

Programme:

Friday, 24 August 2012

16.00-18.00: Arrival and registration

18.15: Evening meal

18.45-19.15: Introduction and address by the chairman of FEET, Prof. Pierre Berthoud (Aix-en-Provence, France)

19.30-21.15: **Main paper 1** and discussion
"Beyond the Bible - Within the Canon: Scripture as Canon in Evangelical Hermeneutics Past and Present"
Dr. Richard Briggs (University of Durham, England)

Saturday, 25 August 2012

7:30-7:50: Morning prayers (Dr. Stephen Dray, Southend-on-Sea, England)

8.00: Breakfast

9.00-9.40: Bible Reading: Prof. Thomas Schirrmacher (Martin Bucer Seminar, Bonn, Germany)

9.45-12.15: **Main paper 2** and discussion
Reading the Old Testament as Christian Scripture?
Dr. Tchavdar Hadjiev (Associate Regional Secretary of IFES Europe, Sofia, Bulgaria)

12:30: Lunch

14.00-15.30: Meeting for doctoral students chaired by Dr. Hetty Lalleman (Spurgeon's College, London, England) and Dr. Jamie Grant (Highland Theological College, Dingwall, Scotland)

16.00-18.00: **Main paper 3** and discussion
Writing Scripture in First Century Judaism: A case Study of Contextual Interpretation
Prof. Roland Deines (University of Nottingham, England)

18.15: Evening meal

19.30: Meetings of discipline groups (Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology & Church History, Missiology, Ethics & Apologetics, Practical Theology)

Sunday, 26 August 2012

7:30-7:50: Morning prayers (Dr. Danail Ignatov, Sofia, Bulgaria)

8.00: Breakfast

Excursion to the German capital, including Morning service in the Berlin Dome

Return by public transport at about 18:00

19.00: Evening meal

20.00: Meetings of discipline groups (Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology & Church History, Missiology, Ethics & Apologetics, Practical Theology)

Monday, 27 August 2012

7:30-7:50: Morning prayers (Dr. Danail Ignatov, Sofia, Bulgaria)

8.00: Breakfast

9.00-9.40: Bible Reading: Prof. Thomas Schirrmacher (Martin Bucer Seminar, Bonn, Germany)

9.45-12.15: **Main paper 4** and discussion
Can we still draw ethical principles from the Bible?
Prof. Patrick Nullens (Rector of Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Belgium)

12.30 Lunch

14.00-15.30: Meetings of discipline groups (Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology & Church History, Missiology, Ethics & Apologetics, Practical Theology)

16.00-18.00: **Main paper 5** and discussion
The Bible, mission and contextualization
Dr. (med. and theolog.) Hannes Wiher (Physician and Missiologist, Bern, Switzerland)

18.15: Evening meal

19.30-21.00: Business meeting of FEET

Tuesday, 28 August 2012

7:30-7:50: Morning prayers (Mr Gert Hain, Braunfels, Germany)

8.00: Breakfast

9.00-9.40: Bible Reading: Prof. Thomas Schirrmacher (Martin Bucer Seminar, Bonn, Germany)

9.45-11.30: **Main paper 6** and discussion
New atheism and the Bible: the apologetic challenge
Dr. Yannick Imbert (Faculté Jean Calvin, Aix-en-Provence, France)

11.45-12.15: Concluding session and summary by Prof. Pierre Berthoud (Aix-en-Provence, France)

12.30: Lunch

Discipline Groups:

Meeting three times:

Sat. 25.08. 19.30 – 21.00

Sun. 26.08. 20.00 – 21.30

Mon. 27.08. 14.00 – 15.30

1. *Old Testament*

Lead by Dr. Hetty Lalleman (Spurgeon's College, London, England)

2. *New Testament*

Lead by Prof. Peter V. Legarth (Menighedsfakultetet. Lutheran School of Theology in Aarhus, Denmark)

3. *Systematic Theology & Church History*

Lead by Dr. Armin Buchholz (Freie Theologische Hochschule, Giessen, Germany)

4. *Missiology*

Lead by Mr Erling Lundeby Th.M. (Oslo, Norway)

5. *Ethics & Apologetics*

Lead by Dr. Leonardo de Chirico (Istituto di Formazione Evangelica e Documentazione, Padova, Italy)

6. *Practical Theology*

Lead by Dr. Pavel Cerny (Evangelical Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic)

We encourage the giving of short papers (20 minutes) on any aspect of theological research (even if at an early stage of development) or interest in one of these disciplines. If you would like to participate in this way, please contact Klaus Bensel (KLBensel@aol.com) before 31.05.2012 with the title of your proposed paper and a short abstract.

registration form

Name, first name

Street

Place, postcode

Country

Telephone (private)

(office)

Profession

E-Mail

Single room

Double room

Student accommodation

To
Mr Gert F. Hain
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Registration

Prices:

Single room with full board: € 225,--
Double room with full board: € 190,--
Hostel style accommodation with full board: € 160,--

Special price for students and other participants from Eastern Europe: € 130,--

Method of payment:

- A. Direct transfer to the FEET - account
No. 333 0001, Volksbank Mittelhessen eG, Gießen
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for payments outside of Germany:
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- B. Cheque enclosed

- C. Payment in cash at the conference

Unfortunately payment by credit card cannot be accepted.

Please return the registration form no later than 30 June 2012.

You will receive the texts of the main lectures by e-mail before the conference.

A limited amount of financial support is available for students or others who may be unable to bear the full cost of the conference. If you would like to apply for assistance please send details of your request to the secretary.

Travel directions to the conference location by car or by train can be obtained at <http://www.ec-bub.de>

Conference location:

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The Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians was established over thirty years ago as the result of an initiative by Dr John Stott. At that time scholarship that combined the highest academic standards with a commitment to the authority of Scripture and to an orthodox, biblical theology was comparatively rare in Continental Europe. Stott saw the need to encourage evangelical biblical scholars and theologians in Europe by providing the kind of network that already existed in the United Kingdom through the Tyndale Fellowship and in North America through the Evangelical Theological Society and the Institute for Biblical Research. Since then an international conference on some specific theological theme has been held every two years.

The work of FEET has led to the establishment of national organisations such as AfeT in Germany, to the production of numerous publications whose scholarly value is internationally recognised, and to the encouragement of individuals to see biblical and theological scholarship as a divine calling. FEET is closely associated with the publication of *The European Journal of Theology*, a scholarly and professional journal carrying articles in English, French and German. For a long time evangelical Christians fought shy of scholarship because they saw it as a threat to their faith; now they realise its immense value in supporting the work of pastors and congregations and recognise that the church cannot do without it.

Beyond the Bible: Moving from Scripture to Theology and Practice

One thing that unites evangelical interpreters of the Bible is the understanding that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments speak to the realities of the contemporary world. These are not *just* ancient texts. Rather, the Bible is seen as still being relevant and applicable to the modern world in which we live. However, the question of *how* these ancient texts of the Bible speak to our present reality is an altogether more challenging one. Throughout many generations, we have witnessed the misuse of the Bible to justify all sorts of political and social oppression or other extreme behaviours. In some parts of the world today, the Bible is still (mis)used by politicians seeking to validate their manifestos in ways that make biblical scholars cringe.

The FEET Conference 2012 will focus on this most important of hermeneutical questions: how can we move beyond the Bible without leaving the Bible behind? The conference seeks to address this question from a variety of perspectives by considering the issue from the viewpoint of biblical studies, as well as historical, systematic and practical theology. Undoubtedly, this remains one of the most significant questions for evangelical theologians, so do not miss the opportunity to refine your own thinking and practice. How then can and should we move 'beyond the Bible' to theology and practice?

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