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I. GREETINGS FROM THE EDITORS

The Editors send seasonal greetings to APECSS colleagues in the fields of early Christian studies and Patristics. Welcome back to the APECSS Newsletter.

This newsletter informs you the concurrent and imminent information about the matters in the area of early Christian studies and the relevant studies in the latter half of 2012 and the next year 2013. Thanks for your enduring commitment to the activity of APECSS. We eagerly hope to see many of you in Melbourne at the occasion of the Early Christian Studies Conference next year.

Please send all items of interest for inclusion in this e-newsletter either to Dr David Luckensmeyer (early.christian@acu.edu.au) or to me.

The next newsletter will be issued in November 2012 by David.

Sincerely yours,

Naoki Kamimura (kmmrnk@nifty.com)

2. CONFERENCE REPORT

The seventh APECSS conference was held at the Luce Center for the Global Church, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, from 5-7 July, 2011. The conference theme was "Preaching and Ministry", which invited us to reconsider the practical aspect of early Christian thought. We were delighted to have Prof Seyoon Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary, as one of the three keynote speakers at the conference, delivering his paper entitled "The Apostle Paul as Preacher and Pastor". The second Keynote speaker, Prof Pauline Allen, Australian Catholic University and University of Pretoria, read her paper entitled "Aspects of Preaching and Ministry in East and West AD 400-600". The conference finished with the presentation of the

third keynote speaker, Prof Hanns Christof Brennecke, from Erlangen University, entitled “Preaching—the Office of Bishop in the Constantinian Age: The Example of Miletius of Antioch”.

Not only were the regular members of the APECSS conference well represented among the presenters and participants from South Korea, Australia, South Africa, Germany, Russia, USA, and Japan, but it was wonderful to meet together and talk with those from Lithuania and Philippines, and especially with young scholars from some universities in Japan and Korea.

The conference was a great success. Let us please thank the organisers of this conference at Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary for their enormous efforts in bringing us together for a very enjoyable meeting, most especially Prof Wonmo Soh and Prof Eunhye Lee, and their team of students from this college. As well, the Society has to extend gratitude to the convenors of the conference, Rev Dr Geoffrey Dunn and Prof Kazuhiko Demura.

As to the proceedings of the conference, *Scrinum*, «Revue de patrologie, d'hagiographie critique et d'histoire ecclésiastique» will publish selected papers as soon as possible.

More reports and photos are available at the website of ACU Centre for Early Christian Studies [<http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/apecss-conf2012.html>].

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

First announcement of the “Early Christian Centuries Conference”, on the theme “Men and Women in Early Christianity”

will be held at St Patrick’s Campus of Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 3-5 October 2013. For more information, please see: [<http://www.earlychristiancenturies.com.au>].

5-7 September 2012

The Fourth British Patristics Conference will be held at Exeter University (St Luke’s Campus), 5-7 September 2012. Enquiries about papers and other academic matters to the Conference convenor: Morwenna Ludlow [<mailto:britishpatristics@gmail.com>]. Contact details and booking information: [<http://www.humanities.exeter.ac.uk/research/conferences>].

26-28 October 2012

The 37th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies (PMR) Conference will be held at Villanova University, 26-28 October 2012. The PMR committee this year issues a special invitation to scholars from all disciplines in these fields to address our plenary theme: “After Constantine: Religion, Politics, Culture, & Counterculture”. For more information, see: [<http://www.villanova.edu/villanova/mission/augustinianinstitute/conferences/pmr.html>].

12-16 December 2012

In commemoration of the 1600th anniversary of the birth in Constantinople of Proclus, fourth last head of the Platonic Academy, Proclus Conference “Archai: Proclus Diadochus of Constantinople and his Abrahamic interpreters” will be hosted by Faith University and Yildiz University, Istanbul, Turkey. Papers will be 20-25 minutes long, although there may be some

flexibility. Please submit an abstract of approximately 300-500 words by 1 September 2012 to David Butorac [<mailto:Proclusinistanbul@gmail.com>].

17-20 January 2013

The 34th ASCS conference is to be held in conjunction with the exhibition, “Alexander the Great – 2000 Years of Treasures”, to be held at the Australian Museum in Sydney opening on 24 November. The joint-convenors are Assoc. Prof Ken Sheedy (<mailto:ken.sheedy@mq.edu.au>) and Dr Blanche Menadier (<mailto:blanche.menadier@mq.edu.au>) from Macquarie University, and planning is already underway. A conference website has been set up [<http://www.ascs.org.au/news/index.html>], and it will be regularly updated.

21-24 March 2013

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

9-12 May 2013

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

23-25 May 2013

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

31 May-2 June 2013

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

4-6 June 2013

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting as the part of the 2013 Congress of the Humanities of Social Sciences, hosted by University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, 1-8 June 2013. For more information, see: [<http://fedcan.ca/en/media/events/congress-2013-0>].

25-27 June 2013

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of its inception, the International Association of Patristic Studies, in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Christianity in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will convene an international conference in Jerusalem on 25-27 June 2013. The theme of the conference will be the state of Patristic studies in the twenty-first century, focusing

on the implications of the various settings and interests of patristic studies for the future of the field. For more information, see: [<http://www.aiep-iaps.org/EN/Activities/50th-Anniversary.html>]. Please address queries concerning registration and other practical matters to: Daniel Salem at [<mailto:daniel.salem@mail.huji.ac.il>]. Please address queries concerning academic matters to: Carol Harrison at [<mailto:Carol.Harrison@durham.ac.uk>].

1-4 July 2013

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

8-13 July 2013

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

23-27 July 2013

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Perth 2013. The annual meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies, the peak international body for New Testament scholarship and research, will be held in Perth, Western Australia, 22-26 July, 2013, at Murdoch University. For further information, please contact Prof Bill Loader (<mailto:w.loader@murdoch.edu.au>), convener of the organising committee. Please visit the website [<http://www.murdoch.edu.au/SNTS/>].

26-31 August 2013

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

24-26 September 2013

The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and the Polish Patristic Section are organizing an international patristic conference on the theme *Between religio licita and religio regalis*. The Church and Theology at the Time of the Transformations (on the 1700th anniversary of "Edict of Milan"). The conference will take place at the John Paul II Catholic University, Lublin, Poland, 24-26 September 2013. The deadline for abstracts is 1 December 2012. For more information, see: [<http://www.kul.pl/miedzynarodowa-konferencja-patrystyczna-od-religio-licita-do-religio-regalis,14873.html>].

3. POSITIONS VACANT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowships offered by the French School of Athens for the year 2013.

Application forms should be sent to the French School until 15 October 2012. All useful information concerning these fellowships is also available at the website of the School: [http://www.efa.gr/Formation/Bourses/form_bourses_efa.htm].

4. MISCELLANEOUS

APECSS LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION!

Our steering committee is now pleased to announce a logo design competition for the APECSS members. The aim of the competition is to establish a visual identity for the APECSS activities in the field of early Christian studies. The winning logo will become the sole property of the APECSS and its related projects. There will be one prize winner who will be awarded the following prize: the winner's choice of any one book from the series "Early Christian Studies" and "Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church".

Deadline for receiving entries: Sunday, 30 September 2012.

Submission of logo entries: Ms Dinah Joesoef, Administrative Officer of the Centre for Early Christian Studies, ACU [<mailto:early.christian@acu.edu.au>].

Reminders:

September 2013

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

8-11 September 2014

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

JSPS (Japanese Society for Patristic Studies) third supplementary volume was published in January 2012. For more information, please contact Prof Shigeki Tsuchihashi (<mailto:tsuchi@tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp>), Secretary General of the JSPS.

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