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## Call for Papers

In collaboration with the European Section of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists (IACM), the Nijmegen Institute for Mission Studies (NIM) invites you to contribute to a conference and a book to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Henri Godin and Yves Daniel's book, *La France. Pays de Mission* (Paris: Spes 1943).

### Topic

In 2018 it will be 75 years since the French theologians Henri Godin and Yves Daniel published their book *La France. Pays de Mission* (Paris: Spes 1943). The book came as a shock to many. Was France, the heartland of Catholicism, really a territory for missionaries? It signified a break-through in European missiology. For scholars of European mission history the shock came as a surprise, as overseas mission was derived from European mission, and certainly not the other way around. It took until the Second Vatican Council before Godin and Daniel's ideas became more accepted. According to Karl Rahner the Second Vatican Council was the first manifestation of the World Church. After the Council, concepts such as 'mission in six continents' and 'mutual missionary assistance of churches' became widely accepted, at least in theory. In practice, dominant mission thinking retained the notion that Europe was the sending church and the rest of the world received. However, since the beginning of the third millennium this model has no longer been tenable. Ongoing secularization in the Catholic heartlands on the one hand, booming Catholic migrant communities and an influx of foreign priests in Europe on the other, blur the ideas of a 'sending' and 'receiving' church.

### Themes

The conference and the book seek to do justice to the new situation as a *locus theologicus*, read the signs of the time and develop a contemporary European missiology. Proposed themes to be elaborated on are: Propagation of faith or missionary presence; mission in six continents and mutual missionary assistance of churches; mission to Europe or the reversal

of 'sending' and 'receiving' church; local or global church and the role of extra-ordinary synods; secularism and de-churching in Europe; Catholic migrant communities and foreign missionaries in Europe; the presence of Islam in Europe and the challenge of inter-faith dialogue, and the changing place of European churches in the context of the World Church.

### **Organisation**

The conference will be hosted by the Nijmegen Institute for Mission Studies during the World Mission Month (October 12, 2018).

The book which has 'European Handbook of Catholic Missiology' as a working title will be edited by Wojciech Kluj, Klaus Vellguth and Frans Wijzen.

Please submit abstracts in English (max. 300 words) to [f.wijzen@ftr.ru.nl](mailto:f.wijzen@ftr.ru.nl) before 1 Jan 2018. After selection by the editors, prospective authors will be invited to elaborate on their abstract before 1 Feb. 2018. The deadline for submitting papers will be 1 July 2018.