

PRACTICAL INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

The conference begins **Friday, Sept 16th, 13:00**, starting with lunch. (Registering from 11:00) and ends **Monday, Sept 19th, 12:00**.

Meals will be served in a reserved area of the hotel restaurant. *Any special needs in regard to food or accommodation should be reported with your registration.*

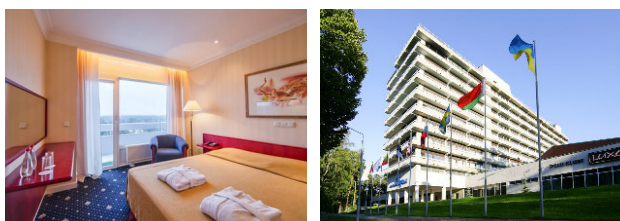
The conference language will be English, but some of the time may be divided into language/regional group sessions.

For more information or to sign up, go to:

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Don't forget the following information:

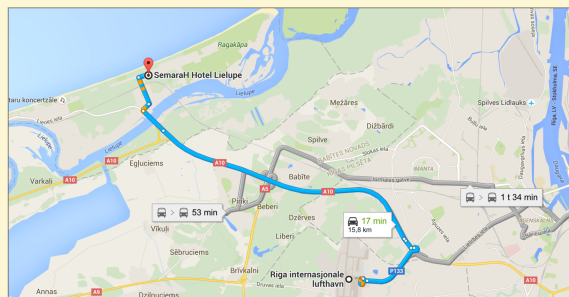
Name (if possible) of person(s) with whom you would like to share a double or triple room. (Or leave the choice to us.) /// Optional single room /// Does your registration include conference only, or also additional academic symposium /// Special needs, if any.



There will be some free time, to explore the beach and the neighbourhood of Jurmala with its interesting architecture, have some time for quiet retreat, or try the hotel's swimming pool or even the waves of the Baltic.

Depending on interest there will be an optional guided tour of Riga immediately following our concluding session on Monday.

THE PLACE OF VENUE



Semarah hotel Lielupe, a recently completely renovated spa hotel, is situated only a short walking distance from the magnificent Baltic Sea beach, Bay of Riga. The hotel can be easily reached by bus or train, and is only half an hour from the airport.

CONFERENCE FEES

(including the non-returnable 100 €):

(Double room/single room)

310/360 €, registering before Jan 31th, 2016

330/380 €, registering Feb 1st - April 30th, 2016

350/400 €, registering May 1st - July 1st, 2016

Additional academic symposium day, Sept 15th:

120/140 €, with a reduction for those presenting an academic paper or a poster.

Along with your registration you are asked to pay a **non-returnable deposit of 100 €**. The remainder of the fee should be paid by **July 1st, 2016**, from which date registration is closed. After this date your money will not be refunded in the event of you cancelling your registration.

Prices include:

All scheduled conference activities.

Accommodation and all meals at Hotel Lielupe.

Access to wellness centre, including swimming pool, gym and sauna.

The Best Gift

5th European Godly Play Conference

SEPT. 16TH - 19TH 2016
JURMALA, LATVIA





EUROPEAN GODLY PLAY FRIENDS, YOU ARE WELCOME TO THE 5TH EUROPEAN GODLY PLAY CONFERENCE!

Godly Play in Europe is expanding and is now playing a significant and exiting role in the daily life of many different churches. Wouldn't you like to know who those who use GP all are, and where and how we work? The best way to find that out is probably by attending a three day conference.

Next autumn this extraordinary happening will take place once again, prepared for you by Godly Players of Latvia and Norway. Take this opportunity to search for the gift that Godly Play can represent to children as well as to yourself, and join!



PROGRAMME & LECTURES

The programme will be filled with a variety of plenary and group sessions, lots of story-telling, worship, seminars, and leisure and social time, giving you plenty of opportunity to learn, explore and enjoy the Godly Play way of being together. There will be a wide range of workshops and seminars to choose from, led by people from several countries. More information about

this will be published later. For the first time we will also offer an optional ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM Thursday, September 15th., open for "active listeners". There will be several papers presented, one main lecture, and also a marketplace, where people can present their work on posters, and those interested can mingle and discuss it.

HENRIK SYSE

Philosopher working at the Peace Research Institute of Oslo. With major interests in ethics of war, and philosophy vs religion, to some he may be better known as their local Sunday School teacher. The working title for his speech is: Playful wondering about existential questions - our best gift to children. After attending the 5th EGPC he will be an advocate for Godly Play in the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, of which he is a member.



REBECCA NYE

Doctor of psychology, employed by Cliff College, University of Manchester, is a researcher in children's spirituality and writer and co-writer of several books in this field. As one of the first to take Godly Play to the United Kingdom from the United States, she has been asked to tell us why she thinks GP is the best gift to children of Europe. How may we nurture this gift to help the spirituality of children develop to its potential? Having trained countless GP teachers and trainers Rebecca has found a lot of answers, but will stimulate us to keep asking useful questions. We are most happy that she will again be part of an EGPC!



KNUT TVEITEREID

teaches at NLA University College in Oslo. In 2015 he finished his Phd on the impact of youth ministry. His best-selling book for youth and children, *Word Bytes: The Completely Manageable Bible in 365 Readings*, has been translated into several languages. The title of his lecture is: Jesus' best gift to us.



RUNE ØYSTESE

"midwifed" GP into Norway in 2006 and has been vice president of the GP International Advisory Board since 2014. He teaches at NLA University College in Bergen. He will present a lecture about the Bible story as a best gift.

