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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of our Theological Institute I am writing you about the theme of our next International Patristic Conference and to invite and inspire you to give a lecture.

Venue: **Saint Athanasius Greek-Catholic Theological Institute,
Nyíregyháza, Hungary**

Date: **17-19th October 2019**

The title of the conference is:

"Body and Soul: The Patristic Message to Pastoral Theology"

The topic is chosen to offer insight into and results from patristic research for the benefit of Christians of today – both those who are professionally engaged in the church and those who are on their way toward God. The anthropological teaching of the church fathers has universal value and can appeal to people of all ages, as they examine the body and the soul and the relationship between body and soul.

The aim of the conference is to give people more insight into their own inner reality and that of their neighbours.

Furthermore, we would like to emphasize that the anthropological views of Christian thinkers are reflections of their theology, through which their historical reality can be viewed as well.

We are expecting lectures dealing with patristic sources, in which the lecturers are encouraged to share their opinions with the audience on the spirituality of people of today. We hope that through these personal reflections the patristic messages can become even clearer and better understood.

Topics:

- a) The health of the body and the soul
- b) The sacrament of the body and the soul
- c) The love of the body and the soul
- d) The prayer of the body and the soul



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The expected length of the presentations: 20 minutes.

The language of the presentations and discussions: English, Italian, French. The written form of the presentations of the conference will be published in the Eastern Theological Journal, the Journal of our institute.

In collaboration with the Patristic Institute "Augustinianum" in Rome, we have already organized three international conferences. One of the most important elements of our conferences is the interactive exchange of ideas and the sharing of knowledge and opinion both through the lectures and in discussions afterwards.

Main lecturers will be given by:

Manuel Nin, OSB, Bishop, Apostolic Exarch to Greece of the Greek ByzantineCatholic Church

Giuseppe Caruso, OSA, President of Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome

Massimo Pampaloni, SJ, Dean of the Faculty of Eastern Ecclesiastical Sciences, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome

Giulio Maspero, Vicedean of the Faculty of Theology, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome

Patrick Descourtieux, Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome

Online registration is at: gyurkovicsm@yahoo.co.uk

Please email paper proposals (max. 300 words for twenty-minute papers). The conference registration deadline is: 15th June 2019. Registration fee, which should be paid at the conference: 40 Eur.

We are looking forward to valuable presentations of material that has not been presented before and to personal encounters.

If you have any questions concerning the theme or the conference arrangements, please do not hesitate to write to the same address.

Yours sincerely,

Miklós Gyurkovics

on behalf of *Tamás Véghseő*,
rector of Saint Athanasius Greek-Catholic Theological Institute