

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT/ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Our annual conference at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary brought together scholars from around the world – Australia, South Korea, Japan, Wales, and the United States – for stimulating papers and discussion. I would like to thank all who attended, and particularly Geoffrey Dunn, Program Chair, Tim Hegedus, whose energy and commitment have supported the Society during his presidency, and the members of our Executive who give so generously of their time: our Treasurer, Steven Muir, our Vice President, Lorraine Buck, and our Secretary, George Bevan.

Next year's conference takes place at the University of Victoria in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, from Tuesday, June 4 to Thursday, June 6, 2013. Our program chair, Bob Kitchen, and our local coordinator, Ariane Magny are at work organizing the conference. Please see below for the Call for Papers.

We are also once again soliciting essays at both the undergraduate and graduate level for the two student prizes we are able to offer. Please remember to tell your students about these prizes; teachers can nominate papers themselves as well. Submissions to the student prize award are to be sent to our secretary, George Bevan (see announcement below).

The Executive would like to remind you that our society is registered as a charitable organization and therefore is able to accept tax deductible donations. I would like to encourage you to consider donating to our society when renewing your membership. You will thus be able to support Canadian scholarship in the field of patristics.

Many of you will have heard already of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Pamela Bright. For many years, Pamela was at the centre of our activities, bringing her insights and charm to our meetings. Her generosity to her colleagues and her delight in her work will continue to inspire us as we go forward. This bulletin includes the eulogy given by Dr. Lucian Turcescu, former president of our society, at Pamela's funeral. Our most profound condolences to her husband and our valued colleague, Dr. Charles Kannengiesser.

Robert Kennedy, President

Chers, chères collègues,

Notre colloque annuel à l'Université Wilfrid Laurier / l'Université Waterloo a rassemblé des participants du monde entier – de l'Australie, du Corée du Sud, du Japon, du Pays de Galles, et des États-Unis – pour des présentations et discussions stimulantes. Je voudrais remercier particulièrement Geoffrey Dunn qui était coordonnateur de la programmation du colloque, Tim Hegedus, notre président pendant les deux dernières années et qui était aussi notre agent de liaison, et les autres membres du comité exécutif: Lorraine Buck, Steven Muir, et George Bevan.

Le colloque de l'année prochaine se tiendra du 4 au 6 juin, 2013, à l'Université Victoria. Notre directeur de programmation, Geoffrey Dunn, et Ariane Magny, notre agente de liaison, sont déjà à l'œuvre pour la préparation du colloque. Vous trouverez un appel de communications dans ce numéro du Bulletin.

Une fois de plus, nous demandons à chacun de solliciter des textes des étudiant-e-s, tant au niveau du premier cycle que des cycles supérieurs, pour un de nos deux prix d'excellence. Je vous prie ainsi les porter à l'attention de vos étudiant-e-s; les professeurs peuvent eux-mêmes soumettre des travaux d'étudiant-e-s s'ils les jugent dignes. Les textes doivent être envoyés à notre secrétaire, George Bevan (voir l'annonce ci-dessous).

Le bureau de direction aimerait vous rappeler que notre société est enregistrée en tant qu'organisation à but non-lucratif, et qu'à ce titre, elle peut recevoir des dons déductibles d'impôts. J'aimerais vous encourager à envisager de faire un don à notre société au moment de renouveler votre cotisation de membre. Vous contribuerez ainsi à soutenir la recherche dans le domaine des études patristiques.'

Récemment, nous avons reçu la triste nouvelle de la mort de notre collègue et chère amie, la professeure Pamela Bright. Pendant plusieurs années, Pamela fut au centre de nos activités, avec sa présence brillante et charmante. Sa générosité et son dévouement dans le domaine de la recherche nous inspirent tous. L'éloge du professeur Lucian Turcescu est inclus ci-dessous. Nous offrons toutes nos condoléances les plus profondes à son épouse et notre collègue estimable, le professeur Charles Kannengiesser.

Robert Kennedy, Président

Dr. Pamela Bright (1937-2012)

Dr. Pamela Bright was the Chair of the Theological Studies Department at Concordia University in Montreal (Canada) from 1995 until 2006 and a Professor of Historical Theology. Prior to marrying Charles Kannengiesser, she was a religious sister of the Order of Presentation Sisters. Her undergraduate studies were in Classics, History and Theology at the University of Queensland, Australia. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, with an MA in 1983 and then PhD in Theology in 1987. Dr. Bright joined the faculty of Loyola University in Chicago in 1987 and then in 1992 was hired at Concordia. Her publications were focused in the literature, history and art of early Christianity. She was a specialist in Augustinian studies and the interpretation of Scripture in Roman North Africa and Egypt. She, her beloved husband Dr. Charles Kannengiesser (now 86 years old), and I shared an interest in patristics and early Christian studies and used to meet at conferences in Canada, the US and Europe.

When I first met her at a conference in 1997, Pamela was desperately trying to rebuild the department that by then had only one or two full-time faculty. Then I had the privilege of working with her on the executive of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, of which she was the President between 2002-2004. When I joined the Theology team at Concordia as an Associate Professor in 2005, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that there were already five full-time faculty, one internationally famous patristics scholar (in the person of Dr. Charles Kannengiesser, an Emeritus Professor from the University of Notre Dame and the Catholic Institute of Paris) who was working as an adjunct faculty, and the department had flourishing graduate and undergraduate programs. Theology after Pamela is not just what it used to be, but much more. Our department was initially associated with the educational vision of the Jesuits because it was part of the Loyola College. While maintaining the intellectual rigor of its foundations, the Department is now a respectable teaching and research unit in the Humanities sector of the Faculty of Arts and Science. We are moving quickly but seriously in the direction of opening a PhD program.

The dignity and courage with which Pamela battled her cancer for more than 8 years was something that kept all of us amazed. While accepting the treatment the doctors prescribed, she always refused to give up her projects and did not accept the idea that she could be defeated. This year alone, she designed and oversaw the development of an online course in Celtic Christianity. Her last few weeks were spent completing the work for that course and, in fact, she wrote the notes for her last class a few days before she died. This online course will be an important legacy that Dr. Bright will leave the Department of Theological Studies and Concordia University and the academic community.

Since she passed away, I kept hearing amazing things about Pamela and I quote here from the emails I received about her: “Dr. Bright was a treasure and she touched our lives in so many ways that we will have cherished memories of her; she was a unique scholar, someone who was learned, generous, and totally committed to both her students and her studies; an exceptional professor and a real lady; I was very impressed yet again by the

depth of Pamela's faith, by her courage in the face of obvious suffering, by her tender love for Charles, by her profound gratitude for life and love and friends, and her words of encouragement and love to all who visited her in the hospital; there are those who are bigger than life and who have left their footprint in our hearts and minds: Pamela was such an individual; Dr. Bright was more than a scholar or a mentor to me, she was like a second mother and a wonderful spiritual guide; one Yiddish-speaking colleague described her "a real mensch" (that is, a person with admirable characteristics)".

For many colleagues, students, family and friends, Pamela was a mentor, a hero, a generous person who had a vision. Many women in particular, faculty, staff, and students who worked with Pamela, consider her as a role model.

Pamela's passage from this world into the afterlife was referred to as "a sad moment in a courageous life." That is certainly the perception of those of us who are left here after her departure. But the Christian hope in the afterlife and the resurrection assures us that here and "now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then [in the presence of God] we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13:12-13). May God rest you in peace, dear Pamela, and may you continue to grow from glory to glory in his presence!

Dr. Lucian Turcescu, Past President of the CSPS
Chair, Theological Studies Department, Concordia University, Montreal

CONGRESS OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES/ CONGRÈS DES SCIENCES HUMAINES

CALL FOR PAPERS / APPEL DE COMMUNICATION

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting at University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, 4-6 June, 2013. Papers in English or French are invited for presentation in the form of short communications followed by discussion (time for presentation and discussion is usually 30 minutes). Papers on any theme relevant to patristic studies are invited. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences encourages papers exploring the topic of this year's congress, "@ the Edge/@ la fine pointe," but we welcome submissions on any topic relevant to our field. Proposed titles, an abstract of approximately 100 words, and an indication of audio-visual requirements should be submitted by 31 January, 2013 at the latest. Please submit proposals via email to the programme coordinator, Robert A. Kitchen. The programme must be approved for printing in February; therefore, proposals that are not submitted in time cannot be accommodated within the schedule. Audio-visual requests cannot be granted after the deadline.

La société canadienne des études patristiques tiendra sa réunion annuelle à l'Université Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, du 04 juin au 06 juin, 2013 dans le cadre du Congrès

des sciences humaines. Vous êtes invitées à présenter, en français ou en anglais, une courte communication suivie d'échanges, le tout repartit sur une période de 30 minutes. Des communications sur n'importe quel thème patristique sont demandées. La Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines encourage des communications qui explorent le thème du Congrès de cette année, «@ the Edge/@ la fine pointe,» mais nous accueillons les communications sur toutes les matières concernant notre domaine. On devra faire parvenir au plus tard le 31 janvier, 2013 le titre de la communication, un bref résumé d'une centaine de mots, et une indication de tout besoin technique éventuel (équipement informatique ou audiovisuel) au responsable du programme, Robert Kitchen. Il faut que le programme soit approuvé pour distribution en février; donc, les soumissions qui n'arrivent pas à l'heure ne peuvent pas être incluses. On ne peut pas accorder des demandes d'audiovisuel après la date limite.

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BOOK DISCUSSION

The following books have been proposed for discussion at next year's meeting at the University of Victoria:

Blummell, Lincoln. *Lettered Christians: Christians, Letters, and Late Antique Oxyrhynchus*. New Testament Tools, Studies and Documents 39. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2012. 437 pp.

Vessey, Mark, ed. *A Companion to Augustine*. Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. 640 pp.

PRIX POUR TRAVAIL ÉTUDIANT / ESSAY PRIZE

Nous souhaitons recevoir des travaux d'étudiants sur le christianisme ancien du IIe au VIe siècle. Sont éligibles les travaux de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou des cycles supérieurs qui ont été réalisés au cours de l'année civile 2012.

Prix : Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le statut de membre étudiant de l'association pour un an. De plus, il remportera, à son choix, l'un des deux prix suivants : un chèque de 100 dollars ou un remboursement d'une partie de ses frais de voyage (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) au Colloque annuel de l'association pendant le Congrès des sciences humaines à l'Université Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, du 04 juin au 06

juin, 2013, afin d'y présenter son travail. Si le gagnant ou la gagnante informe la société de son intention de présenter le travail primé avant le 30 mars 2013, il/elle recevra aussi une inscription au colloque sans frais.

Date limite pour participer : le 31 janvier 2013.

Le gagnant/la gagnante sera contacté/e le 20 mars 2013 ou avant cette date.

Veuillez adresser les textes à :

Dr. George Bevan
Department of Classics
Queen's University
99 University Avenue
Kingston, Ontario
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Faculty and students are invited to recommend student essays that deal with early Christianity (100-600) for this prize. To be eligible, essays should have been submitted in the course of the calendar year 2012. Both graduate and undergraduate essays will be considered.

Award: The winning essayist will receive one year of membership in the Society, as well as the choice between a cheque for 100 dollars or the assurance of receiving the costs (up to a limit of \$200 dollars) of his or her travel to the annual conference of the Society during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, 4-6 June, 2013, for the purpose of presenting the winning essay. If the essay winner informs the Society of his/her intention to present the winning essay by March 30, 2013, he/she will also receive a complimentary registration.

Deadline: January 31, 2013

Please send submissions to the essay contests to:

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NOUVELLES/NEWS

Adriana Bara successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Sep 5, 2012 at the University of Montréal, Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions. The dissertation is entitled: "The Political and Artistic Program of Prince Petru Rares of Moldavia (1527-1538 and 1541-1546) and the Fresco Series Depicting the "Life of the Mother of God" in the Church of Humor Monastery," supervised by Dr. Lucian Turcescu and Dr. Pierre Létourneau, with Dr. Peter Galadza (St. Paul University) as external examiner.

Timothy Pettipiece will be presenting “Manichaeism at the Crossroads of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Traditions” at the conference “Patristic Studies in the Twenty-first Century,” marking the 50th Anniversary of the Association Internationale d’Études Patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP/IAPS). The Center for the Study of Christianity in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (June 25-27, 2013).

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Un simple rappel aux membres qui n'ont pas encore renouvelé le paiement de leur cotisation annuelle.

Les frais s'élèvent aux montants suivants:

Here is a reminder for all members who have not already done so to send in their annual membership fees. The fees are as follows:

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48.00\$ as student/retired member, with SR subscription / membre étudiant/retraité, avec abonnement à SR

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SVP faire parvenir le paiement de votre cotisation au trésorier, à l'adresse ci-dessous:

Please send to the treasurer, Steven Muir, at the address below:

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