



World Conference of Associations of Theological Institutions  
ΠΑΓΚΟΣΜΙΑ ΣΥΝΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ ΘΕΟΛΟΓΙΚΩΝ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΤΙΚΩΝ ΙΔΡΥΜΑΤΩΝ

[www.wocati.org](http://www.wocati.org)

*IV INTERNATIONAL WOCATI CONGRESS  
AND JUBILEE OF THE ETE OF WCC*

***THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:  
A RADICAL REAPPRAISAL***

*31 MAY - 7 JUNE 2008*

*Organized by the  
WORLD CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATIONS  
OF THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS  
(in cooperation with the ETE, WCC and the  
Department of Theology of the AUTH)*

*Sponsored by the  
Holy Diocese of Neapolis and Stavroupolis  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)  
Volos Academy for Theological Studies  
Evangelisches Missionswerk (EMW)*

***NEAPOLIS, THESSALONIKI***

**SATURDAY: MAY 31, 2008**

*(Arrival day)*

***After Dinner: WOCATI Executive Committee Meeting***

**SUNDAY: JUNE 1, 2008**

***09:00-10:45 Opening Worship with Orthodox Divine Liturgy  
at St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Cathedral  
(Conducted by our host H. E. Metropolitan Barnabas)***

**\*\*\***

***11:30 - 12:30 INAUGURAL SESSION***

***BYZANTINE HYMNS***

***By the Choir of the Orthodox Diocese***

**Welcoming Address by His Eminence Metropolitan of Neapolis and Stavroupolis  
*Mgr. BARNABAS***

**Address by the Rector of AUTH  
*Prof. ANASTASIOS MANTHOS***

**Address by the Dean of the Theological School of AUTH  
*Prof. IOANNIS KOGOULIS***

**Address by the Program Coordinator of the Ecumenical Theological Education/WCC  
*Dr. DIETRICH WERNER***

***A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME***

***by the President of the WOCATI  
Prof. PETROS VASSILIADIS***

***“THE NEED OF CHANGE IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION”***

***13:30-15:00: Lunch offered by our host Bishop at the PHILOXENIA  
Dining Hall of his Cathedral***

***Afternoon session***

***Chaired by Petros Vassiliadis  
President of WOCATI***

***17:00-17:40: “THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALIZATION TO THEOLOGICAL  
EDUCATION” (Prof. Ulrich DUCHROW, KAIROS)***

***17:40-18:30: Discussion***

***18:30-19:00: Break***

**19:00-19:15: “TWENTY YEARS OF WOCATI” (Prof. Hyacinth BOOTHE, WOCATI EC/CATS)**

**19:15-19:30: “THE CHALLENGE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION” (Dr. Magdi S. GENDI, ATIME)**

**19:30-19:45: “ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AS AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION” (Dr. Thu En YU, ATESEA)**

**19:45-20:10: Discussion**

**20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by the Church – Meeting with women theologians**

## **MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008**

**Morning session  
Chaired by Namsoon Kang,  
Vice-President of WOCATI**

**09:00-09:40: “MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANS IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION” (Prof. Isabel PHIRI, Africa)**

**09:40-10:30: Discussion**

**10:30-11:00: Coffee Break**

**11:00-11:15: “DOING THEOLOGY DOWN UNDER” (Prof. Raymond NOBBS, ANZATS)**

**11:15-11:30: “CHALLENGE OF INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND PRAXIS TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION. THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE” (Prof. Emmanuel MARTEY, CATI)**

**11:30-11:45: “THE CHALLENGE FOR DEVELOPING CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY IN PLURALISTIC SOCIETY OF INDONESIA” (Dr. Daniel NUHAMARA, PERSETIA)**

**11:45-12:00: “THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY – A RADICAL RE-APPRAISAL FROM CARIBBEAN PERSPECTIVE” Dr. Geoffrey MAYERS, CATS)**

**12:00-12:45: Discussion**

**13:00-14:30: Meeting with the Rector followed by Lunch at University Dining Hall.**

## **MONDAY: JUNE 2, 2008**

*Afternoon session*

*Chaired by Prof. Ioan SAUCA,  
Director of the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, WCC*

**17:00-17:40: “CONTEXTUALIZATION OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA” (Dr. Huan PO HO, Asia)**

**17:40-18:30: Discussion**

**18:30-19:00: Break**

**19:00-19:15: “LES THEOLOGIES DES EGLISES AFRICAINES INDEPENDENTES” (Prof. Godefroid Kä Mana KANGUDIE, AOTA)**

**19:15-19:30: “THE MANIFESTO ‘POR UNA EDUCACION TEOLOGICA DE CALIDAD’” (Dr. Matthias PREISWERK, SPT)**

**19:30-19:45: “IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION IN LATIN AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION” (Dr. Nestor Oscar MIGUEZ, CETELA)**

**19:45-20:10: Discussion**

**20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by the Church –Meeting with young theologians**

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008**

*Early morning Business session*

*Chaired by Prof. NOBBS, YU, NUHAMARA, OYALANA  
Presidents of WOCATI Member Associations*

**9.00-10:30: WOCATI 1<sup>st</sup> Business Session**

- a. “Report by the WOCATI President on ‘Past Achievements, Contemporary Challenges and Future Perspectives of WOCATI’”**
- b. “Financial Report (by Prof. Williams)**
- c. “Constitutional Changes (by Dr. Banivanua)**
- d. “Global Solidarity in Theological Education and the Future Shape of WOCATI. Strategic Recommendations” (by Dr Werner)**
- e. Appointment of a Nomination Committee and/or adoption of the Election Slate**

**10:30-11:00: Coffee Break**

*Late morning plenary session  
Chaired by Prof. Ofelia ORTEGA,  
President of WCC*

*11:00-11:30: Plenary Discussion on the Future of WOCATI*

*11:30-11:45: "THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN CHINA" (Yuan SHIGUO, CCC)*

*11:45-12:00: "MASTER PROGRAMS ON ECUMENICAL THEOLOGY" (Dr.  
Werner, ETE - Prof. Martzelos, Dept. of Theology, Thessaloniki)*

*12:00-12:15: "THE GLOBAL ETHIC PROJECT" (Prof. Christoph  
STUECKELBERGER, Chairman of the Project)*

*12:15-13:00: Discussion*

*13:30-15:00: Meeting with the Faculty followed by Lunch at University Dining Hall.*

*15:00-17:00: Short Thessaloniki City tour conducted by Prof. Maria KAZAMIA-  
TSERNOU.*

**\*\*\***

*Afternoon: ETE Jubilee Celebrations.  
Organized and Chaired by Dietrich Werner  
Program Coordinator of ETE/WCC*

*18:00-20:00: Panel with former and present staff members of PTE/ETE  
(Prof. Ross KINSLER, Prof. John POBEE, Prof. Ofelia ORTEGA,  
Prof. José DUQUE, Dr. Hope ANTONE)*

*Followed by  
Presentation of Dr. Ross KINSLER's Book and Other Events*

*21:00-23:00: Farewell Dinner offered by the Diocese of NEAPOLIS and cultural  
evening with Greek folk dances.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008**

*All day excursion: Departure at 07:00 a.m.*

**ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL IN MACEDONIA**

**Morning:** *On our way to the biblical sites:*

- *A cultural orientation on Greece and its religious status*
- *A short presentation of the Church of Greece*
- *An archeological introduction, and*
- *A theological reflection on St. Paul's mission in Macedonia*

*Visit to the biblical site of Philippi and Beroia (St. Paul's bema) with a theological reflection on St. Paul's visit to the city.*

*Coffee with Metropolitan of the apostolic diocese of Philippi, Mgr. PROKOPIOS*

*Lunch with Metropolitan of the apostolic diocese of Beroia, Mgr. PANTELEIMON*

*Afternoon: On our way to the Volos:*

- *A short presentation of the Church of Demetrias, Volos*
- *A visit to the famous Mount Olympus /or Meteora Monastic Center*
- *A visit to Pelion, Volos*

*20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by the Diocese of Demetrias – Meeting with the Volos Academy of Theological Studies*

\*\*\*

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008**

*08:30-09:15: Morning Prayer (Orthodox Ascension Day)*

**Morning session**

**Chaired by Pantelis KALAITZIDIS,**

*Coordinator of the Volos Academy of Theological Studies*

*09:15-09:45: "THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN MODERN AND POST-MODERN SOCIETIES. AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE" (Prof. Ioan SAUCA, Ecumenical Institute of Bossey)*

*09:45-10:30: Discussion*

*10:30-11:00: Coffee Break*

*11:00-11:15: "ATS – TARGETED AREAS OF WORK 2004-2010" (Prof. Namsoon KANG, ATS)*

*11:15-11:30: "PARADIGM SHIFT IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN INDIA: ADVOCACY TO SOLIDARITY" (Prof. Dr. James MASSEY, BTESSC)*

*11:30-11:45: "PERSPECTIVES OF ECUMENICAL COOPERATION IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE" (Dr. Vladimir FEDOROV, ARTECE)*

*11:45-12:00: "WAATI – PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS" (Dr. Sunday OYALANA, WAATI)*

*12:00-13:00: Discussion*

*13:00-14:00: Lunch offered by the Church at the Academy with H.E. Mgr. IGNATIOS*

*Afternoon session*  
*Chaired by H.E. Metropolitan IGNATIOS,*

**17:00-17:15: “THE VOLOS INITIATIVE ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION” (Anastasia VASSILIADOU, MTh, Volos Academy)**

**17:15-17:30: “DIVERSIFIED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION – EQUIPPING ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” (Prof. Francis Ross KINSLER, ETE)**

**17:30-17:45: “THE CHALLENGES FACING MYANMAR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ON BECOMING ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION” (Peter JOSEPH, ATEM)**

**17:45-18:15: Discussion**

**18:15-18:45: Coffee Break**

**18:45-19:00: “THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN BRAZIL AND THE WORK OF ASTE” (Prof. Bortolletto FILHO, ASTE)**

**19:00-19:15: “PARADIGM SHIFT IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA AND ITS RELEVANCE TO MINISTERIAL FORMATION 1980-2010” (Prof. James Nathaniel AMANZE, ATISCA)**

**19:15-19:30: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN EUROPE” (Prof Erik EYNIKEL, TRES)**

**19:30-20:00: Discussion**

**20:30-23:00: Evening in Volos and Dinner offered by the Church**

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008**

**Morning: WOCATI 2<sup>nd</sup> WOCATI Business Session**

**Further discussion on “The Global Solidarity in Theological Education and the Future Shape of WOCATI. Strategic Recommendations”  
Adoption of new constitution and election of WOCATI officers**

**Afternoon: Free**

**20:00-22:00: Closing ceremony followed by Farewell Dinner offered by the Church and a cultural evening**

\*\*\*

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008**

**END OF CONGRESS - DEPARTURES of the Participants from Volos Academy back to Thessaloniki Airport (or to Athens Airport).**