spiritual elements, rituals and traditions for care and counselling*  
  
Coffee/Tea
- 17.00 – 18.30 **Reflections groups**
- 18.30 Supper
- 20.00 **SIPCC General Assembly** (all participants are invited)

## TUESDAY, 16 June, 2015

**Theme of the day:**  
**Intercultural and interreligious encounter as contribution to peace**

- 7.30 – 8.30 Breakfast
- 8.30 – 8.50 **Morning devotion**
- 9.00 – 10.30 **Intercultural Forum:** my experiences with intercultural and  
Interreligious encounters  
  
Coffee/Tea



- 11.00 – 12.30 **Presentation - Discussion**  
**Intercultural and interreligious encounters as “open space”**  
Members of the SIPCC Study Group and the Research Network
- 12.30 Lunch
- 15.00 – 16.30 **4th session of the Workshops to**  
Community / Hospital – Nursing Homes / School and Youth / Work with migrants  
Implementation of spiritual and religious resources for education in  
care and counselling
- Coffee/Tea
- 17.00 – 18.30 **Presenting the results of the workshops to the plenary**
- 18.30 Supper

## WEDNESDAY, 17 June, 2015

**Theme of the day:**  
**Collaboration in intercultural and interreligious care and counselling**

- 7.30 – 8.30 Breakfast
- 8.30 – 8.50 **Morning devotions**
- 9.00 – 10.30 **Reflection groups:** Evaluation of the Seminar
- Coffee/Tea
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Intercultural Forum:**  
Ideas for enhancing of building community and peace  
Ideas for integration and inclusion of the society  
Ideas for integrative work in care and counselling
- 13.00 Lunch – Thanks – Invitation Seminar 2016 – Ending of the Seminar

**Wrocław's Logo**



**Wrocław's Wappen**





## V E N U E

### **Międzynarodowe Centrum Ewangelickie**

International Evangelical Center in the center of Wrocław)  
ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 31-33, PL 50-077 Wrocław

You may travel to Wrocław by car, by train or by plane. Further information will follow.

## C O S T S

**Per person:**

**Fee for the Seminar: 150,00 €**

**Accommodation, food** (breakfast, lunch supper coffee, tea) and other expenses

**Double room 300,00 €**

International Evangelical Center (address see above)

**Single room 400,00 €**

Royal Hostel; ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 27; 50-077 Wrocław

**Donations for supporting participants are very welcome!**

The registration is valid only after transferring the costs.

**For registration please use the attached form below.**