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BULLETIN Association canadienne des études patristiques (ACÉP)/Canadian Society of Patristic Studies (CSPS) Volume 31, no. 2 (NOV 2007) MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT/ MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Dear Colleagues,

I will start my brief message this year by mentioning the success of our conference in Saskatoon last May. For those of you who were unable to join us, you should know that we had a great conference again. Participation was larger than expected, and we hope the same for 2008. A big thank-you to Tim Hegedus and Bill Richards (CSBS).

Next year's conference will be held at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver, and our program chair, Steven Muir, and local representative, Harry Maier, have already arranged for us to meet at the Vancouver School of Theology (on the UBC campus) in a lovely setting. The AGM in Saskatoon decided to propose again two books for discussion next year, Geoff Dunn's and Tim Hegedus'. We will also continue our tradition of soliciting essays at both the undergraduate and graduate level for the two student prizes we are able to offer.

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 our field. Lucian Turcescu, President

CONGRESS OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES/

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APPEL DE COMMUNICATION/CALL FOR PAPERS

La société canadienne des études patristiques tiendra sa réunion annuelle à l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique, Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique du 31 mai au 2 juin, 2008 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 trente 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, «Penser sans frontières – Idées mondiales : Valeurs mondiales», mais nous accueillons les communications sur toutes les matières concernant notre domaine. On devra faire parvenir au plus tard le 31 janvier 2008 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. Vous pourriez envoyer vos soumissions par courriel au responsable du programme, Dr. Steven Muir.

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 de audiovisuel après la date limite.

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The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 31-June 2, 2008. 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, "Thinking beyond borders – Global Ideas: Global Values," 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 January 31, 2008 at the latest. Please submit proposals via e-mail to the programme coordinator, Dr. Steven Muir. 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.

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NB: ACCOMODATION

Our colleague and local representative for next year's conference, Harry Maier, wishes to let you know that the Vancouver School of Theology (which is on the UBC campus and the location of our society's conference) still has a limited number of rooms/apartments available for booking during our conference. You may book your room/apartment separately from the regular Congress accommodation venues by following the link below. The price is very reasonable for Vancouver (about \$100 tax included/ per day/ per room) and the School premises itself and its residence have a gorgeous view of the Pacific Ocean. I would strongly suggest that you hurry, as the Congress organizers are expecting some 10,000 people to descend on the city during the Congress in May-June and downtown hotel accommodation is very expensive, while the Congress cannot guarantee free transportation to and from UBC to the downtown hotels. <http://www.vst.edu/housing/index.php>

BOOK DISCUSSIONThe following two books will be discussed during next years meeting at UBC:

Geoffrey D. Dunn, *Cyprian and the Bishops of Rome: Questions of Papal Primacy in the Early Church* (Early Christian Studies II) (Sydney: St. Paul's, 2007)

Tim Hegedus, *Ancient Astrology and Early Christianity* (Peter Lang Publishers, 2007). PRIX D'ESSAI/ESSAY PRIZE

Nous invitons des rédactions d'étudiants sur le christianisme ancien du IIe au VIe siècle. Sont éligibles les rédactions de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou des cycles supérieures qui ont été réalisées au cours de l'année civile 2007.

Prix: Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le statu de membre étudiant de l'association pour un an. De plus, il remportera, à son choix, un des deux prix suivants: un chèque de 100 dollars ou un remboursement d'une partie de ses frais (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) de voyage au Colloque annuel de l'association pendant la réunion des Congrès des sciences humaines à l'Université de la Colombie-Britannique, Vancouver, Colombie-Britannique, du du 31 mai au 2 jun, 2008, afin d'y présenter son essai. Si le gagnant ou gagnante informe la société de son intention de présenter l'essai de gain en mars 30, 2008, il/elle recevra aussi une

inscription sans frais.

Date limite: le 31 janvier 2008.

Le gagnant/la gagnante sera contacté le 20 mars 2008 ou avant cette date.

Veillez adresser les textes à:

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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 2007. 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 the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 31-June 2, 2008, 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, 2008, he/she will also receive a complimentary registration.

Deadline: January 31, 2008

Notification: The winner will be notified on or before March 20, 2008.

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ANNONCES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ottawa Network for the Study of Late Antiquity

The Department of Classics and Religious Studies in the University of Ottawa would like to announce the creation of the Ottawa Network for the Study of Late Antiquity. The Network aims to promote research into the culture of the Mediterranean world from the 3rd to the 7th centuries. Its members, who come from universities in Ottawa and the surrounding region, reflect both established and emerging strengths in this field of study. For information about the members and some of their current research projects, consult the website of the Network

at <http://www.arts.uottawa.ca/csla/>.

SOURCES CHRETIENNES Mesdames, Messieurs,

Vous trouverez ci-joint un bon de souscription aux actes du colloque international (Lyon, 6, 7 et 8 octobre 2005) : "Empire chrétien et Église aux IV^e et Ve siècles : Intégration ou « concordat » ? Le témoignage du *Code théodosien*." Vous pouvez réserver cet ouvrage au prix de souscription de 50 € jusqu'au 15 janvier 2008. Vous avez deux possibilités de règlement :

- 1) par courrier en retournant le bon de souscription accompagné d'un chèque
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Please find enclosed the subscription form for the *proceedings of the international symposium*: "Empire chrétien et Église aux IV^e et Ve siècles : Intégration ou « concordat » ? Le témoignage du *Code théodosien*", held in Lyon on October 6th, 7th and 8th, 2005. This book is available to subscribers until January 15th, 2008 at the prepublication price of 50€. If you wish to purchase this book, please choose from one of the following payment methods:

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NOUVELLES/NEWS

WENDY HELLEMAN: I have not been able to attend the meetings of CSPS in Canada for some years, but have appreciated interacting with Canadian colleagues at the International Conference on Patristic Studies in Oxford UK held again this past summer (Aug. 6-11, 2007), where I presented a paper entitled 'Christ, the Wisdom of God' The Logic of Attribution in Augustine's *De Trinitate* 5-7.

Aside from this more academic piece I also presented a paper related to my experience of teaching Early Christianity to first year students at the University of Jos (Plateau State, Nigeria), where I have been working for the last five years. The course is required for all students in Religious Studies, so Muslim students also take it. I related some of the special challenges encountered in teaching Early Christianity to Muslim students; if anyone is interested in the matter, I am willing to send a copy of the paper electronically (hellemanw@gmail.com).

At the Oxford Patristics conference I had the pleasure of meeting Thomas Oden and discovering the important project which he has initiated with Intervarsity Press. This is a project that will certainly be of interest for Patristic scholars elsewhere, for the intention is to explore the early history of Christianity in Africa, and the decisive role of African Christianity in the formation of Christian culture from the beginning. The project plans to study the profound ways African teachers have shaped world Christianity, the decisive intellectual achievements of Christianity as explored and understood first in Africa before they were recognized in Europe, and a millennium before modern North America.

The project outlines an agenda for further research, hopefully to be carried out by scholars on the African continent, working with African academic institutions to develop a searchable online database of all African Christians writers of the first millennium. For the database to be complete, a number of texts originally

composed in Arabic, Coptic, etc, need to be located and translated. It is hoped that Africans will translate these texts for African readers.

I owe the details of the project to Michael Glerup, PhD. of the Ancient Christian Text Series (PO BOX 6094, Breckenridge, CO 80424); Michael just recently informed me that the project has received a major grant award to cover initial research, and gain access to the resources needed to develop the website, collaborative research tools, and African based conferences.

MICHAEL KALER's book, *Flora Tells a Story: The Apocalypse of Paul and its Contexts*, has been accepted by Wilfred Laurier U. Press, ESCJ series, to be published probably fall of next year.

SHAWN KEOUGH submitted a doctoral dissertation to the University of St. Michael's College in April entitled 'Exegesis Worthy of God: The Development of Biblical Interpretation in Alexandria'. The thesis examines the use Philo, Clement and Origen make of the principle that the interpretation of sacred texts must be *theopropes*, or, must conform to fitting notions of divinity, a principle that had already been deployed by philosophical exegetes of Homer. The thesis was directed by Pablo Argárate, and was examined by Charles Kannengiesser, Joanne McWilliam, T. Allan Smith, and Jaroslav Skira. Since April Shawn has been Research Fellow in Late Antique Christianity at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, where he is the principal researcher for an international project devoted to episcopal elections, episcopal authority, and images of the ideal bishop in the later Roman Empire. Besides the K.U. Leuven (Faculty of Theology), the project is also supported and coordinated by the Department of Classics & Ancient History at the University of Exeter, and the Lehrstuhl für Alte Kirchengeschichte, Patrologie und Ostkirchenkunde at the Universität Erfurt. In the context of this project Shawn is writing a monograph provisionally entitled *Episcopal Rivalry & Authority in the Eastern Roman Empire, Theodosius II – Justinian (408-565)*, while also eagerly studying Coptic and Syriac. On November 3rd Shawn was present at his convocation in Toronto, where he received the Governor General's Gold Medal along with his doctoral degree.

TIMOTHY PETTIPIECE continues to teach part-time Carleton University's College of Humanities, while doing a two-year SSHRC post-doc at the University of Ottawa. He is also co-editing a collection of essays on early Christian apocrypha with Pierluigi Piovanelli and revising his dissertation for Brill. He has also recently published "Et sicut rex...: Competing Ideas of Kingship in the Anti-Manichaean Acta Archelai" in *Frontiers of Faith: The Christian Encounter with Manichaeism in the Acts of Archelaus* (edited by Jason BeDuhn and Paul Mirecki; Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 61; Leiden: Brill, 2007), 119-129.

LUCIAN TURCESCU: Following the 2006 colloquium by the same title (co-sponsored by our society), Lucian Turcescu and Lorenzo DiTommaso have edited "The Reception and Interpretation of the Bible in Late Antiquity: Proceedings of the Montréal Colloquium in Honour of Charles Kannengiesser, 11-13 October 2006". The volume will be published by Brill. It contains 25 contributed essays on patristics, rabbinic Judaism, Gnosticism, and New Testament apocrypha. Thirteen of the contributions are by members of our society. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Honourable Rowan Williams also sent a congratulatory letter for Charles.

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65.00\$ as regular member, with SR subscription.

40.00\$ as regular member, already receive SR.

48.00\$ as student/retired member, with SR subscription.

17.00\$ as student/retired member, already receive SR.

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