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Canadian Society of Patristic Studies Congress Schedule

Saturday May 31, Room 527, Vancouver School of Theology

Session 1: Alexandrian and Egyptian Christianity

9:30-10:00 Shawn Keough "Psote, bishop and martyr: The Coptic Martyrdom of St Psote and the image of the ideal bishop in late Roman Egypt"

10:00-10:30 Miyako Demura "Why the poor became invisible in Clement and Origen of Alexandria"

10:30-11:00 George Bevan "The Role of Bribery in Church Politics, 431-34 CE."

11:00-11:30 BREAK

Session 2: Book discussion

11:30-12:30 Geoffrey Dunn, *Cyprian and the Bishops of Rome: Questions of Papal Primacy in the Early Church*. Discussant: Pamela Bright.

12:30-1:30 LUNCH (CSPS Executive will meet at this time)

Session 3: Augustine and his world

1:30-2:00 Ron Hafidson "Redeeming Time: Time in *Confessions* XI-XIII"

2:00-2:30 Robert Kennedy "Augustine at the Crossroads: Varieties of Falsehood"

2:30-3:00 Pamela Bright "Bringing Hidden Treasures to Light: the Role of the Spirit in Rule 3 'On the Promises and the Law' in the Book of Rules of Tyconius"

3:00-3:30 BREAK

3:30-4:00 Kevin Coyle "Augustine on the Ethics of Manichaeism"

4:00-4:30 Pauline Allen "Preaching Poverty in Late Antiquity: Perceptions and Realities"

Session 4: Instrumenta Studiorum

4:30-5:00 Geoffrey Dunn and Pauline Allen. Events at the Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australia

6:00-7:00 **President's reception**, Coach Room, Green College

Sunday June 1, Room 527, Vancouver School of Theology

Session 5: Patristic Commentary on Paul 9:00-9:30 Pierre Ndoumai "Saint Paul en chute libre chez les Pères apologistes"

9:30-10:00 Kevin Hill "Afflicted for Love?: Willed Affliction and Salvation in Origen's Commentary on Romans"

Session 6: Student Essay, CSPS Prize-winner

10:00-10:30 John A. Lorenc, "Augustine's Exegetical Theory and Method in his interpretation of the Gerasene Demons"

10:30-11:00 BREAK

Session 7: Book discussion

11:00-12:00 Tim Hegedus, *Ancient Astrology and Early Christianity*. Discussant: Steven Muir.

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

Session 8 "Florilegium"

1:00-1:30 Geoffrey Dunn "The Church of Rome as a Court of Appeal in the early 5th century: the evidence of Innocent I and the Illyrian Churches"

1:30-2:00 David Robinson "*Sola Scriptura* and the Authority of Patristic Tradition in 16th century Lutheran-Orthodox Dialogue"

2:00-2:30 Thomas Schmidt "La rhétorique du *Disc. 43* de Grégoire de Nazianze commentée par Basile le Minime"

3:00-3:15 SHORT BREAK

3:15-5:00 **Annual General Meeting [3:15-3:30 CFHSS representatives]**

6:00- **CSPS Member Dinner**, Sage Dining Room, University Centre

Monday June 2, Room 527, Vancouver School of Theology

Session 9: Christian relations with Pagans and Jews

9:00-9:30 Tim Hegedus "Eschatology of the Early Jesus Movement: Some Evidence from Irenaeus"

9:30-10:00 Zahia Amara "Quand l'apologist devient poète dramatique: la Querelle des Minerve-s"

10:00-10:30 Ridha Kaabia "Polémique chrétienne et religions païennes en Afrique romaine"

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-11:30 Mary-Pierre Bussièrès "Pascha and Pentecost in Ambrosiaster"

11:30-12:00 Lorraine Buck "Saturus the Martyr"

12:00-12:30 Jeremy Siemens "To Shape an Empire: Religion, Philosophy and Philanthropy in Gregory of Nazianzus and Emperor Julian 'the Apostate'"

12:30-1:30 LUNCH

Session 10: Joint Session with Canadian Society of Biblical Studies: Travel and Religion in the Ancient World [ROOM TBA]

1:30-4:30ANNONCES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nominating Committee invites the submission of candidates for the following positions in the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies:

President (2 year term)

Vice-President (2-year term)

Programme committee member (3 year term)

Nominating committee member (3 year term)

Representative to Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences

(3 year term).

Nominations should have the nominees' approval and be received by the Nominating Committee (sent to one of the e-addresses below) no later than April 30.

Thank you

Le Comité des candidatures invite la mise en candidature pour les postes suivants dans l'Association canadienne des Études patristiques :

Président(e) (mandant de 2 ans)

Vice-président(e) (mandat de 2 ans)

Membre du Comité du programme (mandat de 3 ans)

Membre du Comité des candidatures (mandat de 3 ans)

Représentant(e) de l'ACÉP auprès de la Fédération des sciences humaines (mandat de 3 ans).

Les mises en candidature sont à communiquer, avec l'accord du candidat/de la candidate à un membre du Comité des candidatures (dont les noms et les courriels se trouvent ci-dessous) au plus tard le 30 avril.

Merci à tous et à toutes,

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Shawn Keough <shawn.keough@theo.kuleuven.be>

NOUVELLES/NEWS

Shawn Keough: I have been awarded a 2008-2010 SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship in support of my research at the K.U. Leuven, which will focus on episcopal rivalries in post-Chalcedonian Alexandria. This April we will be hosting in Leuven our first symposium devoted to 'Episcopal Elections in Late Antiquity', at which Peter Norton will offer the keynote lecture. Besides studying Coptic and Syriac, I have also been teaching the advanced Latin readings course at the K.U. Leuven's Faculty of Theology.

Between April and July I will be reading the following papers: *Bishops and Presbyters in Alexandria (2nd - 3rd cent): Some Remarks on Early Alexandrian Traditions of Episcopal Election* (The First Louvain Symposium on Episcopal Elections in Late Antiquity: 9 April 2008); *'Penetrating the Mystic Silence of the Prophetic Enigmas': Clement of Alexandria on biblical interpretation in the revelatory and redemptive economy of the Logos* (The Holy Trinity in the Holy Scriptures. Tyndale University College, Toronto: 28 - 30 May 2008); *Psote, Bishop and Martyr: The Coptic Martyrdom of St Psote and the image of the ideal bishop in late Roman Egypt* (Canadian Society of Patristic Studies. Vancouver: 31 May - 2 June 2008); *Clement of Alexandria on Exegesis Worthy of God* (International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Program Unit: Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity. Auckland, New Zealand: 6-11 July 2008).

Mona Lafosse : On March 5th 2008 Garrett, Mona and big brother Carter (almost four years old) were very happy to welcome a new baby girl, Summer Felice LaFosse. She was born at home (as planned) at 12:24pm, with two wonderful midwives and an extraordinary doula.

Timothy Pettipiece: I continue to work on my postdoc at the University of Ottawa on the Manichaean reception of apocryphal and pseudepigraphal traditions, as well as co-editing some collections of essays on apocryphal literature with Pierluigi Piovanelli. In addition, I've been teaching as a sessional at Carleton's College of Humanities. Also, a revised version of my dissertation called *Counting the Cosmos: Pentadic Redaction in the Manichaean Kephalaia* will be published by Brill in Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies. Please note that this edition of the CSPS Bulletin will be my last. Best wishes to the next editor.

Annette Yoshiko Reed has moved from McMaster University to the University of Pennsylvania, where she is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies. This year, she is also a fellow at the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, participating in the project on "Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity." Articles published this year include an essay comparing scriptural hermeneutics of Augustine and *Genesis Rabbah* (in the volume *Midrash and Context*) and a piece on the depiction of Creation in the mosaics of the Basilica of San Marco in Venice (in the journal *Gesta*). She is also working on a book on the Pseudo-Clementine *Homilies* and is co-editing a special issue of the journal *Henoch* with Ra'anan S. Boustan (UCLA) on "Blood and the Boundaries of Religious Identity in Late Antiquity." She has also joined the Editorial Board of Mohr Siebeck's book series "Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism."

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Vice-president Tim Hegedus (2006-2008) Secrétaire / Secretary Lorraine Buck (2006-2009) Trésorier / Treasurer Steven Muir (2006-2009) Président du programme / Programme Chair Tim Hegedus (2006) Editeur du Bulletin / Bulletin Editor Tim Pettipiece (2004- 2007) **RAPPEL DU TRÉSORIER/REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER**
Here is a reminder for all members who have not already done so to send in their annual membership fees. The fees are as follows:

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.

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

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies

Sunday, May 27, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Saskatoon, SK

Present: Lucian Turcescu, Tim Hegedus, Steven Muir, Patrick Gray, Kevin Coyle, Paul-Hubert Poirier, Mona Tokarek LaFosse, Geoffrey Dunn, Joanne MacWilliam, David Robinson, Greg Melchin, Robert Kennedy, Lorraine Buck

1. Visit of Representative from the Federation (Noreen Golfman and Jody Ciufu)

New President: SSHRC has a new President, Chad Gaffield.

Travel Grants: Travel grants will now be available to those who don't have funds. An announcement will be made at the end of the summer.

Budget: \$11 million has been added to SSHRC's budget, and they are now in process of deciding how to disburse the funds. Two hundred more Canadian Graduate Scholarships have also been added. They would have liked to see more, but are happy with this.

Open Access:

a) SSHRC has proposed a one-year program for Open Access journals.

b) there will be greater availability of journal contents and individual research in libraries through digitization. The issue of concern is the shift from a subscriber-based model to a non-subscriber based model. It is important to stay on top of this and not let SSHRC decide the model for disseminating research.

Women's Issues Network Portfolio: This has now been changed to Equity (no longer just Women's Equity issues). An important equity issue is membership:

- a) ensuring that services for members are adequate and supportive
- b) major initiatives - campaign to increase membership in scholarly associations
- c) interface on website: you will put in area of interest and get all related associations, with membership, rates, etc.

Dates for CSPA for 2008 Congress: June 2, 3, 4

They advise booking rooms early, as they expect 10,000 people and the residence rooms will go quickly

Future Venues for Meetings:

2009 - Carleton, Ottawa, ON

2010 - Concordia, Montreal, QC

2011 - UNB/St. Thomas, Fredericton, NB

2012 - Wilfrid Laurier/Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved to change the Treasurer's Report from No. 6 to No. 3, so Steven could attend the CSBS Annual Meeting. This was approved.

3. Approval of the AGM Minutes from York University, 2006

Two typographical errors were noted. The minutes were then approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

Steven passed out forms for reimbursement, as well as a copy of the financial statement for 2006.

He included in this statement the revenues and expenses for the Ehrman presentation, which show a surplus of \$82.00. This does not include, however, the cost for the Ehrman reception at \$1455.00

Membership continues to be an issue. Steven will continue to work on it, contacting people we have not seen for a while. We need a membership of over 50 to get funding, and he would like to see a membership of 70-80. Two extraneous expenses, of course, are the Foley Scholarship Contribution and the support of the colloquium at Concordia.

Last year, we had a deficit of \$2222.00, and we now have \$3496.00 in our bank account. Steven is confident that we will slowly recoup this deficit.

Patrick suggested that, on the form used to pay our dues, we include a place for contributions to the Society. He also wished to make it clear that our \$5.00 increase is only to cover increases beyond our control. It does not exclude raising membership fees to meet our own needs if the situation arises.

Steven moved to adopt the budget. Patrick seconded. The budget was adopted.

5. Matters Arising from the 2006 Minutes

Kevin pointed out that Noreen Golfman's name was misspelled

Mona advised that she received a letter from Donna Foley's sister, expressing the family's thanks for our condolences and support.

6. President's Report

Lucian thanked this year's Program Chair, Tim Hegedus, and the local representative, Bill Richards, for organizing the conference. He also thanked Tim Pettipiece who did an excellent job of maintaining communications among our members.

Lucian announced that he, with his colleague Lorenzo DiTommaso, organized a colloquium entitled "The Reception and Interpretation of Scripture in Late Antiquity". This took place October 11-13, 2006. It was a great success, and Lucian thanked the CSPA for helping to sponsor the event.

The Congress organizers have raised the registration fees for 2007 to \$45.00 for students, \$65.00 for retirees and unwaged, and \$70.00 on site. For regular participants, prior to March 31, the fee will be \$120.00, after that date, \$160.00. Based on the advice of members present at the last AGM, the Executive raised the Society's fees from \$30.00 to \$50.00 at its annual fall teleconference.

Lucian also congratulated our two student essay prize winners: the graduate winner, Pierre Ndoumai from Université St. Paul, and the undergraduate winner, Greg Melchin from St. Francis Xavier University, and advised that both these winners were given free registration at the conference.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Harry Maier has been added to the Program Committee, replacing Tim Hegedus

Shawn Keough has been added to the Nominating Committee, replacing Robert Kennedy

Harry Maier also agreed to be Local Rep for next year, but requested that Mark Vessey be approached to help him. Mark agreed, so they will both be local reps for the Vancouver meeting.

The Program Chair for next year will be Steven Muir.

8. Reports from the CSPA Representatives to the CFHSS and CCSR

1) CCSR: Annette Yoshiko Reed is our Representative

a) Graduate Student Fellowship: Annette advised that a proposal was submitted by the Corporation to offer financial assistance to students. Lucian summarized the three possibilities:

a. two \$2500.00 grants for travel for research purposes for doctoral students

b. one \$5000.00 grant for a doctoral student to convert his/her thesis into a book

c. three \$1500.00 grants for doctoral students to participate in a conference either at home or abroad to present the results of their research.

All societies have been asked which one to recommend, and Annette asked that this be discussed at our business meeting, so she can report back to the CCSR by September 2007. Lucian will send the proposal out to members by E-mail and will send Theo the results. It was suggested that the Society be set up for electronic discussion. Lucian will consult with Kevin to set up something like Elenchus.

b) Website: Annette advised that there are problems with the CCSR website, and it was decided to redo it. Theo and Annette were charged with looking over the site and deciding how much needed to be changed. She would welcome any suggestions or comments from the membership.

c) Journal: The English-language editor and managing editor of *SR* gave a report on the recent and in-process publications, noting also the ratios of French/English and male/female in terms of submitted and accepted papers. It was noted that there is a need to encourage more French-language submissions. She encourages members of CSPS to keep *SR* in mind for their own articles and to encourage their doctoral students to submit work to it.

2) CFHSS: Kevin Coyle is our representative on CFHSS

Opening Plenary Session: This began with the President, Don Fisher's, address, who announced that SSHRC will receive an increase of \$11 million in funding. Three issues were raised:

a) policy knowledge - part of research funding is meant to go toward this. What is the Federation's role in developing this knowledge?

b) global ranking of universities - the criteria used for this survey highlighted the applied sciences, leaving a question about the appropriateness of the survey.

c) stratification of Canadian universities - 80% of Canadian Research Chairs are distributed among 15 universities in Canada, and especially among the applied sciences.

Portfolio Reports

Women's and Equity Issues: there have been three complaints regarding gender and minority representation in the awarding of Canada Research Chairs. At Congress 2007, there will be a session on equity hiring and retention.

Presentation by Chad Gaffield, President of SSHRCC

- he cited three immediate goals:

- a) rebuilding staff
- b) improving the quality of funded projects
- c) improving relations with the research community and with government

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- Kevin attended the workshop on "Research Ethics and Scholarly Integrity"

- the subcommittee with the same name is looking at ethical aspects of research with human subject participation; for the humanities, the primary interest would be, presumably, scholarly integrity

- the subcommittee's next focus will be on plagiarism

Financial

- due to a very successful Congress in 2006, there is a surplus of \$150,000.

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9. Planning for the 2008 Annual Conference

a) dates: Lucian will ask that the CSPS be moved from June 2, 3, and 4 to May 31, June 1, and 2.

b) program chair: Steven Muir will be Program Chair next year.

c) local reps will be Harry Maier and Mark Vessey.

d) book discussion: there will be two: *Cyprian and the Bishops of Rome: Questions of Papal Primacy in the Early Church* (Early Christian Studies II) by Geoff Dunn (Sydney: St. Paul's, 2007) and *Ancient Astrology and Early Christianity* by Tim Hegeudus (Peter Lang Publishers, 2007).

e) joint sessions: members should send suggestions to Lucian. Steven Muir also has a session on Curses in Antiquity.

10. Other Business

It was decided that we would continue the practice of allowing students to send their essay submissions either through a faculty member or simply on their own.

The question arose as to whether or not we needed a separate CSPS reception or should continue the practice we started this year of simply gathering for drinks before the banquet. It was decided that we would continue having both a reception and a banquet.

It was agreed that a message should be sent out to Pamela Bright from the Society.

5: 15 pm. Kevin moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded.

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