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INTERIM WORLD PHILOSOPHY CONGRESS

An Interim World Philosophy Congress, with the theme “Philosophy in the Emerging Age of Global Society,” and sponsored by the Indian member societies of FISP, was held in New Delhi from December 15 through 17, 2006 at the New Convention Centre, Vice Regal Lodge, Delhi University. There were well over 1000 participants, including students and faculty members from many parts of India and philosophers from a number of foreign countries. The two principal organizers were Professor Bhuvan Chandel, Vice-President of FISP, and Professor D. P. Chattopadhyaya, President of the Indian Philosophical Congress. Professor Chattopadhyaya gave the Presidential Address at the inaugural session, at which the other speakers were Professor Deepak Pental, Vice Chancellor of the university; Dr. (Mrs.) Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi and Chief Guest; and FISP President Peter Kemp and Secretary General William McBride. There were three plenary sessions (“Global Society for Peace and Progress: Problems and Prospects”; “Science, Technology and Economy in Shaping Global Society” and “Art, Literature and Ethics for Unity of Mankind”), four symposia (“Future of Civilization in the Post-modern World”; “Buddhism and Social Order”; “Is Philosophy Regional or Global?”; and “Philosophy and Quality of Life in the Post-Modern World”), three special sessions (on bioethics, on Indian philosophy, and on human rights with special focus on universal rights of women in the global context), seven round tables, and seven sectional meetings for contributed papers. Dr. Karan Singh presented the valedictory address.

**THE INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OLYMPICS – COSENZA,
ITALY – MAY 18, 2006**

The Participants:

	Nazione (Country)	Capi-delegazione e docenti (Delegation leaders and teachers)	Studenti (students)
01	Argentina	Alicia Segal	Agustina Satabole Santiago Auat
02	Austria	Franz Poell Peter Schoenberger	Joseph Steinlechner Maximilian Huber
03	Bulgaria	Ivan Kolev Antoaneta Nikolova Chobanska	Christian Danielov Vatchkov GeorgiPetkov Yankov
04	Corea	Ji Aeh Lee	Hyo Jin Woo Jun Weon Lee
05	Estonia	Leo Luks	Vaiko Veikat Rene Tamm
06	Finlandia	Juha Savolainen Pekka Elo	Carmen Kautto Saila Kakko
07	Germania	Gerd Gerhardt	Alexander Johann Daniel Thoms
08	Giappone	Muneharu Kitagaki Yoshihiro Hayashi	Nobuo Masuyoshi Ryo Kujime
09	Grecia	Giannis Stamatellos	Evita Karfi Elene Mitropoulou

10	Israele	Yael Cohen Rachel Even	Shiri Shapira Ortal Shahr
11	Italia	Antonio Cosentino Anna Sgherri	Gabriele Zaffagnini
			Giulia Giordano
			Giulia Claudia Leonelli
			Luca Maraschi
			Stefano Burzo
			Sara Musi
			Jutta Obertegger
			Simone Barbarino
Ristea Livia			
Margherita Busti			
12	Norvegia	Thor Steinar Grødal	Liv Anna Lindman Samir Færevik Aarab
13	Polonia	Jozef Niznik Michal Rozynek	Anna Drozdowicz Mateusz Chaberski
14	Romania	Florina Otet Eugen Stoica	Gogianu Florin- Radu Pantea Marius
15	Slovenia	Marjan Šimenc	Marko Sustersic
16	Svizzera	Jonas Pfister	Thaddäus Perrot

			Conrad Krausche
17	Turchia	Nuran Direk F. Gülşen Öz (fem)	Coşan Çağlayan Efe Murat Balıkcıoğlu
18	Ungheria	Attila Pató László Pinke	András Shuller Péter Ujma

XIV IPO

Italy - May 18th, 2006

I vincitori (The winners)

1°-Medaglia d'oro (Gold medal)	BALIKÇIOĞLU EFE MURAT	Turchia (Turkey) Read his essay
2°- Medaglia d'argento (Silver medal)	CHABERSKI MATEUSZ	Polonia (Poland) Read his essay
3°- Medaglia di bronzo (Bronze medal)	KAKKO SAILA	Finlandia (Finland) Read her essay

Menzione d'onore (Honourable Mention)

(in ordine alfabetico/in alphabetical order)

ALEXANDER JOHANN	Germania (Germany)
AUAT SANTIAGO	Argentina (Argentina)
BURZO STEFANO	Italia (Italy)
BUSTI MARGHERITA	Italia (Italy)
CONRAD KRAUSCHE	Svizzera (Switzerland)

DROZDZOWICZ ANNA		Polonia (Poland)
GOGIANU FLORIN-RADU		Romania (Romania)
KAUTTO CARMEN		Finlandia (Finland)
HUBER MAXIMILIAN		Austria (Austria)
MUSI SARA		Italia (Italy)
SHIRI SHAPIRA		Israele (Israel)
SCHULLER ANDRÁS		Ungheria (Ungheria)
STEINLECHNER JOSEPH		Austria (Austria)
THOMS DANIEL		Germania (Germany)
UJMA PÉTER		Ungheria (Ungheria)
VATCHKOV CHRISTIAN DANIELOV		Bulgaria (Bulgaria)
Premio speciale offerto dall'Associazione Sioh-Calabria	ZAFFAGNINI GABRIELE (1° classificato alla gara nazionale)	Italia (Italy) Read his essay

MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM THE ANNUAL FISP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, HANOI, JUNE 4, 2006 / PROCÈS-VERBAL ET D'AUTRES DOCUMENTS DE LA RÉUNION DU COMITÉ DIRECTEUR DE LA FISP À HANOÏ, LE 4 JUIN 2006:

These minutes are not and will not be official until formally approved by the Steering Committee at its next annual meeting in June 2007. 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 Hanoi 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 juin 2007. 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 Hanoï doivent être considérés comme leurs messages aux sociétés-membres pour ce bulletin.

Present/Présents: Peter Kemp (President), Ioanna Kuçuradi (Past President), Myrto Dragona-Monachou (Vice-President), William McBride (Secretary General), Guido Küng (Treasurer), Bhuvan Chandel, Yersu Kim, Jean Ferrari, Gilbert Hottois, Ivan Kaltchev, Maija Kule, Sengaku Mayeda, Thalia Fung Riverón, William Sweet, Keith Lehrer, Tran van Doan, Ilkka Niiniluoto, Basilio Rojo Ruiz

Absent / Absents: Alison Jaggar, Bernard Bourgeois, Betül Çotuksöken, Herta Nagl-Docekal, Dermot Moran, Enrico Berti, Konstantine Boudouris, Luca Maria Scarantino, Thomás Calvo-Martinez, Marcelo Dascal, Sé mou Pathé Guéye, Rudolf Haller, Hans Lenk, Hans Poser, Gürol Irzik, Evandro Agazzi (Honorary President), Miro Quesada (Honorary President), Venant Cauchy (Honorary President)

Proxies: Ryszard Wojcicki to Peter Kemp; Herta Nagl-Docekal to Maija Kule; Luca Scarantino to Bhuvan Chandel; Dermot Moran to Ilkka Niiniluoto; Marietta Stepaniants to Ioanna Kuçuradi; Enrico Berti to Ioanna Kuçuradi; Betül Çotuksöken to William Sweet; Konstantine Boudouris to William McBride; Paulin Hountondji to Bhuvan Chandel; Sé mou Pathé Guéye to Yersu Kim.

Observers: David Evans (Chairman of *The Committee on General Policy*); Noriko Hashimoto, Secretary General of International Society for Metaphysics (ISM), International Symposium of Eco-Ethica; Manuel B. Dy, Asian Association of Catholic Philosophers, Philippine Academy of Philosophical Research; Warayuth Sriwarakuel, Asian Association of Catholic Philosophers (AACP), Southeast Asian Philosophical Association (SEAPA), Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand (PARST); Duh Bau-Ruei, Secretary General of Chinese Association of Philosophy (CAP), Associated Professor at National Taiwan University (Taipei, Taiwan); Donny Gahral Adian, regional coordinator of CRVP, Lecturer in the Philosophy Dept., University of Indonesia, Jakarta; Hannah Mia Hendriksen, Secretary to Peter Kemp.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting on May 20, 2005 in Helsinki

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Report of the President

A hard copy of the report in English was distributed and the report was summarized verbally in French. The report was unanimously approved. **Report enclosed.**

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 unanimously approved. The S.-G. added that he intends to visit the FISP archives in Düsseldorf.

I. Kuçuradi advised that the next Olympiads will be held in Antalaya (in May 2006).

A discussion about the future publication of the FISP News-Letter was raised; one suggestion was to have it published as an annex to an existing philosophical bulletin.

4. Report of the Treasurer

The report was distributed and the Treasurer presented it in English. It was unanimously approved. **Report enclosed.**

5. Committee reports and discussion of possible restructuring of committees

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

J. Ferrari reported: He will ask Sémou Pathé Guéye if the publication of the proceedings from the meeting in Dakar *L'Enseignement de l'histoire de la philosophie et son rôle dans l'enseignement de la philosophie aux non-philosophes* could contain contributions from the committee members and have it ready for the W.C. in Seoul. Many papers were presented during the conference in Dakar, but there may be a financial problem of translation in to English and of publishing them. **Report enclosed.**

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

b) *The Committee on International Cooperation and Philosophical Encounters* (chair Maija Kule). M. Kule reported: *Philosophy Worldwide: The Current Situation*, edited by Prof. Maija Kule, published in booklet form by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Latvia The longest portion consists of 9 papers on the current situation of philosophy in various countries and regions. M. Kule intends to continue with a view to collecting more such papers for future publication. Meanwhile, a limited number of printed versions of this collection is available from the University of Latvia, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Akademijas laukums 1, Riga, Latvia, fsi@lza.lv. Vol 2 is under preparation. It will be financially supported by the University of Latvia. M. Kule expressed her warm thanks to the Secretary General and to I. Niiniluoto, W. Sweet, M. Stepaniants (who arranged for a report from Russia) and to H. Lenk.

Members: I. Kaltchev, H. Lenk, I. Kuçuradi, P. Kemp, W. McBride, T. Fung, B. Ruiz.

c) *The Committee on the Teaching of Human Rights* (chair Ioanna Kuçuradi). I. Kuçuradi reported: The Committee had held a meeting on June 4, 2006. There are plans to arrange a roundtable and make a publication with articles written by FISP CD members and others on the Rethinking the Idea of Human Rights. The Committee will in the future be called the *Committee on Human Rights*.

Members: D. Moran, H. Lenk, M. Dragona-Monachou, I. Niiniluoto and T. van Doan.

d) *The Committee for the Ethics of Science and Technologies, Especially Bioethics / Comité pour l'éthique des sciences et des technologies, spécialement la bioéthique* (Chair Myrto Dragona-Monachou): M. Dragona-Monachou's **report is enclosed.**

G. Hottois supported a proposal to pursue the issue of metaethics and the idea that committees should enable external experts to be members.

I. Kuçuradi reminded the CD that since last year CD members may now be members of more than two committees at a time.

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

Lunch break at noon. The meeting was resumed at about 1.20 p.m.

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

f) *The Committee on General Policy* (chair D. Evans) D. Evans presented the report (**enclosed**). Cf. item 6. There are discrepancies in the rules concerning intermediary congresses, i.e. between the English and the French version.

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

The proposals (**enclosed**) were accepted. The Secretary General reminded the C.D. that changes in the Statutes adopted since the General Assembly in Istanbul must be adopted definitively by the General Assembly in Seoul. D. Evans will prepare a whole set for the C.D. meeting next year. Changes in the Bye-laws approved by the C.D. may be implemented immediately, but must be reported to the General Assembly for ratification.

7. Consideration of New Membership Applications

Applications had been received from:

- Filozofsko drustvo na Makekdonija / Philosophical Society of Macedonia
- Hrvatsko filozofsko društvo - (Croatian Philosophical Society)
- Chinese Association of Philosophy (CAP), Taiwan – application to rejoin FISP
- Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS), Pyongyang – application to rejoin FISP

The applications were accepted.

8. Discussion and Possible Ratification of Decisions Reached by the Programme Committee in Seoul on May 28, 2006

The notes prepared for the minutes of the programme committee meeting including annexes of lists of names proposed for the plenary sessions, the symposia and the sections for invited papers were presented. The President proposed Past President Ioanna Kuçuradi as speaker at the special Ibn Rushd lecture. This proposal as well as the final list of chairs and speakers was unanimously adopted.

9. Composition of the Executive Committee of the World Congress

Co-presidents: Gilbert Hottois and Myung-Hyun Lee; members: Peter Kemp, William McBride, Samuel Lee and Eunsu Cho.

10. Varia including information concerning an interim FISP congress in India organized by Bhuvan Chandel to be held in December, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 6 p.m.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF FISP To the FISP Steering Committee -- Hanoi, June 4, 2006

Dear Members of the Steering Committee!

Let me heartily thank the President of the Institute of Philosophy of the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Professor Dr. Do Hoai Nam, and its Director, Professor Dr. Pham Van Duc, as well as all our colleagues here in Hanoi for their great hospitality in receiving us, and also many thanks to our member, Professor Tran Van Doan, who has worked so well as mediator for organizing both the conference here in Hanoi and our Committee meeting.

My report today has two parts. The first part has mostly to do with the past, what has happened concerning FISP in the last year. The second part concerns the future, what we can expect.

I. The past

1. The Steering Committee Meeting in Helsinki

One year has gone since we met in Helsinki on May 20, 2005 received by the University of Helsinki and its rector Ilkka Niiniluoto and in connection with our meeting met for a conference on “Metaphilosophical Reflections – on Current Challenges of Philosophy”, 18-19 May 2005. We decided the themes of the Plenary Sessions and Symposia at the XXIInd World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul at the end of July and beginning of August 2008. This themes have then been published with the first Circular.

2. The new Korean Organizing Committee

No Korean members of the International Program Committee who prepared the proposal of the themes could participate in the Steering Committee meeting in Helsinki, and The Korean Organizing Committee was reconstructed during last summer, so that the International Program Committee received new Korean members. Professor Yersu Kim, who resigned for health reasons as chairman of The Korean Organizing Committee was replaced by Professor Myung-Hyun Lee, and the secretary of the committee Kihyeon Kim, who was going to the United States for research, was replaced by Eun-su Cho, who did the hard work of editing the first Circular and preparing the second meeting of the International Program Committee that we have just hold in Daegu in Korea, chaired by Professor Gilbert Hottois of Brussels.

3. The work of the FISP office in Copenhagen

The Rector of my university, The Danish University of Education in Copenhagen, who is still Lars-Henrik Schmidt, has assured me that the university continue to support FISP after my retirement in January of next year and until our Congress in 2008. But additional help with the salary of Chief Secretary Hannah Mia Hendriksen will be necessary.

4. The Day of Philosophy in Paris

On November 17, 2005 FISP organized a Day of Philosophy in collaboration with the *International Institute of Philosophy* and with the impeccable assistance of its secretary general, Mme Catherine Champniers. The meeting was planned by us to be held at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, since UNESCO initially did not want to organize the Day of Philosophy in Paris because it coincided with its 60th anniversary. But finally UNESCO asked us to hold the meeting in its buildings in Paris, and a program was arranged in collaboration with Mme Goucha from the section of philosophy and human rights of UNESCO in honour of three philosophers: Paul Ricœur (who died on the day of the meeting of our SC in Helsinki), Jean-Paul Sartre, and Raymond Aron (both born in 1905). At the opening session, speakers included the Director of Philosophy, Humanities, and Social Sciences at UNESCO, Pierre Sané, the former President of the IIP and professor at the Collège de France Anne Fagot-Largeault, and myself as President of FISP. The Acting President of the IIP, Hans Lenk, took the floor at the end of the day.

5. The international conference in Dakar, January 27-29, 2006

On January 27-29, 2006 Professor Sékou Pathé Gueye, head of the Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherches Philosophiques et Sociales Contemporaines sur l'Afrique et le Monde (LERPSCAM), which is located in the Département de Philosophie of the Cheikh Anta Dio University in Dakar, Senegal, organized an International Philosophical Conference in French at his university on the theme : « *Repenser l'enseignement de la philosophie, dans le contexte de la mondialisation, pour le dialogue des cultures et une paix universelle durable* ». This meeting was undertaken at the initiative of Professor Jean Ferrari as President of our

Committee on Teaching Philosophy / Comité pour l'enseignement de la philosophie. Pierre Sané attended the meeting as director of the section for Philosophy, Humanities, and Social Sciences at UNESCO, and gave an address concerning the role of philosophy in the world and in particular the importance of FISP. Many philosophers from French-speaking Africa and a few others from outside participated in the meeting and gave papers that will be published thanks to the collaboration of Professor Gueye and Professor Ferrari.

6. The President at Purdue

At the invitation of the Secretary General of FISP, William McBride, I met with him at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, in February 2006 and gave a paper on "The Cosmological Foundation of International Law" at the university on February 16.

7. The meetings in Daegu, Korea

The members of the International Program Committee held their final meeting in Daegu, Korea, just before our meetings here in Hanoi. In Daegu the Korean Philosophical Association had organized an all-day conference on May 27 at Kyungpook University on the theme: "Towards a New Dimension in Cross-Cultural Philosophical Dialogues", and on May 28–29 the International Program Committee met in order to prepare proposals concerning the speakers at the plenary sessions and the symposia.

8. Publications

- a. Last autumn, the KOC sent out the first circular as a folder, together with a poster announcing the World Congress.
- b. The papers of the FISP conference in Copenhagen in 2004 appeared in June 2005, a few months after the Helsinki meeting, under the title *History in Education*. A prospectus concerning the book is available here.
- c. The papers from the Day of Philosophy in Paris in 2004 were published a few weeks ago by UNESCO in Paris .

9. The FISP Board meeting

The Board of FISP met during our stay here in Hanoi. Present were the President, the Secretary General, the Past President, two Vice-Presidents – Bhuvan Chandel and Myrto Dragona-Monachou – and the Treasurer, Guido Küng. Absent: Vice-President Enrico Berti.

II. The future

1. The second circular

The second circular in English and in French with the program for the XXIInd World Congress of Philosophy will be published by the KOC, after the final decisions of the CD here in Hanoi.

2. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee that takes over from the Program Committee will meet when it is appropriate

3. Next FISP Board and CD meetings

We have no invitations for Board and SC meetings in the future until their last meetings immediately before the World Congress in Seoul. Having received more concrete proposals the place and the dates of the meetings will be decided. [Ed. note: This has since changed. The SC will meet in Mali Lošinj, Croatia, on June 13-14, 2007, at the invitation of the

Croatian Philosophical Society, and there arrangements being made for a Meeting of the Board together with the Executive Committee of the World Congress later that year.]

4. The fifth Day of Philosophy

The collaboration we had with UNESCO last year in organizing a Day of Philosophy together in Paris may continue in preparing the fifth Day of Philosophy that will take place on November 16 (the third Thursday in November). [Ed. note: This did not take place. The official UNESCO Day of Philosophy was held in Rabat, Morocco, and among the participants were six SC members: Professors Ferrari, Gueye, Kaltchev, Kuçuradi, McBride, and Stepanyants.]

5. The proceedings of The XXIst World Congress in Istanbul

Past President Ioanna Kuçuradi can inform us about the publication of papers from the XXIst World Congress in Istanbul

Conclusion

In conclusion I want to thank all who up to now have contributed to the activities of FISP. I think we have done a good job until now both in preparing the XXIIInd World Congress in Seoul but also by organizing different smaller conferences on the way to the great event in 2008. I hope that a possibility will appear for other intermediary activities in the last period before we come together in Seoul. [Ed. note: See later information concerning the Interim World Congress in New Delhi, December 2006.]

Thank you

**Peter Kemp,
President of FISP**

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

To the FISP Steering Committee – Hanoi, June 4, 2006

First of all, there have been two International Philosophy Olympiads since my report of last year – the first, number 13, which in fact was held, by an unfortunate coincidence of missed communication, simultaneously with our last CD meeting in Helsinki in May 2005, and the second, number 14, which was held just over two weeks ago, May 14-18. The 2005 Olympiad, which took place in Warsaw, is reported – at least, the lists of participants and winners are reported – as the first item of our most recently-published FISP Newsletter. Among those who attended was Mme. Moufida Goucha, the director of the section of philosophy and the human sciences at UNESCO, with whom I had the opportunity to have some useful conversations after arriving for the final day and a half of activities. It was for me the first opportunity to observe these Olympiads, which represent the top of the pyramid of some 2500 students, or so I was told, from the roughly 17 competing countries, distributed unevenly across Asia, South America, and, mostly, Europe. The spirit of the students and of their accompanying national representatives and teachers, as well as the intellectual, philosophical acumen of the former (a quality that is taken for granted in the latter, of course!), is quite impressive. The idea of having such Olympiads, which are held internationally in other disciplines, such as mathematics, as well, is one that I endorse, and it is important to note, as I did at the most recent ones in Cosenza, Italy, that this is the one *annual* activity, by contrast with our quinquennial World Congress, to the sponsorship of which FISP is committed outside of our own internal institutional structures. It is also, if I am

not mistaken, the one FISP activity that is explicitly mentioned in UNESCO's strategy document for philosophy.

The Cosenza meetings were, for reasons into which I need not enter here, not without some fairly serious problems: for example, the actual competition at the University of Calabria in Rende, some 20 kilometers from the center of Cosenza where most participants were lodged, began almost two hours late. Still, the hosting was well-intentioned, the food was excellent, and the competition, evaluation, and award ceremony activities all took place eventually, more or less as planned. The more enduring difficulties have to do with the structure of the IPO itself and, in connection with this, with the differing views among its core country representatives, some of whom were among its six original founding members, concerning many of the details of just how the competition should be conducted. They find great difficulty in agreeing on these issues. There are official statutes, which are published on our FISP website, and there are current practices which at least involve some creative interpretation of, if not downright deviation from, these statutes, and then there are numerous proposals for changes in the statutes. At Cosenza there was serious talk, which will almost certainly come to fruition, of holding a meeting of IPO representatives somewhere this fall, either in Bonn or in Helsinki or in Istanbul. I hope that there can be a FISP representative in attendance. I doubt that any new idea that finds favor with the IPO governing committee will be a problem for us, but we need to be involved. Another concerned organization is the AIPPh (Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie, which is geared especially toward the teaching of philosophy at the pre-university level), which was present at the founding of the IPO and which also became a member society of FISP last year. The Past President of the AIPPh, Dr. Luise Dreyer, was refused an invitation to Cosenza by the President of the 14th Olympiad, the local organizer, Prof. Antonio Cosentino. There is, thus, the usual melange of clashes of personality and clashes of policies and standards, and I can only hope that there will be some sort of resolution in the interests of young student participants, present and future, and in the interest of supporting and expanding this very worthwhile undertaking. Next year's Olympiad will be held in Antalya, Turkey. [Note: The hoped-for meeting was actually held in Istanbul in early September; I attended, and the new statutes were completed and ratified by the end of 2006.]

I now come, as my second main point, to the question of our relationship with UNESCO and, related to this, last November's Philosophy Day. In Warsaw Mme. Goucha informed me, contrary to the understanding under which we had all been operating in Helsinki, that Philosophy Day 2005 would be held in Santiago, Chile, rather than at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, and that it would take place on November 24, one week after the official Philosophy Day of November 17. This had been proposed by the Chilean government and by the Chilean Commission for UNESCO, but Mme. Goucha told me at that time in May that it would be exceptional, for 2005 only, with a return to Paris this year. Consequently, of course, there would be no Philosophy Day in Paris on November 17. I also asked her whether we would, as in the past (except for the great misunderstanding of the previous year), be given a FISP panel in Santiago, and she assured me that we would be – or so I understood. A couple of weeks later, at the behest of a colleague from New Zealand who is also a member of the American Philosophical Association and of its Committee on International Cooperation, I invited Mme. Goucha to take part in a panel concerning international philosophical activities that was being organized by the APA at its Pacific Division meetings in Portland, Oregon, in March 2006. The idea was that she could there discuss and clarify the UNESCO strategy statement on philosophy.

There then ensued, over many months, the following developments: (1) As Peter Kemp has already informed you, FISP, in conjunction with the IIP, organized its own Philosophy Day in Paris, at which we commemorated the late Paul Ricoeur (of whose death,

incidentally, it was Mme. Goucha who first informed me when we met in Warsaw) and the centenaries of Jean-Paul Sartre and Raymond Aron. We had planned to hold this at the École Normale Supérieure, but shortly before the event UNESCO informed us that they would like to host it after all, along with some simultaneous panel discussions of the situation of philosophy in the war-ravaged Ivory Coast. (2) After I had gone to some length to create a FISP panel for Santiago one week later, I was informed by one of Mme. Goucha's assistants, in late August or September, that the choice of whom to invite had been left entirely to the discretion of the Chilean Commission for UNESCO. As a result, she said, I would be welcome to speak on *one* of the panels as FISP representative, and Ioanna Kuçuradi had already been invited to participate in another panel in her own right, but the two other CD members who had accepted my invitation to participate in the once-promised FISP panel, Ivan Kaltchev and Maija Kule, would only be invited as participants and not as presenters of papers on panels. Prof. Kaltchev was ultimately unable, for personal reasons, to attend, although he did travel to Chile in January, where he met with philosophers there as a result of the original initiative. In Santiago, I tried to represent FISP as best I could, participating as I did in a panel on democracy with my American colleague, Cornel West, two Chilean philosophers, and another, Mahamadé Savadogo from Burkina Faso, who later participated in our meeting in Dakar. It was a successful event within its own self-defined limits; for example, the outgoing President of the Republic of Chile, Señor Lagos, gave a serious talk on philosophy at the opening plenary session. I learned that, since the end of the Pinochet dictatorship, there has been no formal organization of professional philosophers at the university level in Chile, although there is an organization of high school teachers of philosophy, and that the teaching of philosophy at the high school level there was being threatened with extinction. (3) I have now been informed, directly and indirectly, that what was supposed to have been an exception – namely, the holding of the annual UNESCO Philosophy Day outside of Paris – has now been made into a rule. This year it is to be in Morocco and next year in Istanbul. (4) Mme. Goucha, after a long series of delays having little or no relevance to FISP, was unable to attend the session in Portland, Oregon, in March to which I had invited her on behalf of the organizers. I eventually invited our FISP CD colleague, Luca Scarantino, to participate in her stead; he accepted, but at the last minute was unable to come because of concerns about his wife's pregnancy. I translated and read his paper, which was an interesting plea for cooperation between national philosophy organizations, FISP, and UNESCO; unfortunately, the panel, which consisted of former FISP CD members Ernesto Sosa and Jaakko Hintikka as well as myself, was poorly attended.

In short, in our relationships with UNESCO, the English expression “go with the flow” comes to mind. This is not my normal comportment in the world, but it seems for the moment to be the only way of maintaining a relationship that is important to both of our institutions but that is not always easy. I will try to make inquiries about our expected role this coming November in Morocco.

I come now to my third point, Peter having already mentioned our highly successful meeting on the teaching of philosophy in Senegal, for which our colleague Sékou Gueye deserves our warmest thanks and praise for excellent organization. This third point has to do with my ongoing work on the FISP website, as well as with member societies. I am in the process of putting a new newsletter on the website, a process that I began in April and had hoped to complete by the end of that month. But there have been too many demands on my time, leading to a deep frustration on my part. I do expect to have more time during the months of June and July. And, as I complete this newsletter, which is supposed to cover the news of last summer, fall, and early winter, I intend to begin soliciting news from member societies for later winter, spring, and early summer of 2006. I sometimes wonder whether Peter Kemp's decision, when he was Secretary General, to cut back to one newsletter a year

may not have been a more practical one than mine to issue two newsletters a year – even though the process of gradual posting on the website makes it easier to have a more frequent newsletter. And there is the further question of the printed version, which used to be all we had. We all decided last year in Helsinki that it would be a good idea to continue to publish that version, especially since Ioanna Kuçuradi generously offered to continue to get it printed and distributed out of Ankara. But our experience with the last printed version was, as I assume you all know, an unhappy one. No proofreading was done, as a result of which the first couple of pages, which contained the results of the Warsaw Olympiads, printed in a different type which I had thought looked perfectly acceptable from an aesthetic point of view on our website, appeared as illegible scribbles on the printed version – and there were other, less blatant problems, mainly involving spacing, as well. The one decision made by the printer to change what I had sent involved a change in the dates from winter 2004-spring 2005, which I had sent, to winter 2005-spring 2006, which of course makes it extremely confusing. (It was later pointed out to me that this was simply in keeping with a somewhat similar change that had been made by the printers to the *previous* newsletter, a change about which I had not been consulted and which I had not noticed.) As you probably also know, Professor Kuçuradi was kind enough to send out corrections to the first couple of pages of the most recent newsletter to all those who had received it. I do wish once again, however, to receive feedback from you concerning the future form of the newsletter. I start with the assumption, which I take to be universal, that there should *be* a FISP newsletter in some form for the foreseeable future. But I want it to be both better and better known than it is at present.

Guido Küng and I continue to be in frequent correspondence concerning the updating of information on our list of member societies. I only hope that we can add more soon, beginning with this meeting. Professor Küng has done a wonderful job of keeping in touch with the societies, especially given some difficult personal circumstances of late, and then informing me so that I can make the necessary adjustments on the website. There are always questions about the continuing viability of member societies, and there are always disappointments concerning would-be new applicant societies which then fail to apply. My goal is to have at least 100 serious, active member societies by the time of the CD meeting preceding the opening of the Seoul World Congress.

About the website itself, I think that it is solid and not an embarrassment, but I hope to work to improve its looks over the coming summer while avoiding innovations that I would regard as distracting or *kitschisch*.

I also make another plea to the CD members to consider editing a volume for our still young series, “Ideas Underlying World Problems”. We have an offer, as I already mentioned to you last year, from George Leaman of the Philosophy Documentation Center in the United States to make it into an ongoing series that he would be willing to publish. The idea that was suggested as perhaps the most obvious and promising for the next volume was the idea of terrorism, and I am very happy to inform you that Ioanna Kuçuradi just made an offer to me a couple of weeks ago, when we were together in Cosenza, to edit that herself once she has completed work on her general editorship of the 12-volume proceedings from the Istanbul World Congress. I am very grateful for that and look forward to it, but I also hope that there will be other CD members to follow her example with other proposals.

There is much more that I could discuss, including the issue of the CD meetings themselves, which I think in the future may need to be made longer when they are planned. I take seriously the complaint of one new CD member, who participated for the first time in Helsinki and was critical of the relative paucity of debate during our meeting. The most pressing problem always is, of course, the paucity of time available to us. And this fact reinforces my own need, right now, to end this report.

William L. McBride, Secretary General

RÉSUMÉS DES DEUX RAPPORTS EN LANGUE FRANÇAISE

1. Celui du Président Peter Kemp

Il adresse ses remerciements au Président de l'Institut de Philosophie de l'Académie Vietnamiennne des Sciences Sociales, le Professeur Dr. Do Hoai Nam; à son Directeur, le Professeur Dr. Pham Van Duc; à tous les collègues de Hanoï, et au Professeur Tran Van Doan pour son travail comme médiateur en préparant la conférence et la réunion du CD de la FISP.

Il divise son rapport en deux parties: le passé et le présent.

Quant au passé: La réunion antérieure du CD de la FISP a eu lieu à Helsinki le 20 mai 2005. Remerciements au Recteur de l'Université de Helsinki, le Professeur Ilkka Niiniluoto. Une conférence a eu lieu avec le thème: "Réflexions métaphilosophiques: sur les défis actuels en philosophie." On a décidé les thèmes des séances plénières et des symposia du Congrès Mondial de Philosophie qui aura lieu à Séoul à la fin de juillet et au début d'août 2008.

Il y a eu des changements dans le Comité Organisateur Coréen. L'ancien président, le Professeur Yersu Kim, a démissionné pour des raisons de santé et a été remplacé par le Professeur Myung-Hyun Lee. Le Professeur Kihyeon Kim, ancien secrétaire du comité, est parti pour faire des recherches aux Etats-Unis; il a été remplacé par la professeur Eun-su Cho, qui a travaillé fort en préparant la première circulaire du Congrès et en organisant la réunion du comité international de programme qui vient d'avoir lieu à Daegu sous la présidence du Professeur Gilbert Hottois. [Depuis, le Professeur Kihyeon Kim est rentré au Corée et a remplacé la Professeur Eunsu Cho à son tour.]

L'Université Pédagogique Danoise continuera à soutenir le travail du Président Kemp après le commencement de sa retraite en janvier 2007, jusqu'au Congrès de 2008. Mais la FISP aura à payer une subvention à sa secrétaire principale, Mme. Hendriksen.

A l'occasion de la Journée Internationale de la Philosophie, le 17 novembre 2005, le Professeur Kemp a organisé un programme avec l'aide excellent de la secrétaire générale de l'Institut International de Philosophie et du Conseil International pour la Philosophie et les Sciences Humaines, Mme Catherine Champniers. Prévue d'abord pour l'Ecole Normale Supérieur, cette conférence, dédiée à la mémoire des regrettés Paul Ricœur, Jean-Paul Sartre, et Raymond Aron, a eu un changement de lieu au dernier moment: elle s'est tenue dans le bâtiment de l'UNESCO, avec la collaboration de Mme Moufida Goucha, directrice de la section pour la philosophie, les sciences humaines et les droits humains de l'UNESCO. A la séance d'ouverture ont participé le directeur de l'UNESCO; son assistant pour les sciences humaines et sociales, le Dr Pierre Sané; l'ancienne présidente de l'IIP, la Professeur Anne Fagot-Largeault; et le Professeur Kemp. A la séance de clôture le Professeur Hans Lenk, président actuel de l'IIP, a parlé.

Grâce surtout au Professeur Sémou Pathé Gueye, directeur du Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherches Philosophiques et Sociales Contemporaines sur l'Afrique et le Monde (LERPSCAM) du Département de Philosophie de l'Université Cheikh Anta Dio à Dakar au Sénégal, on a tenu une conférence internationale entre le 27 et le 29 janvier 2006 sur le thème: « *Repenser l'enseignement de la philosophie, dans le contexte de la mondialisation, pour le dialogue des cultures et une paix universelle durable* ». C'était le Comité pour l'enseignement de la philosophie, sous la direction du professeur Jean Ferrari, qui avait pris l'initiative qui a abouti à cette conférence. Le Dr Pierre Sané de l'UNESCO y a assisté et il a donné une communication au sujet du rôle de la philosophie dans le monde et surtout du rôle de la FISP. Y ont participé également beaucoup d'autres philosophes de l'Afrique francophone, aussi bien que plusieurs philosophes non-africains. Leurs communications seront publiées.

A la mi-février le Professeur Kemp a été l'invité du Professeur McBride, le Secrétaire Général de la FISP, à Purdue University aux Etats-Unis, où il a donné une communication portant sur le fondement cosmologique du droit international.

Une semaine avant cette réunion du CD de la FISP au Vietnam, les membres du Comité de Programme International s'est réuni à Daegu en Corée pour mettre au point les propositions à propos du Congrès International de 2008. Dans le même cadre l'Association Philosophique Coréenne a tenu une conférence sur le thème "Vers une dimension nouvelle dans les dialogues philosophiques à travers les cultures" à l'Université de Kyungpook.

Dans le domaine des publications, (a) la première circulaire pour le XXIIème Congrès Mondial a été distribuée, aussi bien qu'une grande fiche; (b) les *Actes* de la conférence du CD de la FISP qui a eu lieu à Copenhague en mai 2004 ont été publiés un an plus tard sous le titre *History in Education*; (c) la Professeur Maija Kule, directrice du Comité pour la coopération internationale et les rencontres philosophiques, a recueilli des articles sur la situation actuelle de la philosophie dans diverses régions et pays du monde et les a faits publier par l'Institut de Philosophie et de Sociologie de l'Université de Lettonie; (d) des articles venant des commémorations de Paul Ricoeur de 2004 et 2005 à Paris, pendant les Journées de la Philosophie, viennent d'être publiés il y a peu de temps par l'UNESCO.

Le Bureau de la FISP s'est réuni à Hanoï avant la réunion plénière du CD.

Quant à l'avenir. Le Comité Organisateur Coréen publiera une deuxième circulaire en français et en anglais, à la suite des décisions prises à Hanoï...Le Comité Executif du Congrès Mondial prochain, choisi à Hanoï, remplacera le Comité de Programme qui a fonctionné jusqu'à présent...On anticipe le Congrès Mondial Philosophique Intermédiaire, qui aura lieu à l'Inde au mois de décembre. [Voir le début de ce Bulletin.]...Les lieux des prochaines réunions du Bureau et du CD n'ont pas encore été fixés. [Depuis, on a reçu plusieurs invitations généreuses; par conséquent, le CD va se réunir à Mili Lošinj en Croatie en juin 2007, et le Bureau va se réunir avec le Comité Executif du Congrès Mondial à Harvard University aux Etats-Unis en septembre 2007.]...On espère qu'il y aura la possibilité de continuer la collaboration que l'on a eu avec l'UNESCO à Paris l'année dernière autour de la Journée de la Philosophie (toujours le troisième jeudi de novembre, donc le 20 novembre en 2006). [Une telle réunion n'a pas eu lieu, parce que la Journée de la Philosophie a été commémorée le même jour à Rabat au Maroc, avec une participation de quelques membres du CD de la FISP.]...Les *Actes* du XXIème Congrès Mondial à Istanbul sont en train d'être publiés sous la direction de la Professeur Ioanna Kuçuradi.

Le Professeur Kemp adresse ses remerciements à tous pour leurs contributions aux activités de la FISP. Il attend avec enthousiasme le Congrès Mondial à Séoul, aussi bien que d'autres activités qui auront lieu entretemps.

2. Celui du Secrétaire Général William McBride

D'abord, il raconte sa première expérience des Olympiades Philosophiques Internationales, celle de l'Olympiade de Varsovie en mai 2005, qui lui imposa de quitter de bonne heure la dernière réunion du CD de la FISP. Y a assisté également Mme Moufida Goucha de l'UNESCO. Il se prononce enthousiasmé à l'égard de cette activité, la seule activité *annuelle* (hors les réunions internes) qui a lieu sous l'égide de la FISP. Elle en est aussi la seule qui est mentionnée explicitement dans le document de l'UNESCO portant sur sa stratégie pour la philosophie. Ces Olympiades sont le sommet d'une série d'activités concurrentielles qui ont lieu dans 17 pays, plus ou moins, et auxquelles env. 2500 lycéens participent.

L'Olympiade de mai 2006 a eu lieu à Cosenza en Italie, où le Professeur McBride était présent de nouveau. Il y avait des problèmes d'organisation, en commençant par le fait que les activités ont eu lieu sur le campus universitaire à Rende, qui se trouve à 20 km. de la ville de Cosenza où tout le monde fut logé; mais en fin de compte tout s'est passé plus ou moins comme prévu, d'un point de vue plus large, la cuisine était excellente, et les organisateurs ont montré une bonne volonté. D'autres difficultés plus durables concernent la structure de l'IPO et les règles précises de la compétition, aussi bien que la relation entre l'IPO et l'Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie. [Dans une réunion de plusieurs dirigeants avec le Professeur McBride qui a eu lieu à Istanbul en septembre 2006, les règles ont été modifiées à beaucoup d'égards, et les nouvelles règles ont été ratifiées plus tard selon la procédure envisagée dans les règles anciennes.] L'Olympiade de 2007 aura lieu à Antalya en Turquie.

Deuxième point: notre relation avec l'UNESCO, et en particulier la Journée Mondiale de la Philosophie de 2005. La commémoration de celle-ci a eu lieu une semaine après la Journée officielle, et à Santiago du Chili au lieu de Paris – tandis qu'il y en avait eu une aussi à Paris le 17 novembre, dont les circonstances sont racontées dans le rapport du Professeur Kemp. Il y avait des malentendus à propos de la conférence de Santiago, le plus grave étant la supposition du Professeur McBride que la FISP aurait au moins une séance pour elle-même à Santiago. Mais c'était le comité chilien de l'UNESCO qui a pris toutes les décisions à l'égard des colloques, et par conséquent les seuls membres du CD de la FISP qui y ont pu donner des communications furent le Professeur Kuçuradi et, en tant que représentant de la FISP dans l'absence du Président Kemp, le Secrétaire Général. Le Professeur Kule, qui avait accepté l'invitation de celui-ci à faire partie du colloque supposé de la FISP, a participé dans la conférence mais sans pouvoir lire une communication. (Le Professeur Kaltchev, ayant eu l'intention d'y participer aussi, ne put pas y aller pour des raisons personnelles, mais il a fait un voyage deux mois plus tard au Chili, où il a rencontré plusieurs philosophes chiliens.)

A Santiago le Président (sortant) de la République, M Lagos, a parlé sérieusement du rôle de la philosophie dans son discours d'ouverture. Cependant on a appris que l'enseignement de la philosophie aux lycées chiliens était menacé d'être supprimé et que, depuis la fin de la dictature de Pinochet il n'y a pas eu une association des professeurs de philosophie au niveau universitaire. On a appris aussi que la pratique de tenir la commémoration de la Journée de la Philosophie de la part de l'UNESCO hors Paris, autrefois présentée comme un événement unique pour l'an 2005, deviendrait normale, la prochaine Journée étant prévue pour le Maroc. On doit donc être prêt à rencontrer des surprises dans l'évolution de la relation de la FISP avec cette institution, l'UNESCO – une relation qui a une grande importance mutuelle.

Troisième point (le Président Kemp ayant déjà mentionné le grand succès qu'était la conférence sur l'enseignement de la philosophie à Dakar): le Bulletin de la FISP. Le Secrétaire Général raconte certains détails à propos du retard dans la publication du dernier Bulletin et des erreurs dans la version imprimée et il exprime son désir d'améliorer le Bulletin sans qu'il devienne *kitschisch*. Il regrette parfois sa décision de le faire publier deux fois par un au lieu d'une seule, mais il sait qu'il faut qu'il y ait un Bulletin, à propos de la forme future duquel il sollicite des suggestions. Pour le moment, grâce à la Professeur Kuçuradi, on continuera à publier et à distribuer un certain nombre de copies imprimées.

D'autres remarques diverses: Le Secrétaire Général remercie beaucoup le Professeur Küng pour ses efforts constants de garder contact avec les sociétés membres et pour le conseil qu'il donne en ce qui concerne des problèmes délicats qui se posent de temps en temps. Il y a parfois des déceptions que l'on rencontre – par exemple, des sociétés qui se disent prêtes à se souscrire dans la FISP mais qui ne poursuivent pas leurs intentions – mais le Secrétaire Général reste optimiste à propos de la possibilité qu'il y ait 100 sociétés membres à l'occasion du Congrès Mondial à Séoul. Il rappelle aux membres du CD l'offre de M George Leaman, le

directeur du Philosophy Documentation Center, selon laquelle ce Centre publierait des volumes futurs de la série "Ideas Underlying World Problems"; il fait un plaidoyer aux membres pour se déclarer prêts à rédiger un tel volume, et il annonce avec reconnaissance l'offre de la Professeur Kuçuradi de préparer un volume sur l'idée du terrorisme, une fois ayant terminé ses travaux pour la publication des *Actes* du Congrès Mondial d'Istanbul. Enfin, il suggère que, dans l'avenir, les réunions du CD pourraient bien être prolongées pour permettre plus de discussion. La critique de la part d'un membre du CD qui est absent de cette réunion, à propos du manque relatif de discussion sur certains sujets, est peut-être justifiée, mais on a toujours un grand problème en ce qui concerne le manque relatif de temps, problème auquel le Secrétaire Général ne veut pas contribuer davantage.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

for the Meeting of the Comité Directeur of FISP on June 4, 2006 in Hanoi

On May 15, 2006 general assets of FISP amounted to **75'167 Swiss Francs** (i.e. **62'786 US-Dollars** or **48'542 Euro**).

2) The surplus of income of this period is **4'485 Swiss Francs** . It will be mainly used for less than half of the partial refunds of travel costs to Hanoi.

3) From past experience we know

- That roughly :the interests earned pay for the banking costs.
- That the main income of FISP consists in the dues paid by the member societies, normally about 15 000.- Swiss Francs per year. It is from this amount that partial refunds of travel costs, the FISP Newsletter, and administrative costs are being paid.

In addition to the general assets FISP has assets for endowed lectures at World Congresses. On May 15, 2006 the amount kept in Fribourg was **12'833 Swiss Francs** (i.e. **10'719 US-Dollars** or **8'287 Euro**) .

An additional sum (for the Ibn Rushd Lecture) which amounts to ca. **13'000 US-Dollars** (i.e. **15'564 Swiss Francs** or **10'051 Euro**) is being kept in Ankara.

Guido Küng,
Treasurer of FISP

1 USD = 1.1972 CHF

1 Euro = 1.5485 CHF

Compte-rendu de la réunion du comité pour l'enseignement de la philosophie

Lors de la tenue du Comité Directeur de la FISP qui s'est tenu à Hanoï en juin dernier, le comité pour l'enseignement de la philosophie s'est réuni le 1er juin pour faire le point sur le projet de publication d'un volume sur l'enseignement de l'histoire de la

philosophie, à présenter au Congrès de Séoul comme il s'était engagé à le faire à Helsinki l'année précédente. Le colloque organisé à Dakar par le professeur Sémou Pathé Guéye en janvier 2006 devait, en l'une de ses sections, traiter de ce sujet, mais une seule communication, celle de David Evans, s'est placée résolument dans cette perspective. Mais d'autres membres du comité, absents de Dakar, se sont engagés à présenter une contribution. Reste le problème de la publication. Il a paru sage de demander au professeur Gueye s'il accepterait d'accueillir ces contributions dans le volume des *Actes* de la conférence de Dakar qui avait pour thème : "repenser l'enseignement de la philosophie dans le contexte de la mondialisation pour le dialogue des cultures et une paix universelle durable". L'ensemble de ces articles seraient regroupés sous un titre commun dans ces *Actes*. Interrogé par William McBride, le professeur Gueye a répondu favorablement, de telle sorte qu'on peut espérer que l'engagement pris par le comité pour Séoul sera tenu.

Jean Ferrari

Report of the Committee for Ethics of Science and Technologies, especially Bioethics

After Gilbert Hottois' impressive chairmanship of the 'Committee for Bioethics', later called the 'Committee for Ethics of Science and Technologies, especially Bioethics', I agreed to chair this Committee in Copenhagen in 2004, because nobody else was willing to chair it. This Committee comprised very few members from FISP, to wit: G. Hottois, M.A. Quintanilla, H. Poser, and I believe Thalia Fung. At that time we discussed some bioethical problems, and I suggested that we exchange ideas for a fruitful running of this Committee, but there was no response during that year. Meanwhile, I lost my husband and, having very serious personal commitments, I did not communicate with the members of this Committee. In Helsinki (2005) I proposed some bioethical issues to be worked on with the members who attended this meeting, and Ioanna Kuçuradi joined the team. At that time I was still not informed about the 'Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights' of UNESCO, in which I became deeply involved afterwards as a member of the 'Hellenic National Bioethics Council'. It was a pity that I did not know about it earlier, because the mission of this Committee, as envisaged by Hottois, is to analyze and comment from a philosophical viewpoint bioethical texts of international scope. Being the only philosopher on the Hellenic Council, I sent philosophical amendments to the initial text of the Declaration and I went twice in Paris for the finalization and adoption of the text, which I translated into Greek for UNESCO. In Hanoi we decided, with Thalia Fung and Ioanna Kuçuradi, whom I had met in an international bioethical conference in Istanbul, to work on what may be called 'metabioethics', a critical approach to the methods and argumentation of bioethics, a reconsideration of some bioethical principles, and in general philosophical bioethics as a second order ethical discourse analogous to metaethics, an issue that Gilbert Hottois, who is an internationally distinguished expert on bioethics, found very interesting and urgent. Meanwhile my Committee has been enriched with five Greek experts (Virvidakis, Tsinorema, Peonides, Kalokairinou and Markezini) who have agreed to collaborate on this strictly philosophical issue by writing essays on this topic in the hope that they will be published by FISP. Thus, I hope that this Committee, not very happy until now, will be properly activated in the near future.

Myrto Dragona-Monachou

FISP GPC Hanoi A

Report of the Committee on General Policy

During the past five years the committee has been working through various regulations of FISP. The aim has been, as necessary, to discover them, to examine their language (English and French) for clarity and consistency, to propose and discuss various amendments of detail or greater substance, and to ensure that they are published and can be easily consulted. This has been done for the Statutes and Bye-Laws, the World Congress Regulations, and the Olympiad Regulations. All of these can now be inspected on the FISP website (www.fisp.org). Further amendments to the Statutes will be recommended to the General Assembly in Seoul in 2008. Details of these are referred to in the minutes of the 2005 Helsinki CD meeting (minute 6) and are being circulated, for information, with this report.

The set of regulations which have not been scrutinised are those concerning meetings associated with FISP other than World Congresses. The existing regulations for these certainly need, at the very least, linguistic revision since they are inconsistent as between the English and French versions. However further reflection on these regulations suggests that more fundamental revision of FISP policy and practice in this area may well be desirable. In order to initiate this process the committee has prepared a paper for the Hanoi meeting, which is to be found below.

David Evans

FISP GPC Hanoi B

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)

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FISP Regulations for Congresses and Conferences

Background

World Congresses

Organising the quinquennial World Congresses is a major, probably the main, activity of FISP. This activity has gone well in recent times, and we have satisfactory regulations (in English and French). If there have been problems, they have been in two main areas – namely, financial commitment, and control of the programme. It is not surprising that difficulties should arise in both fields. I shall return to these points later.

Other Conferences/ Congresses

During the 1980s-1990s FISP wished to extend its conference activity. Successful major conferences took place “under the auspices of FISP” in Cordoba, Argentina (early 1980s) and Nairobi (1991). Regulations for such events were approved at the CD meeting in Palermo in 1985.

We have these regulations. They are inconsistent as between their English and French versions.

Following the very successful Nairobi conference, other plans for “intermediate” conferences were mooted, including Latin America (Santiago or Lima, 1995), Belfast (2000), Seoul (2001). However they all foundered on various organisational points; but the main reason was delivering the financial commitment which even these lesser events required.

Peter Kemp, on assuming the Presidency in 2003, declared a strong wish to promote such events. Since then some possibilities have been mentioned by individual CD members. But these suggestions have not yet borne fruit; and even as proposals, they have not followed the course which is indicated by the regulations. For example, neither the CD nor FISP member societies have been involved in the planning.

Smaller meetings

While the organisation of conferences has been problematic, as detailed in the preceding section, FISP CD has been much more successful in organising small meetings, involving 20-30 participants and issuing in the publication of a volume. These meetings have normally proceeded on the initiative of a single individual. Since several other CD members have also participated, they can correctly be represented as activities of FISP. Recent examples of these conferences have been Lyon 2001, Bruxelles 2002, Beijing 2002, Copenhagen 2002, Copenhagen 2004, Helsinki, 2005, Dakar 2006, and now Hanoi 2006.

The regulations

Two documents in our archive give regulations for Other (non-World) Conferences. They are *Types de Réunion Philosophiques etc.* and *Guidelines for International Conferences etc.* Henceforth I shall to these respectively as F and E.

The documents are concerned with the same subject-matter; but they differ in detail, sometimes significantly so. F is the fuller version. It grounds these events in the FISP Statute 2(g), whereas E has nothing on this. Both F and E are very concerned to preclude possible confusion between these events and a World Congress. Both also take steps to involve FISP member societies, its CD, and a few particular members thereof, in the planning for and conduct of the event. Version E is rather more prescriptive on such points than is F.

If nothing more is done, these documents need to be brought into closer linguistic harmony. But the argument of this paper is that in fact more than this needs to be done.

Issues to be considered

As noted above, the main issues of contention in the organisation of World Congresses have been finance and programme control. When bidding to host a Congress, proposers have to present a financial plan; and its plausibility plays a key element in the success of the bid. Yet as they engage in actual preparation for their event, most hosts have felt under severe pressure to curtail expenditure and to maximise revenue from registrations and sponsors.

We need to consider to what extent the financial obligations, such as travel expenses for planning meetings and subsistence expenses during the Congress, are fair in scale and realistic, given current economic circumstances.

We also need to consider the nature and extent of FISP control over the academic programme of the Congress. In theory (but not perhaps in practice) the CD control is decisive. Should it be?

These issues reappear, in perhaps more incisive form, when we consider Other Conferences.

Suggestions for the way forward

The small-scale meetings (third category above) are a success and should be continued and encouraged. They generate visible products of FISP activity. However they do not involve member societies (except the one which may be organising the event). It would be good if, without complicating the individual local organisation of such meetings, we could give member societies more information about them and perhaps also a discount on the ensuing volume.

As regards World Congresses, we should consider reducing the pressures on the organising country. It may be that the frequency of planning meetings – and numbers of people who take part in them – is a legacy from before e-mail. One substantial visit by the CD committee during the preparatory phase, mainly to check the adequacy of the physical facilities, might be enough.

Members of the organising country will have strongly held ideas about the themes, programme details, and speakers which are likely to maximise registrations. If these ideas cannot be implemented, they will see this as a threat to the financial viability of the operation.

So FISP CD needs to be very cautious about second-guessing or attempting to overrule these judgements.

These thoughts apply even more forcefully to Other Conferences. They will typically lack the financial support from funders that World Congresses receive; and their organisers will be even more conscious of the need to construct a programme that is attractive to a particular community of philosophers.

Our current regulations for these events are basically modelled on the World Congress regulations, and they stress FISP CD control (e.g. F4-5, E5-7). In my view FISP must be involved, but in ways that are facilitating and constructive rather than restrictive and curtailing. The organisers of these events should welcome the help of FISP, without feeling broken under its discipline.

So we recommend that these Other Conferences regulations be reconsidered, first as to their substance and then to ensure consistency between their two linguistic versions.

Summary

- 1) World Congress regulations are in good order. However they should be reviewed as regards the commitments of the host country.
- 2) *Other Conferences* regulations need review both linguistically and as to substance.
- 3) FISP member societies should receive fuller information about these event and also about the publications which they generate.
- 4) FISP should ensure a “light touch” as regards the organisation and financial commitments of these events.
- 5) Once we can see a way forward as regards the substantive points concerning *Other Conferences*, a set of regulations should be constructed to cover both *Other Conferences* and *Smaller Meetings*.

David Evans, **May 19, 2006**

NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES

NOUVELLES DES SOCIÉTÉS MEMBRES

(National societies are listed first, followed by international societies.

Les sociétés nationales viennent d'abord, suivies par les sociétés internationales.)

ALLEMAGNE

KANT-GESELLSCHAFT

Sehr geehrtes Mitglied der Kant-Gesellschaft,

das diesjährige Rundschreiben muß ich leider mit Nachrichten von zwei traurigen Ereignissen beginnen, die Ihnen vielleicht, obwohl schon einige Monate seither vergangen sind, noch nicht bekannt sind.

Zum einen haben wir den Tod unseres langjährigen Vorsitzenden und Ehrenvorsitzenden Gerhard Funke zu beklagen, der am 22. Januar verstorben ist. Die zahlreichen Verdienste, die er sich sowohl als Wissenschaftler als auch als Wissenschaftsorganisator (z.B. durch die Wiederbegründung der Kant-Gesellschaft nach dem 2. Weltkrieg) erworben hat, sind bereits durch einen Nachruf unseres Vorstandsmitglieds Ernst Wolfgang Orth in den *Kant-Studien* (Heft 2) gewürdigt worden. Auch die Universität Mainz, an der er lange gewirkt hat, zeitweise als ihr Rektor, wird ihn am 10. November durch eine akademische Trauerfeier ehren, zu der ich Sie hiermit einladen möchte. Sie wird um 11.00 Uhr im Alten Musiksaal, Forum 1, Becherweg 2, stattfinden. Für Interessierte ist übrigens in der Kant-Forschungsstelle der Universität Mainz ein Verzeichnis seiner zahlreichen Schriften erhältlich.

Das andere beklagenswerte Ereignis ist der Tod des „Doyen“ der italienischen Kant-Forschung, Silvestro Marcucci. Wer davon weiß, wie sehr Silvestro Marcucci sich für die Vergabe des nächsten Internationalen Kant-Kongresses an seine Wirkungsstätte nach Pisa eingesetzt hat, muß seinen zu frühen Tod um so mehr bedauern. Durch seine Schüler, allen voran durch den zu seinem Nachfolger als Vorsitzender der italienischen Kant-Gesellschaft gewählten Claudio La Rocca, ist allerdings gesichert, daß der Kongreß ganz in seinem Sinne im Jahr 2010 in Pisa wird stattfinden können.

Derzeit gilt das Hauptaugenmerk der Kant-Gesellschaft der Dokumentation des vergangenen Kant-Kongresses von São Paulo durch die Veröffentlichung der Akten. Die brasilianischen Kollegen, denen schon für das bisher Geleistete nicht genug zu danken ist, sind zur Zeit dabei, die zahlreichen Beiträge technisch und zum Teil auch noch sprachlich in eine druckreife Form zu bringen. Die Akten werden dann wohl im kommenden Jahr – übrigens maßgeblich unterstützt durch die ZEIT- Stiftung – im Verlag Walter de Gruyter, mit dem die Gesellschaft ja auch durch die *Kant-Studien* langjährig verbunden ist, erscheinen können.

Kurz vor dem Erscheinen (bei Klostermann) steht der auch durch Mittel der Kant-Gesellschaft unterstützte zweite Band der Internationalen Kant-Bibliographie, der den Zeitraum von 1896 bis 1944 umfassen wird. Erstellt wurde dieser Band der Bibliographie, die ja bekanntlich unser verstorbener ehemaliger Vorsitzender Rudolf

Malter initiiert hat, von unserem Vorstandsmitglied Margit Ruffing. Von ihr wurde auch schon der erste Band besorgt, der die Jahre 1994 bis 1990 umfaßt. An dem Band, der Kants Publikationen und die Publikationen zu Kant von seiner ersten Schrift über die „lebendigen Kräfte“ bis zu seinem Todesjahr beinhalten soll, arbeitet derzeit ein Mitarbeiter der Kant-Forschungsstelle der Universität Trier.

Die Ringvorlesung der Kant-Forschungsstelle Trier im Gedenkjahr 2004 („Zur Philosophie Kants und zu Aspekten ihrer Wirkungsgeschichte“), die durch unsere Gesellschaft mitveranstaltet wurde, wird in Kürze publiziert werden (bei Königshausen & Neumann). Herausgeber der verschiedenen Beiträge durchweg namhafter Kant-Forscher (Gerold Prauss sei stellvertretend genannt) wird unser Mitglied Manfred Kugelstadt sein.

Kurz vor der Fertigstellung steht ein weiterer Band, der auf ein Projekt Rudolf Malters und auf von ihm schon geleistete Vorarbeiten zurückgeht. Es handelt sich um einen Dokumentationsband, der zeitgenössische Texte zur politischen und zur sozialen Geschichte der Stadt Königsberg zu Lebzeiten Kants versammelt, der also durch authentische Dokumente Schlaglichter auf den konkreten historischen Kontext „unseres“ Philosophen werfen soll. Neben der Kant-Gesellschaft war und ist vor allem die ZEIT-Stiftung Unterstützerin dieses Projekts. Sie hat durch der Kant-Forschungsstelle Trier bereitgestellte Drittmittel maßgeblich dazu beigetragen, daß der Band jetzt nahezu druckfertig vorliegt (Die Frage der Druckkosten selbst ist allerdings noch nicht letztlich gelöst.).

Von der „normalen“ Publikationstätigkeit der Kant-Gesellschaft (*Kant-Studien* und *Kant-Studien-Ergänzungshefte*) sei nur so viel gesagt, daß sie sich mit gewohnter Zuverlässigkeit im Zusammenspiel zwischen den Herausgebern und der Redaktion bzw. der Geschäftsstelle an der Kant-Forschungsstelle in Mainz vollzieht. Obwohl die Qualität der Arbeit auf diesem Gebiet sich wohl gut sehen lassen kann, wird natürlich ständig auch über Verbesserungen nachgedacht, z.B. über die Einführung einer *doppelten* anonymen Begutachtung der bei den *Kant-Studien* eingereichten Beiträge. Und obwohl hier hinsichtlich der kontinuierlich erscheinenden Buch- und Zeitschriftenbeiträge nur auf andere Informationsquellen weiterverwiesen werden kann, z.B. auf die Webseite des Verlags de Gruyter, soll doch einmal betont sein, daß die Kontinuität auf diesem Gebiet wohl die stärkste identitätsstiftende Bedeutung für unsere Gesellschaft hat.

Speziell aus dem zuletzt genannten Grund muß der jetzt anstehenden Neubesetzung der Professur, mit der die Leitung der Kant-Forschungsstelle in Mainz verbunden ist, unser besonderes Interesse gelten. Dem bisherigen Leiter, Hans-Martin Gerlach, ist dafür zu danken, daß er die vertraglichen Vereinbarungen zwischen der Kant-Gesellschaft und der Universität Mainz, die unter anderem das Erscheinen der *Kant-Studien* sichern, mehr als erfüllt hat. Es ist zu hoffen, daß die Nachfolgerin bzw. der Nachfolger auf dieser Professur, die von den Bewerbern explizit den Schwerpunkt „Kant“ verlangt, sein Engagement fortsetzen wird.

Als nächstes Einzelprojekt, an dem die Kant-Gesellschaft beteiligt sein wird, zeichnet sich für das Jahr 2007 eine Tagung an der Universität Greifswald mit dem Titel „Kant und die Zukunft der europäischen Aufklärung“ ab, an deren Finanzierung und Durchführung auch das Krupp-Kolleg und die DFG beteiligt sein werden. Von Seiten unserer Gesellschaft wird unser Vorstandsmitglied Heiner Klemme federführend sein.

Abschließend kann ich Ihnen noch über die erfreuliche Tatsache berichten, daß die Mitgliederzahl der Kant-Gesellschaft in den letzten Jahren kontinuierlich gestiegen ist. Besonders erwähnenswert in diesem Zusammenhang ist die Neugründung einer Ortsgruppe in Kiel, um die sich besonders unser Mitglied Dr. Werner Busch verdient gemacht hat. Es wäre schön, wenn noch weitere Mitglieder solche begrüßenswerten Initiativen ergriffen, die allerdings nicht ganz leicht zu realisieren sind, denn unsere Satzung schreibt für Ortsgruppen immerhin 25 Mitglieder vor.

Mit den besten Wünschen für Sie, mit herzlichen Grüßen und in der Hoffnung, Sie vielleicht bei unserer Mitgliederversammlung am 21. Oktober begrüßen zu dürfen, verbleibe ich

Ihr
(Prof Dr Bernd Dörflinger)

ARGENTINE

SOCIEDAD ARGENTINA DE FILOSOFÍA

Balance 2006 Nuestra Sociedad Argentina de filosofía , cumplió ampliamente durante años 2005-6 con los objetivos prefijados para el período 2005-7, respecto a lo siguientes capítulos: **1 Campaña sobre Educación** Durante el año 2005 se tuvo especialmente en cuenta : Educación y problema de la niñez

En el 2006 se programó, dentro de las actividades del año académico , la temática familia-educación , convocando a reconocidos especialistas del tema, a través del año , temática que se concretó en el **Congreso Internacional Extraordinario de noviembre 2006** , a través de diferentes y calificadas ponencias de especialistas del país y del extranjero, que pueden consultarse en el libro del Congreso : *El Problema del mal uno de los rostros de Nuestro tiempo , desde América*, Ed Alejandro Korn 2006.

La Campaña de Educación es coordinada por la Profesora Alicia Picari y cabe destacar las propuestas presentadas al Congreso 2006 por la Profesora Sarita Berehil Vice Presidente de la SAF - cuya conferencia, fue muy celebrada por su rigor y visión crítica. Martín Brocos Fernández de España, ofreció una versada y minuciosa propuesta digna de ser considerada . A su vez, el Profesor Smith Rector de la Univ Adventista Argentina puso en evidencia una profunda preocupación por los grandes problemas que afectan a la humanidad, mostrando su particular dedicación al tema educativo

Campaña . Hacia el 2010 , preparación para el Bicentenario de Argentina y de países Latinoamericanos . Continuando con la temática *Relación entre instituciones*, abordada en el 2005 con participación de representativas personalidades argentinas y extranjeras entre las que cabe mencionar :de Argentina: Pedro J Frías, Monseñor E Karlic, Natalio Botana, Bartolomé Mitre, Silvio Maresca , Guillermo Maci, Ignacio Ibañez Padilla . De España : Gabino Urbarri, Juan Antonio Martinez ; Chile : Mirko Skarica temática reflejada en el

número especial de la *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de filosofía- 2005 - Diálogo entre instituciones* Ed A Korn. Este año podremos dar a luz un libro dedicado a Bartolomé Mitre, y que recoge los trabajos presentados en la mesa de *Diálogo político y de medios de comunicación*.

En el Libro *El Tiempo y la Incertidumbre ante el Nuevo Milenio*, Editorial Alejandro Korn 2006, se reunieron los trabajos del Congreso 2005 en el que se desarrolló, como tema central, la problemática del Tiempo

El 2006, continuando con la campaña *Hacia el 2010*, se abordó - durante el curso del año - la relación entre jóvenes universitarios, con mesas de diálogo entre argentinos de diversos centros educacionales, tarea que se vio reflejada en el congreso 2006 en una mesa de universitarios argentinos y latinoamericanos coordinados por el Profesor Esteban Bobadilla - y en ponencias, entre las que cabe destacar la de jóvenes maestrands chilenos, dirigidos por el Profesor Ricardo Espinoza, de Chile. Por otra parte, continuando el trascendente trabajo de la mesa de Diálogo sobre *Multiculturalismo*, año 2005, incluido en *Revista SAF*, se realizó **en noviembre del 2006** una mesa de *Diálogo interreligioso* coordinado por el Profesor Esteban Bobadilla.

Congreso Internacional Extraordinario : El mal, uno de los rostros de nuestro Tiempo se inició bajo el lema "**Amarra tu arado a una estrella**" - propuesto por Alberto Wagner de Reyna, eminente filósofo peruano, discípulo de Martín Heidegger - unos meses antes de su deceso. En el comienzo del Congreso disertaron la Presidente de la Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía Judith Botti de González Achával sobre el sentido del Encuentro y las temáticas a desarrollar. El Profesor Pedro J. Frías presentó con la claridad y autoridad que le caracteriza, un profundo análisis de la situación Argentina en aras a prepararse para el bicentenario. Monseñor Estanislao Karlic desarrollo una magnífica conferencia sobre *El problema del mal, desde el punto de vista cristiano*, como gran pórtico al Congreso 2006. Merece una consideración especial el homenaje *In Memoriam a Alberto Wagner de Reyna*, quien presidiera ejemplarmente La Comisión Honoraria de nuestra Sociedad hasta su muerte, acaecida en Paris 9 de agosto 2006. Cabe destacar que el homenaje realizado, en la primera parte del congreso, fue calificado y muy emotivo, con presencia de familiares y representantes de Perú, su ciudad natal. Adhirieron a tan significativo acto numerosas instituciones argentinas y extranjeras, entre las que cabe mencionar Agencia Córdoba Cultura, Instituto Mounier - Argentina - en la persona de su Presidente Ines Riego - La Sociedad Argentino Germana de filosofía, Chileno Alemana de Filosofía y prestigiosas instituciones peruanas, entre las que cabe mencionar : Universidad Católica de Perú, Instituto Riva Agüero en la persona de Luís Bacigalupo. La Profesora Luz González presentó un emotivo homenaje, representando la Universidad de Piura y a la Academia de Historia peruana. La Presidente de la Sociedad Argentina de filosofía Judith Botti de González Achával, se refirió a la personalidad y trascendente obra del homenajeado, y expresó el especial reconocimiento a la extraordinaria labor que realizara el Dr Wagner de Reyna como asesor, maestro, socio ejemplar de la SAF, y como una de las figuras más representativas del pensamiento iberoamericano. También merece consideración aparte la rigurosa y esclarecedora conferencia que,

en el marco de ese homenaje, realizara el eminente filósofo español Juan Manuel Navarro Cordón , Decano de Filosofía de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

Dos publicaciones fueron presentadas en el Congreso 2006, como síntesis de las contribuciones debatidas : *El Mal , Uno de los Rostros de Nuestro Tiempo, desde América* ed A. Korn y *El Silencio de Dios y el Problema del mal* de la misma editorial, publicaciones éstas que se pueden consultar en orden a tomar conocimiento de los aportes que se dieron respecto a los temas convocantes .

Tema central del Congreso 2006 : *El mal , uno de los rostros de nuestro Tiempo*, Además se realizó un *Homenaje a Martín Heidegger* . En este tema es preciso mencionar la excelente propuesta de Juan Manuel Navarro Cordón y de Arturo García Astrada, ambos reconocidos especialistas del filósofo alemán .

Además del importante aporte de los autores mencionados, cabe destacar la participación siempre rigurosa y sugerente de los Profesores, Fernando Tola y Carmen Dragoneti sobre pensamiento en la India y en el Budismo. Las importantes intervenciones de los Profesores Quintin Racionero, Urbano Ferrer de España , y del Profesor de Portugal Pedro Calafate que significaron valiosos aportes a la temática. No se puede soslayar las propuestas de Silvio Maresca, Gabriela Rebock, Mónica Virasoro, Jorge Roetti, Alberto Buela, Luis Vercese entre otros. Como viene poniéndose en evidencia desde hace casi un lustro, avanza la inquietud por pensar desde sí mismo, hecho que cobra especial relevancia cuando se trata de jóvenes estudiosos .

Cabe mencionar que en el 2006 se nombró Presidente de la Comisión Honoraria de la SAF, al Profesor Dr. Hans Lenk , por el fallecimiento de Alberto Wagner de Reyna , y miembros honorarios de la SAF, al reconocido filósofo Juan Manuel Navarro Cordón y al prestigioso especialista en pensamiento de la India y del Budismo Fernando Tola

Lamentamos profundamente el fallecimiento del excepcional pensador Alberto Wagner de Reyna y de Saúl Tovar destacado filólogo argentino

Cabe nuestro especial reconocimiento al Presidente honorario de la SAF : Profesor Dr Víctor Massuh por su continuo asesoramiento e invaluable apoyo

Propuesta

Año 2007: se continuará con las campañas sobre *Educación y Hacia el 2010* , en preparación para el Bicentenario de Argentina y países latinoamericanos.

Cursos especial de Lógica Polivalente a cargo del Profesor Niels Offenberger - Marzo 2007 y otros cursos ...

Congreso Internacional Interdisciplinario , celebrando : *Ciento Cincuenta Años de relación entre Argentina y Alemania. Treinta años de la SAF. Quince años de la Sociedad Argentino germana de Filosofía y del Instituto Argentino Germano de filosofía* - curiosa coincidencia que exige la realización de un histórico Encuentro

Tema Central del Congreso 2007 El problema de la culpa y la Responsabilidad. Fecha. ultima semana de noviembre 2007 Córdoba - Capital y Sierras de Córdoba

Simposios : 1 *Relación entre Argentina y Alemania* 2 *Imágenes de la razón* 3 *Hacia el Bicentenario* - a desarrollarse en el marco del Congreso

Publicaciones 1 *Número especial de la Revista de la SAF en Homenaje a Bartolomé Mitre*
2 *El problema de la Culpa y la Responsabilidad, desde Nuestra América entre otros.*

BULGARIE

BULGARIAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

Activities

1. Participation of the President of the Association, Prof. Ivan Kaltchev, in several International Conferences in Chile, Senegal, Japan, Macedonia, Croatia and Taiwan: January, March, May, June and August 2006.
2. XXIII Varna International Philosophical School - Principal subject : "Philosophy - a bridge between different cultures and civilizations" ; Varna (Bulgaria), June 2006.
3. National Conference "Philosophy and Sciences", Sofia, April 2006.
4. National Dialogue "The Future of Philosophy" - 2 meetings each month from October 2005 until October 2007, Sofia and other Bulgarian cities.
5. Participation of 3 Bulgarian philosophers in the International Colloquium "De nouveaux espaces de coopération politique internationale pour la francophonie en Europe", organised by the Balkan Political Club and the International Organisation of Francophonie, Sofia, September 2006.
6. Participation of 6 Bulgarian philosophers in the International Conference on Material and Spiritual Energy, organised by the Association of philosophers from South-Eastern Europe; Novi Sad (Serbia), September, 2006.
7. Publication of many philosophical books and 2 regular philosophical newsletters: "Philosophy" and "Philosophical Forum".

CHINE

INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY, SHANGHAI ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Publications

The SASS plans to publish translations in Chinese of three of the papers ("American Philosophy Today", "Philosophy in Canada", and "Reflection on the Future of Asian Philosophy") from *Philosophy Worldwide: The Current Situation*, edited by Prof. Maija Kule, that were first published in booklet form by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Latvia and were then republished in the spring 2006 *FISP Newsletter*. It also plans to submit a paper on "Recent Research in Chinese Philosophy", if possible for the next newsletter (spring 2007).

CUBA

SOCIEDAD CUBANA DE INVESTIGACIONES FILOSÓFICAS (SCIF)

En el 2006, la SCIF ha tenido una actividad muy intensa y diversa. Se ha participado en los eventos convocados por la Universidad de La Habana, el Instituto de Filosofía, la Sociedad Económica de Amigos del País, el Instituto Superior Politécnico “Jose Antonio Echeverría”, el Centro “Félix Varela”, y sus asociados han publicado un número apreciable de libros, entre los cuales destacamos “Visiones del Futuro” con la Universidad Michoacana (México), “Por el gesto de la filosofía” con la Universidad de Pisa, “Bioética para una sustentabilidad”, bajo el sello Acuario del Centro “Félix Varela”, “El estudio de la Nueva Ciencia Política” con la Universidad de La Habana, el Centro de Estudios Estratégicos de México, la Benemérita Sociedad Mexicana de Geografía y Estadística, el cual fue elegido entre 40 textos para ser presentado en el XI Congreso del CLAD.

La SCIF participó en la organización de la Conferencia de filósofos cubanos y norteamericanos en julio del 2006, celebró, con un panel integrado por los profesores doctores Isabel Monal, Rigoberto Pupo y Gilberto Valdés sobre Interculturalidad, el Día Internacional de la Filosofía y dos eventos internacionales IV Coloquio Internacional “La filosofía y las ciencias sociales en el patrimonio inmaterial de los países del Mediterráneo Americano” y el IX Taller Internacional “Nueva Ciencia Política”, con participantes de México, Brasil, Venezuela, Estados Unidos, Colombia, Argentina, Guatemala y Cuba.

Se continuó la publicación de su Boletín “Problemas filosóficos” en soporte papel y electrónico y apoyó la publicación de nuevos libros cubanos sobre filosofía y ciencia política, entre los últimos vale recordar “Una Ciencia Política desde el Sur”, “El estado del arte de la Ciencia Política” y “Filosofía :¿Quo vadis?.

La SCIF aprovecha la ocasión para felicitar a sus colegas por el fin de año y advenimiento del 2007, y al Comité de Dirección de la Federación por su fecunda actividad en el período.

ETATS-UNIS

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

The American Philosophical Association announces the appointment of a new Executive Director, Dr. David E. Schrader. Dr. Schrader comes to the American Philosophical Association after a 31 year career in philosophy, the last 17 of which were spent at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania. He brings to the American Philosophical Association a strong commitment to the work of FISP and to international philosophical dialogue more generally.

The American Philosophical Association’s Committee on International Cooperation, chaired by Dr. Ernest Lepore of Rutgers University, continues to organize sessions at American Philosophical Association meetings that bring together international scholars to discuss a wide range of philosophical issues. In addition to its routine work of sponsoring philosophical meetings and supporting scholarship, the American Philosophical Association engages in

ongoing work with other scholarly organizations to promote support for humanistic scholarship in the United States by both universities and government agencies.

INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

IAPC Newsletter

Fall 2006

Dr. Alina Reznitskaya, assistant professor in MSU's Department of Educational Foundations, has received the National Academy of Education Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship to further advance research of the Philosophy for Children program. The study is currently being conducted in 12 elementary classrooms in Nutley and Montclair schools in New Jersey. The study will test the effectiveness of P4C materials and pedagogy to promote the development of argumentation and sound decision making.

The NAEd Fellowship is for top educational researchers and is funded by a grant from the Spencer Foundation.

As reported in *The Montclair Times*: (July 6, 2006, B6)

“Reznitskaya is hoping to use the \$55,000 grant to increase the visibility of P4C and to establish a research foundation for conducting more investigations of this practice. [She] is one of 20 academics to receive the fellowship.

‘I feel honored and excited to be chosen by the NAE. I am looking forward to meeting with other fellows who come from a wide variety of educational backgrounds and perspectives.’”

Reznitskaya's upbringing in Soviet Russia inspired her mission to improve educational values. ‘Born and raised in Soviet Russia, I have heightened sensitivity to the potential of using education as a mechanism of oppression, rather than as a means of liberation’, she stated.

Additionally, Alina has been appointed the new Director of Research for the IAPC. She will be helping the Institute establish protocols for collecting data from schools, as well as helping us apply for various grants to conduct more empirical studies in P4C. She has been an invaluable support in supervising graduate students in the program, in collecting and analyzing data and developing an IAPC research database.

NAE Study Description

Student Thought and Classroom Language: Investigating the Connection

“Thought is not merely expressed in words; it comes into existence through them.”

(Vygotsky, 1962)

The NAE study is an empirical investigation of the connections between 1) specific features of group interactions experienced by elementary school students and 2) individual student performance on multiple measures of argumentation. The study is designed to test increasingly influential, yet under-researched, theoretical assumptions regarding the role

social interaction plays in individual learning. Processes of instruction and related outcomes will be examined concurrently, resulting in a comprehensive picture of argumentation development. Argument Schema Theory (AST) will guide the proposed investigation. AST refines social learning models by integrating them with schema theory, an independent theoretical tradition. AST will be examined in the context of Philosophy for Children (P4C), an alternative educational environment that places social interaction at the center of its pedagogy.

The study uses pairwise random assignment to allocate 12 classrooms to two treatment conditions: P4C and traditional instruction. Starting in January, 2007, 12 discussions will be videotaped in participating classrooms. Numerical summaries of process variables will be generated from the analysis of discussion transcripts. Outcome variables will be extracted from the individual pre- and post-intervention performance on three argumentation tasks. The relationship between process and outcome variables will be examined through the use of regression-based techniques.

-by Alina Reznitskaya

P4C in the Negev

While in the more populated areas of Israel, the gifted and talented students can often find a separate curriculum or after-school program to suit their needs, the Negev (the Israeli desert) is far less populated. One can rarely find an appropriate educational context for every single child. Ben Gurion University, which is located in Beer Sheva, the “capital of the Negev,” provides a unique program for teachers, counselors and school administrators, a program that equips them with the necessary knowledge to work with these kids and meet their special needs. This group of dedicated educators has met twice a week for 2 years to learn from different speakers about different aspects, theories and practices that can be employed in a regular class that also happens to have gifted and talented students in it.

I was honored to be invited to give a three-hour session introducing Philosophy for Children. As it was a last minute call and I had only two days to prepare everything, I did not have all the usual Philosophy for Children texts and manuals with me. Nevertheless, thanks to Joanne Matkowski, who e-mailed me the texts immediately, the session turned out to be a great success. After some powerful opening activities, I introduced the program using PowerPoint and a brief lecture, while allowing questions throughout this presentation. We read together the first chapter of *Elfie* and practiced the first episode following the traditional P4C method. After that, I divided the participants into groups asking each group to take an episode and work at coming up with a list of possible themes for a discussion plan. Coming back together, we compared our ideas and discussed why and when the themes being selected were philosophical. Needless to say, time flew without us even realizing it. During the break time some came to me asking for more details and whether I would be able to teach such a course in Philosophy for Children in the future.

In the week that followed, I received an e-mail from the program organizer who had met with the group again and told me that the feedback that they gave on the presentation was very positive. Given this feedback, he was enthusiastic about bringing P4C to this region of Israel and to continue working on translations of some of the curriculum materials and adjusting them to the cultural context.

-by Maya Levanon

P4C in Korea

I had the good fortune to visit South Korea as a Fellow of the IAPC between July 18 and 27, 2006. In that time I gave eight P4C lectures, three demonstration classes and co-directed a three day P4C workshop with Professor Jin Whan Park (Gyeongsang National University Ethics Education Department). I also used the time to coordinate with Professor Park and Mr. Sangduk Lee about future P4C projects, including a philosophy camp for children.

The lectures that I gave were introductory. The demonstration classes were with fifth and sixth grade students from the well-known school attached to Seoul National University. For these classes I used sections from Elfie, Pixie and Harry. Videos of the demonstration classes were later analyzed in the P4C workshop.

There is a lot going on in P4C in South Korea. I list a few of the most significant events:

- The second edition of Matthew Lipman's *Thinking in Education* was published in Korean in 2005. The translators are Professor Jin Whan Park and Mrs. Sue Kim. The publishing company is Human Love.
- Professor Park and Mr. Sangduk Lee launched The Higher Order Thinking Education Center (HOTEC) in 2005. The link to the Korean website is www.hotec.kr. The purpose of the website is to promote thinking skills books and workshops. For log-in members it provides videos of lectures as well as email coaching, community of inquiry lists, and other such services. The English version of the website is in development.
- Professor Jin Whan Park and Mrs. Hesun Yang Park have published a bestselling book, *Writing a Diary with Thinking* (Seoul: HOTEK, 2005). The purpose of the book is to inform teachers on how to help students incorporate thinking skills into journal writing.
- In May 2006, Professor Jin Whan Park was visited for three days by Professor Matsmotto Shiji and his colleagues from the Hyogo University, Japan. The purpose of their visit was to learn about the Korean experience with P4C as they are currently piloting P4C in an elementary school in Hyogo. The pilot has been supported by visits from Professor Gareth Matthews and Dr. Tim Sprod.
- Dr. Daeryun Chung, Dongduk Women's University, Seoul, South Korea, attended the Advanced IAPC Summer Seminar at Mendham and observed Livingston schools May 15-June 6, 2006.
- Dr. Ji-Aeh Lee, EWHA Women's University, Seoul, South Korea, met with Maughn Gregory at the IAPC for one day to consult on Philosophy for Children programs and publications in South Korea July 15, 2006.
- A two week workshop was held in Seoul at the end of August, 2006. The co-directors were Professor Lee and Professor Jin Whan Park. It was for teachers of early primary and early high school. The theme of the workshop was "Creative Thinking and Essay Writing."
- In the last week of August the Philosophy for Children Association (a branch of the Korean Academy for Teaching Philosophy in Seoul) will hold a P4C workshop on "Higher Order Thinking and Writing Skills." It is for Elementary School teachers.
- Tim's Sprod book, *Philosophical Discussion in Moral Education: the Community of Ethical Inquiry*, is being translated into Korean by Professor Jin Whan Park *et al.* The publication date is 2007.
- Professor Park is President of the Association for Ethics Education. Ethics is a compulsory subject in Korean education from kindergarten to the senior high school. The curriculum for this subject is currently being revised so as to have a more philosophical focus in the future. The new curriculum is scheduled to be introduced in 2010.

- There is some wonderful postgraduate P4C research going on in Korea. Professor Chung and Professor Park will put together a registry of postgraduates and their research that will be made available on the IAPC website.
- Professor Park will be bringing some colleagues and students to the 13th ICPIIC Conference in Israel between June 4 and 7th, 2007. The theme of that conference is “Philosophical Inquiry with Children: a meeting point between cultures and identities.”
- Finally, philosophy in education in Korea celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2008. The people involved are looking forward to marking the significance of this event with a conference and the publication of Conference Proceedings that will include an essay reviewing the history of P4C in Korea.

- by Megan Laverty

MENON is a project of 11 European partners which aims to encourage teachers’ professional growth by developing their dialogical sensitivity and skills through philosophical enquiry. It is highly hoped that this project will have the great importance in the development of European teacher standards in the member states of the EU. As a consequence of this widening of teachers’ skills, the project is aiming also to convert classrooms – across the disciplines – into communities of enquiry where dialogue is sought. MENON started in 2005 lasting the next three years and being funded by the EU.

The project’s main product is a Dialogue Course that is adaptable both for in-service and initial teacher education programmes of several European countries. The duration of the in-service module will be 15 hours and the duration of the initial teacher education module will be from 5 to 7 days (30 hours) depending on the local circumstances. At the moment the project is in the phase of piloting the draft versions of the course and its material. Pilots will be done by the partner institutions in several waves so that the developing process will be possible. During the whole project the number of staff concerned in training activities in pilots will be some 250 persons. In the stage of adapting the courses into the national teacher educational programmes of each partner, the amount of educational staff will increase significantly.

Materials designed to support the execution of the course include:

- “Dialogues About Dialogue” - A booklet containing evidence from wider research and establishing theoretical foundations of dialogue
- “Towards Dialogue” - an interactive DVD for teacher trainers containing videos, slideshows, and analyzed transcripts of dialogue with young people
- “Educating Towards Dialogue” – A Handbook for teachers and a resource CD-rom containing practical learning material for teachers to be used in the classroom

The final Dialogue Course with the material translated into several languages will be published in 2008. It is highly hoped that this project will have the great importance in the development of European teacher standards in the member states of the EU. The project will offer an excellent opportunity for teachers to enlarge their professional growth in pedagogy as well as for school administrators and for the greater public to reflect on their assumptions of childhood, education, teaching and learning that are often taken for granted.

The partners involved in MENON are:

Malta: University of Malta
United Kingdom: SAPERE, Oxford
The Netherlands: INHOLLAND University
Portugal: Portuguese Center of Philosophy for Children, Lisbon
Latvia: The Center of Philosophical Education, Riga
Spain: Universidad Autonoma de Madrid
Turkey: Small Hands Academy, Istanbul
Finland: University of Oulu
Austria: Austrian Center of Philosophy with Children and Young, Graz
Hungary: Trade, Catering and Tourism Secondary and Vocational School, Budapest
Norway: Oslo University College

<<http://menon.eu.org>>

-Group MENON in Malta in November 2005

Philosophy for Parents Night at Bradford School

On October 10, representatives from the IAPC held a philosophy for parents night at Bradford School, where Philosophy for Children is part of the school's University Magnet Program. The session was led by doctoral student Joe Oyler, joined by IAPC fellow Megan Laverty.

Megan presented "philosophy for parents," outlining the ways in which parents can help their children develop philosophically, including:

- Enjoying philosophical conversations with children
- Not being afraid of not knowing the answers, but sharing their own curiosity, and
- Encouraging careful thinking, especially the search for good reasons

In addition, Joe (known to Bradford students as "philosophy Joe") led a P4C demonstration with 4th and 5th graders and Bradford 4th grade teacher Kristen Freeh. The discussion explored the role of thinking in coming to know oneself.

The University Programs Coordinator at Bradford, Naomi Kirkman, commented that "the children's discussion was very powerful," and one parent sent in an appreciative email, stating, "I can not stop thinking about how lucky we are as a family and community to have this experience available for our kids."

David Kennedy, *The Well of Being: Childhood, Subjectivity, and Education*

In this wide-ranging work (New York: SUNY Press, 2006), David Kennedy undertakes a philosophically grounded analysis of the history of childhood, the history of adulthood, and their interrelationship. Using themes and perspectives from the history of childhood, mythology, psychoanalysis, art, literature, philosophy, and education, the author locates the experience of childhood across all stages of the human life cycle, and thereby weighs its transformative potential for human culture. He offers a nuanced approach to child study that raises issues about how adults see children and how children see themselves, which could lead to a qualitatively different system of teacher preparation—a system that views the child as participant rather than object in the structure of social reproduction. This sweeping review of conceptions of and approaches to childhood yields a profound vision of what schooling should be like. *The Well of Being* is available from the IAPC.

"Filled with rare insight, this is a book that warrants considerable attention. Its breadth is impressive, and I found myself drawn in and engaged by discussions across an array of historical periods and intellectual domains bearing on the themes of the book. It is a work

from which I have learned much, and to which I am sure I will return." — Paul Farber, coeditor of *Schooling in the Light of Popular Culture*.

Conference and Workshop on Philosophy for Children “A Program That Develops Critical and Reflexive Thinking in Children”

SEPTEMBER 4 – 7, 2006 --- San Jose, Costa Rica

The Conference-Workshop on Philosophy for Children, organized by the School of Education and Grethel Rivera, coordinator of the Chair of Preschool Education of UNED (Universidad Estatal a Distancia) with collaboration of Zayra Méndez, the Coordinator of the Master's Program in Psychopedagogy (SchoolPsychology) of the same University, was partially financed by the Commission of Incentives of CONICIT (National Council of Research in Sciences and Technologies); it was also made possible by the generous participation of Maughn Gregory, Director of the IAPC of Montclair State University, and that of Eugenio Echeverría, Director of the Latin American Center of Philosophy for Children in Mexico.

170 people benefited from this Conference and Workshop, which was given at UNED in Sabanilla from the fourth to the seventh of September 2006. A shorter Workshop (September 8 and 9) was given to a group of education students at UNED in Liberia, the capital city of Guanacaste, northwestern province of Costa Rica.

There were about 300 people who wanted to attend this Conference/Workshop, but only 170 were accepted because the groups in the workshops could not be for more than 20 people each.

At the workshops there was the participation of several members of the Costa Rican Association of Philosophy for Children, among whom were Dagoberto Núñez, María Trejos, Kattya Arroyo, Zayra Méndez, Virginia Trejos and Helen Roxana Valverde

Maughn Gregory gave a session on Caring Thinking and Eugenio Echeverría on Critical Thinking. The Workshops were offered by the members of the Costa Rican Association of Philosophy for Children on two consecutive days.

Besides assisting at the Conferences and Workshops, the participants in this activity had to complete the 42 hours that gave them credit from the Ministry of Education by doing a bibliographical study on P4C and also planning a workshop that each one of them would give to a group of students.

The people who attended this Conference/ Workshop were very grateful for the opportunity to assist and learn about a Program like P4C that offers them so many tools to be better teachers or professors. Recognition was extended to the University that offered this wonderful activity at no cost for the participants.

University authorities were very pleased with the whole activity and hope to facilitate another encounter in the near future.

- by Zara Méndez

IAPC Visiting Scholars, fall 2006

The IAPC is pleased to announce the arrival of four visiting scholars during the Fall, 2006 semester:

*Dr. Sriwiengkaew Tengkiattrakul, professor of nursing at Ramathibodi School of Nursing, Mahiterdol University in Bangkok, Thailand, is spending the entire academic year as an IAPC visiting scholar, constructing a program to teach critical thinking to nursing students. Dr. Tengkiattrakul will share her work in a special colloquium this spring.

*Dr. Gil Burgh, Lecturer in Ethics and Philosophy, University of Queensland, Australia, visited for several weeks in August through October, during which he participated in the IAPC Summer Seminar in Philosophy for Children, researched the history of Philosophy for Children in Australia in the IAPC archives, and consulted with faculty and graduate students on his current work on democratic classrooms. On September 28th Dr. Burgh made a presentation to University faculty, students and local school teachers titled, "Children don't need to prepare for democracy, they need to practice it!" as part of the IAPC's Philosophy for Children Colloquium Series.

*Dr. Maria Elena Madrid, professor of education at the National Pedegogical University in MexicoCity and National University (UNAM), won a Fulbright Scholarship to spend six months at the IAPC to conduct research on Philosophy for Children and multicultural education. Dr. Madrid reported her work taking philosophy for Children to the Zapotec community in Juchitaqn, Oaxaca in a presentation titled "Multiculturalism, Extreme Poverty and Philosophy for Children" on December 7th as part of the IAPC's Philosophy for Children Colloquium Series. Joe Oyler helped develop the instrument to assess her classroom discussions and graduate students helped code the video tapes from them.

*Dr. Leena Green, professor of education at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa, spent the week of Oct. 22-29 at the IAPC consulting with faculty and graduate students on the analysis of video tapes of South African teachers conducting philosophical dialogues with students. Doctoral student Joe Oyler developed the evaluation instrument for the study, while graduate students helped in the data. analysis. The discussions were conducted using stories written by Dr. Green and some of the teachers, with exercises written by Ann Sharp and Mor Yorshansky. Dr. Green is conducting a study to see if this curriculum is an effective tool for reaching new South African curriculum standards in the area of Life Skills. Maughn Gregory conducted a teacher workshop in Mitchels Plain, near Cape Town, in September 2005.

Associate Director for International Outreach

The following were papers, addresses, and workshops given by Ann Margaret Sharp in the spring, summer, and fall of 2006.

- March 14: "La Philosophy for Children come movimento educativo mondiale" [Philosophy for children as a Model for World-Wide Reform of Education] at The conference "To educate with Thought: The curriculum of Philosophy for Children in Italy and in the World." This conference was organized by the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici [Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies], Naples, Italy.
- March 15: "L'esperienza della Philosophy for Children nel lavoro con minori abusati," [The experience of Philosophy for Children in working with abused children] at the congress, "Proteggere il Bambino e Sostenere le Famiglie: Esperienze di Prevenzione del Maltrattamento Infantile e di Sostegno Agli Operatori." This conference was organized by the Municipality of Rome.
- March, Keynote Address given, "What is involved in the Education of the Emotions?" at the National Society of Philosophy for Children in Escorial, Spain. This conference also launched the publication of her curriculum, *The Doll Hospital*, in Spain.
- May 7-11: "Emotions as Educable Judgments," paper delivered at the Conference on Education for Judgment, Université de Québec à Montréal.

- August 18: “Caring Thinking and the Education of the Emotions,” keynote address delivered at the National Meeting of the Philosophy for Children Association in Buenos Aires.
- August: “The Other Side of Reason,” keynote address given at the National Meeting of the Philosophy in the Schools Association in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- October 14-17: “Philosophy with Children,” conducted by Ann Sharp and Lawrence Splitter, an International Workshop organized by the Austrian Center of Philosophy with Children (ACPC).
- October 19-22: “Dialogue -Culture– Philosophy: Philosophizing with Children and Youth in a Transcultural Environment” at Karl-Franzens-University, Graz, Austria. This conference was organized by the Austrian Center of Philosophy with Children (ACPC).
- June 27-29: “The Classroom Community of Inquiry and Education of the Emotions,” at the 7th Bi-Annual Colloquium of the North American Association for Community of Inquiry: “Democracy and Ethics in Philosophical Dialogue,” Université Laval, Québec, Québec , Canada, 2006 .
- November: “A New Philosophical Paradigm: Education of the Emotions,” at the conference “Philosophy as Educational and Cultural Practice: A New Citizenship,” at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.
- March: Gave lecture “Community of Inquiry and the Fostering of Reasoning” and led workshop sessions for teachers at three universities in Spain :
 - o Univesidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)
 - o Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM)
 - o Universidad de Alcalá

RADICAL PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATION (RPA)

RADICAL PHILOSOPHY TODAY book series

The series publishes peer-reviewed papers from the biennial conferences of the Radical Philosophy Association. The first two volumes were published by Humanity Books, an imprint of Prometheus Press. *Race, Class and Community* appeared in 2000 and *The Problems of Resistance: Studies in Alternate Political Cultures* came out in 2001. After a considerable hiatus, the series continued with the Philosophy Documentation Center. Volume 3, *Liberation between Selves, Sexualities, and War*, edited by Greg Moses and Jeffrey Paris, appeared in August 2006, and volume 4, *Philosophy Against Empire*, edited by Tony Smith and Harry van der Linden, appeared in October 2006. Both volumes can be ordered at <http://www.pdcnet.org> . Volume 3 examines progressive and liberatory conceptions of institutions; analyzes multiple experiences of alienation and culture; re-conceives paradigms of gender, sexuality, and desire; and scrutinizes "humanitarian" intervention for both corrupted elements and future possibilities for the just defense of the defenseless. The essays in Volume 4 explore various dimensions of the US imperial project. The authors discuss the US use of military force and the mechanisms for its legitimation; the global economy and the movement of capital and people across international borders; the perpetual emergency of the "global war on terrorism" and the disciplinary measures imposed on certain populations; and the responses of alienated voices. This volume also includes an extensive discussion of Carol Gould's *Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights*.

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La Société française de philosophie

La Société française de philosophie est une société savante très ancienne (fondée en 1901 sur l'initiative de Xavier Léon et André Lalande). Elle a pour objet de réunir les travaux philosophiques en créant un centre de communication et d'information, de travailler au rapprochement des savants et des philosophes, d'instituer des discussions pour préciser le sens et la position des différents problèmes, de critiquer et de déterminer le langage philosophique, de s'occuper des questions relatives à l'enseignement, de préparer l'organisation de congrès. Ses conférences ont vu passer la plupart des grands philosophes et scientifiques du XXe siècle - Bergson, Husserl, Einstein, Langevin, Poincaré, Sartre, Foucault, Lacan, Derrida. Société prestigieuse donc, mais peu nombreuse (350 membres).

L'activité est celle d'une société scientifique traditionnelle : quatre conférences par an, un colloque international environ tous les 3-4 ans, publication d'un Bulletin (en fait le texte de chaque conférence avec le transcript de la discussion qui a suivi) chez Vrin éditeur. Outre cela, la Société est propriétaire de la Revue de métaphysique et de morale publiée aux PUF.

L'Assemblée générale des membres titulaires cooptés (dont le nombre est fixé à 180, suivant les Statuts) élit pour six ans un Conseil d'administration qui élit le Bureau. Outre les membres titulaires, la SFP accueille des membres correspondants (invités officiellement aux séances et destinataires du Bulletin) dont le nombre n'est pas limité. Ainsi tous ceux qui se reconnaissent en son projet de service de la pensée universelle, projet qui présida à sa création et qu'elle entend maintenir dans son attention à la vie présente de l'esprit, peuvent y adhérer.

Le site de la SFP : un outil de recherche sur un corpus considérable et sous-exploité. L'ambition de ce site est bien sûr de fournir les informations sur les activités de la SFP et d'être un point de rassemblement pour l'activité philosophique.

Mais elle est aussi de mettre à la disposition des chercheurs un outil permettant l'accès à l'ensemble des conférences qui, publiées depuis 1901 dans le Bulletin de la Société française de philosophie, jalonnent l'activité philosophique de tout un siècle et constituent un corpus de référence considérable mais sous-exploité, faute d'outil le rendant accessible. La liste des "Bulletins" avec sommaires détaillés et résumés est en cours de saisie et consultable dès maintenant (Menu "Activités scientifiques, Publications"). Nous nous efforcerons d'enrichir les données au fil du temps en proposant également des textes au téléchargement. Un moteur de recherche avec fonctions avancées est intégré au site et rend les données maniables. Grâce à la page "La parole est à vous", les visiteurs du site peuvent poser une question, exprimer un avis en ligne. Dans le menu "La Société française de philosophie", ils trouveront un formulaire d'adhésion.

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1. Introduction

One of the main motivations for setting up the BPA was to have an organization that could speak with a single voice for the profession in consultation with government agencies. The past year has shown just how important this function is, with major consultations with, and representations to, HEFCE, the AHRC, and the QAA, among others. The BPA is now a respected voice among the subject associations in the UK. The BPA aims to be an effective voice in communicating the concerns of philosophers to those who determine the environment in which we work, and, where possible, to have some influence. In this newsletter we set out some of the activities the BPA has been involved in over the past year.

2. AHRC: New Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme

The AHRC has proposed some very radical changes to the post-graduate studentship scheme, suggesting that in the future institutions should make a bid for five years of scholarship funding, and then determine their own awards. At the time of writing the BPA is in the process of organizing a response, once more in consultation with our members. The final response will be posted on the BPA website when it is ready.

3. Metrics Consultation

Discussions on what will replace the RAE are in process, and, in particular whether there is a role for metrics. The DES initiated a consultation on this issue, and once more the BPA co-ordinated the responses of the membership. In addition, HEFCE/AHRC set up an 'expert group' to make proposals. We were able to report very strong support for the centrality of peer review of research outputs to any future scheme, and this was communicated both to the expert group and the DES. Details of the BPA's response is available at:
<http://www.britphil.ac.uk/mtrccnsltn.htm>

4. AHRC: Lobbying on changes to PhD Submission Rates

The Arts and Humanities Research Council, which awards scholarships to doctoral students, has, for the last few years, insisted on a submission rate of 50%, meaning that 50% of AHRC funded doctoral students, either in the current cohort, or in the past three years, must submit their thesis within four years of receiving their grant. (Allowance is made for students with a genuine excuse for late submission. Also departments with very small numbers of funded students are excluded from the exercise.) Departments which fail to meet this target are blacklisted for two years, meaning that they cannot hold doctoral awards during that time. In 2004-5 this target was increased to 60%, and for 2005-6 the AHRC has announced plans to increase it to 70%. This has been of great concern to a number of departments, who point out that a target of 70% is very uneven in its effects. For example, for a cohort of three students it is effectively 100%. Also the penalty seems overly harsh and damaging.

In response the AHRC has agreed that there will be a transitional period in which those departments falling between 60% and 70% will receive a warning but not a penalty, and they have agreed to look very sympathetically at individual cases where there are good reasons why a student may not have completed on time. However they stress that they need to be made aware of any

such cases as early as possible, in order to make the necessary allowances. In general, the AHRC say they intend to be flexible over this. If any department finds themselves in difficulty over this they are urged to contact Jo Wolff, at j.wolff@ucl.ac.uk so that the BPA can take up the matter with the AHRC.

5. ERIH Journals Consultation

Earlier this year, on behalf of the European Science Foundation, the AHRC organized a meeting, and then a consultation, on the 'Reference Project' in the humanities, in which all humanities journals published in Europe, and the best from elsewhere, were listed as 'A', 'B', 'C' or unclassified on the basis of a number of quality indicators. The BPA was asked to make recommendations for changes. However many members of the committee were opposed to the existence of such a ranking, and a much wider consultation took place. Many members were worried about the effects of the existence of such a list on the practices of publishing, while a number of philosophical societies associated with particular journals felt that their journal had been harshly treated. The BPA responded to the AHRC making its concerns clear, as did many other subject associations. As a result the AHRC has distanced itself from this exercise, making clear that it was acting on behalf of the ESF, rather than in its own right. It is now unclear what use, if any, will be made of such a list.

6. Benchmarking

The BPA was asked by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) to take a lead in the revision of the Philosophy Benchmarking statement. The BPA membership were consulted on how, if at all, they used the Benchmarking statement, and what changes they would like to see. In the light of the feedback received the BPA recommended a number of small changes, largely to remove some now obsolete elements. At the time of writing the new draft has been sent out by the QAA for consultation.

7. RAE: Consultation. Briefing at the BPA AGM

The BPA has been active in coordinating responses to the RAE consultation process on behalf of members. The final criteria have now been published, and although notice was taken of some of the points made, the Philosophy Sub-Panel was disappointed to find that a number of their recommendations, based on consultation with the profession, were not accepted by HEFCE officials. The BPA has joined with the Chair of the Sub-Panel, Professor Antony Duff to protest about this situation.

Subsequently Professor Duff held a briefing session on the RAE at our AGM, and provided a very helpful dummy submission to illustrate how the process will be applied. This is included here as Appendix 1.

8. Philosophy in Schools

The BPA has continued to develop its interest in the teaching of philosophy in schools. Accordingly members of the BPA Executive Committee now sit on a number of committees at the AQA, which runs A levels in Philosophy, and in Religious Studies, with a view to aiding curriculum review and reform.

In addition the BPA, in association with the Royal Institute of Philosophy, has organized a conference for schoolteachers entitled 'State of the Art', to take place in Manchester on November 20th. Speakers will be Simon Blackburn, Anthony O'Hear and Brad Hooker. For details please contact Tom Sorell at t.sorell@bham.ac.uk.

9. New Chair of BPA

After three years as inaugural Chair of the BPA, Baroness Onora O'Neill stepped down, in order to devote herself to her new role as President of the British Academy. We thank her for her help in setting the BPA off to such a good start and wish her every success in this new role. The BPA is very pleased to see a philosopher, and loyal member of the Association, in such an important and influential position.

Our new President is Professor Brad Hooker, of the University of Reading, who will be well known to many of our members. Brad has been a member of the BPA committee since its foundation.

10. Election 2006

Each year four members of the committee come to the end of their elected term. This year the committee members concerned were Helen Beebee, Brad Hooker, Onora O'Neill, and Jo Wolff. Onora decided not to seek re-election, while the remaining three chose to stand for a second term. Alessandra Tanesini also stood for election. As there were, therefore, four candidates and four vacancies, the candidates were elected unopposed.

11. Constitutional Changes

i) Membership: Schools and Colleges

Over the last year or two the BPA has had enquiries from departments of philosophy at schools and colleges wishing to be members. After discussion the Executive Committee decided to recommend to the membership that this was to be welcomed. Hence an amendment to the constitution was proposed at the AGM, and the change was agreed. The new wording is as follows:

5 (ii) (b) philosophy departments or equivalent units within UK higher education institutions, COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS (hereafter referred to as 'departments'), and learned societies having among their principal objects the promoting of study in areas which are wholly or primarily philosophical (such members are referred to hereafter as 'corporate members').

ii) Titles of Officers

A number of other organizations and associations are beginning to abandon the title 'Secretary' as this no longer carries the meaning it once had. The BPA decided to follow this path, and the Executive Committee recommended to the membership that the title should be changed to 'Director'. This was agreed.

Appendix 1: RAE 2008: PHILOSOPHY SUB-PANEL

FINAL CRITERIA AND WORKING METHODS

Presentation by Antony Duff, Sub-Panel Chair to the BPA AGM, Southampton, July 2006

What happens to the submission from the Department of Philosophy, Barchester University?

(Most references are to paragraph numbers in RAE 01/2006 (N), Panel Criteria and Working Methods – either to the RAE 'Generic Statement' [G. xx] or to the Philosophy statement [UOA 60, P. xx].)

The submission will be assigned to one sub-panel member (P. 72); a second member will probably also be nominated, to share decisions about 'missing' outputs and reports on the 'research environment' and 'esteem' elements (see below).

1. The Staff (See P. 7-9; also RAE 03/2005, paras. 76-91.)

Category A: In post and on payroll on census date (31/10/07); contracts 'must list research and/or teaching as their primary function'.

Category B: Previous category A, no longer in post on 31/10/07.

Category C: 'Independent' researchers who have a 'close and continuing relationship with the research of the department'.

Category D: Previous category C no longer connected on 31/10/07.

A and C: outputs; contributions to environment and esteem.

B and D: contributions to environment and esteem only.

2. Counting Outputs

Outputs (P. 10-11): 'the outcome of research process that is presented in the public domain'; includes web-based publications, including those on 'publicly available departmental web-sites'.

Have four outputs been submitted for each category A and C member of staff?

If **Yes**, proceed to next stage.

If **No**, has good reason been provided for the submission of fewer than four outputs (P. 25-36; G. 38-51)?

If good reason has been provided, proceed to the next stage.

If no good reason has been provided, grade of 'Unclassified' must be given for each 'missing' item for the outputs quality profile.

Paradigm good reasons for submitting fewer than four outputs—

Full-time or part-time absence from research (illness; parental leave; part-time employment;)

Note: no administrative/managerial responsibilities, however onerous, now constitute good reason.

'Early Career Researchers': entering profession on category A contract (research and/or teaching) on or after 1 August 2003.

Note: Date is now 1 August 2003, not 1 January 2001.

Note: A teaching fellow counts as category A.

'Engagement on long-term project of significant scale and scope'.

Note: This might result in an extra-weighted output for this RAE (see below); or be such that its results will not be out until after 31 December 2007.

There are sliding scales of allowances for submitting fewer than four outputs, depending on extent of absence from research etc. (see P. 31-33).

Decisions to record 'Unclassified' grades in such cases will be made by at least two sub-panel members, and will be subject to endorsement by the whole sub-panel.

3. Reading Outputs For each output, there will be at least one reader other than the sub-panel member to whom the department was assigned—
If the lead member is competent to judge the output, one other sub-panel member with appropriate expertise will also read it.
If the lead member is not competent to judge the output, two other sub-panel members with appropriate expertise will read it (*P. 72*).
If necessary, outputs will be cross-referred to other sub-panels (*P. 5*) or to specialist advisers from outside the sub-panel (*P. 6*); but the final judgement lies with the Philosophy sub-panel.
If the initially assigned readers cannot agree on a judgement, the output will be read by one or more other sub-panel members.

4. Weighting Outputs

Depending on its 'scale, scope [and] nature', each output 'will receive a weighting of between one and four, normally no more than two' (*P. 21-24*).

Judgements will be made by at least two sub-panel members, and will be subject to endorsement by the whole sub-panel.

That one of A's outputs is weighted as two constitutes a good reason for A to have submitted only three outputs; i.e. a grade of 'Unclassified' will not then be recorded for the 'missing' output; so too if A has only two, weighty outputs; etc. An output given a weighting of two will contribute two grades to the quality profile for outputs, and so on.

Individuals can contribute more than four grades to the profile. A department of 10 people; default expectation of 40 outputs.

Eric and Fiona each submit just two outputs, for good 'absence from research' reasons: so only 36 outputs are expected.

George has three outputs, with no good reason not to have four; an 'Unclassified' grade is recorded for the fourth.

Hazel has three outputs, one of which is weighted as two; so four grades are recorded from her outputs.

Imogen has four outputs, one of which is weighted as three; so six grades are recorded from her outputs.

So in the end a total of 38 grades are recorded—

Four each from the other five people, and from Hazel.

Four from George, one of which is fixed as 'Unclassified'.

Two each from Eric and Fiona.

Six from Imogen.

The proportions of 4*, 3* etc. will be worked out on that basis.

5. Judging Outputs

Weight is judged separately from quality (*P. 23*).

Each output is 'assessed in detail' by at least two sub-panel members and/or specialist advisers (*P. 5-6, 72; see above*).

Each output is graded at 4*, 3*, 2*, 1* or Unclassified.

This then produces a quality profile for outputs, consisting of the proportion of outputs graded at each level: n<1>% at 4*, n<2>% at 3*, n<3>% at 2*, n<4>% at 1*, n<5>% at Unclassified (*see RAE 01/2006, p. 66*)

For the 'quality descriptors', see *P. 68*.

Thorough cross-reading will help to ensure that assessments are comparable; the sub-panel will also keep in touch with other sub-panels' assessments, especially but not only those within Panel N; the main panel and its chair will play an important monitoring role.

The outputs count for 80% of the overall quality profile.

6. Research Environment

The two dimensions to research environment (*P. 37-56, 73-76*)—

The immediate departmental/institutional environment: e.g. research structure and strategy, staffing policy, research income, research students and studentships.

The disciplinary environment, national and international: e.g. journal editing, refereeing, reviewing, conference/workshop organising, ...

Both are important, and will affect the grading (*see P. 70 for descriptors of quality levels*).

The sub-panel will consider all relevant aspects, and reach 'an overall quality profile with, if necessary, percentage allocations to the different quality levels' (*P. 83*).

The research environment counts for 15% of the overall quality profile.

7. Esteem Indicators

The sub-panel will attend only to activities/achievements that 'help to develop the discipline' (*P. 58; see P. 57-60, 77-78*).

See *P. 59* for non-exclusive list of indicative examples.

The sub-panel will normally give a single grade (100% at N*) for esteem (*P. 84*).

The esteem indicators count for 5% of the overall quality profile.

8. The Overall Quality Profile

Outputs (80%):

n<1>% at 4*, n<2>% at 3*, n<3>% at 2*, n<4>% at 1*, n<5>% at Unclassified

Research Environment (15%):

n<1>% at X*, n<2>% at Y*,

Esteem Indicators (5%):

100% at X*

Overall:

n<1>% at 4*, n<2>% at 3*, n<3>% at 2*, n<4>% at 1*, n<5>% at Unclassified

(*See P. 79-86; and RAE 01/2006 pp. 65-67 for the process of 'cumulative rounding'*).

Appendix 2

RAE Post 2008: Consultation

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1. Introduction

This is a selection from a set of background documents produced to inform the BPA's response to the consultation on what should replace the RAE.

2. The Dual Support System

A brief summary of the consultation document follows, but first it might be worth saying a little about the 'dual support' system on which research funding to the universities is based. The idea of dual support is that government funded research in the universities falls into two types. One is basic or 'blue skies' research, whereby each university, department or researcher can set out their own priorities and projects without having to justify it to external funders. Money for this is called QR, and it is distributed by formula on the basis of the most recent RAE. The other type is project funding, and this is financed by the research councils, including the AHRC. The government says that it is committed to the dual support system, which must be a good thing. It also means that QR cannot be handed over to the research councils for distribution as project funds. Consequently we need to keep in mind the possibility that new funding systems will undermine the dual support system – for example by allocating QR on the basis of success in AHRC competitions – as this would be a fatal flaw in such a system.

3. Summary of Consultation Document

The main premise of the consultation is that the RAE will be replaced with a metric system. Having said that, the focus is on so-called 'STEM' subjects – science, technology, engineering, medicine and mathematics. The document says:

1.9 For subjects other than STEM, a more differentiated approach will be required in order to ensure that research excellence is recognised and rewarded fairly. One example of the kind of approach that might be applied in the case of the arts and humanities is illustrated at Annex 2 to this document. Alternatively, a separate and slimmed-down peer review exercise may prove the most appropriate way forward. We have an open mind on this question. For the immediate future, and pending the development of more sensitive indicators for these subjects, notably in the field of bibliometrics, we conclude that non-numerical indicators will continue to need to be taken into account. We suggest that the higher education funding bodies may want to remit this task to a small number of panels established for the purpose. Special attention may also have to be paid to ensuring that small institutions are treated fairly.

Annex 2 of the document reads as follows:

Annex 2: possible procedures for allocating funding to arts and humanities subjects

1.1 Pending the conclusions of the AHRC/HEFCE working group, one possible solution to the difficulties posed by the use of metrics for non-STEM subjects would be simply for them to continue to be subject to periodic RAEs, whose results would then be used to populate a funding formula for QR very much as at present. Similar proposals have already been made by some people in the higher education sector. Were this course to be followed, however, it would certainly be desirable for the assessment exercise to be streamlined and simplified by comparison with the 2008 model.

1.2 Alternatively, it is also possible in principle to devise a number of funding models that might be applied to non-STEM subjects. The remainder of this annex describes one such model for the arts and humanities.

1.3 This model is confined to the metrics in data sets that are already collected and data sets that exist and may be routinely collected. There is no separate peer review of outputs, though there is panel determination of output metrics. The model is intended to exemplify one approach that could potentially be adopted for subjects where, as noted in chapter 5, a research income-based model is not fully satisfactory. This sort of approach could be developed further.

1.4 Panels would operate at super-panel level, charged with agreeing the metrics within the parameters set by the funding bodies. Weightings agreed by the funding bodies on the advice of panels. Weightings could be varied in order to incentivise (or disincentivise) various forms of behaviour.

1.5 The full basket of metrics would deliver the quality assessment. The same outcome could be used for funding, or a sub-set of metrics could drive the funding formula. This could be varied by panel area.

1.6 The model would draw on information within four categories: input metrics; volume metrics; quality and output metrics; and institutional assessment/plans.

Input metrics

- Research Council income
- Other research income
- User-led income
- Research Council success rate

Volume metrics

- PhD numbers/completions
- Staff with measurable outputs

Quality/output metrics

- Bibliometrics
- User impact
- Research Council evaluation
- Peer esteem

Institutional assessment

1.7 Data for most of the above are readily available. The area where panels' advice might be most significant is in the output/quality metrics. Bibliometrics and user impact would vary by disciplinary domain. This would pick up

technology transfer measures, spin-out, patents, and forms of civic engagement etc. Research Council evaluation is essentially the end-of-award data. Peer esteem picks up current RAE measures, but in a more regularised and easily generated form.

1.8 Many of these data-sets could and would be produced annually. The quality data and institutional assessment might be produced to an agreed cycle, which may or not co-include with funding adjustments if these were, say, triennial.

The document itself is aware of some difficulties with metrics systems. Section 3.6 reads:

We are aware of how important it will be to understand the behavioural impacts of whatever system is eventually adopted and to ensure that changes in behaviour contribute positively to the objectives. Just as the RAE has influenced academic behaviour, so any metrics-based system could also be expected to have behavioural effects. We need to be clear about how these could be predicted and, where appropriate, obviated.

It also sets out a number of benefits of and objections to the current RAE system:

2.7 The net effect of successive RAEs on research practices and on the overall quality of UK research has been beneficial. Since 1986 it has become accepted that robust assessments of the quality of publicly funded research within higher education should be produced and made widely available; and that the processes of institutional research planning and management which the exercise examines and encourages are essential to maintaining a strong research base. Partly as a result, UK research is now not only mature and well managed, but also of a quality that makes it internationally competitive.

2.8 At the same time the exercise has continued to attract criticism. For example:

- While it is acknowledged that the present system has been very successful in raising research quality, it has also been alleged that the scale and cost of it now outweighs its ongoing value; and, therefore, that there may be a more efficient alternative.
- It has also been observed that, at certain levels of aggregation, the distribution of QR funding is well correlated with research income from other sources. This provides a case for believing that a metrics-based system may represent a more efficient alternative for allocating QR.
- There is a further contention: that the workings of the system, and in particular the perceived expectations of panels by the academic research community, inhibits ambition in development of research strategies and may inhibit particular approaches to research.

The consultation document itself raises a number of questions about the most appropriate metric model of the several it canvasses for STEM subjects.

However, ***the main question for the BPA is what sort of system should replace the RAE?***

Senior officials at the AHRC have said at public meetings that some sort of metric system is inevitable. The consultation document does not itself suggest this, and we need to consider whether a metric system is desirable, and if so why, rather than assuming that it must happen. However the AHRC/HEFCE have now set up

a committee to look into metrics in the humanities, to report in the middle of October. Details are here:

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/News/hefce/2006/metrics.htm>

4. The purpose of RAE and research selectivity

The purpose of the RAE now seems to have evolved into essentially an exercise with two related aims: first, to distribute research money (QR); and second, to recognise excellent research and to provide incentives for its production.

The RAE has had a number of effects on academic life. Many argue that it has opened up the job market, moving away from favouritism and in the direction of rewarding merit. This has gone hand in hand with career advancement for recruitment and retention and so has probably driven up salaries. The government claim that the quality of research in the UK has improved since the foundation of the RAE in 1986. It is, however, worth asking whether the RAE has had such an effect on Philosophy in the UK. Is it so clear, for example, that UK based Philosophy now has a greater international impact than it did pre-1986?

Several objections to the RAE were quoted above. Others are not mentioned in the consultation document. Some people have argued that the RAE is an obstacle to equal opportunities. Others have argued that it effectively forces academics to concentrate on their research, even if their time might be better spent in teaching, development, enabling and service to the department, university and community, and that this is of detriment to academic life. Such flaws may remain in a metric based system.

The current distribution of QR funds is worth considering. For 2006-7, the following sums will be provided for each person who was research active in 2001, at the following rates:

5*	£33,634 (6 depts: 129 research active FTEs)
5	£26,579 (16 depts: 194 research active FTEs)
4	£8,520 (10 depts: 77 research active FTEs)
below 4	nothing (12 depts: 60 research active FTEs)

This distributes a total of just over £10m in the coming year.

This is a very steep funding gradient. There is a powerful motivation for such a gradient in the sciences, where there are very good reasons to concentrate research funding in order to equip a small number of excellent laboratories, rather than spreading the funds more thinly. It is less clear that the same argument applies in the Arts and Humanities, even though the same standard formula is used to generate the gradient.

For comparison, if the £10m had been allocated on a flat basis to all research active individuals, without going through the 'research selectivity' of the RAE, each research active person would have been allocated around £22,000. It is, therefore, worth asking whether we need a research assessment exercise to allocate funding, rather than doing so by a flat quota, and, if we do, whether a flatter gradient would be more desirable, which would also mean that there is less at stake, financially at least, in the current exercise.

5. MM McCabe and Barry Smith's Exchange

The Guardian published a very useful discussion between Barry Smith and MM McCabe on the topic of metrics: the link is

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/RAE/story/0,,1806362,00.html>

6. Onora O'Neill produced the following notes on metrics:

The Positive Points

That government has committed itself to the principle of dual funding, saying that they see it as the basis of any university autonomy, and as key to the health of many sorts of research (nevertheless, vigilance is called for to be sure that this commitment is maintained); that the HEFCE consultation is open minded about the use of metrics for the humanities; that there is recognition of imperfections, cost and burden of RAE.

The Problematic Points

1. The principal argument for the move to metrics in the SIFF: Next Steps Report and elsewhere is that it is expensive and duplicates effort to measure research quality by peer review both prospectively (in awarding grants) and retrospectively (at RAE), given that the correlation between the two measures is high. This may be a good argument for (some) SET subjects, but not for humanities and only partially for the social sciences, where much research is not grant-based and has not been peer reviewed prospectively.

2. If QR is too tightly tied to research council grant income (in the immediately preceding period) the dual support system will be undermined and university autonomy curtailed. Universities would face large incentives to funnel QR straight back to subjects that are in the running for (large) research grants. Allocating QR for subjects that do not attract grant money would risk a declining flow of QR. At that point it seems unclear why two funding streams are important.

3. Any move to reliance on metrics in SSH subjects faces the problem that there will not be ready evidence that the metrics correlate well with quality as assessed by peer review, because there is typically only retrospective peer review at publication, and this evidence is scattered and hard to collect without some version of RAE. So retaining some form of overview based on peer review for SSH subjects will be important—for example an RAE, but not necessarily in its present form. Unless this is done it will be hard to know whether any of the metrics introduced is either a reliable or a valid measure of quality.

4. If the 2008 RAE is to go ahead but then be replaced by metrics, then it is important to know when the change in the basis for allocating QR is to happen. Metrics can be collected on an annual basis. How soon would revisions of the 2008 based allocations begin? Surely it would be wasteful to discard the RAE information the following year?

5. If metrics are to be validated against RAE (presumably the point of the 2008 shadow exercise) then it is important to be sure that they remain reliable and valid indicators of research quality. However many of the metrics proposed are open to gaming, and arguably to more gaming than the RAE (how could one check this?). What moves could be used to ensure that scores on metrics remain an adequate measure of research quality? Would this require some version of RAE for all subjects? RAE lite?

6. The suggestion in the HEFCE Reform of higher education research assessment

and funding - Consultation Document that all forms of grant income should be taken into account in allocating QR would be damaging to UK research quality. User funded research is not subject to peer review, and the only competitive process used is tendering—it covers matters such as a local authority commissioning an evaluation of its parking arrangements. Competitive tendering is quite different from the competitive award of research funding on the basis of peer review. (Likely that Russell Group and 1994 Universities could unite on this)

7. Has anyone costed the various proposed metrics? Some are evidently cheap. But are all of them?

7. RAE 2001 Shadow Metrics

It is said that RAE 2008 will also contain a 'shadow metric' exercise. The BPA has conducted a rather crude shadow metric exercise based on RAE 2001 data. Although there are some departments who did very well in the RAE and also in the shadow metrics, there are also departments who did very well yet performed poorly in the metrics, and some which performed exceptionally well on the metrics did less well in the RAE. The results, at this level of detail, are not encouraging for those who feel that these easily available metrics could seamlessly replace the RAE without substantially changing the results.

The following analysis illustrates how 'shadow metrics' would have worked in RAE 2001. The calculations are rough and have not been checked, and therefore are for indicative purposes only. The metrics chosen are those included in the data supplied for the RAE. The methodology is to compare the top 6 departments (those given 5*) on their performance on 6 possible metrics.

In RAE 2001 the following departments received 5*

Cambridge
Cambridge History and Philosophy of Science
Edinburgh
Kings
LSE
Oxford

These departments appear in the top ten in the following number of metrics:

Kings (6)
LSE (5)
Cambridge HPS (5)
Cambridge (4)
Oxford (2)
Edinburgh (0)

Other departments appearing strongly are:

Warwick (6)
UCL (5)
Sheffield (4)
Birkbeck (4)
Leeds (4)
St Andrews (3)

The following departments, which received a 3a and hence no research funding appear in the top ten at least once:

Aberdeen
Cardiff
Lancaster

It seems clear that had these metrics been used, the results of RAE 2001 would have been very different.

2. The metrics under consideration are:

1. Total number of research students (at census date)
2. Research students per research active FTE staff (at census date)
3. Research Income (all sources, over whole assessment period)
4. Research Income (all sources) per research active FTE staff (over whole assessment period)
5. AHRB (or equivalent) funded research students (over whole assessment period)
6. AHRB (or equivalent) funded research students per research active FTE staff (whole assessment period)

3. The top ten departments by each measure are as follows:

1. Total number of research students (at census date)

1. King's (50.25)
2. Oxford (48.00)
3. Warwick (38.95)
4. Cambridge (35.5)
5. Cambridge HPS (35.5)
6. Sheffield (35.5)
7. Birkbeck (32.62)
8. UCL (31.00)
9. Leeds (22.8)
10. St Andrews (20.50)

By comparison the remaining 5* departments scored as follows:

LSE (18.70) 12th
Edinburgh (12.5) 16th

2. Research students per research active FTE staff (at census date)

1. Sheffield 2.96
2. King's 2.57
3. Warwick 2.55
4. Cardiff 2.50
5. Birkbeck 2.42
6. Cambridge 2.32
7. UCL 1.94
8. Durham 1.87
9. Hull 1.74
10. LSE 1.68

By comparison, the remaining 5* departments scored as follows:

Cambridge HPS 1.59 (12th)
Edinburgh 1.04 (21st)
Oxford 0.98 (26th)

3. Research Income (all sources, over whole assessment period) Rough figures

1. King's	£1,425,000
2. Cambridge HPS	£1,385,000
3. LSE	£1,300,000
4. Warwick	£440,000
5. Bristol	£383,000
6. Leeds	£330,000
7. St Andrews	£192,000
8. Lancaster	£129,000
9. UCL	£121,000
10. Birkbeck	£115,000

For comparison, the other 5* departments scored as follows:

Edinburgh	£80,000 (about 15th)
Cambridge	£62,000 (about 18th)
Oxford	£56,000 (about 20th)

4. Research Income (all sources) per research active FTE staff (over whole assessment period)

1. LSE	£116,000
2. King's	£73,000
3. Cambridge HPS	£62,000
4. Warwick	£28,850
5. Lancaster	£25,800
6. Bristol	£25,500
7. Leeds	£15,340
8. Cardiff	£13,000
9. St Andrews	£11,500
10. Aberdeen	£10,100

For comparison, the other 5* departments scored as follows:

Edinburgh	£6,666 (about 15th)
Cambridge	£4,000 (about 20th)
Oxford	£1,100 (about 30th)

5. AHRB or equivalent funded research students (over whole assessment period)

1. Cambridge HPS	57
2. Cambridge	45
3. Oxford	29.5
4. Sheffield	29
5. UCL	27
6. Warwick	26
7. King's	25
8. Leeds	11.5
9. Essex	10
10. Reading, Birkbeck, LSE	8

For comparison, the other 5* department scored as follows:

Edinburgh	2 (about 20th)
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6. AHRB (or equivalent) funded research students per year research active FTE staff (average whole assessment period)

1. Cambridge 2.9
2. Cambridge HPS 2.5
3. Sheffield 2.4
4. Warwick 1.7
5. UCL 1.7
6. King's 1.28
7. Essex 1.00
8. Birmingham 1.0
9. Reading 0.8
10. LSE 0.71

For comparison, the other 5* departments scored as follows:

Oxford 0.6 (12th)
Edinburgh 0.2 (about 20th)

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- 25 Novembre 2004, Professeur Eftichios BITSAKIS : *Le principe de l' incorruptibilité de la matière.*
- 9 Décembre 2004, Dr Nikos TABAKIS : *Théorie de l' explication - Causes et relations.*
- 16 Décembre 2004, Professeur Dimitra SFENDONI : *Science, reconstruction, réalité et illusions communes.*
- 13 janvier 2005, Dr Dimitris Tzortzopoulos : *Critique et utopie – Les courants souterrains de l' esprit dans le Faust de Goethe et dans la Phénoménologie Hégélienne.*
- 27 janvier 2005, Dr Sophia STAMOULI: *Na notion de tragique chez Thucydide* et Ghéorghia BRONI: « *Les plaies de l' âme* » *ches les Stoïciens et les Néoplatoniciens.*
- 10 février 2005, Dr Aristidis CHATZIS : *Paternalisme et droits individuels.*

- 24 février 2005, Professeur Dimitris DIMITRAKOS : *La théorie des droits individuels chez Hobbes et Locke.*
- 10 mars 2005, Dr D. MALAKASSIS : *Poésie et philosophie.*
- 24 mars 2005, Professeur Assistant Gheorghios Koumakis : *Identité et altérité dans la justice d'après Platon et Aristote* et Dr Théodoros Ghérghiou : *Conflit entre philosophie et métaphilosophie.*
- 10 avril 2005, Ghiannis POTTAKIS, ancien ministre: *La politique et la nature humaine.*
- 21 Avril 2005, Kyriakos KATSIMANIS, Docteur ès Lettres, Professeur Associé à l'Université d' Athènes: *L'induction sans métaphysique.*
- 12 mai 2005, Dr Christos XANTHOPOULOS: *La théorie du fini: Le terme et son rôle dans la nouvelle sociologie de la connaissance.*
- 19 mai 2005, Dr Aristidis Gogoussis : *Le problème de la justification philosophique de la planification technologique et l'essence du réel.*
- 12 juin 2005, Dr Kostas KALIMTZIS, ingénieur environnemental, docteur en philosophie de l'Université de South Florida: *De la colère (d' Homère à Aristote).*
- 13 octobre 2005, Anastassios Marinos, Docteur en droit, Vice-président honraire du Conseil d' État, *L' égalité selon Aristote et selon la conception d' aujourd'hui.*
- 24 novembre 2005, Andréas PAPANIKOLAOU, Professeur à l' Université de Texas : *La représentation des fonctions cérébrales et le problème de la conscience.*
- 8 décembre 2005, Théodossios TASSIOS, Professeur à l' Université Technique Nationale d' Athènes et Président honoraire de la Société Grecque de Philosophie : *Préoccupations morales et environnement.*
- 12 janvier 2006, Joseph STEFANOY, Professeur à l' Université Technique Nationale d' Athènes : *La physiologie des lieux.*
- 9 février 2006, Ghéorghios STOLAKIS, Dr en Philosophie à l'Université d' Oxford : *Les possibilités d' une méthode a priori en philosophie.*
- 9 mars 2006, Dimitris ROKOS, Professeur à l' Université Technique Nationale d' Athènes : *Environnement et développement.*
- 13 avril 2006, Théopi PARISSAKI, Professeur Associée de Philosophie à l' Université Aristotélicienne de Thessalonique : *La notion d' image dans l' esthétique platinicienne.*
- 18 mai 2006, Ghiouli RAPTI, Lecteur de Philosophie à l' Université Technique Nationale d' Athènes : *Art et politique selon Marcuse.*

- 8 juin 2006, Tassos BOUGAS, Professeur de Philosophie à la Section de Méthodologie, d' Histoire et de la Théorie des Sciences («ΜΙΘΕ») de l' Université d' Athènes : *Étapes de la constitution de la théorie de l' idéologie.*

II. 10^{me} Congrès Panhellénique de Philosophie:

« *Philosophie et Sciences* ».

La Société Grecque de Philosophie, en collaboration avec le Secteur de Philosophie de la Faculté de Philosophie de l' Université de Thessalinique, a organisé et du 6 au 8 mai 2006 a effectué le *10^{me} Congrès Panhellénique de Philosophie* ayant pour titre : « *Philosophie et Sciences* ». Le but du Congrès était « l' exploration et le développement des sujets relatifs au fondements, à la nature et au caractère des sciences, à la méthode et l' évaluation critique des théories scientifiques , à la logique de la découverte scientifique ainsi qu' à des notions telles la rationalité, l' evolution et le progrès scientifiques et la vérité scientifique ».

Par la variété des sujets traités qui ont couvert tout le domaine concerné, par le grand nombre des communications et, surtout, par l' originalité et la qualité de celles-ci, le congrès a marqué un considérable succès et a complètement répondu aux espoirs des organisateurs.

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HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES; FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDITIONS OF NEOHELLENIC PHILOSOPHY

Newsletter

(a) The Society has organized during the years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 its weekly lectures. In September 2004 it has organized an International Congress on The Notion of Transcendence in late Greek philosophy and in the thought of the Church Fathers in Athens. Its Proceedings have been published in the philosophical review Diotima, vols.34 (2006) and 35 (2007) and in Paris, Vrin, 2006. In February 2006 it has organized in Athens an International Congress on Plato in Islamic Philosophy, whose Proceedings are in press and will be published in the review Diotima, vol.37 (2008). In March 2006 it has organized at the

Bibliotheca Alexandrina an International Conference on Philosophy in Hellenistic Alexandria whose Proceedings will be published both in Alexandria and Athens. In November 2006 it organized in Athens the Second Conference of the International Academy of Philosophy, based in Erevan, Armenia, Trends and Tendencies in philosophy during 21st century, whose Proceedings will be published both in Athens and Erevan.

(b) The Foundation regularly publishes the volumes of the Corpus Philosophorum Graecorum Recentiorum (CPGR) directed by academician E. Moutsopoulos.

IRAN

SADRA ISLAMIC PHILOSOPHY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SIPRIIn)

Introducing the International Mulla Sadra Society

1. History and Aims

The International Mulla Sadra Society was founded in 1994 with the purpose of presenting Islamic wisdom and philosophy, particularly Mulla Sadra's school of thought, establishing a relationship with non-Iranian philosophers, and exchanging philosophical thoughts and ideas with other thinkers and philosophy centers. In order to accomplish the above aims, the initial plans for an international congress were devised. The congress was successfully held in 1999. Following this event, the society was officially recognized, and its constitution was approved. Since then, an increasing number of Iranian and non-Iranian scholars have applied for membership.

The society has a general assembly, a president, and an academic secretary and three types of members.

According to its constitution, the International Mulla Sadra Society was founded in order to:

promote the status of philosophy, expand the context for philosophical research, introduce Mulla Sadra's school of philosophy at national and international levels, and facilitate the exchange of ideas among different philosophy centers in and out of the country.

The aim of the Society is to:

establish free scientific relations by organizing meetings, seminars, conferences, and pre-programmed dialogs, to promote the spirit of research among young philosophers, and pave the way to achieving the Society's other aims.

2. Scientific Sections and Groups of the Society

The activities of the international Mulla Sadra Society are carried out by six scientific sections and departments as follows:

1. Conference – Organizing Center
2. Center for Edition, Translation, and Study of Ancient Texts

3. Center for Philosophy and Children
4. *Kheradnameh Sadra Quarterly* (A Philosophical Journal)
5. Center for Devising A Comprehensive History of Wisdom and Philosophy
6. Publication Center

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There are also some other centers that are affiliated to the Society. They include the following:

A. National Mulla Sadra Society: This Society was founded as a sister to the International Mulla Sadra Society. Its aims include establishing a continuous relationship between philosophy professors and students, promoting free philosophical discussions, employing the ideas and experiences of prominent professors in conducting joint scientific research projects, as well as raising the status of philosophy and rational sciences in seminaries and universities. This Society has a general assembly, a president, and a secretary. University students can also apply for its membership.

B. House of Wisdom and Philosophy: This section is a club that provides the opportunity for philosophy professors and teachers to come together, spend their free time with each other, and exchange their ideas. The House has an Iranian identity. It has a board of trustees, an administrative board of directors, a treasurer, and internal managers.

C. Research Center for Comparative Philosophy: Islamic philosophy and, particularly, Mulla Sadra's school of philosophy are comprehensive, dynamic, and living schools of thought and wish to enter dialog with other schools of philosophy. They are also capable of helping to remove the problems of other philosophies or complete them. In spite of its importance in promoting the status of philosophy, this task was previously done individually, without relying on a universal and comprehensive plan or project. The Research Center for Comparative Philosophy (presently active in Tehran and Qum) is responsible for devising a comprehensive program for writing papers and conducting studies in relation to all philosophical schools and categories of the world. The researchers working at this Center study related issues comparatively, while observing scientific principles and without exercising any kind of bias, and present the results of their studies to the philosophical society of the world.

D. Specialized Library for Philosophy and Rational Sciences: In line with its scientific and cultural purposes, the International Mulla Sadra Society has founded a library specializing in Islamic philosophy, rational sciences, and, particularly, the Transcendent Philosophy. At the outset of this project, a group was formed to collect Mulla Sadra's works. So far, they have been able to locate some of his precious manuscripts in public libraries and obtain a great number of them. With the expansion of the activities of Sadra Islamic Philosophy Institute in different fields, and in order to satisfy the demands of lovers of philosophy and wisdom, they have managed to collect related books in German, French, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, etc., in addition to those in Persian, Arabic, and English.

Presently, the library has stacks, a reference section, a study hall, and a press section. Most of the visitors include university professors, seminary masters, as well as PhD and M.A students who are involved in research, particularly, in the field of Mulla Sadra's Transcendent Philosophy, and researchers studying Islamic wisdom. Another specialized library, called the Library of the History of Wisdom and Philosophy, has also been founded independently to provide scientific support for the Center for Devising A History of Wisdom and Philosophy. The purposes of this library are as follows:

- * Equipping the stack and the reference section through communication with universities, cultural centers, and publishers of Islamic books in and out of the country

- * Developing a bank of research papers and making them available on the internet so that all members of philosophical centers and societies and scholars can access them

- * Providing a list of on-line library books so that all users can browse through available reference books
- * Creating an appropriate atmosphere for research on Islamic philosophy and culture
- * Developing a stack for scientific research journals on Islamic philosophy
- * Establishing relationships with similar organizations for exchange of ideas
- * Developing a CD-bank of papers

3. The Activities of the Various Sections of the Society

A. Conference-Organizing Center: The activities of this Center are classified into 4 categories:

- A-1. Mulla Sadra World Congresses in Iran
- A-2. National conferences
- A-3. Joint conferences with other universities and scientific centers in and out of the country
- A-4. Dispatching scientific groups to international conferences

A-1. One of the aims of founding the International Mulla Sadra Society was to hold a world congress every five years hosting thinkers from all over the world. Two large scientific congresses have been held so far in line with this purpose.

The First World Congress on Mulla Sadra was held in May 22-29, 1999 under the title of “*The Transcendent Philosophy and Mulla Sadra*”. More than 200 researchers and philosophers from universities all over the world and a great number of Iranian thinkers and philosophers participated in this congress. The foreign participants were from Belgium, Spain, Japan, Turkey, Egypt, India, England, Ukraine, Italy, Bangladesh, China, Germany, France, Netherlands, Pakistan, Canada, Scotland, Morocco, America, the Philippines, Switzerland, and Hungary. The 603 papers that they presented over the 5 days of the Congress have been published in 12 volumes in Persian and 10 volumes in English.

The Second World Congress was held in May 22-27, 2004 in Tehran. In addition to Iranian thinkers, 64 prominent researchers from other countries took part in this event. They included scholars from Turkey, America, the Philippines, England, Morocco, the Lebanon, Lithuania, China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Germany, France, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Congo, Sweden, Greece, Finland, Russia, Belgium, Ukraine, India, Spain, Nigeria, New Zealand, Sudan, Italy, Bulgaria, South Africa, Norway, Colombia, Ethiopia, Cameron, and Australia. A selection of the 446 approved papers has been published in a 4-volume series in Persian and a 3-volume series in English.

The Third World Congress on Mulla Sadra will be held in May, 2009.

A-2. The International Mulla Sadra Society holds a one-day conference every year on the 22nd of May (except for the years in which the World Congress is held) in order to commemorate Mulla Sadra. So far, the following conferences have been held:

Year	Theme of the Conference	Number of papers
2001	Commemoration of Mulla Sadra	25
2002	The Transcendent Philosophy and World Contemporary Philosophy	25
2003	Macroanthropos and Microcosm	17
2005	Practical Wisdom in Mulla Sadra’s School	45
2006	Politics and Government in the Transcendent Philosophy	

Moreover, almost every year, the Society organizes some gatherings and ceremonies on 20th November, World Philosophy Day.

A-3. The International Mulla Sadra Society performs a number of joint activities with other universities and scientific centers in order to achieve its sublime objectives. In doing so, some conferences have been held including the following:

- A conference was held in 2000 in cooperation with SOAS of the University of London in which 25 scientific papers were presented. Some scholars and thinkers from Turkey, England, Iran, Belgium, America, Canada, Bosnia, and Herzegovina participated in this conference.
- A regional Iranian-Arabic conference was held in 2000 under the title of “Mulla Sadra and Contemporary Philosophical Schools” on Kish island in Iran. 33 papers were presented in the conference by researchers from the Lebanon, Kuwait, Egypt, and Iran. They have been published in a collection of papers.
- A conference was held in 2006 in cooperation with the Islamic Research Center of Istanbul (ISAM) in Turkey.
- In 2006, a conference was held in cooperation with UNESCO’s office in Iran on World Philosophy Day.

A-4. The International Mulla Sadra Society dispatches philosophical groups of prominent scholars to international conferences in order to establish scholarly relations with other philosophy centers and exchange ideas and information with them. Some of these groups have been sent to China, Bosnia, Turkey, and Russia.

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B. Center for Edition, Research, and Translation of Ancient Texts: In this department, a group of prominent scholars are involved in critical studies of ancient texts on Islamic philosophy and Mulla Sadra’s school of thought. Some of the activities of this Center include the edition, summarizing, and translation of Mulla Sadra’s works. The titles of these works are mentioned in the list of the Society's publications.

C. Center for Philosophy and Children: This is the first institute in Iran working in the field of philosophy for children. The Center for Philosophy and Children, while benefiting from the experiences of prominent experts in training and education, has started some specialized workshops whose achievements are published in the specialized journal of “*Philosophy and Child*”. The aim of this Center is to introduce philosophy in simple language so that everyone, particularly children and young people can understand it.

D. *Kheradnameh Sadra Journal*: This is issued quarterly and is the first journal in Iran to specialize in Islamic philosophy and the Transcendent Philosophy in Iran. Ten series of this journal (44 issues) have been published in Persian and English. Nowadays, *Kheradnameh Sadra*, which holds the “A degree” (scientific research), is considered a valid source of knowledge in the field of Islamic Philosophy.

E. Center for Devising A Comprehensive History of Wisdom and Philosophy: This Center started its activities two years ago with the aim of devising a comprehensive history of philosophy and rational sciences in the world. Following a series of meetings and several scientific counseling sessions, the stage of policy making and determining the tasks has come to an end, and the administrative process has just started. With the cooperation of prominent Iranian university professors and researchers, as well as non-Iranian philosophers and scholars, this project is aimed at devising a series of books on the history of philosophy (consisting of 40 volumes), while considering the backgrounds and cultural and social factors involved in the formation and development of philosophical thoughts and schools. The series

will initially be published in English and Persian; however, the society intends to translate it into other languages at later stages.

F. Publication Center: The Publication Centre is one of the Society's most active sections. Since the beginning of the Society's activities, it has published several books in different languages. Most of these are in Persian, English, and Arabic, but some have also been published in other languages, including Chinese, Bulgarian, and Russian. Mulla Sadra's books (in Arabic), which have been edited in the best way possible by skillful scholars, are among the Center's other publications. Below is the list of the Center's publications:

SIPRI Publications

<i>Title</i>	Pub. Date	Language	ISBN
<i>Kitabshinasi-yi jami'i Mulla Sadra (Mulla Sadra's Complete Bibliography)</i>	1999	Persian	964-92244-5-9
<i>Ajwabat al-masa'il & Qutb wal mantiqah (Treatise on the Poles and the Zodiac)</i>	1999	Arabic	964-92244-2-4
<i>Al-Mazahir al-ilahiyyah fi asrar al-ulum al-kamaliyyah (Divine Manifestations Concerning the Secrets of Knowledge Leading to Perfection)</i>	1999	Arabic	964-92244-08
<i>Huduth al-'alam (Treatise on the Temporal Origination of the World)</i>	1999	Arabic	964-92244-4-0
<i>Al-Tanqih fi'l mantiq (Illuminationist Gleamings in the Art of Logic)</i>	1999	Arabic	964-92244-1-6
<i>Al-Ghadbat ul-falasafah al-ghadbat ul-muta'aliyyah (Anger of Philosophers)</i>	1999	Arabic	964-92244-3-2
<i>Development of Wisdom in Iran and in the World</i>	2000	English	964-92244-9-1
<i>Development of Wisdom in Iran and in the World</i>	2000	Persian	964-92244-7-5
<i>Mulla Sadra's Life, Character, and School</i>	2000	Persian	964-92244-6-7
<i>Mulla Sadra and Transcendent Philosophy: Islam-West Philosophical Dialogue: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vols. 1-2</i>	2001	English	vol. 1: 964-7472-03-x vol. 2: 964-7472-04-8
<i>Mulla Sadra and Transcendent Philosophy: Islam- West Philosophical Dialogue, Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vols. 1-2</i>	2001	Persian	vol. 1: 964-7472-00-5 vol. 2: 964-7472-01-3

<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 2</i>	2001	Arabic	964-7472-09-9
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 7</i>	2001	Arabic	964-7472-07-2
<i>Mulla Sadra and Comparative Studies: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vols. 3-5</i>	2001-2002	Persian	vol. 3: 964-7472-08-0 vol. 4: 964-7472-10-2 vol. 5: 964-7472-12-9
<i>Mulla Sadra and Comparative Studies: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran) vols. 3-5</i>	2002	English	vol. 3: 964-7472-13-7 vol. 4: 964-7472-17-x vol. 5: 964-7472-23-4
<i>Papers Presented at the National Conference on Mulla Sadra, May 2002</i>	2002	Persian	964-7472-22-6
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 5</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-14-5
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 6</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-21-8
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 9</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-24-2
<i>Al-Mabda wa'l- ma'ad fi'l-hikmat al-muta'aliyyah (The Origin & Return), vol. 1</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-19-6
<i>Al-Mabda wa'l- ma'ad fi'l-hikmat al-muta'aliyyah (The Beginning & the End in Transcendent Philosophy), vol. 2</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-20-x
<i>Kasr al-asnam al-jahiliyyah (Demolition of the Idols of Ignorance)</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-15-3
<i>Sih Asl (Treatise on Three Principles)</i>	2002	Arabic	964-7472-16-1
<i>Woman's Human Rights</i>	2003	English	964-7472-05-6
<i>Some Issues in Contemporary Western Philosophy: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vols. 6-7</i>	2003	English	vol. 6: 964-7472-27-7 vol. 7: 964-7472-33-1
<i>Some Issues in Contemporary Western Philosophy, Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran) vols. 6-7</i>	2003	Persian	vol. 6: 964-7472-25-0 vol. 7: 964-7472-31-5
<i>Mulla Sadra: Epistemology and Science: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999,</i>	2003	Persian	964-92244-9-1

<i>Tehran), vols. 8</i>			
<i>Papers Presented at the National Iranian-Arab Conference on Mulla Sadra, Kish Island</i>	2003	Persian/Arabic	964-7472-34-x
<i>Muqaddamat al-masha'ir (An Introduction to al-Masha'ir)</i>	2003	Persian	964-7472-11-0
<i>Al-Shawabid ul-rububiyah (The Divine Witnesses)</i>	2003	Arabic	964-7472-32-3
<i>Illahiyyat al-Shifa, vols. 1-2</i>	2003	Arabic	vol. 1: 964-7472-28-5 vol. 2: 964-7472-29-3
<i>Mulla Sadra's Transcendent Philosophy</i>	2004	English	964-7472-43-9
<i>Mulla Sadra: Logic, Ethics: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 8</i>	2004	English	964-7472-38-2
<i>Mulla Sadra, Religion and Gnosis: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 9</i>	2004	English	964-7472-51-X
<i>Abstracts of Articles Presented at the 2nd World Congress on Transcendent Philosophy & Mulla Sadra (May 2004, Tebran)</i>	2004	English	964-7472-48-x
<i>Development of Wisdom in Iran and in the World</i>	2004	Bulgarian	964-7472-37-4
<i>Transcendent Philosophy and Mulla Sadra</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-55-2
<i>Mulla Sadra: Logic, Ethics, and Theology: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 9</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-40-4
<i>Mulla Sadra: Mysticism, Theology and Religion: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 10</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-42-0
<i>Mulla Sadra and the Issue of Soul and Resurrection: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 11</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-46-3
<i>Mulla Sadra: Tafsir and Hadith: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol. 12</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-52-8
<i>Abstracts of Articles Presented at the 2nd World Congress on Transcendent Philosophy & Mulla Sadra (May 2004, Tebran)</i>	2004	Persian	964-7472-47-1

<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah (Transcendent Philosophy Concerning the Four Intellectual Journeys), vol. 1</i>	2004	Arabic	964-7472-54-4
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 3</i>	2004	Arabic	964-7472-44-7
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 4</i>	2004	Arabic	964-7472-49-8
<i>Al-Hikmat al-muta'aliyyah fi'l asfar al-'aqliyyat al-arba'ah, vol. 8</i>	2004	Arabic	964-7472-45-5
<i>Manner of the Creation of Actions</i>	2004	English, Arabic and Persian	964-7472-50-1
<i>Mulla Sadra's School and Western Philosophies: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 2004, Tebran), vol.1</i>	2005	English	964-7472-64-1
<i>Eschatology, Exegesis and Hadith: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 1999, Tebran), vol.10</i>	2005	English	964-7472-53-6
<i>Mulla Sadra's School & Western Philosophies, Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 2004, Tebran), vol. 1</i>	2005	Persian	964-7472-71-4
<i>Mir Damad</i>	2005	Persian	964-7472-56-0
<i>Three Iranian Muslim Philosophers</i>	2005	Persian	964-7472-60-9
<i>Kitab al-mashaer</i>	2005	Chinese	964-7472-58-7
<i>The Existence of God</i>	2005	English	964-7472-65-x
<i>Masar al-falsafah fi Iran va al-alam (Development of Wisdom in Iran and in the World)</i>	2006	Arabic	964-7472-61-7
<i>Mulla Sadra and Other Philosophers: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May 2004, Tebran), vol.2</i>	2006	Persian	964-7472-76-5
<i>Spirit and the Soul</i>	2006	Persian	964-7472-66-8
<i>The Qur'anic Hermeneutics of Mulla Sadra</i>	2006	English	964-7472-72-2
<i>Mulla Sadra's School and Western Philosophies: Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May</i>	2006	Persian	964-7472-71-4

<i>2004, Tebran), vol.1</i>			
<i>Mulla Sadra and Practical Wisdom</i>	2006	Persian	964-7472-73-0

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The International Mulla Sadra Society's website has been designed in order to facilitate interested users' access to scientific papers and inform them of the philosophical events taking place in Iran and in the world. Presently, the site is in Persian and English, but its Arabic part will be launched in the near future.

IRLANDE

PHILOSOPHY COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

During the past year the Committee has hosted two conferences.

In May the committee celebrated the 150th birthday of Sigmund Freud with a one day symposium. This symposium was organised in cooperation with the Austrian Embassy in Dublin. The speakers included Felix de Mendelssohn of the International Sigmund Freud University, Vienna, Marietta Zeug of the Webster University, Vienna, Bernard Cullen of Queen's University Belfast and Joseph McLoughlin of Trinity College Dublin. The symposium was well-attended and featured papers on the topics of religion and the unconscious.

In November the committee organised in conjunction with the Irish Philosophical Society an Autumn conference on the topic of "Conflict, Ideology and Philosophy". The keynote speaker was Prof. Jonathan Gorman. Speakers from the UK, New Zealand and Ireland participated in what proved to be a lively conference. Prof. Glover's paper was entitled: "Philosophy, Dialogue and Conflict". In it he dealt with the epistemological issue of how to deal with conflicting truth claims in mediating between rival belief-systems. As a philosopher he sought to explore the possibility that through a better understanding of the status of such rival truth claims the means for conflict resolution can be found. The other contributions to the conference spoke on such themes as truth commissions, violence, forgiveness, the Arab – Israeli conflict, and liberal political theory.

ITALIE

ASSOCIAZIONE FILOSOFICA LIGURE (ITALY)

Activities

Febbraio-marzo. Ciclo di “Incontri con la storia della filosofia” presso la Biblioteca Comunale “Cervetto” di Genova. Relatori: prof. L. Mauro (Platone); prof. L. Matusa (L’utopia rinascimentale); prof. C. Angelino (Nietzsche).

Febbraio-aprile. Corso di aggiornamento su “Filosofia e Letteratura”, in collaborazione con il Dipartimento di Filosofia, la Provincia di Imperia e l’Istituto Scolastico “C. Amoretti” di Imperia presso la sede di quest’ultimo. Relatori: prof. M. Pasini (B. Castiglione, *Il cortegiano*); prof. L. Matusa (il pensiero di A. Manzoni); prof. P. Jachia (Francesco de Sanctis).

Marzo. Letture di classici della filosofia rivolte agli studenti medi presso il Liceo “Pertini” di Genova. Relatori: prof. E. Cattanei (Platone); prof. L. Mauro (Cartesio); prof. O. Meo (Kant).

Aprile-maggio. Letture di classici della filosofia rivolte agli studenti medi presso l’Istituto Scolastico “C. Amoretti” di Imperia. Relatori: prof. L. Mauro (Aristotele, *Etica Nicomachea*); prof. F. Manti (Locke); prof. O. Meo (I. Kant, *Critica della ragion pura*).

Maggio. Conferenza del prof. M. Ferraris (Univ. di Torino) sul tema “Oggetti sociali: Searle, Smith e Derrida”, in collaborazione con il Dipartimento di Filosofia.

Discussione fra il prof. M. Piattelli Palmarini (Univ. dell’Arizona) e le proff. C. Bianchi e N. Vassallo sul volume *Filosofia della comunicazione*.

Conferenza del prof. Piattelli Palmarini sul tema “Composizionalità delle lingue naturali: alcuni limiti”.

Ottobre. Ciclo di conferenze in collaborazione con il Dipartimento di Filosofia e l’Accademia Ligure di Scienze e Lettere sul tema: “La democrazia come problema filosofico”. Relatori: prof. F. Manti (Locke); prof. D. Cofrancesco (Constant); prof. V. Ottonelli (Rawls).

ITALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR AESTHETIC STUDIES

The Università degli Studi di Bologna (University of Bologna), the Centro Italo-tedesco di Villa Vigoni (Villa Vigoni Center for Italian-German Studies) and the Associazione Italiana per gli Studi di Estetica - A.I.S.E. (Italian Association for Aesthetic Studies) – has organised an international conference on the topic “Martin Heidegger thirty years later. An overview”. The conference was held from the 13th to the 15th of December 2006. This initiative was aimed at paying tribute to the thirtieth anniversary of the German philosopher’s death. In the wake of this, and given the complexity of the topic that is dealt with, the conference approached Heidegger’s way of thinking from a number of different points of view: from ontology to the theory of art and literature, from political philosophy to epistemology. Heidegger’s philosophy, besides having considerably influenced the Twentieth Century’s way of thinking (the way of thinking that is apparently at its antipodes is no exception to this), has also given rise to several debates and controversies. The conference attempted, as far as possible, to shed light on these. In order to do so, the organisers invited

various scholars. Some of these scholars – such as Friedrich-Wilhelm von Herrmann and Ernst Nolte – were Heidegger’s pupils. Other key-note lecturers – all of them boasting an in-depth knowledge of his philosophy – adopt some peculiar approaches to the study of Heidegger’s way of thinking. Among these are François Fédier, Günther Figal, Gianni Vattimo, Sergio Givone, Franco Volpi, Umberto Regina, Jesús Adrián Escudero, Alfredo Marini, Eugenio Mazzarella.

Further information is available on the congress-website (www.cdfc.filosofia.unibo.it). For contacts, email Prof. Carlo Gentili (gentili@philo.unibo.it) or Doctor of Philosophy Francesco Cattaneo (cattaneo@philo.unibo.it).

Martin Heidegger trent’anni dopo

13-15 dicembre 2006

Aula “Giorgio Prodi” – Piazza San Giovanni in Monte, 2 (Bologna)

MERCOLEDÌ 13/12

- 10:00-10:30 Apertura lavori.
Intervengono il Magnifico Rettore dell’Università di Bologna, *Prof. Pier Ugo Calzolari*, il Preside della Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, *Prof. Giuseppe Sassatelli*, e il Direttore del Dipartimento di Filosofia, *Prof. Carlo Gentili*

Presiede *Walter Tega* (Università di Bologna)
- 10:30-11:00 **Friedrich-Wilhelm von Herrmann** (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg i.B.)
Bedeutsamkeitserleben – Transzendenz und Horizont – Ereignis. Die Einheit im Wandel des Denkens Martin Heideggers
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:00 **Gianni Vattimo** (Università di Torino)
Heidegger, uno storicismo ritrovato?
- 12:00-12:30 **François Fédier** (Lycée Pasteur di Neuilly)
Entendre Heidegger
- 12:30-13:00 Discussione
- 13:00-15:00 Pranzo

Presiede *François Fédier* (Lycée Pasteur di Neuilly)
- 15:00-15:30 **Aldo Venturelli** (Università di Urbino – Centro Italo-Tedesco di Villa Vigoni)
Verso un Socrate europeo? Heidegger nella Nietzsche-Rezeption del secondo dopoguerra

- 15:30-16:00 **Carlo Gentili** (Università di Bologna)
Heidegger tra Nietzsche e Jünger: la questione del «grande stile»
- 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:00 **Umberto Regina** (Università di Verona)
Il Singolo di Kierkegaard e il Dasein di Heidegger di fronte all'odierna questione antropologica
- 17:00-17:30 **Vittorio D'Anna** (Università di Bologna)
Max Scheler di fronte a Essere e tempo
- 17:30-18:00 Discussione

GIOVEDÌ 14/12

Presiede *Aldo Venturelli* (Università di Urbino – Centro Italo-Tedesco di Villa Vigoni)

- 9:30-10:00 **Jesús Adrián Escudero** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Heideggers Phänomenologie der Stimmungen (Die welterschliessende Funktion der Angst und der Langweile)
- 10:00-10:30 **Eva Picardi** (Università di Bologna)
Quale ontologia?
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:00-11:30 **Eugenio Mazzarella** (Università di Napoli Federico II)
Heidegger oggi: prospettive ontiche dell'ontologia heideggeriana
- 11:30-12:30 Discussione
- 13:00-15:00 Pranzo
- Presiede *Sergio Givone* (Università di Firenze)
- 15:00-15:30 **Giampiero Moretti** (Università di Napoli “L'Orientale”)
Se (la) filosofia è (una) Stimmung. Considerazioni sull'eredità heideggeriana
- 15:30-16:00 **Maurizio Malaguti** (Università di Bologna)
Epekeina tes ousias. A proposito della «differenza ontologica»
- 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:00 **Ernst Nolte** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Quotidianità e il quotidiano nel pensiero e nella vita di Martin Heidegger

17:00-17:30 **David Webb** (Staffordshire University)
L'etica e la pratica dell'ontologia

17:30-18:00 Discussione

VENERDÌ 15/12

Presiede *Friedrich-Wilhelm von Herrmann* (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg i.B.)

9:30-10:00 **Stefano Poggi** (Università di Firenze)
Il negare e la verità: ancora su Sein und Zeit, § 44

10:00-10:30 **Donatella Di Cesare** (Università di Roma "La Sapienza")
Escatologia dell'essere. Quel che resta di Heidegger - tra finitezza originaria e infinito negato

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 **Fanco Volpi** (Università di Padova)
Heidegger, l'ultimo sciamano

11:30-12:00 **Manlio Iofrida** (Università di Bologna)
Prossimità e distanza: note sulla ricezione di Heidegger nella filosofia francese contemporanea

12:00-13:00 Discussione

13:00-15:00 Pranzo

Presiede *Carlo Gentili* (Università di Bologna)

15:00-15:30 **Federico Vercellone** (Università di Udine)
Essere, evento, negatività nell'estetica di Heidegger e Adorno

15:30-16:00 **Günter Figal** (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg i.B.)
Phänomenologie und ontologie

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:30-17:00 **Alfredo Marini** (Università di Milano)
Martin Heidegger, peripezie della verità

17:00-18:00 Discussione

JAPON

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Member Society I: **THE PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN**

A. Present Number of Members: 1,840

B. Meeting:

The Annual Academic Conference of our Society was held in Sendai May 20-21, 2006, during which period a symposium on "Potentialities of modern Japanese philosophy" was organized.

C. Publication:

Tetsugaku (Philosophy, annual Review), no. 57

The special feature in this issue: Potentialities of modern Japanese philosophy.

D. Project for 2007:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held in Chiba May 19-20, 2007, during which period a symposium on "What does philosophy mean?" will be organized.

Member Society II: **THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR ETHICS**

A. Present Number of Members: 1,045 members

B. Meeting:

The Annual Conference of our Society was held in Okayama October 8-9, 2005, during which period a symposium on "Realities of Ethics: How can and should theoretical and normative ethics contribute to solving practical problems?" was organized.

C. Publications:

RinrigakuNenpo (Annals for Ethics), no. 55.

D. Projects for 2006:

The Annual general conference of our society will be held in Tokyo October 14-15, during which period a symposium on "Ethics and Religious Thought: Where and how can and should ethics collaborate with religious thoughts?" will be organized.

Member Society III: **THE SINOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF JAPAN**

A. Present Number of Members: 2,018 members

B. Meeting:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held in Tokyo October 8-9, 2006, during which period a symposium on “Proposal on Sinology: Japanese Sinology Viewed from Outside” will be organized.

C. Publications:

NihonChugokugakkaiHo (Bulletin of the Sinological Society of Japan), no. 58.

D. Projects for 2007:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held from 6-7 October, 2007, in Nagoya.

Member Society IV: JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

OF INDIAN AND BUDDHIST STUDIES

A. Present Number of Members: 2,548 members

B. Meeting:

The 57th Annual Academic Conference of our Society was held from 12-13 September, 2006, in Tokyo. The special session of the Conference, "Thought and Culture related to the *Vimalakirtinirdesasutra*", was organized.

The *Vimalakirtinirdesasutra*, a well-known major text of Mahayana Buddhism, has attained high popularity and has been regarded as extremely important in Japan since the very beginning of transmission of Buddhist canons to Japan. But it is the Classical Chinese version of the text that has been prevalent in East Asia. A Sanskrit manuscript was discovered at the Potala Palace, Tibet in 1999 during the research expedition conducted by the Institute for Comprehensive Studies of Buddhism, Taisho University, Japan. In this session several scholars discussed current issues from various viewpoints on the basis of the most recent studies of the Sanskrit manuscript.

C. Publication:

Indogaku-Bukkyogaku-Kenkyu (Journal of Indian and Buddhist Studies), vol. 54, nos. 1, 2 and 3, December, 2005 and March, 2006.

D. Project for 2007:

The 58th Annual Academic Conference of our Society will be held from 4-5 September, 2007 in the city of Tokushima.

Member Society V: THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A. Present Number of Members: 2,168 members

B. Meeting:

The Annual Conference of our Society was held in Sendai September 16-18, 2006, during which period a public symposium on “The Point of Contact between the Living and the Dead” will be organized.

C. Publication:

Shukyo-Kenkyu (Journal of Religious Studies), nos. 348, 349 (Special Issues on “Life—Death—Medicine), (planned) 350, 351.

D. Project for 2007:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held from 15-17 September, 2007, in Tokyo.

Member Society VI: THE JAPANESE SOCIETY FOR AESTHETICS

A. Present Number of Members: 1,642 members

B. Meeting:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held from 7-9 October, 2006, in Osaka with a symposium "The Globalization and Local Environment of Art".

C. Publication:

Bigaku (Aesthetics), nos. 225, 226, (planned) 227, 228.

D. Projects for 2007:

The Annual Conference of our Society will be held from 6-8 October, 2007, in Sapporo.

RUSSIE

RUSSIAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

**Bulletin
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We hereby announce publication and circulation of the Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society No. 2, 2006 (Editor-in-Chief, Professor A. N. Chumakov; Executive Secretary, Professor N. Z. Yaroschuk).

We dedicate this issue to the three jubilees, viz. the 35th anniversary of the USSR Philosophical Society, the 15th anniversary of the Russian Philosophical Society, and the 10th anniversary of the RPhS Bulletin.

The first part of the journal deals with the principal jubilee event, the All-Russian Conference on *Problems of Making Civil Society in Russia: The Role and Duty of Philosophy* held in Moscow Oblast from 25 to 28 May 2006. Please, read information about the proceedings of the conference and the list of 72 members to have received Certificates of Honour for their personal contributions in the activities of the Russian Philosophical Society, as well as congratulatory letters addressed to the RPhS Presidium and the RPhS Bulletin Editorial Board.

The reader will also find the verbatim record of the opening speech by Pr. A. N. Chumakov, RPhS First Vice-President, titled *The Russian Philosophical Society: From the Past to the Future*; and summaries of the plenary speech by Pr. A. V. Pertsev, RPhS Vice-President and Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, the Urals State University (Yekaterinburg), on *Russian Philosophers as a Community*; and the speech by Pr. Ye. M. Malikitov, President, International *Znanie* Association, on *Learning to Live in the 21st Century*. Speeches, Opinions and Judgements include materials by Pr. V. A. Kuvakin, President, Russian Humanist Society (Moscow) on *The Mission of Philosophy in Russia: The 21st Century*; Pr. M. I. Bilalov, Chairman,

RPhS Dagestan Branch (Makhachkala), *On Fruitfulness of Critical Reflection*; Pr. G. V. Drach, Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, Rostov State University (Rostov-on-Don) on *Philosophy and Civic Self-Consciousness*; Pr. V. A. Konev, Chairman, RPhS Samara Branch, on *What Is Our Way to the Civil Society?*; Assoc. Pr. I. I. Ivanova, Chairperson, RPhS Kyrgyz Branch (Bishkek) on *Philosophy Today: Should We Seek to Save It or Save Ourselves with Its Help?*; Pr. M. D. Shchelkunov, Chairman, RPhS Tatar Branch (Kazan), on *Problems of Making Civil Society in Russia*; Assoc. Pr. O. V. Chistyakova, Chairperson, RPhS Novorossiysk Branch (Novorossiysk), on *RPhS as a Part of Civil Society*; Pr. Ya. S. Yaskevich, Chairperson, RPhS Minsk Branch (Minsk), on *Civil Society, National Idea and Ideology of State: Forms of Interaction*; Pr. Ye. A. Kogay, Chairperson, RPhS Kursk Branch (Kursk), on *Dilemmas of Russian Self-Consciousness and Civil Society*; Pr. I. I. Bulychyov, Chairman, RPhS Tambov Branch (Tambov), on *Democracy and Counterdemocracy*; Pr. A. S. Kolesnikov, Member, RPhS Presidium (St. Petersburg), on *Philosophy in Civil Society*; Pr. V. N. Porus, Member, RPhS Bulletin Editorial Board (Moscow), on *Whether University Philosophy in Russia is Destined to Live Long?* These are followed by recommendations by various sections: *The RPhS and Contemporary Challenges*; *Bank of Knowledge in the Making of Civil Society*; *Philosophy and Culture*; *State and Civil Society*. We finally publish the *Concluding Resolution of the All-Russian Conference*, summarizing the functions of philosophy in science and education and its role in the making of civil society, and specifying concrete proposals.

Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organisations includes materials about Inter-University Workshop *Russian Religious Philosophy on Russia and Its Fate* (April, Novorossiysk); the activities of the Continuous Seminar on *Philosophy of Contemporary Management* (Krasnoyarsk); the activities of *Interdisciplinary Seminar of Transhumanism and Scientific Immortalism* (Moscow); the activities of RPhS *Irkutsk* and *Udmurtiya* Branches.

Events and Comments inform about the *Eighth Ilyenkov Readings – 2006* (Kiev, Ukraine); the International Interdisciplinary Conference on *Machines, Humans. Values* commemorating the 85th anniversary of Pr. S. M. Shalyutin (Kurgan); on events commemorating the 400th anniversary of Patriarch Nikon; the seminar held by the Section on *Globalisation of Morals: New Dialogue Between Humans* (Moscow); the round table on *Philosophy and Civil Society* (Moscow).

Problems of Teaching Philosophy present controversial *Meditations on the New Candidate Examination* by Pr. V. I. Przhilensky (Stavropol); *How to Save University Philosophy* by S. S. Peruansky, Cand. Phys.-Math. Sc. (Moscow); *Contemporary Russian Philosophising: Lost Illusions* by Pr. V. I. Krasikov (Kemerovo).

Read Managing Education: Contemporary Approaches for an interview with Pr. S. D. Nikolayev, Rector, Moscow State Textile University.

Opinions of Foreign Colleagues include *Ideological Russian Philology in Poland* by Andrzej de Lazari, Editor, *Russo-Polish-English Lexicon* (Lodz, Poland); *Sustainable development and Education: France in Search of New Ethics* by Jana Prosperini (France).

Read Civil Society for an interview with Academician T. I. Oyzerman and *Intellectual Superiority Underrated (Reading the 2006 Federal Assembly Address)* by S. A. Sharakshané, RPhS Member (Moscow).

Philosophy and Contemporary World present *Philosophical Foundations of a World Parliament* by Pr. Glen T. Martin (USA) on the Ninth Session of the Provisional World Parliament held from 11 to 15 April in Tripoli (Libya).

Responses to Our Publications include *Barbarianism in Grimaces of Civilisation* by Assoc. Pr. M. G. Kurbanov (Makhachkala) after Pr. N. V. Motroshilova's paper presented at the Fourth Russian Congress of Philosophy.

Position presents *Work is Air-conditioned GULAG* by A. G. Pysin (Moscow).

Standpoint presents *Leibniz: To Substitute Sorites for Controversy* by A. G. Voytov (Moscow); and *Hegel's Individuality Theorem* by Assoc. Pr. V. D. Zhirnov (Moscow).

Read *Raising an Issue* for the concluding section (begun in RPhS Bulletin, 2006:1/37) of *Philosophy of Economics Raises a Problem* by Pr. Yu. M. Osipov and I. P. Smirnov, Cand. Hist. Sc. (Moscow); *On the Problem of Functioning of Heuristic Principles* by Assoc. Pr. V. M. Darmogray (Saratov); and *Virtual and Ideal* by Assoc. Pr. Ye. V. Gryaznova (Nizhny Novgorod).

Published By Way of Discussion are *Live Ethics: Topical Contemporary Doctrine* by Assoc. Pr. G. B. Svyatokhina (Ufa); *Silence as a Form of Love of Wisdom* by S. A. Maltseva, D. Phil. (St. Petersburg); *Mystery as Being, as Truth in Itself* by Pr. V. I. Kholodny (Moscow); *Necessity of Philosophy* by I. L. Alekseyev, RPhS Member (Tula); *Philosophy as Presenter and Representative of Secular Culture's Spiritual and Moral Values* by Pr. V. D. Zhukotsky (Nizhnevartovsk); *Education in the Age of Information* by L. A. Zaytseva, Ph.D. (Moscow); *Education as a Philosophical Category* by N. S. Fomin, D. Pedag. Sc. (Moscow).

Topical Issues are discussed in *On Identity and Duties of Russian Philosophy* by Assoc. Pr. K. S. Khrutskoy (Novgorod) and *Novelty, Its Genesis and Development* by Ariz Avyaz ogly Gezalov, Ph.D. (Baku).

Important Talk is by Assoc. Pr. A. G. Myasnikov (Penza) on the subject of *The Newest Middle Age, or On Fear of Autonomous Morality (Metropolitan Kirill and Kant)*.

A new column *Philosophical Anthropology* presents *Inexhaustibility of Anthropological Experience* by Pr. P. S. Gurevich (Moscow).

Pursuing the Topic, T. V. Kuznetsova, D. Phil., deliberates *Ancient Greeks' Notion of Beauty*.

From the History of Russian Philosophy presents *Philosophy in Post-Soviet Russia* by Pr. A. V. Yarakhtin (Ivanovo).

Oriental Philosophies present *On a Specific Feature of Definition of Notions in Indian Philosophy* by Pr. V. K. Shokhin (Moscow).

Union of Philosophy and Natural Science presents *The 50th Anniversary of Russell-Einstein Manifesto* by M. A. Lebedev, Executive Secretary, Russian Pugwash Committee, the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow).

Feedback presents analytical review of *RPhS Bulletin 2006:1* by Pr. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow).

The Young Philosopher's Page presents *Brands* by R. M. Musayev, postgraduate student (Moscow).

See *Philosophy in the Internet* for *Philosophical Preferences of Runet Users* by Assoc. Pr. I. Shkuratov (Belgorod).

Read *Pro Memoria* of Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Zinovyev and Moisey Samoilovich Kagan.

Mentioned as *Noteworthy* is the first issue of *Russian Philosophical Gazette*.

Read *Useful Information* about this year (2006) events at the *National Library (Plekhanov House)*.

See also book reviews, annotations, book announcements, **information on new books and journals **available at the RPhS Presidium**, books published by the Institute of Philosophy members in 2005, doctoral (33) and candidate (117) dissertations in philosophy defended in the second quarter of 2006.**

We also present a *Contemporary Foreign Journal Hekmat va falsafen* (Wisdom and Philosophy).

Among *Philosophers Joke Too* are Sergey Peruansky (Moscow), O. Yanenagorsky (Nizhnevartovsk), Mikail Uvarov (St. Petersburg), Fyodor Selivanov (Tyumen).

The *Poetic Page* presents verse by Sergey Goncharuk (Moscow), Valery Shpak (Lugansk), Lev Ovecheyev (Pavlovo-Posad, Moscow Oblast), and Vyacheslav Kirillov (Moscow).

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

Read also requirements for the RPhS membership for 2006. 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 issue opens with the *Editor's Column* by Pr. A. N. Chumakov writing on *The Social responsibility of Philosophy*.

Information from the RPhS Regional Branches and Organisations includes materials about the new RPhS section on *General Foundations of Being*; the conference on *Creating a Humane Society* held at the Baikal State University for Economics and Law (Irkutsk); the proceedings of the *Virtual Studies* section (Moscow).

Events and Comments inform about the First Russian National Students and Young Scholars Conference on *Artificial Intelligence: Philosophy, Methodology, Innovations*

at the Moscow State Institute for Radio Technology, Electronics and Automatics; on the Sixth International Jubilee Readings on *The Optina Pustyn and Russian Culture* (Kaluga); the Interuniversity Symposium on *Problems of Humanism* (Vladimir); the Russian National conference on *Risk Society and the 21st Century Humans: Alternatives and Scenarios* (Saratov).

We introduce a new column: *Towards the Twenty-second World Congress of Philosophy*. Here the readers will find the basic information about the congress to be held from July 30 to August 5, 2008 in Seoul.

UNESCO and Philosophy informs of the proceedings of the UNESCO Baikal International Conference on *Ecological Ethics and Education for Sustainable Development* (Lake Baikal) and its documents.

Under *Managing Education: Contemporary Approaches* Pr. V. N. Belov, Dean, Faculty of Philosophy and Psychology, Chernyshevsky State University (Saratov) shares his University experience in philosophical education.

Opinions of Foreign Colleagues include *The Problem of Man in Contemporary Philosophical Anthropology* by V. Bukreyev, Ph. D. (Jerusalem, Israel).

Experience of Philosophical Cooperation informs of the meeting with Chinese philosophers at the RPhS Presidium; and the conference on *A. Bogdanov and Philosophical Discourse in Russian in the Context of Modernity* (Marburg, Germany).

Read *Civil Society for Civic-mindedness as Educational Problem* by Pr. A. I. Orekhovskiy and O. B. Fomichyova (Novosibirsk).

The *Global Studies* column informs of the proceedings of the *Global Studies* regular seminar at the RPhS Presidium.

In the First Person presents *Antiquity and Modernity* by Pr. F. H. Kessidi (Athens, Greece).

The Standpoint presents *The Beautiful Stranger Named 'Soul'* by Pr. A. A. Krushanov (Moscow) and *Dynamic Metareality* by A. D. Korolyov (Moscow).

Thinking Aloud is Assoc. Pr. L. A. Dyomina in her hermeneutical apology titled *Essay on Friendship*.

Published *By Way of Discussion* are *Soviet and Post-Soviet Philosophy: Past and Thoughts* by Pr. V. I. Krasikov (Kemerovo); *On Methodological Approaches to the Problem of Criminality* by Pr. N. A. Shermuhamedova (Tashkent, Uzbekistan).

A *Topical Issue* is discussed in *Needed: a Commission on Science in the RAS* [the Russian Academy of Sciences – *interpreter*] by Pr. T. P. Lolayev (Vladikavkaz).

This issue's *Important Talks* are by Assoc. Pr. K. S. Khrutsky (Novgorod) on the subject of *Why Russian Society Took No Interest in the National Congress of Philosophy* and Pr. V. D. Zhukotsky (Nizhnevartovsk) on *Philosophy as a Means of Consolidating Humanities and Secular Culture*.

Philosophical Anthropology presents *On Human in Postmodernism* by Assoc. Pr. R. M. Aleinik (Moscow).

Under *Philosophy and Culture* column read *Two Phenomena of Our National Culture* by L. A. Bulavka, Ph. D. (Moscow).

From the History of Russian Philosophy presents *The Theme of Russia in the Writings of I. A. Ilyin* by Assoc. Pr. Ye. V. Vinogradova (Novorossiysk) and *The Russian Idea: The Philosophical and the Cultural Standpoints* by Pr. V. I. Kurashov (Kazan).

The News of the Day presents *The President's Wife as a Would-Be President* by Assoc. Pr. A. G. Pyrin (Moscow).

The Young Philosopher's Page presents *Early 20th-century Russian Philosophers on Social Crisis* by A. A. Cherepanov, postgraduate student (Tver).

See *Philosophy in the Internet* for *The Internet as a Means of Mass Communication and Information* by Ye. Yu. Zhuravlyova, postgraduate student (Moscow).

Contemporary Foreign Journal presents *Bulletin of the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna*.

Mentioned as *Noteworthy* is information about joining the cultural pilgrimage to Italy; the RPhS *Global Studies* section's new initiative to elaborate the topic of *Preserving Cultural Diversity of Peoples of Russia under Conditions of Globalisation*; the website www.dialog21.ru.

Read *Useful Information* about the *Russian Philosophical Gazette*; the analytical newspaper *Argumenty nedeli* [*The Arguments of the Week*]; the *Sixth Frolov Readings*; the conference on *Problems of Informatics: Philosophy, Theory of Science, Education* (St. Petersburg); the conference on *The Philosophy of Conscience: History and the Present* (Faculty of Philosophy, Moscow State Lomonosov University); *The Days of St. Petersburg Philosophy, 2006*; the philosophical congress to be held in India.

Read the *Feedback* for the analytical review of *RPhS Bulletin 2006:2* presented by independent reviewer Pr. V. F. Druzhinin (Moscow).

The section *Projects and Proposals of RPhS Members* informs of the voluntary contributions to the RPhS fund by A. G. Pyrin (23,000 roubles) and G. N. Mezentsev (50,000 roubles).

See also book reviews, annotations, book announcements, **information on** new books and journals **available at the RPhS Presidium**, books published by the Institute of Philosophy members in 2005, doctoral (6) and candidate (29) dissertations **in philosophy defended in the third quarter of 2006**.

See *Philosophers Joke Too* for *The Cellular Phone* by Fyodor Selivanov (Tyumen).

The Poetic Page presents *Immortality* by Anatoly Averyanov (Moscow).

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

The readers are informed of the *Russian Philosophical Society's* organizational structure, consisting of the Presidium, the Inspection Committee, 114 regional branches, 49 field branches, 53 primary units of the Moscow Philosophical Society; we also publish the complete RPhS membership list (5,337 members).

Read also requirements for the RPhS membership for 2007. As in all 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

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SCHWEIZERISCHE PHILOSOPHISCHE GESELLSCHAFT SOCIETE SUISSE DE PHILOSOPHIE SOCIETÀ SVIZZERA DI FILOSOFIA

Am 19./20. Mai 2006 fand in Neuenburg ein Symposium der Schweizerischen Philosophischen Gesellschaft zum Thema „Was ist Philosophie? – Qu'est-ce que la philosophie) – Che cos'è la filosofia“ statt. Neben vier Hauptvorträgen der Professoren Gerhard Seel (Bern), Daniel Schulthess (Neuenburg), Michael Esfeld (Lausanne) und Manfred Frank (Tübingen) gab es eine Reihe von Kurzstatements, welche sowohl eine breite Vielfalt philosophischer Strömungen als auch die verschiedenen Landessprachen widerspiegeln. Die Diskussionen drehten sich um die beiden Pole „Strenge des Rationalitätsanspruchs“ und „Vielfalt des Philosophierens“. Eine Auswahl der Beiträge wird im nächsten Band der Studia philosophica publiziert. Ein Kurzbericht des Symposiums ist auf der Homepage der Schweizerischen Philosophischen Gesellschaft nachzulesen unter www.sagw.ch/philosophie

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Activities from January 2004 to July 31, 2006

At the National Level:

- 1) Organization of the VIIIth National Philosophy Olympiad on March 21, 2004 in nine centers all over Turkey.
- 2) The fourth seminar on “Teaching Philosophy in Turkey”, on 29 June-1 July 2004, in Ankara, in collaboration with the Council responsible for programmes, of the Ministry of Education and with the participation of philosophy teachers. The President of this Council, who participated in the meeting, informed the participants that the Council intended to introduce a philosophy course also in the primary school. The eight sessions of the seminar and the speakers and discussants are as follows: 1. “Teaching Philosophy in Primary Education”, with the participation of Nuran Direk, Hasan Gürpınar, Şükran Ateşoğulları, Yıldız Aybars, Mehmet Ali Dombaycı and Güneş Yetiş. 2. “Teaching Philosophy in Secondary Education”, with the participation of Kurtuluş Dinçer. Tüten Anđ, Serap Parmaksızođlu, Abdulvahap Özpolat, Yücel Kayıran, Gülşen Öz and M. Salim Şirin. 3. “Human Rights Education in Primary and Secondary Education”, with the participation of Ioanna Kuçuradi, Aysel Göçer, Nermin Yavlal Gedik and Zübeyir Yılmaz. 4. “An Example of Teaching Philosophy to Children with the Socratic Method”, by Nuran Direk. 5. “Teaching Philosophy in the University”, with the participation of Betül Çotuksöken, Zeynep Davran, Sara Çelik, Şafak Ural and A. Kadir Çüçen. 6. “M.A. and Ph.D. Programmes of Philosophy”, with the participation of Pınar Canevi, Ahmet Arslan, Harun Tepe and Sabri Büyükdüvenci. 7. “Teaching Philosophy to Other Disciplines”, with the participation of İsmail Demirdöven, Hülya Yetişken, Kubilay Aysever and Halil Turan. 8. “Teaching Philosophy to Students of the Faculties of Law, Education and Theology”, with the participation of Adnan Güriz, Mustafa Günay and Zeki Özcan. The sessions were chaired by Ziya Selçuk, Zeynep Davran, Harun Tepe, İlhan Tekeli and Sevgi İyi. The seminar ended with a round table in which the results of the seminar were discussed by Yasin Ceylan, Talip Karadayı, Zekiye Kutlusoy, Gülriz Uygur and M. Tevfik Özcan.
- 3) A seminar on “Philosophy in the Antiquity”, held in Istanbul on November 26-27, 2004. Papers were presented by Arslan Kaynardađ (“An Overview of Philosophy in Ancient Anatolia and its Relevance to our Times”), Pınar Canevi (“The Problem of Being in Plato”), M. Levent Aysever (“Thinking on Principles”), Cemal Güzel (“Syllogism in Aristotle”), Hatice Nur Erkızan (“On *Philia* in Aristotle”), Çiğdem Dürüşken (“The Birth of Philosophy”) and Ioanna Kuçuradi (“Reading Plato and Aristotle without the Glasses of the Middle Ages”). The sessions were chaired by Betül Çotuksöken, Tüten Anđ and Cemal Güzel. The seminar closed with a round table on “Modern Interpreters of Ancient Greek Thought”, chaired by Saffet Babür, with the participation of Cengiz I. Özkan (“The Problem of Demarcation in Popper and the Concept of *Episteme* in Aristotle”), Çetin Türkyılmaz (“The Problem of Being in Aristotle’s Metaphysics

- and Heidegger) and Nazile Kalaycı (“Trajic Culture or Socratic Culture? Nietzsche’s Criticism of Socratic Culture”).
- 4) Organization of the IXth National Philosophy Olympiad, on March 13, 2005 in nine centers all over Turkey.
 - 5) A seminar on “Philosophy in the Middle Ages”, on 11-12 November 2005 in Istanbul. Speakers were Betül Çotuksöken (“Looking at the Middle Ages from Today’s Perspective”), Çiğdem Dürüşken (“A Light in the Prison: Boethius and his Philosophy”), Cemal Güzel (“Platonism and Aristotelianism in the Middle Ages”), O. Faruk Akyol (“The View that Shaped the Middle Ages: Thomism and Thomists”), İskender C. Özkan (“Platonism in the Middle Ages: Anselmus), A. Kadir Çüçen (“The Problem of Evil in the Middle Ages”), Kurtul Gülenç (“Human Action: from Aristotle to Abelardus”) and Halil Turan (“From the Scholastic Criticism in the Philosophy of Nature to Copernicus). The sessions were chaired by Saffet Babür, Sevgi İyi and Betül Çotuksöken.
 - 6) Organization of the Xth National Philosophy Olympiad, on March 12, 2006 in nine centers all over Turkey. The winner of the second prize in this Olympiad, Mr. Efe Murat Balıkçioğlu, won the first prize in the International Philosophy Olympiad, held on May 14-18, 2006 in Cosenza (Italy).
 - 7) Organization, by the section of Philosophy of Law of the Society in cooperation with the Bar Association of Ankara, of a twelve-week training seminar on “Ethics and Law”, for a group of attorneys in Ankara, in April-May-June 2006.

At the International Level:

- 1) Participation of the Society, represented by seven of its members –Ioanna Kuçuradi, Betül Çotuksöken, Harun Tepe, Zuhale Kara, Tevfik Özcan, Zerrin Tandoğan and Sinan Tandoğan– in the IVth Philosophy Seminar of the Balkan Countries, organized by the Section of Philosophy, Theology, Psychology and Pedagogy of the Romanian Academy of Sciences in Pitești, on 7-10 July 2004.
- 2) Organization in collaboration with the German Cultural Centre in Ankara, of a conference on “The Philosophy of Peace”, on 6 and 7 December 2004, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Kant’s death. Speakers were Ioanna Kuçuradi (“The Categorical Imperative Against the Golden Rule”), Wilfried Hinsch (“Kant, Humanitarian Intervention and Moral Exceptionism”), Abdullah Kaygı (“Understanding Correctly the Categorical Imperative”), Nebil Reyhani (“Kant’s Belief in Perpetual Peace”), Betül Çotuksöken (“The Concept of Peace in Kant”), Kaan Ökten (“The Fatality of Peace in Kant”) and Hülya Yetişken (“From Kant’s Doctrine of Method to an Original Ethical Education”).
- 3) Organization of the section “Philosophy and Law” within the framework of the international conference organized by the Ankara Bar Association, on January 4-7, 2006.

Publications

Elli Yıllık Deneyimlerin Işığında Türkiye’de ve Dünyada İnsan Hakları (Human Rights in Turkey and the World in the Light of Fifty-year Experience), Ioanna Kuçuradi (ed.), second edition, 2004, 382 pp.

Bioetik Terimleri Sözlüğü (Dictionary of Terms of Bioethics), Yasemin Oğuz, Harun Tepe, Nüket Örnek Büken, Deniz Kırımsoy Kucur , 2005, 322 pp.

Proceedings of Twenty-first World Congress of Philosophy, 2006.

- Volume 2, *Social and Political Philosophy*, William McBride (ed.), 288 pp.
- Volume 4, *Philosophy of Education*, David Evans (ed.) 170 pp.
- Volume 8, *Philosophy of Religion*, William Sweet (ed.), 141 pp.

Projects for Activities in Winter 2006 and in the year 2007

- Organization, November 17-18, 2006, of the Istanbul Seminar on “Modern Philosophy I”.
- Organization of the competition for the *Macit Gökberk Philosophy Prize*, to be awarded to a research paper or book in 2006.
- Completion of the publication of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first World Congress of Philosophy by the end of 2006, provided that we receive the material from the editors.
- Organization of the second seminar on “Ethics and Law” in October-November-December 2006, and of the third in April-May-June 2007.
- Organization of the National Philosophy Olympiad in March 2007.
- Hosting the XVth International Philosophy Olympiad, to be held on May 18-21, 2007 in Antalya.
- Organization, in collaboration with UNESCO, of the World Day of Philosophy in November 2007, in İstanbul.

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Activités du 30 juin 2005 au 15 septembre 2006:

Le 7^{ème} Congrès de la Société d'Etudes Kantiennes de langue française, qui a constitué un colloque intermédiaire de l'ASPLF, s'est tenu à Naples, les 20-22 octobre 2005, sur le thème : "Kant et les Lumières européennes". Il a rassemblé de nombreux chercheurs d'Europe et d'Amérique qui se sont attachés à analyser la présence des Lumières dans l'œuvre de Kant (esthétique, religion, droit, pensée politique, science) mais aussi les relations de voisinage et l'actualité de la philosophie kantienne au XX^{ème} siècle (Cassirer, Husserl, Heidegger, Foucault). Les Actes devraient en paraître fin 2006 en co-édition Liguori-Vrin.

Le 31^{ème} Congrès de l'ASPLF, qui s'est tenu à Budapest du 29 août au 2 septembre, a connu un vif succès. La beauté de la ville, l'accueil des organisateurs, la richesse du thème ont contribué à faire de cette rencontre internationale des philosophes francophones, réunis pour la première fois sur les bords de Danube, un moment fort de la vie de l'Association.

Le thème de ce congrès : « Le même et l'autre, identité et différence » a suscité le plus grand intérêt : la richesse et la diversité des perspectives ouvertes par lui, l'ampleur historique d'une interrogation qui se développe depuis les origines de la pensée philosophique jusqu'aux dernières philosophies, avec une urgence particulière dans les temps présents, née de la mondialisation et de la montée des intolérances, explique le grand nombre des participants, près de 300 et celui des communications, 180, auxquelles se sont ajoutées les conférences et les tables rondes plénières.

A Budapest, la raison philosophique a été invitée à éclairer les racines anthropologiques qui unissent et opposent les êtres humains, cette insociable sociabilité dont parlait Kant et qui peut conduire aux pires atrocités individuelles et collectives qui marquent l'histoire comme aux plus sublimes sacrifices des héros et des saints.

Le prochain congrès de l'ASPLF aura lieu à Hammamet (Tunisie) en 2008 sur le thème : « universel(s) et la question de l'humain »

Publications

Ont paru en 2005:

Chez Vrin (6, Place de la Sorbonne – 75006 Paris):

Les Actes du 6^{ème} Congrès international de la Société d'Etudes Kantiennes de langue française sous le titre : *Les sources de la philosophie kantienne – XVII^{ème} et XVIII^{ème} siècles*

Chez OLMS (Hildesheim):

Kant et la France – Kant und Frankreich, Actes d'un colloque intermédiaire de l'ASPLF (Dijon, Luxembourg, Mayence, avril 2004)

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE PHILOSOPHIE (AIPPh)

During the 17th International Philosophy Congress in Schloß Eichholz (near Bonn, Germany), the General Assembly met and elected a Conseil d'Administration - C.A. (instead of Bureau Central, B.C.).

Those elected were:

As President: Dr. Werner Busch, Melsdorf/Kiel, Germany

As Vice-Presidents: Herman Lodewyckx, Oostende, Belgium, and

Prof. Dr. Aneta Karageorgieva, Sofia, Bulgaria

As Secretary: Prof. Dr. Robert Bürcher, Engelberg, Suisse

As Treasurer: Edgar Fuhrken, Kiel

And 7 other members:

Pekka Elo, Helsinki

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Patrice Henriot, Paris

Maria Liana Lacatus, Bucharest

Prof. Dr. Barbara Markiewicz, Warsaw

Prof. Dr. Manuel Patricio and Prof. Riccardo Sirello, Savona

COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH ON VALUES IN PHILOSOPHY (RVP)

(1) Conferences in 2006

- Dakar, Senegal, "Philosophical Education in Africa" (January 27-29)
- Port Harcourt and Ibadan, Nigeria, "Philosophical Education for an African Identity in a Global Age" (February 2-5)
- Yaoundé, Cameroon, "Philosophical Foundations for Development in Africa in a Global Age" (February 6-8)
- Kinshasa, Congo, "Philosophical Challenges in Africa Today" (February 10-16)
- Rome, Italy, "[Participation, Governance and Civil Society](#)" (May 16-17)
- St. Petersburg, Russia, "Historicity and Cultural Identity in a Russian Context" (May 22-26)
- Moscow, Russia, "A New Paradigm for Philosophy in New Times" (May 29-June 3)
- Hanoi, Vietnam, "Rethinking Philosophy in a Global Age" (June 1-2)
- Elista, Russia, "Philosophy, Cultural Tradition and Globalization" (June 4-5)
- Chennai, India, "Cultural Tradition and Heritage: What do they Convey?" (June 9-10)
- Cochin, India "A New Paradigm for Global Times" (June 12-13)
- Kuppam, India, "Common Good" (June 15- 16)
- Yojakarta, Indonesia, "Culture, Religion and Cooperation between Cultures" (Oct. 17-19)
- Delhi, Trivandrum, Varanasi, Aligarh, India, "Changing Paradigms for Philosophy in Emerging Global Times" (December 18-27)

(2) Seminars

a. The 2006 annual ten-week Fall Seminar, with some twenty scholars from 12 different nations, was devoted to "History and Cultural Identity".

http://www.crvp.org/seminar/seminar_06.htm &
http://www.crvp.org/seminar/seminar_par_06.htm)

Humankind has experienced multiple modes of recounting its history since, and including, some of its most ancient and sacred texts. It has had different theories of history from Augustine to Collingwood, etc.

Modern times with its emphasis on objectivity and clarity, universality and necessity pulled this toward efforts to establish a single overall narrative which not surprisingly reflects the place and times of a Hegel or Marx. In the process attention to the diversity of peoples, motives and civilizations was too long neglected. Now in the developing global interchange of peoples we pay a great price.

The present step beyond the strictures of modernity might best be marked by the new attention to human subjectivity. This enables a more interior reading of history in terms of the inspirations, motivations and commitments of peoples, how they conceive life, and their efforts to survive and even thrive within difficult and changing circumstances, both physical and social. Thus attention shifts from a negative 'freedom from,' but to a positive and creative freedom which shapes values and cultures and the history of their civilizations.

In the global context in which we meet others in ever more pervasive manners through education, commerce, and media it becomes necessary to understand more deeply the nature of history as well and of our histories, as well as our responsibility for their future. We need to understand the nature and role of culture and religions as they shape our history. We need also to understand how in global times our histories converge and how this can be the basis not for conflict and destruction, but for cooperation and progress.

b. *The 2007 seminar* will be on: "Philosophy Emerging from Culture".
(http://www.crvp.org/seminar/seminar_07.htm). Washington, D.C. September 13-November 15.

The Challenge

The theme of the 2008 World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul, "Rethinking Philosophy for a Global Age" is most appropriate. The year 2000 proved to be not only the beginning of a new century, but also the end of the 400 years of the modern era. Philosophers had already begun to speak of a post-modern era. The attempt to enter this new global arena in terms of the old coordinates of control for national self-interest has quickly shown itself to be a progressive disaster. Truly, it is time to rethink the philosophical enterprise, to look for a new paradigm able to integrate not only the achievements of the past but the many cultures and civilizations of our newly global context.

Global times now endow -- and challenge -- philosophy with a broad diversity of cultures and civilizations. At the same time the progressive deepening of human concerns reaches beyond what is clear and distinct to what is of meaning and value, and beyond what is universal and necessary to free human creativity. This directs attention to persons and communities which over time and space cumulatively generate their cultural traditions. These two dimensions: one of global breadth and the other of the depth of the human spirit, now combine to open new sources for philosophy as the work of the human spirit.

Thus this seminar will address the issue of "Philosophy Emerging from Culture". Its intent will be to examine this new dynamic of philosophy, moving now not only top-down to apply restrictive principles, but bottom-up. That is, from the full breadth of human experience and creativity to evolve a more rich vision which can liberate and guide all in our newly wholistic world.

The seminar will study this in a series of sub-themes: "The Dynamics of Change"; "The Nature of Cultures"; and "The Challenge of Global Interchange of Civilizations".

Response

For this work there are significant and promising resources. The humanities (history and literature) can uncover the values of the various cultures. The social sciences (psychology, sociology and economics) can contribute understanding of the structures of the world in which we live. Above all, it will be necessary with these to think together philosophically in order to understand the way in which faith inspires reason and reason articulates faith, that human freedom is open rather than closed, and that self-assertion consists in reaching out to others in the solidarity and subsidiarity in which civil society consists.

For this a seminar is projected with the following characteristics.

- *Size*: restricted to under 20 scholars, in order to facilitate intensive interchange around a single table;

- *Interdisciplinary*: in order to draw upon the contemporary capabilities of the various humanities and sciences and to penetrate deeply into the philosophical roots and religious meaning of cultures;

- *Intercultural*: to benefit from the experiences and commitments of the various cultural communities from all parts of the world, to discover their particular problems in our day, and especially to envisage new and creative responses;

- *Focused*: a single integrating theme, in order to encourage a convergence of insights;

- *Duration*: 10 weeks, in order to allow the issues to mature, the participants to establish a growing degree of mutual comprehension, and new insight to emerge;

- *Intensive*: analyzing in detail a set of related readings and the papers planned in common and written by each of the participants during the seminar; and

- *Publication*: the resulting volume, consisting of substantive, over 20 page studies, written by the individual seminar participants, intensively discussed in the seminar and then redrafted, will reflect concretely the work of the seminar and share it with those working in the various cultural communities in facing the problems of contemporary life.

Organization

- *Sponsor*: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP), and The Center for the Study of Culture and Values, Catholic University of America (CUA).

- *Participants in each seminar*: 10 philosophers from the various continents, who are expected to take part in all sessions of the entire seminar and to write a chapter for the publication. They will be joined by an equal number of professors from various disciplines from the universities and institutes of the Washington area. The visiting scholars will be welcome to join in seminars and courses at CUA, where they will be designated Visiting Research Professors. They will have the use of the research facilities of the Library of Congress and of the universities and institutes of the Washington area. Thus, the period of the seminar should constitute effectively a hard working mini-sabbatical.

- *Schedule*: The seminar will meet on Tuesdays 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon for discussion by the visiting scholars of key contemporary texts related to the evolution of the theme of the seminar; and on Thursdays, 2:00-5:00 p.m. for presentation by the participants of the drafts of their chapters as a basis for intensive critical and exploratory discussion by the group.

- *Costs*: Successful applicants will be granted an RVP Research Fellowship which covers all fees for the seminar itself including simple room and board, but not travel.

- *How to apply*: By a letter of application before March 1, 2006, together with a curriculum vitae and bibliography, providing details of the importance of the seminar to the applicants overall work and the achievement of his or her specific goals.

- *Address*: George F. McLean, The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Room 003, St. Bonaventure Hall, CUA, Monroe and Michigan Aves., NE (at the Brookland-CUA Metro Station), Washington, D.C.; postal address: Cardinal Station, P.O. Box 261, Washington, D.C.

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(3) New Publications: (<http://www.crvp.org/pubs.htm> &
<http://www.crvp.org/book/New%20Publications/titles.htm>)

Thus far, the following books have been published in 2007:

Series I. Culture and Values

I. 34 *Building Peace and Civil Society: An Autobiographical Report from a Believers' Church*
Paul Peachey. ISBN 978-1-56518-232-5 (paper).

Series II. Africa

Vol.II. 11 *The Idea of an African University: The Nigerian Experience, Nigerian Philosophical Studies, II* Joseph Kenny, ed. ISBN 978-1-56518-230-1 (paper).

Vol.II. 12 *The Struggles after the Struggles, Zimbabwean Philosophical Study, I*
David Kaulemu, ed. ISBN 978-1-56518-231-8 (paper).

Series III. Asia

IIIB. 11 *Lifeworlds and Ethics: Studies in Several Keys*
Margaret Chatterjee. ISBN 978-1-56518-233-2 (paper).

IIIC.3 *Social Memory and Contemporaneity*
Gulnara A. Bakieva. ISBN 978-1-56518-234-9 (paper).

IIID.5 *The History of Buddhism in Vietnam*
Chief editor: Nguyen Tai Thu; Authors: Dinh Minh Chi, Ly Kim Hoa, Ha thuc Minh, Ha Van Tan, Nguyen Tai Thu. ISBN 1-56518-098-4 (paper).

Series IVA. Central and Eastern Europe

IVA. 30 *Comparative Ethics in a Global Age*
Marietta T. Stepanyants, eds. ISBN: 978-1-56518-235-6 (paper).

IVA. 31 *Identity and Values of Lithuanians*
Aida Savicka, eds. ISBN: 978-1-56518-236-7 (paper).

IVA. 32 *The Challenge of Our Hope: Christian Faith in Dialogue*
Waclaw Hryniewicz. ISBN: 978-1-56518-237-0 (paper).

IVA. 33 *Diversity and Dialogue: Culture and Values in the Age of Globalization: Essays in Honour of Professor George F. McLean*
Andrew Blasko and Plamen Makariev, eds.
ISBN: 978-1-56518-238-7 (paper).

Series VII. Seminars: Culture and Values

VII.25 *Globalization and Identity*
Andrew Blasko, Taras Dobko, Pham Van Duc and George Pattery, eds.
ISBN 1-56518-220-0 (paper).

VII.26 *Communication across Cultures: The Hermeneutics of Cultures and Religions in a Global Age*

Chibueze C. Udeani, Veerachart Nimanong, Zou Shipeng, Mustafa Malik, eds.

ISBN-13: 978-1-56518-240-0 (paper)

(4) Special Focus for 2007:

Of special interest during 2007 is the theme of the World Congress of Philosophy in Seoul, 2008 on “Rethinking Philosophy in a Global Age.” (<http://www.wcp2008.or.kr/>) The year 2007 is the opportunity for philosophers in the many parts of the world to formulate how the parameters of professional philosophy need to be broadened in order to make room for all so as to be adequate for global times and to specify the proper contribution they wish to make to this. Hence, the RVP effort for **the year 2007** will be to work with teams of philosophers and scholars in the many parts of the world to formulate how they would like to see philosophy grow and what they would contribute from their own cultural base.

RVP Conferences

2007

Date	Place	Topic
May 12	Ottawa, Canada	Accountability in Pubic Service: Combing the Public and the Personal
May 18-24	Tehran, Iran	Faith, Reason and Peace in a Global Age
May 26-27	Istanbul, Turkey	Religious, Political and Ethical Development in Turkey Today
May 31-June 1	Tbilisi, Georgia	Responsibility in a Global Age
June 4-5	Donetsk, Ukraine	Justice and Common Good: The Problem of Moral Decline in Post-Soviet World
June 8-9	Poznan, Poland	

		The Idea of Solidarity in Philosophical and Social Contexts
June 11-12	Caserta, Italy	Ethics and Public Administration
July 2-4	Hong Kong	Public Administration as Public Service
July 9-21	Java, Indonesia	Philosophy Emerging from Culture

(5) 2008 RVP Meeting, Seoul:

During the three days immediately prior to the 2008 World Congress of Philosophy the RVP, in conjunction with The International Society for Metaphysics, The World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies and the Dept. of Philosophy of Sogang University, will hold a 3-day meeting at Sogang University in Seoul in August 2008 on “Philosophy Emerging from Culture”.
<http://www.crvp.org/conf/Seoul-2008/Seoul-2008.htm>

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Activities:

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

Monthly lectures, Symposia:

Dr. Catherina Wenzel (Berlin): "Liselotte Richter (1906-1968). Aus dem Leben und Werk der ersten deutschen Professorin für Philosophie und Religionswissenschaft"
Donnerstag, den 19. Oktober 2006.

Prof. Dr. Joachim Perels (Hannover): "Das Denken von Leibniz und der Widerstand der "Weißen Rose" gegen Hitler: Das Beispiel von Prof. Kurt Huber"
Freitag, den 24. November 2006.

Hinweis auf weitere Vortragsveranstaltungen:

Dr. Eva Johanna Schauer (Hannover): "Prinzessin Antonia zu Württemberg (1613-1679) und ihre kabbalistische Lehrtafel"

Donnerstag, den 18. Januar 2007.

Prof. Rolf Wernstedt (Hannover): "Macht und Ohnmacht der Länderparlamente"

Dienstag, den 27. Februar 2007 (in Verbindung mit der Juristischen Studiengesellschaft).

Die spanische Leibniz-Gesellschaft veranstaltet vom 1. bis 3. November 2007 in Granada eine Tagung zum Thema "Leibniz entre la génesis y la crisis de la Modernidad".

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Publications:

Studia Leibnitiana

VIII. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress. Einheit in der Vielheit:

Vorträge 1,2. Hrsg. v. Herbert Breger, Jürgen Herbst u. Sven Erdner, Hannover 2006 (Congress Proceedings).

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– Entretiens de Tokyo (Japon), 2 -8 octobre 2006. Thème : *Esthétique dans la philosophie contemporaine*. À cette occasion, l'I.I.P. a réuni ses équipes de recherche, ses commissions scientifiques, son comité de cooptation, son conseil d'administration et son assemblée générale.

– Publications :

Actes des Entretiens de New Delhi, Ethics Facing Globalization / L'éthique face à la globalisation, Berlin, Lit Verlag, 2006 ;

Actes des Entretiens de Karlsruhe et de Heidelberg, Kant Today / Kant aujourd'hui, Berlin, Lit Verlag, sous presse ;

Bibliographie de la philosophie, volumes 52-2005 et 53-2006, Paris, Librairie philosophique J. Vrin, sous presse ;

Chroniques de philosophie, volume 9, *Esthétique et philosophie de l'art*, Dordrecht, Springer, sous presse ;

Problèmes ouverts en épistémologie, Paris, Presses de l'Unesco, 2005 ;

Hommage à Paul Ricœur, Paris, Presses de l'Unesco, 2006 ;

Hommage à trois philosophes : Sartre, Aron, Nizan, Paris, Presses de l'Unesco, sous presse ;

Idées sans frontières. Histoire et structures de l'Institut international de philosophie, par Raymond Klibansky et avec la collaboration d'Ethel Groffier, Paris, Les Belles Lettres, 2005.

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Activities of the IAGP from June 2004 to August 2006

1. During the period of June 2004 to August 2004 the International Association for Greek Philosophy organized and held the 1st World Olympic Congress of Philosophy (which is the 16th International Conference on Greek Philosophy) in Athens and the island of Spetses (27th of June to 4th of July 2004). The major topic of the Conference was "Philosophy, Competition and the Good Life"

About one hundred and thirty papers were read and more than 500 participants took part from various countries of the world (America, Africa, Europe, Russia, Korea, India, Japan and other parts of the world).

The programme of the Congress is a book of 288 pages.

The Congress was held under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic and the following persons were among the members of the International Honorary Academic Committee of the Congress:

Professor John Anton, University of South Florida, Honorary President of IAGP

Professor Konstantine Boudouris, University of Athens, President of IAGP

Professor George Boger, Canisius College

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Professor Ronald Polanski, Duquesne University

Professor John Poulakos, University of Pittsburgh

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Professor Jeremiah Reedy, Macalester College, Honorary President of IAGP

Professor Thomas Robinson, University of Toronto, Honorary President of IAGP

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Professor Gerasimos Santas, University of California, Honorary President of IAGP

Professor Demetra Sfendoni, University of Thessaloniki

Professor Teruo Suzuki, Kobe University, Honorary President of IAGP

Professor Saranindra Nath Tagore, University of Singapore

Professor Theodosius Tassios, National Technical University of Athens & Honorary President of Greek Philosophical Society

Professor Joanne Waugh, University of South Florida

Professor Hideya Yamakawa, St. Andrew's University, Honorary President of IAGP

Professor Shigeru Yonezawa, Kitakyushu University

During the Congress forty sessions and Plenary Sessions were held with keynote and invited speakers. One session (the official opening session) took place in the main Hall (Aula) of the University of Athens. Other activities took place during the Congress; among other things, the participants had the occasion to visit the very famous archaeological site of Navplion and Mycenae.

The Congress Assembly during the closing session decided, almost unanimously, that the World Olympic Congress of Philosophy should become an International or Global Institution. The voted text of Declaration is as follows :

DECLARATION OF SUPPORT

FOR THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT

WORLD OLYMPIC CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

«On the occasion of the *First World Olympic Congress of Philosophy* (Athens, 27th of June-4th of July 2004), we, the participants, the delegates of various philosophical associations and cultural institutions and other philosophizing persons, hereby express

our support for the proposal that this *Olympic Congress* become a global institution, so that its intellectual contribution to international cooperation and cultural dialogue may be continued in the next Olympic Games host city and country, Beijing, China in 2008, and in the future host cities thereafter.

Furthermore we express our agreement that a permanent Secretariat be formed that will reside in Athens which will be responsible for promoting the project and ensuring its structure and organisation».

2.Publications

As an aftermath of the Congress, the IAGP (in cooperation with the International Centre of Greek Philosophy and Culture and the Ionia Publications) published a set of the following academic books in 2005:

- a. Konstantine Boudouris & Kostas Kalimtzis, eds., *Philosophy, Competition and the Good Life*, Volume I, Ionia Publications, Athens 2005, pp. 416.
- b. Konstantine Boudouris & Kostas Kalimtzis, eds., *Philosophy, Competition and the Good Life*, Volume II, Athens 2005, pp. 384.
- c. Boudouris, K., & Maraggianou Evangelia, eds., *Philosophia, Antagonistikothta kai Agathos Bios* (in Greek), Volume I, Ionia Publications, Athens 2005, pp. 440.
- d. Boudouris, K., and Maraggianou Evangelia, eds., *Philosophia, Antagonistikothta kai Agathos Bios* (in Greek), Volume II, Ionia Publications, Athens 2005, pp. 400.

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3. The International Association for Greek Philosophy (in cooperation with the South Africa Society for Greek Philosophy and the Humanities) participated, with a number of persons, in the 4th International Conference on Ethics and Politics organized by the

University of Pretoria and the SASFGPH in Pretoria (4-6 of May 2005) on the topic: Ethics , Politics and Criminality.

4. The International Association for Greek Philosophy (in cooperation with the International Center of Greek Philosophy and Culture and other Academic and cultural institutions organized and held the 17th International Conference of Philosophy on the inlands of Samos (Pythagorion) and Patmos (1st to 7th of August 2005) Greece. The major topic of the Conference was " The Philosophy of Culture in the Global Era".

The Congress was held under the Auspices of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, and the following persons were among the members of the International Honorary Academic Committee:

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THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

President: Konstantine Boudouris, Professor of Philosophy, University of Athens,
President of the International Association for Greek Philosophy and General Secretary of
the Greek Philosophical Society

Vice-President: Evangelia Maragianou, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of
Athens

Secretary: Zoe Delaki, Graduate of the Department of Philosophy, University of Athens

Kostas Kalimtzis, Dr. of Philosophy, Environmental Engineer, Athens

Sisi Siakavara, Dr. of Philosophy, Secondary School Teacher, Athens.

More than a hundred papers were presented and more than 300 participants took part from various parts of the world (America, Africa, Europe, Russia, Korea, India, Japan, Australia, and other parts of the world).

The conference Participants, when in Patmos, had the opportunity to pay a visit to the Holy Monastery of Patmos and to the Sacred Cave of the Apocalypse of Saint John the Evangelist. The abbot of the monastery and the municipal authorities of the island (Mayor Gr. Kamposos, President of the Municipal Council Mr. Pan. Evgenikos, and scholar and director of Patmias College Mr. Mathew Melianos) warmly welcomed and gave hospitality to the participants. The abbot of the monastery Dr. Antipas gave as a present to the President of IAGP a numbered and authorised copy of the famous purple codex (manuscript) of the Gospels (Patmos and Petroupolis).

The printed programme of the Conference is a book of 248 pages.

5. Publications

The IAGP, in cooperation with the Ionia Publications and in relation to the above Conference Proceedings, has published a set of three academic volumes containing a number of selected papers. The books are the following:

- a.. Bouduris K. (Ed.), *The Philosophy of Culture*, Vol. I, Ionia Publications, Athens, 2006, pp. 256.
- b. Bouduris K. (Ed.), *The Philosophy of Culture*, Vol. II, Ionia Publications, Athens, 2006, pp. 264.
- c. Bouduris K. (Ed.), *Η ΦΗΛΟΣΟΦΗΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΟΛΗΣΜΟΥ* (in Greek), Ionia Publications, Athens, 2006, pp. 264.

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6. The International Association for Greek Philosophy (in cooperation with the Albanian Society for Greek Philosophy and Culture) participated, with a number of persons, in the Conference organized by ASGPC and the Faculty of Social Sciences of Tirana University in Tirana (6-8 of April, 2006). The main topic of the Conference was: “The relevance and the message of Greek Philosophy today”

7. The International Association for Greek Philosophy (in cooperation with the International Center of Greek Philosophy and Culture and other Academic and cultural institutions organized and held the 18th International Conference of Philosophy at the towns of Kavala and Abdera in Northern Greece, from 20th to 27th of July 2006. The major topic of the Conference was " The Philosophy of Culture in the global era".

The Conference was held under the auspices of the Ministries of Culture of Macedonia and Thrace and more than eighty academic papers were presented. A special Session took place at the birth place of Democritus and Protagoras, i.e. at Abdera.

Other activities took place during the Conference and, among other things, the participants had the occasion to visit and pay respect to the land of Abdera, the birth-place of the above mentioned and other famous philosophers and thinkers of Hellenic Antiquity. They also visited the verdant island of Thassos, famous for its beauty and its marble, and enjoyed the sea and the scenery.

The printed programme of the Conference is a book of 190 pages.

8. Conference Announcement for the Summer of 2007 (15th -31st July 2007)

The International Association of Greek Philosophy and the Organizing Committee of the 19th International Conference of Philosophy has the pleasure of announcing that the theme of the Conference, which will be held between 15th-31st of July 2007, will be:

PAIDEIA

EDUCATION IN THE GLOBAL ERA.

The conference aims to provide a forum for exploring the principles, values, purposes, aims, and means of *paideia*, and more broadly of education, nurturing, and upbringing, within the framework of the common issues and problems that all corners of the world face in the present era of globalization.

So the main questions to be discussed and investigated are whether and what conceptual changes should be concerning the content and the procedure of education and whether education understood as *paideia* should be considered of value in our technological global era. Seeing things from this point of view, nations and states have to consider the question whether and to what extent they have to make changes and to restructure their education system. Understandably, the problem of education (which is closely related to the problem of values) poses itself today anew within the global framework of the present century.

Particular aspects of research and discussion of the this philosophy conference main topic may be the following:

1. Classical theories of education and their contemporary relevance (Plato, the Sophists, Isocrates, Aristotle, Stoicism, Jean-Jaques Rousseau, Piaget and beyond).
2. Leading contemporary philosophies of education in relation to the problem raised by the present conference.
3. The concept and content of *Greek paideia* as education in Antiquity, Renaissance and the Modern world and its relevance today. Hellenic Paideia and Christian education.
4. The classical conception of education and its rejection by «progressive» educationalists.
5. Conceptions of human nature and their influence on education.
6. The concept, content and practice of education and its relation in a culture or society to that culture's or society's ideals.
7. The relative place of the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities in post-secondary education.
8. Education as paideia and education as training for a specific occupation (the relative place of education with immediate application in a specific occupation and of education without such an immediate application of post-secondary education in the humanities and sciences). Education in technical skills, critical thinking and paideia.
9. The humanities, the sciences, and the concept of a balanced education (the place of *paideia* in the context of our scientific curricula).
10. Public and private education in a free and open society.
11. Paideia and the multiple cultural traditions. The challenge of multiculturalism in the global era and educational values.
12. Moral and religious education in the global era. Paideia and ethical relativism. The universal goals of paideia and the diversity of religious practices.

13. The philosophy and the politics of educational reforms. The theoretical grounds of educational procedures in various states and nations, and what we can learn from them. Asian models of education and culture. What can Western nations learn from educational practices, for example, in Japan, China and Korea (or vice-versa)?

14. The concern for a global education. The aims of early education and the global society

(Should a society educate its young with only its ideals as goals or educate them to all the known ideals in the world?).

15. the problems of a universal paideia in the age of cultural and political conflicts. The principles and the aims of a global education and the role of paideia. Educating the citizens of the global era.

The conference is open to all philosophers, including specialists in Greek philosophy and culture, and all researchers of contemporary philosophical thought (ethics, political philosophy, theory and philosophy of education, etc), to theoreticians of economy, values and communication, and to those who are experts concerning the globalisation process, and ecological culture and ecological philosophy. It is also open to creative persons in all the arts and sciences who, taking into consideration contemporary discussions of the problems raised by our age, are able to articulate consistent discourse concerning the problems of education and particularly the place of it in our global era.

There are the following categories of presentation:

Category a: The presentation of original academic Papers by **Invited Speakers** of 30 mins. Duration.

Category b: The presentation of original academic Papers of 20 mins duration.

Category c: Short presentation of papers on a Conference topic of 15 mins. duration.

Category d: The presentation of Post-Graduate Students Papers (**Students' Sessions**).

Category e: Participation by Posters (Poster Sessions).

The Papers in *Category a* will address particular issues, evaluate research undertaken in connection with the subject of the conference in the last decade, and provide an overview and synthesis of various philosophical approaches to the topic of the Conference. The Invited papers should grapple, apart from other things, with the main questions raised by the conference.

Participants who wish to be considered for Category (a) should express their interest promptly and state their preferences concerning the topic they wish to deal with, and send all the necessary information (a detailed **Curriculum Vitae** and a *substantive* Abstract of their paper) to the Organising Committee by 30th January 2007. Persons interested in being considered for designation as **Invited Speakers** should fill out and send in Form no. 1A to the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will cover the cost of board and accommodation for **Invited Speakers** during the days of the Conference. The papers to be presented by Invited Speakers should be sent to the Secretariat of the Conference by **30th May 2007**.

However, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to provide up to 30 minutes of speaking time to members of the Conference whose expenses will not be covered as Invited Speakers.

Category d: In the framework of the Conference there will be special Sessions for Students and Post-graduate Student of Philosophy (and of other disciplines too, provided that they have philosophical interests) where they will present their papers.

The papers should be submitted in one of the following languages: Greek, English, French and German. Papers written in Greek should be accompanied by proper translation into another language, preferably English.

The texts to be read at the Conference in their final form should be saved on 3.5 diskette and on an Apple computer (Software MS Word 2000 and upward and in Times New Roman font or equivalent) or in WordXP for Windows (saved as preferably as Word in RTF format) using Times New Roman fonts or Graeca fonts for polytonic Greek texts .

Fuller texts of Papers (15-20 pages) from all categories (*a, b, c* and *d*) will be published in the Conference Proceedings. Texts in their final form for publication must be on diskette in accordance with the specifications above [see also FORM No. 5]. The diskette (3.5) should be sent, together with two printed hard copies of the Paper, to the Secretariat of IAGP.

Abstracts and papers may also be sent by e-mail as attached documents in the above formats. However, it is obligatory that hard copy (sent by mail or by fax or by e-mail in pdf format) be received as well, since many electronic documents are not compatible in some respects due to different formattings used on different computers and different fonts. Papers should be submitted in two hard copies, double-spaced and with a margin of 1.5 cm. **Only papers of a philosophical nature will be accepted and included in the Programme of the Conference.** The Organising Committee and the Academic Committee of ICOGPC reserve the right to accept or reject papers that do not comply with the academic standards of the Conference.(Conference participants are reminded that only manuscripts written in acceptable English or Greek will be considered for publication. If you have any doubt about the quality of your text in this regard, and in particular if you are not a native speaker of the language in which your paper was given, please be sure that it has been scrutinized by a native speaker of that language before sending it in).

All papers presented at the Conference and selected for publication are copyrighted by the Organising Committee and ICGPC and cannot be republished without express permission ; the exclusive copyright of papers to be published belongs to ICOGPC, unless otherwise stated.

The official languages at the Conference will be Greek, English, French and German. However, due to the prohibitively high cost of simultaneous translation, only the first two of these languages will be simultaneously translated.

Greeks who present Papers are kindly asked to submit an acceptable English translation of the latest version of their Papers which will be read at the Conference. This should be submitted to the Conference Secretary one month before the opening of the Conference.

Applications for participation of whatever kind must be received by:**30th December 2006 or 30th January 2007 at the latest.** Applications should be made on PARTICIPATION FORM No. 1 and (for Invited Speakers) PARTICIPATION FORM No. 1A. PARTICIPATION FORM No. 2 should also be sent no later than: **28th February 2007.** PARTICIPATION FORM No. 2 should be accompanied by an Abstract of the Paper to be

presented together with an English translation in the case of Greek scholars. The Abstract should be written in such a way as to give a clear indication of the ideas and line of argument that the finished paper will be pursuing.

All participants (**except Invited Speakers**) should send the **full texts of the Papers (two copies)** to the Organising committee by **30th June 2007**.

All participants will be notified by mail or e-mail regarding the category to which they have been assigned.

Texts in their final form (Diskette and hard copy) with the indication: FINAL TEXT FOR PUBLICATION must be submitted no later than the **30th September 2007**.

BOOK EXHIBITION, POSTER SESSIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apart from other events, during the Conference there will be an EXHIBITION OF BOOKS (FORM No. 6), and especially books ON PHILOSOPHY. Authors of books, particularly those connected with philosophy, are kindly requested to send copies of their books so these may be included in the exhibition.

There will also be reserved space and special panels for poster sessions. Material planned for poster sessions should be typed on not more than two pages (size:A5). The deadline for applications for poster sessions is **15th June 2007**. Applications submitted after this date, but **before 30th of June 2007**, may be accepted if there is still space available.

Publishers from Europe and all over the world are also invited to organise exhibitions of their publications at the venue of the Conference, after consultation with the President of the Organising Committee.

In the framework of the Conference there will be organised various events, excursions, etc. for which the Participants should complete the relevant forms in due time and send them to the Secretariat.

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEES

The Conference is open to all who wish to attend, provided that he or she contacts the Organising Committee and completes the necessary forms (Nos. 1, 1A, 2 and 3) and pays the Conference fee. **The Conference Fee must be paid by all participants (whether Invited or not)**. Persons accompanying participants must also complete the forms and pay the Conference fee. The Conference fee (see also PARTICIPATION FORM No. 3) is as follows:

a. Participants: Before 1 st May 2007:	100 euros
(after 1 st May 2007:	120 euros)
b. Accompanying Persons: before 1 st May 2007:	80 euros
(after 1 st May 2007:	100 euros)
c. Students: Before 1 st May 2007:	60 euros
(after 1 st May 2007:	80 euros)
d. Secondary School Students: Before 1 st May 2007:	50 euros
(after 1 st May 2007:	60 euros)

Conference participants are advised that cancellations cause major logistical, scheduling and economic problems for the organization of a Conference of this scope. Outings, receptions and other activities are seriously disrupted by cancellations and schedule changes. We ask that only those who are certain of their attendance submit the forms for

participation. **It should be noticed that there will be no refunds of any fees, nor are cancellations accepted.**

The Participation Fee for the Conference should be sent either by cheque drawn on the name of the President of the Conference, or directly to the following bank account number: {National Bank of Greece,K.Boudouris-19th ICOP, BANK-BRANCH: 151/622563-23. IBAN ACCOUNT: GR 1501101510000015162256323, Swift Code(BIC):ETHNGRAA}

The copy of Remittance that indicates the name or names of the participants should be sent either by e-mail in PDF (: kboud714@ppp.uoa.gr) or by Fax (+30210-9923281) or by mail to the Secretariat of the Conference to the following address: Prof. K. Boudouris-19th ICOP- 5 SIMONIDOU STR.-17456 ALIMOS - GREECE.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

1. The Conference starts at 8.30 or 9.00 in “Dido” Conference Hall of Doryssa Seaside Resort in Pythagorion (tel.-(0030)-22730-88300, fax: 22730-61463,Website: www.doryssa-bay.gr, e-mail: doryssa@otenet.gr).

2. It is expected that the Conference will continue until (and including) 22nd of July 2007. Those attending the Conference in Pythagorion for the first time are informed that the Sessions are from 8.30-13.30 and 17.00-20.30. During the afternoon break (13.30-1700), delegates are able to enjoy the sea and sandy beach in front of the Doryssa Bay Hotel less than fifty yards from the Conference Room.

3. With regard to the other events during the Conference, participants will be informed on arrival in PYTHAGORION, and they will receive the full Conference programme (which is almost a printed book of approximately 200 pages) during the registration, in the first day of the Conference.

4. Towards the end of the Conference, as usual, a one-day Tour of Samos could be arranged. However, it is necessary to apply in advance (using PARTICIPATION FORM No.12), because the holding of the Tour depends on whether enough people declare interest. Therefore , applications should be sent to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible and **no later than 15th of June 2007**. The applicants will be informed upon their arrival whether or not the Tour will take place. As has been the case in the previous years, if the Tour takes place, departure will be between 8.30 - 9.00 a.m., returning at around 18.00 p.m.

5. Participants can reach the island of Samos either by ship or by plane. The ships to Samos depart from Piraeus and the preferred destination for Conference participants is the port of Vathi. From Vathi to Pythagorion there is a distance of approximately 17km. There are local buses from one place to another. However, if one arrives later at night, it will be necessary to take a taxi. Since the airport at Samos is in the Pythagorion area, the participants coming by plane will arrive directly to Pythagorion, and the airport is less than five minutes drive away from the Doryssa Bay Hotel and Pythagorion. There are charter flights from European cities directly to Samos (Pythagorion). The Organizing Committee wishes to stress to all participants traveling to Samos by plane, the importance of making airline reservations to and from the island in advance. To avoid difficulties, flights from Samos to Athens at this high peak tourist period should be booked in advance. *Travel arrangements to and from the island of Samos are the responsibility of individual participants.*

6. Concerning the events at the Conference, participants are kindly requested to attend all the Conference proceedings and contribute through their presence to the creation of a true academic dialogue and the kind of warm atmosphere and friendly communication that are part of the aims of the Conferences organised by the International Association for Greek Philosophy (IAGP) and the International Center for Greek Philosophy and Culture (ICGPC). This is a small sacrifice for the good of the Conference which may thus become the start of a course to a more fulfilling life.

7. The Conference, among other things, attempts to capture the spirit of Hellenic philosophy as a way of life, and consequently tries to include many activities whose purpose is to enrich participants with exposure to Greek culture, both ancient and modern, and to an environment where discourse may occur with the warmth of hospitality, friendship and intervals of relaxation and feasting

This allows participants plenty of free time to enjoy swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Aegean, or to enjoy the wonderful Mediterranean atmosphere and hospitality that the Conference location offers.

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In the belief that this Conference will present an exceptional opportunity for research into and clarification of aspects of a burning subject of great philosophical significance, we hope that the Conference will also provide participants with an opportunity for true recreation and leisure (*schole*). We look forward to seeing you in SAMOS, in the very heart of the Aegean Culture.

With kind regards
On behalf of the Organising Committee
Professor Konstantine Boudouris
President of the Organising Committee

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHILOSOPHY OF SPORT (IAPS)

Prepared by Heather Sheridan, Secretary-Treasurer

1) Main activities

- a) Journal of the Philosophy of Sport (*JPS*): Bi-annual (April and October) volume. Abstracts are now being published in the *JPS* in languages other than English.
- b) IAPS Newsletter: published on-line 3 times a year at www.educ.uidaho.edu/iaps/
- c) IAPS annual conference: The 34th Annual Meeting of IAPS took place in Niagara Falls, Canada, 14th – 17th September, 2006.
- d) A philosophy of sport session was included at the Commonwealth International Sport Conference in Melbourne, Australia in March, 2006.
- e) In 2006, IAPS affiliated to APA (American Philosophical Association) Central Division. IAPS had its own session at the Chicago meeting in April, 2006, and was represented by former IAPS President, Jan Boxill, the current President, Heather Reid, and Jeff Fry.
- f) In 2006, IAPS has continued to affiliate to ICSSPE.
- g) In 2006, IAPS has continued to affiliate to FISP (International Federation of Philosophical Societies).
- h) Subscriptions: On-line facility available for new members and renewing to pay subscriptions at www.iaps.net.

2) Future / planned activities

- a) The 35th Annual Meeting will take place at Portoroz, Slovenia, from 19th to 22nd September, 2007. This will be only the second time the Annual Meeting will be held in Eastern Europe (Olomouc, Czech Republic, 2005) and is indicative of the diverse membership profile that IAPS now has. Details on the IAPS website www.iaps.net.
- b) APA: The IAPS Panel at Eastern APA is scheduled for Thursday 28th December, 2006, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington DC (7.30pm – 10.30pm). There will be a Panel on Teaching Sports-Related Philosophy Courses (Jan Boxill, Mark Holowchak, Heather Reid). There will be two papers in the Philosophy of Sport by Paul Gaffney: *'In the Zone: How the Confident Athlete Exemplifies Aristotelian Virtue'*, and Joseph D. Lewandowski: *'Boxing: The Sweet Science of Constraints'*.
- c) APA: There will be an IAPS Panel at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, in 2007 (26th – 29th April).

d) IAPS intends to be represented at the International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport, taking place from 1st –5th August, 2008, in Guangzhou, China, organised by ICSSPE, IPC, FIMS and IOC.

e) Philosophy of sport will have its own session at the World Congress on Philosophy hosted by FISF in Seoul, 2008.

f) The annual British Philosophy of Sport Association (BPSA) conference will take place in Leeds, UK, 22nd – 24th March, 2007. Details on the BPSA website www.philosophyofsport.org.uk

g) IAPS intends to take a lead and become the philosophy of sport umbrella association for regional associations to affiliate with. National and individual associations will be invited to send a brief annual report to IAPS that can then be disseminated via our Newsletter, website, and listserv, and email list. It is anticipated there will be the possibility of some mutual benefits e.g. joint membership, multiple language translations of abstracts, raising awareness of conferences/events, etc.

h) The *JPS* 33: 2 (October 2006) will contain a special section on Olympic philosophy, guest edited by Heather Reid.

i) An access code will be set up for members to access current and back copies of the *JPS* online at Human Kinetics.

3) Issues and concerns (internal and external)

a) Recovering the loss of, and then retaining, a viable and active membership. Membership has increased from 93 in 2005 to 101 in 2006. Membership covers 15 countries including Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, Taiwan, UK, USA.

b) Financial barrier to accessing annual meeting from developing nations.

c) Although female membership has increased by 50% from 2004 to 2006, the fact that females still only make up 25% of the membership remains a concern.

d) Language barrier to participation at annual meeting and to publishing in the *JPS*.

4) Suggested action items (including budgetary implications and respective role of involved organisations / officers / external partners)

a) Continue to encourage members from countries where there is low membership to host the annual meeting in order to ease financial access to members and prospective members to participate and join. Holding the annual meeting in the Czech Republic in 2005 is evidence of this. Likewise, it has been decided to hold the annual meeting in Slovenia in 2007.

b) Continue to encourage the further development of national and individual philosophy of sport associations and encourage them to affiliate to IAPS.

c) Continue to encourage IAPS executive members and the larger membership to participate in multi-disciplinary international conferences and become officers in key international sport organisations/associations in order to raise the profile of the philosophy of sport.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS (IAPh)

“Experience is not neutral”

From August 31 to September 3 2006, the XII Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers (IAPh) took place in Rome. The conference had been initiated and organized by Federica Giradini of the University Roma Tre and with the help of a group of women philosophers around her. Placed in the heart of Mediterranean Europe, close to Africa and the Eastern countries, Rome provided a great opportunity for a number of diverse feminist theories to become open to each other, and for the experience of thinking within this diversity of these theories. Thus the topic “Thinking Experience” was wisely chosen, and the flavour of Italian Feminism fostered a rethinking of the very moments when thoughts and experiences get in touch with each other in feminist perspectives.

Françoise Collin stressed, right at the beginning, that there are a number of specific kind of ideas that concern women and that arise when women meet. Women are not prisoners of their past, and reflection on experience is the way to enable new perspectives to emerge. She continued: “Experience is not neutral or innocent of thoughts” – this emphasis can be read as a starting point for reflections on the interlaced aspects of thinking and experiences for feminist philosophies.

“To practice starting from oneself” gives access to the very heart of the Italian feminism. On the one hand this expression elucidates the importance of reflecting on one’s own situation as well as one’s relationships to others and the world; on the other hand, and at the same time, “starting from” means to provide a starting point and to depart from it. Underlining this, Luisa Muraro recalled the starting point of her thinking, which was marked by the sentence “I am a woman”. “A woman” – both subject and product of patriarchy and subject of her own experiences at the same time, arises as a subject of intermingled aspects of experience: historical, political and bodily aspects, aspects concerning daily life, work, religion and relationships. “Undoing patriarchy” and, so to speak, “Undoing Gender” met and made contact in Rome. This was a great opportunity for feminist philosophy, and hopefully will enable new perspectives to emerge from within feminist discourse in the future. The Symposium shed much light on the fact that both Italian feminism and poststructuralist feminism work to provide innovative political practices and new styles of action to support all kinds of women in the world. Luisa Muraro summed up this ambition: “Experience brings to these living beings, and has the power to make living beings say something true.”

The call for papers was not exclusively addressed to women philosophers within academic institutions, but to all “women of thinking.” The workshops and sections of the Symposium -- considering work, government, rules and relations, education, science and technologies, art, daily life, history and memory, sexuality, and the divine -- represented this invited multiplicity.

Elisabeth Schäfer, Vienna

L'expérience n'est pas neutre.

Le XII Symposium de l'Association Internationale des Philosophes (IAPh) s'est tenu à Rome du 31 août au 3 septembre derniers. L'initiative a été conçue et organisée par Federica Giardini et Annarosa Buttarelli (Universités de Roma Tre et de Verona et membres de la communauté philosophique de “Diotima”), à l'aide de nombreuses philosophes et de jeunes étudiantes.

Située au cœur de l'Europe, proche de l'Afrique et des Pays de l'Est, Rome a été l'occasion pour de nombreuses et diverses théories philosophiques de s'ouvrir l'une à l'autre et d'expérimenter le fait de penser à travers cette diversité. Le sujet “L'expérience de la pensée” a été donc un choix pertinent et le goût du féminisme italien a traversé les moments où les différentes théories et expériences se sont rencontrées en contact les unes avec les autres.

Françoise Collin a souligné, en ouverture du Symposium, qu'il y a un nombre d'idées précises qui se soulèvent au moment d'une rencontre entre femmes. Les femmes ne sont pas prisonnières de leur passé, et la réflexion sur l'expérience est un chemin pour que de nouvelles perspectives puissent faire surface. Elle a continué : « L'expérience n'est pas plus neutre – ou innocente – de ce que l'est la pensée ». Cette affirmation peut être prise comme point de départ des entrelacs de l'expérience et de la pensée dans les philosophies féministes.

«Partir de soi» est la pratique et la clé d'accès au féminisme italien. Cette expression souligne, d'une part, le rôle primaire d'une réflexion qui fasse référence à la situation de chacune et à ses relations avec les autres ; elle souligne, d'autre part et en même temps, le sens du « partir », c'est-à-dire situer un point de départ pour s'en éloigner. En soulignant ceci, Luisa Muraro a repris le point de départ de sa pensée, qui a été marqué par l'assomption « Je suis une femme » : « une femme » - sujet et produit du patriarcat et à la fois sujet de ses expériences – se configure comme un sujet composé par les dimensions historique, politique et corporelle, par les dimensions du quotidien, du travail, du religieux et des relations. « Défaire le patriarcat » et, pour ainsi dire, « défaire le genre » se sont rencontrés à Rome. Une grande occasion pour la philosophie féministe qui laisse espérer que de nouvelles perspectives s'ouvriront pour les futurs discours féministes.

Le Symposium a aussi mis en évidence le fait que soit le féminisme italien de la différence sexuelle soit le féminisme d'inspiration poststructuraliste travaillent à l'invention de pratiques politiques et de nouveaux styles d'action en support de toutes les femmes dans le monde. Les mots de Luisa Muraro synthétisent cette ambition :

«L'expérience ne fournit pas d'épreuves, plutôt elle appelle le sujet – nous pourrions aussi dire, elle le fait naître – à une prise de parole et le soutient dans sa prétention à dire quelque chose de vrai ».

L'invitation aux contributions a été adressée non seulement aux femmes philosophes internes aux institutions académiques mais à toute « femme de pensée », ce qui s'est manifesté dans l'articulation des ateliers et des différentes séances du Symposium sur le travail, les questions du gouvernement, des lois et des relations, de l'éducation, des sciences et des technologies, de l'art, du quotidien, de l'histoire et de la mémoire, de la sexualité et du divin.

Elisabeth Schäfer, Vienne

Les actes du colloque seront publiés en ligne sur le site du XII Symposium - <http://host.uniroma3.it/dipartimenti/filosofia/culturali/simposio.htm> - et du IAPh - <http://www.iaph-philosophy.org> -, en langue anglaise.

Un choix augmenté des contributions sera publié en volume chez Baldini Castoldi Dalai en italien.

Date de publication prévue : été 2007.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

The 15th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy, ISCP

Dear ISCP Members:

The 15th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy, organized by the International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP), will be held at Wuhan University from June 25 to June 27, 2007 (registration starts on June 24). In honor of your scholarship and expertise on the field, we cordially invite you to join us in this very exciting event. The main theme of the conference is: Dialogue between Chinese Philosophy and World Civilizations in the 21st Century.

Topics:

- 1 Chinese Philosophy and Newly Excavated Manuscripts in the Past 50 Years
- 2 New Hermeneutical Approaches to Interpreting Chinese Classics
- 3 Chinese Philosophy and Philosophy of Mind
- 4 Chinese Philosophy and the Reconstruction of Modern/Postmodern Ethics
- 5 Comparison and Dialogue between Chinese and Western Philosophies
- 6 Dialogue Between Chinese Philosophy and World Religious Traditions
- 7 Aesthetic Experiences and Aesthetic Theories in China and the West

8 Chinese Philosophy and the Pluralistic Modernity

9 Traditional Chinese Political Philosophy and Contemporary International Politics

If you would like to accept our invitation, please return the completed Response Form no later than November 30, 2006. We will send you a formal letter of invitation upon receiving it. For those who are thus formally invited, the conference will cover the cost for food during the conference period. All participants will have to pay of themselves for their travels to and from Wuhan and hotel accommodation (the price for a two-bed room is 240RMB per night at Luo-Jia Mount Guest House, 360RMB per night at HongYi Hotel). The registration fee for the conference is 300RMB per person. Wuhan University Travel Agency will help us make arrangements for those who are interested in tourist programs to Wudang Mountain, ShenNongJia Primitive Forest, or the Three Gorges for sightseeing from June 28 to July 1. Travelers will pay the cost for the trip of their choice.

Sincerely yours

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The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS) hosted its sixth conference this June 14-18, 2006 in Paris, in conjunction with the Société de Philosophie des Sciences. Sessions ranged on topics as diverse as Newton and Newtonianism, naturalized philosophy of science, the birth of logical empiricism, and laws of nature. This was our largest conference to date and by all accounts an enormously productive forum for the exchange of research and ideas, as well as a tremendous success in cooperative ventures among an international philosophical society (HOPOS) and a nationally-based philosophical society (SPS) with many common interests.

HOPOS is an international society of scholars with special interest in the history of philosophy of science and related topics in the history of natural and social sciences, logic, philosophy, and mathematics. This shared interest includes all historical periods, geographical regions, and diverse methodologies. The activities promote historical work in a variety of ways, including the sponsorship of meetings and conference sessions, the publication of books and special issues of journals, maintaining an email discussion group, and the dissemination of information about libraries, archives and collections, and bibliographic information. For further information, please go to <http://cas.umkc.edu/scistud/hopos/>.

HOPOS is a member organization of FISP; we encourage all FISP members to join.

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Publications:

Humanity at the Turning Point: Rethinking Nature, Culture and Freedom. Essays on Contemporary Philosophy. University of Helsinki, Renvall Institute Publications, 2006.

The Challenges of Globalization, AJES, Blackwell (forthcoming)

The journal *Dialogue and Universalism* has published several articles by ISUD members.

Activities:

The ISUD held a Round Table at the FISP Interim World Philosophy Congress, 15-18 December, 2006, in New Delhi, India. The theme of the Round Table session was *Peace, Non-Violence and Intercultural Philosophy*. Participants and their topics: Edward Demenchonok (USA), “Hesychast Spiritual Tradition and Peace”; Vincent Furtado (India), “Intercultural Philosophy and Non_Violence”; Anthony Savari Raj (India), “Interculturality and Peace”; Kim Chang Gyong (D.P.R. of Korea), “View of the Juche Philosophy on the World Peace and Progress”; Chaitanya Pragya (India), “Jain Philosophy on Non_Violence and Peace”; and Saral Jhangram (India), “The Dialogue of Cultures.”

The ISUD also held a group session at the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Annual Meeting, December 26-30, in Washington, D.C., USA. The topic of the session was *Collective Memory, Philosophical Reflection, and World Peace*. The papers were presented by Alyssa R. Bernstein, “Nussbaum versus Rawls on Human Rights and Global Justice”; Justin Good, “Love as Revolution: Towards an Eco-Anarcho-Feminist Concept of Love”; Eric Thomas Weber, “Worlds Apart: On Realism and

Constructivism in Political Theory”; and Francis Conroy, “Contested Geographies: Diplomacy, Migration, and Peacemaking in the 20th Century Pacific.”

The ISUD Seventh World Congress will be held on June 1-5, 2007, in Hiroshima, Japan. Theme: “After Hiroshima: Collective Memory, Philosophical Reflection and World Peace.” The three keynote speakers will be Albert Andersen (USA), Hassan Hanafi (Egypt), and Hisatake Kato (Japan)

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A. Logic

A1 Mathematical logic (proof theory, recursion theory, model theory, set theory)

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A3 Logic and computation

A3.1 Formal languages and computation (semantics of programs and of formal languages, dynamic and temporal logics, knowledge representation and AI, verification, computational linguistics)

A3.2 Logic and complexity (interactive and zero-knowledge proofs, complexity of proof systems, complexity theory and model theory, probabilistically checkable proofs)

B. General Philosophy of Science

B1 General problems of methodology and scientific reasoning

B2 Formal approaches to methodology

B3 Historical and sociological aspects in the philosophy of science

C Philosophical issues of particular sciences

C1 Philosophy of mathematics and logic

C2 Philosophy of physics

C3 Philosophy of biology

C4 Philosophy of cognitive science, psychology and linguistics

C5 Philosophy of economics, theories of rationality, decision theory, game theory

C6 Philosophy of social sciences

C7 Philosophy of medicine

D Science and society

D1 Ethical issues in scientific practice and technology

D2 Bioethics

D3 Science and education

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