

## **PROGRAM**

### **of the international conference “Civil society and religious organizations for common protection of Creation in Eastern Europe”**

**Accommodation for participants of international conference:** Ukraine, Transcarpathian region, Mukachevo district, Synyak village 89642, Holovna street, Recollection center near the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, tel.: +38-099-265-71-47.

**Time of the international conference: 05-07 October 2017.**

**The objective** of the international conference in Ukraine consists in the selection of project ideas prepared by IRCEF participants and their professional design in the project concepts which will form the basis of the Program of cooperation between IRCEF and donors: European Commission, World Bank and other in the future.

The international conference in Transcarpathian region (Ukraine) will also sum up the first results of the Eastern European contest “On Responsibility for Creation”, the preparation of printed publications “Christian Ecological Ethics” and “Ecological Triptych...”, other initiatives planned by us within the framework of the project.

Also, the international conference in Transcarpathian region will direct the efforts of IRCEF member organizations to prepare a working meeting in Berlin in mid-November 2017, the purpose of which will be the presentation of the above-mentioned IRCEF Action Program.

Delegates from the “ecological” departments of the churches of Eastern Europe and Germany, as well as representatives of NGOs, whose project concepts are represented in the IRCEF Action Program are invited to the international conference.

**Arrival of participants:** *Thursday, October 5, the first half of the day.*

**Opening of the conference:** *Thursday, October 5, the second half of the day*

**Closing of the conference:** *Saturday, October 7, the first half of the day.*

*Expenses on travel, accommodation and food for invited participants are paid for through the project "Civil Society and Religious Organizations for Common Protection of Creation in Eastern Europe" with the support of the Ministry of Federal Foreign Office of Germany*

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## 05 OCTOBER, THURSDAY

(Recollection center, Synyak village Mukachevo district Transcarpathian region Ukraine)

- 10.00 Meeting of the IRCEF expert group on the selection of project ideas prepared by IRCEF participants and their professional design in project concepts (Bokotey, Kobrynskyj, Bilanych, Motuzenko, Suprunenko, etc.)
- 13.00** *Lunch* (for participants arrived in the morning)
- 14.00-17.00 Continuation of the work of the expert group. It runs parallel arrival, registration and accommodation of participants
- 17.00 Film-presentation about Transcarpathian region
- 18.30 Acquaintance evening
- 19.00** *Dinner*
- 19.00 Continuation of communication in an informal atmosphere

## 06 OCTOBER, FRIDAY

(Recollection center, Synyak village Mukachevo district Transcarpathian region Ukraine)

- 8.00** *Breakfast*
- 9.00 Biblical meditation “Creation”, Fr. Josyph Trunk
- 9.15 Opening (moderator Alexander Bokotey)
- Greetings (5 min.):**
- Bishop Majnek Antal, Head of the Commission on Ecology and Migrants of Roman-Catholic Church of Ukraine
  - Auxiliary Bishop Nil of Mukachevo Greek-Catholic Eparchy
  - Boris Tichomirow, director of programs of Nature Biodiversity Conservation Union of Germany, project coordinator (NABU, Berlin, Germany)
  - Alexander Gerevyeh, Society of nature conservation of Ukraine
  - Oleg Luksha – Forum of ecological rescue of Transcarpathia
  - Jan Christensen, Environmental Commissioner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northern Germany
- 10.00 Presentation of conference participants and photo for memory (the prayer about responsibility for Creation in Eastern Europe, an interview for media are offered)
- 10.30** *Coffee-break*
- 11.00 Round table "Framework conditions and requirements for project concepts of the IRCEF Program", moderators Tichomirow and Bokotey
- 12.00 Discussion of project ideas from IRCEF members:
- Discussion of project ideas from organizations representing Ukraine: the Commission on Ecology of the MGCE, the Commission for Ecology of the RCC, the Bureau for Ecology of the UGCC (Kyiv Archdiocese), the Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies, Caritas of the Lviv Diocese, Caritas of the Mukacheve Diocese, etc.
  - Discussion of project ideas from the Republic of Belarus. Sergey Yushkevich, “Church and environmental protection” program of the Center of Environmental Decisions, Minsk, Belarus

- Discussion of project ideas from Armenia. Arsen Melikyan, National Polytechnic University, Yerevan, Armenia
- Discussion of project ideas from the Republic of Moldova. Fr. Igor Plevsky, “Optima Fide”, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
- 13.00 Discussion of project ideas in cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Northern Germany, Jan Christensen
- 13.30      *Lunch***
- 14.30 Presentation of visual materials (video, photos, information in the media ...), prepared by us in the framework of the project. Bilanych Mykhailo, Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies
- 15.00 Summing up the first results of the Eastern European Contest “On Responsibility for Creation”: Alexander Bokotey, Mykhailo Bilanych, Sergey Yushkevich, Fr. Igor Plevsky, Boris Tichomirov
- 15.30 Presentation of printed publications “Christian ecological ethics”, “Ecological Triptych”, “Church-ecological calendars”. Bilanych Mykhailo, Korneva Galina (Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies)
- 16.00      *Coffee-break***
- 16.30 Harmonization of the structure of project concepts for drawing up the IRCEF Action Program on the example of presentations of project ideas. IRCEF activists, experts of the Institute of Ecological and Religious Studies, Tichomirov, Bokotey, Chavaga, Kulia, Bilanych, Kobrynskyj, Motuzenko, Suprunenko, other participants  
Discussion: agreement on the form of presentation of project concepts
- 18.30 Summing-up
- 19.00      *Dinner, spiritual musical performance***
- 20.00 Evening in the castle of Saint-Miklos (village Chinadievo, Transcarpathian region).

### **07 OCTOBER, SATURDAY**

**(Recollection center, Synyak village Mukachevo district Transcarpathian region Ukraine)**

- 7.30      *Breakfast***
- 8.00 Divine Liturgy for the protection of Creation
- 9.00 Departure of participants from Germany to Kosice (Slovak Republic)
- 9.30 Meeting with the clergy of the Eastern and Western rites about their visions about solving global environmental issues
- 10.30 Summing up the work of the conference, preparing the resolution, plans for the future
- 12.00      *Lunch***
- 12.30 Departure of participants of international conference