

International Conference On

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"Theology needs to be involved in finding solutions to ecological problems"

Conference goals

Since the beginning of the creation, God ("THEOS" in Greek) is understood to be an "ecological" God. From the fires of the early universe to the magnificent Life communities of Earth, God is venerated as a Living presence within these great processes. We, as humans, are beginning to re-envision ourselves as part of this glorious creation and as a member of an Earth community, at the same moment as Earth is entering a severe ecological crisis. This growing crisis leads more and more people to cry out in agony: "My God (in Greek: THEE mou), thou hiddest thy face and everything is dismayed" (cf. Psalm 103/104:29). This "EcoTHEE" conference addresses the need for human response to the ecological crisis. It affirms human responsibility for the well being of the Earth and the vast communities of Life. It focuses on religious-based and scientific approaches to ecological problems and challenges. The goal of the conference is to create a multi-disciplinary and international forum for information and insight exchange among theologians, Earth scientists, economists, sociologists, politicians and historians working in the area of ecological ethics and responsibility for a sustainable future.

THE INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY AND ECOLOGY (ITHE) OF THE ORTHODOX ACADEMY OF CRETE (OAC),

IN COLLABORATION WITH

THE CANADIAN FORUM ON RELIGION AND ECOLOGY (CFORE),

THE EUROPEAN FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND THE ENVIRONMENT (EFSRT), THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES (CEC)

AND THE EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (ECEN), THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF CRETE (TUC), THE INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (IMBB) – FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (FORTH)

INVITE PAPERS ON ECOTHEOLOGY AND ECOLOGICAL ETHICS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR AREAS, PUTTING EMPHASIS ON THE THEOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF EACH ISSUE:

- SESSION 1: "CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL RISK"
- SESSION 2: "BIODIVERSITY AND LAND DEGRADATION"
- SESSION 3: "WATER, OCEANS AND ENERGY"
- SESSION 4: "INSIGHTS FROM COSMOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCES."

VENUE



The venue place is located at the north end of Kolymbari, close to the historic monastery of Gonia (17 th century), at a magnificent place with unlimited view over the sea and the mountains. The sea water is very clean and only few meters from the venue place. Kolymbari is a small town of 5000 people, about 20 km west of Hania, a town with a very long history.

ORGANIZERS:

GENERAL CHAIR:

ALEXANDROS

PAPADEROS (Doctor of Philosophy and Co-Founder -Director- of the OAC),

PROGRAM CHAIR:

HEATHER EATON

(Professor at Saint Paul University and Founder of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Theology),



PROGRAM VICE CHAIR: SIGURD BERGMANN (Professor at Norwegian University of Science and Technology and Chair of the European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment).

CO-CHAIRS: **LUCAS ANDRIANOS** (Doctor in Environmental sciences and Responsible for the Institute of Theology and Ecology at the Orthodox Academy of Crete), **TIM COOPER** (Doctor in Social sciences and Honorary Chairman of Christian Ecology Link, UK), **REV. RÜDIGER NOLL** (Associate General Secretary and Director of Church and Society Commission the Conference of European Churches-CEC), **IULIAN RUSU** (Professor at the 'Gh. Asachi' Technical University of Iasi and Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Science and Theology), **JACQUES ZAFFRAN** (Director of the Cretan Herbarium at the Orthodox Academy of Crete and honorary Professor at the University of Marseille).

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: **IOANNA KOMNINO** AND **EMMANUELA LARENTZAKIS**



GREETINGS

Local church and civil authorities

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

HIS EMINENCE

IOANNIS (Metropolitan of Pergamon and former President of the Academy of Athens, Greece), **ALEXANDROS PAPADEROS**, **HEATHER EATON**, **ERNST CONRADIE**, **RÜDIGER NOLL**, **IULIAN RUSU**, **TIM COOPER**, **SIGURD BERGMANN**, **MARY GREY**,... (NOT ALL CONFIRMED YET)



REGISTRATION

The Registration application form (please download from: www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/ecothee08reg.pdf) can be sent by fax to +0030-2824022060 or by email to oac@otenet.gr or Luc_andrian@yahoo.gr.

The **Registration fee** is 150 € for participants and 50 EUR for accompanying persons *before 30 April 2008*. *After 30 April 2008 and on site*: the conference fee is 200 € for participants and 100 EUR for accompanying persons.

The registration fee includes: Welcome reception, conference participation kit, excursion – visit of historical sites of Crete (lunch included), admission to all sessions, coffee breaks, as well as social events. Payment can be done in advance by bank transfer to the account of the OAC (see below) or by credit card or in cash on site.

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Registration will be limited to 120 participants.

The **Gala dinner** on Thursday night 5 June with Cretan and popular Greek music and dances is free for all participants (included in the registration fee).



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ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in the rooms of the Orthodox Academy of Crete in Kolymbari, Crete. It has 130 beds in double rooms. Rooms will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. The rooms have



own bathroom and view to the sea or the mountains. The costs for staying at the Orthodox Academy of Crete are 80 Euros per person in a shared room and 105 Euros for a single room. The accompanying person's cost is 60 Euros per night (all inclusive, room sharing). The expenses cover accommodation, breakfast, lunch*, dinner* (* according to the Cretan Cuisine with local wine), two coffee breaks per day and the use of all facilities (including internet services). For accommodation, participants may pay on site in cash or with credit card or by bank transfer in advance. In this case, please send (by e-mail or fax) or bring the receipt with you. One may contact the venue place directly at oac@otenet.gr (www.oac.gr), or tel. 0030-28240-22245, fax 0030-28240-22060, mentioning the ECOTHEE-08 Conference. There might be the possibility for those who wish to extend their reservation before or after the Conference.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be submitted in an electronic form to heaton@ustpaul.ca or by post to: "Heather Eaton, Ph.D., Program Chair of ECOTHEE – 08, Saint Paul University, 223 Main Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 1C4, Canada". The details of the **call for papers** could be downloaded from: www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/ecothee08call.pdf. To download the poster of EcoTHEE-08, please visit www.oac.edu.gr/artman/uploads/ecothee08poster.pdf

A book of abstracts will be distributed to participants and selected papers will be published in a special issue of the *European Journal of Science and Theology*. We welcome other sponsors and funding initiatives.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 30, 2007

Author Notification: February 4, 2008

Final Manuscript Due: April 2, 2008

Conference days: June 2-6, 2008