



## CHRISTIAN FACULTY FORUM

Invites kindly to the fourth conference from the series  
**SCIENCE – ETHICS – FAITH 2011**

The goal of the Science-Ethics-Faith conferences is to exchange ideas concerning relationships between science, ethics and faith. Among the speakers at the previous conferences were **Dr. Henry "Fritz" Schaefer**, **Dr. John Lennox**, **Prof. Jerzy Buzek** (President of the European Parliament). The focus of this conference will be

### THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

THE CONFERENCE MOTTO: Then God said: *Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves.*  
(Genesis 1:26)

Contemporary science and technology give us more and more opportunities to shape our reality. But is it often done with detrimental effect to human dignity? May human consciousness be reduced to the complex material structure of human brain? Does human life have value and meaning? For Christians the dignity of man is rooted in the creative act of God, and Jesus Christ united the human and divine natures. How may the human dignity be described today in the context of science, ethics and faith?

The conference themes include:

- I. **The dignity of man in the light of science, ethics and faith** – in particular:
  - 1) science versus pseudo-scientific propaganda;
  - 2) understanding of the human consciousness and attempts to create artificial intelligence.
- II. **The dignity of man in the perspective of beauty, good and truth** - in particular:
  - 1) the beauty of nature;
  - 2) good and truth in relation to science.
- III. **The dignity of man in the aspect of character formation, but also humiliation, disrespect and pathology** - in particular:
  - 1) the need for self-formation;
  - 2) factors destroying human dignity in the medical pathologies, in the dangers brought by development of technologies and in the social environment
- IV. **The dignity of man in the conditions of enslavement** – in particular:
  - 1) using the example of the period 1939 – 1989;
  - 2) when certain approach to the scientific research is imposed as the only proper one.
- V. **The dignity of man's activity** – in particular:
  - 1) work and parental function;
  - 2) directing and upbringing others – also as a scientist and as a university teacher.

Two panel discussions focusing on the above topics will be included in the conference program. The sessions will consist of the main lectures and participant presentations. Their texts will be published in the proceedings, which will be printed before the conference.

### INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

The presentation abstracts should be sent to [mmalaczewski@uni.lodz.pl](mailto:mmalaczewski@uni.lodz.pl) before the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010 and the full texts before 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011. The cost of the conference including hotel accommodation is about \$200. More detailed information will be provided at the Christian Faculty Forum website [www.chfnp.pl](http://www.chfnp.pl).

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**Previous Science-Ethics-Faith conferences:** Wisła 2005  
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 Jastrzębia Góra 2009

**Organizers:** Christian Faculty Forum  
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