

## Guest Editorial

The World Council of Churches, with the collaboration of the Orthodox Theological Faculty “Andrei Saguna” of Sibiu, organized in Sibiu, between 9-12 November 2010, an international Inter-Orthodox Consultation on “The Ecumenical Movement in Theological Education and in the life of Orthodox Churches.” It hosted representatives from various Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches. The main purpose of the meeting was to consider how the Orthodox Churches and theological schools have been involved in the modern ecumenical movement from its beginnings, and what steps forward they might take today.

The program of this consultation included basically two types of presentations: the presentation of several papers related with the theme, followed by discussions and presentations of different reports regarding theological-ecumenical education in different Orthodox Churches. This issue of *Revista Teologică* publishes four of the six papers presented in the consultation. The first paper belongs to Mr. George Lemopoulos, Deputy General Secretary of the WCC, and reflects on “*Orthodox Participation in the Ecumenical Movement: Some Questions to Theological Education for Today and Tomorrow.*” Lemopoulos’ presentation played an important role in the consultation due mainly to the questions raised. We hope that his publication will challenge the readers of this periodical in the same way as it did in the consultation in Sibiu. The second paper authored by Rev. Dr. K.M. George, a well known Oriental Orthodox theologian presents “*Theological Education in the Oriental Orthodox Tradition and the Ecumenical Movement.*” We selected it to be published here for its clear ideas and for underlying the unity among all Orthodox Churches in terms of their values, but also challengers and hopes for the future. The last two papers were presented by H.E. Metropolitan Prof. Dr Gennadios of Sassima “*The Ecumenical Movement in the Life of the Orthodox Churches*” and Very Rev. Dr John Jillions (Orthodox Church in America), “*The Future of Orthodox Theological Engagement: Traditionalist, Mainstream or Prophetic?*” They are published here for their excellent theological-ecumenical content that needs to be shared with all those who are interested on Orthodox participation in the ecumenical movement and the role of education in the life of Orthodox Churches.

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We hope that the efforts of the authors who wrote these excellent papers, as well as the efforts of the translator, whose work makes these papers more accessible for Romanian theologians, will be properly appreciated by our readers.

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