



## **PFA 2014 CONFERENCE CALL**

### **The First Edition of the INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE “THE POWER TO BE DIFFERENT” October 30-31, 2014, Timișoara, Romania**

*"All men fear, but brave men advance in spite of fear, sometimes to their death, but always to victory." (Motto of the Royal Guard in Ancient Greece)*

#### **DEAR FRIENDS, ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS,**

We are pleased to invite you to the first edition of the **International Christian Conference “THE POWER TO BE DIFFERENT”, PFA 2014**, organized by **the West University of Timișoara**, through the **Department of Social Work** from the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, and **WorldTeach Association**, together with the **Official Partners of the PFA 2014 Conference**.

One of the tenets of postmodernity is the denial of absolutes – the view that everything is relative, that there are no objective criteria on the basis of which one may establish hierarchies and, therefore, an antithetical discourse. Through *the power to be different* discourse we intend to open ourselves up to the Truth and then, having been transformed in this encounter, to have *the courage, or the madness*, to live accordingly in spite of the price we may have to pay. *To be different*, in fact, means *to be free, to experience normality*. No price seems too much to pay in exchange for accomplishing such a dream.

**The International Christian Conference PFA 2014** is a scientific multidisciplinary event, which gathers together professionals, specialists, theoreticians and practitioners from various fields of social sciences, who are invited to present research work specific to their area of interest and having applicability as social praxis, through which they propose models for, and good practices within, their fields of research, as well as the practical realities of daily life.

The subject areas that will be addressed in the PFA 2014 Conference and for which we invite papers are:

1. *FAMILY vs. ISOLATION;*
2. *COMMUNICATION vs. MANIPULATION;*
3. *TO BE vs. TO HAVE;*
4. *GENEROSITY vs. EGOISM;*
5. *MEANINGFULL HUMAN INTERACTION vs. SUPERFICIALITY;*
6. *CHRISTIAN VALUES vs. CONTEMPORARY VALUES;*
7. *RESILIENCE vs. ABANDON;*
8. *GOODNESS vs. EVILNESS;*

9. *HEALTH vs. ILLNESS;*
10. *TRUTH vs. FALSEHOOD;*
11. *AUTHORITY vs. POWER;*
12. *CONTENTMENT vs. DISCONTENTMENT;*
13. *COURAGE vs. FEAR;*
14. *UNITY IN DIVERSITY vs. UNIFORMITY;*
15. *SOCIAL WORK AND VALUES;*
16. *THEORIES OF HAPPINESS;*
17. *EDUCATING and FORMING CHARACTER;*
18. *CHRISTIANITY: Ritual or Relationship?*
19. *SOLIDARITY AND DIFFERENCE*
20. *ALTERITY and BEAUTY – meeting THE OTHER!*

**Papers accepted, presented and selected by the Scientific Board of the PFA 2014 Conference** will be published in English or Romanian by the **Didactică și Pedagogică Publishing House, Bucharest** (Official Partner of the Conference). Authors will have to choose between publishing their papers *in English or Romanian*. **The volume** will be ready by the time of the PFA 2014 Conference and will be included in the bag of the first author. **The volume published in English** will be sent by the Romanian National Library (Official Partner of the Conference) *to 15 academic libraries from EU Member States or Member States of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development indexed in the world catalogue Karlsruhe Virtueller Katalog (KVK) and to minimum 7 academic libraries from Romania* a few months after the Conference. The volume published in Romanian will be sent by the Romanian National Library *to 10 academic libraries from Romania* a few months after the Conference. You will find more details about the length of the paper and the paper template on the site [www.pfa.uvt.ro](http://www.pfa.uvt.ro), after January 7, 2014.

The PFA 2014 Conference papers will be **presented** either during the Oral or the Poster section of the conference, in either English or Romanian. During the Conference, you will have the opportunity to meet scientists, specialists in various fields, together with whom you may debate topics of common interest and cooperate in various research projects.

**The PFA 2014 Conference publication fee** is payable for each paper presented rather than each author or co-author. **The PFA fee is 300 RON per paper** for Romanian authors, 200 RON for PhD candidates and 80 EURO for foreign authors. The PFA 2014 fee should be paid into the WorldTeach Association bank account. **The PFA 2014 fee covers the costs of:**

- Conference bag, including the conference participation certificate and the conference programme;
- The publication of your paper in the PFA 2014 collective volume by the Didactică și Pedagogică Publishing House from Bucharest;
- A printed copy of the PFA 2014 Conference volume (included in the conference bag for the first author; for each paper only one printed volume is included, even in the case of multi-author papers). In case authors desire more than one printed volume, they should communicate this to the Conference Coordinator during June 2014, and extra copies of the volume will subsequently be available to be purchased directly from the publisher;
- Translation into English or Romanian, if necessary, during the conference;
- Coffee breaks;
- An official diner.

*Authors may submit more than one work for presentation and publication within the PFA 2014 Conference. In such cases, the conference fee should be paid for each work submitted!*

## **PFA 2014 STAGES AND DEADLINES**

All documents should be sent via e-mail to [pfa@uvt.ro](mailto:pfa@uvt.ro)

1. **ABSTRACT of your paper:** by April 30, 2014.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ABSTRACT:** by May 10, 2014.
3. **FULL PAPER and ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BIO of the author(s):** by May 30, 2014.
4. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF FULL PAPER:** by June 10, 2014.
5. **PAYMENT OF THE PFA 2014 CONFERENCE FEE for each paper submitted:** June 10-16, 2014.
6. **SCANNED PROOF OF PAYMENT:** June 16-20, 2014. Please include in the title of your e-mail the ID assigned to your paper and the number of its authors. (The ID assigned to your paper will be sent to you in the Acknowledgment note you will receive if your paper has been selected for presentation and publication). Attach to this e-mail message a scanned copy of the proof of payment of the conference fee.
7. **The author(s) will be notified of necessary CHANGES and ADDITIONS to the submitted work** as requested by the publisher and/or the Scientific Committee of the PFA 2014 Conference, by September 15, 2014.
8. **Presentation of accepted papers during the PFA 2014 Conference and distribution of the printed conference volume:** October 30-31, 2014.

**The website link for the PFA 2014 Conference**, where all the necessary details regarding the event are available, will be <http://www.pfa.uvt.ro> (available from January 7, 2014). *For further information, please contact us via e-mail [pfa@uvt.ro](mailto:pfa@uvt.ro)*

*We look forward to your participation in  
THE POWER TO BE DIFFERENT 2014 Conference.*

**On behalf of the PFA 2014 Conference Board,**

**Chair:** Professor **Corneliu CONSTANTINEANU** (ITP, Bucharest)

**Coordinator:** Lecturer **Patricia RUNCAN, PhD** (UVT, Timișoara)