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INVITATION

On behalf of EUFRES, we are pleased to invite you to take part in the new conference of our FORUM, which will be held on 11-25 April, 2012 in Madrid. The topic to be analyzed is **The teaching of religion and social cohesion in Europe. Proposals for the training of teachers.**

From our very beginning, those who normally take part in our forums are researchers and professionals in charge of religious education in European public schools. EUFRES is an independent group of research and exchange; even if its background is Roman Catholic, we are open to other denominations, and do not depend on domestic or European public funds. According to our statutes, it is up to those participating in our forums to pay for their travel and lodging expenses, as well as to contribute to general expenses of the forum. A management committee, chosen by the assembly, is in charge of the organization, including convening study meetings and discussions on current education issues of shared interest for EUFRES members. Our statutes, which can be reached on the web, regulate its operation.

This XV conference will focus on issues concerning the teaching of religion, and its educational contribution to social cohesion in European societies. The initial and continuous training of teachers of religion will receive special attention: it will be the main subject of the lectures and papers submitted by participants from every country.

In this brochure, you may find the detailed program of our next Forum in Madrid, as well as the enrollment form. Other practical information can be found in our website www.eufres.org. As on previous occasions, lectures will be available in Italian, German, French and Spanish. We will provide you with a translation service for the basic topics in the languages used in the Forum.

Please **send your enrollment form, even if you are not attending the Forum**, to our e-mail address (carlosesteban@planalfa.es) **before January 1st 2012.**

We will be very thankful if you would share this announcement with other people who might be interested on this subject and are researchers or professionals in religious education.

Take into account that our program includes **one paper at least** from every country or topic of the general subject of the Forum. You may find further information on the following pages.

We look forward to your being with us in Madrid, in April 2012. With very best wishes from all of us at EUFRES.

Avelino Revilla Cuñado
Presidente de EUFRES

Carlos Esteban Garcés
Secretario General de EUFRES



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Our topic:

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Any analysis of European societies reveals the presence of religion in their various cultural and educational realms. This presence, nevertheless, is socially considered in our European countries in quite different ways. We may find sceneries where religion is visibly present in society and plays an active role in its cultural development and social cohesion. There are also sceneries where, even if it is present in society at large with optimal conditions, religion develops less relevant functions in education and culture. There are even sceneries in which a radical secular view subjects religion to the point of exclusion, even though democratic conditions guarantee religious liberty. These sceneries make and impact on educational systems and even on the presence of religion in them. This can also create different situations in the educational norms regulating the classes of religion and in the labor laws affecting teachers.

We are convinced that the teaching of religions contributes to the education of citizens and provides its own values and answers to basic questions about the meaning of life. It promotes dignity for all human beings, makes their fundamental rights be recognized, and improves educational integration and social cohesion. In short, proposes a humanizing approach to life which goes beyond material dimensions and reaches an encounter with God. All of this must be set in the frame of our educational systems, in which our democratic governments have an irreplaceable responsibility but which does not invade the fundamental right of citizens to choose the kind of education they prefer.

In its XV conference to be held in 2012, our European Forum for the Religious Education will analyze the different sceneries for the social presence of religion in European societies, as well as the presence of religion classes in their educational systems. Contributions of this kind of teaching to social cohesion, as well as those issues involved in the training of teachers of religion, will receive special attention.



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Program

Wednesday, 11-04-2012	13.00	Arrival at Madrid-Barajas Airport
	17.00	Welcome Service at the airport
	18.00	Transfer from the airport to Guadarrama
OPENNING SESSION	20.00	Opening session Mgrs. FIDEL HERRÁEZ , Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Madrid. Revd. Fr AVELINO REVILLA , President of EUFRES
	21.00	Dinner

Thursday, 12-04-2012	8.00	Mass (prepared by the Spanish group)
	8.45	Breakfast
	9.30	Introduction of the program and participants in the FORUM
FIRST LECTURE	10.30	The presence of religion in society BY PROF. VENERANDO MARANO Università di Foggia
	11.30	Coffee break
	12.00	Working in language groups Preparation of questions for the lecturer
	13.00	Discussion with the lecturer
	14.00	Lunch
PAPERS	16.00	Papers from different countries - I
	18.00	Coffee break
PAPERS	18.30	Papers from different countries - II
	20.30	Prayer (attendance is optional)
	21.00	Dinner
		Free time

Program

Friday, 13-04-2012	8.00	Mass (prepared by the Italian group)
	8.45	Breakfast
SECOND LECTURE	9.30	Contributions of the teaching of religion to social cohesion BY PROF. FRANCESC TORRALBA Universitat Ramon Llull de Barcelona
	10.30	Working in language groups. Preparation of questions for the lecturer
	12.00	Coffee break
	12.30	Discussion with the lecturer
	13.30	Lunch
PAPERS	15.30	Papers from different countries III
	17.00	Transfer to Madrid Visit of the Cathedral Dinner
	22.30	Transfer to Guadarrama

Saturday, 14-04-2012	8.00	Mass (prepared by the German group)
	8.45	Breakfast
THIRD LECTURE	9.30	Continuous training of teachers. Contributions of religion to society and social cohesion BY PROF. HUBERTUS ROEBBEN Institute of Catholic Theology, Dortmund
	10.30	Discussion with lecturer
	11.30	Coffee break
CONCLUSIONS	12.00	General conclusions of Forum Madrid ´ 2012
CLOSING	13.00	Closing session of Forum Madrid ´ 2012
	13.30	Lunch
	14.30	Transfer to Toledo Visit to the "Town of the Three Cultures" Dinner Return to Guadarrama

Sunday, 15-04-2012	8.00	Mass
	8.45	Breakfast
	9.30	Transfer to Madrid or Barajas airport



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Papers

All those taking part in EUFRES Forum are invited to submit papers, in which they can expound the situation of teachers of religions, taking into account their background and emphasizing especially their training.

The conditions for papers to be admitted are:

1. The basic subject must be “teachers of religion”: their legal and labor conditions and, especially, their training (both the basic education needed to accede to teaching and the continuous training during their professional life).
2. Papers should be sent by e-mail to EUFRES Secretaría General by March 15th.
3. Written papers should not exceed three pages and should be submitted in two languages.
4. Those attending the Forum who submit papers fulfilling these conditions will obtain a 50 € rebate in the fees of Forum 2012.
5. The presentation of papers should not exceed 15 minutes and could be delivered using PowerPoint.
6. All those attending the Forum will be given a printed copy of all the papers.

Send your papers to: Secretaria EUFRES

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Lecturers



PROF. **VENERANDO MARANO**

Professore ordinario di Diritto Ecclesiastico presso l'Università di Foggia e avvocato del Foro di Roma.

Membro del *Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief* presso l'Organizzazione per la Sicurezza e la Cooperazione in Europa (OSCE) e del Comitato giuridico della Commissione delle Conferenze Episcopali della Comunità europea (COMECE).



PROF. **FRANCESC TORRALBA ROSELLÓ**

Born in Barcelona, 1967. Married, five children.

Doctor in Philosophy and Theology

Professor at Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona

Has published over 50 books, translated into several languages.

He has been the president of the Consulting Counsel for religious diversity in the Generalitat of Catalonia since 2011. Has recently been appointed consultant for the Pontifical Council for Culture

You can find further information in www.francesctorralba.com



PROF. **HUBERTUS ROEBBEN**

Born in Hasselt (Belgium), 1962. Married, three children

Professor at Institute of Catholic Theology, Dortmund

Has published several studies on religious education

His research focuses on Theology and Pedagogy

President of Asociación Internacional parara el Estudio de Pastoral Juvenil

You can find further information in www.seekingsense.be

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Enrollment

All the members of EUFRES and those attending the XV conference must send the enrollment form enclosed with this brochure (even if you are not to attend it) to the e-mail address you may find below, before February 1st, 2012. Later on, we will ask for the details concerning your dates of arrival and departure, in order to organize transfers.

Send the forms to:

Secretaría General de EUFRES

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Before January 1st, 2012

ENROLLMENT FORM

(e-mail to Secretario General: carlosesteban@planalfa.es by 01.02.2012)

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Surname(s)

Name

Mailing address

Degree, occupation or position

Phone Fax

E-mail

1. Will attend the XV conference of European Forum on Religious Education.

Yes

No

2. Will pay the full fee (400 €), which includes full board in single room and enrollment fee.

3. Will need some help to fund my attendance
(only if is strictly necessary, as regulated in art. n. 6 of the Forum Statutes)

4. To take part in the working groups, which languages can you speak besides Spanish?

German

Italian

French

5. I will present a paper, written in two languages
(that implies I will get a 50€ discount in the fee of the Forum)

Should you want to arrive earlier or stay longer in the residence, please get in touch directly through www.frayluisdeleon.org.es; they will provide you with the information about prices, etc.
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6. Personal suggestions you want to advance to the organizers of the conference

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Place and date

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Signature