

## INVITATION TO THE BANQUET

The Finnish Bibliodrama Association has a great pleasure to invite all people interested in bibliodrama or ignatian exercises to join

### **The European Bibliodrama Conference in Finland**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Seurakuntaopisto**

Järvenpääntie 640, Järvenpää

**Finland**

The conference offers further education for professionals in teaching, pastoral care and counselling and is organized in co-operation Seurakuntaopisto and the European Bibliodrama network.

At the conference of the European Bibliodrama Association in Århus 2005 there was brought out an idea of creating connections between the bibliodrama and the ignatian exercises. Five countries have had the opportunity to develop the idea through the project funded by EU-Grundtvig 2 program. After two years the project has come to the end, and these five countries may show the results of the Netbib.exe project.

The theme 'Banquet' comes out of the Bible text of the week: Luke 14:16-24. We will study this text in groups using different bibliodramatic methods and ignatian exercises. We also have lessons about the group and individual processes in spirituality.

These two issues give the structure to our conference. The detailed programme is attached.

Gathering together gives always a great joy. At the conference we can share fellowship and our experiences of bibliodrama and ignatian exercises. We are also happy to welcome you to Finland the country of the midnight sun. The location where the conference takes place is very important in the history of the Finnish art. Many famous painters, authors and our national composer Sibelius used to live by the lake Tuusula. Their homes are now open for public to get a glimpse of the unique atmosphere of this artistic community. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century these artists used to have a banquet. We also will have a great banquet together.

The meeting of The European Bibliodrama Association will take place just before the conference. After the conference there will be meeting of the Finnish Bibliodrama Association. The final meeting of five countries which have taken part of the Netbib.exe project will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> also in Seurakuntaopisto, Järvenpää.

The costs:

the conference June 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

full board	233 € (lunch on Thursday extra 10,50 €)
participation fee	110 €

the meeting June 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 70 € (full board)

### **Enrolment before April 30<sup>th</sup>**

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### Thursday June the 5<sup>th</sup>

11.30 Lunch

12.30-14.30 *The meeting of the European Bibliodrama network*

#### 15.00 **Opening of the Bibliodrama Conference**

Marja Kantanen, chair of The Finnish Bibliodrama Association

Plenary I: **What did we find in the Netbib.exe -process?**

Dr. Wolfgang Wesenberg

Comments

17.00 Dinner

18 – 20 Groups start. Text: **Luke 14:16-24**

Evening tea

### Friday June the 6<sup>th</sup>

8 – 9 Breakfast

9.00 Plenary II

**Group process and spirituality**

Master of theology, psychodrama trainer TEP Sircku Aitolehti

Comments and discussion

12.00 Lunch

14.00 Groups  
Coffee in Groups

17.00 Dinner

19.00 The gifts of the Lake Tuusula

Evening tea

### **Saturday June the 7<sup>th</sup>**

8 – 9 Breakfast

9.00 Plenary III  
**How do the exercises enrich the bibliodrama process?**  
Dr. med., psychotherapist Eckhard Frick  
Comments and discussion

12.00 Lunch

15.00-18.30 Groups  
Coffee in Groups

20.00 **Great Banquet**

### **Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> June**

8.30 Breakfast

9.30 Plenary IV  
**Sharing the work of the groups and summary**

11.00 Worship service

12.00 Lunch

*13 –15 Meeting of the Finnish Bibliodrama Association*

*13- Netbib.exe – 5 countries final meeting until 9.6.08 at 15.*

**The theme of the groups:      The Banquet**  
**Bible text:                              Luke 14:16-24**

We ask following persons to lead a group process in the conference:

**1. Heidemarie Langer and Burkhard Giese**

**„Kommt, denn es ist alles bereit!“**

**„Come, for all is prepared!“**

We come to meet each other and meet the invitation of the gospel.

In experiencing the different roles in the text we carefully discover our choices and chances in the encounters. In play and meditation we slowly open up to the question:

What kind of invitation and place would we like to be prepared for in our own lives?

We welcome you to this journey and path!

Heidemarie Langer is a free lancing theologian and communication consultant. She has developed

Bibliodrama in Bad Boll and guides seminars and learning groups since 1980.

Burkhard Giese is pastor and bible drama leader. He works with young adults during their education in a pedagogical profession and, as a special gender challenge, with men.

**2. Margret Fühles and Peter Varga**

**You are invited – there is a place for you...**

What is our first reaction to such an invitation?

Luke (14,16 – 24) shows us the great picture of the banquet, invitation to the kingdom of God. In a bibliodramatic scene (Morenian method) we will try to experience this invitation in different roles, those who ask to be excused and those "behind the hedges" who are asked to enter.

It is a moment of personal reflection: how is my approach to this situation and – at the same time – become participants in the history of salvation?

**3. Minna Salmi**

In bibliodrama the most important method is role reversal. It is possible to read the old biblical story together in the group and at the same time to create many new stories, which are important to our own lives. The purpose in this workshop is to combine the vignettes of psychodrama with exegetics –oriented bibliodrama.

Minna Salmi is Master of Theology, youth worker, supervisor, bibliodrama director and student of psychodrama. She works as a pastor in the northern part of Finland. The most important trainers in bibliodrama for her have been Sirkku Aitolehti and Peter Pitzele. At present she am writing her doctoral thesis about bibliodrama and exegetics: how exegetics can contribute to bibliodramatic events.

**4. Lars-Gunnar Skugar and a colleague**

Lars Gunnar Skugar is a pastor and bibliodrama director who works as a consultant in the program of spiritual care in criminal care.

## Registration form

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### European Bibliodramaconference registration form/ilmoittautuminen

Surname (sukunimi)

First names (etunimet)

E-mail (sähköpostiosoite)

Street address (katuosoite)

Postal code (postinumero)

City/municipality (postitoimipaikka)

Phone number (puhelinnumero)

Mobile phone (GSM numero)

Choose group/valitse työpaja

- 1. Heidemarie Langer and Burkhard Giese
- 2. Margret Fuhles and Peter Varga
- 3. Minna Salmi
- 4. Lars-Gunnar Skugar and a colleague

I participate also in Netbib.exe meeting until 9th June

- Yes
- No

Remarks (diets etc.)/lisätietoja (esim. erityisruokavalio)

Date and time of arrival

I will have lunch on Thursday 5th (10,50 €)/lounastan torstaina 5.6.2008

Yes

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