

Dear Conference participants,

Dear guests,

On behalf of the academic society of the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies I warmly welcome you. We are honored to host this International conference of the European Federation of Centres of Research and Information on Cults and Sects (FECRIS) – an organization with extensive international experience and prestige, an advisory body to the EU and the UN.

The FECRIS Conference in Bulgaria is an important event as it will put the local experts and the Bulgarian public in the current issues of religious rights and religious security and will discuss the place of government regulation in them.

We participate in the FECRIS Conference, because it highlights prevention activities and care of human values. Although they are foundation of modern democratic regimes and dynamic factor in international relations, they could be affected by the impact of religious and non-religious cults.

With the support of the current Conference the SALSIT gives its contribution to the efforts to inform the public about various destructive manifestations of religious and highlight opportunities for prevention them from all institutions involved in the issue of the spiritual health of the nation - state and local authorities, educational and health institutions, NGOs and others.

Being a host, the SALSIT identifies itself as an academic institution where religious diversity is studied from a different perspective, but not neglecting its relationship with national and social security.

Hoping that the forthcoming Conference will become a center of fruitful discussions and exchange of views, will boost the new and thorough research, and will contribute to strengthening the rights and dignity of citizens, I would like to wish you a successful work.

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