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**MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER**

14:00-17:00  | arrivals and registration
18:00  | evening meal
19:15-20:45  | **Inspire 1: Opening Session**
             | Energising Community:
             | Theological Education’s Relational Mandate Hwa Yung (Malaysia)
20:45-21:15  | Connect groups

**TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER**

7.15-7.45  | Bible Reading (Sannikov, Ukraine)
08.00  | breakfast
9.00-10.30  | **Inspire 2: Double session**
             | Theological Education’s Relational Mandate:
             | Warrants, Risks and Limitations, Henri Blocher (France)
             | Theological Education and the Global Evangelical Community
             | Geoff Tunnicliffe (WEA) & Doug Birdsall (LCWE)
10.30-11.00  | coffee
11.00-12.30  | Interaction session 1: panels, interviews, responses, reports
12.45  | lunch
14.15-15.30  | Intersect groups – Session 1
15.30-16.00  | afternoon tea
16.00-17.15  | Intersect groups – Session 2
18.00  | evening meal
19.15-20.30  | Community Forum 1: resources and connections
20.45-21.15  | Connect groups

**WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER**

07.15-07.45  | Bible reading (Bourdanné, Chad)
08.00  | breakfast
09.00-10.30  | **Inspire 3: Double session**
             | Enacting Community in our Theological Schools, Joseph Shao (Philippines)
             | Equipping Emerging Leaders for Community, Oscar Campos (Guatemala)
10.30-11.00  | coffee
11.00-12.30  | Interaction session 2: panels, interviews, responses, reports
12.45  | lunch
14.15-15.30  | Intersect groups - Session 3
15.30-16.00  | afternoon tea
16.00-17.15  | Intersect groups – Session 4
18.00-20.30  | Dinner and celebration: Special cultural program and EEAA 30th anniversary celebrations
20.45-21.15  | Connect groups
THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER
07.15-07.45  Bible reading (Newman, Jamaica)
08.00  breakfast
09.00-10.30  **Inspire 4: Double session**
             Making Community Together: Theological Schools in Concert, David Baer (USA)
             Supporting God’s Community, Daniel Bourdanné (Chad)
10.30-11.00  coffee
11.00-12.30  Interaction session 3: panels, interviews, responses, reports
12.45  lunch
14.15-15.30  Intersect groups – Session 5
15.30-16.00  afternoon tea
16.00-17.15  Intersect groups – Session 6
18.00  evening meal
19.15-20.30  Community forum: resources and connections
20.45-21.15  Connect groups

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER
07.15-07.45  Bible reading (Tanchanpong, Thailand)
08.00  breakfast
09.00-10.30  **Inspire 5**
             Serving Contextual Communities, Riad Kassis (Lebanon)
10.30-11.00  coffee
11.00-12.30  **Inspire 6**
             Wrapping Up and Going Forward, Chris Wright (UK)
12.45  lunch

Afternoon  departures

INTERSECT GROUPS

Session 1: Tuesday, October 6th – 14.15-15.30
- Seeing theological education through a relational lens - 1 (Schluter, Relationships Foundation, UK)
- Lausanne: Towards 2010 and beyond (Birdsall, LCWE)
- Global challenges and opportunities for evangelicals (Tunnicliffe, WEA)
- Conversing further on theological education’s relational mandate (Hwa Yung)
- Critical challenges-1: The Disappearing MDiv (panel)

Session 2: Tuesday October 6th – 16.00-17.15
- Non-profit management (Kassis, OC)
- Conversing further on theological education’s relational mandate (Blocher)
- Langham Literature: from distributing books to growing them (Kwant, LPI)
- Practising relational intelligence in theological education - 1 (Elmer, GATE)
- Panel discussion on Steve Hardy’s Excellence in Theological Education

Session 3: Wednesday October 7th – 14.15-15.30
- Global challenges and opportunities for evangelicals (Tunnicliffe, WEA)
- Practising relational intelligence in theological education - 2 (Elmer, GATE)
- Integral mission and theological education - 1 (Hughes, Micah Network)
- Technological solutions for theological education in the network generation (Tseng, WETIA)
- Critical challenges - 2: The Bologna process (EEAA)

Session 4: Wednesday October 7th – 16.00-17.15
- Shaping global theological education locally (Arles, Centre for Contemporary Christianity, India)
- Mission beyond evangelism: LPI the Apollos of Christian mission (Wright, LPI)
- Seeing education through a relational lens - 2 (Schluter, Relationships Foundation, UK)
- Theological education and the triple bottom line: people, profit and planet (Newman)
- Conversation with Graham Cheesman on his book, The Bible College Movement in the UK

Session 5: Thursday October 8th – 14.15-15.30
- Practising relational intelligence in theological education - 3 (Elmer/ Lillis, GATE)
- Technological solutions for theological education in the network generation (Tseng, WETIA)
- Integral mission and theological education – 2 (Hughes, Micah Network)
- Doing theological education in community (Ott, EEAA)
- Critical challenges - 3: Is information technology (IT) taking over theological education? (panel)

Session 6: Thursday October 8th 16.00-17.15
- Seeing education through a relational lens - 3 (Schluter, Relationships Foundation, UK)
- Overseas Council’s vision for theological education (Baer, OC)
- The challenge of character formation in theological education (Roco-Lua)
- Biblical and theological foundations for curriculum development (Sywulka)
- Panel discussion of two books from Asia on theological education (Arles)
INTERSECT PRESENTERS

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Bernhard Ott (Director, Brienmers Theological Seminary, Switzerland)
Chris Wright (International Director, Langham Partnership International)
David Baer (President, Overseas Council, USA)
Dewi Hughes (Micah Network)
Doug Birdsall (Executive Chair, Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation)
Duane Elmer (Global Associates for Transformational Education)
Geoff Tunnicliffe (International Director, World Evangelical Alliance)
Graham Cheeseman (Belfast Bible College, Northern Ireland)
Henri Blocher (Professor, Faculté Libre de Théologie Evangélique, Vaux-sur-Seine, France)
Hwa Yung (Bishop of the Methodist Church of Malaysia)
John Lillis (Dean, Bethel Seminary, San Diego, USA)
Las Newman (President, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Jamaica)
Michael Schluter (Relationships Foundation, Cambridge, UK)
Pablo Sywulka (General Secretary, Asociación Evangélica de Educación Teológica en América Latina (AETAL))
Pieter Kwant (International Literature Director, Langham Partnership International)
Riad Kassis (Overseas Council Regional Director for the Middle East and Central Asia,)
Siga Ares (Centre for Contemporary Christianity, Bangalore, India)
Steve Hardy (International Program Director, Langham Scholars)
Theresa Roco-Lua (Dean, Asia Graduate School of Theology, Philippines)
Walker Tzeng (WETIA, Olivet University, San Francisco)

BECOMING EQUIPPED

Two afternoon INTERSECT tracks are special features of the 2009 Consultation, exploring implications and implementations of the Consultation theme. The first track is led by the distinguished author, Michael Schluter, who heads the research and advocacy Jubilee Centre in Cambridge UK. Dr Schluter is widely known for two best sellers that he authored, The R Factor, and The R Option, which explore the application of biblical relational values within the modern social context. He was recently awarded a CBE by Queen Elizabeth. Dr Schluter’s sessions will develop the theme: Seeing Theological Education through a Relational Lens.

The second special afternoon track is led by Duane Elmer, Distinguished Professor of Educational Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the United States. Dr Elmer is well-known in ICETE circles for the acclaimed training events for theological faculty that he and other members of GATE (Global Associates for Transformational Education) have been organising for theological faculty in different parts of the world. Under the theme: Practicing Relational Intelligence in Theological Education, these sessions will explore how teaching practices can build community, the importance of emotional intelligence in the educational experience, and how relational values might be deployed in on-line learning.

Hwa Yung is Chair of the Board of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (OCMS) in Oxford UK, and Chair of the Participant Selection Committee for Lausanne’s 2010 International Congress in Cape Town. He is also Bishop of the Methodist Church of Malaysia, and a member of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council. From 1986 to 2001 he was principal of Malaysia Theological Seminary, and thereafter on the faculty at Singapore’s distinguished Trinity Theological College, where he was founding director of Trinity’s Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia. Hwa Yung holds a post-graduate degree in theology from the University of London and a doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary. He is author of Mangoes or Bananas? The Quest for an Authentic Asian Christian Theology (1997), a critical survey of Asian theology. He has also published numerous academic papers, including contributions to The Blackwell Companion to Protestantism. (2006), edited by Alister McGrath, and to Christian Theology in Asia (2008), just published by Cambridge University Press.

Henri Blocher is Professor of Systematic Theology at the Faculté Libre de Théologie Evangélique, Vaux-sur-Seine, France, President of the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians (FEET), and Professor of Systematic Theology in the doctoral programme at Wheaton College, USA. He is widely regarded as the evangelical francophone world’s leading theologian. Henri Blocher has served in various roles with the Alliance Biblique Française, the United Bible Societies, the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation, and the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance. In the latter case, he was a member of the WEAs theological task force for dialogue with the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Blocher did his studies at the Sorbonne, London School of Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and the Faculté Libre de Théologie Protestantante in Paris. His doctorate is from the latter institution. Among his scholarly publications, all published by IVP, are: In the Beginning (1984); Evil and the Cross (1994); and Original Sin: Illuminating the Riddle (2000).

Geoff Tunnicliffe is International Director of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). Previously he was director of global initiatives for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Based in Vancouver, Canada, Tunnicliffe seeks to serve global evangelicals through the WEA network. He spends a considerable amount of time travelling; mentoring leaders of evangelical alliances, speaking at global conferences, conducting media interviews, meeting with government and faith leaders and interacting with institutions such as the United Nations, G-8 and World Bank. His priorities are: building evangelical identity, encouraging collaboration and unity, and building a strong voice for the marginalized; the poor and the persecuted. Tunnicliffe is author of 101 Ways to Change Your World.

Doug Birdsall is Executive Chair of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation (LCWE), a post he has held since 2004. From 1980 onward he worked in Japan with Asian Access, where he was involved in student ministry and then church planting, before being appointed president of Asian Access. Birdsall was Assistant to the Director for Lausanne’s second world congress held in Manila in 1989. He was also founding director of the J. Christy Wilson Jr. Centre for World Missions at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Wheaton College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Harvard University, and is presently completing doctoral research at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. Birdsall is also a member of the ICETE Council of Reference.

Joseph Shao is General Secretary of the Asia Theological Association (ATA), Chairman of Asia Graduate School of Theology, and President and Professor of Old Testament and Semitic studies at the Biblical...
Seminary of the Philippines. He has served at the seminary since 1990. He holds a M.Th. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a Master of Philosophy and Ph.D. in Hebrew and Cognate Studies from Hebrew Union College. Shao has also served as a visiting professor in numerous institutions around the world. Among his publications are: A Commentary on Nehemiah, A Study on Akkadian Royal Hymns and Prayers, and Ezra-Nehemiah (co-authored with his wife, Rosa).

Oscar Campos is Academic Dean and Professor of Theology at the Seminário Teológico Centroamericano (SETECA) in Guatemala. Originally from El Salvador, he holds undergraduate and masters degrees from SETECA, and a Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary. His dissertation was on The Mission of the Church and the Kingdom of God in Latin America, which represents his ongoing theological-ministerial focus on the relevance of the Gospel to Latin American reality. Campos is also co-founder and coordinator of CREED, a ministry to men in the business community for evangelism and discipleship. He served as editor for the volume Teología Evangélica para el Contexto Latinoamericano: Ensayos en Honor al Dr. Emilio A. Núñez (2004).

David Baer is president of Overseas Council (OC) in the United States, a position he has held since 2004. Previously he was president of ESEPA Seminary in San José, Costa Rica. Baer holds a PhD in Old Testament from the University of Cambridge, and has lectured there in Biblical Hebrew and in Old Testament. His publications include: When We All Go Home: Translation and Theology in LXX Isaiah 56-66; and Isaiah 1-39 and 40-66. New Cambridge Bible Commentary (forthcoming). Baer’s passion is the training and mentoring worldwide of Christian leaders of vision, integrity and competence who are immersed in the Great Conversation.

Daniel Bourdanné is General Secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES), a post that he assumed in 2007. Originally from Chad, Bourdanné previously served as IFES regional secretary for francophone Africa. He has studied in Chad, Cameroun, Togo, Côte d’Ivoire and France, and holds a doctorate from the University of Abidjan in animal ecology. He is a member of the International Society of Myriapodologists (meaning that he specializes in millipedes). In francophone Africa Bourdanné led several significant training initiatives, including the Forum de Théologie pour l’Église, designed to bring theological academics and local churches together; the Centre Africain du Christianisme Contemporain; an IFES Leadership Training Centre for Francophone Africa; and the Tyranus biblical preaching initiative. He is also currently an International Deputy Director of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

Riad Kassis is Overseas Council’s Regional Director for the Middle East and Central Europe. Previously he was the executive director of Johann Ludwig Scheller School in Lebanon. Kassis is a Langham Scholar, whose participation in the Langham Writers Programme resulted last year in publication of his book, Why Don’t We Read the Book That Christ Read? He has also authored The Book of Proverbs and Arabic Proverbial Works, and Have You Known Your Spiritual Gifts? Kassis serves as a visiting lecturer at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, and as a member of the Lebanon committee for A Rocha, a Christian nature conservation organisation. He holds a BA from Damascus University in economics, an MDiv from Alliance Biblical Seminary in Manila, and a PhD from the University of Nottingham, UK.

Chris Wright is the International Director of Langham Partnership International (LPI), a position he has held since 2001. He is the son of missionaries to Brazil, taught at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, India and then served as Professor of Old Testament and Principal at All Nations Christian College in Ware, England. Wright is a well known Old Testament scholar and author of a number of books including: God’s People in God’s Land, Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament, and The Mission of God. He earned his doctorate at the University of Cambridge in the area of Old Testament economic ethics. Wright is chair of the Lausanne Theology Working Group, honorary President of Tearfund UK, and a member of the ICETE Council of Reference.
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