Thursday, March 20:
The experience with ERC in Québec

Chaired by Louis-Léon Christians (Université Catholique Louvain-la-Neuve)

9.30 Welcome and introduction by the organizers

9.45 Presentation of the ERC program in Québec (Mireille Estivalèzes, Université de Montréal)

10.30 ERC: The political process, contemporary debates and critics (Pierre Bosset, Université du Québec à Montréal)

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 Pedagogical challenges and the new professional attitude for the ERC teachers (Mireille Estivalèzes)

12.00 Discussion with the audience

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00 The legal background and cases against ERC as a compulsory course for all (Pierre Bosset)

14.45 Critical evaluation from abroad (Jean-Paul Willaime, CNRS Paris)

15.15 Round table with the three speakers,

15.45 General discussion with the audience

16.15 Concluding remarks

Friday, March 21:
New trends in religious education: a comparative perspective

Chaired by Patrick Loobuyck (University of Antwerp)

9.30 Deconfessionalizing RE in Europe: Trends and challenges (Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark)

10.10 Presentation of RE in Norway and Sweden (Geir Skeie, Stockholm University)

10.30 Coffee break

10.50 Presentation of RE in Zurich/Switzerland (Andrea Rota, Universität Bern)

11.10 Presentation of LER in Germany (Eva-Maria Kenngott, University of Bremen)

11.30 Presentation of RE in Luxembourg (Siggy Koenig, Department of education of Luxembourg)

11.50 Responses by Mireille Estivalèzes, Pierre Bosset, Jean-Paul Willaime

12.10 General discussion with the audience

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00 Presentation of RE in the Netherlands (Siebren Miedema, Free University of Amsterdam)

14.20 Presentation of RE in Belgium – A common framework, but different evolutions? (Leni Franken, University of Antwerp – Caroline Sägesser, Université Libre de Bruxelles)

14.50 Panel discussion about the future of RE in Europe and Belgium: Rik Torfs (KULeuven); Dimokritos Kavadias (VUBrussel/University of Antwerp); Louis-Léon Christians (Université Catholique Louvain-la-Neuve); Bert Roebben (TU Dortmund); Philippe Van Parijs (Université Catholique Louvain-la-Neuve).

16.00 General discussion with the audience