

Forum on New Mission Paradigms In the Countries of the Former Soviet Union



October 29-30, 2009



London, United Kingdom

Analyses
Effective strategies
New perspectives
Networking
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Russian Ministries/Association for Spiritual Renewal and Biblica Europe (formerly IBS-STL Europe) invite you to participate in a **Missions Forum that will take place in London, United Kingdom on October 29-30, 2009** to mark the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The goals of this Forum are to analyze and reignite interest in ministry in the countries of the former Soviet Union and to help clarify a new strategy and paradigms for effective missions and perspectives for international partnerships. A number of prominent national evangelical leaders, missiologists, and strategists from the countries of the former Soviet Union, UK and Eastern Europe will be addressing specific topics outlined in the agenda below.

Address: St. James Church, Clerkenwell Close, London, EC1 0EA-very close to a subway station and in Central London.

Directions: For directions and a map to the church, please visit the website: <http://www.cryptonthegreen.com/findus.htm>

Planned Forum Speakers

Dr. Marsh Moyle, well known Christian author and outstanding public speaker, an expert on Eastern Europe, currently based in the UK.

Yuri Sipko, president of the Russian Baptist Union of Russia, a great advocate for democracy and religious freedom in the FSU, an outstanding public speaker.

Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, international director of the Barnabas Fund based in UK, expert on issues related to Islam.

Dr. Michael Cherenkov, vice president of the Association for Spiritual Renewal (RM's field office in FSU), Christian philosopher, author, an outstanding public speaker on issues related to the role of the church in contemporary society.

Valery Giletsky, president of the Baptist Union of Moldova, member of the parliament of Moldova, the future president of the European Baptist Fellowship.

Fyodor Raichinets, dean of the Ukrainian Theological Seminary (Pentecostals), great speaker, missiologist and theologian.

Dr. Alexander Negrov, president of St. Petersburg Christian University, theologian, pastor, evangelical Christian strategist.

Sergey Rakhuba, president of Association for Spiritual Renewal (RM's field office in FSU)/Sr. vice president of Russian Ministries, mission strategist and expert on ministries in the former Soviet Union.

Dr. Jason Ferenczi, vice president of Overseas Council International (US), expert in theological education.

Dr. Peter Maiden, director of Operation Mobilisation (UK), expert in the area of international missions and excellent public speaker.

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Registration fee: \$320 US or Pounds Sterling 200 (including VAT* at 15%), which includes lunch and dinner on 29 October and lunch on 30 October, but not accommodation. A list of nearby hotels at all price points will be available on request.

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Registration deadline: September 1, 2009**

****Please note the following conditions:**

- The full registration fee must be paid by registration deadline.
- Forum organizers reserve the right to revise the agenda.
- Not all speakers listed in this announcement may be able to attend. The confirmed list of speakers will be published on 1 October and sent to all confirmed participants.
- Forum organizers reserve the right to cancel the event before 1 September 2009 if the number of confirmed participants is judged by the organizers to be insufficient to make the event financially viable.
- In the event of cancellation by the organizers, 100% of any money paid will be refunded.
- In the event of cancellation by a prospective attendee, 50% of any money paid will be refunded if cancellation is made before 15 September. If cancellation by a prospective attendee is made on or after 15 September, no refunds will be made. However, organizations will be allowed to substitute attendees.

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Proposed Forum Agenda

A. Experience and perspectives of international missions in Eurasia

1. The "missions boom" of the '90s and its results. Analyses.
2. An analysis of differences between the expectations and approaches of national churches and Western missionaries and ministries. The current needs of the evangelical church in the former Soviet Union, and opportunities for the Western church and mission groups to help.
3. An analysis of the investment in national churches and ministries vs. outcomes and results since the collapse of the former Soviet Union and today. Methods and models of how national ministries should move from financial dependence to effective and progressive self-sustained ministries.
4. An analysis of the right strategies for missions in the FSU today. What needs to be done in order to help the national church continue to grow? Models of effective partnerships.
5. The possibilities and new opportunities for missions work in the former Soviet Union: from utopia to realistic plans, from traditional approaches to modern forms of international partnerships in reaching, empowering and equipping the Next Generation for progressive outreach ministries in the FSU and EE.

B. The relevance of international Christian partnerships in the former Soviet Union today

1. The geopolitical significance of the region in light of the worldwide economic and political crisis.
2. The spiritual situation in the former USSR after the fall of communism. The state and role (position) of the evangelical church in post-Soviet society.
3. The anti-evangelical and anti-Western agenda of the Russian Orthodox Church and its role in monopolizing the religious sphere in Russia and its influence on neighboring countries.
4. Russia's influence on its neighbors: imperial ideology and anti-Western sentiments.
5. The fate of democracy and religious freedom in the post-Soviet sphere.
6. Post-Soviet countries on the road to social catastrophe: the demographic crisis, AIDS and other diseases, alcoholism, drug addiction, street children, human trafficking and the role of the national church in solving and addressing these issues.
7. Russia's and FSU's transformation from "communism to consumerism."
8. The role of Islam in Russia and the countries of the former USSR. Strategies for the evangelical church and mission organizations in the countries and regions of the former Soviet Union, which have a predominant Islamic influence.



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