

16th Consultation
European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy
Greece, Chania (Crete), 10-14 June 2020

INVITATION LETTER

Connecting Heart to Heart –
Being a Chaplain & Being with Others



Amsterdam-Athene, October 21th 2019

Dear all,

As you have been informed, the upcoming 16th consultation of the ENHCC will take place between the 10th and the 14th of June 2020 at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, near the town of Chania (Crete-Greece). The Network Committee has been working eagerly in organizing your stay on the beautiful island of Crete. You are very welcomed! Along with this letter, you will find a preliminary program and a call for contributions. The registration is to be done through: <https://congres.zonderzorg.nl/%6016th-consultation-european-network-of-health-care-chaplaincy/registration-form>

We will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Network. We are very grateful to Fr. Stavros Kofinas, the first Coordinator of the Network, to offer hospitality again in the Orthodox Academy of Crete where the Network was founded in 2000.

We will explore the theme in several ways. The first way is through key-note speakers: Daniel Nuzum (Ireland), Kerstin Dillmar and Lars Björklund (Sweden) and Martin Walton (the Netherlands). The second way is by the presentation of the first results of the research on chaplaincy performed by chaplains in several European countries initiated by ERICH. The director of ERICH, Anne Vandenhoeck, will be with us in Chania. The third way is to learn from each other. That is why we attach with the invitation a call for contributions (papers on research, papers on good practices or workshops) to the participants of the consultation. If you are willing to submit a contribution: please let us know *by February 1st, 2020* through Axel Liégeois: axel.liegeois@kuleuven.be. If your contribution is accepted you will receive a reduction of € 100 on the consultation fee.

You can find further details on the consultation **preliminary program**. *Our meeting will start on Wednesday afternoon (June 10th) and end on Sunday midday (June 14th).*

The costs (all-inclusive) are € 500 (members ENHCC/single room), € 450 (members ENHCC and partners of members ENHCC/in case of sharing a double room), € 600 (non-members ENHCC/single room), and € 550 (non-members ENHCC/in case of sharing a double room). When you submit your registration, 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. We cannot offer extra nights before or after the consultation. There are plenty possibilities to stay in hotels in or near Chania. Please register as soon as possible but *before March 15th, 2020*.

Given that Chania Airport is a destination for many European (charter)airlines, it will not be difficult for you to find flights. 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. Transportation will be provided for those arriving on Wednesday June 10th from the Chania Airport. If you fly to Heraklion you will have to arrange your own transport. Heraklion is two hours and 45 minutes to Chania and then another 30-40 min. from the Academy. Whoever flies to Heraklion will have to take a bus. See <https://www.oac.gr/en/epikoinwnia/topothesia-prosvasi/> and <https://www.we-love-crete.com/what-is-the-best-way-to-get-from-heraklion-to-kania.html>.

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 during the registration before the March 15th, 2020. 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 greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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Fr. Stavros Kofinas

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