



18th Consultation European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy Prague 10-14 April 2024

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Dear all,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 18th Consultation of ENHCC that will take place in Prague, 10-14 April 2024. The committee of ENHCC, together with the Czech team, has prepared this consultation. In the letter below, we inform you on practical arrangements, the theme and especially the way we like to involve you as a European healthcare chaplain through papers, posters and workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you to Prague!
Sincerely, the committee of ENHCC through coordinator Gudrun Rosén
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The theme 'Being a Healthcare Chaplain: Remaining present and engaged in a fragile world.'



The theme for the Consultation emerged following discussions in the committee when talking about the situation of healthcare chaplaincy in our different countries. We could see an increasing request for staff support, that the solitary work for many chaplains is a challenge and that chaplains need to reflect on how to describe their work which is also about identity. The post COVID19 situation, going back to normal and the insecure situation with a war in Europe, is also affecting healthcare chaplains. All of this has formed the theme 'Being a healthcare chaplain: remaining present and engaged in a fragile world'.

The programme

The key-note speakers will be Mr Csaba Szilagyí (*Director of Transforming Chaplaincy, USA*); Ms Lindsey DeWal (*Director of Chaplaincy Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, UK*); Prof Tomas Halik (*University Karlovy, Prague*) and Prof Anne Vandenhoeck (*ERICH European Research Institute for Chaplaincy in Healthcare, Belgium*). See short biography further down.

Preliminary programme. Sunday is reserved for departures.

Wed 10/4/2024	Thur 11/4/2024	Fri 12/4/2024	Sat 13/4/2024	Sun 14/4/2024
	prayer/meditation	prayer/meditation	prayer/meditation	breakfast
	key lecture by Thomas Halik	key lecture by Lindsay van Dijck	key lecture by Csaba Szilagyí	<i>departures</i>
	break	break	break	
	paper presentations	paper presentations	case studies	
	lunch	lunch	lunch	
	visit hospitals	key lecture by Anne Vandenhoeck	reflection groups	
<i>arrivals</i>		break	visit Prague	
opening ceremony 4 PM		paper presentations		
getting to know each other	reflection groups	reflection groups		
dinner	dinner	dinner	closing ceremony	
reflection groups	poster sessions	business session	dinner in Prague	

Call for papers

During the consultation there will be opportunities to learn from each other and therefore we will have a **call for papers and posters** on research, good practice, workshops or case-studies linked to the theme.

- Proposals for papers and posters should be submitted here <https://forms.gle/i2QeQ5BpqagQH33L9> before **1 January 2024**.
- For accepted papers, there will be a reduction of € 100 on the consultation fee (not for posters).
- The decisions on the call for papers, workshop and posters will be available by 31 January 2024.

Practical information



The Consultation will take place in ILF hotel, Budějovická 15, Prague, close to a metro station. The hotel is owned by the Ministry of Health and is a site of medical and nursing education.

Registration fee

- Registration fee for members of the ENHCC: € 525 (and if sharing room € 475)
- Registration fee for non-members of the ENHCC: € 625 (and if sharing room € 575)
- The registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner but does not cover the travel costs.
- Members of ENHCC who wish to receive sponsorship for the consultation from Stavros Kofinas fund, we ask you to mark this during registration. The sponsorship is for registration fee and not travel costs.

Registrations opened

- **Registration is now open for the member organizations** to register 2 delegates each.
- On **1 November** registration will be opened for general registration to avail of any remaining spaces (please note that spaces are limited).

How to register

- For registration, follow one of the links:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9RLKWFVkiZjs-TjQPRmWUW-tHCclYdzEyOm0fuwZRIEaSbw/viewform?usp=sharing>
[18th Consultation of the European Network of Health Care Chaplaincy \(google.com\)](#)
- **The registration is accepted once the fee is paid.**
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Scholarship for research

We are also pleased to announce a scholarship for research in the area of Healthcare Chaplaincy from the *Marlene Inauen fund*. (see below)

Presentation of the key-note speakers

Tomáš Halík is a Czech Roman Catholic priest, philosopher, theologian, and scholar. He is a sociologist who advocated for religious tolerance and interfaith dialogue. He was awarded the Templeton Prize in 2014.

Tomáš Halík will speak over the topic: “On a fragile world, post-secular society”

Lindsay de Wal (formerly van Dijk) was the first ever U.K- based appointed head of chaplaincy as a humanist in February 2018 and made national and international headlines. She is currently the head of chaplaincy at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, chair of the Non-religious Pastoral Support Network, and is also a supervisor and trainer at Humanists UK.

Lindsay de Wal will speak over the topic: “Supporting diversity inclusion as a chaplain”

Csaba Szilagyi, MDiv, MLA, MS, ACPE, FACHE, is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Research at Rush University Medical Center, Department of Religion, Health, and Human Values (Chicago, IL, USA). In this capacity, he also serves as the Director of the Transforming Chaplaincy program at Rush with a mission to “promote evidence-based spiritual care and integrate research into professional practice and education by fostering a culture of inquiry.”

Csaba Szilagyi will speak over the topic: “What does it mean to stay present and engaged? How do we explain ourselves to others? What’s our identity? Which research or good practices can help us explain our work?”

Anne Vandenhoeck is a professor of pastoral care and diaconal studies at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium. She is the chair of the Academic Centre for Practical Theology (ACPT), and the director of ERICH (European research Institute for Chaplains in Healthcare). Anne was the coordinator of the ENHCC from 2010-2016. She will present research from ERICH.

The Marlène Inauen Fund: Call for funding applications.

The ENHCC manages a fund called The Marlène Inauen Fund. The decision to initiate this fund was made by the ENHCC committee to honor the late Marlène Inauen. Marlène Inauen was a loyal representative of the Swiss catholic association of chaplains to the network and she died in an accident on March 16th 2013. After Marlène’s sudden death the ENHCC received a substantial gift in her remembrance which was a direct cause to initiate the Marlène Inauen fund

The aim of the fund is to support projects related to healthcare chaplaincy in fields such as spirituality, ecumenism, and professional chaplaincy. The fund supports chaplaincy projects that show best practices on the level of integration of spirituality in chaplaincy, building ecumenism within healthcare chaplaincy or enhancing professional chaplaincy.

Requests can only be made if supported by a member of the ENHCC. An outline of the project (1 A4) and a letter of the supporting association should be attached to the application. Applications are required to outline the project scope, the need/ initiative it seeks to address, the proposed timeline and should include any other sources of funding being sought.

Requests for project funding should be sent to enhcccoordinator@gmail.com, before March 1st 2024.

The decision of the grant committee is final.

The grant has a maximum of 1000€ per project or 500€ each for two projects. The ENHCC should be credited in any publicity/ publication arising from the successful application.

The committee of ENHCC May 2023