

# *Come to the Spring*

Our first ever Women's Ministries Conference for the Trans-European Division will be a chance to get together and worship God as women and uplift and encourage one another.

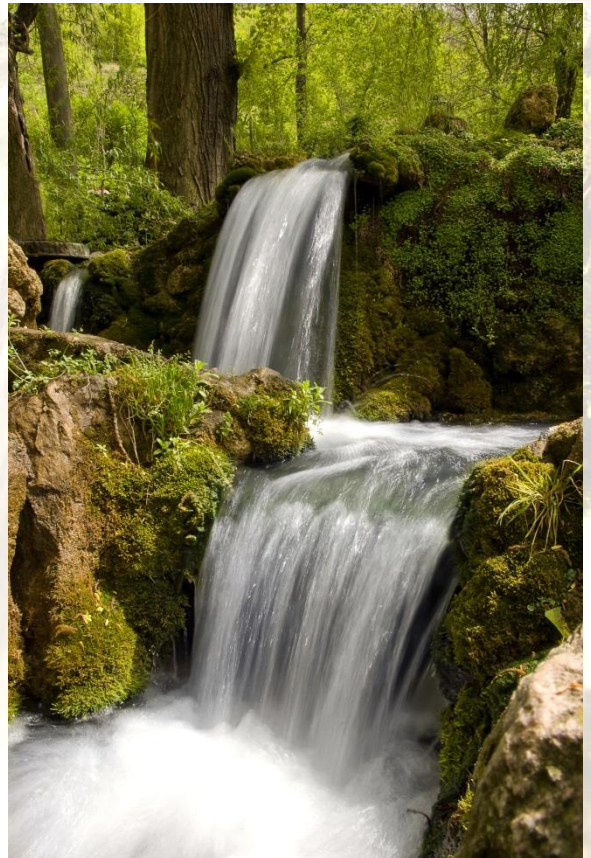
The Congress will be held in Rogaska Slatina, Slovenia in 2014, September 24-28. The main venue of the conference is Hotel Sava in Rogaska Slatina in Slovenia. This is a beautiful hotel with a lot to offer. Find pictures here: <https://grandhotelsavasuperior.reserve-online.net/hotel.cfm?src=107>

This will be a joint venture of the women's ministries departments in all the unions and fields of the TED, this means that involvement from all our Unions is expected and everyone will have some part to play.

All registration will be done in the local unions and fields. For more information and prices please contact your local Women's Ministries Director. The deadline for registration will be at the end of June, 2014.

Please make sure that you have a valid travel document, insurance and a visa if you need.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!





## *Our main speakers*



**Heather-Dawn Small** presently holds the position of director for Women's Ministries at the General Conference of SDA. Heather-Dawn is the wife of Pastor Joseph Small and the mother of a two adult children Dalonne and Jerard.

She holds a BA in English from Andrews University and is currently completing her MA in Leadership with a minor in Pastoral Care to Women from Western Seminary, Portland, USA.

Heather-Dawn loves air travel, reading, embroidery, scrapbooking, and stamp collecting and she enjoys ministry to women.

As she travels the world she has three passions –

- 1.To see more women involved in evangelism,
- 2.To encourage women to be involved in ministry to others – especially young women, and
- 3.To share the joy that God has given her in spite of life's many challenges.

Her favourite word is "JOY" and her favourite saying is "Don't let anyone steal your joy."

**Debby Mayer** is a Dutch master floral designer with over 25 years of experience in 4 different countries. Debby runs the Government Accredited Flowers to Impress School from Toowoomba, Australia. Debby has participated in international flower competitions and won awards for her innovative designs and fresh approach. Debby's qualifications in floristry include horticulture, art, flower arranging/floral design. She spends a lot of her time helping others to grow their floristry business.

Debby along with her sons Enoch and Nathan is founder of the Language of Flowers ministry. They desire to preach the Gospel through the Language of Flowers. Their aim is to bring people back to God's creation and away from man-made obstacles and stress. Together they hope to demonstrate how flowers play a role in revealing and reconnecting us with God, and finding His peace.

During the evening worships her themes are: "While I breath I hope" and "Through hardship to the stars".  
Her workshop titles will be: 1- When words escape flowers speak ( how can we share GOD's love , in a practically way )  
2- Flowers are love's trust language





# Workshops

## Sandra Golding: Colour My World

Do you know which colours compliment your skin tone and what clothing best flatters your body type? In this fun workshop we will look at the different colour palettes that we can choose for our clothing and accessories and how to dress for success.



## How to Use and Not to be Used?

### - The Use of Modern Technology

Before she became the Union treasurer, Sladjana used to work for several years as the Computer school instructor training more than 3000 student. She did various kinds of education and training for the computer use in the office (Window, Office, etc.). She is also an authorized ECDL instructor and writer of several textbook for the computer courses. And she was the instructor for the training of other trainers. Besides doing Union finances, she enjoys walking and associating with people.

## Renata Stonienė: Forgiveness

### – a step to restoration

Forgive someone who hurt us? To show undeserved grace? Why do we have to forgive those who hurt us? Do I need to forgive if they are really bad people? It's unjust....do I get any benefit if I forgive? How do we know that we forgave? What is forgiveness? Christianity and psychology claim that we need to forgive. Forgiveness restore the relationships between people and God.

When we forgive, we bring something new and positive to our lives. It's a decision not to suffer any more and heal our hearts and souls, find a way to our inner peace and happiness, a way to freedom.

Renata is a mother, wife, psychologist, Women's leader for the Lithuanian Conference. Renata works as a psychologist in a secondary school.





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## Denise Hochstrasser: Mentoring for Women

How can we help keeping people in the Church for the future? How can we help and motivate women to grow into taking up responsibility and leadership inside the Church through mentoring?

Why Gender dependent programs for young people in the Adventist Church? Why and how does Women's Ministries reach out to young women?

Denise is Swiss, married and has three adult daughters. After a commercial education she spent several years at Newbold College then after a few years in Holland, she found back to Switzerland.

Since July 2010 she is the Women's Ministries Director at the Inter-European Division in Bern/CH.

## Audrey Andersson: High heels and high ideals!

Being a leader with high heels and high ideals is a challenge, both inside and outside the church. How do you balance your dreams, ideals and professional commitments, with the realities of everyday living? The workshop explores the myths of having and doing it all and looks at tools to help us lead more effectively.

Audrey Andersson is the Executive Secretary of the Trans European Division. Although she graduated from Newbold College with a degree in Theology, her road to ministry had a detour into the commercial world. Having worked as an Editor for a national magazine and run her own business, Audrey became Executive Secretary of the Swedish Union. A post she held for eight years before joining the TED.



## Choir Workshop

Singing makes you happy! In this workshop we want to use our voices to work on a great song. During the conference we will perform this song to the other sisters at the Conference. Please join! We are going to have fun and we are praising God through our voices.

Madelon Comvalius en Heidi Grit will lead this workshop. In the Netherlands Madelon has been the leader of Gospelchoir AdVocals for the last ten years. Heidi is one of the leadsingers of the Crossroad Band and is also part of a women close harmony group.



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## Sharon Platt-McDonald: Emotional Resilience for women

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from life's traumas and challenges without it causing any undue negative impact or lasting damage such as to hinder the individuals progress through life.

Come and hear the 10 researched based success factors that build resilience in any individual (with a focus on the female perspective) to handle unplanned changes and face life's challenges.

If you encountered a trauma in the past which still have an impact on you today or if you are currently facing difficulties and want to know how to manage them positively, then this workshop is for you. Alternatively if you want to pass on the message of how to overcome life's challenges successfully, then we welcome you to this seminar on Emotional Resilience.



## Anette J. Moore: Face painting

Together with her husband she was joint Children's Ministries sponsor for the Welsh Mission in the UK for 9 years. She has created an interactive biblical timeline a copy of which has been given to each church congregation in the UK and has been used extensively abroad. Anette has used her passion for arts and crafts to design interactive Sabbath books, quiet books, worship aids for children, mascots and mouth moving puppets, for puppet ministry. However, for something different she is offering a face painting workshop. Face painting is one of the most fun and popular activities on the children's party circuit today. Children can be transformed into a ferocious animal or a superhero. Anette will show how to paint a beautiful, full-face butterfly or create biblical characters as well as fun faces.



## Jelena Trajković: Table Setting and Making Table Napkin Rings

Jelena Trajković is WM director in the Southern Conference of the SEEUC . Her husband Dalibor is a pastor and Youth Director in the same conference. She is very fond of nature, book reading and creative crafts. Her passion is to present the creativity of the Creator through creative crafts and to reveal His love to people around her.





# Workshops



## Karin Lukk: Raising kids in a family

Why kids are sometimes so different? We all love our children very much but there are times and situations when we just do not understand everything and do not know exactly what to do. This workshop provides a good opportunity to share our experiences, to talk about some aspects of parent-child relationships, focusing on the impact of birth order and spacing of children. How can the kids growing in the same family environment be so different? One of the reasons seems to be birth order. Birth order has a strong effect on children's emotional development, on their self-esteem and the formation of their character. Although it is not the only factor that contributes to how a kid turns out, but giving it consideration can help us understand our kids' personalities – so we can help them succeed in their own unique ways.

## Guna Rimane: Woman as a Spiritual Leader

We need people who can assess situations, assess what isn't working, and fix it. We need people who can narrow their focus to "the problem" and see a limited set of causes, effects, and solutions. In crisis situations this kind of sight is invaluable. When your house is on fire, for example, you want people who can react quickly and with focus to put the fire out. You do not want a fire fighter who worries about the effects of water damage to your walls and ceilings. Spiritual leadership is not a place we get to once and for all. It is a lifelong process of growth and transformation. You will also hear the most challenging moments from 16 years of my spiritual leadership.



## Madli Vahtramae: Tulips every season

What if some seasonal things would suddenly be with us through the whole year? For example a colourful spring flower would be a lovely addition to a cold winter day or a rainy autumn evening. During the workshop we will learn how to make a tulip out of a fabric and grill stick. It is a nice way to decorate your house or to give it away as a present that came straight from your heart. A flower that does not need watering and will last for ages.

# Program draft

	Wednesday 24 September	Thursday 25 September	Friday 26 September	Sabbath 27 September	Sunday 28 September
7.00 – 9.00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9.30 – 11.00		Morning Worship	Morning Worship	9.30 – 13.00 Outreach program	Departure
11.15 – 12.45		Workshops	Workshops		
13.00 – 14.00	Arrival and hotel check-in  Conference registration	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14.30 – 16.00		Workshops	Workshops	15.00 -17.00 Worship	
16.00 – 18.30		Free Time	Free Time	17.00 – 18.30 Free Time	
18.30 – 19.30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20.00 -	Opening Meeting	Evening Meeting	Evening Meeting	Closing Meeting & Market	

Hotel Grand Sava \*\*\*\* is a beautiful place with a lot to offer for our free time. All rooms have standard equipment, mini bar, TV, radio, pay TV, hairdryer, bathrobe, towel for the pool and hotel slippers in the rooms but you will also receive stylish furniture, bathrooms with showers, air-conditioning, and safety deposit box.

Their Spa & Beauty Centre offers a range of new opportunities and new services for the well-being, beauty and health maintenance. At about 1200 m2 of new floor area has its own Lotus Spa pool complex, within which is a swimming pool with thermal water at 31 ° C, two whirlpools at a temperature of 36 ° C, children's swimming pool, Kneipp pool, Turkish and Finnish sauna and Tepidarium.

In the neighbourhood there is a crystal factory and a museum that are also worth visiting.



# Market



Have you thought about what you will sell on the Market?

It will be our finishing program on Saturday evening.

The president of the Slovenian Conference has had a talk with the major of Rogaska and they have two projects which we can support with our Market funds. Everything we raise will be given to two families in need.

Now you can start thinking of things to sell at the market on Saturday evening and also maybe to start raising money at home for these projects.

As we plan it will be a fantastic closing event so please start thinking if you could do something funny on that evening.

**Stay tuned! More newsletters will be following and you will find more information about the Conference.**