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APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS CALL FOR PAPERS

pour la réunion annuelle de l'ACÉP
for the CSPS annual meeting

Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland
du 2 au 4 juin, 1997

Members of the CSPS/ACÉP are invited to submit proposals for papers for the annual meeting of 1997. Papers should be twenty minutes in length with ten minutes for discussion afterwards.

Cette année nous présenterons le livre intitulé *L'Écrit sans titre: Traité sur l'origine du monde* par Louis Painchaud avec deux contributions de Wolf-Peter Funk, Bibliothèque copte de Nag Hammadi, section "Textes", 21 (Québec: Presses de l'Université Laval/Louvain-Paris: Peeters, 1995, xvi 622 pages). Le prix du livre, incluant les frais de livraison, est 30\$ lorsque commandé directement de Paul-Hubert Poirier, Faculté de théologie, Université Laval, Québec C1K 7P4. (Le prix de détail est de 45\$ sans frais de livraison.) Les chèques sont à l'ordre de Paul-Herbert Poirier. L'auteur même présentera son livre. Les répondants seront Kevin Coyle et Michel Desjardins.

There will be a conjoint session this year with the CSBS (Canadian Society for Biblical Studies) on the theme "Texts and Interpretation". The focus of the session will be on "allusion" (inter-textuality) as a literary device widely used in OT, NT, Apocrypha and Patristic literature. "Allusion" as a rhetorical approach is characteristic of Scripture and its interpretation, the meaning of one text being searched for in another - the meaning of the Old Testament in the New, for instance -, and this approach became the basis of Patristic hermeneutics. Members are encouraged to participate. The holding of the session will be contingent on interest.

There will also be a conjoint session with CAECS/ACEOC.

Faire parvenir vos résumés (abstracts) avant le 24 janvier au président du comité du programme (préférentiellement par courrier électronique, ou en disquette):

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Please indicate whether you will need audio-visual equipment.

Les résumés (abstracts) acceptés pour la conférence seront publiés, incluant le programme, dans l' édition du Bulletin du mois d'avril.

There will be time allotted in the programme for current activities. If any member would like to speak about projects in which they are involved or offer other information which they consider pertinent to our activity, they should send a note with their intentions to Peter Widdicombe.

PRIX D'ESSAI

Nous invitons les membres de la faculté à nous recommander pour ce prix des essais sur le christianisme ancien du II^e au V^e siècle. Sont éligibles les essais reçus au cours de l'année civile 1996 de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou d'études supérieures.

Prix: Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le status de membre-étudiant de l'association pour un an, ainsi que le choix entre un cheque de 100 dollars ou l'assurance de recevoir des frais (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) de son voyage au Colloque Annuel de l'Association pendant les réunions des Sociétés Savants à l' Université Memorial à St John's, le 2-4 juin 1997, dans l'objectif d'y présenter l'essai gagnant.

Date limite: le 15 janvier 1997

Notification: le gagnant/la gagnante sera notifié/e le 22 mars 1997 ou avant cette date.

Veillez adresser les textes à: M. le Professeur Peter Widdicombe
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☛ Veillez indiquer le nom, l'adresse, et le numéro de téléphone de l'étudiant.

ESSAY PRIZE

Faculty are invited to recommend essays which deal with early Christianity (100-600) for this prize. To be eligible, essays should have been submitted in the course of the calendar year 1996. 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 meetings of the Learned Societies at Memorial University in Saint John.s, June 2 -4, 1997 for the purpose of presenting the winning essay.

Deadline: January 15, 1997

Notification: The winner will be notified on or before March 22, 1997.

Please address submissions to: Professor Peter Widdicombe
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Please include the name, address, and telephone number of the student.

NOTIFICATION OF FEE INCREASES

Dear Members,

At our 1996 Annual General Meeting it was moved, seconded and carried that dues for regular members be increased by \$10, and for student/retired/unwaged members by \$5. This increase reflects a reduction in our SSHRCC administrative grant, which over the next while will be entirely eliminated. The Treasurer's Report submitted at the Annual General Meeting indicated that as a society we are in fine financial shape, with expenses generally matching receipt of funds. But it was agreed that as government grants are phased out we will need to make up the difference through society dues in order to continue the work of our society. I hope that you will agree that this is a modest increase and that you will continue to be an enthusiastic supporter of our society.

Yours sincerely,
Harry Maier
President CSPA/ACEP

CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR JOINT ADDRESS AND THEME AT LEARNEDS 1998

As you may know each year at the Learned's member theological societies meet jointly to hear a paper on a topic of mutual interest to their members. The responsibility for the selection of theme and speaker at these joint sessions rotates amongst the member societies. Our turn comes up again in 1998. The executive would therefore like to hear suggestions for both theme and speaker in the following months. If you have a suggestion please send it to Harry O. Maier, President CSPA/ACEP, Vancouver School of Theology 6000 Iona Dr., Vancouver, BC V6T 1L4 (e-mail: hmaier@unixg.ubc.ca).

NOUVELLES DE NOS MEMBRES

Leo **FERRARI**, recently retired from St. Thomas University (Fredericton), looks forward to continuing to publish studies on his favourite topic of Saint Augustine. His "Augustine's Cosmology," from which he read extracts at the 1995 meeting of the Society, is due to appear in the second 1996 volume of *Augustinian Studies*. Last April he was a keynote speaker at the conference: *Augustine: Language, Memory and Time*, held at DePaul University, Chicago. His address was entitled: "Rethinking Augustine's Confessions."

Patrick **GRAY** has a new home address: 500 Murray Ross Parkway, #702, Downsview, ON M3J 2Z3. (416) 736-0912.

Michael A.G. **HAYKIN** has a new address: Heritage Baptist College and Theological Seminary, 175 Holiday Inn Drive, Cambridge, ON N3C 3T2. (519) 651-2869/1-800-465-1961. FAX (519) 651-2870

E-mail: mghistor@aol.com. He recently published *The Spirit of God: The Exegesis of 1 and 2 Corinthians in the Pneumatomachian Controversy of the Fourth Century* (Supplement to *Vigiliae Christianae*, 27) London: Brill, 1994.

Kevin COYLE has a new email address: jkcoyle@aix1.uottawa.ca

OBIUNT: Harold Johnson, Oct. 23; Walter Principe, May 8, 1996
1995

HSSFC/FCSHS: LAUNCHING OF "CAREER VISION"

Though this initiative perhaps will not affect the students taught by our members, it may be of interest to note that this pilot programme has been launched, mainly to "demonstrate the value and pertinence of a social science and humanities education to employers." Young graduates in these areas from selected universities will be given work for a minimum of 26 weeks in jobs related to their field of study, but focused on two sectors — health and environment. The graduates involved must currently be unemployed or underemployed.

The programme has three objectives: "to give the graduates pertinent employment in their fields"; to allow them to "acquire meaningful experience that should make them more attractive to other employers"; and "to validate the importance of a social science and humanities education in the modern workforce". Funding will come from the employer (50%) and from the Youth Internship Canada programme of Human Resources Development Canada (50%).

CALL FOR PAPERS ON THE *CITY OF GOD*

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEDIEVAL WORKSHOP
GREEN COLLEGE, UBC, 18-20 SEPTEMBER 1997

HISTORY, APOCALYPSE AND THE SECULAR IMAGINATION:

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON AUGUSTINE'S *CITY OF GOD*

Papers are invited that will address one or more of the themes of HISTORY, APOCALYPSE and THE SECULAR IMAGINATION in

- the works of Augustine, especially (but not exclusively) the *City of God*,
- or
- the cultures/discourses of Late Antiquity,
- or
- prior traditions of ancient (Greek, Roman, Jewish) thought and representation,
- or
- any later phase of Mediterranean, European, "Western" or "Eastern" culture, down to and including the present pre-millennial fin-de-siècle.

While comparative and interdisciplinary approaches will be favoured, it is intended that there should be scope for more narrowly focussed studies as well. Specific reference to Augustine will not be expected of all papers.

Contributions from graduate students are encouraged; some assistance with local expenses may be available for students who present papers.

Reading-time will be 20 minutes for each paper plus discussion, with the possibility of circulating longer texts in advance.

The symposium is organized on behalf of the UBC Committee on Medieval Studies and Green College by Paul BURNS (Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, UBC), Harry MAIER (Vancouver School of Theology) and Mark VESSEY (English, UBC).

Please send your abstract or proposal, with brief c.v., to Dr. Mark Vessey, Department of English, University of British Columbia, 397-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6T 1Z1 [or e-mail: mvessey@unixg.ubc.ca] by 15 January 1997.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF
PATRISTIC STUDIES**
Brock University, St. Catharines
May 27, 1996

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved. (D. Sahas/P. Booth)
2. Minutes of the 1995 AGM: Approved as corrected. (P. Gray/M. Vessey)
3. Secretary's Report: P. Gray reported that the secretary's work had proceeded as usual, with the addition of the special anniversary edition of the *Directory*. He noted that a new brochure would be needed, and suggested that it be produced more cheaply and more frequently.
Accepted. (W. Hannam/M. Vessey)
4. Treasurer's Report: J.K. Coyle reported as follows:
 - a) Financial Statement to the end of 1995. Some reimbursements not necessarily expected were noted, as well as some similar disbursements (e.g. for the Oxford reception, and for the audit). There could be a reduction in the costs for printing.
 - b) Interim Financial Statement. A new SSHRCC grant had been awarded.
 - c) Budget for 1996. The SSHRCC grant would be in place for 1996 and 1997. The administrative grant would be reduced. The bulletin was shown as a separate item from Secretary's expenses. There probably should be a separate entry for printing the bulletin and notices. The balance as of May 27 was \$6680.68. An amount of \$138.89 for the joint session with the medieval and renaissance societies was shown as a receipt and as an expenditure.
 - d) Revenues would need to be increased, and expenses reduced.Accepted (J.K. Coyle/T. de Bruyn)
5. Business Arising from the Treasurer's Report: There was discussion of an increase in membership dues, and of such cost-cutting measures as producing the bulletin in smaller print on fewer pages, mailing it at bulk rates, and Emailing it to members possessed of an Email address.
Motion passed: That dues for regular members for 1997 be increased by \$10, and that dues for student/retired/unwaged members for 1997 be increased by \$5. (J.K. Coyle/P.-H. Poirier)
It was suggested that the executive include a message about the dues increase in the November bulletin.
6. Report from Representatives of the new Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada: J. Wright, M. Lauzier, J. Hirsch and J. Scott reported as follows:
 - a) \$1.1 million had been restored for support of learned journals.
 - b) The new federation had been officially inaugurated on April 1; the first general assembly was to meet in December.

- c) The Learneds would last occur in the present form next year at Memorial. As of 1998, they would be replaced by "The Congress", to take place for the first time at the U. of Ottawa. There would be a continuing, single secretariat. There would be a lower conference fee. Thematic and joint sessions would be supported. Like the Learneds, the Congress would move about the country from campus to campus. There would be advantages to federation membership, such as a differential fee and the provision of support for joint sessions.
- d) The general assembly would be held annually; representatives would be reimbursed for up to one half of their air fare. A board of directors would be elected from the general assembly through a system of "electoral colleges." Nominations for executive positions were open until June 5 [?].
- e) The Youth Initiatives Programme had been established, whereby graduate students would be supported for 27 weeks of employment, 50% to be paid by the federal government, the balance by the employer. The goal was to sensitize employers and to give students something on their c.v.s.
- f) Contrary to expectations, representatives of societies in the humanities were in a good position to exercise influence in the new federation. There was a balance between humanists and social scientists among the representatives named by universities. It was felt that everyone shared a sense of the need to work together in a situation of common threat.
- g) 54 societies and 69 universities belonged to the federation.

7. Report from the CCSR Representative: T. de Bruyn reported on two issues:

- a) Publications. Support for learned journals had been restored temporarily, with a new process of re-evaluation to be undergone. *SR* was in a fairly good position. Books were being published, with a good flow of manuscripts being submitted. There was discussion of the desirability of CCSR membership and of receiving *SR*.
- b) There had been discussion as to whether it could be assumed that religious-studies interests would be heard and represented in the new federation, particularly in light of the fact that our "electoral college" was made up of many small societies.

Accepted. (T. de Bruyn/D. Sahas)

8. Report of the Nominating Committee: J. Egan presented two lists:

- List 1:*
- Representative to the HSSFC General Assembly — T. de Bruyn
 - Secretary (1996-99) — Paul Rigby
 - Treasurer (1996-99) — A. Valevicius
 - Chair of the Nominating Committee — M. Desjardins
 - Member of the Nominating Committee (96-99) — R. Bélanger
 - Programme Committee Chair — P. Widdicombe
 - Member of the Programme Committee — P. Bright
 - Representative on the Board of CCSR — H. Remus
 - Representative on the Publication Committee of CCSR — H. Remus

That nominations be closed (J. Egan/D. Sahas)

- List 2:*
- Member of the Programme Committee (96-99) — C. McLeese
 - Representatives to the Annual Meeting of CCSR — T. de Bruyn
M. Vessey

That nominations be closed (P. Gray/T. de Bruyn)

9. Dates for Learneds 1997: H. Maier indicated the dates proposed for CSPS and sister societies, viz.:

	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
CSPS			X	X	X
CSBS		X	X	X	
CAC			X	X	X
CTS	X	X	X		
CSChH				X	X

10. 1997 Learneds: H. Maier announced that Des Roche [?] of the Department of Religion at Memorial would be our local representative. The book discussion would probably concern L. Painchaud's book, which had at one time been scheduled for this year's discussion.

11. CSPS and the North American Patristics Society: The following motion was passed: That a subcommittee made up of H. Maier, M. Vessey, and C. Kannengiesser be established to meet with representatives of NAPS to investigate and make proposals about joint membership, and CSPS participation in *The Journal of Early Christian Studies*. (P. Gray/M. Vessey)

12. Other Business:

a) C. Kannengiesser noted the interest expressed by Japanese patristics scholars he had met in establishing a relationship between their society and ours. It was agreed that we would add them to our mailing-list, that the possibility of having a paper presented by one of their members would be explored, and that H. Maier would send greetings to their president on our behalf.

b) J.K. Coyle suggested that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting be published in the November rather than the April bulletin.

c) H. Maier notified the society of the deaths of two of our members, Walter Principe, and Harold Johnson.

d) W. Hannam noted that Robert Crouse would be retiring from Dalhousie this year, and asked that a letter be sent. C. Kannengiesser undertook to send a letter on our behalf.

Adjournment: (D. Sahas/C. Kannengiesser)

PATRISTIC STUDY IN POLAND

The following account, supplied by Andrius Valevicius at the request of the patristics community in Poland, was originally published in *Vox Patrum* 20-23 (1991-92) pp. 553-4.

La vie patristique dans la Pologne d'aujourd'hui se concentre surtout dans deux institutions académiques: dans le Centre des Etudes de l'Antiquité Chrétienne près de l'Université Catholique de Lublin et dans le Centre Patristique près de l'Académie de Théologie Catholique de Varsovie.

I. Le Centre des Etudes de l'Antiquité Chrétienne près de l'Université Catholique de Lublin, créé en 1969 par les professeurs J.M. Szymusiak et L. Małunowicz, réunit des spécialistes de différentes disciplines qui s'intéressent à l'antiquité chrétienne. C'est un centre typiquement scientifique, non-didactique, qui a son siège, sa bibliothèque patristique, son périodique "Vox Patrum" et l'ensemble de quelques personnes y employées. Conformément à son règlement, ce Centre doit coordonner et mener les recherches concernant les écritures patristiques, l'archéologie et l'art paléochrétien, doit entrer en contact avec les spécialistes polonais et étrangers de l'antiquité chrétienne, doit propager la pensée paléochrétienne par les éditions et les conférences, et une fois par an organiser un colloque scientifique de deux jours pendant lequel les spécialistes polonais et les souvent invités savants étrangers présentent l'état de leurs recherches et les coordonnent (à partir de 1970, le Centre a organisé 27 colloques de ce type; le dernier – *Le sacerdoce dans l'antiquité chrétienne* – a eu lieu 28-29 octobre 1991, le suivant – *Le travail charitable dans l'Eglise antique* – aura lieu les 25-26 octobre 1992). Le Centre édite les publications suivantes: une série patristique bilingue qui a un caractère d'anthologie "Starożytne Teksty Chrześcijańskie – Antiqui Textus Christiani" (son dernier volume porte le titre *Anthologie de la prière patristique*) et aussi "Vox Patrum" – une revue semestrielle patristique, unique dans l'Europe Centrale (depuis 1991, on a publié 18 tomes, chacun de 500 pages environ). Directeur du Centre et rédacteur de "Vox Patrum" – Rev. Stanisław Longosz, adresse du Centre – rue Chopin 29/5A, 20-023 Lublin, tel. 228-10.

Il convient d'ajouter encore qu' à la Faculté de Théologie de l'Université Catholique de Lublin, il existe aussi la Chaire de Patrologie et la Chaire de l'Histoire de l'Eglise antique où les ecclésiastiques et les laïcs peuvent étudier la pensée paléochrétienne et obtenir les titres scientifiques.

II. Le Centre Patristique près de l'Académie de Théologie Catholique de Varsovie, créée en 1954. Depuis 1969, il y a deux domaines de son activité: l'enseignement et l'édition. S'il agit du travail didactique, c'est un lieu unique en Pologne qui a un programme complet des cours et des séminaires patristiques et dans lequel les laïcs et les ecclésiastiques peuvent faire les études patristiques stationnaires et obtenir les titres scientifiques (60 licences, 8 doctorats et 6 habilitations à partir de 1954). Le Centre possède actuellement 4 chaires: Histoire de Littérature et de Théologie Patristique de l'Est, Histoire de Littérature et de Théologie Patristique de l'Ouest, Histoire de l'Eglise Antique et la Chaire d'Archéologie Paléochrétienne. Le Centre publie la principale série patristique polonaise des traductions "Pisma Starochrześcijańskich Pisarzy – Scripta Paleochristianorum Scriptorum" (de 1969, on a édité 56 volumes) et une série monographique "Studia Antiquitatis Christianae" (depuis 1977 9 volumes), et aussi un petit bulletin d'information "Biuletyn Patrystyczny". Directeurs du Centre et des Editions: Rev. Emil Stanula et Rev. Wincenty Myszor, adresse: rue Dewajtis 5, 01-653 Varsovie, tel. 39-52-21.

III. Les autres institutions patristiques:

1. *Section Patristique Polonaise*, formée en 1977 près de la Commission de l'Episcopat Polonais pour les questions de la Science Catholique. Elle réunit les enseignants de la patrologie qui è donnée dans 26 Grands Séminaires Diocésains, 22 Grands Séminaires Monastiques et dans les Facultés Pontificales Théologiques (Cracovie, Poznań, Varsovie, Wrocław). Les membres de la Section sont obligés de participer à une rencontre scientifique organisée chaque année par un des Grands Séminaires.

2. *Les traductions des ouvrages des Pères de l'Eglise* sont publiés en Pologne encore par l'Edition "Znak" à Cracovie – une série qui a un caractère d'anthologie "Ojcowie Żywi – Patres Vivi" sous la direction de Rev. M. Starowieyski (depuis 1978 – 10 volumes) et l'Edition "Pax" à Varsovie qui publie les traductions et les monographies patristiques sans les numéros (depuis 1952 – 39 volumes).

Vu la difficile situation économique de la Pologne, l'activité patristique des institutions citées ci-dessus est menacée ou retardée. Pour la sauver, les organisateurs de la vie patristique en Pologne sont obligés souvent de chercher des fondations ou des protecteurs qui peuvent aider au moins en partie.

S. Longosz – E. Stanula

EDITOR'S NOTE

A popular feature of this Bulletin is news of our members. We rely on you, the members, to keep your fellow-members informed of your changes of address, status, and activities by submitting information to the editor:

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