



15th Consultation
European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy
Belgium, Blankenberge, 15-19 June 2018



INVITATION LETTER

Nurturing Spirituality in Healthcare Chaplaincy

Leuven, December 19th 2017

Dear all,

As you have been informed, the upcoming 15th consultation of the ENHCC will take place between the 15th and the 19th of June 2018 in the conference center 'Duinse Polders' in Blankenberge, near Bruges (Belgium). Together with the local committee, the Network Committee has been working eagerly in organizing your stay at the beautiful seaside of Belgium. You are very **welcome!** Along with this letter, you will find a preliminary program, an explanation of the consultation theme, a call for papers and a registration form.

In our work we feel strongly connected with our spirituality. That is expressed in the theme of the consultation: *Nurturing Spirituality in Healthcare Chaplaincy*. You can find an **explanation of the theme** in attachment.

We will explore the theme in several ways. One of the ways is to learn from each other. That is why we attach with the invitation a **call for papers** to the participants of the consultation. These papers will be presented on Sunday June 17th. If you are willing to submit a paper: please let us know *by February 1st* through Axel Liegeois: axel.liegeois@kuleuven.be.

You can find further details on the consultation **preliminary program**. You will notice that this consultation, different from the previous consultations, has a different format as to the days we will meet. *Our meeting will start on Friday afternoon (June 15th) and end on Tuesday midday (June 19th), following lunch.*

You can also find the **registration form** in attachment. The costs (all-inclusive) are € 500 (members ENHCC/single room), € 440 (members ENHCC/double room), € 600 (non-members



ENHCC/single room), and € 540 (non-members ENHCC/double room). When you submit your registration form, an e-mail will be sent with information on how to pay. All-inclusive means: your room and all meals, the consultation and the visits. If you want to stay an extra night after the consultation, the costs are € 80 per night, including meals. We cannot offer extra nights before the consultation. Please send the registration form as soon as possible but *before March 15th* to the secretary of the consultation, Svenja Roevens: enhcc2018@gmail.com.

Given that Brussels Airport (Zaventem) is a destination for many European airlines, it will not be difficult for you to find flights that will get you into the country on Friday, and back home on Tuesday. We would like to ask that you all book our flights so as not to miss any of the sessions. They are all important! Also, we suggest that you **plan your trip immediately** to cut down on the air fare. If needed it is possible to arrive one night earlier or to leave one day later. Please communicate your wishes as soon as you have made your plans so that the Belgium organization can provide the opportunity for you to come earlier or leave later. If you have to come earlier, the organizers can help you to find a room close to the conference center. After the consultation you can stay longer in the conference center. You can indicate your plans on the registration form.

Finally, for representatives from ENHCC-members who wish to receive **sponsorship** for the consultation from the Stavros Kofinas Fund, we ask that you mark this on the registration form and write the treasurer of the ENHCC, Siimon Haamer (coordinator@enhcc.eu), before the end of March. There are limited funds that will be divided accordingly to help you cover the cost of registration. As in the past, we are not in a position to cover travel costs.

With this letter, we would like to send our warmest and heartfelt best wishes for Christmas,

Sincerely yours,

Simon Evers

Coordinator of the European Network of Healthcare Chaplaincy (www.enhcc.eu)

Axel Liégeois

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