



XIV European Conference on Science and Theology

24-29 April, 2012 Tartu, Estonia

Plenary Speakers:

**Antje Jackelén (Sweden),
Stuart Kauffman (USA),
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Information on papers, scholarships, registration, venue: esssat2012.edicypages.com

Dear colleagues,

The European Society for the Study of Science and Theology (ESSSAT) invites you to the XIVth European Conference on Science and Theology with the theme

What is Life?

The conference will take place from the 24th to the 29th April, 2012, in Tartu, Estonia, in co-operation with the University of Tartu.

This is the first ESSSAT conference to be held in Estonia, and the first ESSSAT conference to be held in the territory of the former Soviet Union. For many, this will be a new destination on the map of Europe – come and see for yourself!

The seemingly simple theme question can be approached from a number of exciting and cutting-edge perspectives, including biology, biosemiotics, ecology, philosophy, technology and theology. It will be addressed in plenary lectures by leading scholars (listed overleaf).

In addition to plenary lecture sessions, the conference will include small group sessions. Some small group sessions, led by Kalevi Kull (Estonia), will be devoted to biosemiotic perspectives on life. In others, conference participants will present and discuss short papers on topics related to the conference theme.

The last date for registration for the conference is March 15, 2012. Those registering before December 15, 2011 will receive a discount on the conference fee. The registration form and fee details are available from the conference website (see below).

Students pay only half the full conference fee. A small number of scholarships may be available for students and others.

During the conference the ESSSAT Prizes will be presented. Submissions must be received by November 1, 2011 for the Research Prize (€ 2000) and by January 15, 2012 for the Student Prize (€ 1000).

All participants are invited to offer a paper for the short paper sessions. Some of the papers will be printed in forthcoming ESSSAT publications. The deadline for proposals is November 1, 2011. Complete papers must be received by March 15, 2012.

For full information and details, please visit the ESSSAT website (www.esssat.org) and follow the link to the conference website.

Tartu is a small university town and everything is conveniently within a walking distance. The university of Tartu is the oldest and largest in Estonia, founded in 1632 by the Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus.

The conference will be held in the Dorpat Conference Centre, next to the river and close to the city centre (www.dorpat.ee).

Welcome to Tartu!