



15th International Bible Students Convention August 5th-10th, 2012

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Return to Romania

The 15th International Convention of Bible Students will be held at the North University in Baia Mare, Romania, from August 5-10, 2012. Those who attended the convention there in 2010 will attest to the warm and wonderful reception of the Romanian brethren, and the surprising comfort of the facilities. If you have not attended the convention before, or been to Romania, this would be a rewarding and exciting first trip. The enthusiasm of the Romanians for the convention is remarkable.

What to Expect

A final program will appear in the discourse book available about a month before the convention. All places used for meeting, sleeping, and eating will be used again. English-speaking brethren will be housed in the beautiful Mara Hotel located about two miles from the convention site near the center of Baia Mare. A shuttle bus is available to and from the convention site. Young brethren from Romania also provide on-demand transportation for those wishing to return to the hotel during the day.

If you go...

Air service to Baia Mare is only from Bucharest and there are few flights each week. If you plan to arrive a few days early in Romania, then Bucharest is an option because it is the capitol and has many wonderful sites. Plan to arrive in Cluj at least by Friday, as the bus may leave early on Saturday for Baia Mare. Brethren flying into cities other than Cluj, will be responsible for their own transportation, and language can be a barrier.—If you plan to attend the convention only, the best option for air travel is through Cluj-Napoca. Direct air service to Cluj from many European cities is available and you can stay at a pre-selected city hotel from which a bus to Baia Mare will be arranged by the convention. We expect that the brethren in Cluj—a city containing one of the largest classes in Romania—will be delighted to help you settle in following your arrival. An extra day or two in Cluj will help you adjust to the time change prior to the convention. The bus trip from Cluj to Baia Mare is approximately three hours.

Reservations

All North American reservations are to be made with Len Griehs. Once cost is determined, payment can be made in U.S. dollar checks before the convention starts. Otherwise, payment must be in cash (“Lei”) at the convention to Br. Paul Utiu of Romania.

A few suggestions

1) Plan for warm weather accordingly, with lighter-weight clothing. 2) A chair cushion could be helpful. 3) While radios are provided at the convention, one can bring their own. A “digital” read-out is very helpful! Comfortable “earbuds”, or “sound-deafening” headphones could be a real plus! 4) A small, battery-operated fan could be a real blessing too!

Fees and flights

The Romanian brethren are in negotiations with the university and hotel on prices, and hope to have them stay the same as 2010, but it is not yet firm. An estimated total cost, including bus, to-and-from Cluj, is \$350-\$400 US dollars, double occupancy.* Flights can vary a lot in price. Be diligent checking different options. Many major European cities fly into Cluj, but may not be reflected on an online booking for reservations.

The North American Committee

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| <p>Sunday, August 5 Chairman: Ioan Neagomir, Romania 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am "Brotherly Fellowship," Georghe Dragos, Romania 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am "The High Calling," David Rice, USA 11:35 am Intermission 12:00 pm "Rejoice, Thou Barren Woman", Marius Kwarciak, France 12:50 pm Announcements 1:00 pm Lunch Chairman: USA 3:00 pm Panel Discussion -- "Ecclesia Concerns and Prophecy" Ioan Hosu, Moderator (panelists from Romania, Canada, USA) 4:30 pm Intermission 5:15 pm Vesper Service, Michael Nekora, USA 6:00 pm End of Day / Choir practice 7:00 pm Supper</p> | <p>Monday, August 6 Chairman: David Skarbek, France 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am "Shake the Earth and also Heaven" -- Franciszek Olejarz, Poland 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am "Voice in the Wilderness" -- Daniel Kaleta, Germany 11:35 am Intermission 12:00 pm "Walking with God" -- Naresh Kumar Somsale, India 12:50 pm Announcements 1:00 pm Lunch Chairman: Poland 3:00 pm Panel Discussion -- "Young Adults, Sisters, Deacons", Leszek Szarkowicz, Moderator, Poland Panel --- Pawel Lipianin (Poland) Andrzej Lajbida (Ukraine) Daniel Szarkowicz (Canada) 4:30 pm Intermission 5:00 pm Interview Testimony Meeting, Daniel Wozniak, France 6:00 pm End of Day / Choir practice 7:00 pm Supper</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, August 7 Chairman: Costea Pali, Moldova 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am Discourse, Roman Bojczuk, Ukraine 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am "Gethsemane and Eden," Gheorghe Bivol, Moldova 11:35 am Intermission 12:00 pm "Three Points of Doctrine," Homer Montague, USA 12:50 pm Announcements 1:00 pm Lunch Chairman: Aurel Cap, Romania 3:00 pm Dialogue in Prophecy--"Joel's Prophecies: The Lord's Great Army and the Valley of Jehoshaphat", Robert Gray, Len Griehs, USA 4:30 pm Intermission 5:15 pm Vesper Service -- Daniel Szarkowicz, Poland 6:15 pm End of Day / Choir practice 7:00 pm Supper</p> | <p>Wednesday, August 8 Chairman: Stefan Thieme, Germany 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am "The Samaritan Woman" -- Zenon Rozwarski, France 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am "Two Parables from Matthew 13" J. Joshua, India / Alex Barnabas, India 11:45 am Announcements 12:00 noon Lunch Afternoon reserved for fellowship / trips 7:00 pm Supper 8:00 pm North American Business Meeting</p> |
| <p>Thursday, August 9 Chairman: USA 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am "Night Spent, Day at Hand" -- Ryszard Knop, Poland 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am "Jesus in the Gardens," Henry Greenhalgh, Australia 11:35 am Intermission 12:00 pm "Before Destruction," Liviu Chiorean, Romania 12:50 pm Announcements 1:00 pm Lunch Chairman: Gavrilă Cuciurean, Romania 3:00 pm Special Singing -- Mateusz Swarkowicz, Poland 3:45 pm Testimony Meeting, Moldova 4:45 pm Intermission 5:15 pm Vesper Service -- Hubert Lipka, Germany 6:00 pm End of Day / Choir practice 7:00 pm Supper</p> | <p>Friday, August 10 Chairman: Regis Liberda, France 9:00 am Morning Devotions 9:10 am "The Silver Cord," Jerry Leslie, USA 10:00 am Intermission 10:45 am Discourse, Daniel Nanestean, Romania 11:35 am Intermission 12:00 pm Short reports on truth activities in various countries 12:50 pm Announcements 1:00 pm Lunch Chairman: Poland 3:00 pm Testimony Meeting, Waldemar Szymanski, Poland 4:00 pm Intermission 4:30 pm Closing Discourse, Dariusz Bywalec, Poland 5:15 pm Convention Choir, Dan Pasca, Romania 7:00 pm Supper Special Study for Young Adults -- 9:00 to 10:15 daily (Lessons in English with translation into Polish and Romanian)</p> |