



**International Baptist Theological Seminary**  
of the European Baptist Federation

## CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

Name of Conference: **CHRISTIAN MISSION IN ORTHODOX CONTEXT**

Date of Conference: **08-11 February 2009**

*Please complete the below information so we can register you for this conference*

Full name:

Street Address:

City/Town:

(Zip) Code and Country:

Citizenship:

E-mail Contact:

Please check your preference of attendance:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full conference, sharing room, en suite 5400 @ CZK

\_\_\_\_\_ Full conference, single room, en suite 6900 @ CZK

Prices include accommodation, all meals and refreshment breaks from the **dinner at 18.00 on Sunday** 8 February through to **lunch on Wednesday** 11 February.

If you have chosen to share a room and there is another participant whom you wish to be with, please give their name:

IBTS can sometimes provide airport pick-up service (350 CZK). If you would like this option, please give specific details of your flight:

**If you require a visa for entry into the Czech Republic it may take up to a month for processing, so contact us as soon as possible!**

## DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE:

### CHRISTIAN MISSION IN ORTHODOX CONTEXT: Canonical territories, religious freedom and issues of proselytism

IBTS is very pleased to announce that a research colloquium on this important topic will be held at IBTS. The sessions of the conference are scheduled from the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> to lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2009.

The aim of the colloquium is to address points of tension and opportunities for enriching Christian witness to the secularised European contexts with majority Orthodox religious presence. The specific goal of the organisers is to deal with key concepts of Orthodox and evangelical theological perspectives such as the Orthodox understanding of canonical territories, evangelical emphasis on religious freedom and differing views on issues of proselytism. It is expected that the participants will attend to differing conceptual view points from within the broader understanding of their ecclesiologies, traditions of church practice and understandings of the relation between church and state or territory. This suggests both theological and practical points of encounter and how to deal with differences in a creative way which enables holistic Christian co-operation in responding to *Missio Dei*.

As in the past, the principal intent of the seminar is to provide a platform for discussing your ideas and the results of your academic work or doctoral research work related to the history, current state and future prospects of missionary encounters of the baptistic communities with culturally Orthodox contexts. Much of the difficulties and the challenges faced by the baptistic faith communities in the interactions with Orthodox religious communities and the governments of culturally Orthodox countries arise from misunderstandings related to the Orthodox notion of canonical territories (and largely of Orthodox canon law), evangelical emphases on religious freedom and the nature of religious proselytism.

We are approaching speakers to make key presentations. If you wish to offer a contribution, please contact Dr Parushev: e-mail: [Parushev@ibts.eu](mailto:Parushev@ibts.eu).

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