

ICCS – Intereuropean Commission on Church and School
Wednesday 5th to Sunday 9th of July 2006
Europe, democratic citizenship and education
Potential contributions of church and school

Venue

Otepää, Pühajärve Spa-Hotel, Estonia. The hotel is a Spa/Health-Hotel, a modern building developed from a 14th century knight's manor house on the beautiful lakeside of Pühajärve, about 50km from Tartu. Wi-fi available. Conference-language will be English. For more on the conference centre: <http://www.pyhajjarve.com/ee/>

Costs

If full payment made by 31/3/06: 360 Euro (double room) 400 Euro (single room). Payment received after 31/ 3/ 06: 380 Euro (double room) 420 (single room). Costs include ICCS-Coach Tallinn – Otepää – Tallinn, conference fee, accommodation and meals. We regret that we are *not* able to accept conference fees on arrival at the Hotel. All fees should be paid by 15th June 2006. Please transfer the requested sum to KD Bank, Duisburg, IBAN DE96 3506 0190 21142770 13. Registration is confirmed when we have received the conference costs.

(Please use block letters)

Name: Occupation:

Address: Telephone:.....

..... E-mail:

I am prepared to share a room with another participant: Yes No

Special dietary needs:.....

Day of arrival: Day of departure:

Will you be taking the ICCS-Coach? Yes No

Date / Signature

Please send this booking form to: *ICCS secretariat*, IKO - Church educational centre, Pb. 2623 St. Hanshaugen, NO-0131 Oslo, Norway. Telephone +47 22 59 53 00. E-mail: conference@iccsweb.org.



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Otepää [near Tartu], Estonia, 5th to 9th July 2006



Initiatives for the development of democratic citizenship are no longer confined to the nation state. We value regional and cultural difference. We safeguard diversity by our commitment to the principles and values of human rights that underpin religious freedom or minority languages. The internal diversity of many of our communities is, nevertheless, conducive to tension. As a result, the Council of Europe and the EU have developed projects related to citizenship and education that raise awareness of common values.

Against the broad background both of understanding the individual's democratic role and of contributing to society's internal dialogue, education prepares students for the mutual exchange on which democracy depends.

Areas covered in citizenship education may include Human Rights Education, Civic Education, Peace Education, Global Education and Intercultural Education. The role of religion is increasingly debated in these areas.

The building of communities, which is of central importance in church and school, may be enhanced by appropriate educational developments.

The ICCS Conference in Estonia will enable us to explore the European perspective as well as a number of national perceptions of education for citizenship. These are significant for education in general as well as for religious education and for understanding the common endeavour of church and school in a context of plurality.

The ICCS Conference will be held in collaboration with the University of Tartu, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia and the RE Teacher Organisation in Estonia.

Programme

Wednesday 5th July

- 14.30 ICCS-Coach from Tallinn to Otepää, Pühajärve Spa-Hotel
- 17.00- Registration
- 18.30- Dinner
- 20.00 Opening of the Conference and introduction to the programme

Thursday 6th July

- Why is democratic citizenship an issue today?*
- 07.30-08.30 Breakfast
- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 09.00 Official welcome and greetings
- 09.30 Dr. Pille Valk (University of Tartu): *Introduction of the Estonian context in relation to the theme*

Programme Continues

- 11.00 Tea/Coffee
- 11.30 Group work
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Vice-President of the Norwegian Parliament (2001-05) Prof. Dr. Inge Lønning (University of Oslo): *Theological and anthropological aspects of democratic citizenship*
- 17.00 Thematic work related to the theme and the presentation
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.30 Evening Programme

Friday 7th July

- Contributions of church and school*
- 07.30-08.30 Breakfast
- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 09.00 Project reports
- 09.30 Dr. Ivana Noble (Ecumenical Institute, Protestant Theological Faculty, Prague): *Churches in post-socialist countries and democratic citizenship*
- 11.00 Tea/Coffee
- 11.30 Group work
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Excursion to Tartu
- 20.00 Dinner in Tartu

Saturday 8th July

- Concepts and models*
- 07.30-08.30 Breakfast
- 08.30 Morning Prayer
- 09.00 Workshops on concepts and models (1st round)
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 Workshops on concepts and models (2nd round)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 15.00 Prof. Dr. Siebren Miedema (Free University of Amsterdam): *Democratic Citizenship and Religious Education: Challenges and Perspectives for Schools*
- 18.00 Meeting of ICCS correspondents
- 19.30 Evening Program (including dinner)

Sunday 9th July

- 07.30-08.30 Breakfast
- 08.30 Worship
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 Final Plenary (including feedback on the conference)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Departure. ICCS-Coach leaving for Tallinn

