

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

DARWIN'S IMPACT ON SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND CULTURE A 21st CENTURY REASSESSMENT

200th anniversary of Darwin's birth
150th anniversary of the publication of *Origin of Species*

10-12 September 2009

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PORTUGAL
Faculty of Philosophy
Braga – Portugal

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 9 September	
16-19	Workshop: "The scientific explanation of the emergence of Reason" (Sophia-Iberia Project)
19.30	<i>Congress reception</i>

Thursday 10 September	
08.30	Registration
09.30	Opening Conference: Alfredo Dinis, Catholic University of Portugal, "Darwin's impact on science, society and culture"
10.15	Fiorenzo Facchini, Bologna University, "Culture and its philosophical implications in an evolutionary view"
11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30	Michael Ruse, Florida State University, "The <i>Origin</i> , yesterday, today and tomorrow"
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30	Parallel Sessions
16.00	João José Fraústo da Silva, Technical University of Lisbon, "Reevaluating the <i>Origin of Species</i> : the chemical constraints of evolution"
17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.15	Henrique Teotónio, Gulbenkian Institute of Science (Genetics), "Reevaluating the <i>Origin of Species</i> : the genetic constraints of evolution"
18.00	Luis Miguel Parreira Correia, Lisbon University, "Artificial Life"
18.45	Jim Salmon, Loyola University in Maryland, USA, "Evolution of information"
19.45	<i>Dinner</i>
21.30	<i>Congress Concert</i>

Friday 11 September	
9.30	John F. Haught, Georgetown University, "Darwinian challenges to Christianity"
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30	George Coyne, Vatican Observatory, "Evolution and Intelligent Design: What is science and what is not"

13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30	Parallel sessions
16.00	Manuel Sumares, Catholic University of Portugal, “Evolution, transcendence and the nature of thought: Blondel and Teilhard”
17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.15	Isabel Varanda, Catholic University of Portugal, “Ecology as an hermeneutic key of both Creation and Evolution”
18.00	Roland Cazalis, École d’Ingénieurs of Purpan, Toulouse, France, «Darwin as a pedagogical principle in the interaction between biological evolutionism and religion”
18.45	Paul Gabor, Vatican Observatory, “Darwin space mission”
20.30	<i>Congress banquet</i>

Saturday 12 September	
9.30	Francisco Ayala, University of California, Irvine, “The biological foundations of ethics”
11.00	<i>Coffe break</i>
11.15	Eric Charmetant, Centre Sèvres, Paris, “Darwin and ethics: the history of an early encounter”
12.00	Godehard Bruentrup, Hochschule für Philosophie, München, "Darwinism and Naturalism - a Perfect Fit?"
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30	Poster session
15.00	Rodrigo de Sá Nogueira Saraiva, Lisbon University , “Evolutionary Psychology”
15.45	Ana Leonor Pereira, Coimbra University, “The reception of Darwin in Portugal
16.30	Haiyan Yang, Peking University, “The reception of Darwin in China”
17.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.30	Augusto Silva, Catholic University of Portugal, “Replication, selection and language change. Why an evolutionary approach to language variation and change?”
18.15	José Miguel Dias Costa, Catholic University of Portugal, “Evolutionary aesthetics”
19.00	Congress closure
20.00	<i>Dinner</i>
21.30	<i>Guided tour through historical Braga</i>