

The Global Ecumenical Theological Institute – a forum for theological debate and inter-generational dialogue,

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The programme envisioned for the formation of young theologians was planned and developed starting with the 25th of October until the 9th of November, in Seoul and in Busan, South Korea, as an integrated part of the project *The Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI)*.

The GETI project was the result of the initiative of the Ecumenical Theological Education Program (ETE) of the World Council of the Churches, in collaboration with the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, as well as with a network of Theological Faculties/Colleges and several other theological school associations from Asia, chiefly from South Korea. The curricula of the theological programme had at its core the theme *The Future of Ecumenism and the Transformation of World Christianity in the 21st Century*. This problem matter was discussed in the broader context of the theme *God of life, lead us to justice and peace*, which was the motto of the 10th General Assembly of the World Council of the Churches, which took place in Busan, between the 30th of October and the 9th of November 2013. In fact, during the development of the work of the supreme deliberative court of the World Council of the Churches, the participants to the GETI project were significantly involved in the plenary works of the Assembly, in the programmes of biblical study, and in the ecumenical conversations.

Over 170 young theologians, representing 80 of the Christian confessions from over 60 countries, from every continent participated to this programme. From among the participants only 9 were orthodox. On behalf of the Romanian Orthodox Church there were Fr. Assoc. Prof. Gabriel-Viorel Gârdan from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Cluj-Napoca, Lect. Dr. Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie, from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Bucharest, and PhD candidate Ioan-Alexandru Dăian, from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Sibiu.

GETI was conceived as an intense formation programme for the future leaders of the ecumenical movement, as well as a forum for theological debate and inter-generational dialogue. In order to get support for the achievement

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