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CSPS Meeting/ ACEP Reunion (University of Toronto, May 28-30, 2002)

Monday, May 27

9:00-11:30 CSBS Religious Rivalries/Rivalités religieuses (CODY LIBRARY, Wycliffe College);

Presiding/Présidence: Richard Ascough (Queen's Theological College)

✓ 9:00-9:50 James Rives (York University), "Religious Life in Roman Carthage, c. 180 C.E."

9:50-10:10 Break

✓ 10:10-11:00 Joann Freed (Wilfrid Laurier University) "Religious Rivalries in Carthage in the

Second Half of the

4th Century, from the Viewpoint of a Pagan Aristocrat"

11:00-11:30 General Discussion

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Tuesday, May 28

✓ **8:30-11:30 CSBS Religious Rivalries/Rivalités religieuses (CODY LIBRARY)**

Presiding/Présidence: John Marshall (University of Toronto)

✓ **8:30-9:15** Peter Richardson (University of Toronto), "Religion and Architecture in Roman Africa"

9:15-9:55 Steven Muir (University of Lethbridge) "Bold Enough to Exorcise, Cure and Baptize: Tertullian and

His Female Opponents in Carthage"

9:55-10:10 Break

10:10-10:50 Jack Lightstone (Concordia University), "The City in Early Rabbinic Literature

(Part II):

More Evidence from Tosefta"

10:50-11:30 Margaret McDonald (St. Francis Xavier University) "Eph. 5:21-33 and

Marriage Teaching within

the Context of Religious Rivalry"

✓ **1:00-4:30 Reading Romans: Encounters with the Epistle to the Romans through the Centuries (Special Joint Session with Tyndale Seminary in Alumni Hall #400, St. Michael's College)**

1:00-1:40 Ambrosiaster - Gerald Bray, Beeson Divinity School

1:50-2:30 Chrysostom - Christopher Hall, Eastern College

2:30-3:00 Coffee

3:00-3:40 Augustine - Pamela Bright, Concordia University

3:40-4:30 Patristics Panel Discussion

Evening 28th President's Reception

✓ **Wednesday, May 29:**

All sessions are in Alumni Hall #206, St. Michael's College

8:30-8:45 Welcome/Mot de bienvenue

Peter Widdicombe, President, CSPS/ASEP

8:45-10:45 Session 1: Gnostic and Apocryphal Texts

Chair: Nicola Denzey, Skidmore College

✓ 8:45-9:15 "Marcionism: A Designer Religion," Lorraine Buck, University of Prince Edward Island

✓ 9:15-9:45 "Rethinking the Teaching of Gnosticism," Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University

9:45-10:15 "'Social Viewing' of Children in the Childhood Tales of Jesus," Tony Chartrand-Burke, University of

Toronto

✓ 10:15-10:45 "Connaître la différence entre les hommes mauvais et les bons: le charisme de clairvoyance

d'Adam et Ève à Pachôme et Théodore," Louis Painchaud, Université Laval

10:45-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

✓ **11:00-12:00 Session 2: Human Nature in Syrian Christian Texts**

Chair: Patrick Gray, York University

11:00-11:30 "Necessity and Free Will in the Thought of Bardaisan of Edessa," Tim Hegedus, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

11:30-12:00 "John Chrysostom on the Power of Demons," Andrius Valevicius, Université de Sherbrooke

12:00-1:00 LUNCH (executive meeting CSPS/ACEP)

✓ **1:00-2:30 Session 3: Book Discussion Paulinus noster. Self and Symbol in the Letters of Paulinus of Nola (OUP, 2000). Chair: Theodore de Bruyn**

Author: Catherine Conybeare, University of Manchester

Respondents: J. Kevin Coyle, St. Paul University

Mark Vessey, University of British Columbia

2:30-3:00 COFFEE BREAK

✓ **3:00-4:30 Annual General Meeting**

✓ **6:00-9:00 CSPS Annual Banquet – venue to be organized by Joanne McWilliam**

Matignon, 51 St. Nicholas (opstairs)

Thursday, May 30

All Sessions are in Alumni Hall #206, St. Michael's College

9:00-10:30⁰⁰ Session 4: Texts addressing Poverty and Sickness

Chair: Lucian Turcescu, St. Francis Xavier University

✓ 9:00-9:30 "The White Crown of Works: Cyprian's Pastoral Ministry of Almsgiving in Carthage," Geoffrey D.

Dunn, Australian Catholic University

✓ 9:30-10:00 "The City of the Poor of St. Basil the Great – A Patristic Model for Social Action," Andrei Brennan,

McMaster University

✓ 10:00-10:30 "Christus Medicus and its Significance within Ambrose's Perspectives of Health and Healing," Donna

M. Foley, University of Windsor

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:00 Session 5: Student Essay Prize

Chair: Joanne McWilliam, University of Toronto
<http://www.ccsr.ca/csp/apr2002.nm>

Darren Dahl

*Bridging the Unbridgeable Gap:
 Temporality and Eternity in
 Augustine's De Trinitate.
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11:30

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-2:30 Session 6: Texts exploring the nature of the human and divine spirit(s)

Chair: Harold Remus, Wilfrid Laurier University

✓ 1:00-1:30 "Perpetua's Visions: Communicating with the Spirit World?", Ritva H. Williams, Augustana College

✓ 1:30-2:00 "Hearing, Reading, Seeing – Evagrius Ponticus' Phenomenology of the Spiritual Ascent," Vlad Niculescu, University of Toronto

✓ 2:00-2:30 "The Holy Spirit as person in Gregory of Nyssa's Adversus Macdonianos," Lucian Turcescu, St. Francis Xavier University

2:30-2:45 COFFEE BREAK

2:45-4:15 Session 7: Texts examining histories of interpretation

Chair: Tim Hegedus, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary/Wilfrid Laurier University

✓ 2:45-3:15 "The Drunkenness of Noah," Peter Widdicombe, McMaster University

✓ 3:15-3:45 "Justinian: The Emperor-Theologian?" Patrick Gray, York University

✓ 3:45-4:15 "The Mountain of Ascent and the Icon of the Transfiguration," Andreas Andreopoulos, Toronto

✓ **5:30-7:00 CSPS Reception**

Rigby Room, St. Hilda's.

CSPS Abstracts 2002

Andreas Andreopoulos, "The Mountain of Ascent and the Icon of the Transfiguration"

One of the most prominent features of the Icon of the Transfiguration, in the East and in the West, is the representation of Mount Thabor. The symbolism of any mountain in the patristic and the iconographic tradition usually interpreted as a spiritual ascent, a value almost synonymous with Byzantine spiritual tradition. Yet, a great difference in the representation of the mountain is evident between the initial icons of the sixth century – where Mount Thabor is depicted rather minimalistically – the hesychastic masterpieces of the fourteenth century – where Mount Thabor is given more space than Christ, the prophets and the disciples together. This paper will attempt to sketch the background of this change and to connect it with other similar developments in iconography and sacred symbolism, as well as with the underlying patristic tradition.

Andrei Brennan, "The City of the Poor of St. Basil the Great – A Patristic Model for Social Action"

As part of a larger project to elucidate an Eastern Orthodox Christian social justice ethic, I propose to study the writings of St. Basil and other supporting historical data with regard to his episcopal concern for the poor, as well as his preaching of social justice from the viewpoint of the Gospel. He sought to create a dignified community for the poor based on a semi-monastic model of cooperation, sharing of

resources, Christian worship and love in an ancient context that marginalized the poor as outcasts of classical society and “civilized Christian culture”. The paper will be thematic in approach, and will seek to elucidate St. Basil’s ethical hermeneutic of the New Testament as shown in his writings and pastoral praxis.

P. Lorraine Buck, University of Prince Edward Island, “Marcionism: A Designer Religion”

The early church fathers, Irenaeus and Tertullian, placed Marcion very clearly in the context of the Gnostic heresy. The early twentieth-century scholar, Adolf von Harnack, described Marcion as first and foremost a Christian and his teaching as “a Christian proclamation.” More recently, scholars such as Kurt Rudolf have taken a more balanced view, calling Marcion’s system of combination of both Christianity and Gnosticism. This paper will propose yet another view of Marcion and his teaching, taking into account the one element of his system which these earlier scholars have failed to consider.

Tony Chartrand-Burke, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, “‘Social Viewing’ of Children in the Childhood Tales of Jesus”

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, a second-century collection of tales of Jesus’ childhood, portrays Jesus as an extraordinary child, displaying wisdom and maturity that belie his tender age. Many previous scholars have associated these qualities with heretical christology but a survey of both contemporaneous biographical literature and funerary artifacts indicates that such qualities are ingredients of a “social viewing” of praiseworthy children as adults in all but physical form. Seen in this light, the Jesus of Infancy Thomas is not so heretical or extraordinary after all

Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Rethinking the Teaching of Gnosticism”

The category “Gnosticism” is not all that needs rethinking these days; so too is the way we teach it. I would like to share with others what has worked for me in the classroom, and what has not, reflecting also more broadly on the scholarship of teaching. Come with an appetite (I teach with food and will bring samples), and come ready to talk about your own best and worst practices.

Geoffrey D. Dunn, “The White Crown of Works: Cyprian’s Pastoral Ministry of Almsgiving in Carthage”

Cyprian’s time as bishop of Carthage in the mid 250s provides us with one of the first detailed records of how a Christian bishop operated. An examination of his pastoral ministry is therefore of value for scholarship on early Christianity. An interest in pastoral ministry in the early Church has grown over recent years as sociological approaches complement traditional theological interests. In this paper I shall focus on one aspect of Cyprian’s pastoral care of Christians in Carthage, viz., his charitable ministry of almsgiving. Charles Bobertz has drawn attention to the way in which Cyprian maintained control of this ministry even while in hiding during the Decian persecution as a way of maintaining his authority as bishop. I want to build on that and see how practice (as exemplified in his letters) related to theory (as outlined in his treatise on the topic). I shall argue that almsgiving for him was a bloodless form of martyrdom and a way of dealing with the problems created by persecution.

Donna M. Foley, University of Windsor, “Christus medicus and its Significance within Ambrose’s Perspectives of Health and Healing”

Ambrose of Milan’s documents are rich with adapted classical sources describing health promotion, illness prevention, diagnostic, pharmaceuticals and therapeutic approaches. In many ways, these concepts may be viewed as caring pastoral advice or homiletic themes. In this paper, I would like to explore Ambrose’s understanding and use of health, illness, and healing and suggest that he attempts to integrate these anthropological concepts into his Christological framework as reflected in the image of Christus medicus.

Patrick Gray, "Justinian: The Emperor-Theologian?"

The idea of Justinian the Emperor-Theologian has been one of the most persistent myths to be passed off as history among byzantine historians, who have been remarkably willing to accept a naive reading of evidence. One specific body of evidence is adduced here, that from the informal Conversations Justinian sponsored in Constantinople between pro- and anti-chalcedonian participants. This evidence reveals that Justinian was not an emperor-theologian, but just an intelligent and crafty emperor who had to deal with theologically-charged schism in the church of the empire by whatever means he could find, and with whatever advice he had available to him.

Tim Hegedus, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Wilfrid Laurier University, "Necessity and Free Will in the Thought of Bardaisan of Edessa"

One of the earliest writers of the ancient Christian tradition in Syrian was Bardaisan of Edessa (c. 153-222/3 C.E.). This paper will examine the themes of necessity and free will as found in our best extant source for the thought of Bardaisan, The Book of the Laws of the Countries.

Vlad Niculescu, University of Toronto, "Hearing, Reading, Seeing: Evagrius Ponticus' Phenomenology of the Spiritual Ascent"

The essay concentrates on Evagrius's account of the experience of the spiritual ascent. In Ad Melaniam Evagrius draws an analogy between the three stages of praktike, physike theoria and theologia and the process of communication by means of letters. Evagrius maintains that the processes of listening to a letter being read by another person, reading the letter oneself and meeting the sender of the letter could be used as an illustration of the three stages mentioned above. The essay examines Evagrius's reasons for drawing this analogy. It also provides an analysis of the gradual diminishment of the distance between God and the human being during the ascent and the transformations that the diminishment of the distance introduces in the existential status (katastasis) of the soul.

Louis Painchaud, Université Laval, Connaître la différence entre les hommes mauvais et les bons :**le charisme de clairvoyance d'Adam et Ève à Pachôme et Théodore.**

Il existe entre l'Écrit sans titre sur l'origine du monde (NH II,5) et les sources pachômiennes, un parallèle littéraire intéressant à propos d'une application particulière du don de discernement des esprits, la capacité de «connaître la différence entre les hommes mauvais et les bons» (NH II 118,33-119,4). Le but de cette communication est d'attirer l'attention sur ce parallèle qui n'a pas été relevé jusqu'à présent entre un texte de Nag Hammadi et les sources pachômiennes, qui pourrait jeter un peu de lumière sur les liens entre sources gnostiques et sources monastiques et, indirectement, sur le Sitz im Leben de la collection de Nag Hammadi.

Lucian Turcescu, St. Francis Xavier University, "The Holy Spirit as person in Gregory of Nyssa's Adversus Macedonianos"

The main contention of Adversus Macedonianos, De Spiritu Sancto is to rebut the view that the Holy Spirit occupies a median position between creature and creator. However, in doing so, Gregory provides his readership with a description of how he understands the person of the Holy Spirit. In this paper I propose to look at Gregory's understanding of the Holy Spirit as a unique person which is not to be confused with the other two divine persons.

Andrius Valevicius, Université de Sherbrooke, "John Chrysostom on the Power of Demons"

Known as the moralist preacher, what vision of human nature would one be likely to attribute to John Chrysostom? Is man, in his view, under the grips of evil and is sin an integral part of his nature?

Absolutely not! On the contrary, at times the Antiochian preacher almost seems to be a Pelagian heretic, so strongly does he insist upon freedom of will and moral responsibility in fighting off the devil. This paper will concentrate on Chrysostom's "Three Homilies Concerning the Power of Demons" and present his remedy for despair, the greatest tool that demons have in bringing about the downfall of the moral subject.

Peter Widdicombe, McMaster University, "The Drunkenness of Noah"

Included among the scenes depicted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is the "Drunkenness of Noah," a scene that appears in other paintings and representational art in the Medieval and Renaissance periods. Why did the incident come to be accorded such importance? This paper will look at the history of the interpretation of the scene in the writings of Origen, Augustine and others of the Fathers.

Ritva H. Williams, Augustana College, "Perpetua's Visions: Communicating with the Spirit World"

Cultural anthropologists tell us that 80% of cultures located in the circum-Mediterranean region, past and present, believe that altered states of consciousness such as visions and prophecy are means of communicating with the spirits and the spirit world. This paper will explore the implications of this insight with regard to the visions reported in the Martyrdom of Saint Perpetua.

The CSPS/ACEP Banquet

The CSPS/ACEP Banquet will be held on May 29, 2002 at 6.00 p.m. at the Matignon, 51 St Nicholas Street, Toronto (located two blocks from where we will be meeting).

There will be a choice of three entrees--steak, fish, chicken breast--and a vegetarian option is available. The cost will be \$42.84 (including taxes and services) each, with wine extra. The house wine is \$22.95 a litre.

Please indicate if you are planning to attend the banquet by sending an e-mail to our treasurer Tim Hegedus at thegedus@wlu.ca or by telephoning him at (519) 884-0710, ext. 3530.

Thank-you.

Nouvelles de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines/ News from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Nouvelles de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines

Lors de l'Assemblée générale annuelle de 2001, la Fédération a approuvé plusieurs changements marquants. En premier lieu, les membres ont adopté le changement de nom de la Fédération. Celle-ci sera désormais connue sous le nom de : Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines / Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. En second lieu, les membres ont avalisé

l'établissement de la Fondation canadienne pour les sciences humaines. À cette fin, on lancera une collecte de fonds ayant pour objectif de recueillir 11 millions de dollars sur cinq ans. Le professeur Robert Merrett, de la University of Alberta, a été nommé vice-président au développement et dirigera la collecte de fonds. Cette démarche vise à asseoir la Fédération sur une base financière solide et à promouvoir l'appui aux sciences humaines. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. Merrett, à robert.merrett@ualberta.ca.

L'époque actuelle est déterminante pour les universités canadiennes. Le fédéral et certaines provinces ont commencé enfin à répondre aux besoins de nos institutions démunies. Dans son budget de 2001, le gouvernement a annoncé deux décisions qui entraîneront des répercussions à long terme en matière de recherche et d'enseignement au Canada. Sa décision de financer les coûts indirects de la recherche marque un pas historique, qui contribuera à alléger le lourd fardeau des universités canadiennes. Mais simultanément, les modalités de ce financement sont inquiétantes à long terme pour le Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada. Bien que l'augmentation de 9,5 millions de dollars du budget du CRSH soit appréciée, la Fédération s'attendait à ce que ce budget rétablisse l'équilibre du financement gouvernemental de la recherche. En haussant les budgets du CRSNG et du CRSH par exactement 7 % chacun, le budget fédéral aggrave, de fait, le déséquilibre entre les conseils subventionnaires, réduisant à un maigre 11,5% la part du CRSH du total des sommes versées aux conseils subventionnaires au Canada. Nous comptons poursuivre en votre nom nos efforts en vue de persuader le gouvernement de la nécessité de rétablir l'équilibre du financement du CRSH.

À cet égard, nous devons nous employer à plaider hautement et clairement la cause de nos disciplines. Le moment est venu pour notre Fédération d'examiner attentivement sa stratégie de communication, tant interne (de manière à rassembler nos énergies communes) qu'externe (de façon à concentrer notre influence sur la prise de décision). Cette année, le Comité exécutif et le personnel de la Fédération sont à élaborer un plan stratégique visant les objectifs suivants :

- renforcer les associations membres
- faire valoir la Fédération sur les campus
- rendre plus efficace notre partenariat avec le CRSH et
- intensifier les pressions sur le gouvernement et sensibiliser davantage les communautés intéressées aux sciences humaines.

Tous ces objectifs appuient le mandat général de la Fédération. Ils visent à concentrer et à renforcer notre voix collective. Je vous serais reconnaissante de me faire parvenir vos commentaires sur ces questions (a/s jawright@hssfc.ca)

Le programme des activités de la Fédération pour l'année en cours comprend notamment :

- Le Congrès 2002 à la University of Toronto.
- Le suivi de l'incidence sur les sciences humaines des Chaires de recherche du Canada et d'autres formes de financement.
- Une participation soutenue à la politique tripartite sur l'éthique de la recherche sur des sujets humains. Lors de notre AGA, M. Tim Flaherty, directeur de la section de l'éthique à Santé Canada, a présenté un exposé sur la régie de l'éthique de la recherche sur les sujets humains. L'une des suggestions émises fut la création d'un organisme national chargé d'assurer l'accréditation de comités d'éthique pour la recherche ainsi que l'éducation des membres de ces comités et des chercheurs et chercheuses. M. Flaherty va mener des consultations publiques au cours de la nouvelle année et espère

être en mesure de soumettre un rapport en mars 2002.

-La création de deux groupes de travail, l'un sur les associations savantes et l'autre sur la nouvelle génération de chercheurs et chercheuses.

-Une consultation avec le CRSH sur les subventions de voyage aux associations savantes.

Patricia Clements, DPhil, MSRC
Présidente

News from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

At its November 2001 meeting the General Assembly of the Federation approved several significant and exciting changes. Firstly, members approved a name change for the Federation. It will henceforth be known as: Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences/Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines. Secondly, members approved the establishment of the Canadian Endowment for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The goal is to raise \$11 million dollars over the five years of the campaign. Dr Robert Merrett of the University of Alberta has been named Vice President Development and will lead the fund-raising campaign. The goal is to place the Federation on a secure financial footing and to promote support for the humanities and social sciences. For further information, contact Dr Merrett at robert.merrett@ualberta.ca.

For Canadian universities, these are important days. Federal — and some provincial — initiatives are beginning at last to address the needs of our cash-starved institutions. In the 2001 Federal budget the government took two decisions with long-term impact when it comes to research and education in Canada. In funding the indirect costs of research, it has taken an historic step forward, a step which will help to ease the difficult situation in Canadian universities. But, at the same time, the long term impact of the government's funding decision for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada is cause for serious concern. While the \$9.5M increase to SSHRC's budget was welcome news, the Federation had looked to this budget to create balance in the government's funding of research. By increasing NSERC and SSHRC budgets by exactly 7% each, the Federal Budget actually increases the disparity between Granting Councils leaving SSHRC with only an 11.5% share of the total money provided to Granting Councils in Canada. We will continue our efforts on your behalf to make the case to government of the need to strike a balance when it comes to funding SSHRC.

In this context, we must do everything to ensure that the voice of our disciplines is strong and clear and that it be heard. This is a moment for the Federation to give critical attention to its communications strategy, both internal (so that we consolidate our collective strength) and external (so that we have impact in decision-making). This year, the Executive and the Staff of the Federation are putting into place a Strategic Plan aimed at achieving the following goals:

- strengthening member associations;
- raising the profile of the Federation on university campuses;
- developing the effectiveness of our partnership with SSHRC; and
- reinforcing the Government Lobby and increasing awareness of the humanities and social sciences in interested communities.

All of these goals support the overall mandate of the Federation. They are designed to give clear purpose and strength to our collective voice. I would be grateful to have any comments or input on

these issues (c/o jawright@hssfc.ca).

Other Federation activities over the coming year include:

- Congress 2002 at University of Toronto.
- Continued monitoring of the impact of the Canada Research Chairs and other funding initiatives on humanities and social sciences.
- Continued participation in Tri-Council Policy on the Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. At our AGM, Mr. Tim Flaherty, Director, Ethics Division of Health Canada, presented his views on the governance of the ethics of research on humans. One of the suggestions was the formation of a national body to ensure the accreditation of research ethics boards and the education of board members and researchers. Mr Flaherty will undertake a formal public consultation process in the new year and hopes to have a report completed by March 2002.
- Creation of two Task Forces, one on Scholarly Associations and the other on the New Generation of Scholars.
- Consultation with SSHRC on the Attendance Grants to Scholarly Associations.

Patricia Clements, DPhil, FRSC
 President

Proposed Endowment Fund

At the 2001 Annual General Meeting, the members present agreed to explore the possibility of establishing an endowment fund for the society. Theodore de Bruyn and Andrei Brennan agreed to gather more information.

A survey was sent out to members of the society in September 2000. The response was modest – 11 members replied – but instructive. Of the proposed uses of the fund, the respondents ranked support for students to travel to meetings of the society the highest, followed by scholarships for students.

<i>Proposed Use Average ranking (1=low; 5=high)</i>	
students' travel to meetings	4.5
scholarship for students	3.9
small research grants	3.7
research-related travel	3.3
members' travel to meetings	3.0
grants for publications	2.6

Most respondents indicated that they would be prepared to contribute \$50 or \$100 per year over three years toward the fund.

These results suggest that the society might consider a modest fund-raising program in support of students' travel to meetings. The goal would be an endowment of \$15,000. At a very conservative rate of drawings (5 percent per year, with the remainder of any capital gains reinvested to maintain the endowment), this would yield \$750 per year for disbursement. Half of the goal of \$15,000 would be

achieved if two-thirds of the membership contributed \$50 per year for three years. The remainder would be obtained through larger donations from some members or other persons interested in supporting the study of patristics.

At the 2002 Annual General Meeting, members present will have the opportunity to discuss and decide upon a motion to begin a fund-raising program over three years toward the establishment of an endowment fund of \$15,000 in support of students' travel to the meetings of the society.

- Theodore de Bruyn

New Members

Our society welcomes as a new member:

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News from Members

CATHERINE CONEYBEARE: My principal project at the moment is a book-length study entitled *The Irrational Augustine*, a reading of anti-dogmatic tendencies in Augustine's early works. (A sketch of the final section, on *De Genesi Contra Manichaeos*, was given to the society at Laval last May.) I am also about to embark on a commentary on Book 1 of Augustine's *City of God*, as part of a project for OUP whose general editors are Gillian Clark and Karla Pollmann. In April I will give a programmatic paper at the meetings of the Classical Association in Edinburgh, entitled 'The Foundations of the *ciuitas*': it will explore the sense of the word 'ciuitas' in *City of God*. I gave a paper entitled "'et feminae sunt apud ueteres philosophatae": Women Complicating Philosophy in Augustine's *De Ordine*" at the Institute of Classical Studies in London (October); and one entitled 'Augustine on Cicero, Mater, and a "uerba faciendi locus"' at the meetings of the American Philological Association in Philadelphia (January). I am shortly going to take up a position as Assistant Professor at Bryn Mawr College. From August 2002, my new address will be: Department of Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies, Bryn Mawr College, 101 North Merion Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2899.

MICHEL DESJARDINS spoke in Korea about Gnosticism February 28 to March 2. Lectures and discussions took place at Kangnam University and Seoul's Institute of Transpersonal Psychology. Rest assured that some Koreans at least now have copies of the CSPS brochure!

PATRICK GRAY: During my current sabbatical I'm polishing up my edition/translation/introduction to the (to me) more interesting of Leontius of Jerusalem's two works, *Contra Monophysitas*, having received encouragement from OECT. Keep your fingers crossed, please. I am also working on a chapter on the christological controversies for a volume in the Cambridge Companion series on the age of Justinian. It will be interesting to see if I can distill a career's worth of research on the controversies into the accessible prose expected by an introductory work for students.

CHARLES KANNENGIESSER informs that "The Bible in Ancient Christinaty" his Handbook of Patristic Exegesis is at long last in the process of being printed by Brill/Boston. Publication in 2003. His present focus of research is "Scripture and Spirituality in Early Church" for the Spirituality Conference of Melbourne in JULY, the long-term objective remaining a "Biography of Athanasius."

HAROLD REMUS, Wilfrid Laurier University, has published a poem, *Between the Lines*, with a prose account of its origins in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 17/2: 127-29. In March 2002 he was one of the invited speakers at the annual archaeology symposium at Brock University entitled "From Martyrs to Masters: Christianity and the Roman Empire."

LUCIAN TURCESCU, St. Francis Xavier University, edited a book entitled *Dumitru Staniloae: Tradition and Modernity in Theology* (Center for Romanian Studies, 2002). Some of the essays in it are of interest to patristics scholars: "Staniloae's Conception and Redaction of the Philokalia," by Maciej Bielawski; "The Orthodox Dogmatic Theology of Dumitru Staniloae," by Andrew Louth; "Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite in Dumitru Staniloae's Theology," by Gheorghe Dragulin. Information on how to order the book can be found on the editor's website at: <http://www.stfx.ca/people/lturcesc/staniloae.html>. A modified version of Lucian's paper presented at last year's CSPS meeting and titled, "'Person' versus 'Individual', and other Modern Misreadings of Gregory of Nyssa" was accepted for publication in a special issue of *Modern Theology* dedicated to Gregory of Nyssa (guest editor Sarah Coakley, Harvard).

Bureau de l'ACEP/ CSPS Executive (2001-2002)

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Reminder from the Treasurer

Membership dues are requested for the year 2002.

Dues are as follows:

--65\$ for regular members, with a subscription to Studies in Religion;

--40\$ for regular members, already receiving Studies in Religion through another society;

--48\$ for students or retired members, with a subscription to Studies in Religion;

--17\$ for students or retired members, already receiving Studies in Religion through another society.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association canadienne des etudes patristiques/Canadian Society of Patristic Studies held in Quebec City, May 28, 2001

Present

Brennan, A., Bright, P., Cazalais, S., Coyle, K., De Bruyn, T., Gray, P., Hegedus, T., LaFosse, M., McWilliam, J., Mealey, M., Painchaud, L., Pasquier, A., Pettipiece, T., Poirier, P.-H., Remus, H., Sahas, D., Turcescu, L., Valevicius, A., Widdicombe, P.,

1. Agenda

The agenda was approved (Brennan/Sahas)

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the Edmonton Annual General Meeting were approved (Turcescu/Coyle)

3. Business Arising from the Minutes: There was none.

4. President's Report: (P. Widdicombe)

? Welcomed visitors and thanked those giving papers.

? Noted that the joint session between the Buddhist society and CSPS went extremely well.

? Thanked Lucian Turcescu for: setting up and administering the society website; editing the Bulletin for four years; chairing the Programme Committee for this year's conference; producing the joint programme for all of the religious societies.

? Thanked Anne Pasquier for looking after local arrangements.

? Noted that membership in the society, which had sunk to 64/5 last year, had risen to 77 this year, well above the make-or-break figure of 70.

? Notified members of an invitation from Tyndale College to participate in a joint session May 28/02 on the history of the interpretation of Romans.

5. Report of Representative to SSHFC (T. de Bruyn)

? Reminded members that SSHFC's function is to create strategic opportunities for people doing research in the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

? Noted that there had been improvements thanks to cooperative work with SSHRCC.

? Noted that Federation dues for university members were raised last year, and that this year dues will be raised for associations.

? Noted working groups of the federation, in particular one on electronic publication.

6. Visit of HSSFC Staff (Michael Owen)

? Reminded members of the Federation's three functions: to speak on behalf of humanists and social scientists with a "clear, articulate and strong voice" regarding issues with the federal government and SSHRC (e.g. on federal policies re a knowledge-based society); to support scholarly publication through the Aid-to-Publication programme (whose budget it would like to see increased); to support conferences (e.g. grants for common programmes between associations.)

? Informed members that the 2003 conference would be held at Dalhousie, the 2004 conference at the University of Manitoba.

? Solicited ideas on how the Federation could help associations.

7. Treasurer's Report (T. Hegedus)

? Circulated a Budget for 99/2000, and a current provisional budget for Jan. 1 to May 23, 2001.

? Urged members to submit their dues immediately, since dues were down.

? Noted that HSSFC membership has increased in cost.

? Noted that two essay prizes were awarded this year.

K. Coyle raised a concern about the excess of expenditures over income, and the departure from the principle of giving no more than 50% of travel expenditures to any applicant for travel support.

H. Remus suggested that the executive set up a fund — perhaps to fund the essay prize — to which people could contribute under the charitable donations number established some time ago, and requested that in future a budget for the whole year be prepared for the AGM.

The report was approved (Hegedus/Brennan)

8. Secretary's Report (P. Gray)

- ? Noted the recent incorporation of new members.
- ? Pointed members to the directory of members on the website, and reminded them that a hard copy had been circulated.
- T. de Bruyn indicated that he would be sending back files to the current secretary.

9. Preparations for the 2002 Conference

? The federation's proposed schedule was discussed:

May	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CSSR			X		X	X	X
CSBS				X	X	X	
CTS		X	X	X			
CSPS				X	X	X	

It was noted that NAPS was expected to meet May 23-25, that the Tyndale joint session was proposed for May 28, and that the CSBS session on "Religious Rivalries in North Africa" was scheduled for the afternoon of May 27, all of which posed problems about having schedules overlap. The Executive was left with the responsibility of establishing the schedule.

- ? R. Williams will be the Programme Chair, and J. McWilliam will act as Local Representative.
- ? There was discussion of possible locations on the U. of Toronto campus, Trinity College and St. Michael's College being mentioned.
- ? It was agreed that the book for discussion would be Catherine Conybeare's 'Paulinus Noster' — Self and Symbol in the Letters of Paulinus of Nola.

10. Election of Officers

- ? The Nominating Committee proposed L. Buck and A. Brennan for the Programme Committee, and D. Foley for the Nominating Committee.
- A motion was passed closing nominations. (Remus/Sahas)
- ? It was announced, as an item for information, that T. Pettipiece would take over as Bulletin Editor and Webmaster for 3-4 years.
- ? A vote of thanks to L. Turcescu for his outstanding work in these positions for the last four years was passed unanimously. (Hegedus/Sahas)

11. Report of the Representative to CCSR (H. Remus)

- ? Compared the success of cooperative ventures in CCSR with American equivalents
- ? Noted the many members of CSPS on the Board of CCSR.
- ? Reminded members of the publishing arm of CCSR ; noted that Sciences religieuses is soliciting high-quality articles, and that two books on late antiquity were published last year.
- ? Urged members to visit the CCSR website, for instance to look at job postings.

12. Continuation of President's Report

- ? Raised the issue of perpetuating faculty in our area.
- ? Asked members to think about the question of supporting student travel to the conferences.

? Suggested that fees for Regular Members be raised by \$10.

? Suggested that there should be a fund-raising effort over a 3-5 year period for specific purposes. T. de Bruyn and A. Brennan agreed to prepare a proposal and bring it to the next meeting of the Executive.

A motion was passed raising fees for Regular Members by \$10. (Hegedus/Poirier)

13. Other Business

? A Brennan indicated that he was thinking of proposing an electronic journal in patristics for Canada.

14. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was passed. (McWilliam/Painchaud)

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