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A new online publication “Spirituality” of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies launched a new Christian media project “Spirituality.” It is a monthly informational publication of ecumenical character about Ukraine. It is published in Ukrainian with Russian translation. It was established by the Institute of Ecumenical Studies at the Ukrainian Catholic University and the newspaper “Vysokyi Zamok” (Lviv). “Vysokyi Zamok” is a socio-political daily newspaper. Its daily circulation is 30,000 copies, and the weekly circulation is 400,000 copies. The weekly comes out every Thursday and has its own online version. The editor-in-chief of the newspaper is journalist Natalia Balyuk.

The editor of the website “Spirituality” is Olesya Barchuk (pictured), Master of Journalism, a graduate of the Department of Journalism at Ivan Franko National University in Lviv and a graduate of the Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies at UCU.

The resource is available on the web-page of “Vysokyi Zamok” or at www.dukhovnist.in.ua, as well as the website of the IES, www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/golovna

The project is unique because it is established on the basis of the secular media and is meant for its readers. Therefore, complex religious events and phenomena are talked about in a language clear to



the reader. The publication is designed for the active, aware and educated reader who wants to know more about the spiritual life of the world and Ukraine.

Further information on the publication can be found at

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/11/08/1047>

The third graduating class of students of MPES

On July 3, 2010, festivities on the **occasion of awarding diplomas** to the 3rd graduating class of students of the Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies of the IES were held. The event opened with a Divine Liturgy led by the president of the IES, **Fr. Ivan Dacko**,

with the participation of UCU Rector **Fr. Borys Gudziak, PhD**, at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv.

Eight graduates, specializing in religious journalism and Christian ethics, received diplomas of a Master of Ecumenical Studies.



The topics of their master's theses:

Viktoriya Lystopadska - "An overview of the disclosed archives of the Security Service of Ukraine which concern the activity of churches in the Soviet period";

Serhiy Kozlovskyi – "Contemporary religious intellectuals on ways of uniting the Christians of Ukraine";

Olha Melymuka – "Discussions on the purity of rite in the UGCC";

Iryna Petrushchak – "Interdenominational relations from the example of the Pochayiv Dormition Monastery";

Olesya Stohniy – "Interdenominational conflicts in the village of Chyzhykiv, Pustomyty district, Lviv region, against the background of denominational transformative processes in the Lviv region in the period of Ukrainian independence."

Natalya Halevych – “*Mass media resources: Psycholinguistic analyses (from the example of the competition “Reporters of Hope” in Ukraine)*”;

Olesya Pastushchak – “*Moral and ethical themes in the tradition of Ukrainian fairytales (Christian and mythological aspects)*”;

Olha Rubel – “*Ecological education of pupils as a component of Christian education.*”

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/07/06/916>

The 3rd Ecumenical Social Week “Trust. Responsibility. Philanthropy” was held in Lviv



From 4 to 10 October, the Ecumenical Social Week “Trust. Responsibility. Philanthropy” was held in Lviv. The event was unique for Ukraine and brought together a wide circle of religious workers, politicians and representatives of the social sector. The 3rd ESW was organized by the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, the Ukrainian Catholic University, the Lviv City Council, the Lviv Regional State Administration, and the National University Lviv Polytechnic.

This year’s coordinator of the ESW was Iryna Kitura (pictured), Master of Social Work, who has much experience in carrying out social projects.

Various events of the 3rd ESW were attended by approximately 3,000 people.

Among the honored guests of the 3rd ESW were Martin Reiser, Head of the Representative Office of the World Bank in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova; G. Daniel Caron, Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine; Bernard Chenevez, Vice-President of the Social Weeks of France; Kateryna Yushchenko, Head of the Supervisory Council of

ICF Ukraine 3000; Marc Hardy, Director of Non-Profit Administrative Programs of the University of Notre Dame (USA); Romen Huet, Department of Ethics at Lille Catholic University (France); Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine; and Heleen Zordrager, pastor, advisor on European issues at the Department of Protestant Church Mission in the Netherlands.

The council of experts of the ESW supported the bill “*On public organizations.*” A plenary meeting “*Efficient legislation as a foundation for the development of civil society,*” during which new legislative initiatives were



presented and suggested for discussion, was held at the Lviv Regional Council. In addition to round tables and conferences, **a number of cultural and artistic events were organized by the IES**: a concert of choral singing and a performance by people with special needs; a concert in the Maria Zankovetska Drama Theatre with Ukrainian and foreign participants; the movie “Three Stories of Galicia” by a Ukrainian, Olha Onyshko, and Sara Arhat of Lebanon about experiences of tragic events and the reconciliation of Ukrainians, Poles and Jews; the 10th poetic meeting of people with special needs; Berehynya, the 4th international festival of family art; an exhibition and seminar “Children and icons” by Mariya Pavelko from the Heaven on Earth icon painting school in the city of Mykolaiv; an exhibition and seminar “Forgotten world” presented by Johan Schmidt and Manfred Schwarz; the Library of Peace dedicated to victims of totalitarian regimes; and a fair of social organizations on Rynok Square in Lviv.

http://www.esw.org.ua/3_ij_est/pidsumki

A film of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies about the 3rd ESW in Ukrainian and English (duration 15 min):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6uHSWrlZ_E

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVmP4b235pA&feature=related>

The National Network of the ESW presented

During the Ecumenical Social Week **a meeting of the National Council of the ESW was held** at UCU. An honored guest of the meeting was **Bernard Chenevez**, Vice-President of the Social Weeks of France. The meeting was also attended by **Antoine Arjakovsky**, director of UCU’s Institute of Ecumenical studies; **Oleksandr Oliynyk** of the Department of Academic and Educational Programs of ICF Ukraine 3000; **Anastasiya Zaytseva**, a new worker of the IES and coordinator of the National Network of the ESW; **Halyna Bokhonko**, newly appointed vice-director of the IES;



Vasyl Kosiv, vice-mayor of Lviv on humanitarian issues; **Volodymyr Trynka**, head of the Social and Economic Development Department; and **Nina Hayduk**, professor at the National University Lviv Polytechnic.

There were representatives from various regions of Ukraine: Vadym Zalevskyi, partner at the European Humanities Research Center at Kyiv Mohyla Academy National University (**Kyiv**); Alla Soroka, lecturer at the Christian Economic Humanities University (**Odesa**); Anastasiya Anokhina of the NGO People’s Help (**Chernivtsi**); as well as participants from Mykolaiv, Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Ternopil, Sumy, Donetsk, and Poltava.

The meeting of the National Council of the ESW consisted of two stages of discussion. After Antoine Arjakovsky's introduction on the national dimension of the Ukrainian Social Weeks, Bernard Chenevez presented the history of the Social Weeks of France, the main areas of work and initiatives of the European network. During the second part of the meeting, **the National Network of the ESW was presented**. Its **common** goal primarily lies in familiarizing the public with the social doctrine of the Church, developing and lobbying for legislative initiatives which facilitate the introduction of this consensus doctrine, and promoting initiatives of social organizations of churches and universities in partnerships with government institutions.

Ten institutions of the network agreed to establish regional committees in their cities as well as yearly information days.

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The head of the Representative Office of the World Bank in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova participated in the ESW

On October 6, 2010, the **head of the representative office of the World Bank in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Martin Reiser**, was the chief speaker at the round table "*Trust as a foundation of effective business development.*"



Martin Reiser made an overview of empirical proofs for social capital and analyzed economic indices in transitional economies. He proved that low social involvement and an undeveloped civil society are obstacles in the transition of a country to a higher economic level. The reason is that the level of trust among people and the level of mutual trust between people and the state depends upon the activity of civil society.

The goal of the meeting was to analyze the level of trust in various countries and its influence on the efficiency of an economy. Taking into consideration the low level of trust in Ukraine, the participants of the seminar expressed their views regarding the most important issues necessary for its development.

The participants of the round table were businessmen, owners, representatives of UCU's Lviv Business School, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and leading foreign experts, among whom was Marc Hardy, PhD, Director of Non-Profit Administrative Programs of the University of Notre Dame (USA).

The 20th anniversary of teaching Christian ethics in schools was celebrated during the 3rd ESW



On October 8, 2010, a **theoretical and practical conference “Christian ethics within the system of modern education,”** dedicated to the 20th anniversary of teaching Christian ethics in Lviv region schools, was held as part of the 3rd Ecumenical Social Week. Educators, government representatives, clergy, and foreign guests participated in the conference. The conference was opened by Mykhaylo Brehin, head of the Department of Education and Sciences at the Lviv Regional State Administration. The conference reports concerned various aspects of teaching the subject. Thus, the director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, **Antoine Arjakovsky**, defined the ecumenical approach to teaching the subject and preparing educational materials. **He also presented a textbook for 2nd grade students of secondary schools on the subject “Christian ethics” (author H. Dobosh), which was prepared and published thanks to the support of the IES and the missionary aid organization Kerk in Actie (Netherlands).** This is the first textbook of the series of educational literature on Christian ethics for seven-year-old children. **Heleen Zordrager**, pastor, advisor on European issues at the Department of Protestant Church Mission in the Netherlands, presented an approach to teaching Christian ethics in Europe; she also compared methods of teaching the subject in Ukraine and the Netherlands. **Representatives of church structures of various denominations took the floor at the conference. Halyna Sokhan (pictured), candidate of philology, docent of the Department of Social and Cultural Education at the Lviv Regional Institute of Post-graduate Education, and an author of textbooks on this subject for the 5th and 6th grades,** described the overall state of current teaching of Christian ethics in schools. There were also teachers of Christian ethics from Kyiv, the Transcarpathia region, and Volyn.

http://www.esw.org.ua/novini_est/hristiyans_ka_etika_20_rokiv_vikladannya

Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine Daniel Caron presented the world's experience of trust, responsibility and philanthropy



On October 7, 2010, at the round table "***Trust, responsibility and philanthropy in the world***," participants had a chance to listen to and discuss the topic with **Fr. Borys Gudziak**, Rector of UCU, **G. Daniel Caron**, Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, **Ivan Jurkovic**, Archbishop, Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine, and **Robert Spicer**, pastor of the Lutheran Church in the USA.

Daniel Caron pointed out that Canada is a country that successfully practices charity, volunteering and philanthropy. He explained that Canadians are very actively involved due to the inward satisfaction that giving brings. Archbishop **Ivan Jurkovic** added: "The Church should care not only about humanitarian aid, but also promote justice and peace in the whole world. Humanitarian activity is not the Church's mission but a fruit of Church life."

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Advocacy campaign for the bill “In support of non-profit organizations” continues

On October 7, 2010, the round table "***Percentage philanthropy and the mechanism of civil society's development***" was held as part of the 3rd ESW. The event was attended by: **Svitlana Kuts**, director of the Center for Philanthropy; the director of the office of **DVV International in Ukraine**, **Natalya Aleskeeva**; the deputy head of the Council Secretariat at the Lviv City Council; and participants of the ESW. The discussion concerned the bill "***In support of non-profit organizations***," which was developed as part of the 2nd ESW and registered in the Supreme Council by national deputies of Ukraine S. Kurpil, P. Pysarchuk and V. Stretovych in February 2010.



During the round table, the proposals to the bill of the Tax Law developed by Natalya Alekseeva, which concerned the support of non-profit organizations, **were considered and discussed**. In particular, one of the suggestions was expanding the chapter "***Tax on physical persons' income***" of article 166 with clauses about the transfer of a tax not exceeding 2% of the sum of a tax paid to a non-profit organization.

The proposals were approved by the participants and proper letters with suggestions were sent to the appropriate institutions.

Philosophy of the competition “Reporters of Hope in Ukraine” presented



At the round table “*The role of mass media in solving significant social issues: The philosophy of ‘Reporters of Hope in Ukraine,’*” conducted by the Institute of Ecumenical Studies on 8 October 2010, the competition “Reporters of Hope in Ukraine” was presented. **Paraskoviya Dvoryanyn,** editor-in-chief of TRC Luks, editor-in-chief of the program Lviv News (Channel 24), was moderator of the round table. An honored guest was **Bishop Venedykt (Aleksiychuk), auxiliary bishop of the Lviv Archeparchy of the UGCC.** He expressed his wish to start a new Christian radio station in Lviv.

Among the participants of the round table were journalists and representatives of the media including: **Oleksandr Dobroyer**, director of the European Institute of Social Communications, sociologist, journalist; **Taras Lylyo**, docent of the Department of Foreign Press and Information at Ivan Franko National University; **Oleksandr Akymenko**, media expert of the NGO Luks Institute of Mass Media; **Khrystyna Stets**, journalist of Luks Tele-radio Company and a winner of the 1st All-Ukrainian competition “Reporters of Hope in Ukraine”; **Taras Antoshevskyy**, director of the Religious Information Service of Ukraine; and **Olesya Barchuk**, PR manager of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies.

Olesya Barchuk spoke about the conduct and results of the 1st competition “Reporters of Hope in Ukraine,” as well as the innovations of the 2nd competition. The project aims at encouraging readers, listeners and viewers **not to be passive consumers of offered information.**

http://www.esw.org.ua/novini_est/novij_format_zhurnalistiki_dobro_dopomoga_dovira

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies presented the project “The Observatory of Successful Initiatives”

During the 3rd ESW, the Institute of Ecumenical Studies presented its new project “*The Observatory of successful initiatives.*” This is an electronic data base of successful initiatives from all over Ukraine, which is meant to generate **the best ecumenical, philanthropic and solidarity initiatives from all Ukraine (in English and Ukrainian).**

Its aim is to emphasize their importance in society, to share experiences, to strengthen communication and cooperation between the Church, NGOs, educational institutions, government and businesses, and to actively involve charity foundations and philanthropists from Ukraine and from abroad for the sake of developing the

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Observatory of Successful Initiatives. At the top, there is a logo of a hand holding a cross. Below it, the title is displayed in both Ukrainian and English: "Обсерваторія успішних єкуменіческих, філантропіческих та солідарніх ініціатив" and "Observatory of successful ecumenical, philanthropic and solidarity initiatives". The page features a sidebar with sections for "Напрями" (Directions) and "Регіони" (Regions), each listing various categories. The main content area includes a circular logo for the "Молоді - для місії" program, information about the Carpathian Foundation, and a large image of a green landscape with trees. On the right side, there is a menu with links like "Головна", "Про нас", "Інформація", "Реєстрація", and "Вихід". A search bar at the bottom right is labeled "Пошук...".

volunteer movement in Ukraine.

Project benefits: one can search initiatives by Ukraine's regions and according to themes. The database is regularly updated and renewed.

One hundred successful initiatives were included in the collection, published on a DVD and distributed among Ukrainian and foreign participants of the 3rd Ecumenical Social Week.

On 7 October 2010, **the project and the three best initiatives from various regions of Ukraine were presented** at the round table. The main speaker was the director of the **Carpathian Foundation, Ruslan Zhylenko**. He explained how their fund supports the reform of social services in western Ukraine. It supports the development of private social services, small and eco-tourism businesses, and community development. The foundation offers grants as well as conducts project activities.

The director of the IES, **Antoine Arjakovsky, is the president of the prestigious jury of “The observatory of successful initiatives,”** which meets twice a year to select successful initiatives and to update the electronic database of the site.

<http://initiatives.org.ua>

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies co-organized the Lviv regional competition “Philanthropist of the year 2010”



was signed during the event. The chairman of the Organizing Committee of “Philanthropist of the Year 2010” is Oleksandr Maksymchuk, who is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the International Charitable Foundation Ukraine 3000.

At the round table, the issue of evaluation criteria for charitable projects was discussed, the projects that won the competition were presented, and the experience and prospects of the regional competition “*Philanthropist of the year*” were considered.

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/11/08/1046>

Students of MPES were at the meeting with Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper



On October 25, 2010, a meeting of Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper with students and teachers of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies was held in Lviv (pictured).

In his speech at UCU, the Prime Minister recalled the historical events that led to Ukraine's gaining its independence and Canada's role in this. This country was one of the first that recognized the new state of Ukraine in 1991. The reason is that Canada has the most numerous Ukrainian diaspora: there are about 500 thousand Ukrainians there and more than a million residents with Ukrainian roots.

According to Stephen Harper, his visit was associated with recognition of the Holodomor (forced famine). Two years ago, Canada recognized the terrible tragedy as genocide against the Ukrainian people. Many people were in Ukraine during the famine and, having moved to Canada, testified about the true events of that time. Therefore, Canada was well informed about the situation in Ukraine and did not hesitate to recognize independence and the genocide. The guest gave his speech in two languages: English and French. In the end, Canada's Prime Minister said that no one knows what our future holds, yet it depends upon young people.

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/10/28/1043>

Students of MPES visited Romania



From 14 to 18 October 2010, with the assistance of the Protestant Church Mission in the Netherlands, represented by Heleen Zordrager, **28 students of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies visited the Protestant Institute in Cluj, Romania.**

During the visit they had an opportunity to visit the city of Oradea, get acquainted with the history and culture of Hungarians in Romania, participate in a Protestant worship service, do sightseeing and socialize

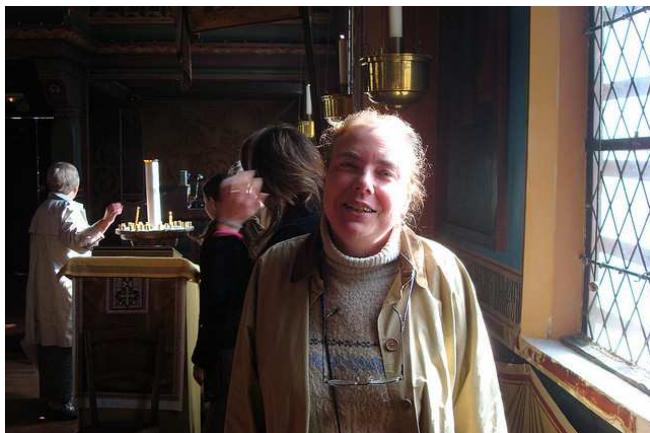
with their peers.

Meetings with the dean of the Orthodox Institute, Professor Stefan Ilyae, and a lecturer of the Protestant Institute, Foka Van der Beek, were very interesting. A visit to a Hungarian village where students had the opportunity to see a church built in 1241 and visit a museum of Hungarian life were also informative. **Spiritual union** was facilitated by a visit to the Nikula Orthodox monastery, which preserves a miraculous weeping icon. Notably, this is not the first example of the fellowship of the Protestant Institute and the Institute of Ecumenical Studies. Last spring Romanian students visited Lviv. The institutes plan to continue their cooperation in the future.

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/11/01/1044>

Christine Chaillot visited the Institute of Ecumenical Studies

On 28 September 2010, Christine Chaillot, a prominent expert on Oriental Christianity, lectured to students of the MPES.



Christine Chaillot came to Lviv from Switzerland at the invitation of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies.

She is the secretary of the association “Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Eastern (Oriental) Orthodox Churches.” The guest from Switzerland told about the origin of monastic life in the Coptic Church and the first monks in Syria and Egypt. She also explained why the Coptic, Syrian, Ethiopian, and Armenian Churches are Eastern

(Oriental) Churches.

Christine Chaillot also noted the great role of the Syrian Orthodox Church, and she dedicated a great part of her lecture to the relations of Christians and Muslims in the Middle East. She stated the fact that Christians have serious problems in Iraq and Egypt. Finally, she said: “We must always read the Scripture that tells us ‘to all be one, as thou, Father art in me and I in Thee, that they were united in us’ (John 17.21).” That is why ecumenical dialogue is so important, especially in places where people have suffered much, as in Ukraine.

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/09/29/1008>

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies participated in the international conference “The Bible and science: Creating a bridge between education and the Church” in Zvenigorodka

From 15 to 18 September 2010, in Zvenigorodka (near Moscow) an international conference “The Bible and science: Creating a bridge between education and the Church” was held. The conference was organized by the Biblical Theological Institute of St. Andrew the First-Called and the Dutch Protestant organization Kerk in Actie.



The conference was attended by representatives of Eastern Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and

Romania). The Institute of Ecumenical Studies was presented by the coordinator for the Distance Master's Program in Ecumenical Studies at the IES/UCU, Fr. Roman Fihas. Mykhaylo Seleznev opened the conference with the report "*The Bible and science: Synthesis and challenge*," which outlined the thematic direction of the conference. An **honored guest of the conference** was Klaas Shpronk, a professor of Biblical Studies from the Netherlands. On Saturday 19 September 2010, a consultation of the 2nd subgroup "***Development of ecumenical leadership in mission***" was conducted, which was a logical continuation of a conference in Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria).

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/node/1005>

The president of the IES, Fr. Ivan Dacko, participated in the 12th meeting of the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church



The president of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies, **Fr. Ivan Dacko**, professor of ecumenical theology, a member of the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, in September 2010 participated in the International Orthodox-Catholic Theological Commission, which took place in Vienna. The theme of this year's closed meeting was the primacy of the Pope during the earliest centuries of Christianity. Its result was an **official communiqué** and several comments of some representatives of the Commission: Metropolitan John of Pergamum and Archbishop Kurt Koch, the co-chairs of the Commission from the Orthodox and Catholic sides, respectively, and Metropolitan Ilarion of Volokolamsk (Alfeev), representative of the Russian Orthodox Church. The most important conclusion of the scholars during the meetings of the Joint Commission on Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue was that historical research confirms the coexistence of primacy and the Synod of Bishops (collegiality) in the first millennium of Christianity.

An introductory session for students of DMPES

From 9 to 21 August 2010, an introductory session before the beginning of the distance learning course at DMPES was held. **Thirteen students traveled to UCU from different parts of Ukraine** and attended three intensive courses on the history of the Church in Ukraine, Christian ethics, and public relations for churches and religious organizations. During the session, numerous meetings and discussions were held. **The students had the opportunity**



to talk with Myroslav Marynovych, UCU's vice rector for university mission, and Oleh Turiy, UCU's vice rector for research.

A **meeting with Rabbi Siva Feinerman** was held in dialogue format, sharing the rabbi's experience and knowledge. The students of DMPES also **visited the Bible Society**, where they learned about its founders and the development of ecumenical projects and biblical initiatives. **The students had an opportunity to learn** about IES projects, including the history and development of the ESW, the competition "Reporters of Hope in Ukraine" and "The Common Date of Easter."

At the end of the session, there was a **meeting with the director of the IES, Antoine Arjakovsky**. He shared his experience of participating in various ecumenical events and conferences with the students and presented today's interdisciplinary approach to ecumenism.

<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/09/01/971>

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies co-organized an international conference in La Salette



This is the fourth year that the Institute of Ecumenical Studies **has co-organized conferences on reconciliation in the sanctuary of La Salette in the French Alps and invited students from MPES.**

From 25 to 29 July 2010 in La Salette (France), the Institute of Ecumenical Studies co-organized an international conference "***Crisis and the Renewal of the Family in Europe***" in partnership with the Marian shrine of La Salette.

Among the participants were **Cardinal Philippe Barbarini, Archbishop of Lyon; Bishop Guy de Kerimel of Grenoble; Archbishop Jacques Suaudeau of the Pontifical Academy for Life; Antoine Renard, head of the Association of Catholic Families; Francois de Muizon, a philosopher from Lyon; and Judge Philippe Pouzoulet from Bordeaux.**

Conference participants received a letter of support from Archbishop Jan Lafitte, secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family at the Vatican.

Ten students of MPES attended the conference sessions. The sessions were conducted in accordance with an established tradition: reports and discussions were in the morning, and in the afternoon participants watched films. In addition to participating in the conference, the students also dedicated themselves to serving pilgrims in order to learn about the spiritual and cultural life of the French and to practice the language.

A conference report can be found on the IES site as well as the site of La Salette:
http://lasalette.cef.fr/article.php3?id_article=436

“Medical and psychological support for people with special needs”: Seminars on evaluation issues

On 21 and 22 June 2010, as part of the training certificate program “Medical and psychological and social support for persons with special needs,” **seminars for teachers of the program** on issues of general evaluation and, in particular, evaluation of the curriculum were held.

The seminars were conducted by Pierre Angotti, a consultant for staff and evaluation (France), and Michel Dormal, a trainer of the L'Arche International Federation.

At the workshop the following issues were discussed: How to organize evaluations? Who is involved in organizing and conducting evaluations? What are the methods and means of evaluation? **The workshop was conducted to improve** functioning of the program “Medical and psychological and social support for persons with special needs” in the next year.



<http://www.ecumenicalstudies.org.ua/novyny-instytutu/2010/06/30/914>

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