

Conference Programme

Thursday, May 25 (Ascension Day)

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

Friday, May 26

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Morning worship
- 9.30 David Smith: Culture and Self
- 10.15 Discussion groups
- 12.15 Lunch
- 15.00 David Smith: Culture and Calling
- 16.30 Discussion groups
- 18.30 Dinner
- 19.30 EurECA General Assembly
Non-members are also invited but may not vote.
Join now as member through the EurECA website.

Saturday, May 27

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Morning worship
- 9.30 David Smith: Culture and Learning
- 11.00 Discussion groups
- 12.15 Lunch
- 14.00 Relaxation / excursions
- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00 Presentations and prayers
Participants are invited to bring short reports about their organizations and countries. Joint prayers follow

Sunday, May 28

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Worship: David Smith (with Communion)
- 11.00 Packed lunch and farewells

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 a member organisation of the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA).

Conference 2017

Encountering cultural differences in the classroom, in the workplace, in the church, and in the public square is an everyday part of contemporary life. The chances that we will live our lives interacting only with those who share our cultural identity and ways of thinking are shrinking. Understanding culture and how cultural difference affects how we understand one another and live well together is no longer just for travellers. It has become a basic life skill. Our goal will be to point to rich ways in which Christians can responsibly and graciously embrace cultural difference in our schools and communities.

Participants

are Christian teachers, representatives of Christian educational organizations, and anyone interested in the conference topic. Plenary sessions and discussion groups 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 Hurdal Verk Folkehøgskole
2090 Hurdal
NORWAY
Tel. (+47) 63 92 06 00 <http://hvf.no/hurdal/>



Conference 2017

Learning from the Stranger: Christian Educators and Cultural Differences

International Conference
for Christian Educators

Ascension Weekend,
May 25 - 28, 2017

at the Hurdal Verk Folkehøgskole
Oslo, Norway



www.eureca-online.org

David Smith



is Director of Graduate Studies in Education and Director of the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has taught for many years in both secondary and post-secondary education in Europe and the US. He serves

as Senior Editor of the International Journal of Christianity and Education. He travels widely speaking to schools and universities in many countries on topics related to faith and education, and has published more than 20 books and many book chapters and articles on various aspects of Christian education. His most recent books are Teaching and Christian Imagination (with Susan Felch) and Christians and Cultural Difference (with Pennylyn Dykstra - Pruim). He has received awards for innovative teaching and for intercultural teaching, and has been a nominee for a national award honouring the best teachers in US higher education.



Travel

The Hurdal Verk Folkehøgskole is located just 44 km north of Oslo Airport Gardermoen. We will offer a shuttle bus service from the airport to the venue for convenient access (for 10-15 € per person, one way, depends on the number of full seats). Please try to arrive before 17.30. If you are flying to Rygge or Torp, you need to find your own way to Gardermoen. Details will be sent to participants once we know more about arrival times.

Conference Costs

The total cost for the conference time (including accommodation, meals, and conference fees) will be **235 €** (per person, in double room with bathroom or in single room with shared bathroom in the corridor) / **325 €** (single en-suite). There is the possibility to come the day before and/or to leave the day after, paying an extra cost. Day guests will pay **25 €**, plus meals. There will be also an additional charge for some of the optional excursions.



Conference Registration

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

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 30, 2017**.

If you pay in advance, we appreciate it:

For payments in Euro:

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IBAN: CH21 0023 3233 6779 2941 F
BIC: UBSWCHZH80A (UBS)

For payments in Swiss Francs:

EurECA, D-79396 Kandern
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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, 2017** and we will let you know soon after that to what extent we can help.

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

Questions?

Contact Liviu Caprar: liviucaprar@gmail.com