

PRO ORIENTE
SECOND COLLOQUIUM SYRIACUM
Syriac Christianity in the Middle East and India today Contributions and Challenges
Pallottihaus Vienna, November 4 – 6, 2009
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Inauguration

09:00 OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME ADDRESSES

Cardinal CHRISTOPH SCHÖNBORN, Archbishop of Vienna

Greeting Address

PRO ORIENTE President JOHANN MARTE

Welcome Address

Morning Session

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLOQUIUM SYRIACUM II

09:30 Paper 1: DIETMAR W. WINKLER, Salzburg/Austria
Christianity in the Middle East - Facts and Figures

10:15 Coffee break

Morning Session

CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SYRIAC CHRISTIANITY

Moderator: Mar Joseph Powathil, Changanassery, Kerala/India

10:45 Paper 2: BABY VARGHESE, Kottayam, Kerala/India
Cultural, social and educational contributions of Syriac Christianity in South India

11:30 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session

CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF SYRIAC CHRISTIANITY

Moderator: Mar Paul Matar, Beirut/Lebanon

15:00 Paper 3: HERMAN TEULE, Nijmegen/The Netherlands
Cultural, social and educational contributions of Syriac Christianity in Iraq and Iran

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Paper 4: KARAM RIZK, Kaslik/Lebanon
Cultural, social and educational contributions of Syriac Christianity Syria, Turkey and Lebanon

17:00 Discussion

18:30 Cocktail reception at the Apostolic Nunciature by the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop PETER ZURBRIGGEN

21:00 Cold supper at Pallottihaus

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Morning Session

CHALLENGES OF SYRIAC CHRISTIANITY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PLURALISM

Moderator: Mar Kuriakose Theophilose, Ernakulam/India

- 09:00 Paper 5: Mar JOSEPH POWATHIL
Religious freedom, education, pluralism, personal status of Syriac Christianity (family rights) in India
- 09:45 Coffee break
- 10:15 Paper 6: Mar ANTOINE AUDO, Aleppo/Syria
Religious freedom, education, pluralism, personal status of Syriac Christianity (family rights) in Iraq and Iran
- 11:00 Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

CHALLENGES OF SYRIAC CHRISTIANITY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PLURALISM

Moderator: Mar Antoine Audo, Aleppo/Syria

- 15:00 Paper 7: Mar GREGORIOS YOHANNA IBRAHIM, Aleppo/Syria
Religious freedom, education, pluralism, personal status of Syriac Christianity (family rights) in Syria and Turkey
- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:15 Paper 8: Mar PAUL MATAR
Religious freedom, education, pluralism, personal status (family rights) of Syriac Christianity in Lebanon
- 17:00 Discussion
- 18:15 Transfer to the Diplomatische Akademie, 1040 Vienna

Evening Panel for the Public

**Israel, Palestine and Jordan:
Perspectives after Pope Benedict's visit to the Holy Land**

Moderator: Dietmar W. Winkler, Salzburg/Austria

- 19:00 3 Statements, 15-20 minutes each and discussion with the audience
- MARTIN TAMCKE, Göttingen/Germany
ANTHONY O'MAHONY, London/Great Britain
FRANS BOUWEN, Jerusalem
- 21:00 Dinner (Pallottihaus)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Morning Session

EMIGRATION OF SYRIAC CHRISTIANS

Moderator: Mor Gregorios Y. Ibrahim, Aleppo/Syria

- 09:00 Paper 9: Mar KURIAKOSE THEOPHILOSE, Ernakulam/India
Emigration of Syriac Christians moving from India – motives, impact (incl. figures)
- 09:45 Coffee break
- 10:15 Paper 10: MARTIN TAMCKE, Göttingen/Germany
Emigration of Syriac Christians moving from the Middle East – motives, impact (incl. figures)
- 11:00 Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Moderator: Prof. Dietmar W. Winkler, Salzburg/Austria

- 15:00 Discussion: Final Statement and press release
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 concluding session
- 17.30 Departure to Iraqi Embassy
- 18.00 Dinner-reception (Iraqi Embassy)
- 19.30 Concert “Joseph Haydn (1732–1809): The Seasons” (Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Bertrand de Billy) – on the occasion of Haydn Year 2009 at the Wiener Konzerthaus