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## Program of the International Conference

' The Relevance of Reverend Professor Ion Bria's work for contemporary society and for the life of the Church. New Directions in the Research of Church Doctrine, Mission, and Unity'

Sibiu, 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

“ Andrei Şaguna ” Faculty of Theology

Thursday, 14 May 2009

9.00 – 9.30 Memorial service in the chapel of the Faculty of Theology

9.30 – 10.30 Opening festivities in the assembly hall of the Faculty of Theology

- His Eminence Prof. Dr. **Laurenţiu Streza**, Metropolitan of Transylvania, Dean of the 'Andrei Şaguna' Faculty of Theology, Sibiu
- Message from His Beatitude **Patriarch Daniel**;
- Message from Dr. **Samuel Kobia**, the Secretary General of the World Council of Churches,
- His Eminence Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. **Christoph Klein**, Bishop of the Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in Romania
- His Eminence Prof. Dr. **Irineu Popa**, Mitropolitan of Oltenia
- Rev. Acad. Prof. Dr. **Mircea Păcurariu**
- Rev.Prof.Dr.**Vasile Bria**
- The choir of the Faculty of Theology

10.30 – 12.15 Plenary Sessions

Moderators:, His Eminence Prof. Dr. **Irineu Popa**

Rev. Conf. Dr. **Nicolae Moşoiu**

- *"Mission as ministry of reconciliation in recent ecumenical thinking. A critical appraisal"* Prof. Dr. **Tormod Engelsviken**, Faculty of Theology, Oslo
- *"The Church of the Triune God"* Associated Prof. Dr. **Canon Hugh Wybrew**, University of Oxford
- *"The missionary implications of Saint Paul Eucharistic inclusiveness"* Prof. Dr. **Petros Vasiliadis**, Faculty of Theology, Tesalonik, Greece

- *"A Hope for Pluralism? Some Methodological Considerations on Religious Education in Contemporary Russia"* Senior Univ. Lecturer Dr. **Andrey Levitskiy** Ekaterinburg, Rusia

## Discussion

12.15 – 12.30 Break

12.30 – 14.00 Plenary Sessions

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. **Christoph Klein**  
Rev. Prof. Dr. **Ioan Tulcan**

- *'The Son of God Became Man to Secure the Godliness of Man during History'*, His Eminence Prof. Dr. **Irineu Popa**, Metropolitan of Oltenia and Dean of the Faculty of Theology Craiova
- *'Rev. Professor Dr. Ion Bria, a great theologian and Ecumenical Thinker. Memories of a Protestant Colleague'*, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. **Christoph Klein**, Bishop of the Romanian Evangelical Church CA
- *Happy End or Happy Begin? Protestant observations on the Margin of Prof. Dr. Ion Bria's Book "The Liturgy after the Liturgy"*, Prof. Dr. **Tamás Juhasz**, Protestant Institute, Cluj-Napoca
- *"Reverend Professor Ion Bria, a life and work dedicated to the mission and unity of the Church"*, Rev. Acad. Prof. Dr. **Mircea Păcurariu**

**Book Launch:** *"The Sense of the Ecumenical Tradition"*, by Rev. Prof. Dr. Ion Bria. Presentation by Prof. Dr. **Stefan Tobler**, Centre for Ecumenical Research Sibiu/Germany

## Discussion

14.00 – 15.30 Lunch Break

15.30 – 17.30 Plenary Sessions:

Moderators: Prof. Dr. **Tamás Juhasz**  
Rev. Prof. Dr. **Aurel Pavel**

- *'100 words for Orthodoxy: Aphorisms, Shcolia and Critical Excursions into the thought of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'* Rev. Prof. Dr. **Vasile Bria**, Faculty of Theology Pitești
- *'The Ecclesiology of Communion in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's view, and its ecumenical potential'* Rev. Prof. Dr. **Ioan Tulcan**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology Arad
- *'The Demands of the Christian Mission in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's View'* Rev. Prof. Dr. **Valer Bel**, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Theology Cluj-Napoca
- *'The pleromatic dimension and the cosmic finality of the Church in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's View'* Rev. Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Megheșan**, Faculty of Theology Oradea
- *'Elements of the Theology of Religion in the Work of the Holy Apologetic Fathers'* Rev. Prof. Dr. **Dorin Oancea**
- *'Rev. Prof. Ion Bria - the theologian and his time'* Prof. Dr. Archdeacon **Ioan I. Ică**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu

## Discussion

19.00 Dinner

## Friday, 15th May

9.00 – 11.00 Scientific Contributions:

Moderators: Rev. Prof. Dr. **Valer Bel**  
Rev. Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Megheșan**

- *'Romanian Particularities of Orthodox Dogmatics in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's View'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Ștefan Buchiu**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology Bucharest
- *'The Eschatological Dimension of the Divine Cult'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Viorel Sava**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology Iași
- *'The Dogmatic Method in the Theology of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Stefan Sandu**, Faculty of Theology Bucharest
- *'The Parish as Missionary, Sacramental, Philanthropic, and Cultural Horizon in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's View'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **George Petraru**, Faculty of Theology Iași
- *"Contemporary missionary themes"*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Mihai Himcinschi**, Faculty of Theology Alba-Iulia
- *'Rev. Prof. Ion Bria and his Contribution to the Elaboration of a Dogmatic Theology with Ecumenical Implications'* Conf. Dr. **Cristinel Ioja**, Faculty of Theology Arad
- *'Rev. Prof. Dr. Ion Bria - a Missionary of Orthodoxy'*, Rev. Lect. Dr. **David Pestroiu**, Faculty of Theology Bucharest
- *"Mission through a Holy Life" in the Work of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Aurel Pavel**, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Theology Sibiu

## Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 13.30 Scientific Contributions:

Moderators: Rev. Prof. Dr. **Ștefan Buchiu**  
Rev. Prof. Dr. **George Petraru**

- *The young people and their theological involvement into the ecumenical movement: the bilateral dialog for youth between Romanian Orthodox Church and EKD* Lect. Dr. **Alina Pătru**
- *'Liturgy and Ecumenism. The Fundamental Potential of Orthodox Theology as Reflected in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's thought'* Prof. Dr. **Daniel Munteanu**, Erlangen, Germany
- *'Rev. Prof. Dr. Ion Bria - a Subtle Analyst of Postmodern Pastoral Reality'* Archmandrite Conf. Dr. **Teofil Tia**, Faculty of Theology Alba-Iulia
- *'Impulses towards a Romanian Biblical Theology in the Work of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'* Rev. Conf. Dr. **Constantin Oancea**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu

- *'Prayer in the Work of the Philocalic Fathers'*, Rev. Prof. Dr. **Cristian Muntean**, Theological Seminary Braşov
- *"Pressing Pastoral Issues within Today's Church as Presented in Ion Bria's Ecclesiology"*, Conf. Dr. **Corneliu C. Simuţ**, Faculty of Theology Oradea
- *'Historiographic Arguments in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's Missiological Studies'* Rev. Lect. Dr. **Daniel Buda**, Sibiu/Geneva
- *'The Dynamics of Orthodoxy: Identity and Renewal in the theological thought of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'* Rev. Lect. Dr. **Vlad Vasile**, Faculty of Theology Arad

## Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 17.00 Scientific Contributions:

Moderators: Rev. Prof. Dr. **Dumitru Meghesan**  
Conf. Dr. **Cristinel Ioja**

- *'The Sermon as Missionary Instrument of the Church in the Contemporary World in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's View'* Rev. Lect. Dr. **Filip Albu**, Faculty of Theology Arad
- *"The sense of mind (grace) as mean of the restauration and deification of human physis"* Hierom. Asist. **Vasile Bîrzu**
- *'From Eucharistic Hospitality to Full Communion: Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's Ecumenical Perspective'* Lect. Dr. **Ovidiu Ioan**, Sibiu
- *'Rev. Prof. Ion Bria and the Theologian's Charisma'* Asist. Dr. **Ciprian Toroczkaï**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu
- *'Ecclesilogic Features of the II Vatican Council and their Critical Reflection in the Theological Thought of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'* Asist. Dr. **Lucian Colda**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu
- *'Rev. Dumitru Stăniloae's Image and Theological Thought in Rev. Prof. Ion Bria's Work'* Dr. **Ştefan Toma**, Archbishopric Sibiu
- *'Orthodoxy in England: Oxford. Case Study and Short Comments'* MTh Candidate **Mihai Copăceanu**, University of Oxford
- *'The Catechumenical Dimension of Rev. Ion Bria's Writings. The Use of Catechesis in Contemporary Theology'* Rev. Conf. Dr. **Constantin Necula**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu
- *'The Essentials of the Ecumenical Tradition in the Thought of Rev. Prof. Ion Bria'* Rev. Conf. Dr. **Nicolae Moşoiu**, Faculty of Theology Sibiu

17.00 – 17.30 Break

17.30 – 18.30 Discussion, Evaluation

19.00 Dinner

**Saturday, 16th May**

*Visiting Sibiu and the surrounding area: religious and cultural sites*

*Round table*