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APPEL DE COMMUNICATION/ CALL FOR PAPERSfor the **CSPS annual meeting/ pour la réunion annuelle de l'ACÉP**

Université de Sherbrooke and Bishop's University, QC, du 3 au 5 juin 1999

The Canadian Society for Patristic Studies would like to announce its call for papers. Papers on all topics pertaining to Early Christianity are welcome. Abstracts, no longer than 150 words, should be submitted by **January 31, 1999** to Pamela Bright, Program Chair CSPS, 7400 Sherbrooke St. West, Sutton Square, #1102, Montreal, QC H4B 1R8, Canada.

La Société Canadienne des Études Patristiques lance son appel pour des communications relatives au christianisme antique. Les résumés préliminaires, au maximum 150 mots, sont à envoyer avant le **31 janvier 1999** à Pamela Bright, responsable du programme, 7400 Sherbrooke ouest, Place Sutton apt. 1102, Montréal, QC H4B 1R8, Canada.

1999 CONFERENCE Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que **Brian Stock** a accepté de nous présenter son livre intitulé *Augustine the Reader: Meditation, Self-Knowledge and the Ethics of Interpretation*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1996, x, 453 p. ISBN 0 - 674 -05276 - 5 (relie) US \$ 39.95; ISBN 0 - 674 - 05277 - 3 (broche) US \$ 18.95.

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MESSAGE DU PRESIDENT / FROM THE PRESIDENT **24ème anniversaire de l'ACEP**

La prochaine réunion de l'Association internationale des études patristiques, qui se tiendra à Oxford en août 1999, marquera le 24ème anniversaire de la fondation de notre association. C'est en effet à Oxford en 1975 que furent jetées les bases de notre association par un petit groupe de patristiciens canadiens parmi lesquels se trouvaient un certain nombre de nos membres encore très actifs aujourd'hui.

Le nombre de nos membres

Le nombre de nos membres est stable. Quelques personnes n'ont pas encore payé leur cotisation pour 1998. Je vous invite à le faire le plus tôt possible. Le recrutement de nouveaux membres devrait être une préoccupation de chacun. C'est essentiel à la survie de notre association.

Invitation des membres de la NAPS à notre réunion annuelle de juin 1999

J'ai communiqué personnellement avec Susan A. Harvey, la nouvelle présidente de la NAPS, qui a accueilli avec enthousiasme l'idée de lancer aux membres de la NAPS une invitation à participer à notre prochaine réunion annuelle. Cette invitation paraîtra dans la prochaine livraison du bulletin de la NAPS.

Notre représentant auprès de la FCSHS

L'exécutif a entériné la nomination de Kevin Coyle comme représentant de l'ACEP à la FCSHS. En effet, l'assemblée générale annuelle n'ayant pu procéder au remplacement de Theo de Bruyn l'an passé, j'avais personnellement demandé à Kevin de prendre la relève en septembre dernier, ce qu'il a accepté de grand coeur ... comme toujours.

Notre site WEB

Notre site WEB continue de s'enrichir. Il est maintenu grâce à l'excellent travail de Lucian Turcescu qui est également responsable de l'édition de notre Bulletin. Au moment d'écrire ces lignes, notre site avait reçu 2,313 visites depuis son ouverture. Nous avons là une excellente vitrine que je vous invite tous à utiliser et à enrichir.

Enregistrement de l'ACEP à Revenu Canada

Notre demande d'enregistrement comme organisme de charité, déposée en janvier 1998, n'a pas encore été traitée. On me dit que cela devrait se faire avant la fin de la présente année civile. Tous ceux qui auraient des idées quant à la manière de lever un fonds par la suite, pour assurer la santé financière de notre association, peuvent communiquer avec moi ou avec notre trésorier à ce sujet.

Louis Painchaud

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — APPEL DE CANDIDATURES Nominations are invited for the following positions: Vice-President (to replace Kevin Coyle); Member of the Nominating Committee (to replace Paul-Hubert Poirier); Member of the Program Committee (to replace Pamela Bright); Representative of the CSPS at the Board of the CFSSH (to replace Kevin Coyle).

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NEWS FROM MEMBERSJ. **KEVIN COYLE** published "Early Monks, Prayer, and the Devil" in Pauline Allen, Raymond Canning and Lawrence Cross (eds.), *Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church*, vol. I (Everton Park, Queensland: Centre for Early Christian Studies, 1998), pp. 229-249.

LEO FERRARI was recently elevated to the rank of first Professor Emeritus of Saint Thomas University. The citation read in part: "His unique and scientific approach has produced astounding discoveries, unsettling 1600 years of traditional thinking." In addition, the monumental *Concordantia in XXII libros De ciuitate Dei S. Augustini* which he has produced with the assistance of Prof. Rodney H. Cooper (Faculty of Computer Science, University of New Brunswick) is presently in press with Georg Olms. It is expected to occupy five volumes and is adaptable to various editions of the work. Finally, his most recent published article is "Reconsiderando las Confesiones de Augustín. Treinta años de descubrimientos," in *Avgvstinvs (Madrid) Professor José Oroz Reta, In Memoriam*, 42, nos. 166-167 (1997) 279-296.

WAYNE HANKEY announces us that a new issue of *Dionysius*, initiating a new series, is ready to go to the printer. It will be mailed to subscribers in November. *Dionysius* is a journal of the Dept. of Classics, Dalhousie University, and reflects the established character of its work. It publishes articles on the history of ancient philosophy and theology, including patristic theology, and their nachleben. It has an especial interest in the Aristotelian and Neoplatonic traditions. *Dionysius* considers philosophy's relation, both negative and positive, to Christian belief in both ancient and modern times. As well as philosophical articles in the narrower sense, *Dionysius* will publish articles on Classical and later literature and history and on Hellenic, Christian, Jewish and Islamic religion, especially when they have a connection to philosophical questions. The editors are R.D. Crouse, W.J. Hankey, D.K.. House, J.P. Atherton and R. Friedrich. Manuscripts should be addressed to Dr Hankey, who is the Secretary.

The subscription price for the 1998 volume is \$25, which includes surface postage. Airmail is \$6 more. Back issues of vol.1 (1977) to 15 (1991) are available at \$20 each. Payment must be made in Canadian or US funds.

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TIM HEGEDUS has been appointed a Lecturer in New Testament and Early Christianity at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Wilfrid Laurier University. For his new address, please see the Changes of Address section of this Bulletin.

PETER RICHARDSON (and Karl Donfried) edited *Judaism and Christianity in First-Century Rome* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998), pp. xiv + 329. For Patristics content, the volume has a number of essays on 1 Clement and Hermas. Peter was on leave last year, half of which he was as a Connaught Senior Fellow.

DANIEL SAHAS published "Monastic ethos and spirituality and the origins of Islam," in Ihor Sevcenko and G.G.

Litavrin eds., *Acts of the XVIIIth International Congress of Byzantine Studies. Selected papers, Moscow 1991*, vol. 2 (published in 1998), pp. 27-39, as well as "Saracenes and the Syrians in the Byzantine anti-Islamic Literature, and Before," *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* 256 (1998) 387-408.

LUCIAN TURCESCU published "The Concept of Divine Persons in Gregory of Nyssa's *To His Brother Peter, On the Differences Between Ousia and Hypostasis*," *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 42, nos. 1-2 (1997) 63-82.

Congratulations to all of them for their achievements!

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OTHER NEWS1. A recent addition to our homepage is a link to the **Course Syllabi Project** maintained by our colleague Michel Desjardins. You can also access the project directly at: www.wlu.ca/~wwwaar/home.html. You may want to add your own course syllabi there or consult some of syllabi that are already part of the Project. This a great project!

2. Nouvelles de la Base d'information bibliographique en patristique (BIBP)

Les travaux de la BIBP progressent toujours. Le fichier des études comprend quelque 29 000 notices. Une nouvelle édition des index est prévue pour l'été 1999. Vous pouvez interroger la BIBP sur le Web à l'adresse suivante <http://www.bibl.ulaval.ca/bd/bibp>. Par le biais du français, vous pouvez interroger toutes les langues. Ce service de la BIBP est gratuit pour le moment.

Vous pouvez également continuer à utiliser le courrier électronique (bibp@ftsr.ulaval.ca) ou écrire à Laboratoire BIBP, Faculté de théologie et de sciences religieuses, Université Laval, Québec, QC G1K 7P4, Canada. N'oubliez pas de préciser le support sous lequel vous souhaitez recevoir l'information: courrier électronique, disquette (précisez si vous travaillez sur Windows ou Macintosh) ou imprimé (donnez votre adresse). Ce service est gratuit seulement pour les membres de la l'ACEP.

News from the Bibliographic Information Base in Patristics (BIBP)

The BIBP keeps making progress. The file of studies contains about 29, 000 records. A new edition of various indexes is planned for the summer of 1999. Our web site allows the use of the bibliographical services of the BIBP at the following address: <http://www.bibl.ulaval.ca/bd/bibp>. Some 29, 000 records, from about 350 journals, can be searched. For the time being, the database can be searched only in French. By way of French, however, all the records can be searched. This BIBP service is free for the time being.

If you want searches in English or other language, please use the E-mail address bibp@ftsr.ulaval.ca or write to Laboratoire BIBP, Faculté de théologie et de sciences religieuses, Université Laval, Québec, QC G1K 7P4, Canada. Don't forget to specify on which support you want to receive the information : E-Mail, floppy disk (windows or Macintosh) or printed copy (give your address). This service is free only for members of the CSPS.

3. Symposium on **Erasmus' Paraphrases on the New Testament**: Composition - Translation - Reception. Victoria University, Toronto, 1-2 October 1999. For more information, contact Hilmar Pabel, History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6, Canada [Telephone: (604) 291-5816. Fax: (604) 291-5837. E-mail: pabel@sfu.ca] or Mark Vessey, English, University of BC, 397-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z1, Canada [Telephone: (604) 822-8670. Fax: (604) 822-8742. E-mail: mvessey@interchange.ubc.ca]. Programme and registration information at: www.sfu.ca/~pabel/ERSPRO.HTM

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PASSAGERt. Rev. Mitrophoric Archpriest Dr. [Petro B.T. Bilaniuk](#) (1932 - 1998)

Fr. Bilaniuk was born in 1932 in Zalishchyky, Halychyna, Ukraine and died on September 8, 1998 in Toronto. He held a S.T.B. degree from the University of Montreal (1955), a D.Th. from the University of Munich (1961) and a D.Phil. from the Ukrainian Free University in Munich (1972). Before his recent retirement he had been a Professor of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Toronto and Visiting Professor of Church History at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, Visiting Professor of Eastern Christian Theology at the John XXIII Institute in the Bronx, N.Y., and Visiting Professor of Moral Theology at St. Clement Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome. He was a member of 35 distinguished academic societies including the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, the Medieval Academy of America, the North American Academy of Ecumenists, the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences in Canada and the Shevchenko Scientific Society. As scholar and researcher, he is the author of 15 books and over 140 articles and monographs on theology and church history.

In addition to his scholastic work Fr. Bilaniuk was also deeply involved in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and was one of the foremost leaders in the attempt to draw his Church closer to its Eastern roots. He leaves to mourn him his wife Dr. Franziska Maria Theresia Limbach, four sons, Stefan, Nykolai, Mykhail, Josyf and three grandchildren. **Vichnaya Pamyat**

Dr. Vivian Olender

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Minutes AGM

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies/ L'Association Canadienne des Études Patristiques

May 29, 1998

Ottawa University

Present were: J. McWilliams, L. Painchaud, J. Pope, R. Williams, K. Coyle, T. Hegedus, H. Remus, C. McLeese, T. De Bruyn, P. Burns, P. Widdicombe.

Meeting called to order 2:25 P.M.

1. Approval of Agenda: P. Widdicombe

Seconded: T. De Bruyn

2. Adoption of the Minutes for the last AGM held June 3, 1997 at Memorial University in Newfoundland:

- J. McWilliams asked that item 5.a be modified to read: M. Desjardins is a member of the Board on HSSFC. While he represents middle sized societies he has agreed to look out after our interests also.

The minutes were moved to be accepted: H. Remus

Seconded: P. Widdicombe

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting

a. Louis Painchaud sent personal letters to members in arrears. Seven of these paid their fees.

b. Our charitable number is in the works. Our submission was received by Revenue Canada and is complete. It is presently being evaluated which could take several weeks.

c. We have created our own Web Site. This was designed and maintained by Lucian Turcescu.

The members would like the minutes to reflect our thanks and appreciation for his effort.

d. New CSPS/ACEP were produced last fall and are now available.

e. We will be the host for the joint lecture in Edmonton, 2000.

f. Re: conflicting dates with NAPS: They felt it was impossible to change their dates this

year consequently we directly conflicted with them. The executive will meet with them in

Oxford to discuss this.

4. HSSFC Report: Delivered by J. Wright and R. Bond.

a. HSSFC deals with 64 associations and 68 universities. With the present budget cuts it is trying to keep alive its two flagship programs: 1. Aid to scholarly publications and 2. The Congress (Learned's).

b. New Initiatives:

i. lobbying for more funding for SHRC

ii. Tri-counsel negotiations on code of ethics for the use of human subjects

iii. Career Visions Program: This will attempt to place humanities graduates and students in the work place.

iv. Community Research Communications Crossroads: This is a forum to explain to communities

exactly what humanities do

c. Funding: All core funding of the HSSFC has disappeared. The funding which has been restored reaches 94-95 levels. This is approximately 14.5 million.

d. HSSFC will continue to lobby for more funding. Journal grants appear optimistic and the HSSFC will also concentrate upon job placement.

5. Report Representative HSSFC: T. De Bruyn

a. All small societies should put together at least three examples of the relevance of their work. These should be approximately 800 words. They should include success stories

and projects, which we have completed. These should be sent to Louis. Theo will look into the specific guidelines for these. These short descriptions will be used by the HSSFC to promote the humanities.

b. Kevin suggested that all societies should be listed on an HSSFC home page. Both Kevin and Theo voiced concern about the visibility of small societies.

6. President's Report:

a. Louis thanked Joanne and Constance for their work as the Nominating Chair and the Program Chair. He also thanked outgoing Treasurer, Andrius Valevicius for his contributions.

b. The members list found on the web site is sufficient for the next few years. Perhaps the society could look into producing a hardcopy anniversary edition for the year 2000.

7. Treasurer's Report: Delivered by C. McLeese

Business arising out of the Treasurer's Report:

a. Why are the travel grants low?

b. Grants for Joint Sessions should be explained and itemized. Normally the program chair submits such a document to HSSCF. He or she should also provide one to the Treasurer.

c. Travel grants: Anyone who travels and gives a paper can apply. The funds dispersed for

travel will not exceed the grant we have been awarded. The awarding of grants will follow

the policy outlined in the constitution of our society.

d. K. Coyle moved that in future the Treasurer should provide the AGM with a prospective budget. The members passed this.

e. It was moved that the books be audited in 1998-1999, after the new treasurer has had time to sort out the discrepancies in the outgoing treasurer's report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by L. Painchaud and seconded by P. Widdicombe. The vote was 2 in favor, 7 against, and 3 abstentions. The motion was not carried.

Motion was made by T. De Bruyn and seconded by J. McWilliams that the new Treasurer attempt to balance the books. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Report on the International Patristic Society: K. Coyle

a. The society encourages contacts in third world countries. It finds resources for third world libraries and funds travel to the Oxford Conference.

b. The organization for the Oxford Conference is less efficient than in previous years due to the resignations of the replacement for Dr. Livingston

9. Report from CCSR: H. Remus

a. A number of books have been published. The SR is no longer experiencing difficulty in finding articles. However the English Language editor is having difficulty finding people to assess articles.

b. The Federation allotted money to promote SR. Michel Desjardins is the promotion consultant. He will travel to every university in Canadian in order to promote the journal.

c. Sandra Wolfy has been exploring the possibility of electronic journals. This was

approved in principal and now XML and HTML are published in electronic format. This saves about 20% over hard copy format. Eventually the journals will be placed on a web site. The next journal to go on line is SR.

d. SR involves a lot of work. It was suggested that the editors have shorter terms.

e. Formally the society representatives received manuscripts for publication. Now people are sending them directly to the publications officers. In the future the publications officers will continue to exercise this function.

f. It would be useful for the person producing the joint program if all societies could inform the CCSR with regards to their program chair and all societies shared a common deadline for dates and submissions.

g. AAR. Of the 8,000 AAR members, 500 are Canadian. There does not seem to be a great advantage for the CSSR to work closely with the AAR.

10. Nominating Committee Report: J. McWilliams suggested the following slate:

a. Executive: i. Peter Widdicombe for President from 2000-2002

ii. Kevin Coyle for President for 1999-2000.

iii. Constance McLeese for Secretary, 1998-2000

iv. R-M Roberge for Treasurer, 1998-2000

b. Nominating Committee: i. Paul Hubert Poirier 1998-1999

ii. Tim Hegedus 1999-2000

iii. Andrius Valevicius 2000-2001

c. Program Chairperson: i. Pamela Bright 1998-1999

ii. Joanne McWilliams 1999-2000

iii. Jim Pope 2000-2001

d. CCSR Representative: Harold Remus will remain as our representative for another year.

J. McWilliams moved to accept the slate. T. De. Bruyn seconded. It was voted unanimously

11. T. De Bruyn is going to Australia for a year. The executive was asked to find a new representative to the general council of the HSSFC.

12. Dates for the Sherbrook Meetings:

Society	Mercredi, le 2 juin	Jeudi, le 3 juin	Vendredi le 4 juin	Samedi le 5 juin	Dimanche le 6 juin
ACEP/CSSP		X	X	X	
CTS/STC		X	X	X	
SCÉB/CSBS	X	X	X		
CSCH/SCHÉ		X	X		

Classics		X	X	X	
SCÉR/CSSR		X	X	X	X
CAECS	X	X	X		
Evangelical Theological Society	X	x			

- a. Kevin noted that there is a possibility that the Classics Society will not be at the Congress next year.
- b. The program chair should be informed that if any day must be dropped from the program, it should be Thursday.
- c. Kevin suggested that we meet in Lennoxville. This was unanimously accepted by the meeting.
- d. A special invitation should be made to NAPS for next year. They do not have to join us. Constance will place an invitation in the NAPS newsletter.
- e. Augustine the Reader, by Brian Stoke of the Toronto Centre for Medieval Studies was suggested for our review book next year.

5:32 moved to adjourn: C. McLeese, seconded J. McWilliams

REPORT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON A. F. LOSEV

Some of the members of CSPS/ACEP might be interested in the conference which was held at the end of October 1998 at the Moscow State University. Organized under the aegis of UNESCO to commemorate the 10th year since the death of Alexei Feodorovich Losev (1893-1988), a leading Russian scholar of broad interests and a Christian philosopher who managed to survive the century under communism, the conference was attended by scholars from throughout the world.

Losev is of special interest for those of us who are in patristics because he combined a thorough knowledge of antiquity with a sound training in philosophy. His eight-volume History of Aesthetics of Antiquity (from the early Greek world to the Renaissance), devotes special attention to late antiquity, particularly figures like Plotinus and Proclus, also Dionysius the Areopagite, Maximus the Confessor, and others who deeply influenced Orthodox Christian philosophy. He considered aesthetic appreciation a fundamental component of the cosmic vision of ancient Greek and Roman thinkers.

Losev's own philosophical position was shaped by his early admiration of both Plato and Vladimir S. Solovyov (1847-1900). He maintained close contacts with well-known followers of Solovyov like Trubetskoi, Frank,

Berdyaeu, Florenski, Shestov, until they were almost all forced into exile. But his views were also shaped through his support of imiaslavie (literally, praise of the name, i.e. God's name), a movement arising from Mt. Athos, giving a 20th century version of Hesychasm. His "The Philosophy of the Name" forms a centre-piece among the eight publications of the years 1920-30; much also of his subsequent work deals with the (in-)ability of language, the word, symbol or myth to reflect essential reality.

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