

25th International Congress Renovabis 2021

15 - 16 September 2021

„All shall be one“. Ecumenism in Central and Eastern Europe – Task and Enrichment

Hybrid event

Venue: Berlin, Katholische Akademie (Conference centre).

Due to the requirements of the Corona pandemic, only a limited number of people can participate on site in Berlin.

Be there online: However, you can also follow the congress online in the livestream (zoom) and participate in the discussion via the chat option.

Registration: www.renovabis.de/kongress



Wednesday, 15 September 2021

9:00 | Welcome and Opening

Father Dr. Christian Hartl
Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

9:30 | State of Ecumenism between East and West

Short presentations (à 20 minutes)

- Fr. Hyacinthe Destivelle O. P., Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Rome (Catholic view) [online]
- Pastor Mag. Theol. Anne Burghardt, General Secretary-designate of the Lutheran World Federation, Tallinn (Protestant view) [online]
- Dr. Evgeny Pilipenko, Cyril and Methodius Postgraduate Institute of the Moscow Patriarchate, Moscow (Orthodox view)

presentations – break – discussion – short review

Moderation of the morning: Dr. Johannes Oeldemann, Johann-Adam-Möhler Institute, Paderborn

from 12:30 | Break

During the break we will show the film „Pope Francis and Christian Unity“ (26 min.). Between appr. 12:45 – 13:45 there will be a press conference (hybrid).

14:30 - 15:15 | Introduction to the Barcamp

Learn the dialogue method for the second day and choose topics to be discussed the next day.

Realisation: Claudia Gawrich, Renovabis, Freising, and Dr. Claudia Pfrang, Domberg Academy, Freising

15:15 | Difficulties and opportunities of ecumenical outreach in Central and Eastern Europe

Moderation of the afternoon: Dr.in Regina Augustin, Theological Distance Learning, Würzburg

Three rounds of talks will take place at the same time (duration: 60 minutes each; incl. discussion). After 60 minutes there will be a 20 minutes break and you can change to another group so that you can participate in two of three groups.

1. Common witness and missionary ecumenism in dechristianised societies [examples: Estonia and the Czech Republic]

Experts: Dr. Irina Paert, Faculty of Theology, Univ. of Tartu (English) and Abbess Francesca Šimuniová, Abbey Venio, Prague (German)

2. Healing of memories (example: Romania)

Experts: Prof. Dr. Alexandru Buzalic, Greek-Catholic Theol. Faculty of the Univ. Cluj-Napoca, Oradea (German) and Dr. Florin T. Tomoioagă, Orth. Theol. Faculty of the Univ. Oradea (English) [both online]

3. How can churches contribute to a thriving social life? (example: Ukraine)

Experts: Dr. Ihor Shaban, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Kyiv/Kiev (English) and Dr. Sergij Bortnyk, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kiev (German)

Short review and outlook by Dr.in Regina Augustin.

from 18:00 | Break

20:00 – 21:00 | Ecumenical Evening Prayer

St. Thomas Aquinas (with live stream)

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9:00 | Brief spiritual impulse: Father Dr. Christian Hartl

9:15 | Ecumenism concrete – Join the conversation at the Barcamp!

Presentation of the proposed topics and the process.

Moderation and realisation of the Barcamp:

Claudia Gawrich, Renovabis, Freising, and Dr. Claudia Pfrang, Dombergakademie, Freising

9:45 | Session 1 (sessions can be changed)

11:15 – 11:30 | Break

11:30 | Session 2 (sessions can be changed)

from 13:00 | Break

15:00 | Review: Experiences and insights from the Barcamp

16:00 – 16:30 | Break

16:30 | Closing statement and outlook:

Bishop Dr. Gerhard Feige, Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission of the German Bishops' Conference, Magdeburg

16:50 | Closing words: Father Dr. Christian Hartl

End of the congress at appr. 17:00

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Reception

to bid farewell to Father Dr. Christian Hartl as Chief Executive of Renovabis and introduction of his successor Father Prof. Dr. Thomas Schwartz

Moderation: Burkhard Haneke, Renovabis, Freising

18:30 | Attunement

Music, picture gallery „25 years International Congress Renovabis“

18:40 | Welcome from the German Bishops' Conference

Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch, Berlin (Responsible for Renovabis in the German Bishops' Conference)

18:50 | Roundtable „On the Way together – in the Spirit of Fraternity“

Contributors:

Ruth Aigner, Regensburg – Archbishop Stanisław Budzik, Lublin/Poland – Sister Nadya Ruzhina OSB, Zarevbrod/Bulgaria – Msgr. Pirmin Spiegel (Misereor), Aachen

Moderation: Lisi Maier (German Women's Council), Berlin

19:35 | Review and short balance

Father Dr. Christian Hartl, Chief Executive of Renovabis, Freising

19:45 | Farewell and Welcome

Archbishop Dr. Ludwig Schick, Chairman of the Commission for the Universal Church of the German Bishops' Conference, Bamberg

19:55 | Introduction

Father Prof. Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Designated Chief Executive of Renovabis, Freising

20:00 | Conclusion with prayer and blessing

Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

afterwards: Standing reception (analogue and virtual)

End: appr. 21:30