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Newsletter Editor

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GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Pacific greetings, members of APECSS.

I am delighted to announce that this will be the last edition of the newsletter with me as sole editor — from now I will be joined by Dr Naoki Kamimura, Tokyo Metropolitan University, in order to increase our coverage of events of interest in Asia. In addition we will be appointing two sub-editors, to ensure equal coverage in the fields of New Testament Studies and Patristics.

This very brief newsletter announces our very imminent conference in Sendai, Japan, as well as the 2010 Australia-Asia Endeavour Awards and a postdoctoral fellowship opportunity at Macquarie University, Sydney.

Thanks for your continued interest in the work of APECSS and we hope to see many of you in Sendai this week or in Melbourne next year.

Please send all items of interest for inclusion in this e-newsletter either to me or to Naoki Kamimura (<mailto:kmmrnk@nifty.com>).

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I. CONFERENCES

APECSS

will meet at the Tohoko Gakuin University, Sendai, Japan, on 10-12 September, 2009, for a conference on “Letter Writing”. Keynote speaker is Geoffrey Dunn, Australian Catholic University. Contact the convenors: Kazuhiko Demura, University of Okayama, at <mailto:kdemura@aol.com>, and <mailto:Geoffrey.dunn@acu.edu.au>.

The sixth Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church Conference on the theme “Politics and Religion”

will be held at St Patrick’s Campus of ACU on 7-10 July 2010. Please see this link for further details and a call for papers: <http://www.prayerspirit.com.au>.

2. STUDY AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES

2010 Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Awards

which are open for application until THIS WEEK.

The Awards are valued at up to AU\$40-60,000 and are open to Australian undergraduates and postgraduates in any field of study. They provide a unique opportunity for students to undertake international study and research related to their Australian degree, as well as gain international work experience through an internship or work placement. The Awards aim to enrich students’ academic experience and provide the opportunity to apply their knowledge in an international work context building networks across their industry and with related organisations in Asia. The Awards provide for between 6 and 12 months research or study, followed by an internship or work placement of between 2 and 12 months. They must begin their Award in 2010.

There are 10 selected priority destinations for the 2010 Round of the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Awards, these are: *China (including Hong Kong and Macau SARs); India; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Singapore; Republic of Korea; Taiwan; Thailand; and Vietnam.*

Completed applications must be submitted to the Scholarships Office by no later than *Monday 7 September 2009*.

For further information on the Awards, please visit the following:

http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/scholarships_and_financial_aid/other/pms_oz_asia_endeavour_award/

http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/PMs_Awards/

Post-doctoral Fellowship in Early Christianity

Applications are invited for a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in Early Christianity in its Graeco-Roman context, in the Department of Ancient History, Faculty of Arts.

The successful appointee will have a doctorate in the field awarded within the last five years, relevant publications, and a research program with a specific proposal for the three-year fellowship.

Applicants are asked to submit a CV, the names of three referees and a research proposal that aligns with the department’s research profile, which has a strong interest in documentary material such as papyri, inscriptions, numismatics and archaeology, in addition to literary texts.

Please refer to the department’s website: <http://www.anchist.mq.edu.au>.

CV and Research Proposal

The CV should include degrees awarded with dates, previous positions, grants and fellowships held, full details of all publications, and other relevant details.

The Research Proposal should be ten pages maximum in length, in 12 font, and must address the following:

- Title: a short descriptive title in plain English (maximum 20 words);
- Project summary: summarise the main aims, significance and expected outcomes in plain English, avoiding jargon and abbreviations (maximum 100 words).
- Research environment: state why you consider the Department of Ancient History, Macquarie University, to be an appropriate host for your proposed project (maximum half a page).
- Research achievements: outline your research achievements to date, relative to opportunity; do not list publications (which should appear in the CV), but identify, for a non-specialist audience, what makes your research to date interesting and unique (maximum half a page).
- Skills: outline your relevant training, skills including relevant ancient and modern languages, and research experience, and describe how these will contribute to the success of the Project (maximum half A4 page).

- Project Description:

Project aims and background: describe what the project aims to achieve, and outline the background, including information about recent international progress in the field of research and the relationship of this proposal to work in the field generally (maximum one page);

Project significance and innovation: describe how the research is significant and how it addresses an important problem; explain its anticipated outcomes and how they will advance the knowledge-base of the discipline; detail any new methodologies that will be developed in the course of the project;

Approach and timetable: outline and justify the conceptual framework and methodology to be used in the project; provide a proposed timetable of work;

Communication of results: outline your plans for communicating the research results, including scholarly and public dissemination (maximum half a page).

References: list of all references cited in the application (maximum one page).

Appointment Type: Fixed term (three years), full-time.

Enquiries: Professor Alanna Nobbs, Head of Department Ancient History, on +61 2 9850 8844 or email <mailto:alanna.nobbs@mq.edu.au>.

Package: From \$78,277 pa, including (Level A Step 6) base salary from \$66,145 to \$70,953 pa, plus 17% employer's superannuation.

Applications Close: 4 October 2009.

Apply online at <http://www.pers.mq.edu.au/> and click on "Positions vacant." Ref. 21999.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

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

will be offered online in 2010 at Australian Catholic University. Please contact Dr Bronwen Neil, <mailto:bronwen.neil@acu.edu.au> for enquiries about Latin, or Dr David Luckensmeyer (<mailto:david.luckensmeyer@acu.edu.au>) about Greek, or see the website of the Centre for Early Christian Studies, <http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au>.

Congratulations to both Japanese colleagues and six Korean Scholars

Congratulations to several members of our Japanese colleagues, who have received generous funding from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science Kakenhi fund in 2009 for a project entitled Augustine's Understanding and Practice of Poverty in an Era of Crisis.

Congratulations also to six Korean scholars, led by Prof Wonmo Suh, who received funding for a project on poverty in Late Antiquity in 2008-2009.

St Andrews Greek Orthodox Theological College, Sydney

is holding a series of public lectures dedicated to St Basil.

For more information and the programme for September/October see <http://www.sagotc.edu.au/news/pdf/SymposiumD4.pdf>.