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GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORS

Dear APECSS colleagues in the fields of Early Christian Studies and Patristics,

Welcome back to the APECSS Newsletter!

I am particularly gratified to announce that this is the first edition of the newsletter with me as co-editor with Dr Ian Elmer, in order to enhance the mutual relationship amongst the Asia-Pacific patristic researchers. The information below is divided into four categories:

1. Announcement of the 1st Early Christian Centuries Conference
2. Conferences of Interest
3. Positions vacant and Scholarships
4. Miscellaneous

This brief newsletter informs you the concurrent and imminent information about the matters in the area of patristics and early christian studies in 2013. Thanks for your enduring commitment to the activities of apecss. We earnestly hope to see many of you in Melbourne this October. Please send all items of interest for inclusion in this e-newsletter to me. The next newsletter will be issued in July 2013.

Sincerely yours,

Naoki KAMIMURA, Research Fellow, Tokyo Gakugei University

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST EARLY CHRISTIAN CENTURIES CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE

The first “Early Christian Centuries Conference” previously entitled ‘Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church’, on the theme “Men and Women in Early Christianity”, will be held at St

Patrick's Campus of Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 3-5 October 2013. The theme for 2013 will include papers on topics as follows:

- Different attitudes to men and women in various faith traditions and religious strands in the early Christian centuries
- Studies of individual men and women
- The interaction between the sexes and attitudes to sex
- The celibate life
- Men and women in households
- Prescriptions for living with or without a family
- Legislation
- Limitations and expectations of being female or male
- Artistic, architectural, and liturgical representations of men and women in the early Christian centuries

This international conference grows out of the activities of the Centre for Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University over the past twenty years and has become an integral part of the work of the Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society, established in 2003. It will feature three keynote speakers:

- Professor Mathijs Lamberigts, Faculty of Theology, History and Church, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Professor Claudia Rapp, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria
- Professor Elaine Wainwright, School of Theology, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Please go to the website of ECC 1 for further details [<http://www.earlychristiancenturies.com.au>].

2. CONFERENCES

21-24 March 2013

The tenth biennial Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity conference, 'The Transformation of Literary and Material Genres in Late Antiquity', will take place at the University of Ottawa, Canada, 21-24 March 2013. For more information, see the website [<http://www.scapat.ca/frontieres/>].

9-12 May 2013

The 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies will take place 9-12 May 2013 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. More information will be available at the website [<http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/future.html>].

23-25 May 2013

The 2012 annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society will take place at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza from May 23 to 25, 2013. More information will be available at the NAPS website [<http://patristics.org/annual-meeting>].

31 May-2 June 2013

International Conference, “Saint Emperor Constantine and Christianity”, Niš, 2013. In 2013 various events will be organized in Niš to celebrate an important date in the history of Christianity—the 1700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan. Emperor Constantine’s hometown will be the venue of an international conference “Saint Emperor Constantine and Christianity”. The conference will be held from 31 May to 2 June 2013. For more information, see the website [<http://www.sveticarkonstantin.org/news.html>].

4-6 June 2013

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting as the part of the 2013 Congress of the Humanities of Social Sciences, hosted by University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, 1-8 June 2013. For more information, see: [<http://www.ccsr.ca/csps>].

12-15 June 2013

11th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) will be hosted by the Cardiff University Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture at the Conference Centre of St. Michael's College, Llandaff, on 12-15 June 2013. For more information, see the centre’s website: [<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/share/research/centres/clarc/newsandevents/isnsconferencepage.html>].

25-27 June 2013

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of its inception, the International Association of Patristic Studies, in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Christianity in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will convene an international conference in Jerusalem on 25-27 June 2013. The theme of the conference will be the state of Patristic studies in the twenty-first century, focusing on the implications of the various settings and interests of patristic studies for the future of the field. For more information, see: [<http://www.aiep-iaps.org/EN/Activities/50th-Anniversary.html>]. Please address queries concerning registration and other practical matters to: Daniel Salem at [<mailto:daniel.salem@mail.huji.ac.il>]. Please address queries concerning academic matters to: Carol Harrison at [<mailto:Carol.Harrison@durham.ac.uk>].

1-4 July 2013

The twentieth International Medieval Congress will take place at The University of Leeds. Thematic focus: “Pleasure”. For more information, see: [<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/>]. If you would like to submit a session or paper proposal for the IMC 2013 complete the IMC Online Proposal Forms. Please read the guidelines carefully before completing the IMC 2013 Proposal Form.

8-13 July 2013

The 30th biennial conference of the Classical Association of South Africa will be held at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein from Monday 8 to Thursday 11 July 2013. More information will be available at the website [<http://www.casa-kvsa.org.za/Conference.htm>].

23-27 July 2013

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 [<mailto:w.loader@murdoch.edu.au>], convener of the organising committee. Please visit the website [<http://www.murdoch.edu.au/SNTS/>].

26-31 August 2013

The 11th International Conference on Origen Studies: Colloquium Origenianum Undecimum, Aarhus University, Denmark, 26-31 August 2013. The theme of the conference will be "Origen and Origenism in the History of Western Thought". More information will be available at the website [<http://teo.au.dk/en/centre/events/autumn2013/origenconference2013/>].

21-23 September 2013

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and the Polish Patristic Section are organizing an international patristic conference on the theme Between religio licita and religio regalis. The Church and Theology at the Time of the Transformations (on the 1700th anniversary of "Edict of Milan"). The conference will take place at the John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland, 21-23 September 2013. The deadline for abstracts is 1 December 2012. For more information, see: [<http://www.kul.pl/miedzynarodowa-konferencja-patrystyczna-od-religio-licita-do-religio-regalis,14873.html>].

7-10 January 2014

The Fourth International Colloquium on Jewish and Christian Apocryphal Literature, on the theme of Adam and Eve in apocryphal traditions, will take place at the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva, 7-10 January 2014. The deadline for proposals is 15 March 2013. For more information, see: [http://www.aiep-iaps.org/PDF/AELAC_Call_Appel_2014.pdf] (pdf format downloadable).

25-30 August 2014

The 14th International Congress of the International Federation of the Societies of Classical Studies (FIEC) will be held in Bordeaux (France) between Monday 25th August and Saturday 30th August 2014. For more information, see: [<http://fec2014.sciencesconf.org/?lang=en>].

3. POSITIONS VACANT AND SCHOLARSHIPS**Durham PhD studentship 2013-2016 'The Fourfold Gospel and its Rivals'**

The AHRC-funded (Arts and Humanities Research Council) project on 'The Fourfold Gospel and its Rivals' has a PhD studentship attached that will provide three years worth of home fees (or equivalent) and living expenses in 2013-16. The double focus of the project is on early Christian gospels (canonical and noncanonical) and on gospel reception in the patristic era, which should cater for applicants wishing to work primarily in the New Testament field or in

patristics – although some overlap would be likely. Further information found here: [<http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AFU025/phd-studentship-2013-16/>]

Paris-Sorbonne University Post-doctoral contract

Paris-Sorbonne University offers one post-doctoral contract. Position will start on February 1st, 2013 for duration of one year renewable once. Research topic is: ‘Roman, Vandal and Byzantine Africa, considered especially from archeological matter’. Applicant must have his/her PhD within the last five years. Further information found here: [<http://antiquite-classique-et-tardive.paris-sorbonne.fr/spip.php?article361>].

4. MISCELLANEOUS

In late 2011, ACU Centre for Early Christian Studies published volume 14 of its monograph series with the title of Sarapion of Thmuis: Against the Manicheans and Pastoral Letters by Oliver Herbel. This book introduces the thought of this early Egyptian monastic bishop, highlighting the importance of both Sarapion’s biblical hermeneutics and his utilization of Stoic philosophy. It includes an argument for Sarapion’s authorship of the Letter to the Monks as well as translations of Sarapion’s three extant writings: Letter to Bishop Eudoxios, Letter to the Monks, and Against the Manichaeans.

Volume 15 is authored by Raymond Laird, titled Mindset, Moral Choice and Sin in the Anthropology of John Chrysostom which discusses the traditional positions of Western and (Near) Eastern branches of the Church on sinners.

New Testament News

In the second half of July, Alan Cadwallader ventured overseas for six days in Turkey and then on to the Netherlands for the International SBL conference. The Turkey leg proved to be especially exciting. Twelve years’ work suddenly bore fruit. Alan went armed with copies of his recent book on the ancient site of Colossae (in southwest inland Turkey), a city of particular importance to the New Testament and to Byzantine pilgrims. Copies of the book were given to the mayor of the local town, Honaz and to the governor of the region of Denizli. They were so excited to discover so much about their own heritage that they want to translate the book into Turkish and are eagerly waiting to translate the next book, which is designed for popular audiences.

During the time in Honaz, Alan met one of Turkey’s most famous living novelists, Kemal Yalçın (who was visiting from his home in Germany). His grandfather owned a farm adjoining that of a Greek family prior to the 1920 repatriation of Greeks and Turks. One of his novels, Dowry on Loan is built on the pain of that time of separation. The Greek family entrusts the dowry of the two daughters to the Turkish neighbours, for when they return. Of course they never do. After three generations of honouring that trust, a descendant (the novelist Kemal) searches out the Greek family, finally discovering their descendants in a remote Greek village. The dowry is returned and a massive reconciliation overcomes the pain of 70 years previously.

Kemal showed Alan the site of an ancient Greek church, and a sanctuary high in the mountains that Alan recognized was related to the story of St Michael the Archangel of Chonas — the story attached to the pilgrim site of a healing spring in the area in Byzantine times. So,

along with discoveries of new inscriptions and the site of an ancient Roman baths complex, the time proved immensely profitable. And, of course, Alan can hardly wait to get back.

Another of our members, James McLaren along with colleague Anne Gardner, was awarded the 2012 Krister Stendahl Medal in Biblical Studies by the Graduate Theological Foundation, Indiana, USA. The citation on the award read “in recognition of their outstanding service to the Biblical scholarly community in Australia and around the world by virtue of their personal research and scholarship and their collaborative and exemplary effort in the editing of the Australian Biblical Review, an international forum for outstanding biblical research and scholarship.”

James McLaren delivered a seminar paper, entitled “Assessing the place of eschatological hope in the worldview of Josephus,” at the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS) General Meeting, Leuven, August 2012. The SNTS is the peak international society of New Testament specialists. Members with an interest in New Testament studies may wish to know that the next annual meeting of SNTS will take place in Perth, Western Australia, 23-27 July, 2013, at Murdoch University.

JSPS (Japanese Society for Patristic Studies) fourth supplementary volume will be published by the end of 2014. CFP will be open around December 2013. For more information, please contact Editors of the supplementary volume, Dr Naoki Kamimura [<mailto:kmmrnk@nifty.com>] and Dr Satoshi Toda [<mailto:jsattoda@yahoo.co.jp>].

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

REMINDERS

September 2014

The 9th APECSS conference will be held at Toyo Eiwa University, Tokyo, Japan, around the middle of September.

8-11 September 2014

The 13th International Colloquium, theme on “Gregory of Nyssa: De Vita Moysis”, will be held at University of Helsinki, Finland.