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Newsletter Editor

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GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members and Friends of the West Pacific Rim Patristic Society

First it is my pleasant duty to tell you that our name has changed to the Asian Pacific Early Christian Studies Society (APECSS).

Apologies for the long interim between postings. We have had the International Patristics Conference in Oxford since I last wrote and it was good to catch up with many Japanese and Korean scholars there. The Centre for Early Christian Studies was pleased to welcome many friends, old and new, at the fifth Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church meeting on Poverty and Riches in Melbourne in January this year. The proceedings of this volume should be published later this year by St Pauls Press. Prof Pauline Allen was honoured to be the guest of the JSPS Poverty Project in Tokyo earlier this month.

The newsletter follows under new rubrics: Conferences, Study and Work Opportunities, and Miscellanea. Please feel free to forward me any items you would like to have included in future postings.

With all best wishes for your studies in Early Christianity,

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I. CONFERENCES

CALL FOR PAPERS - FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AUSTRALIAN EARLY MEDIEVAL ASSOCIATION

WELCOMING THE STRANGER IN LATE ANTIQUITY AND THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 October 2008

hosted by the Australian Catholic University, McAuley Campus, Queensland

AEMA's fifth annual conference will be held from 1-3 October 2008 at the Sebel Conference Suites, Charlotte Street, Brisbane, hosted by the Australian Catholic University.

The period from late antiquity to the early middle ages was one of great social movement, of both individuals and people groups. How did people respond to demands made upon them for hospitality and charity by pilgrims, casualties of war, refugees, orphans, widows, those of other religions, the sick, the poor, itinerant monks and nuns, travelling traders and others?

Papers are now invited on a broad range of topics related to the theme of 'Welcoming the Stranger in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages', tapping various sources including literature, archaeology, epigraphy and the arts. A title and a 250 word abstract should be sent by 30 June 2008 to the Conference Convenors: Dr Bronwen Neil <mailto:b.neil@mcauley.acu.edu.au>; Dr Geoffrey Dunn <mailto:g.dunn@mcauley.acu.edu.au>.

Please include affiliation and contact details with your abstract. Presenters will be invited to publish their papers in the refereed Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Dr Anna Silvas, University of New England.

Dr Wendy Mayer, Washington DC

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~medieval/conference2008/conferencehome.html>.

Asian Pacific Early Christian Studies Society conference on "Letter Writing"

Tohoku Gakuin University, Sendai, JAPAN, in early September 2009 (tentative dates 10-12 September 2009).

Dr Geoffrey Dunn and Dr Ken Parry have been invited to deliver keynote lectures.

Contact Prof Miyako Demura, Tohoku Gakuin University.

Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church Conference VI: Politics and Religion

at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne,

on 7-12 July 2010.

Further details are available at <http://www.prayerspirit.com.au/Home.html>.

Presbeia Theotokou: The Intercessory Function of Mary

Vienna, 5-7 November 2009.

A conference of the Institut für Byzanzforschung (IBF) convened by Johannes KODER, Andreas KÜLZER and Leena Mari PELTOMAA:

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/byzanz/akt.htm>.

International Medieval Congress, Leeds

13-16 July 2009

Heresy and Orthodoxy

Proposals on any topic related to the European Middle Ages (c. 300-1500) to be submitted by 31 August 2008 for Papers and by 30 September 2008 for Sessions.

For further information visit the website at: <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc>.

North American Patristics Society annual conference

on 21-23 May 2009

at Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel, Chicago.

See the NAPS website for more details (not yet available), <http://moses.creighton.edu/NAPS/>.

Canadian Society for Patristic Studies annual conference

on 25-27 May 2009

at University of Ottawa, Ottawa.

More details will be available on the CSPA website, <http://www.ccsr.ca/cspa/>.

Contact the convenor Dr Geoffrey Dunn, <mailto:g.dunn@mcauley.acu.edu.au>.

2. STUDY AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Last autumn, the Faculty of Protestant Theology and the “Centre for Religion and Society” (ZERG) of the University of Bonn jointly launched a new one-year Masters course in Ecumenical Studies (M.A.) which is specifically designed for foreign students who wish to study theology in a German context. Part of the course is taught in English. The lecturers, who are all high-ranking experts in their respective fields, are drawn from the Faculty of Protestant Theology, the Faculty of Catholic Theology, the Seminary of Old Catholic Theology, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Germany and other university departments.

The deadline for applications is 15 July 2008.

There will be a number of full scholarships for MEST-students. Contact Prof Wolfram Kinzig on <mailto:mest@zerg.uni-bonn.de>.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Ecclesiastical Latin (3 units) and New Testament Greek (2 units)

will be offered online in 2009 at Australian Catholic University. Please contact Dr Bronwen Neil, <mailto:b.neil@mcauley.acu.edu.au> for enquiries or see the website of the Centre for Early Christian Studies, <http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au>.

Several members of the JSPS Poverty Project

will be visiting ACU in Brisbane in October 2008 for collaboration on our joint research project on *Poverty in Late Antiquity*.