

Conference Program

Thursday 05 February 2009

19.00 – 22.00 Dinner & Socializing
(sign-up required through
info@europeadvance.org)

Friday 06 February 2009

10.00 – 12:00 Joint seminar – Reaching
post-Christian Europe
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break
13.00 – 14.00 Seminar round 1
14.30 – 15.30 Seminar round 2
16.00 – 17.00 Church planting forum
19.30 – 21.30 Worship celebration

Saturday 07 February 2009

10.00 – 12.00 Joint seminar – Unleashing the
potential of the local church
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break
13.00 – 14.00 Seminar round 3
14.30 – 15.30 Seminar round 4
16.00 – 17.00 Missional church forum
19.00 – 21.00 Worship celebration

Our host church, Hilversum International Christian Center, also invites us to join them for their Sunday celebration starting at 10.30 and their Sunday evening outreach service "A Taste of Heaven" starting at 19.00.



Practical information

Registration

Although registration is not required, we would really appreciate it if you can tell us that you're coming by sending us an email info@europeadvance.org. This way we can keep you updated. If you want to take part in the leadership dinner on Thursday night, registration is required. When you sign up, we'll send you the details of where the dinner is going to be.

Costs

innovate 2009 is a FREE conference because we want everyone to have a chance to be part of this and find inspiration for their lives and ministries. Even the coffee and tea is free (not the meals)! However, we will receive offerings during the conference to cover some of the expenses and to help Europe Advance off the ground. Get involved and make the dream of starting hundreds of life-giving churches in Europe a reality.

Conference location

Hilversum International Christian Center (HICC)
Neuweg 148
1214 HA Hilversum, The Netherlands
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Recommended hotels

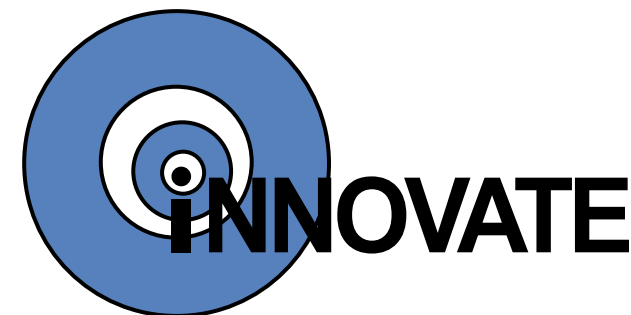
Recommended hotels in Hilversum near HICC (walking distance):

- Amrath Hotel Lapershoek:
www.amrathhotels.nl/hotel/lapershoek
- Amrath Grand Hotel & Theater Gooiland:
www.amrathhotels.nl/hotel/gooiland

For more information

If you need more information, do not hesitate to email us at info@europeadvance.org.

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invitation
to the Europe Advance

innovate
Conference Hilversum
Netherlands

5 - 7 February 2009



www.europeadvance.org

Welcome to innovate 2009!

Europe desperately needs a true spiritual awakening. The Gospel must be brought in fresh ways to an ever-changing culture that has separated itself from its Christian roots. From God's perspective, the Word needs to become flesh (be incarnated) in this new European context.

Jesus said "I will build my Church" and He is doing so. New church plants are springing up all over the continent and together we are responding to God's call to multiply. Making disciples is what we are called to do. We are all on a journey of yielding to the Holy Spirit as He conforms us to the image of Christ.

Europe Advance seeks to plant life-giving churches that are relevant to European society and are fresh in their expression of ministry. God is calling people from all professions and all kinds of churches to get involved in what He's up to in Europe. Europe Advance's goal is to help churches and individuals to take a more active role in effective missions in Europe.

Europe Advance organises the **innovate 2009** conference for pastors, church leaders, church planters and everybody else who has a heart to see the local church become relevant again to its 21st Century context. You're warmly invited to be a part of this conference!

Europe Advance is a brand new church planting network and is affiliated with the Dutch Pentecostal movement (Verenigde Pinkster- en Evangeliegemeenten) and the Fellowship of European International Churches. Europe Advance assesses, trains and mentors church planters and helps fund church planting projects. During **innovate 2009** we will explain a bit of Europe Advance's vision and how we can assist you in the work you do for the Lord.

For more information about Europe Advance, check out: www.europeadvance.org

innovate 2009 speakers

Kent Redfearn

Kent is the pastor of Muldoon Community Assembly (MCA) in Anchorage, Alaska. MCA is a multisite church that has many smaller worship venues in Anchorage besides their larger main building. These smaller venues offer them the chance to employ several styles of worship and target different audiences. Besides being a pastor, Kent is a leadership consultant and has a passion for church planting overseas. www.mcaonline.org

Bill Berger

Bill is the pastor All Saints Church in Seattle, Washington. All Saints is a church that has been planted only a few years ago. While Seattle is a city where many people don't care about God and the Christian faith, All Saints has grown rapidly. What makes All Saints different from many churches is that it is a church that allows people to seek, doubt and believe, which is all part of their journey toward Jesus. www.believedoubtseek.org

Craig Mathison

Craig focuses on training and equipping leaders. As director of The Europe Virtual Office (TEVO), he desires to connect people and resources from around the world to Europe's spiritual needs. Craig has served as a missionary and a pastor in several parts of Europe and now lives in Seattle. www.tevonline.org

Sebastiaan van Wessem

In 2006 Sebastiaan co-led the church planting team that started Hilversum International Christian Center. He now serves as the pastor of this church and the General Secretary of the Dutch Pentecostal movement. He has served many church planters with advice and encouragement and is now starting the Europe Advance church planting network. Europe Advance assesses, trains and mentors church planters and helps to find funding for church planting projects.

www.hicc.nl

Seminars

"Believe, Doubt & Seek" (rounds 1 & 3)

Bill Berger

So long doubt has been seen as a negative thing in the church. But doubt does not necessarily need to be a negative thing! Bill has discovered in pastoring All Saints Church that doubt can be used as a positive stimulus to faith. Allow people to be honest about their doubts and you will have a great opportunity to point them to Christ.

"Glue, Myths & Landmines" (rounds 1 & 4)

Craig Mathison

Craig's seminar explores how we can have a missional mindset in our current culture. What is the glue in our culture that holds things together? Which things in our culture are myths and therefore unquestionable? How do you avoid stepping on cultural landmines?

"Missional church planting" (rounds 2 & 4)

Bill Berger & Sebastiaan van Wessem

Two of the most common frustrations for a church planter are 1) nobody shows up; and 2) many people show up, but all of them are already Christian and come from another church. The main purpose of a new church should be reaching the unreached. A missional church plant organizes itself in such a way that everything is aimed at reaching the lost, giving them a chance to find Christ, and helping them to become true followers of Him.

"Here, There & Everywhere" (rounds 3 & 4)

Kent Redfearn

There are several ways to plant new churches and extend the influence of the local church. One of the most cutting edge developments in church planting is the multisite revolution. A multisite church is a church that meets in several locations. Kent will discuss several ways of "doing" multisite and share from his own extensive experience.