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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear Fellow-members of the IAHR,

Immediately following this letter you will find the English version of the first circular for the XVI IAHR Congress in Rome 1990. French, Italian and German versions are in preparation and will probably be made available direct from Rome. All correspondence concerning the organisation of the Congress should be sent to the address given in the circular.

This bulletin also includes the annual updated list of officers of member associations. Changes in the coming year will be recorded at the time, and the next consolidated list will appear in one year's time.

It is a pleasure to report that cordial relations were established at Tübingen (August 1987) with the Conférence Internationale de Sociologie des Religions (CISR) which meets on a biennial basis. The possibility of linking the biennial meeting with the IAHR Congress was mooted. The next occasion when both fall in the same year will be in 1995. Comments on this possibility are welcome.

During 1987 personal meetings between the officers of the IAHR and various executive committee members proved possible in the context of other journeys. Thus liaison was maintained without a formal meeting. Personally I was glad to be able to attend national meetings in Finland, Denmark and Britain, and also to meet the editors and publishers of *Numen* and of *Science of Religion* in the Netherlands (see items below).

Since the grants from CIPSH (UNESCO) via IAHR to the *Encyclopedia of Buddhism* and to *Science of Religion* are of limited duration I would be glad to receive suggestions for the support of comparable projects which assist documentation and information flow in our subject. The next meeting of CIPSH with IAHR representation takes place later this year.

Any affiliated associations which have not yet designated representative(s) to attend the meeting of the International Committee on June 18th in Marburg are requested to do so urgently. The participation list for the conference will be closed shortly.

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Message from the Hon. Treasurer

The national associations of the following countries have paid their subscriptions for the year 1987:

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It would be appreciated if the remaining member associations would kindly make their contributions for 1987 at the earliest opportunity.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS
XVI CONGRESS

Rome, 3rd-9th September 1990

First circular

In accordance with the decisions taken by the XVth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (I.A.H.R.) at Sydney in August 1985, the XVIth International Congress will be held at Rome University "La Sapienza" from 3rd to 9th September 1990.

This will continue the tradition of earlier international Congresses of the History of Religions (at Paris in 1900, at Basle in 1904, Oxford 1908, Leyden 1912, Lund 1927, Brussels 1934, Amsterdam 1950; then, following the foundation of the I.A.H.R., at Rome in 1955, Tokyo 1958, Marburg 1960, Claremont (California) 1965, Stockholm 1970, Lancaster 1975, Winnipeg 1980 and Sydney 1985).

The theme of the Congress will be:

The notion of 'religion' in comparative research.

The executive bodies of the I.A.H.R., the Italian Society for the History of Religions and the Organizing Committee appointed by the latter have pleasure in inviting all experts involved in the discipline to the Congress. Rome, which hosted the VIIIth Congress of the I.A.H.R. in April 1955, is currently a centre particularly suited for debates on new instruments and new fields of study, which are at the same time faithful to the spirit and the traditions of the discipline.

Proceedings of the Congress

The official languages of the Congress will be: English, French, German and Italian.

The proceedings themselves will be divided into plenary sessions and a number of sections and panels. The plenary sessions will be reserved to inaugural speeches, to general reports - at the invitation of the Organizing Committee - mainly concerning the theme of the Congress as well as to reports on the work carried out by the sections and the panels, and to retrospection on the work of the Congress. The individual sections will concentrate on specific regional and cross-cultural topics within the framework of the central theme of the Congress. In addition, other freely chosen subjects of interest for the History of Religions will be dealt with within the sections. Panels will be organized for special purposes of current research, to accommodate, as far as possible, specific requests coming from groups of participants or affiliated bodies. The length of the general reports will be 45 minutes and that of the section and panel communications will be 20 minutes.

Order of proceedings

The opening and closing sessions and all the other plenary sessions will take place in the Aula Magna of Rome University "La Sapienza", Città Universitaria (Piazzale Aldo Moro 5), while the various sections will meet in the Aula and in the classrooms of the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, Città Universitaria.

The sections will meet in the morning, while the plenary sessions (except for the Opening Session) will take place in the afternoon. On the last morning a meeting of all the different sections will take place, to prepare for the final session. This will be divided into two parts: a) Retrospective view of the Congress, followed by general discussion; b) General Assembly of the I.A.H.R. The I.A.H.R. Committees will meet at the beginning of the Congress; the new Executive Committee will meet at the end of the Congress after the General Assembly.

Sections of the Congress

The following sections of the Congress are envisaged:

Mesoamerica and Peru

East Asia

India and South Asia

Iran and Central Asia

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Near East

Greece and Rome, Hellenism

Pre-Christian Europe

Old Testament and Judaism

Christianity

Islam

Buddhism

Oral style cultures and folklore: Africa, America, Asia, Australia, Europe.

The 'new religions'

Historical typology; phenomenology; anthropology, and their contribution to historical and comparative research in religion¹

¹where 'historical' is not limited to literate cultures, or coextensive with 'philological', in the strict sense of the word, or with merely 'descriptive').

Panels

Possible themes include at this moment the following: 'primal' religions and their place in the history of religions; cultures and

religions (ethnic and founded); The universalistic religions; 'religion' and theism; mystery religions; gnosticism; Buddhism and religions; methodology and epistemology in their relation to themes of the discipline and concrete examples.

The theme of the Congress

Correctly understood, the theme of the Congress will not be dealt with speculatively or normatively, but on a positive and inductive basis, with reference to research being carried out on the various cultural and religious areas and with particular attention to the varying notional and factual implications of the use of the term 'religion'. Far from being the object of mere terminological or 'definitional' study, the term will be tested as an instrument and a problem for historical and comparative research, from its Latin origins down to Latin-speaking late Antiquity, Medieval and Modern Europe, with particular attention to the problems involved in the use of the term by European-trained scholars dealing with extra-European cultures as well as by scholars belonging to these and expressing themselves in European languages. Special attention will also be given to such partially alternative notions as 'Law' and 'Path' and to problems of notional continuity and discontinuity between pre-Christian and Christian, pre-Islamic and Islamic, pre-Buddhist and Buddhist use of 'religious' terminology.

Participation in the Congress

Participation in the Congress is open to anyone interested in the History of Religions and its auxiliary disciplines, whether members of the national groups affiliated to the I.A.H.R. or not. The registration fee for full membership in the Congress is \$ 80, which entitles the participant to take part in the Congress proceedings, in the receptions and the anticipated excursion, as well as to receive the pre-publications. Accompanying persons may also be registered on payment of \$ 60. Such accompanying persons will be entitled to take part in the Congress proceedings, the receptions and the excursion, but not to receive the pre-publications.

Presentation of communications

Participants in the Congress who intend to present a communication in one of the planned sections should indicate its provisional title not later than May 15th 1988. A second circular will notify the deadline for the sending in of a 500-word summary of the communication.

Registration and accommodation

The Congress Secretariat will assist participants in finding suitable accommodation (including meals), acting as intermediary between the individual congress participants and the tourist board responsible for the material organisation. The second circular will detail the procedures

and rates for accommodation, as well as the price and details of participation in special congress events (artistic events, visits) not included in the registration fee.

Address of the Secretariat

All communication relating to the Congress should be sent to the following address:

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Registration form

Scholars intending to take part in the Congress are requested to fill in the present form, which is valid as a preliminary registration, and to send it in to the Secretariat by May 15th 1988.

Name Surname

Position

Address

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Telephone no

Do you intend to present a communication?

If so, what is its title:

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Do you foresee the participation of any accompanying persons?

(if so, indicate the number)

signature

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SUPPLEMENTS TO NUMEN

The series Supplements to Numen has now, with a "Festschrift" dedicated to Zwi Werblowsky, reached Number 50. To celebrate this event, in so far as Numen is the official organ of the IAHR, a complete list of the Supplement is appended. Member associations are requested to give some consideration to the range of subjects treated in the Supplements, and above all propose worthwhile manuscripts for the future. The publishers have made it clear that they prefer manuscripts to be in English, to encourage worldwide distribution. If there is a distinct IAHR interest in publishing in another major language, the Gen.-Secretary would be happy to be informed and to make appropriate representations.

Supplements to Numen:

1. PETTAZZONI, R. Essays on the history of religions. photomechn. reprint the first (1954) ed. 1967.
2. BLEEKER, C.J. (ed.). Anthropologie religieuse. 1955.
3. BLEEKER, C.J. Die Geburt eines Gottes. Eine Studie über den ägyptischen Gott Min und sein Fest. 1956.
4. The Sacral Kingship/La Regalità Sacra. Congress Rome, 1955.
5. ZANDEE, J. Death as an enemy according to Ancient Egyptian conceptions. 1960.
6. SCHIMMEL, A. Gabriel's Wing. A study of the religious ideas of Sir Muhammad Iqbal. 1963.
7. BLEEKER, C.J. The sacred bridge. Researches into the nature and structure of religion. 1963.
8. BOLLE, K.W. The persistence of religion. An essay on tantrism. Repr. 1971.
9. STOEFFLER, F.E. The rise of evangelical pietism. Repr. 1971.
10. BLEEKER, C.J. (ed.) Initiation. Contributions to the theme of the Study-Conference of the IAHR, held at Strasburg, 17.9.-22.9.1964. 1965.
11. JAMES, E.O. The tree of life. An archaeological study. 1966.
12. BIANCHI, U. (ed.). The origins of gnosticism. Colloquium Messina, 1966. Repr. 1970.
13. BLEEKER, C.J. Egyptian Festivals. Enactments of religious renewal. 1967.

14. Religions in Antiquity. Essays in memory of E.R. Goodenough. Ed. J. NEUSNER. Repr. 1970.
15. JURJI, E.J. (ed.) Religious pluralism and world community. Interfaith and intercultural communication. 1969.
16. JAMES, E.O. Creation and cosmology. 1969.
17. Liber Amicorum. Studies in honour of C.J. Bleeker. 1969.
18. WERBLOWSKY, R.J.Z. & C.J. BLEEKER (ed.). Types of redemption. Study Conference Jerusalem, 1968.
19. BIANCHI, U., C.J. BLEEKER & A. BAUSANI (ed.). Problems and methods of the history of religions. Study Conference Rome, 1969. 1972.
20. KERÉNYI, K. Zeus und Hera. Urbild des Vaters, des Gatten und der Frau. 1972.
21. Ex orbe religionum. Studia G. Widengren. Pars prior. 1972.
22. Ex orbe religionum. Studia G. Widengren. Pars altera. 1972.
23. RAMSARAN, J.A. English and Hindi religious poetry. 1973.
24. STOEFFLER, F.E. German pietism during the eighteenth century. 1973.
25. SABOURIN, L. Priesthood. A comparative study. 1973.
26. BLEEKER, C.J. Hathor and Thoth. Two key figures of the ancient Egyptian religion. 1973.
27. BOYD, J.W. Satan and Mara. Christian and Buddhist symbols of evil. 1975.
28. JOHNSON, R.A. The origins of demythologizing. The theology of R. Bultmann. 1974.
29. BERGGREN, E. The psychology of confession. 1975.
30. BLEEKER, C.J. The rainbow. A collection of studies in the science of religion. 1975.
31. BLEEKER, C.J., G. WIDENGREN & E.J. SHARPE (ed.). Proceedings of the 12th International Congress, Stockholm 1970. 1975.
32. Weg in die Zukunft. Festschrift A. Antweiler. Ed. A.-Th. KHOURY & M. WIEGELS. 1975.
33. SMITH, B.L. (ed.). Hinduism. New essays in the history of religions. Repr. 1982.
34. OLIVER, V.L. Caodai spiritism. A study of religion in Vietnamese society. 1976.

35. THURSBY, G.R. Hindu-Muslim relations in British India. 1975.
36. SCHIMMEL, A. Pain and grace. A study of two mystical writers of eighteenth century Muslim India. 1976.
37. ERGARDT, J.T. Faith and knowledge in early Buddhism. 1977.
38. BIANCHI, U. Selected essays on gnosticism, dualism and mysteriosophy. 1978.
39. Transitions and transformation in the history of religions. Essays in honor of J.M. Kitagawa. Ed. F.E. REYNOLDS & Th. M. LUDWIG. 1980.
40. GRIFFITH, J.G. The origins of Osiris and his cult. 1980.
41. LAYTON, B. (ed.). The rediscovery of Gnosticism.
 1. The School of Valentius. 1980.
 2. Sethian Gnosticism. 1981.
42. LAZARUS-YAFEH, H. Some religious aspects of Islam. 1981.
43. Studies in Egyptian religions dedicated to Prof. J. Zandee. Ed. M. HEERMA VAN VOSS et al. 1982.
44. AWN, P.J. Satan's tragedy and redemption. 1983.
45. Selected studies on ritual in the Indian religions. Essays to D. J. Hoens. Ed. R. KLOPPENBORG. 1983.
46. DAVIES, D.J. Meaning and salvation in religious studies. 1984.
47. GRAYSON, J.H. Early Buddhism and Christianity in Korea. 1985.
48. BALJON, J.M.S. Religion and thought of Shah Wali Allah Dihlawi. 1986.
49. BOLLE, K.W. (ed.). Secrecy in religion. 1987.
50. SHAKED, S., D. SHULMAN, G.G. STROUMSA. (ed.). Gilgul. Essays on Transformation, Revolution and Permanence in the History of Religions. Dedicated to R.J. Zwi Werblowsky. 1987.

Supplementa ad Numen, Altera Series:

1. ORT, L.J.R. Mani. A religio-historical description of his personality. 1967.
2. WAGTENDONK, K. Fasting in the Koran. 1968.
3. OLDENBURG, U. The conflict between El and Ba'al in Canaanite religion. 1969.
4. WALKER, S.S. Ceremonial spirit possession in Africa and Afro-America. 1972.
5. SALIBA, J.A. 'Homo Religiosus' in Mircea Eliade. 1976.

Science of Religion

Index and Abstracts of Recent Articles

The editors of Science of Religion would be happy to receive suggestions via IAHR member organisations about the following points.

1. The scope and content of this abstracting service.
2. Possible contributors of summaries, especially in the fields of Buddhism, Hinduism, anthropology/ethnology (with a bearing on religion).
3. Institutions in higher education, in economically disadvantaged countries, which might qualify for a subsidised (free) copy of the journal.

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Appended below is the statement on the objective and scope of Science of Religion which is usually printed in each issue.

The objective of Science of Religion is to provide a systematic bibliography of articles contributing to the academic study of religions, with a view to facilitating the international collaboration of all scholars whose work has a bearing on the subject (c.f. Article 1 of the constitution of the International Association for the History of Religions). To this end each issue contains a list of articles with abstracts drawn from a wide range of journals. Each issue is provided with an author index and a subject index. The journal contains a comprehensive range of abstracts in English from Dutch, English, French and German originals, and abstracts from other languages to the extent that these can be made available in English. Certain areas of study - e.g. the field of Biblical studies - are omitted which, though theoretically a part of the study of religions, are well provided elsewhere with an abstracting service. Nevertheless abstracts are provided in the case of articles which are of striking interest for the wider study of religion.

Annuals and less frequently issued volumes are not included, being counted as books rather than journals. Articles dealing with purely textual, archaeological, general historical, sociological or other matters not directly relevant to the study of religion are not included. Articles written from a theological standpoint within a particular faith are also not included. For these reasons some journals listed are abstracted in their entirety while from others only occasional articles are selected. Clearly there are many cases where the decision to include or exclude an article is extremely difficult, and the editors will welcome any opinions which subscribers may wish to send for consideration. All abstracts are descriptive in character and do not imply either commendation or criticism of the contents of articles.

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