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## 1. Greetings from the Editors

The editors send warm greetings to APECSS colleagues in the fields of early Christian studies and Patristics. Welcome back to the APECSS Newsletter.

This newsletter informs you of concurrent and imminent information about matters in the area of Patristic studies in 2010 and 2011. Thanks for your enduring commitment to the activity of APECSS. We eagerly hope to see many of you in Oxford next year.

Please send all items of interest for inclusion in this e-newsletter either to Dr. David Luckensmeyer ([early.christian@acu.edu.au](mailto:early.christian@acu.edu.au)) or to me. Next newsletter will be issued in July 2011 by David.

With kindest regards,

Naoki Kamimura ([kmmrnk@nifty.com](mailto:kmmrnk@nifty.com))

## 2. Conference Report

The sixth Triennial Conference Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of APECSS at St Patrick's Campus of Australian Catholic University, from 7-10 July, 2010. The conference theme was "Politics and Religion". We were delighted to have three keynote speakers. Sean Freyne, Emeritus Professor of Theology, Trinity College, Dublin, delivered his paper entitled "Jesus, Prayer and Politics: 'Contemplative Action for Justice'". The second keynote speaker, Sarah Coakley, Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity, Cambridge University, delivered her paper entitled "Prayer, Politics and the Trinity: Vying Models of Authority in 3rd-4th Century Debates on Prayer and 'Orthodoxy'". The third keynote speaker, Harold Drake, Professor of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, delivered his paper entitled "The Curious Case of George and the Camel". Additional details and photos are available on the website of the Centre for Early Christian Studies, Australian Catholic University: <http://cecs.acu.edu.au/newsevents.htm>

### 3. Upcoming Events

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**25 Nov - 9 Dec 2010** The Classical Association of South Africa: Seagull Tours International in conjunction with the Department of Classical Languages, University of the Free State, present, "Ancient Egypt", a tour of Egypt. For more information, see: <http://www.casa-kvsa.org.za/TourEgypt2010.htm>

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**24-27 Jan 2011** The 32nd Annual Conference and General Meeting of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies (ASCS) will be hosted by the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Auckland. The conference will be held at the University of Auckland's main city campus. For more information, see: <http://www.ascs.org.au/news/index.html>

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**6-7 May 2011** An international conference, "Continuity and Destruction in Alexander's East: The Transformation of Monumental Space from the Hellenistic Period to Late Antiquity", will be held at University of Oxford. Please send an abstract with your name, title, and institution together with a short CV to one of the three conference organisers no later than 31 January 2011. Inquiries about the conference should be addressed to the organisers: Marlena Whiting ([marlena.whiting@arch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marlena.whiting@arch.ox.ac.uk)); Sujatha Chandrasekaran ([sujatha.chandrasekaran@arch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sujatha.chandrasekaran@arch.ox.ac.uk)); and Anna Kouremenos ([anna.kouremenos@arch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.kouremenos@arch.ox.ac.uk)).

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**16-20 May 2011** The Second Late Antique World Workshop, rescheduled 16-20 May 2011, will be held at University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada. Workshop title: "Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity: Revisiting the 'Parting of the Ways'". For more information, see: <http://lateantiqueworld.weebly.com/index.html>

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**28 May - 4 June 2011** The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting as part of the 2011 Congress of the Humanities of Social Sciences (<http://congress2011.ca>), hosted by University of New Brunswick & St. Thomas University. For more information, see: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/meeting.html>

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**9-11 June 2011** The 17th Symposium of the Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies will be held in University Club, University of Western Australia, Perth. This conference will explore the subject of emotions in the medieval and early modern world, c. 500-1800, across a range of disciplines. More information is available at: [http://www.mems.arts.uwa.edu.au/news/2011\\_conference\\_emotions](http://www.mems.arts.uwa.edu.au/news/2011_conference_emotions)

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## Upcoming Events (continued)

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**23-26 June 2011** The Society for Late Antiquity announces the 9th Biennial Conference on Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, in conjunction with the International Network for the Study of Late Antiquity (<http://www.la-network.org>), to be held at Pennsylvania State University (University Park) from 23-26 June 2011. The conference will explore the theme of "Politics in Late Antiquity, ca. 200-700". For more information, contact Prof. Michael Kulikowski (ShiftingFrontiers2011@gmail.com).

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**28-30 June 2011** The 29th CASA (Classical Association of South Africa) International Conference will be held at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, from Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th June 2011. The theme of the conference is "Sport & Spectacle". For more information, see: <http://www.casa-kvsa.org.za/Conference.htm>

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**11-14 July 2011** The 18th International Medieval Congress will take place at The University of Leeds. Thematic focus: "Poor...Rich". For more information, see: <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc>

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**8-12 Aug 2011** The XVI conference will be held from Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August 2011. It will take place, as usual, in the Examination Schools in the High Street, Oxford. Submitted titles with abstracts: 31 March 2011. Submitted workshop titles: 31 May 2011. For more information, see: <http://www.patristics.org.uk>

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**12-14 Aug 2011** The Centre for Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies of Australia will hold the "Historiography and Antiquarianism" Conference at the University of Sydney. For more information, see: <http://sydney.edu.au/ccanesa/news/index.shtml>

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**22-27 Aug 2011** The 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria. For more information, see: <http://22byzantinecongress.org>

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**13-15 Oct 2011** The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology will hold its annual thematic conference on "Family and Children in the Patristic Tradition" at the school's campus in Brookline, Massachusetts. For more information, see: <http://www.hchc.edu/patristics/conferences.html>

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**Nov 2011** The 37th annual Byzantine Studies Conference will be held at De Paul University, Chicago, 2011. For more information, see: <http://www.bsana.net/conference/index.html>

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## 4. Positions Vacant and Scholarships

The Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung announces two to three scholarships for non-German postgraduates or non-German scholars with a PhD to conduct research at the Historisches Institut, Abt. Alte Geschichte, University of Cologne. Applications should reach Prof. Dr. W. Ameling (walter.ameling@uni-koeln.de), Historisches Seminar I, Albertus Magnus Platz, D-50923 Köln, Germany, not later than 31 December 2010.

## 5. Miscellaneous

Reminders:

The next annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society will be 24-26 May 2012 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. More information will be available at the NAPS website: <http://patristics.org/annual-meeting>

The next APECSS conference on the theme, "Preaching and Ministry", will be held at Asan campus of Hoseo University, Korea, in 2012. More information will be available at the APECSS website: <http://cecs.acu.edu.au/apecss.htm>

Australian Association for Byzantine Studies XVIIth Biennial Conference will be held in 2012. More information will be available at the website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~byzaus/welcome.htm>

The Catholic University of America, Center for the Study of Early Christianity: Conference 2012 will be held in 1-3 June 2012 on the theme, "The Christian Moses". Further details will be posted later at the website: <http://earlychristianity.cua.edu/conference/index.cfm>

Passages from Antiquity to the Middle Ages V will be held at University of Tampere, Finland, on 23-26 August 2012, focusing on the theme, "Infirmity: Social and Cultural Approaches to Cure, Caring and Health". For more information, see: <http://www.uta.fi/trivium/passages/passages5.html>

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Perth 2013. The annual meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies, the peak international body for New Testament scholarship and research, will be held in Perth, Western Australia, 22-26 July 2013, at Murdoch University. For further information, please contact Prof. Bill Loader (w.loader@murdoch.edu.au), convener of the organising committee.

The Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church Conference has been renamed as, The Early Christian Centuries Conference, and will be held in Melbourne in 2013, on the theme, "Image of God: Men & Women". To date, Elaine Wainwright and Claudia Rapp have accepted keynote invitations.

If you have had a recent publication that you would like flagged here, please let us know.

Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil, ACU, have been awarded \$262,000 for a three-year project entitled "Crisis Management in Late Antiquity: The Evidence of Episcopal Letters". This Discovery Project is funded by the Australian Research Council (2010-2012). The two chief investigators will examine the Greek and Latin letters of bishops from 410-590 CE on such crises as natural disasters, climate change, population displacement, poverty, religious disputes, violence, and social abuses, seeking to anchor contemporary responses in their historical antecedents.