

Katowice/Vienna, 15.02.2021

Dear EuFRES members,

the XIX EuFRES Forum on Dialogue of Cultures in Europe - a Challenge for Religious Education in Schools, which was planned to take place this year in Vienna from 7-11 April, has been postponed by the EuFRES Board of Trustees to 2022 (20-24 April) due to the ongoing COVID--19 coronavirus pandemic in Europe and the restrictions introduced. The theme of the meeting and the venue will not change.

Listening to the voice of many EuFRES members, in order not to give up completely the possibility of our meeting, we propose that it will take place in 2021 in a secure and online form accessible to all. The meeting will be held on Friday 9 April 2021 from 15:00 - 18:00. The theme is "Religious Education in Europe in the Time of the Pandemic".

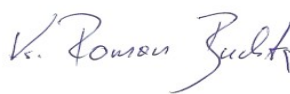
It is the intention of the Board of Trustees that this year's meeting is not intended to be another EuFRES forum, but an opportunity to share experiences during the difficult time of the pandemic and, equally important, to foster our collegial relationships. We invite current members of EuFRES and people recommended by us who are interested in the issues of religious education in schools to participate in the meeting.

The meeting will take place on the platform ZOOM, to which the Archdiocese of Katowice (Poland) provides free access. For technical reasons, we kindly ask you to send information about your wish to attend the meeting to the email address of EuFRES Secretary General Dr Piotr Kubiak (piotr.kubiak@kphvie.ac.at). Those who have registered will receive a link to register on the ZOOM platform. As in previous conferences, the programme will include keynote speeches and exchanges in working groups. Please indicate the language group of your choice (English, German, Polish, Italian). Participants will be redirected to the chosen language group by the technical organiser (host) in good time. The last part of the conference (Forum) is planned as a collegial meeting.

As we begin the time of spiritual preparation for the resurrection of Christ, we wish you a fruitful experience of this time, good health and hope that you will accept the invitation to participate in the conference and a joyful encounter on our common "road to Emmaus".



Dr. Piotr Kubiak
General Secretary



Univ. Prof. Dr. Roman Buchta
President

Programme:

- 15.00 Opening of the conference Prof. Roman Buchta - President of EuFRES;
- 15.10 - 16.10 Religious Education in Times of Pandemic - Experiences from Europe
Austria, Poland, Spain / Italy
- 16.15 - 17.00 Meeting in the language groups
- 17.10 - 18.00 Cosy exchange of ideas - "A forum for all"
- 18.00 Closing of the meeting