

The International Council of Christians and Jews
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Faculty of International and Political Studies
Jagiellonian University, Cracow
International conference, Cracow, July 3 – July 6, 2011
“Religions and Ideologies:
Polish perspectives and beyond”

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Program

Program - Sunday July 3, 2011

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| 16.00 hrs. | Welcome at Qubus Hotel (check-in for conference in lobby) |
| 17.30 | Refreshments |
| 18.00 | Opening session
- Welcome
Father Dr Manfred Deselaers, chair of the planning committee
- Opening address
Dr Deborah Weissman, ICCJ President
- Film on Polish Remembrance and Dialogue Initiatives
Polish Council of Christians and Jews
- Introduction of the conference staff
Rev. Dick Pruiksma, ICCJ General Secretary |
| 19.15 | Busses leave for Town Hall |
| 20.00 | State Reception at Cracow Town Hall
- Greetings
Prof. Jacek Majchrowski, President of Cracow
Dr Deborah Weissman, ICCJ President
Archbishop Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz, Archdiocese of Cracow
Tadeusz Jakubowicz, President of the Jewish Community of Cracow
Prof. Karol Musioł, Rector of the Jagiellonian University
Father Wiesław Dawidowski OSA, Co-Chairman of the Polish CCJ
Prof. Wiesław Kozub-Ciembroniewicz, President of the Club of Christians and Jews
PRZYMIERZE (Covenant)
Father Prof. Jan Machniak, Chairman of the board of the Foundation Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim |
| 21.00 | Reception |
| 22.00 | Transfer by bus to Qubus Hotel |

Program - Monday July 4, 2011

- 07.00 Denominational morning prayers at Qubus Hotel
- 07.30 Breakfast
- 08.15 Busses leave for Collegium Novum
- 09.00 Meditative moment: **AULA COLLEGIUM NOVUM**
Abp. Henryk Muszyński, Senior Primas of Poland
- 09.25 Opening and introduction:
Dr. Deborah Weissman, ICCJ President
- 09.30 **Christian-Jewish Dialogue in Poland today –**
Coming out of the shadows of WWII and Communist dictatorship
Key note lecture:
Prof. Zdzisław Mach, Director of the Institute for European Studies,
Jagiellonian University
- 10.10 First response:
Prof. Stanisław Krajewski, Jewish chair CCJ Poland
- 10.25 Second response:
Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, Poznań
- 10.40 Plenary discussion
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **Workshops**

Workshop 1:

Who's who? Building multi-layered identities

Ethnic, religious and national identities have always been a complicated subject in Central and Eastern Europe, and the contemporary scene is no exception. Using sociological tools and experiential evidence, we will explore specifically the meaning of Catholic and Jewish identity in Poland today.

Presenters: Jonathan Ornstein
Dr Piotr Dardziński

Moderator: Prof. Zdzisław Mach

Workshop 2:

Jews and Poles stereotyping one other

What are the stereotypes that Poles have held (and perhaps some still hold) regarding Jews? What are the stereotypes that Jews have held of Poles? What can be done to combat stereotyping?

Presenters: Dr Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jakobs
Prof. Dov Alexandrowicz

Moderator: Zbyszek Nosowski

Workshop 3:

Divided past, common future? Jewish-German-Polish dialogue

There is much Polish-Jewish, German-Jewish and – in general- Christian-Jewish dialogue. But we are seldom engaged in trilateral German-Polish-Jewish dialogue. In Polish-Jewish dialogue on World War II there is always a German background, which should be addressed.

Presenters: Archbishop Henryk Muszyński
Prof. Dr. phil. h.c. Hans-Hermann Henrix
Mira Zelechower-Aleksiun

Moderator: Father Dr Manfred Deselaers

Workshop 4:

A “long and bumpy road” – Christian-Jewish dialogue in Poland today

This workshop will present and explore initiatives of Christian-Jewish dialogue in contemporary Poland, with the participation of the ICCJ member organization in Poland and the Committee for dialogue with Judaism of the Polish Bishops Conference.

Presenters: Bishop Cislo
Dr Michael Traison

Moderator: Barbara Sulek-Kowalska

Workshop 5:

Focus on youth

Many young Israelis have visited Poland, mostly on school trips or on specifically Jewish pilgrimages—the famous “March of the Living,” etc. Very few of the have participated in exchange programs. What have been the experiences of these groups? What impact have they had on Polish and on Israeli young people and what can be done to improve these youth encounters?

Presenters: Avigail Moshe
Dr Magda Kuleta-Hulboj

Moderator: Rebecca Brückner

Workshop F: (Francophone)

Jewish-Christian Relations in Poland – Les relations Judéo-Chrétiennes en Pologne

Presenters: Father Thaddée Barnas
Marta Titaniec
Konstanty Gebert

Moderator: Liliane Apotheker

13.00	Lunch
14.30	Visits to places of interest (<i>different options</i>)
17.30	Free time
20.00	Galicja Jewish Museum: (18 Dajwór Street)

MIDRASH THEATRE PERFORMANCE

"Mysteries of My Grandma"

True stories about discovery of Jewish identity in contemporary Poland set in the frame of a kabbalistic text ("Concealed midrash about Lamentations", "Book of Zohar"). In Polish, with English & French surtitles, duration 60 mins.

Directed by: Rabbi Tanya Segal, Beit Kraków Progressive Jewish Community

Program - Tuesday July 5, 2011

- 07.00 Denominational morning prayers at Qubus Hotel
- 07.30 Breakfast
- 08.15 Busses leave for Oswiecim/Auschwitz
- 09.30 Centre for Dialogue and Prayer, Oswiecim
- Opening and welcome:
Father Jan Nowak, Director of the Centre
 - Meditative moment:
Sr Gemma Del Duca
Sr Mary O'Sullivan
- 10.00 Plenary ICCJ session:
"Listening to the voice of this soil"
- Introductions by
Director Piotr Cywiński, Auschwitz State Museum
Prof. Jonathan Webber
Father Dr Manfred Deselaers
- Moderator: Dr Deborah Weissman
- Plenary discussion
- 10.00 Plenary YLC session
Presenter: Avigail Moshe
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.30 Transfer
- 13.00 **Workshops** (concurrent items)
- Group 1 **Visit Auschwitz Museum** - visitors tour, English
 - Group 2 **Visit Auschwitz Museum** - visitors tour, Deutsch
 - Group 3 **Visit Auschwitz Museum** - visitors tour, Français

 - Group 4 **Visit to the Auschwitz Jewish Centre in Oswiecim**

Before WWII "Auschwitz" was an ordinary Polish town known as Oświęcim. The majority of its citizens were Jewish. In 1995, the Auschwitz Jewish Centre Foundation was established in order to rebuild a Jewish cultural, spiritual, and educational centre in Oświęcim. We will talk about the Centre's program and about its meaning for the citizens of Oświęcim.

Group 5 **Visit to Harmęże, Exhibition "Labyrinths"**

"Labyrinths" is a great installation of drawings by Marian Kołodziej, former prisoner no. 432. It shows "his Auschwitz". This famous exhibition is situated in a Franciscan monastery in Harmęże near Oświęcim.

Group 6 **Presentation of educational Institutions in Oświęcim, at the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer**

Over the last number of years many educational initiatives have developed in Oświęcim, "at the edge of Auschwitz". We will present some of them and talk about pedagogical concepts.

Group 7 **YLC tour**

15.00	Transfers to Birkenau
15.30	Commemorative walk in Birkenau
17.00	Transfer to Centre for Dialogue and Prayer
17.15	Refreshments
17.30	Debriefing sessions
18.30	Busses leave for Cracow
19.30	Free time in Cracow

Program - Wednesday July 6, 2011

07.00	Denominational morning prayers at Qubus Hotel	
07.30	Breakfast	
08.15	Busses leave for Collegium Novum	
09.00	Separate YLC plenary	
09.00	ICCJ plenary	AULA COLLEGIUM NOVUM
	Meditative moment	
	Rabbi Michael Schudrich	
09.15	Opening and introduction	
	Justice, justice you shall pursue	
09.30	Key note lectures: Prof. Ursula Rudnick	
10.00	Rabbi David Rosen	
	Moderator: Dr Phil Cunningham	

10.30 Plenary discussion

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 **Workshops:**

Workshop 6:

Effective Interfaith: Sharing best practice

A facilitated session for interfaith practitioners, whether experienced or just starting out, to share the successes and the challenges of doing effective interfaith work. What makes an event successful? How do you reach out to different individuals and communities? What activities work best for different audiences? And what do we do when sensitive issues arise? Come with experiences and questions, and we will generate responses together in this interactive session.

Presenters: Ms. Debbie Danon
Rabbi Hillel Athias-Robles

Moderator: Rev. Friedhelm Pieper

Workshop 7:

Challenge or temptation: Fundamentalism and its implications for interreligious dialogue

The contemporary world has spawned the rise of fundamentalist tendencies in many of the world's religions. Are these tendencies related to the demise of some modern secular ideologies? What implications do they have for those of us involved in inter-religious dialogue?

Presenters: Rabbi Michael Schudrich
Ms. Katie Sturm

Moderator: Ms. Gunnel Borgegård

Workshop 8:

Interfaith 2.0

You don't have to be a computer "geek" to know that high-tech has radically changed the contemporary world. There is increasing talk about virtual communities. Recently, we have seen the revolutionary effects of social networking on Middle Eastern societies. How is all of this impacting on interfaith dialogue?

Presenters: Marty Rotenberg
Dr Phil Cunningham

Workshop 9:

Biblical Text Study

Presenters: Father Jamal Khader
Rabbi Boaz Pash

Moderator: Prof. Lynne Scholefield

Workshop 10:

Beyond Poland – Jewish-Christian dialogue in Central and Eastern Europe

What is going on in the field of Jewish-Christian dialogue in some of the other countries of Central and Eastern Europe? Representatives of our member organizations in those countries will present the situation in their locale and how they respond to it.

Presenters: ICCJ members from the region: CZ, SL, HU
Dr Markus Himmelbauer from Austria
Prof. Dr Ursula Rudnick from Germany
Barbara Sułek-Kowalska from Poland

13.00 Lunch and free time

13.00 YLC Annual Meeting

14.00 Friends and Sponsors of the Martin Buber House – *COLLEGIUM NOVUM*
Annual General Meeting

15.00 **Panel A :** *COLLEGIUM NOVUM*

Enemies or allies? The relations of religions and States

One of the key issues in society today is the relationship between religion and state. There are many models of this relationship from different parts of the world. Our international panel will discuss various alternatives within this complex question.

Presenters: Prof. Dr. phil.h.c. Hans Herman Henrix
Rabbi David Rosen
Zbigniew Nosowski

Moderator: Prof. Ruth Langer

Panel B: *COLLEGIUM NOVUM*

Promised Land – Land of Israel - Land of Palestine - Holy Land?

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has had an enormous impact on Christian-Jewish dialogue throughout the world. A central religious issue is the tension between the biblical connection to the land and justice and peace issues. Can we offer any new insights into this dilemma?

Presenters: Father Jamal Khader
Rabbi Ehud Bandel
Father Dr Manfred Deselaers

Moderator: Barbara Sulek-Kowalska

16.30 ICCJ concluding meeting

Presenters: Wendy Fidler
Claude Lhuissier Noël
Michael Trainor
Dr Willy Weisz

Moderator: Dr Deborah Weissman

17.30 Transfer to Qubus Hotel

19.30 Festive dinner at Qubus

Program - Thursday July 7, 2011 (only for participants of AGM)

07.30 Breakfast

08.30 ICCJ Annual General Meeting at Qubus Hotel

10.00 Coffee break

10.30 Continued AGM

13.00 Lunch for AGM participants