**Press Release**

**International conference dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of Károli Gáspár University**

**Budapest, October 11, 2013 - Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary celebrates the 20th anniversary of its foundation. On the occasion of this prestigious event, an international conference has been organized with the title *Confessionality and University in the Modern World – 20thAnniversary of ”Károli” University on October 15-17, 2013. A* number of foreign lecturers will be present at this joyful occasion in the Ceremonial Hall of the Faculty of Arts.**

The 20-year-old university was established by the decision of the General Assembly of the Hungarian Reformed Church in 1993. In addition to celebrating the foundation of the University, this commemorative and retrospective conference will reflect on the challenges a church-founded Christian university faces today.

The title and the conference topics have attracted several important Hungarian, European, and North American universities’ lecturers. The program is divided into three main panels, reflecting the conference topics from different points of view. The aim of the first panel, “Christian Universities,” is to discuss the fundamental theological and organizational principles of the foundation of two new Christian universities after the fall of communism and examine the challenges and opportunities a postmodern university faces today. The second panel, “Confession and Nation,” deals with the biblical aspects of the conference topics. The third panel, “Religiosity and Protestantism Today,” highlights the phenomena of our century from a sociological point of view.

The special guests of this prestigious event will be Prof. Jan Peter Balkenende, honorary doctorate of Károli Gáspár University and former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, and Dr. Mwenda Ntarangwi, Executive Director of the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education (IAPCHE). The language of the conference is mainly English. The opening ceremony takes place at the Ceremony Hall of the Faculty of Humanities (H–1088 Budapest, Reviczky utca 4.) on October 15, 2013 at 10 am.

Prof. Dr. Péter Balla, Rector of the Károli Gáspár University, Rev. Gusztáv Bölcskei, Clerical President of the Synod of the Reformed Church in Hungary and other rectors from Hungarian academia will honour the conference with their presence.

Detailed information on the program can be found at the following link: [www.kre.hu/konf20ev](http://www.kre.hu/konf20ev)

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