

# 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress Renovabis 2021

15 - 16 September 2021

## „All shall be one“. Ecumenism in Central and Eastern Europe – Task and Enrichment

### Hybrid event

**Venue:** Berlin, Katholische Akademie (Conference centre).

Due to the requirements of the Corona pandemic, only a limited number of people can participate on site in Berlin.

**Be there online:** However, you can also follow the congress online in the livestream (zoom) and participate in the discussion via the chat option.

Registration by 9 September 2021 at the latest at:

<https://www.renovabis.de/en/mitmachen/international-congress-renovabis>



# Wednesday, 15 September 2021

## 9:00 | Welcome and Opening

Father Dr. Christian Hartl  
Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

## 9:15 | Short round of getting to know each other

## 9:30 | State of Ecumenism between East and West

Short presentations (à 20 minutes)

- Archbishop Stanislav Hočevár SDB, Belgrade (Catholic view) [online]
- Pastor Mag. Theol. Anne Burghardt, General Secretary-designate of the Lutheran World Federation, Tallinn (Protestant view) [online]
- Dr. Evgeny Pilipenko, Cyril and Methodius Postgraduate Institute of the Moscow Patriarchate, Moscow (Orthodox view)

presentations – break – discussion – short review

Moderation of the morning: Dr. Johannes Oeldemann, Johann-Adam-Möhler Institute, Paderborn

## from 12:30 | Break

During the break, there will be a **press conference** (hybrid) between appr. 12:45 - 13:45. Afterwards, we will show the **film „Pope Francis and Christian Unity“** (26 min.) from appr. 14:00.

## 14:30 - 15:15 | Introduction to the Barcamp

Learn the dialogue method for the second day and choose topics to be discussed the next day.

Realisation: Claudia Gawrich, Renovabis, Freising, and Dr. Claudia Pfrang, Domberg Academy, Freising

## 15:15 | Difficulties and opportunities of ecumenical outreach in Central and Eastern Europe

Moderation of the afternoon: Dr.in Regina Augustin, Theological Distance Learning, Würzburg

Three rounds of talks will take place at the same time (duration: 60 minutes each; incl. discussion). After 60 minutes there will be a 20 minutes break and you can change to another group so that you can participate in two of three groups.

### 1. Common witness and missionary ecumenism in dechristianised societies [examples: Estonia and the Czech Republic]

Experts: Dr. Irina Paert, Faculty of Theology, Univ. of Tartu (English) and Abbess Francesca Šimuniová, Abbey Venio, Prague (German)

## 2. Healing of memories (example: Romania)

Experts: Prof. Dr. Alexandru Buzalic, Greek-Catholic Theol. Faculty of the Univ. Cluj-Napoca, Oradea (German) and Dr. Florin T. Tomoioagă, Orth. Theol. Faculty of the Univ. Oradea (English) [both online]

## 3. How can churches contribute to a thriving social life? (example: Ukraine)

Experts: Dr. Ihor Shaban, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Kyiv/Kiev (English) and Dr. Sergij Bortnyk, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kiev (German)

Short review and outlook by Dr.in Regina Augustin.

**from 18:00 | Break**

**20:00 – 21:00 | Ecumenical Evening Prayer**

St. Thomas Aquinas (with live stream)

# Thursday, 16 September 2021

**9:00 | Brief spiritual impulse:** Father Dr. Christian Hartl

**9:15 | Ecumenism concrete – Join the conversation at the Barcamp!**

Presentation of the proposed topics and the process.

Moderation and realisation of the Barcamp:

Claudia Gawrich, Renovabis, Freising, and Dr. Claudia Pfrang, Dombergakademie, Freising

**9:45 | Session 1** (sessions can be changed)

**11:15 – 11:30 | Break**

**11:30 | Session 2** (sessions can be changed)

**from 13:00 | Break**

**15:00 | Review:** Experiences and insights from the Barcamp

**16:00 – 16:30 | Break**

**16:30 | Closing statement and outlook:**

Bishop Dr. Gerhard Feige, Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission of the German Bishops' Conference, Magdeburg

**16:50 | Closing words:** Father Dr. Christian Hartl

End of the congress at appr. 17:00

# Thursday, 16 September 2021

## Reception

to bid farewell to Father Dr. Christian Hartl as Chief Executive of Renovabis and introduction of his successor Father Prof. Dr. Thomas Schwartz

Moderation: Burkhard Haneke, Renovabis, Freising

### 18:30 | Attunement

- Introduction: Burkhard Haneke
- Accordion music: Dragan Ribić
- Photo stream "25 years International Congress Renovabis" and review of the work of Rev. Dr. Christian Hartl as Chief Executive of Renovabis

### 18:40 | Welcome from the German Bishops' Conference

Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch, Berlin (Responsible for Renovabis in the German Bishops' Conference)

### 18:45 | Welcome from the Central Committee of German Catholics

Secretary General Marc Frings, Bonn

### 18:50 | Roundtable „On the Way together – in the Spirit of Fraternity“

- Moderation: Lisi Maier (German Women's Council), Berlin
- Dialogue partners:  
Ruth Aigner, Regensburg – Archbishop Stanisław Budzik, Lublin/Poland – Sister Nadya Ruzhina OSB, Zarevbrod/Bulgaria – Msgr. Pirmin Spiegel (Misereor), Aachen
- two video clips with greetings in between
- Accordion music: Dragan Ribić

### 19:35 | Review and short balance

Father Dr. Christian Hartl, Chief Executive of Renovabis, Freising

### 19:45 | Farewell and Welcome

Archbishop Dr. Ludwig Schick, Chairman of the Commission for the Universal Church of the German Bishops' Conference, Bamberg

### 19:55 | Introduction

Father Prof. Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Designated Chief Executive of Renovabis, Freising

### 20:00 | Conclusion with prayer and blessing (with the participation of the Collegium Orientale Eichstätt)

- Archbishop Dr. Heiner Koch

**afterwards: Standing reception** / Accordion music: Dragan Ribić