

4th World Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference



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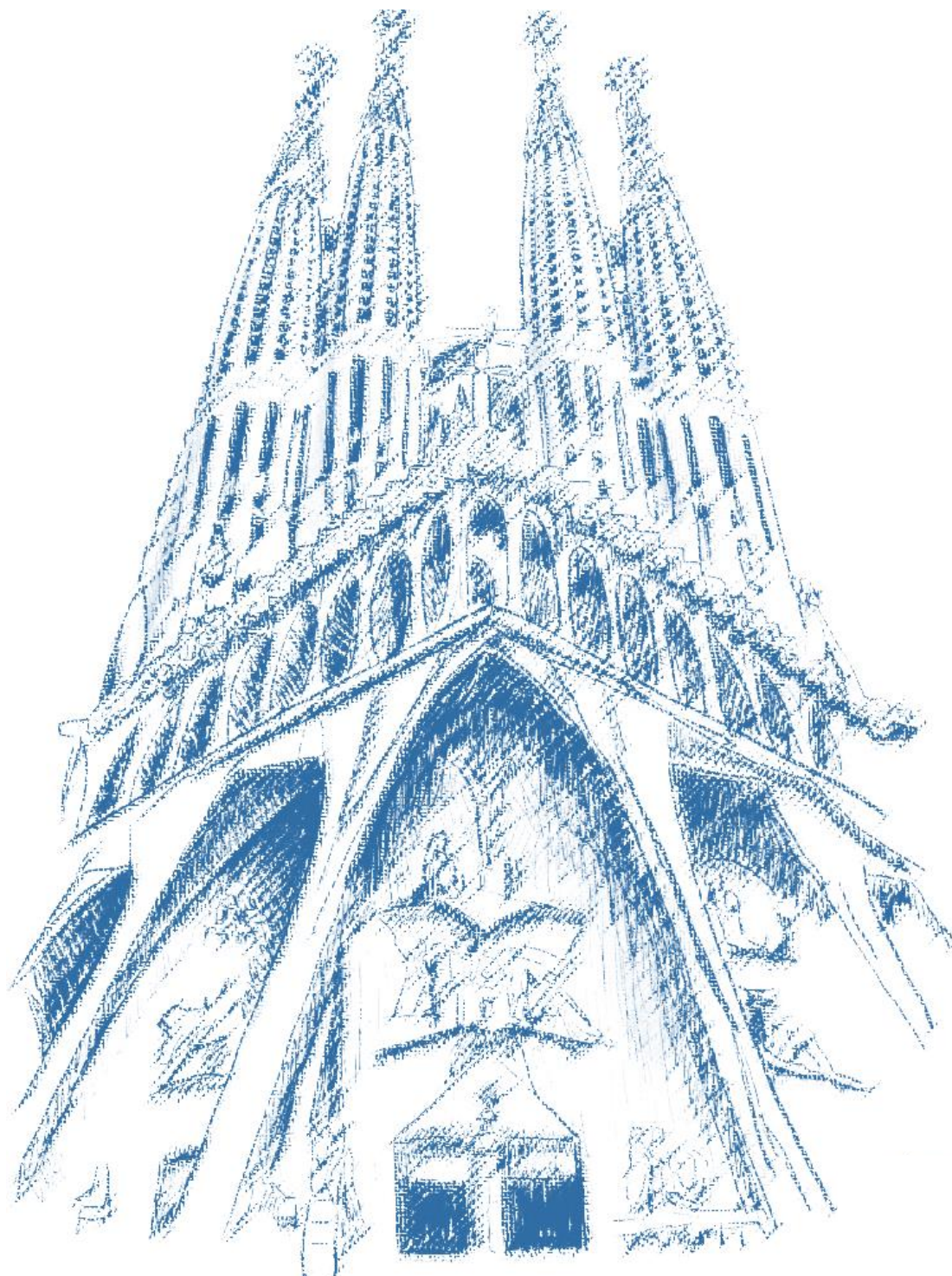
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INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate, and more importantly to contribute to the **4th World Bronchiectasis & NTM Conference**.

Following a successful first editions in Hannover in July 2016, in Milan in July 2017 and in Washington DC in July 2018 with an average attendance of 400 researchers and clinicians, we are happy to announce that the 2020 edition will take place in Barcelona, at the University of Medicine within the Clinico Hospital from 17 to 19 December, 2020.

The WBC is the place where the latest outcomes on the diagnosis and management of Bronchiectasis are shared and discussed. Furthermore, following the increase of NTM pulmonary and extra – pulmonary morbidity and mortality, it has been decided to fully integrate NTM related topics within the conference programme.

Considering the complex clinical picture of most of the patients affected by Bronchiectasis and NTM, large space will be given in this edition to **co-morbidities**. A central role would be also dedicated to the latest outcome on **microbiome** in pulmonary diseases as well as in the latest outcomes in **clinical trials**, and new available **diagnostic procedures** and **treatments**. The conference will be also the place where to discuss the **International Guidelines on NTM** and **Bronchiectasis**.

Several lectures would be reserved to **latest more interesting research works** from all over the World presented directly by participants, while **poster sessions** will help sharing effective clinical practices among attendees.

Joining forces, exchanging clinical experiences, sharing data and instruments, creating a network of active experts in the field are the main goals of the conference.

Looking forward welcoming you in Barcelona,

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Antoni TORRES Prof. Francesco BLASI

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Barcelona,
Universidad de Barcelona, Medicine Faculty within the
Hospital Clinic de Barcelona (Clinico).
17 – 19 December 2020

ORGANISER



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Chairs

Conference Chair



Professor Antoni Torres (Spain)

Full Professor in Medicine (Pulmonology) at the University of Barcelona and Director of the Respiratory Intensive Care Unit at Hospital Clínic.

Chair of the research group on Applied Research in Respiratory Diseases of the Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi i Sunyer (IDIBAPS).

Coordinator of the CIBER group on respiratory diseases (Ciberes), an SGR (Generalitat de Catalonia) group.

Member of EMBARC (The European Bronchiectasis Network) Steering Committee

Conference Co - Chair



Professor Francesco Blasi (Italy)

Professor of Respiratory Medicine and Head of the Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation at the University of Milan.

Head Internal Medicine Department, Respiratory Unit and Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center, Fondazione IRCCS Cà Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico Milan.

Member of Board of Directors, Università degli Studi di Milano.

Member of EMBARC (The European Bronchiectasis Network) Steering Committee.

Co-chair of IRIDE, the Italian Registry of adult bronchiectasis.

Co-chair of IRENE the Italian Observatory on Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria

Former President of ERS – European Respiratory Society.

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Antoni Torres, Barcelona, Spain
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James D. Chalmers, Dundee, UK
Wei-Jie Guan, Guangzhou, China
Lucy Morgan, Sydney, Australia
Michal Shteinberg, Haifa, Israel
Montserrat Vendrell, Girona, Spain
Tobias Welte, Hannover, Germany

Topics

ABPA - Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis

Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency

Asthma

Biomarkers

Bronchiectasis

Comorbidities

COPD

Cystic Fibrosis

Exacerbations

Genetics

Immunodeficiency

Inhaled Antibiotics

Inhaled Steroids

International Guidelines

Lung Function Testing

Microbiome & Mycobiome

NTM – Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria

Physiotherapy

PCD - Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

Registries

Research priorities

RCT – Randomized Clinical Trials

Severity Scores

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Rosanel Amaro, Barcelona, Spain

Alan Barker, Portland, USA*

Francesco Blasi, Milan, Italy

James D. Chalmers, Dundee, UK

Anne Chang, Darwin, Australia

Sanjay Chotirmall, Singapore

Ernesto Crisafulli, Verona, Italy

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David E. Griffith, Tyler, USA

Wei-Jie Guan, Guangzhou, China

Adam Hill, Edinburgh, UK*

Charles Haworth, Cambridge, UK*

Michal Loebinger, London, UK

Miguel Angel Martinez-Garcia, Valencia, Spain

Aurora Massaguer, Girona, Spain

Rosario Menendez, Valencia, Spain

Mark Metersky, Farmington, USA

Gerard Muñoz, Girona, Spain

Lucy Morgan, Sydney, Australia

Anne O'Donnel, Washington DC, USA

Kenneth Olivier, Bethesda, USA

Constança Pascual, Girona, Spain

Felix Ringshausen, Hannover, Germany

Leopoldo Segal, New York, USA

Amelia Shoemark, Dundee, UK

Michal Shteinberg, Haifa, Israel

Oriol Sibila, Barcelona, Spain

Gregory Tino, Philadelphia, USA

Antoni Torres, Barcelona, Spain

Menno van der Eerden, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Jakko van Ingen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Alexandru Vlagea, Barcelona, Spain

Montserrat Vendrell, Girona, Spain

Tobias Welte, Hannover, Germany

Kevin Winthrop, Portland, USA*

**To be confirmed*

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

17th December 2020

12.00 – 19.30 Pick-up of the conference material at the Registration desk

Meet the Professors

The conference will start with 5 "Meet the Professors" courses running in parallel and repeated twice.

Maximum number: 40 - 130 participants per meeting on a first-come, first served basis.

Registration fee: € 25 + VAT for each "Meet the Professors"

On - line
Pre - Registration
COMPULSORY

14.00 – 15.00 MEET THE PROFESSORS – ROUND 1

Room 1

Meet the Professors A

NTM – PD: the challenging diagnostic path

David E. Griffith, Tyler, USA - Michal Loebinger, London, UK

Room 2

Meet the Professors B

Physiotherapy: how to improve the management of bronchiectasis

Gerard Muñoz, Girona, Spain - Victoria Alcaraz, Barcelona, Spain

Room 3

Meet the Professors C

How to set up a PCD diagnostic service

Amelia Shoemark, Dundee, UK - Lucy Morgan, Sydney, Australia

Room 4

Meet the Professors D

Immunodeficiency: from diagnosis to management

Alexandru Daniel Vlagea, Barcelona, Spain

Paraninfo

Meet the Professors E

How to use EMBARC data

Pieter Goeminne, Saint Niklaas, Belgium - James D. Chalmers, Dundee, UK

15.00 – 16.00 MEET THE PROFESSORS – ROUND 2

Repetition of the "Meet the Professors" Courses of Round 1 in the same rooms.

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16.00 – 16.30 WELCOME COFFEE

16.30-16.45 OPENING ADDRESS

Chair: Antoni Torres, Barcelona (Spain)

University Personalities to be confirmed

16.45 – 17.30 RISING STARS SESSION WITH AWARDS

Chairs: Antoni Torres, Barcelona (Spain), Francesco Blasi, Milan (Italy)

16.45 - 17.00 Rising Star Oral presentation 1 (Bronchiectasis)

The best abstract presented by a young clinician / researcher on Bronchiectasis

Title to be announced

17.05 - 17.20 Rising Star Oral presentation (NTM – PD)

The best abstract presented by a young clinician / researcher on NTM

Title to be announced

Each lecture will be followed by 5-minute time for questions and comments as well as advices by the Chairmen.

17.25 – 17.30 Awards Ceremony

Delivery of **David Serisier Award** for Bronchiectasis

Delivery of **Won-Jung Koh Award** for NTM

to the "Rising Stars" mentioned above

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17.30-18.00 LECTURE / DEBATE

Chair: Michal Shteinberg, Haifa (Israel),

Adultologists meet paediatricians: what are we supposed to know from our patient's childhood that has an impact on the adulthood management

Adam Hill, Edinburgh, UK

18.00-18.30 LECTURE

Chair: Kevin Winthrop, Portland (USA)

Bronchiectasis exacerbation management

Anne Chang, Darwin, Australia

18.30-19.00 LECTURE

Chairs: Timothy Aksamit, Rochester (USA),
Laia Fernandez, Barcelona (Spain)

Bronchiectasis: Dirty Little Secrets

Lucy Morgan, Sydney, Australia

19.00-19.40 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chairs: Lucy Morgan, Sydney (Australia),

Bronchiectasis: need for better definitions

Rosario Menendez, Barcelona, Spain

Discussion

19.40 – 20.40 WELCOME COCKTAIL

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08.30 – 09.10 **THE PATIENTS' POINT OF VIEW**

Chairs: Antoni Torres, Barcelona (Spain), Francesco Blasi, Milan (Italy)

08.30 – 08.45 **My experience with Bronchiectasis**

Constança Pascual, Girona, Spain

08.45 – 09.00 **My experience with NTM**

Aurora Massaguer, Girona, Spain

Discussion

09.10 – 11.10 **SESSION I: NOVEL DIAGNOSTICS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Chairs: Felix Ringshausen, Hannover (Germany),
Michal Loebinger, London (UK)

09.10 - 09.35 **Lung Function Testing Findings**

Wei-Jie Guan, Guangzhou, China

09.35 - 10.00 **Biomarkers to assess severity & prognosis**

Stefano Aliberti, Milan, Italy

10.00 - 10.25 **Oral Abstract Presentation**

(on Biomarkers in NTM-PD)

To be announced

10.25 – 10.50 **Genetics and Bronchiectasis**

Kenneth Olivier, Bethesda, USA

10.50 – 11.00 **Discussion**

11.00 – 11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

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11.30 – 13.00 **SESSION II: INHALED TREATMENTS**

Chairs: James D. Chalmers, Dundee (UK),
David de la Rosa, Barcelona (Spain)

11.30 - 12.00 **Should we need Inhaled Steroids?**

Menno van der Eerden, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

12.00 - 12.30 **Inhaled antibiotics**

Charles Haworth, Cambridge, UK

12.30 - 12.50 **Oral Abstract Presentation**

(or my case is your case voting session)
To be announced

12.50 – 13.00 **Discussion**

13.00 – 14.00 **LUNCH & STROLLING POSTERS' SESSIONS**

14.00 – 15.30 **SESSION III: FOCUS ON NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA**

Chair: Miguel Angel Martinez-Garcia, Valencia (Spain)

14.00 - 14.30 **NTM transmission: state of the art**

Andreas Floto, Cambridge, UK

14.30 - 15.00 **International guidelines on NTM**

Jakko van Ingen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

15.00 - 15.20 **Oral Abstract Presentation / Severity Scores**

(on Severity Scores)
To be announced

15.20 – 15.30 **Discussion**

15.30 – 16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

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16.00 - 16.40 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chairs: Adam Hill, Edinburgh (UK), Tobias Welte, Hannover (Germany)

Research priorities in pulmonary NTM

Timothy Aksamit, Rochester, USA

Discussion

16.40 – 17.30 **SESSION IV: CLINICAL TRIALS**

Chairs: James D. Chalmers, Dundee (UK), Alan Barker, Portland (USA)

16.40 - 17.00 **Oral Abstract Presentation**

To be announced

17.00 - 17.20 **Oral Abstract Presentation**

To be announced

17.20 - 17.30 Discussion

17.30 - 18.30 **TOPIC TO BE DEFINED**

18.30 - 19.10 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: Michal Shteinberg, Haifa (Israel)

Microbiome in Bronchiectasis and in NTM infections

Leopoldo Segal, New York, USA

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19th December 2020

08.30 - 09.00 LECTURE

Chair: Oriol Sibila, Barcelona (Spain)

Role of Registries: the Indian Example

Raja Dhar, Kolkata, India

Discussion

09.00 – 10.40 SESSION V: MICROBIOME NEW FRONTIERS

Chairs: Montserrat Vendrell, Girona (Spain)

Stefano Aliberti, Milan (Italy)

09.00 - 09.30 Eradication in the era of microbiome

James D. Chalmers, Dundee, UK

09.30 - 10.00 Functional effects of the microbiome / mycobiome

Sanjay Chotirmall, Singapore, Singapore

10.00 - 10.30 Pseudomonas aeruginosa leading pathogen in the bronchiectasis microbiota?

Antoni Torres, Barcelona, Spain

10.30 – 10.40 Discussion

10.40 – 11.10 COFFEE BREAK

11.10 – 12.10 SESSION VI: FOCUS ON BRONCHIECTASIS

Chairs: Miguel Angel Martinez-Garcia (Spain), Rosanel Amaro,
Barcelona (Spain)

11.10 - 11.40 Bronchiectasis insanity

Mark Metersky, Farmington, USA

11.40 - 12.00 Oral Abstract Presentation

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12.00 – 12.10 Discussion

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12.10 - 12.50 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chairs: Wei-Jie Guan, Guangzhou (China), Anne O'Donnel, Washington, (USA)

Lessons learnt from CF: implications for bronchiectasis

Stuart Elborn, Belfast, UK

12.50 – 13.50 **LUNCH & STROLLING POSTERS' SESSIONS**

13.50 – 16.00 **SESSION VII: BRONCHIECTASIS ASSOCIATED DISEASES**

Chairs: Gregory Tino, Philadelphia, USA

13.50 - 14.10 **Bronchiectasis & NTM**

Felix Ringshausen, Hannover, Germany

14.10 - 14.30 **Bronchiectasis in Sever Asthma: combined treatment options**

Francesco Blasi, Milan, Italy

14.30 - 14.50 **Management of COPD and Bronchiectasis**

Ernesto Crisafulli, Verona, Italy

14.50 - 15.10 **Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency**

Timm Greulich, Marburg, Germany

15.10 - 15.30 **Aspergillus in Bronchiectasis**

Antony De Soyza, Newcastle, UK

15.30 – 16.00 Discussion

16.00-16.20 **CLOSING ADDRESS**

Chairs: Antoni Torres, Barcelona (Spain), Francesco Blasi, Milan (Italy)

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Important dates

Call of abstracts opening	16 th December 2019
Call for abstracts closing	21 st September 2020
Deadline for abstract evaluation by Board	11 th October 2020
Communication to submitter for oral presentation and poster	16 th October 2020
Early Registrations deadline	26 th October 2020
Latest breaking abstracts window (for poster only):	7 th – 16 th November
Deadline evaluation latest breaking abstracts:	23 th November 2020
Communication to submitter for latest breaking posters	30 th November 2020

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Registration fees

Registration Fees*	Early Reg. Fees (up to 26 th Oct. 2020)	Regular Reg. Fees (from 26 th Oct. to 10 th Dec.)	Late Reg. Fees (from 11 th Dec. and on-site)
Researcher & Medical Doctor	€ 350	€ 400	€ 500
Trainees / Students**	€ 195	€ 245	€ 330
Physiotherapists / Nurses**	€ 195	€ 245	€ 330
Industry staff members	€ 800	€ 900	€ 1.000
Meet the professors courses***	€ 25 each	€ 25 each	€ 50 each <i>(if places available)</i>

* Rates reported above do not include Spanish VAT (currently 21%).

** Please, provide supportive document.

***Please note that places are limited, registration to the courses are on a first-come first-served basis.

For each registration a **handling fee of € 15 + VAT** will be charged.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- Attendance to the Main Scientific Session
- Conference kit
- Welcome Cocktail
- Lunch and Refreshments during breaks
- Access to the Poster Area & Exhibition

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Cancellation or modification of registration must be sent in writing to the Organizing Secretariat Publi Créations (wbc@publiccreations.com)
All refunds will be settled after the Conference.
- Before 26 October 2020 all fees will be refunded less € 40 for administrative charges.
- After 26 October 2020 no refunds will be made
- Until 26 October, name changes are free of charge. After 26 Oct. it will be invoiced € 40.

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ADMISSION

The participant's name badge will be provided at the registration desk. All participants are requested to wear the badge throughout the conference. Only badge holders will be admitted to the appropriate sessions, exhibition and social events.

PRESENCE CONTROL

Effective attendance is checked through badge scanning when going in and coming out of the plenary room.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

The certificate of attendance will be downloadable from the website www.world-bronchiectasis-conference.org using the personal log-in credentials sent by e-mail, starting from December 22th, 2020.

For Sponsored Groups: Please note that in order to send the certificate of attendance to each participant, we will need the personal e-mail address.

The Certificate of attendance will only be delivered to those having attended the Conference.

CME ACCREDITATION

An application has been submitted to EACCME® (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) and EBAP (European Board for Accreditation in Pneumology) for CME accreditation of this event.

AIFA

For Italian Sponsors or Sponsored Groups from Italy, the AIFA dossier should be submitted no later than April 30, 2020. Please contact the secretariat to know which is the Italian Agency taking care of the AIFA pre-request. The Organising Secretariat will provide all the required documents within September 15, 2020. The procedure must be completed by the Sponsor within October 14, 2020 and officially communicated to the Organizing Secretariat.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

LETTER OF INVITATION

The Secretariat will be pleased to send letters of invitation to any participant making such request. A letter of invitation often facilitates the procedure of obtaining a Visa. Please note that the letter is not a commitment on behalf of the Conference to provide any financial support.

SECRETARIAT

The secretariat desk will open on Thursday, December 17th, 2020 at 12:00 and stay open throughout the Conference.

INSURANCE

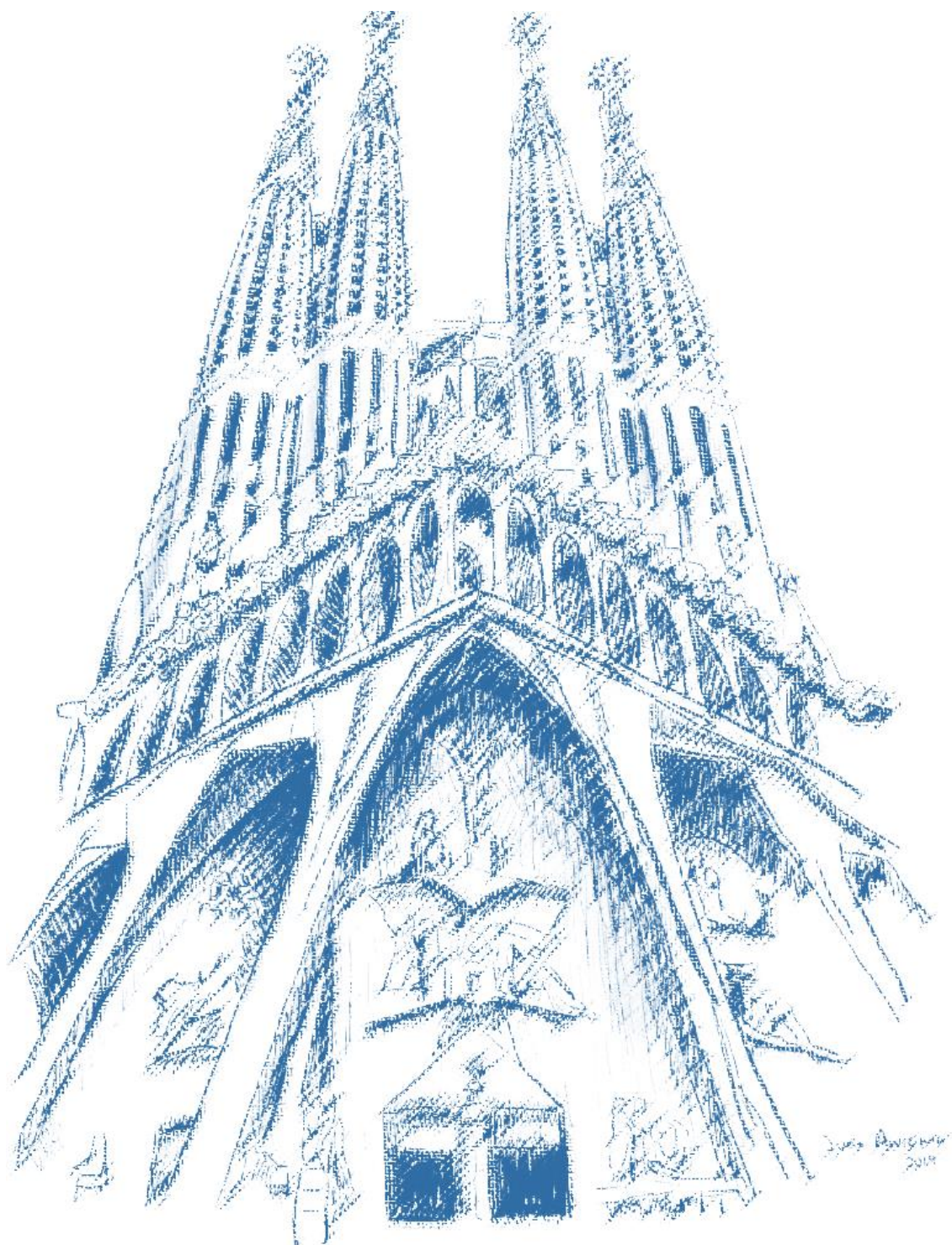
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