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Final announcement
resources [un]limited

ICMDA EUROPE - EURASIA CONFERENCE 2008

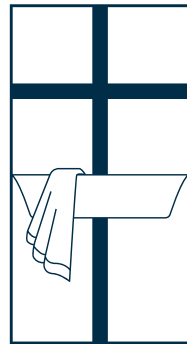
SEPTEMBER
7th - 14th 2008

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www.icmda.net





ARCHAE - the Austrian Christian Medical Association - is glad to be able to host the 4 yearly Europe–Eurasia conference for the whole region of Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa on behalf of the ICMDA (the International Christian Medical Dental Association).



The **International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)** is an association of national Christian medical and dental societies. The ICMDA began in 1963 as the 'International Congress of Christian Physicians'. Today it unites around 60 national movements reaching out to Christian doctors, dentists and medical and dental students around the globe.

GREETINGS

Letter from the chairman

Dear colleagues and friends,

Medical practice is increasingly and overwhelmingly complex. Fantastic achievements in research and medical technology in many fields have led to new challenges regarding ethical and economic questions. Medical doctors, dentists, students as well as allied health care professionals are often stretched to the limit in their quest to help and guide patients. The wear and tear shows. Increasingly it is difficult to retain personal sanity in a rapidly changing world. Burnout is not a privilege of our patients only.

The ICMDA Europe – Eurasia Conference "resources [un]limited" is designed to address complex issues of personal and professional conduct. The title reflects our focus: **unlimited** God who created the universe and is ready to deal with us **limited** human beings. This loving mentor stretches us to leave our comfort zones and to have life to the full.

The 5 preconference streams and the main conference are designed as a unit. All are invited and encouraged to stay for the whole week, including families (children's program will be provided). We will experience fellowship with colleagues from countries so far hidden to many of us. Through the growing international network of ICMDA, we have been able to invite outstanding speakers. Their words will resuscitate heart, mind and imagination – not for ourselves only, but also for our workplaces, our families, and our societies.

Mark the dates in your diary, spread the word and visit the conference website with many more details. May the Lord bless you until we see each other and many a friend and colleague at the conference. We shall try very hard to make these days a stimulating and relaxing time for all!

We hope and pray you can join us in Schladming to experience what the Lord has in store for us in demanding times like these.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Herbert Bronnenmayer
Chairman Organising Committee

HIGHLIGHTS

Preconference streams

7-10 Sept 2008

Bible readings: Dr Andrzej Turkanik, Austria.

Student and Juniors Stream – Resources for Students and Junior Graduates

HIV AIDS Stream - Resources for HIV AIDS

Medical Education Stream - Resources for teaching others

International Saline Solution Stream - Resources in everyday practice

Allied Health Professionals Stream - Resources in Networking

Main conference

10-14 Sept 2008

Bible readings: Dr John Lennox, UK

Plenary addresses:

“The doctors themselves” – Dr Chris Steyn, NL

“The doctor’s workplace” – Prof John Wyatt, UK

“The doctor’s family and society” – Dr Henrik and Alina Wieja, PL

Children’s program will be provided throughout the whole week.

Under the patronage of **Dr. Heinz Fischer**, Austrian President; the Patronage Committee: **Dr. Benita Ferrero-Waldner**, EU-Commissioner for External Relations; and **Hon. Prof. Dr. Michael Bünker**, Bishop and **Mag. Hermann Miklas**, Superintendent of the Styrian Diocese of the Evangelical Church A.B. in Austria.

PRECONFERENCE STREAMS

The ICMDA 2008 Europe – Eurasia conference begins with preconference streams which will run from the afternoon of Sunday 7th Sept. to lunchtime Wednesday 10th Sept.

Five streams will reflect how God’s values affect us in our early years as medical and dental **students and juniors**; in our **daily practice** - International Saline Solution; in **how we teach and what we teach** others; in our **relationships between colleagues, professions and nations** - allied healthcare professionals; and in one of the greatest medical challenges of our time - HIV/AIDS.

The preconference will offer time in separate streams and join together with other streams where there are matters of joint interest or concern.

The Bible readings at the preconference will be given by **Dr Andrzej Turkanik**, director of Schloss Mittersill training centre in Austria.

PLENARY ADDRESSES

“Limited Science – Unlimited God” (Prof Voicu Todorache, Romania)

“My limited perspective – Unlimited vision” (Dr. Peter Saunders, UK)

“Limited possibilities – Resources unlimited” (Dr. Ursula Fojtik, Germany)

Student and Juniors Stream
– Resources for Students and Junior Graduates

Small group sessions will allow for in-depth review from our own perspectives as people at the beginning of their medical careers – intensive, practical and personally challenging. Besides thought-provoking lectures and specific seminars for medical and dental students and juniors, it is the atmosphere of fellowship and one-on-one encounters, that makes this conference special. Fun and free time will maximize the benefit of meeting young medics from distant countries. In this global network of Christians in medicine, we will discover resources that change our medicine and our lives in the long run! It is the outspoken hope that the students and juniors will stay on for the rest of the week – mutual benefit versus generation gap.

This preconference stream is for medical and dental students and junior graduates.
(5 yrs after graduation)

HIV AIDS - Stream
– Resources for HIV AIDS
Part of the ICMDA HIV Initiative

The HIV pandemic is taking many forms across the Eurasia region - from a silent but growing threat in some nations to an established pandemic in others.

The aim of the HIV preconference stream is to bring together Christians working in HIV & AIDS care, prevention and treatment across the region in order to learn from one another, explore new models of practice, look at how we influence our own churches and faith communities to respond positively, and to strengthen networks of professionals working in the field.

This preconference stream is for all those Christian health professionals and others involved in responding to HIV & AIDS.

Medical Education Stream
– Resources for teaching others
*Led by PRIME
(Partnerships in International Medical Education)*

If we are to restore a view of the patient as a whole person, we need to equip ourselves with new concepts, evidence, materials and methods. This stream will allow us to explore and share these, based on the experiences we bring from the different situations in which we work. God is establishing a strong network of dedicated believers at all levels of medical and health-care education. This time together will strengthen this, give new vision and provide resources to put compassion back to the heart of clinical care and how it is taught.

This preconference stream is for those involved at any level of teaching others in our various professions.

Allied Health Professionals Stream
– Resources in Networking
Led by Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI)

Allied Health Professionals who believe God wants to transform them, their workplace and their profession will interact extensively with others who share their vision, passion and burden. The program is geared towards action and interaction both on strategic and personal levels. Participants will explore how they can jointly optimize the impact they have on one another, their colleagues, their patients and their nation.

For the first time ICMDA in partnership with HCFI welcomes Allied Health Professionals across the region to attend this preconference.

This preconference stream is aimed at Allied Health Professionals student and graduate who seek to follow Jesus in health. Doctors and dentists are also welcome!

International Saline Solution Stream
– Resources in everyday practice
Led by International Health Services

As medical practitioners we are daily confronted with people who have been taken out of their common routines by their illnesses. If being a Christian is of any relevance, this will show especially in times of crisis. How can we let our faith speak in an adequate and helpful manner into the situation of our patients and their relatives in our everyday medical life?

“Saline Solution” wants to provide help to be a witness for Jesus even in a hectic practice or clinic. Each person who longs to live out their Christian faith within their medical work is welcome to learn from this concept and to adapt it to their own situation.

This preconference stream is aimed at doctors and dentists. Allied Health Professionals are also welcome!

MAIN CONFERENCE

The 2008 Europe – Eurasia main conference begins with an evening dinner to include presentations from cartoonist Tiki Küstenmacher and the opening key note address from Austrian physician, Dr Johannes Fellingner who has dedicated his life to working with deaf people.

The bible reader for the main conference will be Dr John Lennox. A Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science, and Pastoral Advisor at Green College, Oxford. He lectures on Faith and Science in universities around the world, including Austria and in the former Soviet Union and has a special interest in Christian apologetics.

During the main conference three plenary addresses will explore the conference theme “resources [un]limited” within the 3 spheres of:

1. *The Workplace*

Prof John Wyatt (UK)
practising neonatologist and author of
“Matters of Life and Death”

2. *Family and Society*

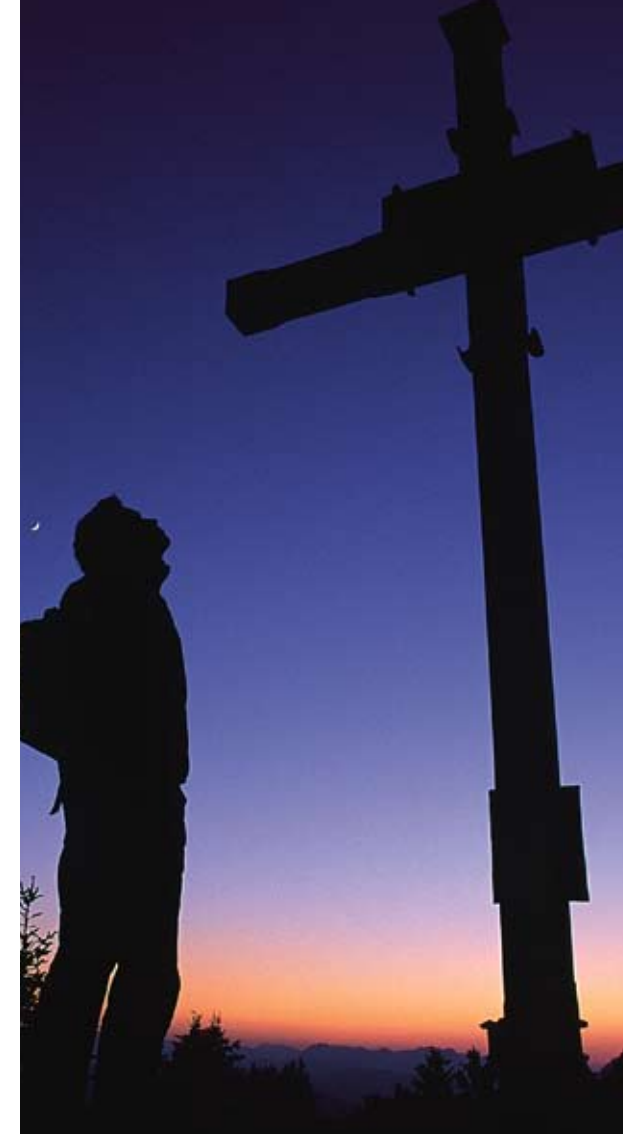
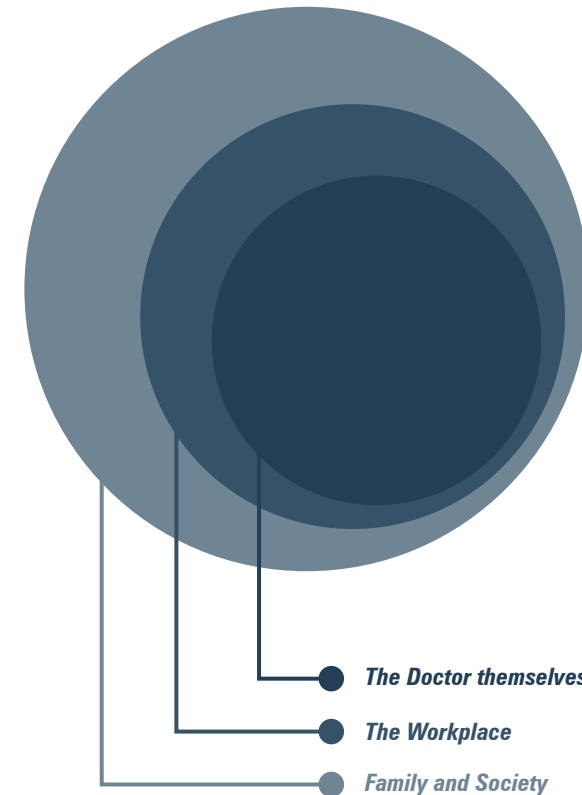
Dr Henrik & Alina Wiejas (Poland)
founders and directors of Life & Mission
Ministry in Poland

3. *The Doctor themselves*

Dr Chris Steyn (Netherlands)
international coordinator of Healthcare
Christian Fellowship International

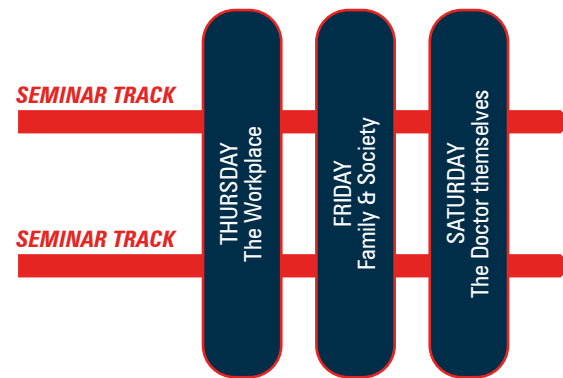
In the afternoons an extensive seminar program will be available alongside free time. Evenings will include fellowship together around an Austrian night and a worship concert.

Our conference will end on Sunday morning with a closing address from the outgoing ICMDA Eurasia Regional Secretary, Dr Peter Pattisson.



SEMINAR PROGRAM

The seminar program will reflect the issues faced within the Eurasia region with seminar speakers drawn from across the region. Mindful of the overall theme of the conference, seminars in the main conference will be linked either vertically to the theme of the day as explored in the key note plenary or horizontally to other seminars in a series or track of 3 linked seminars. Participants will be able to either follow a series on a specific theme ("Track") or choose individual seminar topics of interest to them. Those seminars which link together under a common theme or topic will explore issues at the limits of Christianity and medicine.



Selected PRELIMINARY TRACKS:

Disability

- Created in the image of God- Limitations in a fallen world
- Called to care for the disabled and their families
- Integration of disabled in medicine and society

End of Life Issues

- Death and Dying in the 21st century
- Physician assisted suicide – euthanasia
- Palliative care

Beginning of Life Issues

- When does life begin?
- Research and options: Stem cell research, PID, IVF
- Abortion

Psychiatry

1. Psychiatry, where there is no psychiatrist
2. What does it mean to be a Christian Psychiatrist- resources (un)limited?
3. Spirituality and mental illness

Counselling

- Understanding grief and God's grace
- Understanding trauma
- The role of forgiveness

Work-life Balance

- Personal walk with God
- Workoholism
- Burnout

Discipleship of Christians in Medicine

- Principles and purpose of discipleship
- Christian medical fellowship groups
- Mentorship

Dental

- Work-Life-Balance
- Team work
- Short term missionary opportunities for dentist

Spirituality in medicine

- Spirituality in Health and Disease
- Spiritual Intelligence
- Talking about Spirituality to Atheists

Medicine and society

- Medicine and politics (party politics and medical politics)
- Medicine and the media
- Campaigning/ Lobbying

Sharing Faith

1. What is the gospel and how to share it (Confident Christianity)
2. Sharing faith with patients (Saline Introduction)
3. Sharing faith with colleagues

Mission

- The changing face of medical mission
- Threats and opportunities in medical missions in the 21st century
- Member Care - (Un-) limited resources in missionaries

Using our spiritual gifts in the workplace

- What are spiritual gifts?
- How can I find out, what my spiritual gifts are?
- Where do I go from now?

Wholistic and alternative medicine

- Why is alternative medicine so popular?
- For example: homeopathy
- Recapture whole person medicine

Integrity and corruption in medicine

1. Spirituality 24/7- Am I the same person at work and in church?
2. Telling and living the truth
3. Corruption- Pressure to conform to the World

Growing a Christian medical movement

- Being a leader of a CMF
- Priorities in Leadership of a CMF
- Supporting students and junior doctors

Science, Evolution, Intelligent design

- Science and Faith
- Evolution – Darwin, Dawkins and God
- Intelligent Design

Sex and sexual health

- Sex – enjoying it Gods way
- Sex Education
- Contraception

Healthcare and the church

1. An unholy split: healing and salvation
2. Healthcare professionals and the church
3. Church, health and the community

Addiction in society

- Drugs and alcohol
- Smoking and the Christian Doctor
- Pornography and sexual addiction

The family

- Fighting for the family
- Promoting healthy relationships and parenting
- The doctors family

GENERAL INFORMATION

Languages

The official conference language will be English with interpretation into German, Russian and Hungarian (bible readings and key note lectures only).

If there are significantly sized groups requiring another language and able to provide their own interpreter, they should communicate with the Organisation Secretary as soon as possible.

Venue

The main conference venue will be the "Dachstein-Tauern-Hall" in Schladming, just over an hour from Salzburg, Austria, in the centre of the Austrian Alps in the Dachstein-Tauern region.

For those interested in unspoilt nature and silence only interrupted by the singing of birds, and surrounded by the beauty of the alps, Schladming has much to offer. Alternatively, a half-day excursion to the beautiful town of Salzburg will be possible during the conference.

Address:

Dachstein Tauern Hall Europaplatz 613

8970 Schladming • Austria

A hotline number will be available on our website (www.icmda2008.archae.at) in due course.

Access

Schladming is situated approximately 90 km south of Salzburg, 180 km from Graz, 260 km from Munich/Germany, 300 km from Vienna. A shuttle service will be provided between the airports of above cities on September 7th, 10th, and 14th.

Please note, however, that we can only guarantee your transfer if you apply specifically via our website until August 20th 2008.

Schladming is accessible by road, rail and coach.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Low-cost flight arrangements

The conference office will be able to help in booking **budget flights from a variety of destinations**. Please note that we need to know about your interest as soon as possible (office@archae.at), closing date being **June 30th 2008**.

ICMDA Bursary Fund Applications

A limited fund will be available to provide financial assistance for medical and dental students and graduates from across the Europe – Eurasia Region. The number of applicants who will receive support will depend on the amount given to the ICMDA bursary fund for this purpose. You are encouraged to seek local support where this is possible and necessary for you to attend the conference.

Applicants should register to attend the conference using the online form AND download the bursary application form from the conference website. Completed application forms should be returned to bursary@archae.at. **The closing date for bursary application is March 31st 2008**. After the assessment of a bursary committee, applicants will be informed whether or not they have been successful in their application by the 19th May.

Registration fee

We are all aware of the economic differences across the region. Following ICMDA's suggestion we have defined 3 categories for registration fees. Your registration in category 1 will subsidise those in categories 2 and 3. We hope you will do this with joy as an expression of Christian love.

Countries in category 1 are: Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland

Countries in category 2 are: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece

Countries in category 3 are: Russia, Commonwealth of Independent States countries, Middle East, North Africa, Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

In case your country is not listed please contact the conference secretary to clarify which category to apply for.

CATEGORY 1

CATEGORY 2

CATEGORY 3

Delegate

PRE & MAIN	390,00	285,00	150,00
MAIN or PRE	260,00	190,00	100,00

Accompanying person, Health care, Junior Doctors

PRE & MAIN	270,00	180,00	105,00
MAIN or PRE	180,00	120,00	70,00

student*

PRE & MAIN	195,00	120,00	75,00
MAIN or PRE	130,00	80,00	50,00

*Lunch and dinner is included in registration fee; *student ID required; Junior doctor: up to 5 years beyond graduation - certificate required; Pre...any preconference stream / Main...main conference
Price given in €*

ACCOMMODATION

Upon registration, you may choose from the following options for your accommodation (breakfast included).

Accommodation is within walking distance.

Hotel Royer****

double room 59,00 € / night / person
(www.royer.at)

Youth Hostel

2-6 bed room 20,20 € / night
(www.jfgh.at/schladming.php)

Bed and breakfast

26,00 € / night



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Giving to the ICMDA Bursary Fund

The bursary fund exists to enable the participation of medical and dental students and graduates who would otherwise be unable to attend. Previous recipients include colleagues from Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Middle East. Please look at the conference website or contact the conference office for information on how to contribute to the bursary fund.

Registration process

Please use the conference website (www.icmda2008.archae.at) to register online. Registrations after June 30th 2008 will be accommodated as soon as possible. We are not able to guarantee your accommodation thereafter and thus encourage you to register as soon as possible.

To complete your registration process please transfer the designated amount (conference fee) as given in the invoice sent to you after completion of the registration form to the following bank account:

From Austria
ARCHAE - Arbeitsgemeinschaft christlicher Aerzte ICMDA 2008
Kto.Nr. 421958
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International
ARCHAE - Arbeitsgemeinschaft christlicher Aerzte ICMDA 2008
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Please note that an advance payment is necessary for your accommodation. For this, a separate invoice will be sent to you, your booking being definite as soon as your payment has been received.



VISA INFORMATION

Who needs a visa?

Participants from: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia & Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.

Participants from outside the EU/Eurasia who do not have a multiple entry Schengen visa.
For full details visit: www.bmeia.gv.at

How much does it cost?

From about EUR 30,- to EUR 60,-

How long does it take?

We advise you to leave at least a month. For safety, the sooner the better. Participants from Moldova in particular should expect long delays.

What do I need?

There is a lot of paperwork to do...

For further very helpful details on the visa application process, please refer to our conference website!

PROGRAMME

Preconference Streams
Sep 7th to 10th 2008

Main Conference
Sep 10th to 14th 2008

	SUNDAY (07.09.2008)	MONDAY (08.09.2008)	TUESDAY (09.09.2008)	WEDNESDAY (10.09.2008)	THURSDAY (11.09.2008)	FRIDAY (12.09.2008)	SATURDAY (13.09.2008)	SUNDAY (14.09.2008)	
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			HIV AIDS Stream						
			Allied Health Professionals Stream						
			Education Stream						
		International Saline Solution Stream							
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02:00 PM		SMALL GROUPS		SMALL GROUPS					
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06:00 PM	DINNER				DINNER				
07:30 PM	Preconference official opening „Limited Science- Unlimited God“ V. Tudorache (RO)	International evening / worship & praise / campfire	International evening / worship & praise / campfire		Main conference official opening Dinner	Worship Concert	Austrian Evening		
08:00 PM									
09:00 PM	SMALL GROUPS					Chillout & prayer night			
10:00 PM									
10:30 PM									

The whole time available:
Room of silence for prayer
Opportunities for counselling
Cafés