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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear Colleagues,

The January issue of this bulletin is the one which includes the names and addresses of the leading officers of each association affiliated to the IAHR. As far as possible this is restricted to a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The bulletin itself is sent out to all of those on the list, to the members of the Executive Committee and its past officers, the managing editors of Numen, and a small number of others who are fulfilling a special function of liaison for the IAHR at any one time. This mailing list could easily be quadrupled, or more, but for reasons of expense it is current policy to restrict it to these recipients.

Please make sure, therefore, (1) that the list of officers for your national association is up to date, sending in corrections as necessary, (2) that you pass on any information which may be important to the other members of your committee or your association, and (3) that these bulletins are preserved for reference and passed along when there is a change of officers.

The next meeting of the International Committee will be held in Paris, hosted by our vice-president Professor Jean Leclant. There will be an adjunct academic programme, including special and general sessions. Please note that the dates of this conference have been changed to September 17-21. Professor Leclant and I are both very sorry about this relatively late change of date; however it had become clear that the August dates were simply not realistic for an academic organization in Paris. Please note that these new dates, September 17-21, are final dates for this meeting.

The standard procedure for participation is that each association may be represented at the International Committee (except in cases where the vote is shared, as in Canada and the USA). Usually these would be the president and the secretary, but another person may be nominated instead. Since there is, unfortunately, no special funding for this conference, associations may wish to nominate a member who is in France or in Europe for other reasons at the right time. The appropriate invitations will shortly be issued from Paris.

Matters for the main meeting of the International Committee may be sent to me here at Lancaster.

With all best wishes for the New Year,

Michael Pye  
Sec.-Gen. IAHR

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The Name

*The following statement has been received from the Secretary of the BASR:*

At the Annual General Meeting of the BASR held on 9 September 1992 the members approved a proposition that the Association would commend to the IAHR that the latter's title should be amended to the International Association for the Study of Religions.

I hope to be able to present the BASR view at the International Committee meeting to be held in Paris in August 1993.

*The following statement has been received from Professor Luther Martin, Secretary of the North American Association for the Study of Religion:*

It has become clear in the discussion of the name of the IAHR that "history of religion(s)" and "study of religion", and whatever else has been proposed, are terms which reflect largely cultural differences. There is general agreement about the non-incorporation of religious agendas into the association, but difficulty about finding the appropriate short, positive designation for what we are doing. Rather than attempting to solve this problem by changing the name itself, why not deal with it by recognising that there is indeed a problem, addressing it, and making a virtue of it? This could be done by making regular use of a short statement which indicates that "history of religions", in the European context in which the IAHR was founded, was always intended to refer to an inclusive (though non-theological) study of religion.

The Name

A resolution passed by the Société Ernest Renan

The following communication has been received from the French affiliate of the IAHR, the Société Ernest Renan:

- RÉSOLUTION DE LA SOCIÉTÉ ERNEST-RENAN -

En réponse à la question posée par le Secrétariat général de l'Association internationale pour l'histoire des religions, en vue de la réunion du Comité international de cette Association en 1993,

la "Société Ernest-Renan. Société française d'histoire des religions", en son Assemblée générale du 18 juin 1992, a exprimé sa position en deux points:

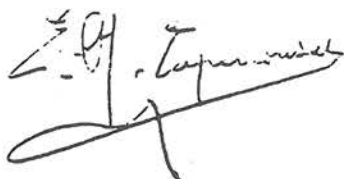
1. "L'histoire des religions" est une expression technique dans laquelle "histoire" garde son acception étymologique d'"enquête". La tradition française n'a jamais limité l'objet de l'histoire des religions à l'étude diachronique de celles-ci, tout en lui faisant une part légitime, et ne récuse a priori aucune méthode. Mais l'histoire des religions entend conserver pour fondement l'étude scientifique des documents et monuments de toute sorte, ainsi que l'observation directe et désintéressée du vécu. Elle étend sa recherche, ses analyses et ses comparaisons à tous les faits ou phénomènes religieux, avec ou sans tradition écrite, des origines à nos jours.

2. La "Société Ernest-Renan" demande le maintien du nom actuel de l'Association internationale pour l'histoire des religions.

Pour le Bureau de la "Société Ernest-Renan"

Le Trésorier

Prof. E.-M. Laperrousaz



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RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIÉTÉ ERNEST RENAN

In reply to the question posed by the Secretary-General of the International Association for the History of Religions, in preparation for the meeting of the International Committee of the association in 1993, the "Société Ernest Renan, the French association for the history of religions", at its general Assembly of June 18th 1992, expressed its position in two points as follows.

1. "The history of religions" is a technical expression in which "history" retains its etymological implication of "enquiry". The French tradition has never limited the object of the history of religions to their diachronic study, although this is a legitimate part of it, and does not claim any particular method a priori. But the history of religions does seek to maintain as its basis the scientific study of documents and monuments of all kinds, as also the direct and disinterested observation of that which is lived. Its research, analyses and comparisons extend to all religious facts and phenomena, with or without written tradition, from the origins down to our own day.

2. The "Société Ernest Renan" calls for the maintenance of the present name of the International Association for the History of Religions.

For the committee of the "Société Ernest Renan"  
The Treasurer  
Professor E.-M. Laperrousaz

Note by Michael Pye This translation of the French text of the resolution (see facing page) has been prepared (by me) so that it may be appreciated as widely as possible. Please note that "History of Religions", both in the name of the association and as an expression discussed above, directly parallels the French "l'histoire des religions". Note furthermore that the French name for the IAHR runs concurrently with the English name in the constitution. This bilingual statement of the name is one of the symbols of the international nature of the IAHR, and is enshrined in our affiliation to CIPSH/UNESCO. It would therefore probably not be appropriate to change the one without changing the other also. Consequently any proposal to change the name would have to include a parallel proposal for each of these two languages. In spite of some informal discussion with this in mind, no such proposal has yet been made. Perhaps Canadian colleagues would like to comment further on this in view of the official bilingualism of Canada.

FIRST CIRCULAR of the XVIIth CONGRESS

of the

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS

## MEXICO CITY 1995

Since 1900, when the first International Congress on the History of Religions was held in Paris, similar events have taken place in various regions of the world. However none has yet been held in Latin America. At the XVIth Congress, held in Rome in 1990, it was agreed by the International Committee of the IAHR that the next international congress should be held in 1995 at Mexico City.

The organizing committee of the XVIIth Congress considers that the academic study of religions has enjoyed a dynamic development in recent years and seen a convergence of various kinds of analysis. Originally there was an emphasis on historical and philological questions, but recently there has been evidenced a stronger interest in the interaction of religious systems with their cultural and social contexts. This trend, already current at the Congress in Rome, should be continued. Thus the next Congress, as well as providing space for the presentation of research results, will also be a forum for the discussion of theoretical and methodological questions in the search for new perspectives in the study of religions.

For this reason the organizing committee proposes "Religion and Society" as the central theme for the Congress in Mexico. At the same time, as is customary, contributions on different themes will also be accepted.

Following the pattern of previous congresses, the organizing committee expects to arrange leading lectures on the main theme. It is also hoped that on this occasion the participants will take the initiative in organizing symposia and round tables on themes of interest, and we hope to hear your proposals on such projects in the near future.

The organization of symposia is open, thus permitting the participation of specialists interested in discussing specific themes and problems in the research of particular groups. Proposals for such themes should be made to the Organizing Committee in accordance with the timetable below.

The second circular will carry the titles of the symposia and round tables which have been accepted.

#### TIMETABLE FOR PROPOSALS

September 1992: opening of the period for the receipt of proposals for symposia and round tables

September 1993: close of the period for the receipt of proposals for symposia and round tables

November 1993: second circular, carrying the list of symposia which have been accepted; opening of the period for the proposal of free papers and symposia contributions

31. October 1994: close of proposals of papers and symposia contributions

10. February 1995: publication of the definitive programme and dispatch of the programme to registered participants

30. April 1995: conclusion of the period for receiving communications

5. August 1995: opening of the Congress

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de la

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## MEXICO CITY 1995

Depuis 1900, date à laquelle s'est réalisé à Paris le Premier Congrès International d'Histoire des Religions, des rencontres du même ordre ont eu lieu dans différentes régions du monde, mais jusqu'à maintenant aucune n'avait été organisée en Amérique Latine. Lors du XVI ème Congrès de Rome, en 1990, l'assemblée de l'Association Internationale d'Histoire des Religions a accordé que le prochain Congrès aurait lieu en 1995, à Mexico.

Le comité organisateur du XVII congrès considère que l'étude scientifique des religions s'est considérablement développée au cours des dernières années, et a débouché sur la confluence de divers courants d'analyse. A l'origine, ces études portaient surtout sur des questions d'ordre historique et philologique, alors qu'actuellement nous observons un intérêt accru pour l'interaction des systèmes religieux dans leur contexte culturel et social. Cette dynamique, déjà présente lors du Congrès de Rome, doit se poursuivre afin que cet événement devienne un espace d'exposition de résultats, tout autant qu'un forum de discussion de problèmes théoriques et méthodologiques, à la recherche de nouvelles perspectives dans l'étude des religions.

C'est pourquoi le comité organisateur propose que le thème central du congrès de Mexico soit: "Religion et société", mais comme à l'accoutumé, tous les autres travaux portant sur des thèmes différents seront acceptés.

Afin de préserver la dynamique des congrès antérieurs, il a été prévu la présentation de conférences magistrales sur le thème central. Le Comité Organisateur a en outre prévu que pour cette occasion, ce soient les participants qui prennent l'initiative de l'organisation des simposia et des tables rondes, selon des thèmes qu'ils considèrent d'intérêt particulier; c'est pourquoi nous espérons recevoir vos propositions dans les meilleurs délais.

L'organisation des simposia est ouverte et permettra la participation de spécialistes intéressés par la discussion de thèmes et de problèmes spécifiques de recherche. Les propositions devront être soumises en temps opportun au Comité Organisateur, selon le calendrier ci-joint.



Dans la deuxième circulaire apparaitront les titres des simposia et des tables rondes qui auront été acceptés.

Septembre 1992: ouverture de la période de réception des propositions de simposia et de tables rondes.

Septembre 1993: Fin de la période de réception des propositions de simposia et de tables rondes.

Novembre 1993: Seconde circulaire portant la liste des simposia et ouverture de la réception de propositions libres et de simposia.

31 octobre 1994: Fin de la période de réception des propositions.

1er février 1995: Edition du programme définitif et envoi du programme aux participants inscrits.

30 avril 1995: fin de la période de réception des communications.

5 août 1995: inauguration de Congrès.

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PRIMERA CIRCULAR del XVII CONGRESO

de la

ASOCIACION INTERNACIONAL DE HISTORIA DE LAS RELIGIONES

## MEXICO CITY 1995

Desde 1900 cuando se realizó en Paris el Primer Congreso Internacional de Historia de las Religiones se han llevado a cabo en diferentes partes del mundo estos eventos; pero hasta la fecha nunca se habían realizado América Latina. En el XVI congreso realizado en Roma, en 1990, la Asamblea de la Asociación Internacional de Historia de las Religiones aprobó que el Congreso Internacional se efectuara en 1995 en la ciudad de México.

El comité organizador del XVII congreso considera que los estudios científicos de las religiones en los últimos años han tenido una dinámica importante que implica la confluencia de distintas vertientes de análisis. Originalmente se hizo énfasis en las cuestiones históricas y filológicas y en la actualidad observamos un mayor interés en la interacción de los sistemas religiosos con su contexto cultural y social. Esta dinámica iniciada en el congreso de Roma debe continuarse para que este evento sea, tanto un espacio de exposición de resultados de investigación, como un foro de discusión de cuestiones teóricas y metodológicas en la búsqueda de nuevas perspectivas en el estudio de las religiones.

Es por ello que el comité organizador propone como tema central del congreso de México: "Religión y sociedad", independientemente de que se aceptarán, como siempre, todos los trabajos con una temática diferente.

Conservando la dinámica de los congresos anteriores, se presentarán conferencias magistrales sobre el tema central, y además el Comité Organizador prevé, para esta ocasión que los participantes tomen la iniciativa de organización de simposios y mesas redondas con temas de su interés, por lo que esperamos recibir sus propuestas a la mayor brevedad.

La organización de simposios está abierta y permitirá la participación de especialistas que estén interesados en discutir temas y problemas específicos de investigación de grupos definidos. Los tópicos de estos deberán ser propuestos oportunamente al Comité Organizador de acuerdo al calendario adjunto.

En la segunda circular aparecerán los títulos de los simposia y mesas redondas aceptados.

Septiembre de 1992: Apertura del período de recepción de propuestas de simposya y mesas redondas.

Septiembre de 1993: Fin del período de recepción de propuestas y mesas redondas.

Noviembre de 1993: Segunda circular con lista de simposia aceptadas y apertura de recepción de propuestas libres y de simposia.

31 de octubre de 1994: fin del periodo de recepción de propuestas.

10. de febrero de 1995: Edición del programa definitivo y envío del mismo a los inscritos.

30 de abril de 1995: fin de plazo de recepción de ponencias.

5 de agosto de 1995: inauguración del Congreso.

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