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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear Colleagues

This Bulletin is the normal second issue of the year which includes some corrections to the list of National Officers. Apologies to those whose names and positions were not noted accurately in January.

The Special Conference in Brno is now in an advanced planning stage. Please address any enquiries about it to Dr Dalibor Papousek (see associations list of January issue). On page 3 below you will find the Draft Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting. If you have any matters which you wish to bring to the attention of the Executive Committee please let me know about these as soon as possible. There will also be a meeting of the Editorial Board of NUMEN and as an additional event an Open Forum at which matters of interest within the IAHR may be discussed by all present. I understand that a good number of the Executive Committee will be attending the Conference.

Please note also that IAHR correspondence can be handled in Lancaster (England) up until July this year. New address, telephone and FAX details are noted on page 10 below.

In conclusion I am happy to report that the proceedings of the XVith Congress held in Rome have now been published under the editorship of our President, Professor Ugo Bianchi. The details may be found overleaf. Please address all enquiries about purchase to the publishers.

With all best wishes,

Michael Pye

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THE NOTION OF «RELIGION»
IN COMPARATIVE RESEARCH

SELECTED PROCEEDINGS
OF THE XVITH CONGRESS
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IAHR CONFERENCE AT BRNO (CZECH REPUBLIC) AUGUST 1994

A. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(DRAFT AGENDA)

1. Membership present and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Secretary-General's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Review of arrangements for Mexico Congress 1995
6. Perspective for future conferences
7. Affiliations and relations between national and regional associations
8. Proposals for supplementary subscribing membership of IAHR
9. Publications (journals, proceedings)
10. Any other business

B. MEETING OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF NUMEN

(with the same membership plus Executive Editors)

C. IAHR OPEN FORUM

(i) Brief report by Secretary-General

(ii) Introduction of a discussion topic by Prof Bianchi (President): "Cultural and epistemological/methodological policies of the IAHR"

(iii) The Officers and Executive Committee to receive advice and answer questions from other participants at the conference

D. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

If any matters arise which demand a formal decision the Executive Committee may be briefly reconvened at the end for this purpose

Michael Pye

**Australian and New Zealand Association
of Theological Schools**

**Australian and New Zealand Society for
Theological Studies**

**Australian Association for the Study of
Religions**

1994

**CONCURRENT NATIONAL
CONFERENCES**

IN

THEOLOGY (ANZATS)

AND

**THE STUDY OF
RELIGIONS (AASR)**

JULY 3-7

**Luther Campus and Aquinas College
Adelaide, South Australia**

CONFERENCES' COORDINATOR is Dr. Victor Hayes of
Flinders University (Sturt Bldg), Bedford Park, SA 5042.
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PAGANISM IN CONTEMPORARY BRITAIN

Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th September 1994

at
the Department of Religious Studies
University of Newcastle upon Tyne

The conference will bring together the following speakers on Paganism in contemporary Britain:

Ronald Hutton ("Roots of Modern Paganism"), Vivianne Crowley (To be decided), Graham Harvey ("Northern Traditions"), Philip Shallcrass ("Druidry today"), Art Quester ("The Craft"), Asphodel Long ("Goddess Studies"), Brian Bates ("Shamanism"), Prudence Jones ("Pagan Theology"), Leila Edwards ("Samhain / Halloween celebrations"), Ken Rees ("Myth and Personal Development"), Adrian Harris ("Paganism and Ecology"), Annie ("Rites of Passage"), Amy Simes ("Paganism in the East Midlands: a Case Study"), Marion Bowman ("Images of Celts"), Susan Greenwood ("Magic"), Michael York ("New Age and Paganism").

Conference Fee: £15 for the three days, or £10 per day.
Bed and Breakfast available at the University, £20 per night.

For further details contact Dr Charlotte Hardman, Dr Graham Harvey, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Newcastle, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU. Tel 091 222 6525.

Name:
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I enclose the non-returnable booking fee of £15
Please book me for b & b on the following nights:
12 September
13 September
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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS

with

Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol

September 26th - 29th 1994

**CONTEMPORARY SYMBOLS
OF THE SACRED**

CONTACT:

**Applications, conference fees and deposits to Alan Rogers, 4,
Fossett Way, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9HD**

CCSP - GENERAL INFORMATION

CCSP: The Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici, established in 1964, is a non profit cultural organization. The institute aims to study, through scientific research, prehistoric and primitive art and related disciplines. The CCSP disseminates an understanding and concern for ancient civilizations by undertaking and publishing studies and by contributing to the preservation and appreciation of cultural heritage. It is also a centre for training students in scholarly research.

Scholars worldwide have pursued periods of development and specialization at the institute.

Many specialists who are presently active in this field have spent time at the CCSP and are maintaining contact.

RESEARCH: CCSP's main activity is the scientific research.

- **General:** Projects are being carried on as self supported or in collaboration with other institutions and help of volunteers. As a result of the Centro's activities, the rock art is now being acknowledged by the international organizations as a basic documentation for historical reconstruction.

- **Valcamonica:** The first major accomplishment of the CCSP was the study of Valcamonica rock art, a basic source for the evolution of European civilization.

As the result of the research conducted by the CCSP, Valcamonica has been included in the "List of World Heritage" of UNESCO. Research continues with exploration and monographic studies.

- **Other research projects:** CCSP research projects are carried on in all continents. The most significant contributions are: The expeditions at Har Karkom, in the Negev desert, Israel, which revealed fundamental links between Mt. Sinai, the biblical narration of Exodus and biblical archaeology; the expeditions to Tanzania, where rock paintings which span over 40,000 years, the oldest known works of art, are studied.

TRAINING: Training of professionals on a world scale is an undelayable requirement for the comprehension and protection of rock art.

The CCSP offers apprenticeships aimed at producing highly qualified professionals: individual tutoring for post-doctoral researches, monographic seminars for university students, archaeological field work for students and amateurs. Credit given upon agreement with universities.

MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND CONGRESSES: To maintain scholarly awareness among specialists the CCSP holds meetings, thematic and monographic seminars and congresses.

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES: One of the principal foundations for research is a specialized library in prehistoric and primitive art on a worldwide scale and the scientific archives which consist of the major existing documentation on rock art worldwide.

EDIZIONI DEL CENTRO: The publishing department of the CCSP produces the BCSP, an international periodical of prehistoric and primitive art, series of monographs and other volumes dedicated to prehistoric and primitive art, anthropology and archaeology, and offer scholars editorial space for scientific diffusion and promotion. The languages are mainly Italian, French and English.

■ Courses

By inviting Visiting Professors to the Harvard campus, the Center enriches the formal classroom. Recent Visiting Professors have taught courses in Native American religions, Judaism, Buddhism, Hindu religion, and Islam.

RESEARCH

In addition to its several prongs of educative programs, the Center fosters study by organizing basic research on several distinct levels:

- The Center assists personal research through fellowships and by providing forums for individuals to sound out their research in progress.
- The Center organizes interdisciplinary groups so that members can exchange their disciplines, cutting-edge approaches to key questions—in the social sciences, humanities, the natural sciences, and the professions.
- Finally, the Center generates research on targeted strategic issues that require the coordination of multiple disciplines. Such issues include the comparative studies of religious medical systems or legal systems, and the role of religion in national education systems worldwide.

Location

The Center is located at #2 Francis Avenue in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It houses visiting faculty, administrative offices, and a number of apartment units for Fellows. As a residence, the Center constitutes an international community of scholars and their families. On the basis of their proposed research, residence is awarded to doctoral students, postdoctoral scholars, and Visiting Professors. Each year an attempt is made to select Fellows with related research projects from a variety of cultures and scholarly disciplines.

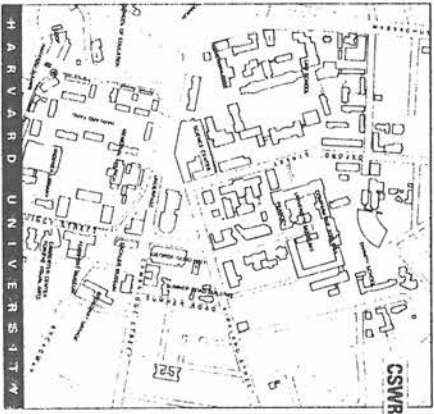


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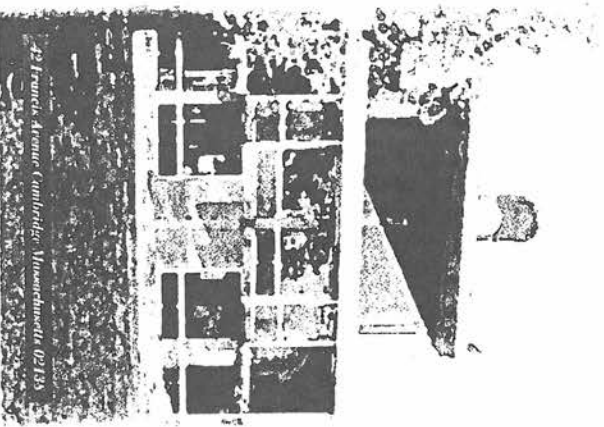
- For the Ph.D. and T.L.D. in Comparative Religion write to: The Chairperson, Committee on the Study of Religion, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138; U.S.A.: (617) 495-5791.
- For the M.F.S. and M.Div. contact: The Admissions Office, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138; U.S.A.: (617) 495-5790.
- For the Th.M. and other special programs contact: The Registrar's Office, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138; U.S.A.: (617) 495-5760.

All financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in degree programs is available through the school at Harvard in which they are registered. Please direct inquiries on financial aid to the Divinity School or the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For further information on the Center for the Study of World Religions Fellowship Program, mailing list, and publications, contact:

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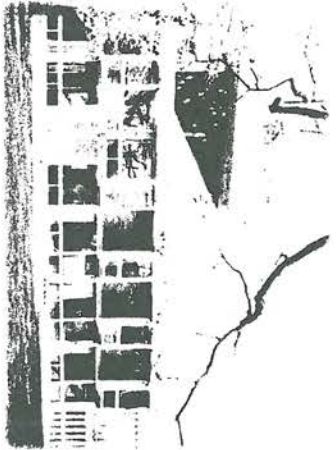
42 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

The Center for the Study of World Religions

fosters research in the comparative and historical study of religion. Two characteristics mark the Center. The first is the international scope of its subject matter and constituency. The second mark of the Center is its encouragement of multiple disciplinary approaches toward religious expressions, whether in art, medicine, law, literature, music, economic activity, or cosmological sciences. The goal is to understand the meaning of religion in communities or nations and to analyze its role in global perspective.

Because it offers no scheduled courses of instruction, the Center retains a flexibility that regular degree-granting departments cannot have. As a research institution, it is distinguished by the quality of scholars in residence, affiliated faculty, and visiting lecturers. The Center bridges continents; it joins the Harvard Divinity School, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and all of Harvard's professional schools and programs at the points where their research bears on the understanding of religion.

The Center is, therefore, the focus of a large and vibrant academic community engaged in the comparative and historical study of religion. It harnesses the resources of the University to encourage study of religious life in communities throughout the world and throughout human history.



The Faculty affiliated with the Center come from various departments of Harvard University. The Center regularly welcomes Visiting Professors and Fellows from around the world who come to teach and conduct research.

The Center furnishes a meeting point for an international network of scholars. Fellows are encouraged to dedicate the previous resources of their time and energy to their proposed investigations during their stay at the Center. The Center programs are designed to create a climate for the highest standards of scholarship and to allow individual scholars the opportunity to study in an atmosphere free from the distractions and commitments of their teaching institutions.

Study

At the heart of the Center's mission is study. The Center fosters study of religion in two ways: by offering educative programs and by organizing basic research.

EDUCATIVE PROGRAMS

■ *The Fellowship Program:*

Each year the Center hosts some twenty-five Fellows, including graduate students from Harvard, senior scholars from abroad, and undergraduate thesis researchers. Fellows meet regularly to present their research to one another in the Director's Seminar; a forum open to those scholars whose research projects have qualified them for association with the Center for that year. The national backgrounds and research interests of Fellows cover a broad international spectrum.

The Senior Fellows Program at the Center brings to the University for one term or for one academic year scholars who already hold a doctorate and who are usually on leave from a teaching position from another university. This program does not normally presuppose specific course work or provide formal teaching opportunities. Applicants are expected to propose research on a project in the comparative and/or historical study of religion.

Through the Senior Fellows Program, the Center strives to bring to Harvard scholars from abroad, as well as from the United States, whose active and broad participation in Center activities enriches the academic study of religion.

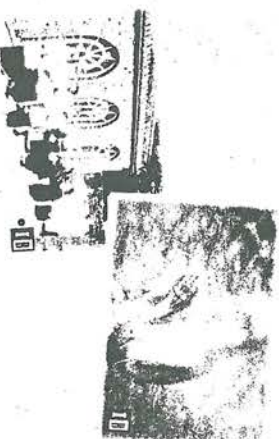
■ *The Public Forum*

The Center offers educative programs open to the wider academic community. The Center sponsors a regular series of lectures, colloquia, panel discussions and round-tables and occasional international conferences on special topics in the study of religion. Many of these events are open to the general public.

■ *Publications*

As part of its public mission, the Center publishes monographs, translations, and collections of essays on the comparative study of religion, on specific religious communities, and on methodological issues. One recent project has produced a series of books on comparative religions studies in liberal arts education.

The Center also develops and distributes teaching tools. One of these, the Image Bank for Teaching World Religions, a collection of 5,500 slides, is indexed, sequenced, and annotated for use by teachers to illustrate the rituals, architecture, and iconography of religions around the world.



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