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## Press Release

### Plans for European *mission-net* Congress Gain Momentum!

Next year, Germany will host the *mission-net* European Mission Congress, where it is anticipated that 6,000 people of all ages will come together from around 40 different European nations.

The congress will take place at the Weser-Ems exhibition site in Oldenburg, in northern Germany from the 8th to the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009. The congress will focus on the theme of 'missions', and challenge participants to live out a 'missional lifestyle' wherever they live.

The motivating programme will include Bible-based messages, and reports of current mission trends in local and global mission.

Bishop David Zac Niringiye, based in Kampala, Uganda, will lead the Bible studies during the morning meetings. The evening sessions will be led by guest speakers, including: OM Founder, George Verwer (USA); co-author of Operation World; Jason Mandryk (Canada); Professor of World mission und East European Studies, Dr. Peter Kuzmic (Croatia); Founder of Open Doors Brother Andrew (Netherlands) and East European Director of AMG International and General Secretary of the Greek Evangelical Alliance, Fotis Romeos (Greece).

Worship will be led by the well known Dutch band "World News". Late night concerts will feature Bill Drake (USA) and Judy Bailey (Germany), with several others still to be confirmed.

Well-known Spanish mime-artist Carlos Martinez will illustrate messages in his own unique way.



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Around 80 seminars and workshops have already been confirmed, covering a range of themes including world religions, mission theology, art and mission, politics and mission, and business and mission. Around 150 mission agencies will be represented in the exhibition hall, providing participants with a comprehensive overview of the many opportunities for mission involvement.

The Mission Advice Centre (MAC), the congress career counselling service, will enable experienced workers to give practical advice and assess gifting to help identify the best fit for a person in local or global mission.

After the congress, a range of mission agencies will host over 25 short-term teams, with trips taking place immediately after the event and throughout the summer.

More information about the congress is available at the *mission-net* website: [www.mission-net.org](http://www.mission-net.org). The site is regularly updated with the latest news and information.

Participants should register through the on-line registration facility. The price for the congress is 230 Euros, which includes entrance fees, food, dormitory accommodation and the full programme.

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