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IAPCHE Plans Three Regional Conferences in 2002

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY-- God's Word For
The Academy In Contemporary Culture(s)
will be the theme for the July 3-7
conference hosted by Károli Gáspár
Reformed University.

On Wednesday, July 3, Dr. Michael Goheen will give the keynote lecture. Goheen is Associate
Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario, Canada

Thursday, July 4, will follow three tracks:

Track 1. Strategizing Regarding The Nature, Place, And Task Of Christian Higher Education In Contemporary Culture(s)

Presenter: Dr. Peter Balla, Head of New Testament Department, Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Budapest, Hungary

Responder: Dr. Peter Blokhuis, Lecturer in Philosophy, Christian University of Professional Education, Ede, the Netherlands

Track 2. Providing Serviceable Insight For Elementary And Secondary Education With Respect To Curriculum, Pedagogy, Administration, And Teacher Education

Presenter: Dr. John Van Dyk, Director of Center for Educational Services, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, USA

Responder: Dr. Sarolta Fodor-Nagy, Lecturer at Teacher's Training College, Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Budapest, Hungary

Track 3. Reflecting On Implications For A Comprehensive View Of Society In General, And Specifically For Churches And Theological Training

Presenter: Dr. Henk Woldring, Member of Parliament of the Netherlands and Professor of Political Philosophy, Free University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Responder: Mrs. Elena Deis, Reformational Studies Researcher, Sárospatak Reformed Theological Academy, Sárospatak, Hungary

Friday, July 5, will be filled with workshops, one of which will relate to the Track 2 Presentation by Dr. John Van Dyk. The exact schedule will be announced as papers are received. On Saturday, July 6, an excursion is planned to visit the Reformed Theological Seminary at Papa.

The University, located in Budapest, Hungary, has been a member of IAPCHE since 2000. The legal predecessor of the University was the Reformed Theological Academy of Budapest, founded in 1855 and granted University status by the Hungarian parliament in 1990. In 1993 the General Assembly of the Hungarian Reformed Church took the decision to establish a multi-faculty University, and this decision was approved later that year by the Parliament of the Republic of Hungary. Through the creation of Károli Gáspár University, the Hungarian Reformed Church has fulfilled the aims of its forefathers. The University, in the spirit of the *universitas scientiarum*, aims to raise the status of not solely the Church, but also the nation, through its educational, teaching, and academic work.

Visit the IACPHE website at www.iapche.org for more information about the conference, such as Call for Papers, Conference Costs, How to Register, and Subsidy Requests.

BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA-- The theme "The Challenges of Knowing for Christian Educators in a Globalized World," will draw Christian scholars and universities to a

regional IAPCHE Conference for Latin America. *The Corporación Universitaria Reformada* (Reformed University) will host *AIPESC's* third continental meeting on July 11-13, 2002 in Barranquilla, Columbia.

In the last issue of *Contact*, we reported that this conference was to happen in August. The date has been changed to be July 11-13, 2002.

The Latin American branch of IAPCHE uses the acronym AIPESC which stands for *Asociación Internacional para la Promoción de Educación Superior Cristiana*. This is the third time that Christian educators in this region will gather since 1999. Previous conferences were held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 1999 and Quito, Ecuador in 2000.

The central objective of the conference is to provide an opportunity for reflection on the communication, cooperation and carrying out of the teaching task. The basis of this reflection will be the identification of the processes, practices and contextualization of the professorial and the institutional vocation in Christian higher education.

The specific objectives include:

- ...Promote a critical analysis of the "truths" and their ambiguities in the field of learning in relation to the Word of Scripture which has permanent validity.
- ...Stimulate the interchange of experiences concerning the pedagogical practices in dialogue with the challenges to knowledge presented by the globalized world.
- ...Seek conclusions from the shared experiences and implement mechanisms of intercommunication which promote a globalization of solidarity.
- ...Stimulate biblical and contextual responses to crucial questions of contemporary society.

Barranquilla, the host city of the conference which was founded in 1629 by a group of shepherds and workers, is sometimes called the "Golden port of Colombia". Located at the extreme north of the country, it lies along the Magdalena river which empties into the sea. It enjoys a warm and dry climate with refreshing evening breezes. As a port city, industry and commerce occupy first place in business. The main products are in the fields of pharmaceuticals, food, chemicals, metals, and paper. Service-orientated work controls 66% of the economy; industry, 25%; and agriculture, 25%, while minerals occupy only 1%.

The university which will host the conference is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. It has arisen from a network of Christian primary and secondary schools across the land and only lacks the final step for the immanent government approval of its university status. Its rector, Rev. Gonzalo Dernéy Ramos, serves as coordinator for this Third Latin American Conference of *AIPESC*.

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MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES-- For some time IAPCHE has been working to arrange a Leadership Conference for the Asia/Oceania Region. After consultation with a number of key persons, we have scheduled the meetings for October 23-26, 2002 in Manila, on the campus to the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. The theme will be "Developing a Christian Academic Community in Asia/Oceania."

The purpose of the conference is to bring together a number of leaders from the various sub-regions- Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines-to do two things:

...Strategize concerning ways to promote networking and develop a Christian academic community in the region, and
...Begin planning for a more extensive regional conference at some time in the future.

To accomplish this we will consider together the confessional, educational, political, and economic challenges facing Christian higher education in each sub-region, and then we will discuss together how we can go about meeting these challenges.

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Editorial About IAPCHE Membership...Why should you become a member?

The IAPCHE Secretariat is in the process of updating its brochure and its Membership Directory. Both will indicate that we now have five membership categories: individual, institutional, affiliate, associate and consulting members. Currently IAPCHE has 360 individual members, 37 institution members, 9 affiliate members, 16 associate members, and 5 consutlign members. The IAPCHE website www.iapche.org

features a directory that is updated monthly. Some have told us that having five kinds of membership is confusing. We intend to recommend to the board that we seek ways to clarify these categories.

The most recent addition to the membership category list is that of **consulting members**. Consulting members are associations engaged in the development and promotion of Christian higher education on an international level. Presently we are in consultation with five such associations: the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the International Council for Higher Education, the International Forum for Associations of Christian Higher Education and the International Institute for Christian Studies. Each has its own history and works out of its own peculiar perspective. We feel that it is important to be in contact with these international associations. We have much to share with them and much to learn from them -- all the while remembering our own history and maintaining our own peculiar perspective on Christian higher education.

The membership category most often questioned is that of **institutional members**. As our brochure indicates, we now have 37 institutional members whose primary purpose is to support IAPCHE financially. The question usually asked is, But what do the institutions get out of their membership in the Association? That question can be answered in two ways.

First, there is a sense in which institutions get *nothing* for becoming members of IAPCHE. Institutions seek and are granted membership in IAPCHE not for what they can get, but for what they can give. The purpose of IAPCHE is the development of integral higher education through networking (primarily of individual scholars and educators who subscribe to the Basis and Purpose of the Association) and related academic activity. Institutional members of IAPCHE support this purpose and the resultant program by way of annual contributions -- determined, in part, by the size of each institution and its ability to pay. It is in this way that institutions give to IAPCHE.

Second, there is a sense in which institutions get *everything* by becoming members of IAPCHE. It is our conviction that at the heart of any Christian institution of higher education there is a faculty committed to education and scholarship not from a neutral, but from a biblical perspective. That's what an institution of Christian higher education wants and needs; and that's what an institution of Christian higher education seeks to get by supporting IAPCHE, because through its program of networking, IAPCHE is concerned to assist Christian scholars and educators -- in all, not only Christian colleges and universities -- in the development of integral Christian scholarship.

During Conference 2000 a number of college and university administrators reported that they were having great difficulty identifying faculty who were Christian, qualified in their fields of investigation, and capable of pursuing their academic work from a biblical perspective. Understandably, these people -- rectors, presidents, provosts, and academic deans -- were most appreciative of IAPCHE's purpose, program, and projects, especially the Faith and Learning Network and the Christian Academic Studies Certificate. They understood that IAPCHE could be of help to them in dealing with this important need.

IAPCHE's distinctive purpose also gives it a legitimate place at the table with its consulting members. As we mentioned earlier, each association has its own history and perspective. We should add that each has its own purpose. As far as we know, however, among these associations, only IAPCHE has as its primary purpose the development of integral scholarship for Christian higher education throughout the world. We claim this not with pride, but with gratitude for the opportunity to share this purpose and perspective with others committed to the international promotion of Christian higher education.

Dr. J. B. Hulst

From the Office

E-Subscription Available

We're happy to send you another issue of our newsletter, *Contact*, and hope you'll enjoy it. Because postage rates have increased dramatically, we want to make sure that those on our mailing list actually want to receive what we send. For those who do, we are now offering *Contact* in three ways:

1. via our website, www.iapche.org, with e-mail notices sent when a new issue is posted
2. e-mail version, as Microsoft Word attachments
3. printed version, which arrives 2 weeks to 2 months after the electronic versions are posted.

If you have web access or e-mail, we strongly encourage you to consider option 1 or 2.

To request an electronic subscription (option 1 or 2), or to request removal from our mailing list, please contact our office at IAPCHE, 498 Fourth Ave. NE, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250-1697, USA, or e-mail us at iapche@dordt.edu.

Website Re-Designed

If you haven't visited IAPCHE's website www.iapche.org recently, you should do so soon. The site was revamped in January. The front page now features the latest IAPCHE news and announcements. Links are still available to read more about the association, its members, board, long-range plan, reports, and *Contact*.

We would appreciate your input for links that would be helpful to Christians involved in higher education. E-mail your suggestions for links to the IAPCHE office.

Use the IAPCHE website to check addresses (surface and e-mail) and phone numbers of colleagues that you wish to contact. The on-line membership directory is updated monthly. Be sure to check that *your* information is correct, and notify the Secretariat at iapche@dordt.edu with any necessary changes.

Inform Us About Changes!

In our mobile society, many of us are on the move. Whether you move to another street address, change an e-mail address, or change a phone number, the IAPCHE office must be informed. Since IAPCHE is a network of Christian scholars and institutions, we are only effective in our networking if you provide us with accurate information.

In addition to your surface mail and e-mail addresses, we also want to hear from you when your position changes, when you publish a book, or when you take a position at a different institution.

Please include IAPCHE in your list of contacts to notify when you make a change. We will then update our website directory, mailing lists, and office database.

Wanted: E-Mail Addresses

Do you have an e-mail address? Check this list of IAPCHE members with no e-mail listed in database. Please inform the office if you do have an e-mail address. Our office e-mail address is iapche@dordt.edu. (If you do not have e-mail, we will continue to inform you about IAPCHE activities by air mail.)

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Second Chat-Room Board Meeting Successful

The IAPCHE Board met on December 11 in an Internet "chat room." During the meeting the board accomplished the following:

...The Executive Committee was authorized to consider changing the dues structure so that it would correspond with the July 1 - June 30 fiscal year.

...Appreciation was expressed to retiring members Bong-Ho Son and Istvan Szabo.

...Appreciation was also expressed to Lynn Otto who resigned as office manager, primarily to devote more time to her family. It was decided, because of increased workload to increase the hours of the Office Manager up to 25 hours per week.

...The proposal for an International Christian Academic Studies Certificate was approved in principle. The proposal will be considered for full and final approval by the boards of both IAPCHE and the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

...The International Council for Higher Education was approved as a consulting member of IAPCHE.

...The board re-elected George Monsma as chair and Nelly Garcia as vice-chair for the executive committee in 2002. The along with John Hulst will serve as the executive committee.

Introducing New Board Members

Kuk-Won Shin

"As a college student, I dreamed about studying the Reformational theology and philosophy at places of its origin. My heart was filled with immeasurable gratitude at the completion of My Ph.D. (in philosophical hermeneutics/philosophy of culture) at the Free University of Amsterdam in 1994 because it consummated the vision. I thanked God for calling me out of the darkness of my youth and blessing me with the privilege to pursue the dream. Although I was Christian for my life, I have to confess, my high teen years and early twenties were shadowed by rebellion.

After finishing doctoral work, I returned to Korea and began to teach philosophy and culture at my Alma Mater, Chongshin College in Seoul, Korea, where I was introduced to Christian scholarship. I majored in theology and philosophy. I met Dr. Bong-Ho Son there who pointed me the direction that I have walked until now. I am serving the university as associate professor.

I am grateful to the teachers at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for equipping me with the Reformed theology. I spent almost four years in M.A, M.Div, and Th.M. (in Apologetics) degree programs. I am greatly indebted to the community of Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, which nurtured my philosophical thinking for five years. I was ordained to ministry in 1995 by the Presbyterian Church of America. For four years I served as the pastor of the Korean Bible Church of Ann Arbor, MI which worshipped in Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church. I was born in and married to Dong-Won in 1985. We live in Seoul with two teenage daughters, Kara Hee-Won, and Aletheia Hyun-Jin."

Alexei Bodrov

Alexei Bodrov was born in Moscow in 1960. Since the founding in 1995 of St Andrew's Biblical Theological College in Moscow, he serves as its Rector. He is editor of two publications, an academic quarterly called "Pages: Theology, Culture, Education" and a magazine named "The World of the Bible." He speaks fluent English and conversational French.

Bodrov graduated from the Moscow Institute for Physics and Technology and holds a Ph.D. in Physics from the Russian Academy of Sciences. During several years before he took his current position at St.

Andrew's, he participated in three educational programs: Oxford Theological Exchange Program (Balliol College); Theological Department, Russian Open University; and Centre for Religious Studies, Moscow. From 1991 to 1995, he was the Director and Secretary to the Board of Trustees of Fr. Alexander Men' Open Orthodox University, Moscow. From 1983 to 1991, he was a researcher at the Institute for Chemical Physics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Since February 2000, he has been a member of the Animation Group of the project Sources@Orthodox-Catholic: Cooperation in Education and Culture. He attended IAPCHE Conference 2000. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Russian-American Christian University.

He is actively involved in developing the system of theological education for laity in Russia. Many relevant projects he is responsible for are unique for Russia (Summer Theological Institutes, courses in religion for secular school teachers, publishing programs of academic theological literature, etc.) His academic interests lay in the fields of biblical studies and relations between science and theology. In 1999 he was a chairperson of the public ceremony of the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion at Moscow Kremlin. He likes literature, art and music and enjoys sport tourism in mountains

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Former Executive Secretary and Board Chairman Lectures in Korea and Japan

Last fall, Dr. John C. Vander Stelt, professor emeritus of philosophy and theology at Dordt College, lectured in Pusan, Seoul, Tokyo and Kobe. This trip was arranged for by various persons and institutions in South Korea and Japan.

At Kosin University in Pusan, Vander Stelt lectured in classes of Dr. Kim, Sung Soo, Director of Graduate Education. He spoke at the Mul Geum Presbyterian Church on "Calling, Task, and Culture," and preached in the Samil Presbyterian Church. He met with Dr. Hwang, Chang Kee, president of Kosin University, and with Dr. Oh, Peng-Seh--former president of Kosin University and former IAPCHE board member.

Vander Stelt's schedule of activities in Seoul was arranged by Mr. Wesley Wentworth, volunteer with IVP, and Dr. Shin, Kuk Won, professor at Chongshin University. He preached in the Boondang Central Presbyterian Church and the Kangbyon Presbyterian Church. He visited with Dr. Son, Bong Ho, and his wife, Sang Sil. At Cheonan University, he basic worldview and philosophical issues in scholarship and education.

At Chongshin University, he talked with faculty members about the nature of a Christian college, addressed student chapel, lectured for juniors and seniors on "Biblical Worldview," and visited with Dr. Kim, Eui Won, president.

Vander Stelt lectured Christian school teachers, under the leadership of Dr. Kim, Sun-Yo and hosted by the Korean Christian Studies Institute. At a meeting of about fifty members of the Alternative School Association (established by Dr. Kim, Sun-Yo), he reflected on "Christian Schools in the USA and Canada." At the request of Dr. Rhee, Kwangja, president of Seoul Women's University, he spoke with her, and other staff and faculty members, about "Dordt College as an Institution of Christian Higher Education."

In the Graduate School of Theology at Pyontaek University, outside Seoul, he lectured for faculty members, students, administrators, and president Dr. Ahn, Myung Jun on "Identity of a Christian University." He gave his last lecture in Seoul at *Sogang University*, a Jesuit school, for graduate philosophy students in Dr. Kahn, Young Ahn's class on "The Idea of Christian Philosophy: A Reformational View, with Special Attention to Vollenhoven's Contribution."

In Tokyo, he exchanged ideas with Dr. Hisakazu Inagaki at Tokyo Christian University (TCU) about their common interest in philosophical issues related to religion, faith, theology, history, and society. He met Mr. Shin Toyokawa, recent graduate in theology from TCU, translator into Japanese of Peter S. Heslam's *Creating a Christian Worldview. Abraham Kuyper's Lectures on Calvinism*, 1998 (translation to be published by IVP in 2002), and future doctoral student in Political Theory at Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) in Toronto. Finally, in a telephone conversation he talked with Dr. Julius Taniguchi (an ICS graduate), professor of Political Theory at Seigakuin (Christian) University in Tokyo.

In Kobe, Rev. Masuo Miyazaki--the *first* M.A. graduate of ICS in Toronto in 1975--arranged for Vander Stelt (i) to address the Japanese Calvinist Association on "John Calvin and Abraham Kuyper as Reformers" and (ii) to lecture at Kobe Reformed Theological Seminary (KRTS) on "The Philosophy of Dirk.H.T. Vollenhoven." Discussion followed with Drs. Yoshikazu, president of KRTS (and former theology student in Kampen, the Netherlands) and Dr. Yasunori Ichikawa, one of the three professors at KRTS (and Th.M. graduate of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI, USA). Finally, he visited with Dr. Sumito Haruna, professor of philosophy at Kwansai Gakuin University, an advocate of C. Van Til's apologetics and H. Dooyeweerd's transcendental critique.

In Vander Stelt's opinion, the desire of Christian scholars, educators, students, and administrators, Vander Stelt met in South Korea and Japan, to think about the possibility, relevance, and power of integral Christian higher education was, in his opinion, he impressive, even a bit overwhelming at times. They sense the threat of three subtle and formidable dangers in their world: western secularism, Confucian equating of position with privilege and power, and pervasive dualistic worldviews in most Christian circles.. Starting Christian schools, colleges, and universities is relatively easy; establishing and maintaining their integral, Christian identity in the curriculum and classroom are much more difficult.

Vander Stelt believes his extended lecture and discussion trip illustrates the importance of personal networking and exchanging ideas in a cross-cultural manner. He went to give and learn; he returned having received and learned much more than anticipated. In terms of Christ's last mandate and assurance, after his royal exit from the tomb (Matthew 28:20), he hopes other IAPCHE members will, as Christian scholars and educators, experience similar things. By leaving the comfort zone of their own historical and cultural traditions, they will (re)discover the privilege of challenging, and, above all, of being challenged by, other Christian colleagues and students around the world.

Executive Secretary Travels to Asia/Oceania Region

In November 2001 Dr. John B. Hulst, IAPCHE's executive secretary took an extensive trip in the Association's Asia/Oceania Region.

The schedule for the trip was determined, in part, by the Student Academic Programs Commission (SAPC) of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) -- of which Hulst is a member. Arrangements had been made for SAPC to evaluate the CCCU student program at the University of Xiamen, Xiamen, China. This served as a wonderful opportunity -- before and after -- to visit and confer with individual and institutional members of IAPCHE in the Asia/Oceania Region. It also provided an opportunity to discuss with the leadership of CCCU ways in which IAPCHE and CCCU can cooperate in seeking to promote Christian higher education on an international level.

In addition to China, the trip brought Hulst to Coimbatore, India; Seoul, Korea; and Tokyo, Japan. Visits to other countries had to be cancelled because of warnings re the threat of terrorism.

In each place meetings were held with members of IAPCHE, i.e., area leaders in Christian higher education. The agenda included recent developments in IAPCHE; regional challenges and opportunities re Christian higher education; how IAPCHE can assist in meeting these challenges and opportunities; how to manage the affairs of IAPCHE in such a large region; and plans for a regional leadership conference in Manila, Philippines in October, 2002.

The meetings also included discussions regarding the introduction to IAPCHE's basis statement, especially the introduction: "Academic work is an expression of life commitment to God the Creator, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Science and scholarship cannot have a neutral, uncommitted character but should be pursued from a Biblical perspective." It was observed that a Biblical perspective may have to be worked out in different ways in different situations. At the same time, it was

acknowledged that the basis statement sets a direction for academic work to which the membership of IAPCHE adheres without reservation.

Contact persons were selected in each of the countries visited; and it is in consultation with these persons that plans are being developed for the regional leadership conference. The leadership conference will be held at the University of Los Banos in Manila, the Philippines, on October 23-26, 2002. The theme for this, the first regional conference for the Asia/Oceania region, is "Developing a Christian Academic Community in Asia/Oceania."

CHRISTIAN PROFESSORS IN BRAZIL

A growing number of evangelical (Protestant) Christians are active in the task of teaching and research in the universities of our land, not only in the traditional Christian institutions, whether universities or theological seminaries. This universe of action circumscribes a great challenge for Brazilian Christians that at the same time includes two great objectives of IAPCHE itself: the presence of Christian professionals in secular institutions of teaching and research, and the presence of Christian institutions in a pluralized and secular society.

Our first contact with IAPCHE occurred in January of 1999, in San José, Costa Rica. Three Brazilians participated in the regional Latin American conference, which included representatives from nearly every country of our area. A projected extension of IAPCHE based in regions or countries came as a result of this meeting. Brazil was one such country. San José challenged us to the formation of a network of contacts among professors, researchers and Christian institutions of higher learning for fellowship and sharing our reflections and written productions.

Three other events during the year 2000 marked the process of the formation of an organization in the spirit of IAPCHE in Brazil. First, there was a national congress of the *Alianza Bíblica Universitária* (organization linked to the International Federation of Evangelical Students) in July in the city of Belo Horizonte. Second, the international conference of IAPCHE held in Dordt College in the United States in August of that same year. Third, the second regional Latin American conference held during the meeting of the fourth *Congreso Latino Americano De Evangelización* in September in Quito, Ecuador.

The Brazilians represented in these events, proceeded to work together for the formation of a Brazilian nucleus of IAPCHE, with our own name, leadership and agenda, but identified with the trajectory and ideas of the international movement. For this purpose, a coordinating committee was chosen, composed of the authors of this article, to promote and carry out the organization of this association during 2001.

On November 11-16, 2001, encounters were held in three Brazilian cities, Campinas, Sao Paulo; Londrina, Paraná; and Belo-Horizonte, Minas Gerais. The theme was the Christian responsibility to "Educate for Life", with the purpose of the organization of the sister organization to IAPCHE in our land: *Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores e Educadores Cristãos, ABPEC* (Brazilian Association of Christian Researchers and Educators) .

There were about sixty researchers and professors who attended these three meetings, from different fields of study and from public and private institutions. In Belo Horizonte alone, professors attended from seventeen cities and eight Brazilian states. Among the invited speakers were Dr. Sidney Rooy and the Federal Deputy Gilmar Machado from the Workers Party and member of the Committee of Education of Congress. Information about these meetings can be found on our web site (<http://www.abub.org.br/abpec>).

Dr. Sidney Rooy, IAPCHE representative, presented the covenant made by God with Noah, related in the book of Genesis, as the Biblical ground for the Christian mission to educate for the promotion of life. The "theology of life", contained in the alliance of God with Noah, where God initiates the construction of new

life after the destruction of the flood and where God establishes the guarantees of the perpetuation of this life, should be the guiding principle for our work as Christian investigators and educators.

Given the present reality of the loss of fundamental human values, the social disintegration, the end of the utopias, the lack of identity, the insecurities, the violence and hopelessness, it is necessary that educators develop concrete attitudes which contribute to the reconstruction of life. As Christian educators and researchers we need to struggle for the values of the Kingdom of God; announce and promote, with words and testimonies, the dreams and visions of the Kingdom. Our work in the classroom and in the laboratory must recognize the value of the person as the image of God and contribute to the divine work of reconciliation through the cross of Christ. According to Dr. Rooy, we ought to learn from the Primitive Church and build small communities of solidarity, beginning with small, but concrete, actions.

In the light of these ideas, we discussed the matter of the creation of *ABPEC*. We did not just want to create another association, but to create a medium of interrelation among the Christian researchers and professors of Brazil. We wanted a place where we could share our experiences and professional concerns, our goals and frustrations in the carrying out of the Christian mission in the classrooms and the laboratories. In this way *ABPEC* aspires to become, taking a phrase of Dr. Sidney Rooy, a "small community of solidarity", formed by Christian professors and researchers.

Our meeting in Belo Horizonte made possible the elaboration of concrete objectives for the structuring of our network of Christian researchers and professors, and for goals for the work of our association. We are thankful to God for this beginning of our activities and we plead that He will bless us in our dream of seeing ourselves organized as the "Brazilian Association of Christian Researchers and Professors" for the service of the Kingdom of God in the Brazilian academic and scientific context.

--Dr. Alberto Diniz, professor of mechanical engineering of the University of Brazil

--Prof. Lyndon Araujo, professor of mechanical engineering of the University of Brazil

--Prof. Alexandre Brasil Fonseca, professor of social sciences of the State University of -Londrina

New Centre in Africa

Do you know that the Centre for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in Africa (CPCHEA), which was established in March 2001 in Potchefstroom, South Africa, has a web site? You need to check us out!

Are you interested in regularly providing news items on what is happening in Christian higher education in your country or region in Africa? Get in touch as soon as possible.

Visit CPCHEA web site, at <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~anted/cpchea> where there is a database of Christians in higher education in Africa.

We encourage institutions of Christian higher education, Theological colleges, Christian organizations and individual Christian scholars that share in CPCHEA's vision, to get in touch with the Secretary.

Do not be left behind! Register as a member and become part of the growing army of Christian scholars in Africa who are eager to network and strengthen one another.

To apply for membership of CPCHEA, contact: Dr. Emmanuel S.A.Ayee, Secretary, CPCHEA, PO Box GP486, Accra, Ghana, West Africa; e-mail: ayee_esa@yahoo.co.uk

INTRODUCTIONS

Introducing The MacLaurin Institute

IAPCHE's newest affiliate member is The MacLaurin Institute, headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The mission statement of the institute states "Bringing God into the marketplace of ideas by communicating the Christian worldview with its transforming potential." Founded in 1982 by physicist-theologian Dr. William Monsma (Ph.D., University of Colorado), the Institute offered a learning context where Christian faith and academic concerns were integrated. In its first decade, the Institute sponsored lectures by Christian academics, while also helping Christian graduate students and faculty at the University of Minnesota to thoughtfully engage academia from a distinctly Christian vantage point.

The Institute is named for Colin MacLaurin. Born in 1698, MacLaurin was the finest mathematicians of 18th century Great Britain. Famous among mathematicians and scientists for his series and ellipsoids, he was also a devout follower of Jesus Christ who saw no conflict between the demands of faith and of good science. While his efforts to reconcile both worlds were not without controversy, he nevertheless reminds us that neither intellect nor faith need be sacrificed to each other in pursuit of truth.

Since the mid 1990's, the Institute's horizons have also included international students and scholars, efforts which culminated in the Institute's first major conference, the *World View for World Healing Conference*, in May 1998, with some 300 participants from across North America, as well as 40 speakers and facilitators from around the world. Around the same time, the Institute named its first annual lectureship in honor of Dr. Paul Holmer, well-known Christian philosopher whose book *Making Sense of Life* is available from the Institute.

In 1999, the Institute not only expanded its campus lectures, but it also introduced a series of successful lectures at Border Bookshops in the Twin Cities area. At the same time, the Institute began offering accredited Christian studies courses, taught by Northwestern College (MN) faculty at the Institute's offices. Credit from these courses has been fully transferable, enabling University of Minnesota students to earn some of their elective credit in courses taught from a distinctly Christian perspective.

In 2001, the Institute re-affirmed its call to offer a distinct alternative to the scientific naturalist and postmodern assumptions that shape much of academic life. In the face of academic fragmentation, the Institute proposes to make a plausible case for Christian theism within the intellectual life of the University of Minnesota.

The executive director, Bob Osburn, writes, "Many students in our classes are becoming increasingly dedicated to the vision of serving Jesus Christ in society. Meanwhile, a small cadre of dedicated Twin Cities lay leaders meets monthly at the Institute to pray for the University of Minnesota. And hundreds of students and community members flock to our lectures, on campus and in bookstores, so much so that 'standing room only' is becoming a regular adjective . . . Within a year we seek to

- ...Increase the number of campus and bookstore lectures by 25%
- ...Begin our on-line Christian worldview curriculum, with capacity to engage hundreds of students, and thousands of on-line browsers
- ...Introduce our worldview workshop to students and churches
- ...Expand our course offerings to U of Minnesota students by 33%"

For more information, visit www.maclaurin.org or write The MacLaurin Institute, 331 7th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 USA.

Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian College

A new institutional member of IAPCHE, Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian College, came into existence in 1997 but its roots go back to a small health care center started in 1934 by a young couple. Dr. Jacob and Dr. Mary Cherian, in Oddanchatram, a village of less than 5,000 people. The care for the sick in backward

and poor rural villages in India was to be their mission in life. The couple had just arrived from England where they had trained to become Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians. For Dr. Jacob Cherian, son of a dedicated priest of the Mar Thoma Church, brought up in a simple lifestyle, the decision to serve those in need was made soon after he finished school. Close friends, also medical doctors, joined the Cherians in their mission. Within a decade the health care facility in Oddanchatram grew into a multi-specialty hospital. In 1965, the Cherians moved to Ambilikkai, a small village even smaller than Oddanchatram, but ideally suited for wards for treatment of tuberculosis and leprosy. Eventually, this also grew into a multi-specialty hospital. The hospital has saved many a farmer from an untimely death from snakebite, an essential service in an area abounding in poisonous snakes.

Believing that health education programs go hand in hand with health care services, the Cherians established health care centers in remote villages. There are now 27 such centers covering an area of about 200 square kilometers around Ambilikkai. This led to training community health workers, and the establishment of a College of Nursing.

Education for employment and empowerment became the next concern for the Cherians. They established schools and polytechnics. Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian College (RJMCC) is the Cherians' latest gift to the local community and it brings higher education right to the doorstep of area villages.

Aims and objectives

RJMCC aims to impart sound, liberal education based on Christian principles of good will, tolerance and service to the society through academic and co-curricular programs. Its purpose is to provide quality education to people of this region without prejudice or bias against religion, caste or gender.

The sole aim of the college is to bring higher education within the reach of low income, poorly educated agricultural communities of this area. The programs of this college are geared to equip its students with skills that would help them improve their financial resources and thus raise the quality of life in this backward, rural district. RJMCC believes that a firm foundation is laid for the making of responsible citizens when a sound, value based education is provided.

Resources

At present there are 33 lecturers in six faculties, working full time, and a lawyer working part time. A fully qualified librarian and physical education director complete the complement of academic staff. Each science department has a technician and a laboratory assistant. The administrative office has seven on staff; and two gardeners, two janitors, and two watchmen are also employed.

All teachers hold at least a Master's degree and, generally, an additional pre-doctoral degree. They are in the 24-35 age group; yet their lack of years of teaching experience is offset by their youthful enthusiasm in organizing the many co-curricular activities included in the educational package. RJMCC supports and encourages them to participate in orientation and refresher courses offered by the parent university. In addition, the college also organizes seminars and training courses for teachers. Since RJMCC is located in a rural area, it attracts only those who truly enjoy teaching and working with young people.

Since the 1980's the government stopped funding new colleges and new courses that came into existence to meet the increasing demands for higher education and job oriented courses. Such unaided colleges have to depend entirely on fees and contributions made by individuals and private funding agencies. RJMCC receives no aid from the government. Students come mostly from low income or poor families of the neighboring villages. The fees are kept low to make college education affordable for most of these families. Since RJMCC aims to serve the local community through education, meritorious students from economically or socially challenged families are granted scholarships. Small financial assistance is provided to others depending on the circumstances. A Students' Aid Fund accepts contributions made by individuals who wish to help our students.

The income generated by RJMCC is used largely to equip the laboratories. Staff salaries are necessarily low because funds generated by fees are not adequate to offer salaries on a par with salaries paid in government aided colleges. The physical needs--classrooms, furniture and other basic facilities--are met with loans.

RJMCC premises are simple, clean and pleasant without being ostentatious or imposing. No part of the income generated is spent on creating a decorative facade. Shrubs and trees are planted to make the College beautiful and the ring of mountains around the campus gives it a charm that few institutions with their imposing buildings can rival.

Students

Most of our students will return to their farms and continue the traditional occupations of their families. Those who wish to find employment are handicapped by their rural background and have no ready access to information that would help them choose, or prepare for, a career of their choice. A Career Guidance Cell helps students prepare for competitive examinations and provides information on career choices available to them. We subscribe to journals and publications, which specialize in educational and job opportunities both here and abroad.

RJMCC has 250+ students, of whom two-thirds are men and one-third are women. Most students are either first generation learners or are first in their family to enter college. Most parents have less than primary school education and are therefore unable to help their wards plan their future. It is heartening that the local people are making use of this opportunity to educate not only their sons but also their daughters. However, enrollment in the College is low because of the small populations in the villages and also because of the poor economic status of the villagers.

ICHE . . . Meeting the Need of the Hour

The Second General Assembly of the International Council for Higher Education (ICHE) was convened from 28 to 30 November 2001 in Beatenberg, amid the picturesque Swiss Alps. Welcoming the delegates, Sidney DeWaal, Chancellor drew attention the fact that people serve a God who responds to their needs.

“God never changes, but in a relationship that is dynamic, he relates to the situations we face in varying ways. We all come from different positions and God is the one, who will give shape to and develop ICHE into an instrument for his purposes,” he said as he drew attention to Numbers 26. “We have been thinking from within the box and therefore we will have questions. Once we begin thinking outside the box, where we must be we will experience this dynamic God,” he added. “ICHE was meeting the need of the hour.”

The assembly received greetings from Annalies Strupler, the local hostess, Nik Nedelchev, Chairman of the European Evangelical Alliance, and Wil Goodheer of the International University in Vienna on behalf of Bob Andringa, President of Christian Council of Colleges and Universities in the USA. Commending ICHE’s objectives, Goodheer stated that ICHE and CCCU could certainly work well together in their common mission to advance the goals of Christian higher education.

Peter Cotterell, academic leader both in England and Africa, was unable to deliver his keynote address personally. Cotterell’s written address underlined the need to consider the history of Christianity and note that it had been in the forefront of education. The assault on Christianity as in the faculty of theology in Germany made it retreat from the center stage.

Victor Cole of Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology, reading from and responding to Peter Cotterell’s emphases stated, “We identify with Cotterell’s concerns and see that that ICHE has the potential to do what is required to recover lost ground. Cole suggested a sixth concern to Cotterell’s five “ICHE is a networking of Christian Higher education worldwide with a global fraternal function. “While Cotterell’s thrust is degree recognition, ICHE cannot restrict itself to this,” Cole commented. “ICHE should

be more. It must be the exchange of ideas, programs, and technologies to bring Christian educators into the forefront." The assembly endorsed the need for ICHE to play a major networking role.

Ken Gnanakan, President, made a presentation on ICHE as a strategy for mission. "Appropriate models and programs of education can open doors for Christian educators all over the world. This can lead to the building up of the people of God," he clarified. Much discussion followed with delegates cautioning ICHE from historical experiences of education itself going astray. Thomas Schirmacher of Germany pointed out - "Universities did not go astray because the Gospel faded into the background but because the commitment of people receded."

Summing up the conference agenda, Steve Franklin stated "opportunities for Higher Education are lacking for Christians and ICHE can play a role in providing this. But there should be an integration of faith and learning."

ICHE's background

ICHE, although in the making for six years has functioned officially for three years since its official inception in 1998 in Switzerland. The second assembly saw significant strides in its history with the launching of the Continental Net-University and the appointment of three commissions - Accreditation/Validation, Globalization and Educational Programs. With Ken Gnanakan continuing in leadership, the Council took a major step in appointing Paul Scotchmer as Vice President for Programs and Development to be based in the USA.

Board of Management members are Chancellor, Dr. Sidney DeWaal (USA); President, Dr. Ken R. Gnanakan, India; Vice President for Development, Dr. Paul Scotchmer (USA); Vice President for Finances, Dr. Heinz Strupler (Switzerland); Eui-Won Kim, Member (Korea); Dennis Dirks, Member (USA); Victor Cole, Member (Kenya).

Chairs of commissions are Accreditation and Validations—Dr. Roger Kemp, Australia; Programs—Dr. Wil Goodheer, Austria; and Globalization—Dr. Sam Kang, Korea

ICHE is an international body pursuing excellence in academic programs and promoting sustainable models of higher education, particularly in countries where education is restricted or is in need of enhancement." ICHE

- (a) validates traditional and non-traditional institutions of higher learning;
- (b) awards academic degrees;
- (c) organizes seminars, workshops, symposia, forums, and other means for the purpose of promoting the pursuit of excellence and enhancing the quality of education among member and affiliated institutions;
- (d) facilitates international faculty exchange and placement programs;
- (e) produces publications.

ICHE may validate educational institutions in cases where the institution is unable to offer programs of study or grant degrees due to

- (a) restrictive government policies,
- (b) refusal by educational authorities to legitimate appropriate degrees and/or
- (c) refusal by educational authorities to legitimate accrediting services.

The Council may also grant degrees in exchange for degrees earned at accredited institutions, provided the program of studies justifies such an exchange. The nomenclature of the new degree must be appropriate to the program of studies as determined by external evaluation of established competence. The Council will assist member institutions in developing sustainable models of education whenever needed by offering technical advice and assistance, human resources, and external evaluation or assessment. Where required, partnerships with other like-minded institutions and linkages with government and non-government agencies will be facilitated. This summary highlights ICHE's major activities.

ICHE is very important to institutions located in Islamic countries, as well as in secular countries where government controls the parameters of educational licensure. Even though the Council has a neutral-sounding name and its corporate office is located in neutral Switzerland, it serves the cause of the cause of Christian higher education.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Wealthy with Friendship and Prayer Support

by Samuel Berberian

GUATELMA CITY, GUATEMALA--Samuel Berberian writes, "Life is full of surprises and things that are unexpected....we have to learn to adjust to them....I was a busy man, hard to keep up with. Well, on June 9 a car accident put me in a full standstill and learning to appreciate the love that God has given me graciously to start all over again, learning to re-schedule and evaluating each activity. Sitting in a wheelchair, with my right arm immobilized, and the right foot not able to step on, you learn the hard way to delegate, not as a theory, but in real action. My classes in the Panamerican University are carried on by other people who are doing an excellent job. On matters of the [*Instituto Federico Crowe*], the Board has taken over for the decisions and future plans. I believe the Lord has a plan in this, even when it is hard to understand. Well, it is a good way to learn to trust the Lord and prove His faithfulness in every step of life.

In this accident the Lord gave me the grace to see how wealthy I was with the friendship and prayer support of all kinds of Christians in Guatemala and abroad too. Really it has been an encouragement to know that we are not alone in the moment of trial. I want to express...my appreciation for your support and concern....The Lord reminded me of the scripture in Psalm 118:17 "I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done."

Samuel Berberian is an individual member of IAPCHE.

Latin American Congress of Humanities Meets in Nicaragua

by Tomás H. Téllez

GRANADA, NICARAGUA--We are reporting a successful meeting of the Fifth Latin American Congress of Humanities on the campus of the Polytechnic University of Nicaragua--UPOLI. "Ethics at the Beginning of the 21st. Century" was the theme of this annual conference held September 25 - 28, 2001.

In spite of the closeness to the sad happenings of September 11, we had 10 countries represented: USA, Venezuela, Argentina, Chile, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, México and Nicaragua. 214 people attended the congress, though some from USA, Brazil and Colombia cancelled their participation due to the terrorist attacks. The event was frequently mentioned in the Nicaraguan media.

Forty-six scientific papers were presented, 17 by international scholars and 29 from Nicaragua. The evaluation revealed that the goals of making an impact on the conscience of the Nicaraguan society towards the importance of ethics, was realized. Comments by those in attendance were very positive.

The assembly decided that Congress VI would be held at Chile, hosted by the Technologic Metropolitan University of Santiago.

UPOLI is one of IAPCHE's newest institution members. Their mission is

...To train high quality human resources of academic excellence with Christian, ethic and moral values, to promote scientific, social, economic and cultural development.

...To promote the development of a culture of peace with peaceful conflict solving, human development and living together, and respect to the environment and the integrity of the creation.

UPOLI is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

Chongshin Celebrates Centennial Birthday

SEOUL, KOREA--Chongshin University and Theological Seminary celebrated its centennial birthday in 2001. As a part of celebration, the seminary began building the memorial chapel in April 2000. The building is now completed and will be dedicated on the first day of the spring semester. The chapel is a multi-purpose building with main hall (seating capacity of 2,500 people) and two smaller halls for seminars and various meetings. There are other meeting and prayer rooms. Additionally, it will be a spiritual center where the community may meet together in worship services. Its architectural beauty and appropriate location have transformed Chongshin's campus scenery.

Chongshin University and Theological Seminary is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

Activities at RACU

Moscow, Russia-- Among RACU's several purposes are the following: *To engage Russian university students in vigorous liberal arts education that would promote lifelong Christian service to church and society; and to produce quality Christian scholarship by faculty and students, scholarship which would enhance the best insights of Russian culture and historic Christianity and engage issues in the intellectual and public spheres.* Several significant events over the last several months bear witness to these objectives:

In October, 2001, the Russian-American Christian University and Moscow Christian Business Clubs co-hosted a conference for Russian students, educators and corporate leaders on "Russia and Globalization" as part of the national XIII Religious Conference. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. RACU Drs. Vladimir Solodovnikov, Alexander Zaichenko, and Larry Ort delivered papers respectively entitled "Historical and Cultural Aspects of Globalization," "Economic Aspects of Globalization" and "A Christian Response to Globalization." Several students delivered papers during the related workshops. The public response was very positive. For most students, this was the first experience to present original work in a formal conference setting.

A conference on the "Russian Idea," co-sponsored by RACU and the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RPFU) was held in January, 2002. Dr. Larry Ort, VPAA and Executive Vice President of RACU, and Dr. Pytr Grechko, Professor and Chair of the Department of Social Philosophy at RPFU, served as conference chairs. Dr. Wendy Helleman (Moscow State University and International Institute for Christian Studies), Dr. Igor Chubais (Director of the Russian Studies Center, RPFU), Dr. V.V. Vanchugov (Professor of Philosophy and Literature, RPFU), and Dr. B.O. Volkogonova (Professor of Philosophy, Moscow State University) were presenters. Approximately 40 faculty and students representing the host institutions

were in attendance. A more expansive conference is planned for Fall 2002 to further consider the many timely and vital issues discussed.

A most successful program of periodic evening Business Forums has been implemented by the RACU Business Department. The format is a formal dinner for RACU business students, faculty, and guests from the corporate community, followed by a presentation by a successful business leader.

Learn more about RACU's mission and service opportunities at www.racu.org.

RACU is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

Homecall of Edward Namukoa

By Emmanuel Ayee

BUNGOMA, KENYA--We announce with sadness the death of Dr. Edward Namukoa, a member of the Interim Council of the Centre for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in Africa (CPCHEA) and an individual member of IAPCHE. He died on November 11, 2001 after a short illness.

Edward received his primary school education at Chepchoina and Manani Primary schools from 1955-1966. He later enrolled as a private student for the Kenya Junior Secondary Education and General Certificate of Education Ordinary level examinations. He obtained his Masters in Teaching degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, USA, and a Ph.D from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

He lectured in Mosoriot and Ekoji Teachers' Training Colleges in Kenya. Until his death, he was Head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy of Maseno University in Kenya. Edward was a respondent at IAPCHE Conference 2000 in Iowa, USA.

He left behind his wife Florence Mahonja and eleven children.

Calvin College to Host Visiting Professor from Korea

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, USA--Calvin College is the host this year to Dr. Youn-Sik Han, a professor of electrical engineering and the academic dean of Handong University, a Christian university of 2,500 students founded in Korea in 1995. Dr. Han is studying issues in Christian higher education, participating in Calvin's Kuiper Seminar for new faculty members, and teaching a course in electrical engineering. Dr. Han's wife, Becky, who is a professor of English language at Handong University, delivered a baby in November, a son named Calvin.

The Han family is the first to participate in an annual opportunity for a visiting scholar to be in residence at Calvin; the college invites colleagues from other institutions whose projects are germane to a stay on its campus to apply for this visiting scholars program. If a scholar can bring his or her own basic support, the college can provide below-cost family housing, an equipped office, a "home department," and faculty privileges for a semester or an academic year.

Plans are afoot for officials and professors of Calvin College to participate in a seminar on faith and scholarship in Seoul, Korea, in July 2002. This event will be co-hosted by Handong and Koin Universities.

Calvin College is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

Fowlers Busy with Three Projects

(excerpts from a January 2002 letter)

ELTHAM, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA--Although the doctors tell us that medically there is no reason why we should not continue with plans to go to Africa as planned in January, there are two reasons why we believe we need to defer at least until mid-year. Firstly, we feel the need to ensure that we have regained our full strength and energy before going so that we can use the time most effectively. Secondly, there is a backlog of tasks to be done before we go and we cannot see it as possible to clear this backlog by January. We are now exploring the possibilities for a visit some time a little later in the year.

A modest publishing venture

Our visit this year indicated to us a need to make quality printed material available in Africa at modest costs. For this purpose we have installed high quality color laser printing equipment that will match the high quality publishing software we already have. We have just printed our annual newsletter, "*Habari ya Amani*," on this equipment in full color with very pleasing results. Our first planned publication will bring together papers presented to the Kitale seminars in a booklet of around 70 pages entitled "The Christian Professional: Called to the Service of Love." Following this, we plan to bring together some of the South African seminar material in a separate booklet of about the same size.

Developing effective community education initiatives

We have recently been spending considerable time preparing the constitution of Community Penetration Christian Ministry (CPCM) ready for presentation to the relevant authorities in order to be registered as a non-government organization in Kenya. It has been operating for some time on an informal basis, but registration is essential if it is to continue and expand its ministry effectively.

Online database of Christians in higher education

Another important project that we have been able to continue over recent months has been maintaining and developing an online database of Christians working in higher education in Africa. This database is being developed by the newly established Centre for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education in Africa (CPCHEA) with a view to facilitating working links between Christians working in different academic disciplines in the African context.

Stuart Fowler is an individual IAPCHE member.

Eighth Asian Congress on Calvin Research Convenes in Seoul

SEOUL, KOREA--The theme for the eighth Asian Congress on Calvin Research was "Back to the Bible." IAPCHE member, Dr. S. K. Chung, president of The Institute for Calvinistic Studies in Korea (ICSK), gave the opening message to theologians from various Asian nations and church leaders from various Korean denominations. Dr. John Hesselink, of Western Theological Seminary, was the special guest speaker for this conference held at Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul.

ICSK is an IAPCHE institutional member.

The Dutch CHE and Belgian BIB are becoming partners

By Johan Hegeman

EDE, THE NETHERLANDS--The *Christelijke Hogeschool Ede (CHE)*, a Christian University of Professional Education in Ede, the Netherlands, and the Bible Institute Belgium (BIB), in Heverlee, Belgium will form a partnership in March 2002. The faculties of the institutes have drawn up a declaration of intent with the goal of providing mutual educational benefit and academic support. The faculty of the CHE represented is the Department of Religion, which offers bachelor degrees in Religion Education and Church ministries. The Department offers master professional degrees in religion education, ministry in health-care, and practical ministry. The BIB has two schools, the Evangelical Theological Faculty and The European School of Evangelical Theology. Through this unique partnership, the Dutch and the Belgian institutes of Christian Higher Education emphasize the new international developments in European orthodox Christian theological learning. The CHE and the BIB will maintain their own governing bodies and their own theological identities.

The cooperation between CHE and BIB is a witness to the rise of a shared identity among Evangelical and Reformed Christians in Europe. The partnership has the explicit aim of strengthening the position of scriptural theology in the Reformed and Evangelical Churches. Both partners adhere to the authority of Holy Scripture, as formulated in the Belgian Creed (NGB), articles 2-7, and the Chicago declaration of the infallibility of the Bible. Both partners adhere to the belief that endorsing these aims and principles is essential in university and professional learning and for the spiritual development of students and faculty.

The declaration of intent of CHE and BIB provides the possibility to cooperate in several areas and to continually seek an "optimal symbiosis." Several important projects will commence in the next academic year 2002/2003. The CHE will adjust its plans for the master professional degree programs to the existing Master of Theology degree (licentiate), so that CHE students can transfer to the Belgian academic university faculty, and eventually, join the doctorate (Ph.D.) program in Theology. The Belgian students of the BIB will gain the possibility of additional education on bachelor and master level in specific professional practices in religion education and church ministries. Plans are to be drawn up for the appointment and sharing of instructors as visiting professors at both universities.

The Christelijke Hogeschool in Ede is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

St. Andrew's Experiences Fruitful and Difficult Year

MOSCOW, RUSSIA--2001 was both fruitful and difficult for St. Andrew's, its staff, faculty and students. For the first time in our history we had most of our activities on our own premises. This was really a new experience for us, good and bad. (The bad was the serious flood in August; we had many repairs, having to replace some damaged furniture and equipment, but it was just a disaster . . .)

We published 25 books in 2001, and with the support of the Association of Protestant Churches in Germany and Feed the Minds in Great Britain we were able to send a great many free books to libraries and to the graduates of theological schools. We hope to expand these highly important projects next year. We also reprinted 8 titles, which had sold out. This is a very good sign that the book distribution situation in Russia is improving. However, we still have to sell books well under cost in order to make them available to the people who need them.

We continue our scholarship program for students from the province of Russia and CIS. The number of applicants for these scholarships has increased although the number of scholarships that we were able to award is less than it was last year. Despite this we managed to invite eight students to share five scholarships, and we hope that the situation will improve next year. We need more scholarships for our gifted students.

On the whole the number of students at St. Andrew's has increased. In fact we had a technical problem at the beginning of the new academic year—not enough chairs for all our students. This funny situation made us very enthusiastic about the future.

We continue our series of public lectures. They are given monthly by leading specialists. The annual St. Andrew's Readings on December 12-14 was particularly fine. There were 22 excellent papers by our faculty and we also had a special student session at which awards were given for the best papers.

On April 5 St. Andrew's held a one-day conference on "The Text and the Translation of the Bible." At the same time we launched The Text of the Hebrew Bible by Professor Emanuel Tov. This project took five years and was the most complicated publishing project that we have ever undertaken. Prof. Tov who came to Moscow from Jerusalem to be present at this event told us that our edition is the nicest in appearance of all the other editions of his book.

On April 25-29 St. Andrew's participated in a large Orthodox-Anglican conference in Moscow that was organized by CMS (London) and the Moscow Patriarchate. It was an excellent opportunity to meet old friends and to make new friends. We arranged for the participants to visit our new premises, which was an exciting event for everybody. And in the framework of the conference we introduced our translation of The Orthodox Liturgy by Hugh Wybrev from Oxford who was with us for the book launch. This book is so popular that we have already reprinted it.

June featured our third graduation. Three students defended their diplomas and were awarded a degree. The 2000-2001 scholarship students received certificates. Our third Summer Theological Institute in Belorussia took place June 18 – July 1. We organized this in cooperation with the Theological Department of the European University in Humanities (Minsk) with the blessing of Filaret, Metropolitan of Minsk and Belorussia. Again it was highly successful and we hope to be able to conduct additional summer institutes in other regions. We very much want to expand this program.

In October St. Andrew's again exhibited its books at the Frankfurt Book Fair. It was a productive time. We saw old friends and made new contacts, as a result of which there are many new translation projects in the offing as well as several hundred wonderful books, donated by leading Christian publishers, in our library. We were delighted to see the recently published book by George Pattison, dean of King's College, Cambridge, A Short Course in the Philosophy of Religion. He gave this course at St. Andrew's two years ago and it would be good now to translate it into Russian!

In November Alexei Bodrov was elected to the IAPCHE Board. On November 29 – December 1 St. Andrew's held an international conference on "Georgia and Russia: Problems of Empire and Unity in the Orthodox World." It was so successful we hope to be able to hold it annually.

St. Andrew's Biblical Theological College is an institutional member of IAPCHE.

Institutions Change Presidents

Covenant College announced on December 5 the selection of Dr. Niel B. Nielson of Wheaton, Ill., as its fifth president. His tenure will begin July 1, 2002.

Calvin Theological Seminary announces that on January 1, 2002, Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. began serving as the sixth president of the seminary.

Dr. John Titaley is now the rector at Satya Wacana Christian University in Salatiga, Indonesia.

Dr. Bruce Murphy will soon celebrate his first anniversary of becoming president at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, USA.

In January, Dr. Theuns Eloff began serving as rector of Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education in Potchefstroom, South Africa.

Hellemans Leave Russia after Six Years

Excerpts from a February newsletter.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA--Our years in Moscow have ended. We left Moscow on January 25 and closed the door on six and a half years of ministry there. While we look forward to our work in Nigeria, and will write you more about that in a subsequent letter, we want to take one last opportunity to reflect with you on our work at Moscow State University and in Russia.

For this purpose we have taken a somewhat unusual approach, adapting an interview style. Friends in Moscow passed along a set of questions that we edited to suit our own particular situation there.

What has been the best part of being in Russia?

Adrian: The culture. Russians have a great appreciation for what we call ³high culture.² The art galleries are treasure-troves of European and Russian art. While in the music halls one can hear beautiful concerts on a daily basis for prices that even ordinary Russians can afford. Although we did not avail ourselves of concerts as often as we might have wished, nevertheless, they were an oasis, especially in the middle of the winters in Moscow. The Russian people are very friendly and generous, when one gets to know them well. ³On the street,² as they say in Russia, that is another story. Churches provided a spiritual oasis for us, not only St. Andrew's Anglican Church but also others, including Orthodox churches. The beauty of the liturgy, the icons, and the singing in the latter was both impressive and uplifting. Spirituality, which is closely related to culture, is an important value in Russia. While most Russians do not attend church on a regular basis, all consider themselves spiritual, or even religious in the cultural sense. This is their heritage; it is what makes them rich.

Wendy: The friends we made. Our colleagues - Emma and Genya especially - have also been our good friends, ever ready to help, supportive; we experienced true collegiality, which is rare in academic work. Ira and Volodya, who invited us to their apartment, sight unseen, upon our arrival in Moscow, on the recommendation of a mutual acquaintance, a Canadian. The friends we made at St. Andrews, Pat, the Minney's, Kaarina, Lena and Slava, Kirin, Andrey, too many to list, really. Two students stand out of the crowd, Oleg in classical languages, and Lena in Russian philosophy. They have made our time in Russia especially rich and meaningful. We enjoyed wonderful discussions, and could have had far more, had our Russian been up to it. Russians love a kitchen-table type of philosophizing. And there is lots to discuss here. Yes, and I too could also mention some wonderful musical events, unforgettable evenings at the Conservatory, as when a German choir sang the St. John's Passion, a first after perestroika, and you could just feel the emotion, the audience following the words in Russian.

What was your biggest culture shock?

Wendy: The Russian language was not easy to learn. It took about two years before I became comfortable using it in a remotely decent fashion. I can read much better than speak it, which has been a wonderful development. The added problem is that in public situations, like shopping, Russians make little attempt to understand you if your pronunciation is not good enough. They ignore you, and go on to the next customer; it's quite difficult to swallow!

What about reverse culture shock, when you're back in America?

Adrian: The proliferation of goods for sale in stores in North America as compared with what was available especially when we first arrived in Russia in 1995. Since then the situation has improved, especially in Moscow. Another example of reverse culture shock occurs whenever I see police officers on the street when I am home, and realize that they will not stop me to ask for documents. Although the police in Moscow has never stopped me for this purpose, just about everyone I know, including Russians, has been stopped. Since we didn't own a car in Moscow, we were never stopped by the traffic police and fined on the spot for minor or even non-existent infractions, but we have been passengers in cars that were stopped.

Would you do it again? Change anything?

Adrian: Yes, I would do it again. What I would change are the conditions under which we worked at Moscow State University. I would insist that we be permitted to teach more courses in our areas of expertise. We discovered too late that we might have been able to do this, but how realistic it would have been is difficult to determine. All that is now water under the bridge¹.

Wendy: Sure! Our expectations, as we understood the matter—teaching Christian philosophy—were quite out of line with what was realistically possible. Thus it was helpful when we began to understand the relevant factors over time.

Adrian and Wendy Helleman are individual members of IAPCHE.

New Year's Message from the Rooy's
Excerpts from a January newsletter.

PENNEY FARMS, FL, USA--We hope you will have strength and shalom-peace on your journey this new year. The uncertainties we face can make us fearful, but they offer opportunities as well. So we press on in the spirit of adventure, knowing that love and grace are stronger than fear. From many of you have received year-end greetings and best wishes which give us much encouragement and reasons for gratitude.

For us the social crisis in Argentina is not a surprise. There are two main causes: internal corruption and the "liberal" economic program prescribed by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Argentina has been a "module" country in that it followed the formula of these world banking interests to the letter of the law, which meant paying 15.6 billion dollars in interest this year to Northern banks. Salaries, industries, education, health, pensions, governmental costs—all have been mercilessly slashed these last years, and now the people will bear no more. When will we ever wake up to the immorality and the injustice of the external foreign debts of poor nations? (If you want more information on this, just let us know.) The increasing poverty of large population sectors of our shrinking world in the coming years will foster insurrections and cultivate the very terrorism we want to fight. And so, now we are back to September 11 and the new world it created, or rather symbolizes.

These are indeed serious and urgent times. Making light of the terrors and fears would be childish and foolish. What it means, however, is not isolation and resignation—quite the contrary. It means broadening our understanding of the world's plight, preserving creation's beauty, restructuring our societies to favor the poor, sharing our gifts and talents with our neighbors in the Biblical sense, letting the Gospel speak in actions as in words. Kingdom building is for everyone, as we pray: "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is

in heaven." So, we join you in the new year of grace and opportunity, with enthusiasm and faith that the good and true and beautiful will increase in our land and right across the globe.

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WYSOCS Lists Events

The West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies (WYSOCS) has been holding series of lectures, day events, and evening courses for the past sixteen years, approaching a wide variety of topics from a Biblical perspective. Check this list of upcoming events:

March 29, a Good Friday evening concert in support of "The Gap." (Refer to November 2001 Contact for more information about WYSOCS Gap Project.)

April 25 evening, with the Theology Department at Leeds University: RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

April 27, Human Right Day: two sessions

May 18, a May Ball in support of the Gap Year Project.

June 17, an informed discussin evening: Can we improve interfaith relations without interfaith worship?

For more information, e-mail wysocs@aol.com.

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Bachelor/Master degree system in the Netherlands

by Johan Hegeman

EDE, THE NETHERLANDS--Following the joint declaration of the European Ministers of Education convened in Bologna in 1999, the Dutch government passed a law to adopt the internationally well-known Bachelor/Master degree system. Beginning in the academic year 2002, university graduates will be able to adopt the title of bachelor and master in addition to the traditional diplomas on the master level: *doctorandus* (drs.), *ingenieur* (ir.) or *meester* (mr.). Graduates from the Dutch universities of professional education (*hogescholen*) will be able to adopt the title of bachelor in addition to the traditional diplomas of *bac* or *ingenieur* (ir). Under the new "BaMa" system, university students will first take a Bachelor's program lasting at least three years and will then be able to go on to enter a specialized Master's program. The BaMa system applies to the two types of higher education in the Netherlands, the academic and scientific education versus the higher professional education.

The Dutch distinction between the two types of higher education on university level will remain. The motivation for introducing the BaMa system is not the introduction of the liberal arts philosophy, but to be more competitive on the international level. The academic tradition found, for example at the Free University in Amsterdam, will continue to adhere more strongly to the continental European ideal of *Bildung*, as formulated by Wilhelm von Humboldt. Whereas the Dutch tradition of professional education, as found in the *Christelijke Hogeschool Ede*, will continue to emphasize reflective training geared to the transfer of theoretical knowledge and the development of skills of direct relevance to the world of work and professional practices. Yet, we will see both types of learning leading to mergers, both on curriculum level in the design of new majors and on organizational level. The traditionally academic Free University and the "*hogeschool*" Windesheim have recently merged institutionally, as have the CHE and BIB on the curriculum level (see related article in this issue).

The upshot of the vast change to the BaMa system, is that Dutch students will soon be able to transfer more easily within Europe and increasingly world-wide after following the basic bachelor programs at home. The academic universities are also faced with massive differentiation of their curricula into bachelor and master programs. Dutch universities are also setting up elite programs for excellent students, increasingly in the English language. Like the universities, the *hogescholen* will also be able to set up Master's degree program, but contrary to the universities, these master degree programs will not be financed by government. For this reason, Dutch professional universities may increasingly look for partners abroad.

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Summer Course on Religion and Liberalism

The second Summer Seminar co-sponsored by Calvin College Philosophy Department and the Institute for Christian Studies will take place in Toronto from June 6-21, 2002. The pertinence of the theme will need no underlining: 'Religion and Other Crimes Against Civility: Dilemmas of Toleration in a Liberal Democracy'. Key questions will include whether liberalism can do justice to religious participation in political life and whether Christian political thought can produce constructive models of political engagement in liberal democracies. This is an advanced seminar for graduate (or graduating) students and younger faculty, and is co-taught by Dr Jonathan Chaplin, Professor of Political Theory (ICS) and Dr David Hoekema, Professor of Philosophy (Calvin). For further information and course brochure, contact Donna Kruihof at Calvin College Philosophy Department (kruido@calvin.edu) or Jonathan Chaplin at ICS (jchaplin@icscanada.edu).

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BOOKS

To include a book in the next issue's BOOK LIST, send the bibliographic information and a brief abstract to the IAPCHE office before October 10, 2002.

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Bakhtin And Religion: A Feeling For Faith

Edited by Susan Felch and Paul Contino; Northwestern University Press: Evanston, IL; 2001, 272 pages, ISBN: 0810118254.

This book of essays examines the role of Christian commitments in shaping the thought of Mikhail Bakhtin, a prominent 20th-century Russian literary critic and moral and aesthetic philosopher.

Engaging God's World: A Reformed Vision Of Faith, Learning, And Living

By Cornelius Plantinga Jr.; Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Grand Rapids, MI; 2002, 169 pages, ISBN: 0802839819.

Starting with the Bible's command to love God with mind as well as heart, this book links this mandate to the pursuit of academic life. It argues that Christian higher education is critical to the intellectual and spiritual formation of believers.

Eyes Wide Open: Looking For God In Popular Culture

By William D. Romanowski; Brazos Press: Grand Rapids, MI; 2001, 176 pages, ISBN: 1587430096.

This guide for interpreting and evaluating popular culture as a Christian focuses on movies, music and television.

God's Call: Moral Realism, God's Commands, And Human Autonomy

By John E. Hare; Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Grand Rapids, MI; 2001, 132 pages, ISBN: 0802839037.

The author addresses a longstanding debate between those ethicists who see moral judgments corresponding to a moral reality independent of human opinion and those who insist that moral judgments are essentially expressions of will. He outlines a theory that draws on both views and argues that what makes something right is that God call us to it.

Media Ethics: Cases And Moral Reasoning

Clifford Christians, Mark Fackler, et. al., , 6th ed.; Longman: New York; 2001, 352 pages, ISBN: 0801333385.

A classic, best-selling textbook on media ethics uses the case study method, plus discussions of theory and the authors' own media experiences. Topics and issues in journalism, broadcasting, advertising, public relations, entertainment, e-mail, and the World Wide Web.

New Songs

By Otto Selles and Geraldine Selles-Ysselstein; Pandora Press: Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; 2001, ISBN: 1894710142.

Calvin French professor Otto Selles has published a book called "new songs," that combines his poems with relief prints by his sister, Geraldine Selles-Ysselstein, an artist who lives in Arkell, Ontario. Although Selles says he didn't set out to write "Biblical poetry," much of the book does in fact deal with Biblical and religious themes.

In the preface to the book Calvin Theological Seminary President Neal Plantinga praises Selles for being interested in themes, not just in his reaction to the themes, avoiding self-referential point of view. "Selles," says Plantinga, "shines a light outward, and from various angles, so that we may see anew what has always been there, or see for the first time possibilities beyond our usual ken."

Political-Economic Activity to the Honour of God,

By Dr. John M. Boersema; Premier Publishing; Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; 2002, ISBN: 0887560776

The book takes as a point of departure the cultural mandate that we as God's stewards must develop the world to enable man to honor God and then puts forward a number of other relevant Christian principles. Goals of economic policies such as full employment, caring for the weak and economic growth are considered from a Christian perspective. After examining the appropriate roles of government and the market, the book develops the proposition that a Christian approach to economics should include a conditional preference for the market as a means to achieve biblical goals.

The book, written by a Redeemer University College professor, also deals with the biblical teachings concerning the ownership of property, taxation and regulation and explores the role of competition and incentives in ensuring the stewardly use of God-given resources. Finally, the Dutch "harmony" model is evaluated to see if it might serve as a model of an alternate or "Third Way"-a blueprint for Christian inspired structural change.

Seeking Understanding: The Stob Lectures, 1986-1998

Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Grand Rapids, MI; 2001, 560 pages, ISBN: 0802849393.

Thirteen years of lectures on topics in ethics, apologetics and philosophical theology from an annual series cosponsored by Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. Contributors include Alvin Plantinga, Martin Marty, Nicholas Wolterstorff, Arthur Holmes, Eleanor Stump, et. al.

Serving The Claims Of Justice: The Thoughts Of Paul B. Henry

Edited by Douglas L. Koopman; Paul B. Henry Institute: Grand Rapids, MI, 2001, 269 pages, ISBN: 0970369344.

The writings of a former Calvin College professor and U.S. Congressman relate his faith to his public policy thinking and actions. The book also contains reflective essays by colleagues, celebrating the life and work of Paul Henry in the words of people who knew him well. Nationally syndicated columnist David S. Broder contributes a foreword, and there are nine other essays by friends of Paul Henry such as Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield; North Carolina congressman David Price; Michigan congressman Fred Upton; Paul Hillegonds, former Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives; and Fuller Seminary president Richard Mouw.

The Arts, Community And Cultural Democracy

Edited by Lambert Zuidervaart and Henry Luttikhuisen; St. Martin's/Macmillan: New York & London; 2000, 224 pages, ISBN: 0312225040.

Essays exploring the role of the arts in shaping contemporary religion and politics. Authors show how the arts can help expose the barriers to cultural democracy, form open and creative communities, and contest illegitimate authority.

The Bible And The Task Of Teaching

By David I. Smith and John Shortt; Stapleford Centre: Nottingham, UK; 2002, 188 pages.

The authors present a variety of ways in which scripture connects with the task of teaching: with its beliefs, virtues, personal and cultural stories, images and metaphors.

The Future of Religious Colleges

Edited by Paul J. Dovre; Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Grand Rapids, MI; (expected) April 2002, 376 pages, ISBN: 0802849555.

The state of religious education in America has been a major topic of discussion of late. In this volume scholars and educational leaders from a variety of faith traditions talk candidly about the future of religious colleges here at the start of the twenty-first century.

Building on competent historical and analytical studies of the past decade, the contributors consider the nature of religious education generally, explore the relationship between religious colleges and their sponsoring churches, probe a number of successful educational models, and examine the influence of public policy on religious colleges. Taken together, these constructive essays demonstrate that religious colleges still have the potential to serve well the missions of their churches and to provide a creative haven for the advancement of academics in America.

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