



## ENHCC NEWSLETTER, 21 June 2017

Dear representatives, members and friends of the ENHCC,

### **Launch of the European Research Institute for Chaplaincy in Healthcare (ERICH)**

On 6 June, 2017 180 people from 16 countries met together at KU Leuven, Belgium to Launch the European Research Institute for Chaplaincy in Healthcare (ERICH). The day was characterised by a spirit of celebration and expectation for the future of ERICH.

The event began with a welcome from Simon Evers (Chair, Board of ERICH and Co-ordinator, European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy) followed by Prof Dr Anne Vandenhoeck (Director, ERICH and Chair Academic Centre for Practical Theology , KULeuven) outlining the importance of European Research on Chaplaincy. She also presented the Logo.



The day also included two speakers from the USA, Prof Dr Christina Puchalski (Director George Washington Institute of Spirituality in Healthcare) and Prof Dr George Fitchett (Director of Research in the Department of Religion, Health, and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago).

Prof Dr Austyn Snowden and Prof Dr Ewan Kelly spoke about the Lothian PROM's (Scotland) and the plans of ERICH to do research with the PROM's in Belgium, Ireland, Malta, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Finland and the UK.

Four colleagues (Elsbeth Littooy (the Netherlands), Fr. Efstathios Savvides (Cyprus), Fr. Marek Frantisek Drabek (the Czech republic) and Daniel Nuzum (Ireland)) presented their own research that they perform(ed) during their work as a chaplain.

Finally Hans Evers (the Netherlands) created in an interactive way with all visitors the future plans for research for ERICH.

Everyone present was enthused by the day and left in expectation of the work that ERICH will achieve in the years to come.

Feelings of gratitude may be expressed to the funder as well as to the NHS of Scotland for giving the rights of the PROM's for free to ERICH to support this initiative of the ENHCC.

After the Launch the Board and the Innovation and Development Forum of ERICH had their first meeting.

ERICH's website contains photos taken, and presentations given, during the launch as well as details of the new Twitter account.

Please look at: [www.chaplaincyresearch.eu](http://www.chaplaincyresearch.eu)



(Opening of ERICH on 6 June in the 'Promotiezaal' of KU-Leuven)

### **Committee-meeting 2017**

From 5 June till 8 June the committee met in Leuven. One of the purposes was to be present at the Launch of ERICH.

The committee prepared the next Consultation of the ENHCC to be held in from 15 till 19 June, 2018 in Belgium (Blankenberge). During the next months you may expect the invitation. The committee still felt that the Consultation in Debrecen, 2016, was very successful and expressed again gratitude to the organizers of Hungary.

It was decided by the committee that next to the representatives of the members of the ENHCC other interested individuals are welcome. Those not being representatives of members of the ENHCC will be asked why they do want to attend the Consultation and will pay a higher fee for the Consultation.



(Board and Innovation & Development Forum of ERICH on 6 June in the KU-Leuven)

### **New member for the ENHCC**

It is with great joy that the committee welcomes the Israeli Professional Organization of Spiritual Caregivers as ordinary member of the ENHCC. The committee said that every Church, National Association or Faith group that commits itself to the purpose of the ENHCC can apply for ordinary membership of the ENHCC.

From that Organization Mike Schulz was our guest in Debrecen and their representative for the moment will be Dina Herz.

### **Representations of behalf of the ENHCC**

From 15 till 18 March 2017 Anne Vandenhoeck and Simon Evers were invited to be present at the '1. Ökumenischer Kongress der Seelsorgenden im Krankenhaus und Gesundheitswesen' in München (Germany). It was a pleasure to meet there Tony Jung-Hankel, Thomas Hiemenz and Traugott Roser. Furthermore we met there Michael Feil who succeeded our good friend Hans-Gerd Angel to represent the Roman Catholic Church of Germany within the ENHCC.

Fr. Stavros Kofinas, Co-ordinator of the 'Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care', invited Simon Evers to represent the ENHCC at their Consultation from 11 till 15 October on the Greek island of Rhodos. The committee felt it a good sign of our good relationships with their network to be present there. More information can be found on their website:

[www.pastoralhealth-ep.com](http://www.pastoralhealth-ep.com).

## Finances

The invoices for the contribution for the year 2017 have been sent out. Thanks to those who have paid and thanks to those who will pay in the next weeks!

## Dates to remember

- Consultation of the ENHCC 2018 in Blankenberge, Belgium: Friday June 15th till Tuesday June 19th, 2018.

With my best wishes in your work and for a good summer on behalf of the entire committee of the ENHCC,



(Committee of the ENHCC: Fr. Efstathios Savvides, Axel Liegeois, Judit Gal, Simon Evers, Karoliina Nikula, Siimon Haamer, Fr. Adamantios Avgoustidis, Mark Burleigh).

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