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The Patriarch of Constantinople **Bartholomeos I**, and the delegate Bishop **Athenagoras of Sinope**

The Patriarch of Moscow **Alexis II** (and the Metropolitan **Kirill**, president of the Department for the External Relations) with the members of the delegation: Bishop **Savvatij of ?eboksarsk**, Fr **Pavel Khondzinsky** and Fr **Georgij Sergeev** of the Department for the External Relations, Fr **Gerasim Djachkov**, assistant of the Dean of the Theological Academy of Moscow, and the hieromonk **Daniil Vasilenko** of the same Theological Academy.

The represented Churches:

- The Patriarchate of Constantinople
- The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Italy attached to the Ecumenical Patriarchate (Archimandrite **Athenagoras**, sent by Metropolitan **Gennadios**)
- The Patriarchate of Antioch
- The Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Bishop **Philipp** of Poltava and Kremen?ug, sent by His Beatitude **Volodimir**, Metropolitan of Kiev)
- The Belarusian Orthodox Church
- The Patriarchate of Serbia (Fr **David Perovic**, sent by the Holy Synod, and Fr **Vasilije Grolimund**)
- The Patriarchate of Romania (Metropolitan **Seraphim** of Germany)
- The Patriarchate of Bulgaria (Bishop **Grigorij of Veliko Tarnovo** and Bishop **Kiprian of Traianopol** and the delegation from the Theological Faculty of Sòfia)

- The Church of Greece (Bishop **Ioannis of Thermopyli**)
- The Church of Georgia (Fr **Khakaber Kurtanidze**)
- The Apostolic Armenian Church (Fr **Karen Karamyan**, delegate of the Highest Catholikòs **Garekin**)
- The Church of England (Can. **Hugh Wybrew**)
- The Old Catholic Church of Netherlands (Fr **Harald Muench**)
- The Coptic Church (Fr **Antonio**, Fr **Andrea** and Fr **Pacomio** from Milan)

and in particular:

- Card. **Tarcisio Bertone**, Secretary of State, who sent the blessing of the Holy Father **Benedict XVI**
- Card. **Achille Silvestrini**, Emerit Prefect of the Congregation of the Oriental Churches
- The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (its President the Cardinal **Walter Kasper** who sent the Secretary Mgr **Brian Farrell** and Fr **Milan Žust** of the same Council)
- Mgr **Gabriele Mana**, Bishop of Biella, and Mgr **Massimo Giustetti**, Emerit Bishop of Biella
- Mgr **Arrigo Miglio**, Bishop of Ivrea, Secretary of the Piedmont Bishops' Conference
- The World Council of Churches
- Syndesmos, Association of the Orthodox Youth, with his General Secretary **Spyros Tsimouris**.

The Western and Eastern monks, coming from:

- Mount Sinai (Fr Grigorios, Saint Catherine Monastery)
- Trinity of St Serge Lavra
- Grodno: Monastery of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Mother Gavrila)
- Monastery of the Nativity in Vladimir
- Caves Lavra in Kiev
- Diocese of Murmansk
- Church of Greece (Prèveza, Karditza, Volos, Tyras-Santorini)
- Church of Serbia (Kovil)
- Romania (Mother Maria Magdalena from Iasi)
- Belgium (Chevetogne, Wavreumont, Ermeton)
- France (La Pierre-qui-Vire, St. Benoit sur Loire, St. Antoine le Grand, Nice, Aubazine, Albi)
- Italy (Dumenza; Pra 'd Mill; Camaldoli; S. Giulio d'Orta: Mother Anna Maria Cànopi, St. Oyen; Montaner; Poffabro; Marango)
- Switzerland (Fr Gabriel Bunge of the Holy Cross Hermitage)
- Austria (Vienna)

The several students from different theological faculties of Europe

The **Scientific Commettee** which organized the Conference: Michel **van Parys**, Antonio **Rigo**, Hervé **Legrand**, Nina **Kaucisvili**, Roberto **Salizzoni**, together with the Prior and some of the members of Bose

All the lecturers

The interpreters: **Nicolette Malescu**, **Ania Worontzoff**, **Katerina Kasimova-Zouchra**, **Umberto Cini**, **Leonardo Paleàri** and **Gavriil Pentzikis**

The technician **Giampaolo Rampoldi**

Last, all who prepared and followed the Conference with their prayer, sympathy, cooperation, sending of many fraternal messages; friends, scholars, the *Region Piedmont*, the *University of Turin*, and all who helped us in many different ways...

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