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13th PHILOSOPHY OLYMPIAD – “Philosophy and a Dialogue between Cultures” – Warsaw, Poland, May 19-23, 2005, under the direction of Prof. Jozef Niznik.

THE TOPICS IN ENGLISH

1. “If I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country.” E.M.Forster

2. “Today, the truth is dispersed across many universes of discourse which can no longer be arranged in a hierarchy. However, in each of these discourses, we search tenaciously for insights that can convince all.” Jürgen Habermas

3. “Hedonism, pessimism, utilitarianism, eudemonism - all these systems that measure the value of things taking into account the *pleasure* or *pain* that go along with them, that is to say, according to any non-core condition or facts, are seen as if they do not go in depth and are naive. Any man with his *constructive* faculty in place and a conscience of an artist, can only regard this with irony and pity from a distance.” Friedrich Nietzsche

4. “Language is a labyrinth of paths. You approach from *one* side and know your way about; you approach the same place from another side and no longer know your way about.” Ludwig Wittgenstein

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4	Argentina	Patricio Kingston	M	f	Student
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6	Austria	Barbara Conrad	F	X	Teacher
7	Austria	David Himler	M	e	Student
8	Austria	Hannah Karacsonyi	F	e	Student
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10	Bulgaria	Margarita Markova	F	X	Teacher
11	Bulgaria	Donka Paneva	F	e	Student
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18	Finland	Emilia Lehtinen	F	X	Teacher
19	Finland	Antti Saarilahti	M	e	Student
20	Finland	Nicole Hjelt	F	e	Student

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22	Germany	Jens Lange	M	X	Teacher
23	Germany	Peter Zinn	M	e	Student
24	Germany	Hannah Liepmann	F	e	Student
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26	Hungary	Sándor Bogнар	M	X	Teacher
27	Hungary	Bernadette Tóth	F	e	Student
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31	Israel	Omer Sharid	M	e	Student
32	Israel	Michael Doron	M	e	Student
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35	Italy	Jutta Obertegger	F	e	Student
36	Italy	Roberta Di Nanni	F	e	Student
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38	Japan	Emiko Kobayashi	F	e	Student
39	Japan	Tomomi Suyama	F	e	Student
40(11)	Korea	Ji-Aeh Lee	F	X	Leader
41	Korea	Dong-Hyun Son	M	X	Teacher
42	Korea	Jae Won Choi	F	e	Student
43	Korea	Woo Chan Lee	M	e	Student
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45	Lithuania	Lilija Duobliene	F	X	Teacher
46	Lithuania	Julius Bogomolovas	M	e	Student
47	Lithuania	Paulius Gritenas	M	e	Student
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49	Norway	Jorunn Knutsen	F	X	Teacher
50	Norway	Malin Häggkvist Wallin	F	e	Student
51	Norway	Anders Wiik	M	e	Student
52(14)	Poland	Marcin Kotowski	M	e	Student
53	Poland	Tomasz Przeździecki	M	e	Student
54	Poland	Agnieszka Kurzemska	F	e	Student
55	Poland	Adela Piątek	F	g	Student
56	Poland	Agata Bąk	F	e	Student
57	Poland	Anna Klimowicz	F	e	Student
58	Poland	Mikołaj Ratajczak	M	e	Student
59	Poland	Marta Sznajder	M	e	Student
60	Poland	Anna Iskra	F	e	Student
61	Poland	Sebastian Stodolski	M	e	Student
62(15)	Romania	Elena Florina Otet	F	X	Leader

63	Romania	Eugen Stoica	M	X	Teacher
64	Romania	Nora Labo	F	e	Student
65	Romania	Alexandru Marcoci	M	e	Student
66(16)	Turkey	Nuran Direk	F	X	Leader
67	Turkey	F. Gülsen Öz	F	X	Teacher
68	Turkey	Ebru Öztürk	F	e	Student
69	Turkey	Sezen Ünlüönen	F	e	Student

Guests

No.	Organization	Name
1	UNESCO	Moufida Goucha
2	FISP	William McBride
3	AIPPh	Luise Dreyer
4	AIPPh	Wolfgang Dreyer
5	AIPPh	Marieluise Mutke
6	AIPPh	Dilke M. Kledzik, dr.
7	Finnish Group	Satu Honkala
8	Finnish Group	Eenariina Hämäläinen
9	Finnish Group	Eino Huotari
10	Finnish Group	Erkki Toivanen
11	Finnish Group	Ritva Keränen
12	Finnish Group	Eija Kanerva
13	Finnish Group	Seppo Rantanen

The Winners

Name	Country	Place
Mikołaj Ratajczak	Poland	The Gold Medal
Tomasz Przeździecki	Poland	The Gold Medal
Alexandru Marcoci	Romania	The Gold Medal
Marta Sznajder	Poland	The Silver Medal
Antti Saarilahti	Finland	The Silver Medal
Nora Labo	Romania	The Silver Medal
David Himler	Austria	The Bronze Medal
Patricio Kingston	Argentina	The Bronze Medal
Woo Chan Lee	Korea	The Bronze Medal
Jutta Obertegger	Italy	The Bronze Medal
Jae Won Choi	Korea	The Bronze Medal

Honourable Mention

Name	Country
Roberta Di Nanni	Italy
Agnieszka Kurzemska	Poland
Marcin Kotowski	Poland

MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM THE ANNUAL FISP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, HELSINKI, MAY 27, 2005 / PROCÈS-VERBAL ET D'AUTRES DOCUMENTS DE LA RÉUNION DU COMITÉ DIRECTEUR DE LA FISP À HELSINKI, LE 27 MAI 2005:

These minutes are not and will not be official until formally approved by the Steering Committee at its next annual meeting in 2006. We are including them here for the benefit of our member societies, with the reservation that they are tentative and could be altered. The reports of the President and of the Secretary General presented at Helsinki are to be regarded as also constituting their messages to member societies in this newsletter.

Ce procès-verbal ne sera pas officiel avant son acceptation par le Comité Directeur à sa prochaine réunion annuelle en 2006. Nous l'imprimons ici pour nos sociétés-membres sous cette réserve; il est tentatif et pourrait être altéré. Les rapports du Président et du Secrétaire Général donnés à Helsinki doivent être considérés comme leurs messages aux sociétés-membres pour ce bulletin. (Les traductions françaises de ces rapports apparaîtront plus tard.)

Present/Présents: Peter Kemp (President), Ioanna Kuçuradi (Past President), Myrto Dragona-Monachou (vice-président), William McBride (Secretary General), Alison Jaggard, Thomás Calvo-Martinez, Betül Çotuksöken, Jean Ferrari, Gilbert Hottois, Paulin J. Hountondji, Ivan Kaltchev, Maya Kule, Sengaku Mayeda, Herta Nagl-Docekal, Basilio Rojo Ruiz, Thalia Fung Riverón, William Sweet, Dermot Moran, Gürol Irzik, Hans Lenk, Ilkka Niiniluoto, Tran van Doan, From about 15H30: Sémou Pathé Guéye.

Observers: David Evans, Noriko Hashimoto, Hannah Mia Hendriksen

Absent / Absents: Guido Küng (Treasurer), Bhuvan Chandel, Enrico Berti (Vice-Presidents), Evandro Agazzi (Honorary President), Marcelo Dascal, Yersu Kim, Hans Poser, Miguel A. Quintanilla, Luca Maria Scarantino, Marietta Stepaniants, Ryszard Wojcicki, Bernard Bourgeois, Jiehou Yao, Rudolf Haller, Keith Lehrer, Konstantine Boudouris, Miro Quesada (Honorary President), Venant Cauchy Honorary (President)

Proxies: Marcelo Dascal to Dermot Moran; Enrico Berti to Thomás Calvo-Martinez; Hans Poser to Hans Lenk; Marietta Stepaniants to William Sweet; Luca Scarantino to Paulin J. Hountondji.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting on March 27, 2004

As some members had not yet read the minutes the item was postponed to after lunch. With the addition of proxies (from H. Lenk to H. Poser, I. Niiniluoto to H. Lenk, R. Haller or G. Irzik) and the change of the first sentence of the second paragraph of item 13 (Election of the Programme Committee for the XXII World Congress) to: "I. Kuçuradi

proposed herself as chair of the Programme Committee and stated the reasons why she was proposing herself for this chair.” the minutes were approved (two abstentions).

2. Report of the President

A hard copy of the report in English was distributed and the report was presented verbally in French. Enclosed is the report in both languages. The report was approved unanimously.

3. Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary General presented his report in English and summarized it in French. The report is enclosed. The report was approved unanimously.

I. Kuçuradi confirmed that the proceedings from the XXI World Congress in Istanbul will be published in 13 volumes (hopefully in a couple of months) with an editor each to select / reject the papers. The papers need editing. Papers in Russian and Turkish will not be published. The papers that will not be published are presented on the congress website: <http://www.wcp2003.org/proc.htm>.

The Day of Philosophy was discussed. I. Kuçuradi and P. Kemp agreed to arrange a panel on terrorism.

The report was unanimously approved.

4. Report of the Treasurer In the absence of G. Küng, W. McBride presented the report received from him. The report is enclosed.

The problem posed for some societies by the requirement that they pay several years' arrears of membership fee for several years before readmission was discussed. Such societies in arrears should contact G. Küng.

The report was approved with one abstention.

5. Committee reports and discussion of possible restructuring of committees

a) *The Committee on International Cooperation and Philosophical Encounters* (chair Maija Kule)

Members: I. Kaltchev, H. Lenk, I. Kuçuradi, P. Kemp, W. McBride, T. Fung, B. Ruiz, B. Çotuksöken, W. Sweet, P. J. Hountondji, T. van Doan.

b) *The Committee on Finance*. Is not functioning.

c) *The Committee on General Policy* (chair D. Evans) Report enclosed.

d) *The Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy* (chair W. Sweet). Report enclosed.

e) *The Committee on Human Rights* (chair until 2005 M. Dragona-Monachou). No new chair has been found. But see item 6 below concerning the subsequent creation of a successor society.

f) *The Committee for the Ethics of Science and Technologies, Especially Bioethics / Comité pour l'éthique des sciences et des technologies, spécialement la bioéthique* (Chair until 2004 G. Hottois) No new chair has been found. M. Dragona-Monachou accepted to

chair if nobody else wanted to do so. G. Hottois reported that UNESCO is in the process of drawing up a list of universal bioethical norms. He has transferred the Committee's archives to M. Dragona-Monachou.

Members: T. Fung, G. Hottois, I. Kuçuradi, H. Poser, Miguel A. Quintanilla

g) *The Committee on Teaching Philosophy / Comité pour l'enseignement de philosophie* (chair J. Ferrari).

J. Ferrari reported: At the meeting in Copenhagen it had been decided to publish another volume for the Seoul congress, "Histoire de l'éducation". There was discussion about having a colloquium in Dakar in connection with a Bureau or a Steering Committee meeting. (But see item 10, below, for later developments.) The committee consists of 10 members, including the chair.

Members: E. Berti; B. Çotuksöken, I. Kaltchev, D. van Doan, D. Evans, D. Moran, W. McBride. G. Hottois, T. Calvo-Martinez, P. Kemp.

It was agreed to change the by-laws so that C.D. members may be members of more than 2 committees.

Lunch break at 12H

6. Discussion and Possible Ratification of David Evans' Proposals for Changes in the Statutes and Bye-Laws

The proposals (enclosed) were accepted.

I. Kuçuradi suggested setting up a committee on human rights. D. Moran, H. Lenk, M. Dragona-Monachou, I. Niiniluoto and T. van Doan are interested in being members of such a committee. I. Kuçuradi should draw up a few lines on what the task of the committee should be.

7. Discussion of possible new projects

W. McBride distributed a proposal (enclosed) from Prof. George F. McLean, Secretary General of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy suggesting cooperation with FISP with respect to regional meetings and publications organized by the CRVP. It was accepted in principle.

8. Consideration of New Membership Applications

Applications had been received from:

Society for Contemporary Foreign Philosophy (China)

Sociedad Académica de Filosofía/Academic Society of Philosophy (Spain)

Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPPh)

The British Philosophical Association

Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation

Mulla Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (SIPRI)

Copies of the applications were distributed and W. McBride presented them orally.

Membership of all 6 societies was approved after some discussion.

(It was learned subsequently that the application from the China Society for Contemporary Foreign Philosophy had not yet been confirmed by the Society's board.)

9. Discussion and Possible Ratification of Decisions Reached by the Programme Committee in Seoul

The steering committee agreed that it was regrettable that none of the Korean programme committee members could be present in Helsinki.

The steering committee had received a copy of the programme committee minutes (draft) in Seoul on April 22, 2005 as well as the notes received from Kihyeon Kim of May 16 and the latter's draft for the first circular. It was underlined that the programme committee had agreed to follow the model of the XXI World Congress.

In the circular draft "re-thinking" should be changed to "rethinking". The German title of the Congress theme should be changed to "Philosophie heute neu denken". The Spanish title should be "Repensar la filosofía hoy".

It was suggested that it is not proper to use "nd" in **XXIInd**, i.e., this is inappropriate following Roman numerals. The city names after the names of the Steering Committee and Programme Committee members should be in English in the English circular and in French in the French circular.

Gilbert Hottois will send invitations to the Steering Committee members and to member societies to ask for suggestions for speakers.

The Steering Committee agreed to the French version of the introductory statement about the Congress that was also presented at the Programme Committee meeting in Seoul. It was agreed that D. Evans and W. McBride should prepare the final version in English.

The Steering Committee agreed to the plenary sessions as suggested by the Programme Committee:

1. Rethinking moral, social, and political philosophy: Democracy, Justice & Responsibility
2. Rethinking metaphysics and aesthetics: Reality, Beauty & the Meaning of Life
3. Rethinking epistemology, philosophy of science & philosophy of technology: Knowledge & Culture
4. Rethinking history of philosophy & comparative philosophy: Traditions, critique & dialogue
- except with the addition of Practice in the sub- theme to 3. i.e. Knowledge, Practice & Culture, which was decided after a vote (11 for, 7 against, 2 abstentions).

As for the symposia agreed upon by the Programme Committee:

1. Conflicts and Tolerance
2. Globalization and Cosmopolitanism
3. Bioethics, Environmental Ethics and Future Generations
4. Tradition, Modernity and Post-Modernity: Eastern & Western Perspectives
5. Philosophy of Korea

The word “Cosmopolitanism” in item 2. of the Programme Committee meeting minutes should be changed to “Cosmopolitanism”. On the other hand, “Conflicts” in the circular draft should be in the singular. A proposition to add “North – South Perspectives” to item 4 was discussed, but finally rejected. Item 5: The circular should be corrected to Philosophy in Korea.

The list of sections of contributed papers had been slightly enlarged by the Programme Committee in comparison to the list at the XXI World Congress and was accepted by the Steering Committee. It was stressed there is no obligation to have all of them if only one or very few papers are presented. In case a section is cancelled for that reason, the paper(s) received will be moved to the most appropriate of the other sections.

After a fairly long discussion regarding the added sections, especially Taoist, Confucian and Buddhist Philosophy, where one argument in favour of excluding them was that these may all be considered under the section “Philosophy in Asia”, it was concluded to have them on the list, as it was very important for the Korean members of the Programme Committee. It was also decided to maintain the list as it was agreed upon by the Programme Committee:

Aesthetics and Philosophy of Arts	Philosophy in Asia and the Pacific (China, India, Japan...): Contemporary Issues
Applied Ethics	Philosophy in Europe: Contemporary Issues
Approaches to Philosophy	Philosophy in Latin America: Contemporary Issues
Bioethics and Medical Ethics	Philosophy of Action
Buddhist Philosophy	Philosophy of Culture
Business Ethics	Philosophy of Education
Comparative Philosophy	Philosophy of History
Confucian philosophy	Philosophy of Language
Contemporary Philosophy	Philosophy of Law
Ethics	Philosophy of Mathematics
Human Rights	Philosophy of Mind
Images and Symbols	Philosophy of Natural Sciences
Logic and Philosophy of Logic	Philosophy of Nature
Metaphysics	Philosophy of Religion
Ontology	Philosophy of Social Sciences
Persons and Identity	Philosophy of Sport
Phenomenology	Philosophy of Technology
Philosophical Anthropology	Philosophy of Values
Philosophical Hermeneutics	Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Cognitive Science	Taoist Philosophy
Phil. of Communication & Information	Teaching Philosophy
Philosophy and Economics	Theory of Knowledge
Philosophy and Environment	Time and Memory
Philosophy and Future Generations	Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy and Gender	Medieval Philosophy
Philosophy and Literature	Modern Philosophy
Philosophy for Children	
Philosophy in Africa: Contemporary Issues	

The circular draft should contain what was agreed upon in Seoul.

H. Nagl asked for details regarding the possibility for member societies to organize meetings during the Congress. It was decided that clear instructions as to the implication of that possibility should be included in the 2nd circular. A date for the submission of a final programme of the societies' (pluri-national) meetings should be set, and the Congress Executive Committee shall provide meeting room facilities and set a time slot and have this programme printed in the final Congress programme. Such meetings must not coincide with plenary sessions. At the Istanbul Congress some societies had presented a plan to meet over six days, which was not considered to be in accordance with the interest of the World Congresses; it was therefore decided to limit the number of days allowed for such meetings. Also I. Kuçuradi suggested that every participant in member society meetings must be registered as a participant in the World Congress. In Istanbul, a number were not, and that does not seem fair. All agreed.

The dates of the XXII World Congress: The Korean members of the Programme Committee felt that, with the Olympic games being held in Beijing on August 8-24, 2008, the World Congress should be terminated before Aug. 6. It was agreed to follow the lines of the Istanbul Congress. A Steering Committee is to be held on July 29, and the duration of the Congress will be from July 30-August 5. The new Steering Committee elected at the General Assembly should meet during the Congress (since new members may not have prepared to stay after the Congress).

10. Forthcoming Meetings

S. Guéye presented an invitation to host a meeting in Dakar, for which he has backing from the President and the Minister of Education of Sénégal, who are willing to provide financial support. T. Fung would also like to have a meeting held in Havana, but does not yet have any specific promises from any authority. T. van Doan presented an invitation to hold a meeting in Hanoi. The need for meetings before the XXII World Congress is: 2 CD meetings and (at least) 1 Board meeting, and 1 for the Committee on Teaching Philosophy.

It was agreed to have a meeting in the teaching committee in Dakar in January 2006.

The Programme Committee should meet in April 2006 at the earliest.

T. van Doan affirmed that there was a serious possibilities of organizing a FISP meeting in Hanoi in 2006, most probably in September, and he might also be able to arrange for CD members to give lectures elsewhere in connection with it, such as in Manila.

11. Varia There was discussion (I. Kuçuradi, W. McBride, Peter Kemp) about organizing at least 1 or 2 round tables in Paris on the occasion of the Day of Philosophy next autumn*; one idea for a subject was terrorism, W. McBride would circulate a message to the members of the C.D. inviting them to participate.

There were no other items.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Copenhagen, August 8, 2005

*Soon after the CD meeting, the Secretary General was informed that the UNESCO meeting for the Day of Philosophy will be held on November 24, 2005, in Santiago de Chile. The President will be unable to attend, but the Secretary General and at least 2 or 3 other CD members will represent FISP.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF FISP

To the Steering Committee

Helsinki, May 20, 2005

Dear Members of the Steering Committee!

One year has gone since we met in Copenhagen on March 27, 2004. We took an important decision by choosing the main theme of the XXIIInd World Congress of Philosophy which will take place in Seoul in the summer 2008 and by electing the members of the scientific programme committee.

In connection with this CD meeting in Copenhagen we also held a conference under the title *History in Education*. The papers from this conference will appear in a few weeks and a prospectus about the book and its price is available here. Every author will of course receive a copy.

My report today will be divided into two parts. The first part has mostly to do with the past, what has happened concerning FISP since our last meeting. The second part concerns the future, what we can expect.

I. The past

1) The work of the FISP office in Copenhagen

The support of The Danish University of Education in Copenhagen has continued. Already as Secretary General of FISP I was supported by this University which offered me in this function a part of Chief Secretary Hannah Mia Hendriksen's working time and has paid much of my travel to FISP meetings, and this support has continued for me as president of FISP until now. A new rector may be appointed in the beginning this summer, but I hope that I can still obtain support from my university for my FISP activities and thereby keep FISP clear of expenses for me.

2) The meetings in Beijing in November 2004

On November 17th-18th, 2004, in Beijing the Secretary General and I participated as delegates of FISP in the XXVIIth General Assembly of CIPSH (Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines) invited by the Chinese Academy for Social Sciences, and we both gave papers at a following scientific symposium on "Cultures and the Internet", in the last session on "Modernisation and Intercultural Communication in the Cybage: A Philosophical Inquiry". We were also personally received by the scientific staff of the Institute of Philosophy at the Academy and had a good discussion with them. The Symposium was organized in connection with the UNESCO arrangements for the Day of Philosophy in China, and since FISP was not involved in the Day of Philosophy at the same time in Paris, it was important that we were in Beijing and showed what weight FISP placed on the annual celebrations of a Day of Philosophy. Moreover it was useful that we strengthened our relation to CIPSH (and to the International Social Sciences Council (ISSC), the General Assembly of which was held jointly with the General Assembly of CIPSH).

3) The Bandung Conference in January 2005

In order to celebrate the 50 years existence of the Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung, Java, Indonesia, I was invited as President of FISP by Professor Bambang Ignatius Sugiharto to an international seminar on "Religion and Conflict" in Bandung

January 10-11, 2005, and at the opening I gave a paper with the title “Towards a New Tolerance”. This meeting showed to me that philosophical activities in the region are very much alive.

4) Meeting with the chair of the FISP Programme Committee

On January 22 the Secretary General and I held an informal meeting in Brussels in order to support the chair of our Programme Committee, Professor Gilbert Hottois, in his preparation of the first Programme Committee meeting, and we also clarified the different stages of the work of the committee.

5) The meeting in Seoul April 2005

The first FISP Programme Committee meeting was then held in Seoul, Korea, invited by the Korean Philosophical Association on April 22nd 2005, and in connection with this meeting the Korean Organizing Committee of the Korean Philosophical Association together with the Korea Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences organized a conference over two days on *Dialogues among different cultures*. On that occasion the Secretary General and I were received by the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and the Rector of the Seoul National University. The whole Programme Committee was also invited to a dinner offered by the representative of UNESCO in Seoul. The chair of the FISP Programme Committee will later present the proposals for the themes of the XXIIInd World Congress of Philosophy that we agreed on. At the meeting of the committee the dates of the World Congress in 2008 were also discussed, and in order to avoid conflict with the period of the Olympic games in Beijing in August 2008 it was proposed to start the World Congress already on July 29.

6) UNESCO Publications

UNESCO has published five papers from the FISP roundtable at the first Day of Philosophy in Paris on November 21, 2002 as volume 6 of the series of papers from this event. The authors are E. Agazzi, J. Ferrari, G. Hottois, P. Kemp and W. L. McBride. Also the papers from the FISP roundtable on Global Justice at the second Day of Philosophy in Paris on November 20, 2003 will be published.

7) Greek FISP Publication

In June 2000 the Committee for Human Rights Education established by the Steering Committee in 1995 and chaired by professor Myrto Dragona-Monachou held a colloquium in Athens on “Teaching Human Rights from a philosophical Perspective”. 15 papers from this small conference have now been published in Greek with an English summary, edited by Professor Dragona-Monachou, by the publishing house Hellenica Grammata. We are proud of this publication and I would thank Professor Dragona-Monachou for the hard work this publication represents.

8) Papers from Lyon

A colloquium on *La différence anthropologique à l'ère des biotechnologies* was organized in 2002 in connection with a steering committee meeting in Lyon. The proceedings have now been published by the Faculty of Philosophy of the University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, edited by Jean Ferrari and Jean-Jacques Wunenburger.

9) The FISP Board meeting

The Board of FISP which met last year in Copenhagen in connection with our CD meeting there has also met this time here in Helsinki. Unfortunately two vice-presidents, Enrico Berti and Bhuvan Chandel, as well as our Treasurer, Guido Küng, have not been able to attend the meetings here.

II. The future

1) The first circular

The first circular in English and in French which constitutes the folder in the two languages announcing the XXIIInd World Congress of Philosophy should be sent out this summer, published by KOC, after the final decisions of the CD here in Helsinki. Also a poster will be sent out by the KOC in Korea.

2) The Book on *History in Education*

The papers from the FISP conference in Copenhagen in March 2004 on *History in Education* are in print, published by the *Danish University of Education* with a financial subvention by the KOC.

3) Next FISP Programme Committee meeting

The next FISP Programme Committee meeting organized by KOC in Seoul will be held next year, probable in autumn 2006 in order to propose to the CD speakers for different sessions at the XXIIInd World Congress of Philosophy

4) Next FISP Board and CD meetings

The next FISP Board and CD meetings should be held after the next Programme Committee meeting one or two months later. We have suggestions about the possibility of organizing these meetings either in Dakar, Hanoi or Havana. When we have received more concrete proposals, the place and the dates of the meetings will be decided.

5) The fourth Day of Philosophy in Paris

We will make an effort to have FISP represented in the next Day of Philosophy in Paris on November 17, 2005 and we hope to have better relationships with the UNESCO headquarters than in 2004 – the Secretary General will say more about that.

6) The Publication of the proceedings from Istanbul

Past President Ioanna Kuçuradi is taking care of the publication of papers from the XXIst World Congress in Istanbul.

Conclusion

In conclusion I want to express my gratitude to all who have contributed to realize the scheduled plan for preparation of the XXIIInd World Congress of Philosophy. I hope that in the near future more committee work will be done, and that FISP will be involved in more international conferences, so that FISP not only is the Federation for preparing the World Congress but also an organisation for encouraging and promoting many different philosophical activities all over the world.

Peter Kemp
President of FISP

Rapport du Président de la FISP au Comité Directeur à Helsinki, le 20 mars 2005

Chères/chers membres du Comité Directeur.

Un an a passé depuis notre rencontre à Copenhague le 27 mars 2004. Nous y avons pris des décisions importantes en choisissant le grand thème – Repenser la philosophie aujourd’hui - pour le 22ème Congrès mondial de philosophie à Seoul dans l’été 2008 et en désignant les membres du comité scientifique du programme.

Relié à cette réunion du C.D. à Copenhague nous avons organisé aussi un colloque sous le titre *Histoire dans l’éducation*. Les actes de ce colloque vont paraître dans quelques semaines et un prospectus pour le livre est distribué ici. Chaque auteur va recevoir un exemplaire, bien sûr.

Cette fois nous sommes invités par l’Université de Helsinki et par son recteur qui avec son équipe a organisé ce colloque sur *Metaphilosophical Reflections – on Current Challenges of Philosophy* les 18-19 mai.

Mon rapport aujourd’hui est divisé en deux parties; la première partie concerne surtout le passé, ce qui s’est passé depuis notre dernière réunion, tandis que la deuxième partie concerne l’avenir, ce que nous pouvons envisager.

I Le passé

1) Le travail au bureau de la FISP à Copenhague

Le support de l’Université de l’éducation à Copenhague s’est poursuivi. Déjà comme secrétaire général de la FISP, j’étais soutenu par elle, ce qui m’a permis d’utiliser une partie du temps de travail de mon secrétaire de l’*Institut de philosophie de l’éducation* pour la FISP. Et ce soutien a continué jusqu’à maintenant. Un nouveau recteur pourrait être nommé à l’été cette année, mais j’espère que je peux toujours obtenir le soutien de l’université pour la FISP, et de cette manière exempter la FISP des dépenses de secrétariat et de mes voyages aussi longtemps que je reste professeur actif et que Mia Hendriksen peut continuer à travailler pour la FISP.

2) Les réunions à Pékin en novembre 2004

Du 17 au 18 novembre 2004 le secrétaire général et moi-même, nous avons participé en tant que délégués de la FISP à la XIIIème assemblée générale du CIPSH (Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines) invités par l’*Académie Chinoise des Sciences Humaines*, et nous avons tous les deux fait des communications à un colloque scientifique sur *Les Cultures et l’internet*, dans la dernière session sur « Modernisation et Communication Interculturelle à l’âge cyber: Une question philosophique ». A cette occasion nous avons été reçus par l’équipe scientifique de l’Institut de Philosophie de l’Académie et nous avons eu une discussion fructueuse avec eux. Le colloque était organisé en liaison avec les manifestations de l’UNESCO pour la journée de la philosophie en Chine, et puisque la FISP n’était pas impliquée dans la journée de la philosophie à Paris, qui s’est déroulée en même temps, c’était très important de participer aussi à la journée à Pékin pour montrer le poids que la FISP met sur les célébrations de cette journée. En plus, c’était utile que nous renforçons notre rapport avec le CIPSH.

3) Le séminaire international à Bandung en Janvier 2005

Pour célébrer les cinquante ans de l'Université Catholique Parahyangan à Bandung, Java, Indonésie, j'étais invité en tant que président de la FISP par le prof. Banbang Ignatius Sugiharto au Séminaire international sur le thème « Religion et Conflit » à Bandung du 10 au 11 janvier 2005, et à l'ouverture du séminaire, j'ai fait une communication intitulée « Vers une nouvelle tolérance ». Cet événement m'a appris l'importance des activités philosophiques de cette région du monde.

4) Réunion avec le président du Comité de Programme de la FISP

Le 22 janvier 2005 le secrétaire général et moi-même se sont réunis d'une manière informelle avec le président de notre Comité de Programme, le prof. Gilbert Hottois, pour l'assister dans sa préparation de la première réunion de ce comité et pour clarifier des étapes du travail du comité.

5) La réunion à Séoul en avril 2005

La première réunion du comité de programme de la FISP a eu lieu le 22 avril à Séoul, rendue possible par l'invitation de l'*Association Philosophique Coréenne*, et en rapport à cette réunion le KOC (Korean Organising Committee) a organisé, en collaboration avec le *Conseil Coréen de Recherches pour les Sciences Humaines et Sociales*, un colloque de deux jours sur *Dialogues entre des cultures différentes*. A cette occasion le secrétaire général et moi-même, nous avons été reçus par le doyen de la Faculté des Sciences Humaines et par le recteur de l'Université Nationale de Séoul. Tout le comité de programme était d'ailleurs invité à un dîner par le représentant de l'UNESCO à Séoul. En ce qui concerne la proposition pour les thèmes du 22^{ème} Congrès mondial de philosophie, le président du Comité en parlera. On a aussi discuté des dates du Congrès en 2008, et en vue d'éviter un conflit avec la période des Jeux Olympiques en août 2008 il a été envisagé de commencer notre congrès à la fin du mois de juillet. Nous devons discuter ces dates plus tard.

6) Les FISP publications de l'UNESCO

L'UNESCO a publié cinq communications de la table ronde de la FISP à la première journée de la philosophie à Paris le 21 novembre 2002 ; c'est le volume 6 d'une série d'opuscules de cette journée sous le titre *Pauvreté, justice et paix mondiale*. Les communications de la table ronde de la FISP sur *La Justice Globale* à la deuxième journée de la philosophie le 20 novembre 2003 vont aussi être publiées.

7a) Une publication grèque

En juin 2000 le comité de la FISP pour les droits de l'homme, créé par le comité directeur en 1995 et présidé par le prof. Myrto Dragona-Monachou a tenu un colloque à Athènes sur « L'enseignement des droits de l'homme d'une perspective philosophique ». Toutes les communications viennent de paraître en grec avec un résumé en anglais par les bons soins de Myrto Dragona-Monachou. Nous sommes très fiers de cette publication grâce au dur travail de Myrto Dragona-Monachou, qui en a surveillé la traduction.

7b) Ajoutons à celle-ci la publication en français des actes du colloque sur « La différence anthropologique à l'ère des biotechnologies », organisé par le prof. Jean Ferrari et le doyen de la Faculté de Philosophie à Lyon III, Jean-Jacques Wunenburger en rapport avec la réunion du comité directeur à Lyon en 2002.

8) Le bureau de la FISP

Le bureau de la FISP s'est réuni ici à Helsinki il y a deux jours. Malheureusement deux vice-présidents et le trésorier n'ont pas pu venir à Helsinki et le bureau était donc réduit à quatre personnes. Nous avons discuté certaines questions à l'ordre du jour de notre réunion d'aujourd'hui, mais aucune décision n'a été prise.

II L'avenir

1) Le premier circulaire

Le premier circulaire en anglais et en français qui contient l'annonce du 22^{ème} Congrès Mondial de Philosophie est attendu pour l'été prochain, publié par le KOC selon les décisions de notre réunion aujourd'hui. Une affiche sera aussi élaborée et distribuée par le KOC.

2) L'ouvrage sur *L'Histoire dans l'Education*

Comme j'ai déjà dit les actes du colloque de Copenhague en mars 2004 vont paraître dans quelques semaines, publiés par les Editions de l'Université Danoise de l'Education et subventionnés par cette université et par le KOC. Regardez bien la couverture de l'Armageddon de Nuarta faite en polyester et résine.

3) La prochaine réunion du Comité de Programme

La prochaine réunion du Comité de Programme sous l'invitation du KOC va probablement être organisé en automne 2006 en vue d'arranger la liste des orateurs à inviter pour les sessions plénières et les symposia du Congrès Mondial.

4) Les réunions du Comité directeur et du Comité Directeur et du Bureau de la FISP

Les prochaines réunions du Bureau et du C.D. vont probablement être tenues après la deuxième réunion du Comité de Programme, au mieux un ou deux mois après ou même immédiatement après. Nous avons reçu des suggestions concernant les possibilités d'organiser des réunions à Dakar, à Hanoi et à la Havane. Nous avons besoin de deux réunions pour le C.D. en 2006 et en 2007 et nous pourrions, si toutes les trois possibilités pouvaient se réaliser, réunir le Bureau et le Comité pour l'Enseignement pour une rencontre séparée, peut-être à Dakar. Les décisions seront prises dès que nous avons des propositions assez précises pour les prendre.

5) La quatrième journée de la philosophie à Paris

Nous faisons un grand effort pour que la FISP soit visible à la prochaine journée de la philosophie à Paris le 17 novembre 2005, et nous espérons donc d'améliorer notre rapport avec l'*UNESCO*. Le secrétaire général va en parler.

Conclusion

En conclusion je tiens à exprimer mes remerciements à tous ceux et toutes celles qui ont contribué à la réalisation du plan prévu pour la préparation du 22^{ème} Congrès Mondial de Philosophie.

J'espère que, dans un avenir proche, les comités pourront travailler plus et mieux et que la FISP serait encore plus impliquée dans des conférences internationales, de sorte qu'elle ne soit pas seulement une Fédération pour la préparation du Congrès Mondial, mais encore une organisation pour l'encouragement et la promotion de nombreuses activités philosophiques différentes partout dans le monde.

Lu à haute voix à la réunion du C.D.

PK

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL – HELSINKI 5/05

It has been more than a year and a half since I assumed this position, and it is only now that I feel that I can begin to start thinking about new initiatives to take. At the beginning of last year I arranged for the transfer of the FISP website from Ankara, and I devoted a considerable amount of time to adapting it to its new home, making additions to it, and then generating the first newsletter under my editorship. There have now been two newsletters, and immediately following this meeting we shall send out a call for news to put in the next one. I think that it has worked fairly well so far, especially the possibility, of which I have taken full advantage, of creating it incrementally and allowing time for changes to be sent to me before I forward the printed version to Ankara. I want to thank Ioanna Kuçuradi very much indeed for allowing us to continue to work with the printing house with which she is in close contact, and for supervising the mailing of the printed copies to all our member societies. The printed version continues, in my opinion, to be very important, especially since I suspect that members of some member societies have still not attempted to access the website.

The following questions occur to me concerning this website. In general, how can or should we expand it? How important would it be to try to make it more aesthetically appealing and more technologically advanced? Would it be a good or bad idea to publish the minutes, particularly of our CD meetings* but perhaps also of the World Congress Program Committee meetings, in the appropriate semi-annual issues of the newsletter? I solicit your help on all these points and any further suggestions you may have concerning our website.

Since last summer we have received membership applications from six societies, which we will consider in due course. One initiative that I very much hope to take, with, as I further hope, the help of some of you, is to expand our membership still further, particularly in parts of the world where we are not yet well represented. One such part is the Middle East. Another is North Africa. Another is Africa south of the Sahara. Another is Latin America. Yet another is Australia/New Zealand. For this last region, we have recently received help and encouragement from Anita Silvers, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, who will soon be going to New Zealand for an extended visit and has been in touch with philosophers there who may be in a position to promote this possibility.

In general, while the various activities of which Peter Kemp has spoken have kept us rather busy, I think we need to do more and to acquire greater visibility – not for its own sake, of course, but with a view to promoting more philosophical dialogue and other activity, our *raison d'être*. That is why I regard with enthusiasm the alliance, so to speak, of FISP with the Center for Research in Values headed by George McLean, which he proposed informally to me during some recent meetings in Chicago, and somewhat more formally in a short statement that he has prepared and that I shall circulate. As he indicates there, the history of the evolution of his quite extraordinary initiatives for

holding regional philosophy meetings all over the world had at least a large part of its origin in the time, some 15 years ago, when he was a member of this CD and proposals were made to sponsor such meetings. FISP itself has done little to advance this idea since then, and of course even the very promising proposals to hold mini-World Congresses between the major ones, notably in Santiago, Chile, and in Belfast, were in the end not implemented; only the earlier one in Kenya actually took place. Once again this time there was what seemed to be a serious proposal for such an interim congress in India, but then the change in government there delayed approval of it, and I have heard nothing about it for some time now, so I am somewhat pessimistic about the likelihood of its occurring (although Professor Kuçuradi has indicated that she still expects it to occur). I had hoped that Professor Chandel would be here to inform us of its status, if it still has any, but she is not. I very recently received an invitation to attend a conference in January 2006, which was the date that my original correspondents in India had mentioned for such a mini-Congress, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the All India Philosophy Association, one of our member societies, and it mentioned that they would be departing from their usual custom of having all papers given in Hindi and were expecting some 50 delegates from overseas. This is very good, but it is not the same as the earlier initiative from India, and in any case a meeting with only 50 foreign delegates is not exactly a mini-World Congress.

We also need, if at all possible, to try to develop more publishing projects. Just a few years ago, several were in progress and have since been completed. Right at this moment, of course, preparation of the proceedings from the Istanbul World Congress is going ahead, and that will be a very important contribution. But I still hope that a new volume in our still nascent series, *Ideas Concerning World Problems*, of which the most recent is the one on the idea of value that I edited and that was made available in Istanbul, can be generated fairly soon. We have had an expression of interest from George Leaman, the director of the Philosophy Documentation Center in the United States, which published *The Idea of Values*, to continue future publications in this series, but so far no one has taken up my invitation, made last year, to generate a new volume, which could be on any relevant topic; as some of you will no doubt recall, Professor Kuçuradi suggested “the idea of terrorism.”

We sponsor the Philosophy Olympiads, with which Professor Kuçuradi and Professor Chandel and our former CD colleague Katalina Havas have had considerable experience, while until now I have had none. There have been two very unfortunate developments with regard to this event: first, since neither Peter nor I had been told the proposed dates, it turned out to overlap with these meetings in Helsinki; second, last week Professor Chandel informed the organizer, Professor Niznik, that she would be unable to attend and preside over it on behalf of FISP, which had been the original expectation. Fortunately, impressed as I was with Professor Niznik’s enthusiasm when finally we began to be in touch by e-mail, I had already agreed to go there for the two final days. I look forward to that and hope, as does Peter Kemp, that we can institute procedures to avoid such conflicts of dates in future years.

As I learned just last week, one person in attendance at the Olympiads will be the UNESCO director for Philosophy and the Humanities, Ms. Mufida Goucha. I shall be meeting with her and perhaps helping to initiate a new era of cooperation between UNESCO, which, as Agazzi's history of FISP chronicles, in a certain real sense is a part of our own origin as an organization, and us. The relationship between us has had its difficult moments of late, in large measure because of the failure of their rather minimal effort to have us participate officially as an organization (although Ioanna Kuçuradi and perhaps one or two other CD members did so as individuals) in last November's Philosophy Day in Paris. (Basically, they apparently sent an invitation by mail in summer 2004 to a very old address of Peter's in Copenhagen, he never received it, and no one tried again to contact either him or me, even though I had been the official organizer of our FISP panel the previous year and they had been in contact with me numerous times about that.)

Meanwhile, they have developed a draft statement on the global role of philosophy, which was approved at their general meeting in April. This is a very important development, effectively guaranteeing philosophy a serious and permanent role in UNESCO's future projects. But alas, UNESCO itself has been going through structural changes and downsizing, in part because of the limited enthusiasm for UNESCO shown by major governments, and in part also because their budget is pegged to the value of the U.S. dollar, with the fate of which I am sure you are all familiar. The criticisms of UNESCO that were voiced last November at the CIPSH conference in Beijing, which Peter Kemp has mentioned, and which was unfortunately scheduled so as to coincide with the Philosophy Day in Paris, were considerable. All subsidies from UNESCO to CIPSH had been suspended, so that the various proposals requesting modest sums for meetings in 2006 and 2007 that I had solicited from a few of our member societies were unable to be funded – a huge waste of time and effort. Fortunately, we are not dependent either on CIPSH or on UNESCO itself, but it will be a good thing, I still believe, if more positive relationships can be fostered – and it would be a still better thing if the flow of money towards economic, social, and cultural activities and away from endless warfare could be expedited. It would also be most desirable if FISP, with its currently very modest budget, could receive a large and recurring subsidy from the Soros Foundation or some similar organization, so that we could move, as my university's president never tires of saying, "to the next level." However, as I said at the conclusion of my paper given at the Beijing CD meeting a couple of years ago, it would also be very desirable if pigs could fly and lions would start lying down, on a regular basis, with lambs.

*This is now being done, as seen in the current newsletter.

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Secretary General of FISP

RAPPORT DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL – HELSINKI, MAI '05

Ce n'est qu'il y a un an et demi depuis que j'ai pris ce poste, et ce n'est que maintenant que je peux commencer à considérer de nouvelles initiatives à prendre. Au début de l'année dernière j'ai organisé le transfert du site électronique de la FISP d'Ankara, et j'ai passé beaucoup de temps en l'adaptant à son nouveau lieu, en y ajoutant des choses supplémentaires, et puis en créant le premier bulletin sous ma rédaction. Maintenant il y a eu deux bulletins, et je ferai appel tout de suite après cette réunion pour que l'on m'envoie des nouvelles pour le bulletin prochain. Je pense que cela a marché assez bien jusqu'à présent, surtout en ce qui concerne la possibilité, dont j'ai profité au maximum, de le préparer peu à peu et de permettre de faire des changements avant d'envoyer la version finale pour être imprimée à Ankara. Je veux remercier beaucoup à Ioanna Kuçuradi de nous avoir permis de continuer à travailler avec la maison d'éditions avec laquelle elle est en contact proche, et d'avoir surveillé l'envoi des copies imprimées à nos sociétés-membres. À mon avis, la version imprimée continue à être très importante, car je soupçonne que des membres de certaines de nos sociétés membres n'ont pas encore essayé d'accéder au site électronique.

À propos de ce site, les questions suivantes viennent à mon esprit. En général, comment pouvons-nous ou devrions-nous l'élargir? Quelle importance attache-t-on à un effort de le rendre plus attrayant du point de vue esthétique et plus avancé du point de vue technologique? Serait-il une bonne idée ou une mauvaise idée de publier les procès-verbaux, surtout des réunions de notre CD,* mais peut-être aussi des réunions du comité de programme du Congrès Mondial, dans les numéros du bulletin, publiés deux fois par an, où il conviendrait? Je vous invite à m'aider sur tous ces points et de me faire des suggestions supplémentaires à propos de ce site.

Depuis l'été dernier, nous avons reçu des applications d'inscription de la part de six sociétés, applications que nous considérerons plus tard. Il y a une initiative que j'espère pouvoir prendre – avec, je l'espère aussi, l'assistance de quelques-uns parmi vous – qui est celle d'élargir le nombre de nos sociétés membres, surtout dans des régions du monde où nous sommes sous-représentés. Une telle région est le Moyen-Orient. Une autre en est l'Afrique au sud du Sahara. Une autre en est l'Amérique Latine. Encore une autre en est l'Australie/la Nouvelle-Zélande. En ce qui concerne cette dernière région, nous avons reçu récemment de l'aide et de l'encouragement de la part d'Anita Silvers, la secrétaire-trésorière de la Division Pacifique de l'American Philosophical Association, qui va aller bientôt à la Nouvelle-Zélande pour un long séjour, et qui a été en contact avec des philosophes là-bas qui puissent être bien situés pour promouvoir cette possibilité.

En général, tandis que les activités diverses dont Peter Kemp a parlé nous ont occupés assez, je pense que nous devons faire davantage et nous rendre plus visibles – pas pour nos propres intérêts, bien sûr, mais en vue de promouvoir plus de dialogue et plus d'activités philosophiques, qui est notre raison d'être. C'est pourquoi je suis enthousiaste à propos de l'alliance, pour ainsi dire, de la FISP avec le Center for Research in Values dirigé par George McLean, alliance qu'il m'a proposée informellement lors d'une réunion récente à Chicago, et plus formellement dans un petit mémoire qu'il a préparé et que je vais faire circuler. Comme il y explique, l'histoire de l'évolution de ses initiatives très extraordinaires à l'égard de l'organisation des réunions philosophiques régionales partout dans le monde a eu ses origines, au moins en partie,

dans l'époque, il y a 15 ans plus ou moins, quand il était un membre de notre CD et l'on a proposé l'idée de tenir des réunions de cette espèce. Depuis, la FISP elle-même a fait peu pour avancer cette idée; et, bien entendu, les projets, pleins de promesse, de tenir des mini-Congrès mondiaux à mi-point entre les grands, notamment à Santiago de Chile et à Belfast en Irlande, n'ont pas réussi en fin de compte. Seul celui du Kenya, plus tôt, a eu lieu en réalité. Cette fois encore il y a eu un projet, qui avait l'air sérieux, de tenir un tel congrès intermédiaire à l'Inde, mais, depuis, le changement gouvernemental l'a retardé, et je n'ai rien entendu à son propos depuis longtemps; je suis donc assez pessimiste à propos de la possibilité qu'il ait lieu (tandis que le Professeur Kuçuradi m'a indiqué qu'elle l'attend toujours). J'avais espéré que le Professeur Chandel serait ici pour nous renseigner à l'égard de son statut, s'il en a encore un, mais elle ne l'est pas. Très récemment j'ai reçu une invitation à assister à une conférence au mois de janvier 2006, la même période mentionnée, par ceux qui m'avaient écrit de l'Inde, comme celle de leur mini-congrès projeté, pour célébrer le jubilé cinquantenaire de l'All India Philosophy Association, qui est une de nos sociétés-membres. Dans cette invitation on a dit qu'ils allaient dévier de leur pratique habituelle selon laquelle toutes les communications sont données en Hindi, et qu'ils attendaient une cinquantaine de délégués d'outre-mer. C'est très bon, mais ce n'est pas la même chose que l'initiative qui était venue au préalable de l'Inde, et en tout cas une réunion avec 50 délégués étrangers n'est pas exactement un mini-Congrès Mondial.

Nous avons besoin également, si c'est possible, d'encourager plus de projets de publication. Il y a quelques années seulement, il y en avait quelques-uns qui étaient en train et qui ont été terminés depuis. Actuellement, bien sûr, on prépare les Actes du Congrès Mondial d'Istanbul, et cela sera une contribution très importante. Mais je continue à espérer que l'on pourra créer bientôt un nouveau volume dans notre série encore débutante, *Ideas concerning World Problems*, dont le plus récent est celui sur l'idée de la valeur que j'ai rédigé et que l'on pouvait acheter à Istanbul. George Leaman, le directeur du Philosophy Documentation Center aux États-Unis, la maison d'édition de *The Idea of Values*, nous a dit qu'il s'intéressait à continuer à publier des volumes futurs dans cette série, mais jusqu'à présent personne n'a accepté mon invitation, faite il y a un an, à créer un nouveau volume, qui pourrait porter sur n'importe quel thème; comme quelques-uns parmi vous s'en souviendront sans doute, le Professeur Kuçuradi a proposé « l'idée du terrorisme ».

Les Olympiades Philosophiques, à l'égard desquelles les Professeurs Kuçuradi et Chandel et notre collègue et ancien membre du CD, le Professeur Katalina Havas, ont eu beaucoup d'expérience, tandis que je n'en ai eu aucune jusqu'à présent, ont lieu sous notre égide. Il y a eu deux aspects très regrettables en ce qui concerne les Olympiades de 2005: d'abord, Peter Kemp et moi étant dans l'ignorance des dates prévues, on a appris trop tard qu'elles étaient les mêmes que celles de notre réunion à Helsinki; deuxièmement, la semaine dernière le Professeur Chandel a fait savoir à l'organisateur, le Professeur Niznik, qu'elle ne pourrait pas y aller pour présider cet événement, comme l'on avait attendu. Heureusement, ayant été très impressionné par l'enthousiasme montré par le Professor Niznik une fois que nous sommes entrés en correspondance électronique, je m'étais déjà mis d'accord pour y aller pour les deux derniers jours. J'attends ce voyage imminent avec plaisir, et j'espère, avec Peter Kemp, que nous pourrons créer des

mécanismes afin d'éviter des conflits semblables concernant les dates dans les années à venir.

Comme j'ai appris la semaine dernière, un individu qui assistera aux Olympiades sera le Chef de la Section de la philosophie et des sciences humaines de l'UNESCO, Mme. Moufida Goucha. Je vais la recontrer à Varsovie, et j'espère que je pourrai ainsi contribuer à l'inauguration d'une nouvelle ère de coopération entre la FISP et l'UNESCO, qui, dans un sens réel, fait partie, comme montre bien l'histoire de la FISP écrite par le Professeur Agazzi, de nos propres origines. Récemment, la relation entre l'UNESCO et nous a eu des moments difficiles, en grande partie à cause de la faillite des efforts assez faibles de nous faire inclure officiellement comme organisation dans la Journée de la Philosophie en novembre dernier (tandis que Ioanna Kuçuradi et peut-être un ou deux autres membres du CD y ont participé en tant qu'individus). (Voici ce qui s'est passé: ils ont envoyé une invitation par poste en été 2004 à une vieille adresse de Peter, il ne l'a pas reçue, et personne n'a essayé de contacter de nouveau ni Peter ni moi, malgré le fait que j'avais été l'organisateur officiel du colloque de la FISP en 2003 et qu'ils m'avaient contacté plusieurs fois à ce propos.) Entretemps, ils ont composé un texte sur le rôle mondial de la philosophie qui a été approuvé lors de leur assemblée générale au mois d'avril. Ceci est un événement très important, qui garantit effectivement à la philosophie un rôle sérieux et permanent dans les projets futurs de l'UNESCO. Hélas, l'UNESCO elle-même a été en train de subir des changements structureaux et des réductions, en partie à cause du manque d'enthousiasme pour l'UNESCO de la part de certains gouvernements importants, et en partie à cause du fait que leur budget est lié avec la valeur du dollar américain, dont vous connaissez tous le sort. Les critiques de l'UNESCO que l'on a entendues en novembre dernier à la conférence, déjà mentionnée par Peter Kemp, de la CIPSH à Pékin, une conférence dont les dates ont été malheureusement en conflit avec celle de la Journée de la Philosophie à Paris, ont été considérables. Toutes les subventions de l'UNESCO à la CIPSH ont été suspendues, ce qui a eu comme résultat l'impossibilité de donner aucunes des sommes très modestes demandées par quelques-unes de nos sociétés-membres pour des réunions en 2006 et 2007 d'après des applications que j'avais sollicitées – une perte énorme de temps et d'effort. Heureusement, nous ne dépendons ni de la CIPSH ni de l'UNESCO, mais je continue à croire que ce sera bon si des relations plus positives peuvent être cultivées, et que ce sera encore mieux si la distribution de l'argent dans la direction des activités économiques, sociales, et culturelles peut être augmentée et celle dans la direction des guerres sans cesse peut être renversée. Ce serait à souhaiter aussi si la FISP, avec son budget actuel très modeste, recevait une grande subvention continuellement renouvelable de la Fondation Soros ou d'une fondation semblable, afin que nous puissions nous hausser, comme dit toujours le président de mon université, « au prochain niveau ». Cependant, comme je disais déjà à la réunion du CD il y a deux ans à Pékin, ce serait également à souhaiter si les cochons pouvaient voler et si les lions se couchaient régulièrement avec les agneaux.

* C'est ce qu'on fait maintenant, comme on peut voir dans le bulletin actuel.

William L. McBride
Secrétaire Général de la FISP

TREASURER'S REPORT

F I S P : BILAN au 11 mai 2005

<u>Avoir au 20.03.2004</u>		<u>Avoir au 11.05.2005</u>	
Compte privé H	CHF 7'147.20	Compte privé H	CHF 11'131.36
Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF 9'354.91	Compte d'épargne M1W	CHF 15'706.41
Titres (40 parts UBS (Lux))		Titres (40 parts UBS (Lux))	
Strategy Fund CHF Yield A)	<u>CHF 44'229.20</u>	Strategy Fund CHF Yield A)	<u>CHF 43'844.80</u>
TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 60'731.31		
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Surplus de recettes	CHF 9'951.26		
	CHF 70'682.57	TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 70'682.57

FONDS CONGRES MONDIAUX (FISP) : BILAN au 11 mai 2005

<u>Avoir au 20.03.2004</u>		<u>Avoir au 11.05.2005</u>	
Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 1'127.79	Compte d'épargne J1J	CHF 1'483.19
Titres (10 parts UBS (Lux))		Titres (10 parts UBS (Lux))	
Strategy Fund CHF Yield A)	<u>CHF 11'050.50</u>	Strategy Fund CHF Yield A)	<u>CHF 10'961.20</u>
TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 12'178.29		
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Surplus de recettes	CHF 266.10		
	CHF 12'444.39	TOTAL AVOIR	CHF 12'444.39

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In addition FISP owns the endowment of the Ibn Roshd Lecture, deposited with Prof. Ioanna Kuçuradi in Ankara, which amounted on 13.01.2004 to **USD 12'527.97**, which (at the exchange rate of May 13, 2005) is equivalent to **CHF 15'229**.

Guido Küng, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

1) At the CD meeting in Copenhagen in March 2004, I presented an oral report detailing a number of proposals for changes in the FISP Statutes and Bye-Laws. These were fully discussed at that meeting, as reported in minute 8; and the proposed changes were set out in the Report of the General Policy Committee (April 19, 2004).

As requested I am now circulating the changes again in advance of the Helsinki meeting, so that all members can become aware of what is proposed.

2) As another part of the Committee's report to the Copenhagen meeting, it was proposed that other FISP regulations be put on the web-site, since in many cases they were not widely known and there may be a case for reconsidering some of them. Since then the Regulations for the International Olympiads have been put up, with much interesting information about the history of this competition. There is also a file giving the regulations for World Congresses and other international meetings which FISP may sponsor.

It would be helpful for CD members, particularly those with current or recent experience of organising such meetings, to reflect on these regulations, so that the General Policy Committee can begin to consider such matters during the days in Helsinki.

I look forward to seeing you again at that time.

David Evans, Chair of General Policy Committee

Proposed changes in regulations

STATUTES

Article 3 (first paragraph, second line)
between "corporations" and "individuals", insert
"societies, institutions,"

Article 11 (first paragraph)
delete existing sentence, replace by
"The General Assembly is composed of delegates of all societies and institutions which are members of FISP, each delegate being duly appointed for this purpose."

Article 11 (second paragraph)
after "votes" insert
"and delegates,"

Article 13 (third sentence)
delete existing sentence, replace by
"This communication must state the names of the delegates."

BYE-LAWS

Article 3
delete first paragraph; revise second paragraph, as follows:
"In case of any vacancy which occurs during the period of office of a member of the Steering Committee, the next eligible candidate in descending order of votes from the

previous election shall be appointed to serve until the next meeting of the General Assembly.”

Article 4 (first paragraph, lines 4-6)

after “...meeting of the Steering Committee”, replace by

“the Steering committee shall be authorised to replace the member with the next eligible candidate in descending order of votes from the previous election to serve until the next meeting of the General Assembly.”

Article 6

(first paragraph)

replace “four” with “six”

(second paragraph)

replace with the following:

- (i) The Committee on General Policy
- (ii) The Committee on Teaching Philosophy
- (iii) The Committee on the Ethics of Science and Technologies,
especially Bioethics
- (iv) The Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy
- (v) The Committee on International Cooperation and Philosophical Encounters
- (vi) The Committee on Human Rights

Article 6 (sixth paragraph)

between “shall” and “replace”, insert

“be authorised”

Article 6 (last paragraph)

delete

after Article 10

insert new Article 11 [within Chapter IV], and renumber all subsequent Articles

“The President (or his or her nominee) and the Chair of the Committee on Teaching Philosophy will act for FISP in the administration of the International Philosophy Olympiads, for which FISP has assumed responsibility in accordance with Article 2(f) of the Statutes.”

Article 11 (to be renumbered 12)

at the end add new paragraph

“(d) Member societies from a single country shall not deploy more than a total of 8 votes. Although they shall have the right to send to the General Assembly as many delegates as the number of votes resulting from the above table, they shall devise an agreement among themselves about the distribution of the votes actually available to them.”

Article 12 (to be renumbered 13)

delete final paragraph

--- June 16, 2005

Réunion du comité (commission) pour l'enseignement de la philosophie

Compte rendu de la réunion de la commission pour l'enseignement de la philosophie qui s'est tenue le 19 mai 2005, à l'Université d'Helsinki, en présence du Président, de la past-Présidente et du secrétaire général de la FISP.

Le professeur Jean Ferrari rappelle d'abord la précédente réunion de Copenhague en mars 2004 au cours de laquelle un certain nombre de décisions ont été prises.

Conformément aux recommandations de Ioanna Kuçuradi et de Peter Kemp, de même que les travaux de la commission avaient donné lieu à la présentation au congrès d'Istanbul d'un volume consacré à l'enseignement de la philosophie et particulièrement de l'éthique aux non-philosophes, sous le titre de *Socrate pour tous*, l'idée d'organiser un colloque sur l'enseignement de l'histoire de la philosophie avait été retenue, dont les Actes devraient être prêts pour le Congrès de Séoul en juillet 2008. Si l'on tient compte des délais de mise au point et d'impression, l'année 2006 devrait être la plus convenable à un tel projet, soit qu'un colloque y soit organisé spécifiquement à cette fin, soit qu'il ait lieu à l'occasion de la réunion annuelle du Comité directeur dont toutefois ni la date, ne le lieu n'ont encore été fixés.

Le professeur Sémou Pathe Gueye proposa alors de prendre la responsabilité d'organiser un colloque sur le thème retenu, dans la deuxième quinzaine de janvier 2006, à Dakar et d'y inviter les collègues intéressés, membres ou non de la commission. Les frais de séjour seraient à la charge de la partie sénégalaise, les frais de voyage à celle des participants. Chacun pourrait y présenter une communication sur l'histoire de la philosophie, sa nature, ses méthodes, ses enjeux dans le monde d'aujourd'hui et selon la diversité des aires culturelles que recouvre la FISP, son enseignement et son rôle dans la formation des futurs philosophes devant retenir particulièrement l'attention. Cette proposition a été acceptée avec faveur et reconnaissance par tous les membres présents de la commission qui s'est encore élargie à cette occasion.

Des informations plus précises parviendront aux membres du C.D. avant la fin de l'été. Il leur appartiendra alors de faire connaître leur intérêt selon des modalités qui seront arrêtées d'un commun accord entre les responsables de la FISP et l'Université de Dakar, hôte de ce colloque.

Membres du CD :

Enrico Berti

Tomas Calvo-Martinez

Betül Çotuksöken

Tran Van Doan

David Evans

Jean Ferrari

Thalia Fung Riveron

Sémou Pathé Gueye

Gilbert Hottois

Gürol Irzik

Ivan Kaltchev

Peter Kemp

Ioanna Kuçuradi

William McBride

Dermot Brendan Moran

Hans Poser

Membres extérieurs:

Nadia Boccara (Italie)

Jean Leclercq (Belgique)

Nelly Robinet (France)

Committee on Philosophical Encounters & International Cooperation

Dear members of the Steering Committee:

During the session of the FISP Steering Committee in Helsinki May 18 it was decided that the Committee on Philosophical Encounters and International Cooperation should collect information about the current worldwide situation of, and developments in, philosophy in different regions. The focus is on philosophy as it stands today, at the beginning of the 21st century: there are no thematic restrictions, rather – it would be extremely interesting to detect the shifts occurring in philosophy's self-selection of its most relevant "objects" and issues. It would be of equal importance to know which philosophical traditions and currents are being regarded as relevant and productive for solving the problems which are imposed on thought by current developments of humankind all over the planet. We ask you to give a brief panorama of philosophical thought in your country or region.

Material received will be published on the FISP webpage. We have already received papers concerning philosophy in Asia, Finland, the USA and the Baltic states. Material concerning the philosophical situation in the Balkans is in preparation.

Papers must be approximately 15-20 pages long.

We think that this project should be of interest for all philosophers all around the world and will foster philosophical communication.

The deadline for submitting papers is September 1.

----Maja Kule

Report of the Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy

At the CD meeting in Copenhagen last year, I was asked to continue the work of the Committee on Intercultural Research in Philosophy. M. Dascal and M. Stepaniants – and several other CD members (Pathe Gueye, Yao Jiehou, Basilio Rojo Ruiz, Ryszard Wojcicki) – were interested in participating in the work of this Committee.

As I suggested at that time, I believe that this Committee is in a position to collaborate with member Associations in co-sponsoring or supporting the work of conferences and research activities at the regional level. I have also contacted Prof. Yersu Kim, the previous Chair of the Committee, for suggestions on the kinds of activities the Committee might undertake.

I have, for example, received an invitation to participate in a meeting in Jakarta (in late June) at International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization [ISTAC] that is part of the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. That Institute, with the RVP, will meet on the theme of "Islam and Western thought". There are other conferences to which I have been invited and to which Committee members might be able to contribute as speakers or contacts. Participation by Committee members in one or more of these might be one way of engaging in the work of the Committee.

Through these and related activities, the Committee is well-positioned to support and make a contribution to philosophical research, and can also play an important role in the visibility of FISP between World Congresses.

----William Sweet

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Proposal from George F. McLean (item #7 in the minutes)

May 9, 2005

To: Prof. William McBride, Sec. FISP

From: George F. McLean, Sec. RVP

Need: Everyone hopes to see FISP become more active beyond its great work of organizing the World Congress. When I was a member of the Steering Committee 15 years ago it developed a plan for regional engagement on the part of FISP. However, this was realized only slightly and in a top-down manner through co-sponsorship of some larger meetings which would have been held in any case.

A true regional development would activate the work of FISP in a bottom-up direction starting from the many locales. The reasons are weighty and properly philosophical, for the philosophical world has indeed been turning. After WWII attention to existence was added to that of essence, subjectivity to objectivity, affectivity to reason, and wisdom to knowledge; consistently a spirit of freedom displaced the ideologies. This calls for a new starting point and promises an immense enrichment and applicability of the philosophy done on these bases.

Team Structure: To respond to these new philosophical challenges and opportunities requires opening new ways of working in philosophy, not only as isolated individuals, but also in teams in order to bring together multiple philosophical specializations as well as the unique and creative experience of many minds and hearts. This promises geometrical progress through real engagement in being as lived.

It suggests as well a new logistics, i.e., in addition to large meetings which showcase individual papers, a cumulative process in which insight is generated in professional discussion in the various teams, and in turn is shared critically and cumulatively with other teams with similar concerns in the same region or culture.

Since the original planning in the FISP Steering Committee, The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) has been carrying forward this work, inviting the formation of many teams throughout the world and holding regular regional conferences built upon their work. This has resulted in the publication of 150 volumes which are distributed to 350 university libraries, with special emphasis on the East and on the Southern hemisphere.

In sum, it could be said that all this has been the realization of the plans developed over a decade ago by the FISP Congress Committee for responding to the new circumstances and needs of our time. It works from the bottom up in local teams to develop the reflection that achieves philosophical insight enriched by the life of the many cultures. It brings these together in ever broader horizons rich with the existential insights of the many peoples. The publication and distribution create a network that brings the philosophical insights, concern and commitments of all peoples into cooperative interchange. This is globalization in philosophy in a very positive sense of that term.

The RVP has considerable experience in this over the last 25 years and would be willing to carry this forward in the name of FISP as a research committee or project. Doing so would immediately and without cost engage FISP actively and locally across the world; in turn that would encourage increased participation in the teams and area meetings. In these newly global times this would give philosophers in their many different locales a true sense that in working locally as FISP they are working globally as well.

DIVERSE NEWS ITEMS – FAITS DIVERS

A reminder: A worldwide Philosophical Calendar is available on the website of the RVP at www.crvp.org . Please consult it regularly.

Pour vous rappeler: On peut regarder un Calendrier Philosophique global sur le site du Conseil RVP: www.crvp.org . Vous êtes priés de le consulter régulièrement.

Monsieur Léo Houziaux, Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie Royale de Belgique, a porté à notre attention une motion qui a été discutée et votée lors de la 79^e Assemblée Générale de l'Union Académique Internationale, qui concerne la protection de l'héritage culturel dans les Balkans et à Chypre. Le texte de cette motion, en anglais et en français, peut être obtenu du Secrétariat: info@uai-iaa.org .

M. Léo Houriaux, permanent Secretary of the Royal Belgian Academy, has called our attention to a motion that was discussed and approved by vote during the 79th General Assembly of the International Academy, concerning the protection of the cultural heritage in the Balkans and on Cyprus. The text of this motion, in English and French, may be obtained from the Secretariat at info@uai-iaa.org .

We have been asked to announce the following:

***First Symposium on
Philosophy, History, and Methodology of***

E.R.R.O.R*

***Experimental Reasoning, Reliability, Objectivity & Rationality:**

Induction, Statistics, & Modeling

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

June 2-5, 2006

We learn from our mistakes. *But are we learning enough?* Contributions to this conference, whether philosophical, historical, statistical, and/or methodological, will all in some way reflect an aspect of “learning from error,” conceiving “error” very broadly, (e.g., mistakes of inference, flawed methods, statistical errors, misspecified models, anomalous results, erroneous verdicts, deceptions in nature, biases and fallacies). What kinds of errors seem to matter most in improving method, advancing reliability, avoiding threats (natural and man-made). How do/can we make progress in building a “repertoire of errors” and techniques to circumvent, or capitalize upon them?

Special Invited Speakers (thus far): Peter Achinstein (Johns Hopkins), Alan Chalmers (Adelaide), Sir David Cox (Oxford), Clark Glymour (Carnegie Mellon), Henry Kyburg (Rochester), Larry Laudan (UNAM), Alan Musgrave (Otago), John Worrall (LSE).

Executive Committee: A. Chalmers, D.R. Cox, C. Glymour, A. Spanos
Program/Planning/Publicity Committee: C. Glymour, D. Mayo, C. Pinnick, D. Rudge,
K. Staley

We would like to invite suggestions for workshops** and contributed papers in the form of Poster sessions directly presenting a mixture of a brief paper, tables, graphs, pictures, and other formats.

**One will be "Error and the Growth of Experimental Knowledge---10 Years On"

Directions for submissions will be posted later in September at www.econ.vt.edu/error06
Inquiries: error@vt.edu or jemille6@vt.edu

The Program Committee will begin reviewing submissions: November 30; final date to receive submissions: **January 6, 2006**. All accepted contributors will have accommodation and partial travel expenses covered.

An International Congress of Philosophy, entitled PERSON AND SOCIETY: Perspectives for the Twenty-First Century, will be held in Braga, Portugal, from November 17-19, 2005. It will be sponsored by the Catholic University of Portugal and the *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*. Contact: rpf@facfil.ucp.pt

Congratulations are in order for Professor Hans Lenk, who was elected President of the International Institute of Philosophy at its recent meeting in Mexico. Professor Lenk is also a member of the FISP Steering Committee.

Nous félicitons le Professeur Hans Lenk à l'occasion de son élection comme Président de l'Institut International de Philosophie lors de la réunion récente de l'Institut au Mexique. Le Professeur Lenk est aussi membre du Comité Directeur de la FISP.

La Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie (FISP), en collaboration avec l'Institut International de Philosophie, va célébrer la Journée de la Philosophie le 17 novembre 2005 avec un colloque à l'Ecole Normale Supérieure à Paris. Voir ci-dessous (bientôt). Tous sont invités. Ceux qui ne seront pas à Paris sont priés d'organiser et/ou assister à des Journées de la Philosophie dans leurs propres pays.

FISP, in collaboration with the International Institute of Philosophy (IIE), is going to commemorate the (annual) Philosophy Day on November 17, 2005, with a colloquium that will take place at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris. See below (coming soon). All are invited. Those who will not be in Paris are urged to organize and/or participate in Philosophy Days in their own countries.

NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES NOUVELLES DES SOCIÉTÉS-MEMBRES

ARGENTINE

ASOCIACIÓN FILOSÓFICA DE LA REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA

Le XIII Congreso Nacional de Filosofía aura lieu entre le 22 et le 25 novembre 2005 à Rosario.

SOCIEDAD ARGENTINA DE FILOSOFÍA

Feliz Año 2005 --- Invitación especial a Convocatoria Internacional a filósofos y científicos --Noviembre 2005, La Falda .Sierras de Córdoba Argentina Primer día en Córdoba Capital. Adhesión al Día de la Filosofía _ FISP; UNESCO – y Año Internacional de la Física y al Cuarto Centenario de la publicación de El Quijote Tema ," Tiempo, e Incertidumbre en el Nuevo Milenio " lo que supone la posibilidad de abordar El tiempo , visto desde sus múltiples perspectivas – En el marco del congreso se propone 1 -Simposio Internacional en homenaje a Einstein 2 Simposio sobre : "El Quijote y su autor"Organizan Sociedad Argentina de filosofía con la Colaboración de las Instituciones Adheridas: Instituto Argentino Germano de Filosofía y Humanidades. de la Sociedad Chileno Alemana de filosofía, Editorial Alejandro Korn, Sociedad Argentino Germana, de filosofía - presidida, desde noviembre, por Jorge Roetti, quien tendrá a su cargo la preparación del Pre - Congreso en la Academia de Ciencias de Bs. As Hemos acordado con el nuevo Presidente ,seguir trabajando juntos ,en aras a seguir promoviendo un movimiento filosófico ,cada vez más riguroso y expresivo de las grandes problemáticas que urgen ser consideradas Esperamos vuestra opinión ,y sugerencia sobre la temática propuesta ,y demás detalles que hacen al desarrollo del Congreso Nuestra principal misión – 2004- 2005es decir una palabra iluminadora sobre el presente y, sobre todo, atrevernos a conjeturar sobre el futuro, haciéndonos cargo de una humanidad y, en particular, de un país, y porque no decir de un mundo , cuya desorientación es más que alarmante.-

Memoria

Año 2004-5:

A nuestros socios amigos, e Instituciones dedicadas a pensar, desde diversos horizontes y perspectivas, en un mundo más justo y solidario

La Sociedad Argentina de filosofía y, sus instituciones asociadas , tienen la gran alegría de poder compartir con Uds. la satisfacción de un año -2004-.colmado de acontecimientos dignos de reseñar, y expectantes ante un trienio histórico que augura , en lo inmediato, la celebración de nuestros 30 años de existencia- 2006-7 ,y, en lo mediano ,un nuevo siglo-bicentenario, -2010- de nuestra patria y la de los países americanos con quienes compartimos el ingreso histórico en el siglo XIX ...Enfatizamos estos logros porque se presentan como signos de esperanza y estímulo eficaz ,para poder reflexionar en épocas de penurias....Advertíamos el año pasado, como uno de los más alarmantes fenómenos del nuevo milenio ,la violencia demencial desatada contra los niños, contra la parusía de la vida

que en ellos amanece con sus mejores galas..." Nuestros niños nacen - con las sienes blancas"... Les robamos su inocencia y capacidad de asombro...Guerras, drogas, violencia generalizada, ausencia de amor verdadero, corrupción, falta de trabajo y de conciencia del valor del mismo.; en suma :hedonismo generalizado y voluntad de poder ..deforman hasta el terror la imagen del nuevo siglo y nos lleva a subrayar : "No caben ya dilaciones. Es la hora de los pensadores, de los filósofos ".Urge repensar todo de nuevo y actuar en consecuencia "... decíamos- año 2000- y enfatizamos al comienzo de este nuevo año 2005... Los esfuerzos que venimos realizando dan sus frutos. No podemos exclamar . como solemos hacerlo , movidos por el desánimo " Y, ¿para qué todo?"Reiteramos pues nuestra particular invitación a todos y, cada uno ,en particular, , a asumir la indelegable responsabilidad que nos cabe en esta hora aciaga Juntos podemos pergeñar un mundo más justo y solidario , .como en sus magníficas reflexiones , enviadas a nuestro congreso 2004 ,señala Hans Lenk , Miembro Honorario de la SAF Presidente, por Alemania de la Sociedad Argentino Germana de Filosofía

... Con optimismo en el futuro, y desbordantes de satisfacción por el deber cumplido, podemos decir "feliz Año 2005 "

Año Académico 2004 "Año de la Juventud "

El año 2004 fue un año marcado por la intensa participación de jóvenes, 1: en los cursos de Postgrado con distinguidos catedráticos: Franco Volpi, Carlos Díaz, Alfonso López Quintás, Xosé Domínguez Prieto .2 En las diversas campañas que viene desarrollando la SAF: a : *Sobre la Niñez y el Problema de la Educación Los niños representan el rostro actual de la nueva humanidad y son prostituidos , manipulados, esclavizados torturados, condenados a la desnutrición y a la miseria Optar por los niños es optar por la vida* .Esta opción se va cumpliendo eficazmente , a través de mensajes de mail, conferencias multitudinarias y selectivas, , reportajes en los diarios ,radios y en la televisión - medio que debe ser utilizado para fines constructivos - Y, además, en la publicación de cinco pequeños-grandes libros en la Ed. Alejandro Korn con el fin de proyectar el mensaje de los catedráticos Alfonso López Quintás, Carlos Díaz, Xosé Domínguez Prieto b *Sobre el sentido de la "pobreza "y su trascendencia para forjar un mundo más justo y solidario* iniciado con la edición de *El Privilegio de Ser Latinoamericanos de Alberto Wagner de Reyna ED. Alejandro Korn* ,mensaje de mail, conferencias programas radiales c :La campaña sobre " *Bicentenario de Argentina "* *iniciado en noviembre con la conferencia de Abel Posse en el marco del Congreso Internacional : la Misión de los pensadores y de la filosofía hoy , Dicha campaña tiene como finalidad preparar para el bicentenario ,y para la conciencia de integración regional , con los países latinoamericanos ,e internacional con el resto del mundo*

Una de las características de la tarea cumplida, en el 2004, fue la participación entusiasta de la juventud en los cursos de postgrado y su destacada actuación en el Congreso Internacional: La Misión de los Pensadores y de la Filosofía Hoy "--

Congreso internacional. La Misión de los Pensadores y de la Filosofía Hoy - realizado en adhesión al Día internacional de la filosofía- FISP-UNESCO del 23 al 26 de Noviembre En Córdoba el día 23- como Pre Congreso

La inauguración en Bolsa de Comercio de Córdoba Dio apertura y cierre al acto la Presidente de la SAF Judith Botti Las conferencias estuvieron a cargo de dos figuras representativas del Pensamiento argentino; Pedro J. Frías –figura emblemática cordobesa - Academia de Derecho Córdoba -y Sarita Bereilh representativa personalidad de la Universidad de Bahía Blanca Vicepresidente SAF Ambos ofrecieron versados y sabios mensajes , Pedro J. Frías sobre La situación socio-política en la Argentina y su proyección al futuro ,Sarita Bereilh Sobre Educación en nuestro país Compartieron esta convocatoria autoridades de la Universidad Nacional de Córdoba , congresistas argentinos y extranjeros , y jóvenes estudiantes Luego de un cuarto intermedio ,en Patio Olmos se dio comienzo a la campaña en preparación del bicentenario de Argentina Ante un público estimado en 850 personas, disertó Abel Posse ,embajador y comprometido escritor argentino , promoviendo con sus palabras una particular reacción comunicativa entre el disertante y el público Debemos presentar nuestro reconocimiento a Cadena 3 , por hacer posible este acontecimiento y a Aguas Cordobesas y Patio Olmos Lo vivido en este PRE Congreso representa , sin duda alguna, un hito histórico para la Sociedad y para quienes, argentinos y extranjeros, compartiendo o no el exultante discurso de los oradores , participaron de tan suscitante acontecimiento del pensar Al día siguiente ,el Congreso se trasladó a Carlos Paz – Acto de apertura del Congreso Internacional con la participación de autoridades de la Comuna de Carlos Paz , quienes recibieron a los congresistas con particular calidez y generosa disposición La conferencia inaugural estuvo a cargo del reconocido filósofo cordobés Arturo García Astrada Ex Presidente y Miembro Honorario de la SAF quien expuso con convicción y rigor su personal visión filosófica La coordinación general ,y de la mesa redonda , por Aldo Parfeniux No hubo momento para permanecer indiferentes Desarrollo de paneles, conferencias, mesas de discusión, homenajes ., sesiones plenarias y de comisión ,fueron promoviendo la continua atención de los congresistas La participación calificada de jóvenes , argentinos y extranjeros , marcó el clima del Encuentro, mereciendo destacarse la representación de Colombia, Felipe Castañeda ,Ekaterina Belotsvetova representando a Rusia De España Martín Brocos Fernández , María Norjosa ,Brasil , De Argentina tantos y valiosos jóvenes que cometeríamos falta si mencionamos a unos y obviáramos a otros...

Lo excepcional fue que, junto a la juventud, se dio la participación rectora de excelentes figuras de la generación intermedia, y de pensadores emblemáticos de la Argentina Actual, no pudiendo soslayar la significativa presencia del reflexionar crítico femenino, hecho que fue destacado por el Presidente honorario del Congreso Dr. Víctor Massuh

Los dos principios rectores del accionar de la Sociedad Argentina de filosofía, y de sus instituciones adheridas, " Libertad " y " Unidad en la Diversidad "se pusieron de manifiesto en este importante encuentro :

El tema central : La Misión de los pasadores y de la filosofía , en particular , la del Simposio ,, lograron despertar el estro reflexivo de los participantes En este sentido cabe de subrayar esta característica singular de este congreso: en gran número de casos ,la reflexión crítica, expresada en las diversas intervenciones ,mostraba la perspicuidad de cada uno de los autores Los pensadores se animaron a pensar desde sí mismos , aún a riesgo de no mostrar el esplendor y mención versada de profusas bibliografías ,que suele dar brillo y

prestigio a las exposiciones ...Entre otros , Silvio Maresca, Rosa Coll , Mónica Virasoro, de Argentina ;Niels Öfenberger de Alemania ,Rachell Gazolla , Brasil ,Corina Joris , de Venezuela ,Carmen Vidal Montesinos ,Renato Ochoa y Muñoz Mickle de Chile .. Pareciera que sin proponérselo, los participantes hubieran tenido en cuenta la expresa solicitud de la hija de Juan Mateo Zorzenón ,quien en homenaje póstumo a su padre- socio querido de nuestra institución- pidiera que los concurrentes , como deseaba Juan Mateo Zorzenón, , pensarán por sí mismos, en aras a ofrecer así reflexiones comprometidas y originales Del emotivo acto de homenaje póstumo, participaron sus dilectos amigos. Alberto Vercesi, Eduardo Shore y, desde Italia Michelle Pallottini

Merece reglón aparte el justo acto en reconocimiento a Víctor Massuh Podría decirse que fue como una cantata de Bach: Voces diversas sobre un bajo continuo. El pensamiento magistral, del homenajeado ,dio alas a los excelentes discursos cargados de profesionalidad emotiva Cabe destacar los enjundiosos estudios de Julia Iribarne,el emotivo recuerdo del acontecer histórico del joven Massuh , Dolores Cossio, el versado y personal estudio de Guillermo Maci , Daniel Dei ,y las expresivas apreciaciones personales del homenajeado . El acto de apertura y cierre del suscitante reconocimiento, estuvo a cargo de la Pres.de la SAF La Sociedad Argentina de filosofía ,siente haber colmado sus expectativas al leer las contribuciones reunidas en este número especial de la Revista , - dedicada a homenajear al emblemático filósofo .argentino - La inclusión de nombres como los anteriormente mencionados ,sumados a los de : Jérôme Binde , Director del Departamento de Ciencias humanas y Sociales de la UNESCO; Abel Posse , Alberto Caturelli , Alberto Wagner de Reyna , Arturo García Astrada, Blanca Parfait , Araceli Gallo, Carmen Dragonetti y Fernando Tola, Coriolano Fernández ,Graciela Maturo ,Pedro J. Frías , Pedro Carlos Blaquier , a quien agradecemos , además, el cordial apoyo prestado...Roberto Walton,hablan a las claras del nivel y jerarquía de las contribuciones, y de la particular admiración y respeto que tan calificadas personalidades tienen respecto al homenajeado

Pero no hemos terminado aún con la reseña del Congreso, difícil de abarcar y valorar adecuadamente por la gran cantidad de trabajos, y el nivel y originalidad de las propuestas Tenemos la satisfacción de poder ofrecer a todos, aún a los que no han podido participar del Congreso, que revivan el diálogo fecundo de las diversas perspectivas, del que podrán aprehender ideas y orientación eficaz para transitar por estos difíciles tiempos de penumbra La lectura atenta de . Las 710 páginas de, **“La Misión de los Pensadores y de la Filosofía Hoy, desde Nuestra América”, y del Número especial de la Revista De la SAF dedicado a Vítor Massuh- Año XIV N°-13**, presentados como es habitual durante el desarrollo del encuentro, podrán hacer realidad nuestra propuesta.

El justo homenaje a Kant -,Conferencia :Jorge Roetti, Ponencias Eduardo Shore, Susana Otero - y a una de las figuras más representativas de la Filosofía Alemana: Hans Lenk - Judith Botti, Mirko Skarica -representaron otros hitos importantes del Congreso

Pero, falta mencionar los aportes importantísimos presentados al Simposio sobre ética y bioética Desde el ámbito de las ciencias de la Salud ,se puso en evidencia la necesidad imperiosa de que la Filosofía se aboque a estudiar , con aplicación y rigor crítico , los problemas de Bioética que se presentan a los profesionales en hospitales e institutos dedicados a dicha temática Según el testimonio presentado -por Alberto Ruiz Quiroz del Centro de Especialidades médicas , de Xalapa , Veracruz , Méjico y por Diego Bereilh

expositor del centro de Bioética del Hospital Italiano , de Bahía Blanca- ,los profesionales de la salud se encuentran desorientados por no poder resolver problemas que requieren la competencia específica de filósofos capacitados De lo expresado por ambos profesionales, asociado a lo reflexionado a través de las diversas ponencias del Congreso ,se infiere la responsabilidad insoslayable que le cabe a los filósofos del Siglo XXI ,frente a los grandes e inéditos problemas que se presentan a la humanidad en este nuevo siglo Curioso advertir como ,de las conclusiones del Simposio, se infieren, a la vez , interesantes respuestas al tema central del congreso, coincidente con lo manifestado con gran rigor ,precisión y originalidad por Hans Lenk ,en el trabajo enviado al Congreso y en las palabras de salutación que dirige, desde Alemania ,a los congresistas reunidos en Córdoba

No se puede olvidar los importantes aportes de Silvio Maresca Sobre la Muerte Digna y la del joven argentino Horacio Hernández sobre : " La revolución solidaria " Ambas representaron un significativo cierre de este suscitante Encuentro Internacional , poniendo en evidencia la necesidad de respetar la peculiaridad y dignidad de la vida humana desde su concepción, durante la vida, y en el trance final de la muerte Horacio Hernández- con rigor y firmeza - logró conmover a los congresistas , poniendo en evidencia ,desde su condición de joven filosofo comprometido , como el temple de la solidaridad, que parece irse imponiendo como uno de los más representativos de nuestra época , se pone de manifiesto , sobre todo en los que saben de privaciones y de sufrimientos ; incluso .en los niños carenciados ,que ofrecen las monedas obtenidas con sacrificio, para ayudar a quienes necesitan de un apoyo solidario.... Fue un significativo final para jornadas plenas de diálogo fecundo, en el que, propuestas aparentemente antagónicas., la de pensadores cristianos que defienden la necesaria complementariedad de filosofía y teología Pedro Frías, Sarita Bereihl, Martín Brocos Fernández, Cristina Simeone, Inés Riego, Alicia Piccari,entre otros , y colaboraciones opuestas a estas perspectivas ,lograron una armónica relación en aras a promover, una nueva civilización en la que tengan vigencia valores universales ,en los que sí se podría lograr coincidencia ,entre diversas y aún antagónicas posiciones según lo expresa con rigor y especial profesionalidad Hans Lenk ..El filósofo alemán ,subraya la insoslayable responsabilidad de los filósofos aclarando : " De ningún modo ... la responsabilidad de los filósofos es una construcción meramente abstracta de debates y fundamentaciones tan sólo académicas , sino que se trata de un trabajo conceptual para la vida práctica y en especial para la práctica política y social ".. Los filósofos son " los expertos de lo universal"....los cuales no deben perder de vista los problemas interdisciplinarios... de la sociedad, de los hombres, de la naturaleza humana..." Debemos reconocer el apoyo recibido de la Secretaría de Cultura de la Gobernación de Córdoba Además expresar nuestro especial agradecimiento a Mariana Erica Schóle ,Traductora de alemán y a Marcela Carreras - sub secretaria del congreso, por la colaboración prestada a esta convocatoria A Alicia Picari , por la Coordinación Académica A Rosa Zanoni ,por su cordialidad y siempre dispuesta consideración, al equipo de la Secretaría Económico financiera presidida por el Contador Héctor Unia ., sin cuya participación estas realizaciones no hubieran alcanzado el éxito que hoy festejamos A todos los miembros de la Comisión y a los que, de una manera u otra, participando de nuestra programación hicieron posible su [participar de una desarrollo](#)

Reiteramos nuestra especialísima invitación a la nueva fiesta del pensar ;" Congreso Internacional : Tiempo e incertidumbre en el nuevo Milenio" noviembre 2005 Córdoba Argentina

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Axel Gosseries (Louvain-la-Neuve)

"Quelle bioéthique après l'affaire Perruche?"
Autour de: Penser la justice entre les générations. De l'affaire
Perruche à la réforme des retraites (Aubier, 2004) Le lundi 15 novembre
2004

Vincent Descombes (Paris)
"Philosophie et grammaire du rapport à soi"
Autour de : (Gallimard, 2004) Le jeudi 9 décembre 2004

Henri Atlan (Paris, Jérusalem)
"Réseaux auto-organiseurs de neurones et intentionnalité".
Autour de : Autour de : Les étincelles du hasard.
Tome 1. Connaissance spermatique. Paris, Seuil, 1999.
Tome 2. Athéisme de l'écriture. Paris, Seuil, 2003.
Le mardi 22 février 2005, de 16h30 à 18h30.

Carole Talon-Hugon (Nice)
"Y a-t-il des limites à l'esthétisable?"
Autour de : Goût et dégoût. L'art peut-il tout montrer? (J. Chambon,
2003) Le mercredi 23 mars 2005

Charles Larmore (Chicago)
Les raisons d'être du moi
Autour de : Les pratiques du moi (PUF, 2004) Avril 2005

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Among our current activities is a World Congress, co-sponsored by the Council for Secular Humanism and the International Academy of Humanism on the topic: "Toward a New Enlightenment," to be convened Oct 27-30th, 2005 at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Participants come from some 20 countries. Among the themes are, Responding to fundamentalism, and working out a new Planetary Ethics appropriate to the 21st Century and beyond.

The Center for Inquiry maintains a Summer Institute in Amherst, New York open to scholars and students from various countries. It also co-sponsors a joint Summer program with Moscow State University on Humanism and Naturalism. It will co-sponsor Congresses in Peru for Latin America in the Spring of 2006, in Moscow in 2006, and in Beijing in 2007. It has focused on cultivating an appreciation for science and reason as the basis of dialogue between cultures, particularly with Islamic countries.

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IAPC Newsletter Spring 2005

[Thinking: The Journal of Philosophy for Children 17:3](#)

[Philosophy for Children Graduate Colloquium Series](#)

Reserve a place in the [2006 IAPC Summer Seminars in Philosophy for Children](#)

Coming Up 2005

Tuesday, October 25, 3:20 - 4:20: Bradford School Philosophy for Teachers Meeting

October 20-23: "Philosophical Foundations of Innovative Learning – Philosophische Grundlagen innovativen Lernens": the 20th Anniversary Conference of [The Austrian Center of Philosophy with Children \(ACPC\)](#), Graz/Austria

Thursday, October 27, 11:00 - 1:00 IAPC Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m.: Dr. Wendy Turgeon will speak on "Philosophy and Children," at Dowling College.

Tuesday, November 15, 3:20-4:20: Bradford School Philosophy for Teachers Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2005: [World Philosophy Day \(UNESCO\)](#)

Friday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.: "Philosophy for Children," presentation by M. Gregory to the Center for Inquiry, Long Island, New York Public Library, Plainview, Long Island.

Thursday, December 1, 11:00 - 1:00 IAPC Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Hilton Hotel, NYC: Session I-B of the [APA Eastern Division 102nd Annual Meeting](#) will be a panel discussion on "Philosophy for Children: 30 Years Later," chaired by Garreth Matthews and including David Kennedy

2006

January 3-11, 2006: [Ninth International P4C Conference/Workshop in San Cristóbal, México](#). Conference theme: "Caring Thinking"

April 30: New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association Spring Meeting, Rowan University.

June 12 - 16: 5-Day Workshop on Community of Enquiry Methodology, held in twilight hours at the Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Participants will earn a Strathclyde University Certificate of Professional Development. Contact [Catherine McCall](#) for information.

Saturday 17 June – Monday 19, 2006 ["Talking Thinking: The 2nd EPIC International Conference on Philosophical Inquiry and Lifelong Learning,"](#) University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland UK

June 28-30, 2006: North American Association for Community of Inquiry (NAACI) Seventh Bi-Annual Conference, Québec City, Canada.

2007

Mid-November 2007: UNESCO Conference on Philosophy in Schools and Philosophical Practice, Paris, in conjunction with UNESCO Philosophy Day.

2008

World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea. Conference theme "Rethinking Philosophy Today" Sponsored by [International Federation of Philosophical Societies](#) (IAPC is a member of FISP).

Looking Back

2005

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.: Bradford School PTA Philosophy Night

Monday, October 3, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. "P4C and Child Centered Community Development in Africa" a day of reporting, discussion and planning with Sven Coppens of [PLAN International](#), at the IAPC.

[Philosophy for Children Workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, September 2005](#)

July 17-22: ["Peace, Justice and Education": the ICPIB Bi-Annual Conference](#) at

the National Museum of History in México City, including day trip to [Teotihuacán](#); arrivals on the 17th and departures on the 22nd. Estimated costs: Registration fee \$200 USD; Hotels \$60 - \$100 / day; Meals \$30 / day. [EducationNews.Org Interview with Maughn Gregory](#) Monday, May 9, 2005

[Philosophy for Children courses in MSU Summer Camp](#) June 27 - July 15 & July 18 - August 5, 2005

["Studying Philosophy: Smart Move"](#) Atlantic City Press April 27, 2005

["Kids Ponder the Big Questions"](#) New Jersey Star-Ledger April 14, 2005

Saturday, April 9: Dept. of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education & NJNER Annual Spring Conference: ["Children's Opportunities -- Our Responsibilities"](#) with IAPC Workshops

Friday, April 1: [Philosophy for Children Colloquium Series](#): Oleksandr V. Tyaglo, Chair of the Department of Philosophy & Political Science, National University of Internal Affairs, Kharkiv, Ukraine: *Democracy and Critical Thinking*, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the IAPC

Tuesdays, March 1, 8 & 22, 4-6 p.m. [NJNER Mini-Courses at Cedar Grove High School](#), include [Philosophical Spirituality For Educators](#) by Maya Levanon. Phone (973) 655-5231 for information.

Friday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. [Philosophy for Children Colloquium Series](#): Dr. Bruce Novak, Foundations in Education, Northern Illinois University: *The Opening of the American Heart: How We Can End the War of "Jihad" and "McWorld" By Cooperatively and Publicly Instituting a Moral, Educative Democracy*.

[Scotland Today TV News Story on "Philosophy for Schoolkids" \(video clip\)](#)

February 27, 2005 [Radio Interview of Maughn Gregory on "Equal Time for Freethought,"](#) WBAI 99.5 FM New York (archived for download)

January 27-29 Inter-regional Philosophy for Children conference in Moscow; conference in English and Russian.

January 13, 9:00 - 3:00 [IAPC Introductory Philosophy for Children Workshop](#)

January 3-11: [Eighth International P4C Conference/Workshop in San Cristóbal, México.](#)

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Review of 2004-5

- ◆ In its second year of operation the BPA has continued to expand its range of activities, while at the same time increasing its **membership numbers**. At the time of writing we have 299 individual full members, of whom 39 are teachers of philosophy in schools and sixth form colleges, as well as 9 associate members. We have 47 Philosophy Departments as members as well as 15 Learned Societies. We are very grateful to all for your continued support. The Society still has plenty of room for growth, but current signs and trends are very promising.
- ◆ At the suggestion of a member, the Committee has agreed to make **life memberships** available at a cost of 10 times the current membership price for those under 60 and 8 times for those aged 60 or over. Please contact the Executive Secretary if you wish to take out a life membership.
- ◆ The seriousness with which the academic world takes the BPA was tested earlier this year when we initiated discussions with the members of the **Philosophy Department at Birmingham**. The Executive became alarmed on hearing of the further loss of senior members of department, and on making enquiries was even more alarmed to hear that closure was under discussion. The BPA was able to offer support to the Department in preparing for a high-level review, and took part in the review process itself. The outcome has been the decision to restore the Department to its former strength. In the words of Jeremy Jennings, Professor of Political Theory at Birmingham, "closure was a serious option and the BPA's involvement was crucial in avoiding this outcome".

This development is particularly important for Philosophy given the previous year’s depressing events at Swansea. The BPA regards providing such services to departments as part of its mission, and the earlier we are alerted to any problems the more likely we can make an intervention with positive results.

- ◆ The BPA has been active in the **RAE Consultation**. Our suggestion that the sub-panel should be expanded to the maximum permitted size was echoed by others making submissions to HEFCE and was accepted without question. Many Philosophers nominated by members of the BPA, through the Association, were also invited to join the sub-Panel. We intend to continue to be a major point of contact between the profession and HEFCE on this matter, and are delighted that Professor Antony Duff, Chair of the Philosophy sub-Panel, will lead a discussion on this at the BPA’s AGM on July 11th 2005, in Manchester. Other sub-Panel members will also be present.
- ◆ It may be recalled that there were numerous complaints from departments that the **AHRB/C forms** for post-graduate studentships had become unnecessarily burdensome to complete. Prompted by the BPA the AHRB held a consultation on this matter, and accepted the need to change the forms. So far, reports for this year have

been favourable, but we would welcome further information from those who currently handle these forms to see if additional changes are necessary.

- ◆ The last year has seen the funding and implementation of **Training Requirements** as part of the AHRB/C studentships. Various activities are being attempted throughout the country, in some case with the support of the **Learning and Teaching Support Network**. The BPA would be happy to act as a clearinghouse for information, and would be pleased to hear of examples of training sessions that our members might like to publicise, in order that examples of good practice can be shared.
- ◆ Last year we asked for examples of **'success stories'**: those who had taken a degree in Philosophy who had achieved at a high level in some other field. A page dedicated to this is now available on the Association's website at www.britphil.ac.uk/success.htm
- ◆ At the time of going to press the **elections for next year's Executive Committee** were in process. The results will be posted on the Association's web site as soon as they are known. In the meantime we would like to offer our thanks to Katherine Hawley and Tim Williamson who have reached the end of their terms and have decided not to seek re-election to the Committee. Their contribution to the Association has been highly valued.

AS and A2 Philosophy, and Application Trends in Philosophy Undergraduate Studies

Admissions tutors for undergraduate programmes may have noticed increasing numbers of applications in recent years. Official UCAS figures for single honours applicants report a rise in application from 6,090 in 2000 to 9,003 in 2005 (March figures). The number of places available has also risen, but the signs appear to be that they have not quite kept pace, although complete 2005 figures are not yet available. It seems possible that there will be increasing pressure on places in future years.

Part of this rise is explained by a general increase in applications to the humanities. However there is a special factor in Philosophy: the growth of Philosophy as a school and college subject. It appears that the new practice of allowing students to take four subjects at AS level has led to an increased interest in Philosophy at that level, initially often just for the experience of taking something new and different for a year. However a proportion of students expecting to drop the subject at A2 level find themselves sufficiently interested to continue with it, and a proportion of these then apply to study Philosophy at University. All the signs are that this is a growing trend. This is in addition to the students studying Philosophy as a component of a Religious Studies A2 programme.

The growth in interest can readily be seen. The AS level was introduced in September 2000. Figures on the AQA website show 2214 taking the AS level examination in its first year (2001) with 1168 that year taking the old version of the A level. By 2004 AS numbers had more than doubled to 4677 and A2 numbers risen to 2101. There remains huge potential for growth as increasing numbers of schools and colleges are showing an interest in teaching the subject.

In these circumstances it seems important for University Departments and schools and colleges teaching AS and A2 Philosophy to be aware of each other and to be able to work co-operatively, as well as to work with the AQA in developing the syllabus. Thought also needs to be given to the question of how the increasing demand for Philosophy teachers in schools is to be met. These are issues of pressing concern, and the Committee is in the process of beginning to address them. The BPA would be very pleased to receive communications on these issues.

GRÈCE

FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDITIONS OF NEOHELLENIC PHILOSOPHY

1. The edition of P.Brailas-Armenis' Philosophical works has been now completed with the publication of its last volume, the 9th.
2. The critical edition of the translation of Thomas Aquinas' *Summa theologiae* by D. Cydonos (14th century), in the series *corpus philosophorum graecorum Recentiorum* directed by E. Moutsopoulos, has now attained its 18th volume; it is available through the director's e-mail: emouts@academyofathens.gr

HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

1. The VIth International Congress on Greek Philosophy ("The Notion of Transcendence in Late Greek Philosophy and Patristic Thought") was crowned with great success. Its proceedings are in press and will be published by Urin (Paris).
2. The weekly philosophical seminars of the Society have been active this year on the general theme of metaphysics in aesthetics.
3. The Society's Review, *Diotima*, in English and French has now attained its 34th volume. It is available through its editor's e-mail: emouts@academy of athens.gr.

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INDIAN PHILOSOPHICAL CONGRESS

The 80th session of the Indian Philosophical Congress will take place from October 24-27, 2005, at the University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohunpur, Dist.-Darjeeling, West Bengal 734430.

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Publications

Religious-Philosophical Works. IX – Riga, 2005 – 200 pp.

Veevagars, M., and Ķemere, I., *Greek Lexicon of Proper Names, Part 3, Ancient and Byzantine Sources of History in Latvia* – Riga, 2005 –85 pp.

Iustinus Martyr, *Apologia II* – Riga, 2004 – 44 pp.

Markov, V., *The World as Text* – Riga, 2005 – 327 pp.

Activities

Conference on “Christian Values and their Significance in Forming Latvian Identity,” February 10-11, 2005

Seminar, “Reason and Belief. Christian Values and the Challenge of Modernity,” May 25, 2005

RUSSIE

RUSSIAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

**Bulletin
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We hereby announce publication and circulation of the Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society No. 1, 2004 (Editor-in-Chief, Professor A. N. Chumakov; Executive Secretary, Professor N. Z. Yaroschuk). The issue deals mainly with the Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy scheduled to be held from May 24 to May 28, 2005 on the grounds of the Moscow State Lomonosov University and discuss the topic of *Philosophy and the Future of Civilisation*.

The opening *Editor's Column* provides information about the Congress and the guiding principles of the Bulletin's Editorial Board, highlighting the RPhO's “three cornerstones”, viz. yearly membership fees, regular congresses of philosophy and the quarterly Bulletin.

The *Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy* column contains the basics concerning this event, including its general rules and principal bodies with the relevant addresses and telephones.

***The Moscow University's 250th Anniversary* is this issue's largest section, containing the interview given by Rector Academician V. A. Sadovnichy and *Philosophy at Moscow University* by Assoc. Pr. A. P. Kozyrev, the Secretary of the Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy.**

Academician A. A. Guseinov shares his ideas about the Congress under the column *The Floor to an Academician*.

In the immediately following *The Floor to Deans* section the deans of the leading faculties of philosophy answer the questionnaire circulated by the Bulletin's Editorial Board; these include Yu. A. Bubnov (Voronezh), V. S. Diyev (Novosibirsk), G. V. Drach (Rostov-on-Don), V. D. Gubin (Moscow), V. V. Mironov (Moscow), N. V. Omelchenko (Volgograd), A. V. Pertsev (Yekaterinburg), V. A. Rabosh (St. Petersburg), Yu. N. Solonin (St. Petersburg). The subject is pursued by V. I. Dobrenkov, Dean, Faculty of Sociology, Moscow State University, and President, the Russian Sociological Association, answering the Editorial Board's questions under the column *The Floor to Sociologists*.

Interviews given by Prof. V. M. Filippov, Aide to the Prime Minister, and Prof. O. N. Smolin, the State Duma Deputy, First Deputy Chair, Committee for Education and Science, the State Duma, will be found in the special section titled *Reform of Education*.

The topic of education and, more specifically, the functions of philosophy in education is pursued in the following section *The Bologna Process: Discussing the Problem*. In response to our readers' numerous requests we publish the text of the Bologna Declaration and the speech delivered by A. I. Kolganov, D. Econ. (Moscow State University), representing the *Alternatives Movement*, at the State Duma public hearings on *The Strategy of Russian Educational Policy: Is There An Alternative?*

Under a new *Problem* column read the controversial paper on *Our Universities: Titles and Essences (on the Role and Significance of True Universities)* by Prof. A. N. Chumakov and A. V. Katsura, Ph. D. (Moscow).

Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organisations* includes materials about the Conference on *Contemporary Science: Problems and Discussions – A Comparative Approach* (St. Petersburg); the activities of the RPhO Dagestan Branch in 2004; the events involving the RPhO Novosibirsk Branch; the activities of the RPhO Nizhegorod Branch; The Leontiev Readings held by the Sergiev Posad Branch at the Moscow Spiritual Academy (Sergiev Posad, Moscow Oblast); the latest Shishkin Readings on *Diplomacy and Tolerance* at the MGIMO-University; the debate on *Ascending Humanism amid Challenges of Modernity* in the RPhO Zelenograd Branch (Zelenograd, Moscow Oblast); the Third Kuzbass Philosophical Readings on *Social Aggressiveness and Human Studies* (Kemerovo); and the Conference on *The State as a Form of a Nation's

Social Existence held by the Moscow Philosophical Society at the Institute of Philosophy, the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The *Events and Comments* column gives information concerning the Russian National Interdisciplinary Conference on *Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence* held at the Moscow State Electronics and Mathematics Institute; the Second International Conference on *The Activist Notion of Culture as a Form of Human Existence* in Nizhnevartovsk; the results of the competition among young scholars and students held by the Russian Academy of Sciences; the First International Conference of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students and Young Scholars on *Philosophy in the Global World* at the Russian Friendship of Peoples University (Moscow).

In *The International Federation of Philosophical Societies* Section read the communiqué of Prof. Peter Kemp (Denmark), President, FISP, highlighting three key issues, viz. (1) philosophy facing world problems, (2) philosophy and education, (3) promoting philosophical reflection and scientific research; and the communiqué of Prof. William McBride (USA), General Secretary, FISP, emphasising the importance of exchanging information about philosophical activities, discussing possible forms of that exchange, and informing of the UNESCO strategy for philosophy worldwide.

In the *Problems of Teaching Philosophy* section read *Philosophical Games in the Light of Humane-Personal Pedagogy* by T. V. Demirova, postgraduate student (Moscow).

In the *Experience of Our Foreign Colleagues* section Dr. Werner Busch (Germany), President, International Association of Professors of Philosophy considers the problem of *Teaching Philosophy at Schools*.

Under the *Textbooks for the 21st Century* column read *Teaching Philosophy at Russian Universities: The Present Situation and Problems* by Prof. N. S. Kirabayev and Assoc. Pr. V. B. Petrov (Moscow).

Under the *Open Letter* column read Prof. I. V. Beztuzhev-Lada's problem-raising appeal to philosophers titled *On Philosophy of Education and Science*.

The *Philosophical Life in Near-Abroad* section gives information about the Tenth Republican Readings on *Philosophers of the 20th Century* at the Republican Institute of Higher School (Minsk, Belarus) commemorating the 70th birthday of the Belorussian/Russian philosopher Academician V. S. Styopin.

The *Experience of Philosophical Cooperation* section informs of the International Congress on the *Philosophers' Mission and Contemporary Philosophy* organized by the Argentine Philosophical Society to discuss problems of tolerance, ethics and bioethics.

The *Global Studies* column informs of the latest sessions of the Seminar on *Philosophical and Methodological Studies of Processes of Globalisation* (Moscow) and discusses the papers *Sustainable Development in the Dynamics of Globalisation: The Global and Russian Dimensions* by Prof. V. A. Los and *The Global and the Unique in the Contemporary World* by Prof. V. M. Leibin.

The From the First Person column comes with Meeting a Coryphaeus about Prof. Denis Meadows' highly acclaimed lecture on Social Capital and Sustainable Development at the Mendeleyev University (Moscow).

The Dialogue of Civilisations presents V. I. Yakunin, Chairman, Guardians' Council, Centre for Russia's National Glory, speaking on the activities of the Dialogue of Civilisations World Public Forum.

Polemics with the Russkiy zhurnal (Russian Journal) authors will be found in On the Dwarves' Dances (Not after Grieg) by Prof. V. N. Porus (Moscow).

Under the Position column Prof. V. A. Kuvakin (Moscow) resumes controversy in the first part of his Lenin: Effect of an Unexploded Bomb.

On the Sore Issue publishes the first part of What Do our Philosophers Grieve over and Suffer from? by Prof. N. S. Rybakov (Pskov).

Published By Way of Discussion are Civilisation's Strategic Reserves by Prof. A. A. Krushanov (Moscow) and Diagnosis of Time: Essence and Structure by Prof. V. I. Kashirin and Assoc. Pr. O. V. Kashirina (Stavropol).

Under the Science and Education column read The Present State and Prospects for Integration of Higher Education and Science in Russia by Assoc. Pr. V. A. Galichin (Moscow).

The History and Philosophy of Science presents Assoc. Pr. I. I. Ivanova (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) analysing the problem in "History and Philosophy of Science" from the Standpoint of Education Integration.

Under the Philosophy and Culture column read The Russian Mission: To Kill an Enemy and to Die for the Tsar (Reflections on The Turkish Gambit after a Novel by B. Akunin).

In the Philosophy and Power section Political Analyst S. A. Markov presents a Political Book Project subtitled Russia Is Ready to Read Books, Understand Itself and Develop Its Goals and Values.

Under the Oriental Philosophy column read The Double Truth (Er-di) Doctrine of the Chinese Buddhist School of San-lun by M. V. Anashina (Moscow).

In Our Contemporaries section read about the Urals philosophical school and its renowned representatives Prof. K. N. Lyubutin and Prof. B. V. Emelyanov. The materials commemorating their 70th anniversaries are provided by Prof. O. F. Rusakova and Prof. V. M. Rusakov.

In the Memory section read memoirs of Prof. N. N. Zarubina (Moscow) about the prominent Russian philosopher and political scientist A. S. Panarin. The article is titled A. S. Panarin: The Researcher's Civic and Methodological Creed.

Under the Feedback column Pr. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow) reviews RPhS Bulletin No. 4, 2004.

Under the Philosophy in the Internet column read RUNET's Enthusiasts by D. G. Shkayev (Moscow).

Under the *New Notions and Terms* column (supervised by Pr. Mikhail Epstein, Atlanta, USA) read *Sophian Disciplines*.

Mentioned as *Noteworthy* is information about Russian Nation-wide Public Movements; *Russia's Ringing Cedars*; International Forum on the Social Science-Policy Nexus; International Philosophy Olympiad.

Read *Useful Information about the Seminar on Philosophy – Education – Society (Gagra, June 17-25, 2005)* to discuss *Strategic Goals and Axiological Basis of the 21st-century Education*; **Republican Intra- and Extramural Conference on Humanism – Social, Liberal and Religious: The Problem of Dialogue (Nizhnevartovsk, May-September 2005); **the Tenth Russian National Conference on History and Philosophy of Science: Interlinks – Paradigms and Discourses (St. Petersburg, January 2006)**; **invitation to join a scholarly and cultural event *Philosophical Journey to Greece* (August 2005).****

This issue's *Contemporary Foreign Journals* column presents *Información Filosófica* (Rome, Italy) and informs of the forthcoming issue of *The Philosopher* (London, the UK) dedicated to Russian philosophy.

See also book reviews, annotations, book announcements, information on books and journals available at the Presidium of the Russian Philosophical Society, books published by the Institute of Philosophy members in 2004, doctoral (13) and candidate (74) dissertations in philosophy defended in the first quarter of 2005.

In the *Philosophers Joke Too* column read two humoresques: *An Old Joke* by I. A. Gobozov (Moscow) and *Selling Senses* by I. A. Shirmanov (Nizhnevartovsk).

On the *Poetic Page* read verse by Yakov Askin (Saratov), Aleksandr Bubnov (Kursk), Dmitry Donskoy (Moscow), Naum Yaroshchuk (Moscow).

Published also are **letters of congratulations** on jubilees, rewards, other notable events and **obituaries**.

Read Supplement to the RPhS Conferences Plan for the Year 2005 (96 conferences and other similar events, including those mentioned in the previous issue), Supplement to the RPhS Structure and Additions to the RPhS Membership List (totaling 4,785 individual members).

Read also requirements for RPhS membership for 2005. As in other issues of the Bulletin it is explained that the Russian Philosophical Society counts as its members only those who have paid the yearly membership fee and have been consequently included in the current year membership list. They henceforward enjoy all the privileges of the Society members, including subscription to the RPhS Bulletin. Full membership lists are published yearly in RPhS Bulletin No. 3 for the year in question; additions to the membership lists, in RPhS Bulletin No. 4.

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The opening *Editor's Column* is titled *The Recent Congress as a Cause for Contemplation*.

Under the column *Summarising the Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy* read the general information about and *The Final Resolution* of the Congress. Among the addresses to the Congress participants published in this section are those by President V. V. Putin, Chair of the State Duma B. V. Gryzlov, Chair of the Council of Federation S. M. Mironov, Presidential Envoy to the Central Federal District G. Poltavchenko, Moscow Mayor Yu. M. Luzhkov, and Deputy Prime Minister A. Zhukov. One can also read about the organisational session (general meeting) of the Russian Philosophical Society that heard, discussed and approved the accounts of the Presidium and of the Revisory Board, elected the President, First Vice President and the Chief Scientific Secretary, as well as the new Presidium and Revisory Board, amended the RPhS Statutes and decided to hold the Fifth Russian Congress of Philosophy in 2009 in Novosibirsk. The first meeting of the new Presidium elected the RPhS vice presidents.

Published here are also the *Account of the RPhS Presidium* presented by RPhS First Vice President A. N. Chumakov; membership lists of the RPhS governing bodies, viz. the Presidium and the Revisory Board; the amended RPhS Statute; the plenary papers by Academician V. A. Sadovnichy, Rector, Moscow State Lomonosov University, on *Knowledge and Wisdom in the Globalising World*, and A. S. Karmin, Professor of Applied Psychology and Sociology, St. Petersburg State University for Means of Communication, on *Philosophy of Culture in the Informational Society: Problems and Prospects*.

***Opinions, Judgements and Impressions* of the Congress include those by Prof. I. A. Gobozov, Professor, Moscow State University; Prof. V. I. Przhilensky, Chair, RPhS Stavropol Branch; I. I. Kondrashin, Ph.D. (Moscow); Prof. V. F. Druzhinin, Moscow Region State University, Editor, *Philosophical Gazette*; Prof. A. P. Romanova, Astrakhan University; Prof. I. I. Bulychov, Chair, RPhS Tambov Branch; V. M. Adrov, State Councillor (Moscow and Astrakhan); O. V. Malyukova, Chair, Department of History and Philosophy, Moscow State University of Engineering Ecology, Prof. V. N. Porus, State University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow); Assoc. Prof. M. G. Kurbanov (Makhachkala).**

Information about Sections, Round Tables, Colloquia, and Symposia* includes *Marxism: Past, Present and Future* by Prof. D. V. Dzhokhadze (Moscow); *Latin

America and Europe Meeting at the Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy by Ye. M. Belotsvetova, **Student, Russian University of People's Friendship**; *Philosophy to Children: Russian Landmarks* by **Prof. S. I. Levikova (Moscow)**; *Philosophy as Ideology and Culture of Humanistic Discourse* by **Prof. V. A. Kuvakin (Moscow) and Prof. V. D. Zhukotsky (Nizhnevartovsk)**; *Post-Modernism and the Definition of Art* by **Assoc. Prof. S. B. Kozhevnikov, Kuban State University (Krasnodar)**; *Youth at the Congress* by **D. G. Shkayev and D. V. Yurkov, Students, Russian University of People's Friendship**.

Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organisations includes materials about the seminar on the *Dialectics of Being and Creative Activities* in Ufa; the activities of the RPhS Tynda Branch in 2004; the tenth anniversary of the RPhS Neryungri Branch in Yakut-Sakha.

The *Events and Comments* column informs of the Sartre Readings held at the Rostov University to commemorate Jean-Paul Sartre's centenary; the International Days of the Philosophical Faculty 2005 in Kiev; and the activities of the recently established Free Philosophers Section (Irkutsk).

In the *Philosophy in UNESCO* section read UNESCO Director General Koitiro Matsuura's speech on intersectorial strategy in philosophy and other papers related to teaching philosophy throughout the world and progress in philosophical research.

In the *Problems of Teaching Philosophy* section read about the UNESCO Expert Group that met in Moscow in January 2005 to discuss problems of teaching ethics and bioethics.

Under the new column *Managing Education: Contemporary Approaches* read *Managing Education: Decision-Making in Educational Activity* by **Prof. G. V. Sorina (Moscow)** and *What Has Happened, or On the Evil of the Day* by **V. I. Krasikov (Kemerovo)**.

The *Philosophical Life in Near-Abroad* section informs of the conference on *Christianity and Neighbourly Cooperation of Spiritual Values in the European Community* in Minsk (Belarus).

In the *Experience of Philosophical Cooperation* section read *A Chinese Scholar's View of the Contemporary Russian Philosophy* by **An Tsinnan (Peking, China)**

The *Global Studies* column informs of the latest sessions of the Seminar on *Philosophical and Methodological Studies of Processes of Globalisation (Moscow)* discussing papers *Global Studies and Palindromes* by **A. V. Bubnov, D. Philological Sc.**, and *Cycles and Waves of Global History* by **Prof. V. G. Pantin**; read also *Pr. Meadows' Lecture at the Mendeleyev University and Elaboration of His Ideas in Russia* by **A. P. Fedotov, D. Technical Sc. (Moscow)**.

Under the *Society and Terrorism* column read *Rebels and Terrorists: The Dialectics of Guerilla Warfare* by **Ye. S. Troitsky, D. Philos. Sc. (Moscow)**.

The section *From the History of Russian Philosophy* presents *Traditions and Paradoxes of Russian Historiosophy (Chaadayev, Berdyaev, Panarin)* by

A. A. Antipov, **Dept. of Philosophy, The Northern International University (Magadan).**

In Kant and Our Time section read *Kant's Eternal Peace and the Right to Lie* by Assoc. Pr. A. G. Myasnikov (Penza).

In Responses to Our Publications read *Matter: How It Is to Be Understood* by Assoc. Pr. T. S. Lapina (Moscow).

Polemics continue with *A Few Words About One Attempt to Make Lenin's Definition of Matter More Precise* by V. Komarov (Kazan).

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In the Standpoint section read *The Unholy Trinity: On the Main Constituents of Russian Mentality* by A. G. Dybin, Member, RPhS (Moscow).

Published By Way of Discussion are *The Conditions of the Philosopher in Contemporary Russia* by Assoc. Pr. L. P. Rychkova (Krasnoyarsk); *The 'Evolutionary Hour' of Russian Philosophy Has Struck: Wanted Rehabilitation of Russian Cultural Potentials* by K. S. Khrutsky, Ph.D. (Veliky Novgorod); *Sociophilosophical Analysis of Leadership Techniques in the Consumers' Cooperation System* by Pr. G. V. Brazhnik (Moscow); *The Russian Family Today* by Assoc. Pr. L. I. Maneshina (Moscow); *The Problem of Man's Real Resurrection: Philosophical and Scientific Aspects* by Pr. I. V. Vishev (Chelyabinsk); *On 'Pluralism' in Philosophy and the Attainment of Truth* by Pr. G. N. Gumnitsky and Pr. M. G. Zelentsova (Ivanovo).

In The Topical Issue section read *The Problems of Ethics in Democratic Elections* by Ye. R. Artemyev, a philologist, and Ye. L. Tyurin, Ph.D. (Physics and Mathematics) (Moscow); **The Russian Electronic Journal of Philosophy, a Journal for Russia and Russian Future by Assoc. Pr. K. S. Khrutsky (Veliky Novgorod) and Assoc. Pr. A. G. Samarin (Moscow).**

The Important Talks are by Pr. N. Kh. Rozov and A. P. Levich, Doct. Biological Sc. on *What Do We Expect From the Study of Time*; and by Assoc. Pr. I. B. Przhilenskaya (Stavropol) on *Social Archaization and the Strategy for Survival*.

Under the Philosophy and Culture column read *Existentialism of Dance* by O. S. Vasilyev, Ph.D. (Moscow).

In the Memory section read *The Great Is Seen at a Distance* by V. N. Molchanov (Moscow) about Yu. P. Trusov (the decennial of his demise).

Under the Feedback column Pr. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow) reviews RPhS Bulletin No. 1, 2005.

The Young Philosopher's Page presents N. G. Sinagova, **doctoral student from Yekaterinburg, and her *Philosophical Anthropology of Roman Satire as a Topic of Research*.**

Under the *Philosophy in the Internet* column read *Under WWW* by D. G. Shkayev (Moscow).

Under the *New Notions and Terms* column (supervised by Pr. Mikhail Epstein, Atlanta, USA) read the concluding part of *Sophian Disciplines*.

Mentioned as *Noteworthy* is information about the first issue of *Philosophical Gazette*; the **All-Russian Seminar on the *Situational Approach in Cognition* (October 2005, Kazan); the **All-Russian Conference on *History and Philosophy of Science: Interlinks – Paradigms and Discourses* (January 2006, St. Petersburg); the **Days of Petersburg Philosophy (November 2005); the seminar on the *Conceptual Foundations of Postnonclassical Philosophy* (Yakutsk); the **Third International Conference on *The Activist Notion of Culture As a Form of Human Existence* (December 2005, Nizhnevartovsk).********

Read *Useful Information about master vacancies in the Russian State University of Humanities*.

See also book reviews, annotations, book announcements, information on books and journals available at the **Presidium of the Russian Philosophical Society, doctoral (16) and candidate (73) dissertations in philosophy defended in the second quarter of 2005.**

In the *Philosophers Joke Too* column read the philosophical humoresque *Congress in the Alps* by Fyodor Selivanov (Tyumen) and aphorisms by Vladimir Zamyshlyaev (Krasnoyarsk).

On the *Poetic Page* read verse by Leonid Stolovich (Tartu), Aleksandr Dzyura (Norilsk), Marina Voronkova (Saratov).

Published also are letters of congratulations on jubilees and obituaries.

Read also information about the RPhS membership in 2005. As in other issues of the Bulletin it is explained that the Russian Philosophical Society counts as its members only those who have *paid the yearly membership fee* and have been consequently included in the current year membership list. They henceforward enjoy all the privileges of the Society members, including subscription to the RPhS Bulletin. Full membership lists are published yearly in RPhS Bulletin No. 3 for the year in question; additions to the membership lists, in RPhS Bulletin No. 4.

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ASSOCIATION DES SOCIÉTÉS DE PHILOSOPHIE DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

Activités à partir du 1er septembre 2004 jusqu'au 30 juin 2005:

Du 24 au 26 janvier 2005:

Le colloque international sur “Blondel et la philosophie française (1880-1950)” organisé conjointement par l’Université Lyon III et l’Institut catholique de Lyon, placé sous le patronage de l’ASPLF et dont il a constitué sur un colloque intermédiaire a réuni un nombre important de spécialistes et connu l’affluence considérable d’un public intéressé par les questions débattues. Les Actes en paraîtront prochainement.

Publications

Sous presse,

Chez Vrin, Actes du VI^{ème} Congrès de la Société d’études kantienne de langue française: *Les sources de la philosophie de Kant au XVII^{ème} et au XVIII^{ème} siècle.*

Chez Olms, actes du colloque intermédiaire de l’ASPLF, *Kant et la France*

Projets d’activités pour le reste de 2006

Projets pour le second semestre 2005 et l’année 2006

7^{ème} Congrès de la Société d’études kantienne de langue française, Naples 20-23 octobre 2005: “Kant et les Lumières européennes”

31^{ème} Congrès de l’ASPLF, Université ELTE de Budapest, organisé par la Société hongroise de philosophie de langue française, 29 août-2 septembre 2006: “Le même et l’autre, Identité et différences”

CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES

Message from the President of CoPS

The Conference of Philosophical Societies continues its efforts to serve member Societies by informing them of upcoming conferences and philosophy meetings. Members and non-member groups can access information about upcoming professional events posted in the Philosophical Calendar at www.crvp.org. We not only serve as an information link between Societies but encourage more Societies to join us in timely discussions of global challenges to humanity and philosophy. The first of CoPS sessions on this topic was held at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association on the topic “Role of Philosophy in Public Life.” A second one is scheduled for the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association on the topic “Philosophy at Global Crossroads: How Can Philosophers Make a Difference?” Combined, these sessions range from the methodological dimension of the discipline to questioning philosophy’s

participation in the ever increasing global conflicts between cultures. As tension increases between parts of the globe, CoPS decided to continue to welcome a needed conversation on the professional scope of philosophers. Should you be in New York City 27-30 December, please feel welcome to come and join this important conversation.

Philosophers will disagree, but it is important to give a forum for the different voices on the issues of the day. The international community of philosophy can contact us if you are interested in contributing a view on the above questions. Also if you wish to know more about the current function of CoPS in the philosophical community today, write to G. John Abbarno, president, at abbarnojo@dyc.edu There are more than 65 societies represented by this organization, and some may share your philosophical interests. Should you want to be in contact with any one of them or if you would like to join CoPS, contact me at the above address.

Plans are already underway for the 23rd World Congress in Seoul, South Korea, July 2008. CoPS will be organizing sessions for this event as it approaches. Please watch for announcements of papers and presentations within the next 18 months on our website, www.crvp.org Thank you.

COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY (RVP) Spring-Summer 2005

It is no exaggeration to say that the world is inverting on its axis. For the 400 years of modern times, thought and action have been directed toward the clear and distinct (Descartes), the universal and necessary (Kant) – all in a search for control. This left out the free, unique and creative capabilities whereby persons and peoples develop the values and virtues which constitute their identities: personal, cultural and civilizational.

In our newly global times these issues of intercultural coexistence emerge now as the matters of central human concern (see the letter of the FISP President, Peter Kemp, in its autumn 2004 newsletter). They challenge our ability to recognize, draw upon and apply our cultural heritage in a progressive manner to the task of living in harmony with others, both near and far. ‘Responsibility’ rather than ‘repression,’ and ‘creativity’ rather than ‘control’ begin to emerge as the new issues for philosophical reflection. Seminal insights in this regard flow from new geographical and philosophical horizons.

The development of such philosophical studies has been the focus of the work of The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) in its series: “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change.” The following is a report on this work of the RVP during the six months since the last FISP newsletter, specifically:

(a) the development of philosophical research teams and over 20 international conferences;

(b) the planning of a 10-week interdisciplinary and intercultural fall seminars for 10 international philosophers; and

(c) the publication of 16 volumes in its series “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change”

This implements the new direction in philosophy – not top-down, but bottom-up – harvesting, reflecting philosophically, and applying the rich insights of the many cultures.

In its meeting in Helsinki the Board of Directors (CD) of The International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) has adopted as its own this work of the RVP in developing conferences and publications in the many civilizations.

I. Method: Research Teams and International Conferences

The method of work is to invite philosophers and related scholars at university centers to develop research teams. Through alternate steps of writing, mutual critique and redrafting, each team produces a volume on a specific theme determines to be urgent for its people. This then becomes the basis of a conference for critical interaction with a broader range of scholars and other teams in the region.

International Conferences: Spring-Summer 2005

Date	Place	Topic
April 25-26	Washington and Iran	Islam and the Political Order
June 1-2	Iasi, Romania	Truth and Morality
June 5-7	Vilnius, Lithuania	Globalization, National Identities and The Quality of Life
June 23-24	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	Islam as Perceived from the West
June 27-28	Jakarta, Indonesia	Dialogue between Religions and Cultures in Southeast Asia
July 26-31	Warsaw, Poland	Transmutations of Western Civilization: Discovery of Common Values in a Multi-Cultural World

International Conference on Islam and the Political Order

Washington, D.C.

April 25-26, 2005

As the process of globalization forces the great civilizations inexorably to interact with each other, it becomes newly urgent to understand their foundations and their mutual compatibility. It is now generally recognized that each civilization is founded in a great

religion and conversely that each great religion generates its own civilization. Nowhere is this more consciously and devotedly the case than for Islam. In contrast, political liberalism begins by removing religious and other cosmic or integrating visions behind “a veil of ignorance” as a condition for the development of the political order. Some even consider the aspirations of the freedom and autonomy of the human person to be challenged by the recognition of any transcendent order.

Today the seeming collision of these two visions—religious and secular—generates tremors which shake the world. It is most urgent therefore to examine both in depth and in detail the proper relation of religion to the political order, both within the Islamic world and in the broader pattern of global interchange.

This urgency has deep roots. In the past both thought and political life have moved especially from the top downward. For Plato at the apex were the ideas of either ‘The Good’ or ‘The One’ from which all else descended as image and participation. This served both Christianity and Islam in appreciating and interpreting their revelations and applying them to political life. In Christianity once this meant that the Pope not only blessed but endowed the Emperor with his power and could retract it. In Buddhism and Christianity the life of the founder of the faith is archetypal and this has been true as well for the public community in Islam.

It is then the greatest moment when the entire horizon revolves and governments come to be seen to be, in Lincoln’s words as “of the people, by the people and for the people,” when for its sources theology adds to scripture and tradition the life of the people, and when interrelations in terms of cultures and civilizations become the major determinants of peace in these newly global times.

This conference with leading Iranian scholars attempts not only to identify the rich resources of Islamic culture, but especially to envisage creatively how these can be deployed in response to the emerging democratic aspirations of its peoples within, and to other political entities in the global context without. After clarifying the issues in the opening session, the conference will proceed in three main steps to study: first, God as the basis of human dignity and the political order, second the relation of religion to the political order, and third the responsibilities of the faiths for the role being played by religious fundamentalisms in the world today.

**International Conference on TRUTH AND MORALITY: The Role of Truth in
Public Life**

Iassy, Romania

June 1-2, 2005

Thematic

At the beginning of the 20th century, Henry Bergson said that the man cannot escape his crises without spiritual development. These words of the French philosopher remain valid.

Indeed, the need for improvement in the quality, being, values and models of life is felt all over the world, but this wish seems most pronounced in Europe, especially in the countries once ruled by totalitarian communist regimes. In this geo-political area, since the fall of the Iron Curtain there has been a great desire for improvement at the social and individual level, but the change has been long delayed. Among other things, is

explained by the fact that while good is closely related to truth, the searched for truth has not been rigorously undertaken. The public space is not suffused with a sense that life is grounded in truth. Rather there is passive acceptance of the rupture between the personal truth and public morality, between the individual conscience and laws which are correct only in political terms. Moreover, moral conscience, long buried by cultural factors and deformed by historical and reductive conceptions, remains a matter almost too delicate for discussion.

Hence, this conference invites one to look deeply into the religious and philosophical cultural tradition in search for a more adequate grasp of truth, and its role in private and public life, its relation to social minorities and majorities, the features of a healthy sense of life in this world, the relation between law and morality, between Church and lay State, and the role of education.

The conference will analyze the different ways of understanding truth and the forms of morality it generates: from individual and subjective, unrelated to public life, to a more dynamic, objective, responsible, mature and personalized manner. These and other factors will be discussed during the meeting at Iassy.

International Conference on Globalization, National and Cultural Identities and the Quality of Life Vilnius, Lithuania June 5-7, 2005

In the immediate aftermath of the liberation of Lithuania the book written by its philosophers for The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) series “Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change” was entitled *Personal Freedom and National Resurgence*. This reflected the concern that the attention given to national identity in the struggle to regain independence might begin to interfere with the exercise of the newly emergent personal freedom.

We now face an analogous situation, namely, that of assuring that the universal horizon of globalization not undermine national identity or the quality of life of the citizens.

Hence this conference will explore three related notions: (a) the quality of life as the human realization of the conditions of justice and peace. Together they hold the key cooperation in our time, (b) national and cultural identity as creative expressions of a people, and (c) globalization as the search for cooperation between civilizations.

This is at root the issue of who we are or of identity. Is this best understood principally through a negative contrast to the other, or through distinctive abilities to relate. In the latter case, the quality of life must depend upon an ability not merely to observe and to measure objectively, but new capacities to engage creatively, and to construct patterns of harmony possessed of social justice and aesthetic beauty.

At a second level this requires that the sense of national identity of the people reflect the long development of the pattern of values and virtues which constitute its cultural tradition and explore the modes of its effective application to life in present circumstances.

Finally, in the new global context this calls for the development of ways for diverse civilizations to cooperate in resolving ecological, economic and political issues and more deeply to harmonize the diversity of cultures

International Conference on Islam as Perceived from the West

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

June 21, 2005

Some have held that in the past over-preoccupation with the West has been a weakness of Islam based on its need alternately to defend and to extend itself.

Now both of these reasons come together. On the one hand, in our newly unipolar global age the onslaught of economic, political and military imperialism bears down heavily on non Western cultures, either to conform willingly to the West or to be forceably suppressed by its hegemonic power. On the other hand, in the post modern period as the totalizing hopes of science to reduce all to what can be made clear to, and hence controlled by, humankind prove elusive, illusory and destructive. The need to renew and reaffirm the religious bases of the many civilizations is experienced universally, and not least in Islam.

As this juncture then it is of great importance to know how Islam is perceived from the West, but it is even more important to begin to think of how to respond. If it be true that an over-fascination with the West has distorted and impeded Islam's own self understanding and self development, then it becomes the urgent task of Islam in other climes to work out a way forward. This must be done in terms not of the West, but of the Holy Prophet, the saints and scholars of Islam, and the *umma* or Moslem community up to the present.

The advantage of South East Asia in this is its distance from past and present battlefields, its inheritance of a rich communal culture and its present passionate engagement in its own transformation.

International Conference on Dialogue between Religions and Cultures

in South East Asia

Jakarta, Indonesia

June 27-28, 2005

With the end of the bi-polar cold war and the intensification of global sensitivities awareness of the role of civilizations has come more strongly into view. For religion and culture this has had both good and bad effects. As Huntington points out, civilizations are the "largest we's" and each has as its foundation a major religion. As these now enter more centrally into human awareness new issues emerge.

First, whereas religions are more universal and foundational the cultures whereby people order and exercise the lives must be specific to place and even to time. Hence an issue emerges in the relation of religion to culture. On the one hand, the broader religious pattern can tend to homogenize cultural specificities; on the other hand, it can tend to reinforce human freedom and hence evoke cultural creativity and differentiation. We must be conscious of these diverse dynamics and find a way to manage them harmoniously.

Secondly, cultures for their part are more local and reflective of the specific way of a life of people. Thus the cultural patterning of human relations can contribute to mediating the more transcendent and universal concerns of religion to the life of the people, and thereby to humanize the religions. This may be especially true of the cultural patterns of life in South East Asia which tend to more soft and harmonious.

Finally, perhaps the major concern of peoples with the process of globalization is that it constitutes economically an imposition of the free market in which competition and profit are the prime considerations, and of a political matrix in which individualism reigns in the exercise of power. Both of these reflect Western notion of liberal ideology which can erode values in the name of rigid individualism. Democratic society needs to be based upon such values as tolerance, dignity and compassion. For this religion in its interplay with cultural settings provides an ontological undergirding for cultural self-interpretation and social relations.

This suggests that the conference proceed in terms of a succession of three sub themes to each of which would be devoted one day, namely:

i. The Inculturation of Religion: Contributions and Difficulties. Inculturation of religion is not without problems. This topic focuses upon how the difficulties arise in terms of the inculturation, the conflicts, the way to overcome them, and its contribution for enriching religion itself and humanity in general.

ii. The Contribution of a Diversity of Cultures to Universal Religions. The universal message of religion is said to be indifferent to particularities. This topic focus upon how the particularities of culture enable religion to convert its metaphysics into practical concerns. In other words, how its particularities bring down the universal message of religion into concrete social reality.

iii. The Contribution of Ontological and Religious Foundations to Facing the New Forces of Globalization. The celebration of strong individualism can erode values by clinging to empty proceduralism. The interplay between culture and religion can provide ontological bases for building a value-based-democratic society marked by dignity, tolerance and compassion.

II. Faculty Seminars

The Council hosts annual 10-week faculty seminars in Washington, to which it invites philosophers and others in positions formative of the public vision and outlook of their countries. These are joined by scholars from other disciplines. Working as a team the 20 scholars think through issues bearing on ways to draw upon the cultural and spiritual resources of the various societies in fostering humane governance and civil society. Upon returning to their countries, the participants in these seminars continue to pursue these issues in their university faculties and academies of science, and/or through their writings or participation in public or non-governmental organizations.

To promote direct access by professors and advanced students from key universities and academies of science to methods, bibliography and horizons for research and teaching on current issues, these seminars have a number of distinctive characteristics:

- restricted in size--under 20 scholars--in order to facilitate intensive interchange, basically around one table;
- interdisciplinary, in order to draw upon the contemporary capabilities in the various humanities and sciences;

- inter-cultural, in order to reflect the multiple rich experiences and perspectives of mankind, as well as the many modes of a problem and the ramifications of proposed responses;
- advanced level, consisting of professors at the postdoctoral level, generally with many years of scholarship in their field;
- focused upon a single topic, in order to make possible a convergence of efforts and insights;
- 10 week duration, in order to allow the issues to mature and the participants to establish a growing degree of mutual comprehension;
- consisting in the intensive discussion of the papers planned in common and written by each of the participants during the seminar; and
- published as a volume in a series in order to make the work available to many.

The seminars in this series reflect the evolution of the social challenges over the last 20 years:

Social Context of Values (1984)

Culture, Human Rights and Peace in Central America (1985)

Relations Between Cultures (1986)

Urbanization and Values (1987)

The Place of the Person in Social Life (1988)

Moral Imagination and Character Development (1989)

The Humanization of Social Life (1990)

Democracy, Culture and Values (1991)

Freedom and Choice in a Democracy (1992)

Evangelization and Culture (1993)

Inculturation (1993)

Religion in Public Life (1993)

Diversity in Unity (1994)

Civil Society and Social Reconstruction (1995)
Civil Society: Who Belongs? (1996)
Civil Society as Democratic Practice: Solidarity and Subsidiarity (1997)
Restorying the `Polis': Civil Society as Narrative Reconstruction (1998)
Cultural Identity, Pluralism and Globalization (2000)
Models of Thinking about Reality: Individual, Communitarian, Global, Virtual,
and Religious (2001)
Globalization and Identity (2002)
Communication across Cultures: The Hermeneutics of Culture in a Global
Age (2003)
Reasoning in Faith: Cultural Foundations for Civil Society and Globalization
(2004)
Symbols in Cultures and Identities in a Time of Global Interaction (2005)

THE FALL, 2005 RVP SEMINAR:

Symbols in Cultures and Identities in a Time of Global Interaction

Washington, D.C.

Sept. 15-Nov. 10, 2005

CHALLENGE

Due to national transitions, global communication and global interaction, peoples, nations and local communities now feel their cultural identity to be threatened and at risk. It is broadly and inevitably a time of cultural transition; for some it is even one of multicultural belonging. Lest identity and values be lost rather than opened to interaction and enriched, it is important to take note of what is happening to cultures, and to understand more deeply their components.

Symbolic expression is key to the specifically human, to personal identity, and to particular cultural identities. Cultures may be considered as networks of signification and figure central geopolitical. They hold the keys to the way people interpret and react to the world around them; they are central in most definitions of civilizations, which in turn are founded on the great religions.

This seminar proposes to study the role of the symbolic in establishing cultural identities and values, their ideological manipulation, and their key role in negotiating transitions. This includes ethnic and national symbols, rites, expressions of the aesthetic, folk expressions, the prevailing forms of communication and religious symbolism.

Methods and instruments of study include the history of symbolic forms in a culture, semiotic and semantic analysis, philosophies of the symbolic, ritual studies, cultural criticism and social criticism. All focus on image and symbol, and on the process of symbolization. Studies of communication and its forms, the relation between

ideological regimes and the arts, and studies on religious symbolism in both its official and its popular forms must also be taken into account.

In brief, in order to negotiate the changes deep within us and the complex interactions between the cultures in these newly global times, we need to bring to bear all available scholarly means to understand the role of the symbolic in the development, transformation and interchange of cultures. This will be the goal of the present investigation.

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III. Publications and Distribution (January-July 2005)

“Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change” Series

George F. McLean, General Editor

The volumes generated by the research teams and conferences (see method above) are published by the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy – on the average of one every two weeks – and sent to 350 university libraries across the world.

Thus 50 graduate Universities plus some colleges in Africa receive all the publications, as do an equal number in Latin America, East Asia, etc.

In addition the complete texts are posted on the web so that any chapter can be downloaded without charge by anyone, anywhere, and at any time. As a book from Africa goes to the libraries in Asia and those from Asia go to Central and Eastern Europe, etc. this constitutes the major world network for exchanging the philosophy emerging from the multiple cultures and their search for modes of positive interaction.

The list of over 30 volumes published in 2004 and the first half of 2005 follows.

Series I. Culture and Values

Series II. Africa

Series IIA. Islam

Series III. Asia

Series IIIB. South Asia

Series IIIC. Central Asia

Series IV. Western Europe

Series IVA. Central and Eastern Europe

Series V. Latin America

Series VI. Foundation of Moral Education

Series VII. Seminars

New Publications: January-July 2005

Series I. Culture and Values

Vol.I. 32 *Paul Hanly Furfey's Quest for a Good Society*
Bronislaw Misztal, Francesco Villa, and Eric Sean Williams, eds.
ISBN 1-56518-227-8

Vol.I. 33 *Three Theories of Society*
Paul Hanly Furfey
ISBN 978-1-56518-228-8

Series II. Africa

Vol.II. 10 *Social and Religious Concerns of East African: A Wajibu Anthology*
Gerald J. Wanjohi and G. Wakuraya Wanjohi, eds. ISBN 1-56518-221-9

Series IIA. Islam

Vol.IIA. 18 *Change and Essence: Dialectical Relations Between Change and Continuity in the Turkish Intellectual Tradition*
Sinasi Gunduz and Cafer S. Yaran, eds. ISBN 156518-222-7

Series III. Asia

IIIB. 10 *Reasons for Hope: Its Nature, Role and Future*
Kuruvilla Pandikattu, ed. ISBN 1-56518- 2162

IIIC.2 *Kazakhstan: Cultural Inheritance And Social Transformation: Kazakh Philosophical Studies, I*
Abdumalik Nysanbayev, ISBN 1-56518-203-0

IIID.2 *Hermeneutics For A Global Age: Lectures In Shanghai And Hanoi.*
George F. Mclean, ISBN 1-56518-190-5

IIID. 3 *Cultural Traditions and Contemporary Challenges in Southeast Asia*
Warayuth Sriwarakuel, Manuel B. Dy, J. Haryatmoko, Nguyen Trong Chuan, and Chhay Yiheang, eds., ISBN 1-56518-213-8

Series IVA. Central and Eastern Europe

IVA.25 *Polish Axiology: The 20th Century and beyond, Polish Philosophical Studies, V*
Stanislaw Jedynek, ed. ISBN 1-56518-141-7

IVA. 26 *Contemporary Philosophical Discourse in Lithuania: Lithuanian Philosophical Studies; IV.*
Jurate Baranova, ed. ISBN 156518-215-4

IVA. 27 *Eastern Europe and the Challenges of Globalization*
Tadeusz Buksinski and Dariusz Dobrzanski, ed. ISBN 156518-218-9

Series VII. Seminars: Culture and Values

VII. 13 *Cultural Identity, Pluralism and Globalization*
John P. Hogan, ed. ISBN 1-56518-217-0 (2 volumes)

VII. 21 *Religion and Political Structures: From Fundamentalism to Public Service; Religion in Public Life, Volume II*
John T. Ford, Robert A. Destro and Charles R. Dechert, eds. ISBN 1-56518-211-1

Vol.VII. 22 *Civil Society as Democratic Practice*
Antonio F. Perez, Semou Pathé Gueye and Yang Fenggang, eds. ISBN 1-56518-214-6

Vol.VII. 23 *Ecumenism and Nostra Aetate in the 21st Century*
George F. McLean and John P. Hogan, eds. ISBN 1-56518-219-7

Vol.VII. 24 *Multiple Paths to God: Nostra Aetate, 40 Years Later*
John P. Hogan and George F. McLean, eds. ISBN 1-56518-220-0

GOTTFRIED-WILHELM-LEIBNIZ GESELLSCHAFT

Activities:

Monthly lectures (subsequent to listings in the previous FISP Newsletter):

May 19 – Prof. Dr. Steffen Dietzsch (Berlin), “Karl Rosenkranz und die Entdeckung des Deutschen Idealismus”

June 30 – Prof. Dr. Detlef Horster (Hannover), “Werteverlust und Werteverfall: was sind die Gründe?”

July 13 – Prof. Dr. Gideon Freudenthal (Tel Aviv), “Definition und Konstruktion. Salmon Maimons Kritik an Kant: Es gibt gar keine synthetische Urteil a priori”

September 29 – Prof. Dr. Jürgen Voss (Mannheim), “Liselotte von der Pfalz (1652-1722). Zeitgenössin und Korrespondentin von Leibniz”

December 1 – Prof. Dr. Gábor Boros (Budapest), “Aktualität der frühneuzeitlichen Theorien der Emotionen”

Other events in 2005:

May 29 – June 3 – conference in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, supported by the Leibniz-Gesellschaft and organized by Prof. Dr. Marcelo Dascal (Tel Aviv); topic: “Leibniz: What Kind of a Rationalist?”

July 30 – August 2 – the first international conference on Leibniz to be held in China, organized by the Center of Overseas Sinology (Beijing) and the Leibniz-Edition Potsdam, with support from the Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft.

Publication:

Studia Leibnitiana

(Future) Activities:

July 24-29, 2006, University of Hannover VIIIth International Leibniz Congress "Unity in Plurality"

Leibniz’s historical position in philosophy and in the sciences as well as his importance for the present are the central themes of the congress. Since the previous congress six volumes of the Leibniz Academy Edition have been published; three further volumes will appear before the congress takes place. In addition numerous hitherto unpublished texts have been made available in advance on the internet by the editors. Furthermore, fundamentally new interpretations of known texts have been presented in recent years. Thus the possible need for a multi-faceted, multi-disciplinary and less exclusively

deduction-orientated approach to Leibniz's rationalism - as the project for the *characteristica universalis* appears to require - is being discussed at the present time. Besides, the hitherto usual identification of monad and individual concept has been questioned; the temporal development of Leibniz's thought is apparently less clear than was believed just a while ago. All this provides a setting for bringing together in mutual confrontation previous investigations, establishing what has been achieved and allowing the identification of possible gaps in research.

The theme "Unity in Plurality" is to be a focal point of the congress. Leibniz's fundamental considerations - as he states himself - revolve around unity and plurality, monads and bodies. Just as perception is the expression of plurality in unity, perfection and harmony are established as identity in variety (*identitas in varietate*). In the perspectivity of the monads, the exchange with other cultures (in particular Chinese) and the painstaking work on confessional reunion, Leibniz developed a conception of unity and plurality, whose relevance should be examined in the context of the current discussion of tolerance and its limits. If Leibniz was able to draw on a bundle of concepts of rationality - as recent research might suggest - the issue as to their unity becomes indispensable.

The Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Society invites all interested researchers, experts in the field, and friends to participate. We request admissions of intended contributions by December 1, 2005. A file or reproducible paper submission (camera ready, maximum 8 pages) of those contributions which have been accepted is requested by March 1, 2006, the texts will then be distributed at the conference as a bound volume.

Detailed information on the congress procedures and precise directions for the presentation of contributions will be provided in circulars; please also consult the internet for details:

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VIIIe Congrès-Leibniz International *L'unité dans la pluralité*

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Le rang que tient Leibniz dans l'histoire de la philosophie et des sciences aussi bien que son importance pour l'époque contemporaine seront au centre de l'intérêt du congrès en vue. Depuis le congrès passé six volumes de la Leibniz-Akademieausgabe ont été publiés, trois autres paraîtront jusqu'au prochain congrès. Il s'y ajoute un nombre majeur de textes inédits jusqu'à présent que les éditeurs ont mis à la disposition du public par anticipation via Internet. Au cours des années passées on a présenté de plus des interprétations fondamentalement différentes de textes connus. C'est ainsi qu'on discute

actuellement le problème de savoir si le rationalisme leibnizien n'est pas plus diversifié et moins exclusivement guidé par la déduction qu'il ne le paraît être à partir du projet de la *Characteristica universalis*. De même l'identification – courante jusqu'ici – de monade et notion individuelle a été mise en doute; le développement chronologique de la pensée leibnizienne paraît être moins clair qu'on n'a cru jusqu'à une date récente. Tout cela porte à réunir les études entreprises jusqu'à présent et de les confronter les unes aux autres, d'établir les acquis et de faire ressortir des omissions éventuelles de la recherche.

Le sujet de «l'unité dans la pluralité» doit être l'objet principal du congrès. Selon Leibniz même ses méditations fondamentales portent sur l'unité et la pluralité, sur les monades et les corps. Tout comme la perception est l'expression de la pluralité dans l'unité, la perfection et l'harmonie se définissent comme «*identitas in varietate*». Dans la perspective des monades, dans les rapports avec des cultures étrangères (et en particulier avec la civilisation chinoise) et dans les efforts pénibles visant la réunion des confessions Leibniz développe une conception d'unité et de pluralité dont il s'agira de faire ressortir l'importance pour la discussion actuelle au sujet de la tolérance et de ses limites. Si effectivement – comme il transparaît dans la recherche actuelle – Leibniz disposait d'un faisceau de conceptions différentes de ce que peut être la rationalité, il n'en faut pas moins poser le problème de leur unité.

La Leibniz-Gesellschaft invite tous les chercheurs, spécialistes et amis de Leibniz à prendre part à ce congrès. Nous recevons les inscriptions pour les communications jusqu'au 1er décembre 2005. Jusqu'au 1er mars 2006 nous vous demandons un fichier ou bien une version sur papier à reproduire (camera ready, maximum 8 pages) des exposés que nous aurons acceptés pour pouvoir les insérer dans les actes du congrès.

Des informations détaillées relatives à l'organisation du congrès et sur la forme à donner des exposés seront publiées dans les circulaires à venir aussi bien que via Internet:
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VIII. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress

Einheit in der Vielheit

24. bis 29. Juli 2006, Universität Hannover

Erstes Rundschreiben

Leibniz' historische Stellung in der Philosophie und den Wissenschaften sowie seine Bedeutung für die Gegenwart stehen im Mittelpunkt des Kongresses. Seit dem letzten Kongress sind sechs Bände der Leibniz-Akademieausgabe erschienen; drei weitere werden noch bis zum nächsten Kongress erscheinen. Hinzu kommen eine größere Anzahl von bisher unveröffentlichten Texten, die von den Editoren vorab im Internet zur Verfügung gestellt wurden. Darüber hinaus sind in den letzten Jahren auch grundlegend andere Interpretationen bekannter Texte vorgestellt worden. So wird zur Zeit die Frage erörtert, ob Leibniz' Rationalismus nicht vielgestaltiger ausgefächert und weniger ausschließlich an Deduktion orientiert ist, als es vom Projekt der *Characteristica*

universalis her erscheint. Auch die bisher gängige Identifizierung von Monade und individuellem Begriff ist in Zweifel gezogen worden; die zeitliche Entwicklung von Leibniz' Denken ist offenbar weniger klar, als man noch vor kurzem geglaubt hat. All dies gibt Anlass, die bisherigen Untersuchungen zusammenzuführen und zu konfrontieren, das Erreichte festzustellen sowie eventuelle Lücken in der Forschung erkennbar werden zu lassen.

Das Thema „Einheit in der Vielheit“ soll einen Schwerpunkt des Kongresses bilden. Um Einheit und Vielheit, Monaden und Körper bewegen sich nach Leibniz' eigener Aussage seine fundamentalen Überlegungen. Wie die Perzeption der Ausdruck der Vielheit in der Einheit ist, so sind Vollkommenheit und Harmonie als identitas in varietate bestimmt. In der Perspektivität der Monaden, im Um-gang mit anderen Kulturen (insbesondere der chinesischen) und in der mühevollen Arbeit an der Reunion der Konfessionen entwickelt Leibniz eine Konzeption von Einheit und Vielheit, die auf ihre Relevanz für die aktuelle Diskussion um Toleranz und ihre Grenzen zu befragen ist. Wenn Leibniz, wie es in der augenblicklichen Forschung anklingt, über ein Bündel von Rationalitätskonzeptionen verfügte, so ist doch die Frage nach ihrer Einheit unabweisbar.

Die Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft lädt alle interessierten Forscher, Sachkenner und Freunde zur Teilnahme ein, Vortragsanmeldungen erbitten wir bis zum 1. Dezember 2005. Bis zum 1. März 2006 wird von den angenommenen Beiträgen eine Datei oder reproduktionsfähige Papiervorlage (camera ready, maximal 8 Seiten) erbeten, da die Texte zum Kongress als Band vorliegen sollen.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

14th Conference of the International Society of Chinese Philosophy (ISCP)

President's Report

The 14th conference of the ISCP was held at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, from 13th to 19th July 2005. This conference was particularly significant in the following ways:

- (a) It was the first time a conference of the ISCP had been held outside the northern hemisphere; and
- (b) It was held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Australasian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (ASACP), a professional society not unlike the ISCP, of philosophers working in the field of Asian philosophy. The ASACP was founded in 1991 and has so far held annual conferences in the Asian

and Australasian (Australia and New Zealand) region. Some of the participants at the 2005 conference were members of both societies.

Themes and Plenary Speakers

The theme of this conference was *Chinese Philosophy and Human Development in the 21st Century* with the following sub-themes:

- Values, health and ethics including conceptions of self, society and well-being
- Politics, international relations and globalisation issues
- Trade, economy, business and human resource development
- Culture, art and religion
- The natural environment and natural resources, built environments, and the impact of development on the natural environment
- Scientific and technological developments with particular emphasis on emergent ethical challenges

There were two public lectures organised in conjunction with the conference, one given by Professor Chung-ying Cheng (University of Hawaii) on *Doing Business Management in Chinese Philosophy: The Creativity Theory* and the other by Professor Nathan Sivin (University of Pennsylvania) on *Drawing Insights from Chinese Medicine*.

There were four plenary speakers: Dr Nick Bunnin (Oxford University), Dr John Makeham (University of Adelaide), Professor Lisa Raphals (University of California) and Professor Tang Yijie (Beijing University).

Attendance

The 14th ISCP conference drew larger numbers than expected. There were 88 papers presented and 104 participants in total (35 from Australia and New Zealand, 23 from PR China, 21 from North America and Canada, 11 from Taiwan, 7 from Europe and 7 from Hong Kong and Singapore). This was an unanticipated but pleasant surprise given Australia's distance from Europe, China, Taiwan and North America.

Fu Foundation Essay Contest

The Fu Foundation Essay Contest to attend the ISCP conference was won by the following participants:

CHINESE LANGUAGE

Yang Guorong, Ph.D.

East China Normal University, Shanghai, PRC

"The Debate over "Tian" and "Ren"—A Reinterpretation of the Zhuangzi"

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Chen Kung Hung, Graduate Degree Fellow
East-West Center, University of Hawai'i

"Meanings in the Making: Words, Creativity, and a Philosophical Interpretation of A
Book from the Sky"

SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARDEE

Yang Ju-ping, Ph.D.

College of History, Nankai University, Tianjin, PRC

" Zhuangzi and the Cynics—Their Significance to the Modern Society"

Budget

Although there were initial concerns that the registration fee might have been too high (AUD\$400 for Early Bird Registration), subsequent sponsorship arrangements enabled the President to provide all meals for all participants throughout the conference, including the conference opening reception and the conference dinner (inclusive in the registration fee). As a result the registration fee worked out to be relatively affordable.

A number of organisations very generously provided financial support for the conference. These are the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of New South Wales, The School of Philosophy at the University of New South Wales and the Culture Regeneration Research Society. China Southern Airlines provided two free air tickets and discount fares for participants travelling from PR China. In addition, prominent members of the Sydney Chinese community donated generously to the conference. They are Mr Philip Chau, Mr Stephen Chan, Mr William Chiu, Mr Frank Chou, Dr Michael Chung, Mr Gary Lam, Mr Amen Lee, Mr Henry Ngai, Mrs Helen Sham-Ho, Mr Peter Tseng and Mr Eric Wong.

Because of the success in sponsorship, the conference was able to provide significant financial support for all the plenary speakers as well as a number of participants from PR China.

Quality of Papers and Future Research

Papers were presented in either Chinese or English; the plenary speeches were translated prior to the conference and participants were provided with translations of the presentations. The quality of the papers at the entire conference was very high. The tone of the questions and comments were collegial and encouraging; all who attended agreed

that the atmosphere of the conference was extremely friendly and supportive, and indeed very enjoyable.

Furthermore, approximately 10 of the paper presentations were made by students. This phenomenon must be noted as it was agreed that ISCP should be encouraging and nurturing students in the field.

A significant proportion of participants at this conference were not existing ISCP members. Many new friendships were made. Also as importantly, this sets the path for future collaborative work between members of the two societies.

A number of papers presented at the conference will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*.

Additionally, a selection of papers will be edited by the President and published in a volume with the theme “Chinese Philosophy in the 21st Century: Future Directions”. It is envisaged that this volume will be published by a commercial publisher with a niche market in Chinese philosophy (eg. Open Court Publishing, Hackett Publishing or Global Academic Publishing).

Presenters of papers have also been encouraged to submit (to the President) their papers for consideration for publication. If this project is viable (i.e. if it is possible to collect these papers around a theme), the President will edit another anthology of collected conference papers, also to be published by a commercial publisher.

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Collective works of ISUD members:

Mythos and Logos: How to regain the Love of Wisdom. Eds. Albert Anderson, Steven V. Hicks, and Lech Witkowski. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2004.

“Wisdom: Research, Education, Implementation,” special issue of *Dialogue and Universalism*, No. 1-2/2005, Warsaw University Press. Contributors: Steven V. Hicks, Charles S. Brown, Sonja Servomaa, Nicholas Maxwell, Beata Stawarska, Art Stavinski, Paul M. Schafer, J. Z. Hubert, Werner Krieglstein, Grant Havers, Herman E. Stark, Ulrich Seeberg, I. Bambang Sugiharto, Graham Harman, Edward Demenchonok, and Karin Melis.

Activities:

The ISUD Sixth World Congress “Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture, and Freedom” took place on July 15-20, 2005 in Helsinki, Finland. Keynote speakers: Karl-Otto Apel, James P. Sterba, and Keping Wang.

The forthcoming ISUD Seventh World Congress will take place in June of 2007 in Hiroshima, Japan.

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

The 13th International Congress of Logic, methodology and Philosophy of Science took place in Beijing, August 9-15, 2005.

SCHOPENHAUER-GESELLSCHAFT e. V. (International)

Activities 2005:

February 22nd – 24th: India International Center, New Delhi: International Seminar “Schopenhauer and Indian Philosophy. A dialogue between India and Germany,” bilaterally organised by the Indian Division of the Schopenhauer Society (IDSS) and the Schopenhauer Research Center at the University of Mainz.

May 5th – 8th: Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg / Br.: International Congress “Schopenhauers Ethik im Ausgang vom Deutschen Idealismus” (Fichte/Schelling) in cooperation with the Fichte-Schelling Gesellschaft and the Schopenhauer-Gesellschaft.

July 7th – 8th: Universität Mainz: International conference “Schopenhauer und die Philosophen Asiens”.

August 25th: Universität Mainz, Schopenhauer Research Center: International meeting of Schopenhauer scholars.

September 22nd – 24th: Università degli Studi di Lecce: International conference “Schopenhauer und die ‘Schopenhauer-Schule’” in cooperation with the Università di Lecce.

November 17th: Heussenstamm-Stiftung, Frankfurt am Main: Conference “Politik und Gesellschaft im Umkreis Arthur Schopenhauers”.

Publications:

Schopenhauer-Jahrbuch 84 (2003).