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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear fellow-members of the IAHR,

As we approach the meeting of the International Committee in Paris (September 17-21) there is still a little time left for any discussions which may seem to be necessary within our affiliated associations. May I remind you that each national affiliated association may participate with two voting members (except in one or two cases where this voting strength is shared between two organizations). Usually the president and the secretary will be representing their national association. However it is possible to designate another member instead, if finances and travels make this more convenient.

It is well understood that not all associations can be equally represented in fact, because of the cost. However at the moment there is nothing that can be done about this. The purpose of the Endowment Fund appeal is to work towards a situation in which the meetings of the Executive Committee (one meeting each year) and of the International Committee (one meeting between each quinquennial congress) can be ensured. As we have not yet reached that happy situation, I can only ask you to make every effort to send at least one, if not two delegates.

If your officers have not yet received an invitation from Paris, please communicate directly with our Vice-President, Prof. Jean Leclant, whose address is on the inside back cover of this bulletin with the other members of the Executive Committee. If there is a funding body in your country which would require an additional letter from me to emphasise the importance of your attendance at the International Committee meeting, please do not hesitate to let me know, and I will write it in the appropriate manner.

In the pages of this bulletin you will find an abbreviated version of the draft programme. As to the agenda of the International Committee meeting, it is expected that there will be a wide range of matters to discuss, especially with regard to the forward planning of the conference and publications programme. In addition, there is the important subject of the name of our association, concerning which, however, the International Committee can only "recommend". Please let me know if your national association, or if you as an officer, wish to add anything to the agenda.

With all best wishes,

Michael Pye.

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The Name

The following letter has been received from Professor Peter Antes as President of the German Association for the History of Religions (DVRG):

in reply to the question concerning the name of IAHR I want to inform you that the executive committee (Vorstand) of the DVRG had a meeting in Hannover on January 29th, 1993, and discussed this issue extensively. The following decision was taken:

The DVRG will not reject the idea of a change of the name of IAHR as a matter of principle but it wants to make clear that a real improvement must be reached if a change should take place. The DVRG will not accept an unspecified use of "study", because of fear that the academic level is thus not assured, nor will it be ready to accept "religion" in the singular because of eventual confusion with Christian theology. If no real improvement is made by the new name the DVRG will opt for maintaining the present name which already has a long tradition in academic circles.

Reorganisation in Eastern Europe

Czechoslovakia / Czech and Slovak Republics

Consequent on the foundation of independent Czech and Slovak Republics with effect from January this year - there are now two Associations for the Study of Religions in this region. Since the officers of the currently affiliated association are the same as those of the successor Czech association it has been agreed that this association will continue the existing affiliation to the IAHR. The President is Prof. Jan Heller, the Secretary Dr. Dalibor Papousek and the Treasurer Dr. Iva Dolezalova. The formal change of name of this association will take place at a meeting planned for March 1993. In the meantime a Slovak Association for the Study of Religions (Slovenska spolocnost pre studium nabozenstiev) has also been founded with Prof. Jan Komorovsky (Bratislava) as President. It is expected that a request for affiliation will be received in due course.

Ukraine

A communication has been received from a colleague in Kiev, The Ukraine, Prof. Anatolij Kolodnij, to the effect that a Ukrainian Association for the Study of Religions has been founded. The intention has been signalled to apply for affiliation to the IAHR. Any communications regarding this development should be addressed, in the first instance, to the Secretary-General. It is hoped that a recommendation can be placed before the International Committee in Paris this year.

**THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FRANCE AND FRANCOPHONE AFRICA**

ABBREVIATED PROGRAMME

Friday, September 17th

Arrival and registration

Saturday, September 18th

- 9.00 Opening speech by host president (Jean Leclant)
9.10 Opening speech by IAHR president (Ugo Bianchi)
- 9.30 **Academic session:**
Keynote address by a French colleague:
Perspectives on the history of religions as studied
in France
- 10.45 Round table:
The study of religions in Francophone Africa
- 2.30 Meeting of Executive Committee
- 4.30 Meeting of Editorial Board of Numen

Sunday, September 19th

- 9.15 **Academic session:**
Theoretical perspectives in the history of religions
- 2.30 International Committee (first session)
Agenda: various matters

Monday, September 20th

- 9.15 **Academic session:**
The history of religions in France
- 11.30 Open forum on the cultural diversity of approaches
and the international identity of the history of
religions
- 12.00 (Additional formal meeting of the International
Committee if necessary)
- 12.15 Close of formal proceedings:
Closing speech by hosting president
Closing speech by IAHR president
- 3.00 Executive Committee:

Open meeting between Executive Committee members and
interested French colleagues to consider future
developments

Concluding meeting of Executive Committee

Evening Departures possible

Tuesday, September 21st
Departures

ASRSA Conference in Swaziland

The Association for the Study of Religion (Southern Arica) has sent the following call for papers for its Annual Congress which is to be held in Swaziland. The text is reproduced below:

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12 February 1993

Dear Colleague

It is my pleasure to once again call for papers for our annual congress. The 15th Annual Congress of ASRSA will be held from the 28-30 June 1993 at the University of Swaziland. This year's congress is historic in that it is the first time that an ASRSA Congress will be held outside South Africa. We are indeed grateful to the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Swaziland for agreeing to host the 1993 Congress. Due to the increasing demand by scholars to present papers at the Congress the Executive has decided to extend this years Congress over three days. We expect several scholars from Universities in Africa as well as Europe at this years Congress. Please note that individuals are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and expenses. Dr Peter Kasenene, Head of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Swaziland is willing to assist in arranging accommodation. His address, telephone and fax numbers are indicated hereunder.

Should you desire to read a paper at the Congress please let me have your topic together with an abstract (100-150 words) by not later than 16 April 1993. Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries regarding the Congress.

With best wishes for 1993.

Sincerely yours



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DVRG Conference in Bremen

The German Association for the History of Religion (DVRG) meets once every two years. The next meeting will be in Bremen 4-8 October 1993; the programme of papers follows. For further information use the contact addresses at the end.

LOKALE RELIGIONSGESCHICHTE PROGRAMM DER DVRG TAGUNG BREMEN 4.-8. OKTOBER 1993

Die Tagung in Bremen soll lokale Bedeutungen von Schriftreligionen (Judentum, Islam, Hinduismus, Buddhismus, Konfuzianismus, Shintoismus, Christentum) zum Thema haben sowie Methoden und Beispiele ihrer Erforschung behandeln.

Eröffnungsvortrag: B.Gladigow
"Religionsgeschichtliche Wurzeln europäischer Kultur"

Lokal bedingte Abwandlungen von Religionen

Vortrag: Prof. Dr. Hubert Seiwert
"Heterodoxe und orthodoxe Traditionen im lokalen Kontext Südostchinas"

Hans-Michael Haußig
"Große und kleine Tradition(en) in Babylonien in parthisch-sassanidischer Zeit"

Univ.-Doz. DDR. Manfred Hutter
"Besonderheiten des Islams in Iran aufgrund des zoroastrischen Einflusses"

Prof. Dr. Holger Preißler
"Mittelalterliche Gelehrte zwischen Islamisierung, gelebtem und normativem Islam im Vorderen Orient"

Prof. Dr. Karl Hoheisel
"Lokale Verschiedenheiten des Chasidismus"

Frau Ulrike Brunotte
"Puritanismus und Pioniergeist - lokale und historische Besonderheiten der Gründung (und Konstitution) der nordamerikanischen Gemeinden".

J. Edgar Bauer
"Christum ferens: Kolumbus' heilsgeschichtliche Deutung seiner Entdeckungsreisen und die Anfänge des amerindianischen Genozids"

Schauplätze von Religionen

Vortrag: H. Bakker, Groningen:
"Der Kampf um Ayodhya: Heilige Orte als Objekt politischen Handelns"

Vortrag: van den Bosch, Groningen:
"Sati-Heiligtümer im modernen Indien"

Dr. Brigitte Luchesi
"Vergängliche Kultbilder in Indien"

Frau Sabine Offe
"Religion im Museum am Beispiel des Judentums"

Frau Susanne Lanwerd
"Muslimisch-christliche Stadtteilstädte"

H. von Stietencron, Tübingen
"Ein multireligiöses Integrationsritual in Orissa, Indien"

Dr. Dr. R. Nebel
"Santa María Tonantzín Virgen de Guadalupe. Volksreligiosität und kirchlicher Guadalupanismo in Mexiko"

Dr. P. Gerlitz
"Bata Kase Kase, guter Geist, wir bitten dich um diesen Baum..." - Marginalien zu einer Religionsökologie in Stammeskulturen - oder Gibt es ein "ökologisches Bewußtsein" in Stammeskulturen?

Dr. L. Wilkens
"Zum Problem des Verhältnisses von Glaubenslehre und sozialer Kohäsion am Beispiel einer Berliner ev. Kirchengemeinde."

Vortrag: K.Knott, Leeds
"Asian Religions in Britain: an Evaluation of Research Strategies and Options"

Vortrag: Dr.W.Schiffauer, Frankfurt
"Islam als Lebenspraxis von Arbeitsmigranten"

M.Baumann
"Konfession: andere'. Lokale Geschichte und Bestandsaufnahme nicht-christlicher Gemeinschaften in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland"

Frau Renate Pitzer-Reyl
"Zur Religiosität von türkischen Muslimen der 2. und 3.Generation in Lollar"

Dr.Kurt Greussing
"Religion von Arbeitsmigranten: Alevitischer Islam in der Bundesrepublik"

Dr. Stefan Schlang
"Afrikanische neue religiöse Bewegungen in Deutschland"

Dr. Heinz Mürmel
"Tamilen und Singhalesen: theravadabuddhistische Modelle des Zusammenlebens"

Dr. Reiner Mahlke
"Die Hare-Krishna-Gemeinde in Durban, Südafrika"

Michael Stausberg
"Identitätsprobleme im neueren Zoroastrismus"

Dr.Christoph Auffarth
"Polisreligion außerhalb von Poleis"

Prof.Dr.K.-H.Kohl
"Christentum unter den Bedingungen einer Stammesgesellschaft: die schwarze Madonna von Larantuka in Ostfloris"

Prof. Dr.H.Schulz
"Wirtschaftliche Aspekte des islamischen Religionsrechts"

Religionen in der Lebensgeschichte

Vortrag: M.Riesebrodt, Chicago:
"Religion und Sozialmilieu am Beispiel von Fundamentalismus"

Vortrag: Z.W.J.Werblowsky:
"Religionsgeschichte in Lebensläufen"

Vortrag: Prof.Dr.A.Assmann, Heidelberg
"Belletristik als Vermittler von Religion"

Prof. Dr. J.Lott
"Religion im Lebenslauf. Überlegungen zum Zusammenhang von Bildung, Religion und Biographie"

Frau Dr. Donata Pahnke
"Der europäische Neopaganismus und die Krise des Christentums"

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Zinser
"Lebensgeschichtliche Gründe und Anlässe für die Hinwendung zu okkulten Praktiken. Ergebnisse einer qualitativen Erhebung"

Dr. Vasilios Makrides
"Religion als vermeintliche Lebensquelle - Zum Religionsverständnis von Miguel de Unamuno"

Finanzierungen von Religion

Diskussionsforum:
"Religionsökonomie unter den Perspektiven ihrer Regionalisierung"

I. Prof. Dr. B.Gladigow / Dr.J.Rüpke, Tübingen
"Non licet deos gratis nosse". Ökonomische Aspekte der Römischen Religion.

1. Die Bilanz eines Römischen Tempels.
2. Religionsgeschichte Latiums.

II. Th.Hofmann / Prof.Dr.G.Kehrer, Tübingen
Ökonomische Perspektiven der Säkularisierung in einer "sozialistischen Großstadt" (am Beispiel Jenas).

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Date of arrival Date of departure

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Date Signature

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A One Day Conference organised by Study of Religions

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10.00 - 10.15	Opening address
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11.00 - 11.15	Coffee
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12.00 - 12.45	Monica Sjoo <i>Patriarchy and the New Age</i>
12.45 - 1.45	Lunch
1.45 - 2.30	Ronald Hutton <i>Paganism, Neo-Paganism and Christianity</i>
2.30 - 3.15	Graham Harvey <i>The Roots of Pagan Ecology</i>
3.15 - 3.30	Tea
3.30 - 4.00	Marion Bowman <i>Religion in Bath: A Case Study</i>
4.00 - 4.30	Concluding Session

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For further details contact Marion Bowman 0225-873701, ext279.

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