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Letter from the Secretary-General

Dear fellow-members of the IAHR,

It is exciting to realise that more and more of the national associations affiliated to the IAHR are distributing regular bulletins in their various languages, the latest arrival being that of the Czechoslovak Association of Religious Studies (Spolecnost pro Studium Nábozenství) with 31 pages of information about its members, publications and conferences. The newsletter of the German association (Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionsgeschichte) is also becoming more substantial with every issue. It is only possible here to give occasional extracts from this increasing flow of information and I would like to suggest therefore that secretaries or bulletin editors make a point of exchanging copies between themselves.

Readers may have noticed small errors in recent lists of the officers of the affiliated associations. These have arisen because of increasing cooperation between the secretary-general and the treasurer and friendly competition between card indexes and computerised lists. Please accept apologies for any mistakes such as wrongly ascribed titles or omissions. Every effort is being made to correct these in the future. Please do not hesitate to send corrections. In the present issue please note the full details of the Mexican and the Latin American association officers. These are two separate associations, the latter being organised from Mexico but having a membership throughout Latin America.

The previously announced IAHR Special Conference has now been successfully held at Burlington, Vermont, bringing together a small number of specialists from Europe, especially Eastern Europe, and Latin America under the title "Religious transformations and sociopolitical change". Warm thanks are due to the recently formed NAASR (and in particular to their Secretary/Treasurer Prof. Luther Martin) for the excellent arrangements. Detailed reports will be appearing in various places in due course, and it is expected that the proceedings will be published. The Executive Committee of the IAHR met as planned in the context of this conference and minutes are included on another page in this bulletin.

With all best wishes Michael Pye

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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee Burlington, Vermont, USA, August 9th 1991

- 1. Members present. Professors Antes, Geertz, Leclant (presiding as Vice-President, in absence of Prof. Bianchi), Pye, Sullivan, and Wiebe. Apologies received from Professors Araki, Awolalu, Bäckman, Bianchi, Gonzalez, and Werblowsky. It was agreed that Professor Lawson should be in attendance, representing Numen, in view of the Numen Editorial Board meeting scheduled to follow immediately afterwards.
- 2. Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting as issued in the IAHR Bulletin were approved.
- 3. Report by the Secretary-General. He apologised to the committee for organisational difficulties which had arisen during the past year, due to absence for research, failings in the postal services and unexpected personnel changes. He stated that most of his information would arise in relation to subsequent points on the agenda. In particular however he drew attention to recent moves in the United States to create new umbrella organisations in the general field of Religious Studies. It was not yet clear whether such organisations would draw support and interest away from the IAHR, but in view of the fact that the USA, like Britain, did not support UNESCO, it might well be that the separatist use of USAderived funds would have a distracting effect. Until recently the USA had been represented by an extremely small association with an exclusive membership and had not at all provided the financial back-up which the development of the subject in the country would warrant. On this background the creation of new organisations which would cream away funds appeared to be irresponsible, and these developments should be carefully observed.
- 4. Report by the Treasurer. Prof. Geertz reported that the financial affairs of the IAHR had now been transferred to him from the previous Treasurer (Henk van Lier) with effect from January 1st 1991. The accounts up to that time had been audited by Messrs. Bentum and Maurik in Utrecht, and on the basis of extensive conversations between the outgoing and incoming treasurer in March the latter recommended acceptance of the accounts. The current balance of funds was US \$ 42,823.13, still held largely at the Amro Bank in Utrecht. Affiliation dues were still being collected for the current year. In some cases, where recent affiliates had difficulty in obtaining hard currency, alternatives to direct subscription were being considered. In the case of Poland, however, since the subscription was now paid in dollars, it was intended to close the Zloty account held in Poland. The Treasurer was also looking into ways of increasing the income from interest.
- 5. Forward budgetary planning. On the basis of extensive conversations with the Secretary-General in June of this year the Treasurer introduced a discussion of forward budgetary planning under the following headings:

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	ITEM	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
Α.	UNESCO (CIPSH)	\$1800 annually \$10000 congress	Science of Religion (assigned grant) travel grants
		only	CIPSH subscription \$250 misc. costs
В.	Subscriptions from member associations	\$2000	organisation costs postage etc bulletin
c.	Interest	\$3000	conference costs proceedings special expenditure
D.	Executive Committee especially Officers	(NO INCOME)	travel costs various additional costs
Ε.	Special contribution as suggested by Netherlands		extra travel grants

In discussion it was broadly agreed that such outline budgeting was appropriate. As an illustration of special expenditure under C it was recalled that pump-priming grants had been made to Mexico (ALER) for Congress preparations (to be returned later if possible) and for launching the bibliographical annual which was expected to attract a regular additional UNESCO grant once launched. A general welcome was found for the Netherlands proposal for third world congress travel grants for levy for voluntary participants (to supplement the usual UNESCO grant). The Secretary-General pointed out that the rapidly increasing activities of the IAHR made the annual meeting of the Executive Committee (as well as the Executive Board of Numen, with the same membership) all the more important, but that there were no funds at all available for this. Hence usually only about half of the members can in fact Regular funding of these as on the present occasion. meetings would ultimately transform the IAHR, and for this reason a quite was different scale fund on capital (approximately \$2million). It was agreed that for this and other reasons a serious capital fund-raising drive should be undertaken. Prof. Wiebe indicated that there was a proposal to bring institutional membership of NAASR with a percentual contribution going to central IAHR funds. It was agreed that this would provide a starting point for a new IAHR Endowment Fund.

6. Recommendations from Netherlands association. A series of recommendations from the Netherlands association were considered one by one (circulated separately to members of the committee). Of particular importance, it was felt, was the proposal to draw up firm guidelines for the running of the quinquennial congress. Prof. Don Wiebe agreed to prepare a draft of such guidelines which could be put before the International Committee in 1993 (to operate from

2000, since the plans for Mexico would by then already be in hand to a considerable extent). The proposal for a special fund to support the regional diversification of the IAHR was also welcomed (see previous item). The seventh point, the proposal to delete the phrase "except that there shall not be more than two representatives from any one country" from the constitution, was held over for further discussion, but it was agreed that the problems of the relative size of countries and dual affiliations should be put before the International Committee at its mid-term meeting in 1993.

- 7. Regional Conference in Beijing. It was reported that this conference had been postponed from September 1991 to April 1992. So far the number of registrations was rather small and the Secretary-General planned to stimulate registrations as a matter of urgency, so that the conference would be economically viable.
- 8. Regional conference in Harare 1992. It was reported that the likely dates for this conference were now 16th-19th September (just before the biennial meeting of CIPSH at the same location). Dr. Jan Platvoet was currently travelling in southern Africa and negotiating details of this conference on behalf of the IAHR.
- 9. Special or Regional Conference in Paris 1993. It was recalled by the Secretary-General that the purpose of this conference was to provide a framework for a full meeting of the International Committee (not just the Executive Committee) three years after the recent Congress and two years before the next Congress. It would thus be parallel to the Special Conference held in Marburg in 1988, at which a great deal of important work had been done. Professor Leclant reaffirmed his readiness to host this conference. After considerable discussion about the dates, it was agreed that August 21-25 would be the most appropriate (arrival on August 21, core days 22-24, departure on August 25). In view of accommodation and other difficulties associated with central Paris, Prof. Leclant proposed a venue at Les Fontaines, Chantilly, about 60 kilometres (about 25 miles) from the centre of Paris itself, the proposal being readily welcomed. As to the theme of the academic part of the conference (previewed for the 22nd and 23rd of August, with the 24th being reserved for the meetings of the International and Executive Committees), no conclusion was reached for the time being.
- 10. Developments in the Soviet Union and Regional Conference in Leningrad 1994. The further development of the recently affiliated association in the Soviet Union and the presence of three representatives at the Burlington conference was welcomed. Profs. Antes and Geertz reported (c.f. also report by Armin Geertz in last bulletin) that a regional conference in the Soviet Union was planned for 1994. The theme of the conference is to be "Religions of the Orient through the eyes of the west". The conference is intended to bring together specialists from various parts of the Soviet Union with a representative number from other countries. Dates are still to be decided but it is expected that the

conference will take place during the summer.

- 11. Developments in the United States of America. Consideration was given to reports that the AAR was planning to extend its activities in a world-wide and interreligious perspective and that other plans had the foundation of a "World Academy of Religion" in view, which would be organisationally based in the USA (c.f. Report by Secretary-General above). The discussion tended to the view that the IAHR itself had a well-established identity as a truly international body, so that no immediate initiatives were required on its part; but that everything should be done to encourage inreased participation by American scholars, and in particular to improve the funding situation, so that the international promise of the IAHR could be fulfilled without undue dependence on any one political power or on specific religious bodies. The steady growth of NAASR (complementing ASSR) was noted as a stabilising and hope-bearing factor in the US situation.
- 12. XVIIth IAHR Congress in Mexico City 1995. It was recalled that considerable information had been provided by Professor Elio Masferrer on the previous evening during an informal preparation for the present meeting, and also during an open session at the conference. The Secretary-General had received well-intentioned and sharp criticisms of Mexico City as a site, particularly with regard to transport and pollution problems which could have a bad effect on organisation. Acapulco had been suggested as an alternative. Prof. Masferrer would in principle be prepared to change the site to, for example, Acapulco, but at the same time drew attention to the advantages of being at a central location in Mexico City with pre- and post-congress excursions being available. As a result it was felt best to maintain Mexico City itself as the Congress site.
- 13. Future meetings of the Executive Committee. It was agreed that the annual meetings of the Executive Committee (and Editorial Board of Numen) should take place in the context of the forthcoming conferences at Harare (1992), Paris (1993, with International Committee) and (probably) Leningrad (1994).
- 14. The name of the association (action in regard to resolution of Assembly). The committee discussed the General procedure to be followed in carrying out the requirement of the General Assembly as resolved at Rome. (The discussion was based on a longer informal meeting of the previous evening, in which all of the members present had taken part.) In conclusion it was agreed (a) that the main arguments for and against the change of the name to International Association for the Study of Religions should be drawn up by Profs. Antes and Wiebe, working in conjunction with each other, and (b) that other variants should also be considered, in particular International Association for the Historical and Scientific Study of Religions (IAHSSR)/Association Internationale Religions (AIHSR), Sciences des et les l'Histoire Study of Scientific Association for the International Internationale pour Religions (IASSR)/Association Scientifique des Religions (AIESR). The resultant papers would be

made available through the Bulletin in due course.

15. Incorporation of the association. It was agreed that, mainly because of the convenience of getting the resultant documents in a widely understood language, the Secretary-General should pursue the possibility of establishing the IAHR as a legal entity in the United Kingdom.

16. Any other business. Prof. Antes reported on further correspondence with colleagues in Islamic countries, notably Indonesia and Turkey. There was strong interest on the part of Indonesian colleagues in the possibility of holding a regional conference in that country, and it was agreed that this was desirable, the next opportunity being in summer or autumn 1966.

(minutes drafted by MP)

IDENTITY ISSUES AND WORLD RELIGIONS Selected proceedings of the Fifteenth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions Edited by Victor C. Hayes

Founded in 1950 in Amsterdam, the International Association for the History of Religions traces its origins back to Le Premier Congres International d'Histoire de Religions held in Paris in 1900. The proceedings selected here from the congress held in Sydney in 1985 have the appeal of any good anthology where scholarly conversation flows around a topic which is comprehensive and many-sided. It will be of interest to anyone caught up in or concerned with issues of identity and religion in a pluralistic, changing world.

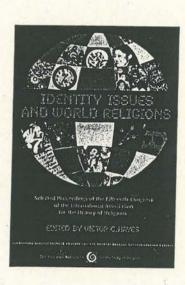
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Numen Editorial Board Minutes of a meeting at Burlington, Vermont, 9.8.1991

- 1. Membership and apologies. The following members were present: Professors Leclant (presiding), Antes, Geertz, Lawson (Numen Editor), Pye, Sullivan and Wiebe. Apologies from: Professors Araki, Awolalu, Bäckman, Bianchi, Gonzalez, Kippenberg (Numen Editor) and Werblowsky.
- 2. Report by Editors. A written report from the current Editors, Hans Kippenberg and Thomas Lawson was circulated and introduced by Thomas Lawson. (Report appended.) In addition it was pointed out that Prof. David Ede (W. Michigan Univ.), who served Numen in the North American context, should be listed as an Editorial Assistant in the journal itself, as well as Ms. B. Luchesi (Bremen) whose name had already appeared.
- 3. Questions and/or proposals by Editorial Board. The report by the Editors was welcomed as very satisfactory. Since the first issue of Numen under the new arrangements had only just appeared and had not yet reached all the members (including one of the Editors) the Editorial Board had no specific questions or proposals at this juncture. It was understood that the members of the Editorial Board had a special responsibility to encourage the submission of good quality manuscripts and to some extent this had been taking place.
- 4. Contract with publishers. The Secretary-General reported that the question of a contract with the publishers remained as yet unresolved. An initial draft contract received from the publishers was too strongly tied to him as an individual. At a recent meeting between him and the publisher's representative (Ms. Erdman-Visser) it had been agreed that further steps should be taken.
- 5. Exchange and complimentary copies. Members noted that there seemed to be some unclarity at the publishers, especially in the recipients department, about the appropriate complimentary copies. Currently not one of the members actually present at the meeting was in receipt of a complimentary copy of Numen. It was felt that the members of the Editorial (fourteen in all including the two Editors) plus the two Editorial Assistants should receive complimentary copies as a matter of course. This was important not simply as a matter of common the point of view of efficiency. courtesy but also from Secondarily, the small number of honorary editors, named because of their previous association with the journal, should also receive complimentary copies if possible. Beyond this no complimentary or "exchange" copies were necessary. The Secretary-General expressed the fear that the dispatch department was reluctant to send copies to the members of the Editorial Board because "exchange" copies were still being sent to various addresses without any benefit to the IAHR. Members expressed the wish that this matter be cleared up once and for all by the publishers.
- 6. Any other business. None.

International Committee (Rome 1990)

(a) Correction to the minutes as printed in previous bulletin:

The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR) was represented not by Prof. Marilyn Nefsky, but in her absence and as an authorised representative, by Prof. Jordan Paper.

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(b) Note on the election of the Executive Committee:

Voting: the number of votes cast for the various officers of the Executive Committee, out of a maximum of 39, was as follows: (for president) Bianchi: 30; (for vice-president) Leclant: 32, Werblowsky: 25; (for secretary-general) Pye: 36; (for treasurer) Geertz: 26, van Lier: 10; (for deputy secretary-general) Sullivan: 34. The number of votes cast for the additional members of the Executive Committee was stated to the International Committee at the time, but was unfortunately not noted for the record. The counting of votes was supervised by Prof. Jan Bergman.

During the meeting there was brief discussion of the details of election procedure to be followed during the meeting itself. Unlike the nomination procedure, this is not laid down precisely in the constitution of the IAHR and was therefore in the hands of the president of the time (Prof. Schimmel). In particular, opinions differ as to whether votes should be cast at all in cases where there is only one nomination for a particular post, the alternative being to declare the nominee "elected unopposed". In this regard customs differ in various countries. The purpose of casting votes when there is only one candidate is to determine whether at least half of the voters are positively in favour. A related feature of the voting arrangements was that votes for the officers were cast in a first round and votes for the other members in a second round. The purpose of this is to ensure that officers are in fact elected specifically by the International Committee, which itself is the crucial democratic forum (with wide and duly constituted membership) of the IAHR. If there were only one round of voting, the Executive Committee might, under some circumstances (e.g. if a treasurer failed to be elected), be left with the task of appointing its officers from within itself. This procedure was followed in the interests of the utmost transparency and in order to leave decision-taking firmly with the International Committee rather than with any smaller group. It should therefore not be regarded as "Byzantine", as in one later commentary (bulletin of the BASR). Needless to say, the International Committee can itself either determine these procedures or leave them in the hand of the president of the time. Moreover it is open to any affiliated association to send in recommendations for voting procedure in time for the next round of elections in 1995.

Report by Editors of Numen

(C. f. Minutes of Editorial Board, page 7)

NVMEN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS EDITED ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS BY HANS G. KIPPENBERG AND E. THOMAS LAWSON

A REPORT TO THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF NUMEN BY THE EDITORS OF NUMEN E. THOMAS LAWSON AND HANS G. KIPPENBERG

The first issue of Numen produced by the new editors of Numen, June 1991 has now appeared.

This issue gives some indication of the changes that the new editors wish to effect.

- 1. Starting with the June 1991 issue, all articles published in Numen will be prefaced by a summary of the article. This summary is designed to capture the attention of the readers and help them decide whether it is relevant for their own research. Requiring a summary also encourages the author to ensure that the article has a clear focus, and is relevant to problems and issues in the study of religion.
- 2. While both the editors and the publisher will not exclude articles in the official languages of the IAHR, the editors prefer to publish articles in English. They will, however, continue to publish book reviews in French, German and Italian. Where possible the editors will try to arrange for the translation into English of articles submitted in other languages.
- 3. The editors have paid considerable attention to the review section of NUMEN because the reputation of a journal is based to a considerable degree on the qualities of its reviews. The editors have pursued an active policy in this regard by widening the list of its reviewers, requesting copies of important publications from publishing houses, and encouraging reviews of books which deal with key issues in the study of religion.

The editors have also decided to publish critical reviews which deal with themes and issues raised by several books, for example fundamentalism (in the June issue) and the methodological battles in the human sciences and the humanities concerning the most productive ways to study religion. This critical review will be published in the next issue.

- 4. The editors are also talking to Brill about the possibility of publishing three issues a year.
- 5. The editors also are encouraging scholars to make NUMEN the journal in which scholars contend with each other about the central issues in the study of religion. We are particularly interested in attracting scholars from the social sciences to join with scholars in the history of religions in this endeavor. While NUMEN already has a fine reputation regarding its treatment of historical subjects, it needs to improve its reputation as the forum for the discussion of methodological issues emerging from the study of religion. We think that collaboration among scholars is both possible and desirable.
- Michigan University and the University of Bremen, the technical editorial work is done largely in Bremen. The University of Bremen has created a full time position for Dr. Brigitte Luchesi in order to carry out this task. Dr. Luchesi, one of the assistant editors of NUMEN, is responsible for the review section of NUMEN. Her tasks involve correspondence with reviewers, communication with publishers, preparing the manuscript for the typesetters and proofreading. Dr. David Ede is the other assistant editor and has been assigned to increase the presence of NUMEN in North America. He is developing contacts with prospective authors, and reviewers, and assists in the reading of manuscripts. Because of his knowledge of the Canadian academic situation he has been encouraged to develop as many contacts for NUMEN as possible in Canada.
- 7. The editors keep in touch with each other by telephone, fax and letter. Despite the distance from Bremen to Kalamazoo, communication has been very efficient.

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Forthcoming conferences at Aarhus, Denmark

Methodology in the Study of Religion

The Faculty of Theology established the new Department of the Study of Religion in 1990. This exciting new development was a result of the Faculty's desire to coordinate diverse disciplines and activities in a single unit. As a consequence, Aarhus University now has one of the strongest research institutions for the study of religion in northern Europe.

Combining disciplines such as the history of religions, the sociology of religion, philosophy and the psychology of religion requires ongoing reflection on the methodological and epistemological basis of the study of religion. The conference provides the new Department with a welcome opportunity to discuss some of the main methodological assumptions of the study of religion. These assumptions will be brought to light by examining the relationship of the study of religion with the social, textual, and historical sciences. Each day of the conference will be devoted to one of these relationships and will feature lectures and discussions by the research staff and leading international scholars.

The conference will be held in English

Date: June 22 - 24, 1992
Place: Aarhus University
Registration: open
Further information:
Armin W. Geertz

Scandinavian Symposium on the Psychology of Religion

The Psychology of Religion: From Past Progress to Future Challenges

Established in 1987, the Scandinavian Symposium on the Psychology of Religion gathers scholars from Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The theme of the conference has been chosen to further ongoing reflection within the discipline on the adequacy of traditional paradigms and research strategies for understanding religious experience. In a Scandinavian context, it is only natural to focus on the legacy of Villiam Grønbæk (1897-1970) and Hjalmar Sundén (born in 1908).

The conference will take the form of a mixture of lectures, seminars and group discussions.

Major topics will include:

- Analysis and description of religious experience
- The language of religious experience
- Sundén's role theory of religion: theoretical and empirical perspectives
- Religious experience: a specific kind of consciousness or an exercise in self-interpretation?
- The psychology of moral and religious development
- The psychology of mysticism

The conference will be held in the Scandinavian languages.

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Date: May 12 - 15, 1992
Place: Aarhus University
Registration: open
Further information:
Troels Nørager

Conference of North American Association for the Study of Religion

NAASR Annual Meeting, Kansas City, November 22–23, 1991

Program

Friday, November 22, 1991 3.00-4.30 PM

DISCUSSION OF IMPASSE AND RESOLUTION: A
CRITIQUE OF THE STUDY OF RELIGION by HANS
PENNER

Donald Wiebe (Univ. of Toronto), Presiding

"An Analysis and Critique of Penner's Impasse and Resolution"

E. Thomas Lawson (Western Michigan Univ.)

"A Reply"
Hans Penner (Dartmouth College)

15 minute break

4.45-6.15 PM

DISCUSSION OF DRUDGERY DIVINE: ON THE COM-PARISON OF EARLY CHRISTIANITIES AND THE RELIGIONS OF LATE ANTIQUITY by JONATHAN Z. SMITH Luther Martin (Univ. of Vermont), Presiding

"An Analysis and Critique of Smith's Drudgery
Divine"

Hans Kippenberg (Univ. of Bremen)

"An Analysis and Critique of Smith's *Drudgery Divine*"
Burton Mack (Claremont Graduate School)

"A Reply"

Jonathan Z. Smith (Univ. of Chicago)

6.30–8.00 PM NAASR Reception Saturday, November 23, 1991 9.00-10.30 AM

THE VERY IDEA OF POPULAR RELIGION E. Thomas Lawson, Presiding

"Climbing Mount Fuji: An Example of Popular Religion."

H. Byron-Earhart (Western Michigan Univ.)

"Now you See Him, Now You Don't: Reflections on the Departed Buddha and the Notion of Popular Religion in Theravada" Kevin Traynor (Univ. of Vermont)

15 minute break

10:45 AM-12.15 PM

THE HEALING ARTS IN RELIGIOUS CONTEXTS
Rosalind Hackett (Univ. of Tennessee), Presiding

"An Analysis of and Response to Larry Sullivan's Writings about Religion and the Healing Arts" Sylvia Marcos (Cuernevaca, Mexico)

"A Response to Sylvia Marcos" Larry Sullivan (Harvard Univ.)

12.15–1.30 PM
Business Meeting
and
Executive Committee Meeting.

Celebrating Max Müller, a founding father of the history of religions?



KATHOLISCHE AKADEMIE DER ERZDIÖZESE ERZDIÖZESE

Metaphysik und Metahistorik

Zum 85. Geburtstag Max Müllers

14. September 1991 Freiburg i. Br.

"Das alles überschreitende "Wissen' muß also die Gestalt eines universellen, alles komparativ und reflektiv bedenkenden geschichtlichen Weltverstehens annehmen. Aus der alle Besonderheiten transzendierenden, zeitlos-unbeschränkten, spekulativen und abstrakten Vernunftmetaphysik wird in dieser ihrer Verwandlung die Metahistorik als universale geschichtliche Reflexion in der Besinnung auf unseren eigenen geschichtlichen Standort und auf die sich aus ihm ergebenden Aufgaben. Eine solche Bescheidung behielte das wesentliche Anliegen der bisherigen Metaphysik bei und führte es auf prinzipiell neuem Boden durch: Gegenüber dem reaktionären Verharren auf der einen geschichtslosen Vernunftmetaphysik und gegenüber der versuchten revolutionären Ausmerzung aller Metaphysik würde damit ein echt konservatives Anliegen, das die Metaphysik aufhebend behält in weiterführender Verwandlung, aufgenommen." (Max Müller)

Einer Besinnung auf die Zukunft der Metaphysik gilt die Tagung, die dem 85. Geburtstag von Professor Max Müller am 6. September 1991 gewidmet ist. Wir laden hierzu herzlich ein.

Tagungsort:

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Samstag, 14. September 1991

10.15 Begrüßung

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hans Maier, Staatsminister a.D., München:

",Das Ereignis der Freiheit' – Zum Weg Max Müllers"

12.30 Mittagessen

14.00 Prof. Dr. Karlfried Gründer, Berlin: "Hermeneutik und Historik"

15.30 Kaffeepause

16.00 Prof. Dr. DDr. h.c. Max Müller, Freiburg i. Br.: "Metahistorische Reflexionen"

18.30 Abendessen

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