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THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR MISSION STUDIES (CIMS)

The Central and Eastern European Institute for Mission Studies (CIMS) is a regional learning and research centre situated in Budapest, one of Europe's most beautiful and lively capitals. It was established as a branch of the Károli Gáspár Reformed University (KRE) in 2006 when the university celebrated its 150th anniversary. The KRE has more than 4500 students in four departments.

New Challenges

Practical mission work requires academic missiological reflection and research. Churches in Central and Eastern Europe are facing increasingly complex challenges to witness in word and deed in their "post-communist" societies, including globalisation, pluralism and secularisation. CIMS therefore seeks to integrate the following aspects of mission in education and research:

- Mutual learning experiences about mission and mission related issues
- An international and interdenominational learning community
- Study of the biblical foundations of mission
- Analysis of the history of mission
- Contextual relevance
- Spiritual depth

Key Values

- Focus on "Post-communist" and secularised Europe: a context in transition
- Church and mission seeking new relevance
- Mission is God's mission
- Bridge as symbol and as challenge

KÁROLI GÁSPÁR REFORMED UNIVERSITY, HUNGARY

Master of Theology in Missiology Programme

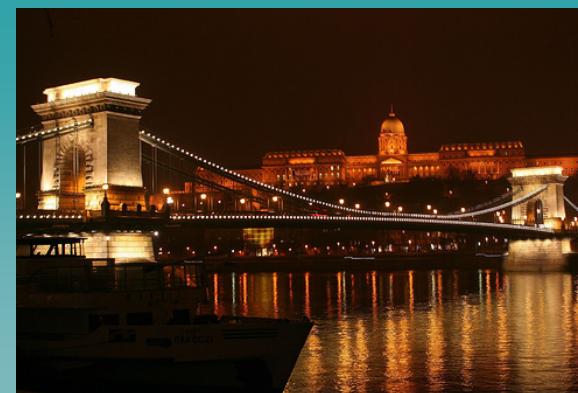
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THE CIMS MTH PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Degree: Master of Theology
- Degree Title: MTh in Missiology (MATHEM)
- Degree issued: University of South Africa, recognized by Hungarian Educational Authorities as MTh
- Duration of Programme: 2 years
- Teaching form: hybrid distance learning with three weeks of contact hours per year
- Credits: 120 ECTS
- Language of instruction: English
- Requirements for admission: relevant Bachelor of Theology or equivalent qualification (Bachelor's degree with standard proficiency in the subject concerned (to be decided by senate)
- Language requirements: applicants must provide evidence of their English language skills with a TOEFL (paper-based): overall score of 600, with a Test of Written English score of 5,5; TOEFL (computer-based): overall score of 250, with Test of Written English score of 5,5; TOEFL (internet-based): overall score of 100
- Start of Program: October 2012
- Deadline for application: May 1st 2012
- Tuition fee: 3100 EURO per annum
- Scholarship fund: available
- Accommodation and Cost of Living:
 - Private: 25–30 €/day
 - Meals: 10 €/day
 - Total per week min. 200 €.

KRE-CIMS reserves the right to change tuition rates and make additional changes whenever necessary.



UNISA-KRE/CIMS COOPERATION

MATHEM genuinely embodies an innovative model in higher education. It combines the unique and longstanding experience as a centre of excellence in distance learning of the University of South Africa (UNISA), with over 375.000 students, at which the well known missiologist, the late Dr. David Bosch taught for many years, and the Central and Eastern European Institute for Mission Studies (KRE/CIMS), a leading institute in Mission Studies with a wide extended network in Central and Eastern Europe.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME

MATHEM, is a newly developed hybrid distance learning programme, designed to train clergy, teachers of religion, mission and church workers to become agents of renewal in the Christian communities, societies and cultures they work with or belong to. It provides a solid academic background for mission and intercultural mindedness and a capability to analyze the unfolding processes of world Christianity and their relevance for the context in which they live and serve.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

MATHEM is a two year programme, with tuition and academic support consisting of a limited number of contact hours (360) concentrated mainly in three intensive weeks per year, with seminars, lectures, interactive discussions based on face-to-face tutorials, tutorial groups, and workshops. During the year virtual consultations take place, using an e-learning platform, as well as peer collaborative learning in study support fellowships. The modules and the study units of the curriculum relate to each other in an interdisciplinary way, complementing and reflecting on each other. Aspects of intercultural communication and views on approaching gospel and culture are incorporated in all modules as well as contextual relevance and application.

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

MATHEM consists of three modules (study units) of course work (of 20 ECTS each) and a dissertation of limited scope. The logic of the programme is that the three modules – each linked to a paper – lead step by step towards the writing of the dissertation of limited scope. The three modules are as concentric circles: the

first is the widest circle dealing with broad issues of Introduction to Missiology and methodology; the second focuses on the specific field of study, related to the research topic; and the third is a proposal for the dissertation of limited scope, concentrating on the specific topic on which to write. The wide range of courses offered* provides the student with the opportunity to specialize in fields of their own choice.

FACULTY

The teaching staff includes well known scholars and reflective practitioners like: Dr. Dorottya Nagy (Missiology, Program coordinator); Prof. Dr. Péter Balla, New Testament; Drs. Dóra Bernhardt, Christian Spirituality; Dr. John F. Brouwer, Christian Spirituality; Prof. Dr. Anne-Marie Kool, Missiology; Dr. Wojciech Kowalewski, Contextual Missiology; Dr. András Lovas, Urban Mission; Dr. Richard Otterness, Romology; Dr. Peter Penner, Biblical Theology; Prof. Dr. Ferenc Szűcs, Systematic Theology.

*Courses offered: Biblical and theological foundation of mission; Mission History; Missional Ecclesiology; World Christianity; Christian Spirituality; Gospel and Culture; Sociology of Religion; Theologia Religionum; Conflict management and reconciliation; Romology; Research design; Research Methodology

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application package can be requested at CIMS. Acceptance in the Programme is based on the results of an intake interview and approval by UNISA. Upon application students are required to register the topic of their dissertation, as the programme is drafted that they study from the beginning on, with the end in mind.

LOCATION OF CIMS

CIMS is centrally located in the heart of Budapest, around the corner from the famous Ráday Street with its numerous restaurants and coffee houses, in the close vicinity of four major universities, and several key libraries. CIMS is located at five minutes' walk from the Reformed and Lutheran libraries and archives, which contain major resources for the study of mission. The CIMS library contains about 10.000 volumes, the majority in English and German.

The location of Budapest in Hungary and in the heart of Central Europe makes it indeed especially fit for offering the MTH programme.

