

Conference Program

Thursday, May 10 (Ascension Day)

- 15.00 Arrival and registration
- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00 **Opening Worship**
Social event – Getting to know each other

Friday, May 11

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Morning worship
- 9.30 **Prof. Dr. Detchko Svilenov:** *Christian faith and values as improvement method in education*
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 **Dr. Ken Badley:** *Christian educators in this cultural moment: Who do we need to be?*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **Relaxation / excursions**
- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00 **Country presentations and prayers**
Participants who would like to report on their countries will have to submit them by **April 1**.
Joint prayers follow

Saturday, May 12

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Morning worship
- 9.30 **Dr. Ken Badley:** *Christian educators in public settings*
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 **Workshops 1**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.30 **Workshops 2**
- 16.00 Coffee
- 16.30 **Workshops 3**
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.30 **Sharing good practice** (Group discussions)
- 20.30 Free time

Sunday, May 13

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 **Worship and conclusions: Graham Coyle**
- 11.00 Farewells and packed lunch

EurECA

The **European Educators' Christian Association** is an international organisation for Christians in the field of education, both public and private. Its goal is to create a network of Christians all over Europe in order to promote God's kingdom in education.

EurECA conferences are held annually. EurECA is an affiliate member of the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA).

Conference 2018

Education shapes nations. The call to those of us who have dedicated our lives to serve the King of Kings is to represent Him so well that His influence is felt through us in every area of society and particularly in education. Our faith in God teaches us that He desires to reach all people and as teachers, we have an opportunity to be involved in that in a particular and special way. Our goal this year is to join together in worship, prayer and friendship so that we may learn more about how the Lord can use us to do that. We welcome all of you and especially those who are presenting plenaries and workshops.

Participants

These will be Christian teachers, representatives of Christian educational organizations, and anyone interested in the conference topic.

Plenary sessions and workshops will be in English. If needed, we will offer translation into French and German. If you need translation in another language, we advise you to come with a friend who can serve as translator.

Venue

The conference will be held at the
Vitosha Park Hotel
1, Rosario Str, Sofia - 1700
BULGARIA
Tel. (+359) 2 816 88 88
www.vitoshaparkhotel.com

Conference 2018

**The impact that
Christian educators can have
within a nation**

International Conference
for Christian Educators

**Ascension Weekend,
May 10 - 13, 2018**

**at the Vitosha Park Hotel
Sofia, Bulgaria**



www.eureca-online.org

Plenary sessions

Dr. Ken Badley currently teaches foundations of education at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta. He has taught in secondary, under-graduate, and graduate settings in Canada and the United States, as well as working with teachers in Kenya on seven occasions. He serves on the editorial board of the „*New Educational Review*“ and as book review editor for the



„*International Journal of Christianity and Education*“. Recent publications include „*Echoes of Insight: Past Perspectives and the Future of Christian Higher Education*“ (2016, with Patrick Allen), „*Faith and Learning: A Guide for Faculty*“ (2014, with Patrick Allen), and „*Educational Foundations in Canada*“, with Jodi Nickel and Allen Edmonds (2014). Ken lives in Calgary, Alberta with his wife, K. Jo-Ann Badley.

Professor Dr. Detchko Svilenov studied Orthodox theology and medicine. For 36 years he has been working in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in the field of medical research and also at the Medical University of Ulm in Germany. He has written many medical and Christian books:



„*Evolution and Creation in the Light of Science*“, „*Sexuality and Sex - What Does the Bible Say?*“, „*The Question of God's Existence*“, „*Life After Death*“, „*Health Disease Suffering - Medical and Biblical Aspects*“, „*Christianity and Islam - Two Completely Different Religions. Where is the Truth?*“, „*The True God*“ as well as others. His wife and the older son are medical doctors, his youngest son is a dentist who lives in the US. In 1994 he founded the Friends of Bulgaria Foundation. After the political changes in 1989 he started printing and distributing children's bibles and books on Christian ethics in the government schools across Bulgaria, to date the total has reached 4 million.

Workshops

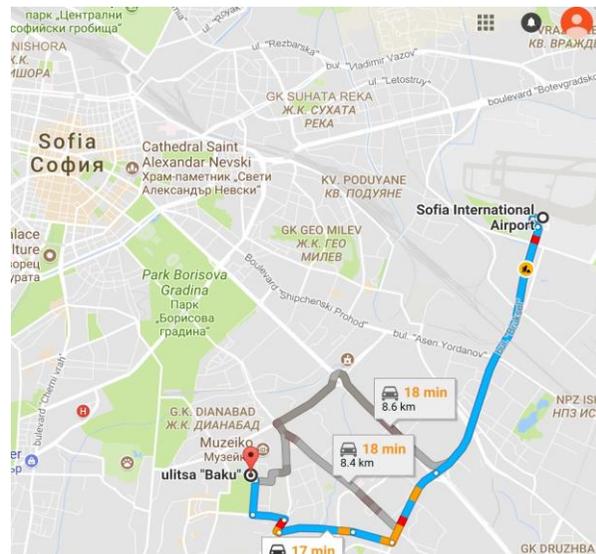
Workshops will be 60 minutes length and will be presented by EurECA conference delegates on a variety of topics relevant to Christian educators from all nations.

Conference Costs

The total cost for the Conference time per person (including accommodation, meals, and conference fees) is **210 €** (in double room) / **255 €** (in single room) for early registrations made **until March 31**. For registrations **after April 1**, the cost will be **20 € more**. For **Bulgarian daily participants**, the conference fee is **35 leva** per day, which includes lunch and dinner. There is the possibility to come earlier and/or to leave later, paying an extra cost. There will be also an additional charge for some of the optional excursions.

Travel

The **Vitosha Park Hotel** is located just 8 km South-West of Sofia International Airport. It can be reached very easily by taxi, which costs **about 5-7 €**.



Conference Registration

Please register online at www.eureca-online.org/conference

The earlier you register, the easier you make it for us to organize, and the more likely you will find a convenient flight. If you need a visa, you must start the process as soon as possible!

Registration deadline is **April 10, 2018**.

If you **pay in advance, we appreciate it. The payment can be made as of January 1, 2018**.

For payments in Euro:

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For payments in Swiss Francs:

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For payments in UK Pounds:

UK Bank: NatWest
Sort code: 537011
Account No.: 96579773
or you may send a cheque (payable to 'EurECA') to
Graham Coyle (graham@riverschool.co.uk)
15 Lilac Avenue, Worcester, WR4 9QU, UK.

Funding

EurECA has a European Support Fund to help those who could not otherwise attend. Please do not hesitate to contact us for support. We will collect all requests up to **January 31, 2018** and we will let you know soon after that to what extent we can help.

If you can afford it, we invite you to contribute to this fund by adding something to the conference fee.

Questions?

Contact Liviu Caprar liviucaprar@gmail.com