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This newsletter was published on a gradual basis. It begins with the message of FISP President Peter Kemp in French and in English, continues with the message of FISP Secretary General William McBride in English and French, and then provides news of the activities of the FISP member societies, beginning with national societies in alphabetical order, and concluding with international societies. Readers were invited to make suggestions for additions or changes. A printed version is being sent to each member society at the end of this process, in late summer. We are now beginning to solicit information and contributions for the next newsletter, summer 2004, to be posted and published in the fall.

Ce bulletin a été publié peu à peu. Il commence avec le message présidentiel de Peter Kemp en français et en anglais, suivi de celui du Secrétaire Général de la FISP, William McBride, en anglais et en français; ensuite, des nouvelles des activités des sociétés membres de la FISP sont données, en commençant avec les sociétés nationales (en ordre alphabétique), et en se terminant avec les sociétés internationales. Les lecteurs ont été invités à fournir soit des renseignements supplémentaires soit des changements. Une version imprimée est en train d'être envoyée à chacune des sociétés membres à la fin de ce processus, vers la fin d'été. Nous commençons alors à solliciter des renseignements et d'autres contributions pour le bulletin prochain, celui d'été 2004, destiné à apparaître en automne 2004.

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Dans ce premier numéro du *Bulletin* qui fait suite au XXI^e Congrès Mondial de la Philosophie tenu à Istanbul du 10 au 17 août 2003 et à l'Assemblée générale de la FISP réunie au cours de ce congrès, je tiens à remercier très sincèrement les Sociétés Membres de notre fédération de m'avoir élu président de la FISP. En tant que secrétaire général pendant les cinq années qui se sont écoulées depuis le Congrès Mondial à Boston en 1998, j'ai appris quelque chose sur la lourde tâche qui incombe au président de cette fédération pour préparer le prochain congrès mondial. Mais il a été réconfortant de voir comment les élu(e)s du Comité Directeur et du Bureau apportaient leur soutien et témoignaient leur enthousiasme pour les travaux de la présidente Ioanna Kuçuradi et de moi-même. Et aussi les nombreux encouragements que j'ai reçus depuis mon élection au poste de président me font croire que la FISP va continuer à jouer un rôle très important pour renforcer les activités philosophiques au service de la coexistence globale, de la paix mondiale et de la justice sociale dans le monde.

La plus grande tâche de la FISP pour les prochaines années est bien sûr de bien préparer le congrès mondial que l'Assemblée générale à Istanbul a décidé de tenir à Séoul en 2008. C'est pourquoi en novembre dernier, j'ai rencontré à Séoul nos collègues du Comité Organisateur en Corée pour élaborer avec eux le Mémoire d'Accord pour l'Organisation de ce congrès. Et nous nous sommes à nouveau rencontrés à Copenhague où, le 27 mars 2004, le professeur Yersu Kim et moi-même avons signé l'accord entre la FISP et le KOC (le Comité Organisateur de Corée) pour le XXII^e Congrès Mondial de Philosophie prévu pour le mois d'août de l'année 2008.

A Copenhague, le Comité Directeur s'est d'ailleurs réuni à la même date et après une longue discussion sur les propositions faites par un grand nombre des sociétés membres consultées, il a fixé comme thème général du prochain Congrès Mondial : *Repenser la philosophie aujourd'hui*. C'est un bon thème qui permet à tous les courants philosophiques du monde et à tout penseur conscient de sa responsabilité de citoyen du monde d'apporter une réflexion appropriée aux grandes questions de notre temps et de montrer que la philosophie est toujours capable de servir l'humanité dans l'actualité.

A la même réunion, le CD a élu Gilbert Hottois, ULB de Bruxelles et membre du CD de la FISP, président de la Commission Scientifique du prochain Congrès mondial. Il doit, avec les autres membres de la Commission qui étaient aussi désignés par le CD, recueillir et évaluer les propositions des sociétés membres pour les thèmes des sessions plénières et les symposiums du congrès et autres suggestions pour ce congrès en vue de présenter une proposition de programme au CD.

Mais la FISP ne s'occupe pas seulement du congrès mondial. Elle vise à stimuler toute sorte d'activité philosophique. C'est ainsi que nous avons organisé une table ronde à l'UNESCO, lors de la Journée de la philosophie, le 20 novembre 2003 à Paris sur le thème *Justice Globale : La philosophie face aux problèmes du XXI^e siècle*. La salle, venue

écouter et discuter avec Ioanna Kuçuradi, Jean Ferrari, William McBride et Ivan Kaltchev, était comble.

En liaison avec la réunion du Comité Directeur à Copenhague, grâce surtout au recteur de l'Université Danoise de l'Éducation, Lars-Henrik Schmidt, et avec le soutien du KOC de Corée, la FISP a aussi organisé un colloque de deux jours sur l'*Histoire dans l'Éducation* auquel une quinzaine de membres du CD a contribué par une communication. D'autres colloques sont prévus dans le cadre des prochaines réunions du CD, dont une se déroulera sans doute à Séoul et une autre à Helsinki.

En plus la FISP continue de fournir son appui aux Olympiades philosophiques internationales (IPO) qui permettent aux jeunes philosophes de se rencontrer et d'entrer en compétition loyale comme dans le sport. La dernière Olympiade s'est tenue à Séoul du 19 au 22 mai 2004 sous la présidence du professeur Son Dong-Hyun, et l'Assemblée Générale de l'IPO, réunie pendant ce congrès, était présidée par Mme Bhuvan Chandel, professeur à Delhi et vice-présidente de la FISP.

Dans le domaine de la publication, il faut signaler deux livres parus en 2003 à la Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin à Paris dans la collection «Pour demain» rédigée par Gilbert Hottois. Il s'agit de l'ouvrage *Les philosophes et la technique*, qui réunit des textes de 18 philosophes sur les conceptions de la technique chez différents penseurs de notre temps, et de l'ouvrage bilingue (français et anglais) *Socrate pour tous/Socrates for Everybody* où 16 philosophes réfléchissent sur l'enseignement de la philosophie aux non-philosophes.

Finalement il faut mentionner le livre très précieux pour la FISP qu'a écrit le président honoraire de la FISP, Evandro Agazzi: *A Short History of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies* (Une brève histoire de la Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie), publié à Ankara par la Société de Philosophie de Turquie. Avec ses 30 années d'expérience comme trésorier tout d'abord, ensuite secrétaire général et finalement président de la FISP, l'auteur a réussi à faire un récit fascinant de l'histoire de la FISP, depuis sa fondation à Amsterdam en 1948 en regardant aussi en arrière vers l'organisation des congrès mondiaux de la philosophie depuis le premier congrès à Paris en 1900.

La FISP inclut ainsi une longue et honorable tradition dans son action. Et je tiens à consacrer tous mes efforts à poursuivre cette tradition tout en repensant le rôle de la philosophie aujourd'hui.

Peter Kemp
Président de la FISP

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In this first issue of the *Newsletter* following the 21st World Congress of Philosophy in Istanbul from August 10 to 17 and the meeting of the FISP General Assembly during this Congress, I wish most sincerely to thank the member societies of our Federation for having elected me President. In my capacity as Secretary General during the five year period following the World Congress in Boston in 1998, I learned something about the heavy burden that falls on the shoulders of the President of this Federation by way of preparing for the next World Congress. But it was comforting to see how the elected members of the Steering Committee and of the Bureau offered their support and expressed their enthusiasm for the work done by President Ioanna Kuçuradi and myself. Moreover, the numerous expressions of encouragement that I have received since my election to the office of President lead me to believe that FISP is going to continue to play a very important role in strengthening philosophical activities in the service of global coexistence, world peace, and social justice in the world.

FISP's most important task for the coming years is of course to prepare well for the World Congress that the General Assembly decided to hold in Seoul in 2008. That is why, last November, I met with our colleagues on the Korean Organizing Committee in Seoul in order to work out with them the Memorandum of Agreement for the organization of this Congress. We met again in Copenhagen, where, on March 27, 2004, Professor Yersu Kim and I signed the agreement between FISP and the KOC (the Korean Organizing Committee) for the 22nd World Congress of Philosophy, scheduled for the month of August in the year 2008.

The Steering Committee also met on the same day in Copenhagen, and, after a long discussion of the proposals submitted by a large number of the member societies that had been consulted, settled on the following general theme for the next World Congress: *Rethinking Philosophy Today*. It is a good theme, which allows all philosophical currents and every thinker who is conscious of his or her responsibility as a world citizen to bring to bear a level of reflection suited to the great questions of our time and to show that philosophy is still capable of serving humanity in the current state of affairs.

At the same meeting, the Steering Committee elected Gilbert Hottois of the Free University of Bruxelles, himself a member of the FISP Steering Committee, Chair of the Scientific Committee for the next World Congress. He, along with the other members of the latter committee who were also chosen by the Steering Committee, is responsible for collecting and evaluating proposals from member societies for the themes of the plenary sessions and symposia of the Congress, and other suggestions concerning the Congress, with a view to submitting a proposal for the program to the Steering Committee.

But FISP is not concerned only with the World Congress. It aims to stimulate all sorts of philosophical activity. Thus, we organized a round table at UNESCO, on the occasion of Philosophy Day, November 20, 2003, in Paris, on the theme "Global Justice: Philosophy Confronting Problems of the 21st Century." The audience, who had come to hear and carry on a discussion with Ioanna Kuçuradi, Jean Ferrari, William McBride, and Ivan Kaltchev, filled the room.

In connection with the meeting of the Steering Committee in Copenhagen, thanks particularly to the Rector of the Danish University of Education, Lars-Henrik Schmidt, and with the support of the Korean Organizing Committee, FISP also arranged for a two-day colloquium on "History in Education," at which fifteen members of the Steering Committee presented papers. Other colloquia are planned

within the framework of forthcoming meetings of the Steering Committee, one of which will no doubt take place in Seoul and another in Helsinki.

In addition, FISP continues to sponsor the International Philosophy Olympiads (IPO), which allow young philosophers to meet and to engage in friendly competition, as in sports. The most recent Olympiad took place in Seoul from May 19 to 22, 2004; it was presided over by Professor Son Dong-Hyun, while the General Assembly of the IPO, which met during this competition, was presided over by Ms. Bhuvan Chandel, professor in Delhi and Vice-President of FISP.

In the area of publications, two books that appeared in 2003 with the Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin in Paris, in its collection "Pour demain," edited by Gilbert Hottois, should be mentioned. First there is the anthology *Les philosophes et la technique*, which contains articles by 18 philosophers concerning conceptions of technology advanced by different contemporary thinkers, and then there is the bilingual (French and English) work, *Socrate pour tous/Socrates for Everybody*, in which 16 philosophers offer their reflections on teaching philosophy to non-philosophers.

Finally we must mention the book, of great value to FISP, entitled *A Short History of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies*, written by FISP Honorary President Evandro Agazzi and published in Ankara by the Turkish Philosophy Society. With his 30 years of experience, first as Treasurer, then as Secretary General, and finally as President of FISP, the author has succeeded in constructing a fascinating account of FISP's history beginning with its establishment in Amsterdam in 1948, while also looking back at the organization of world congresses of philosophy from the time of the first one in Paris in 1900.

FISP, then, boasts a long and honorable tradition in what it does. And I am committed to devoting all my efforts to pursuing this tradition while at the same time rethinking the role of philosophy today.

Peter Kemp
President of FISP

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

This is the first FISP newsletter to appear since the 21st World Congress of Philosophy took place in Istanbul in August 2003. It reflects information collected from member societies in winter 2003-04, although it is appearing later than I would have liked, that is, in June 2004. I intend to publish another issue, reflecting information obtained in summer 2004, at some time during the fall, and to continue publication on a semi-annual basis thereafter.

“Publication” has come to have a somewhat different meaning in recent years from what was formerly understood by that word. Increasingly, those with an interest in the activities of professional organizations have become accustomed to accessing their newsletters and, sometimes, other publications through websites. The FISP website, formerly maintained under the direction of Professor Ioanna Kuçuradi in Ankara as “fisp.org.tr,” has for some time already posted the FISP newsletters, and these past issues are still obtainable on the present website, fisp.org, to which they have been transferred. But some of us, myself included, continued until recently to think of the printed version as more definitive than the electronic one. In a sense, this is still the case, and printed versions of the present newsletter will be sent – thanks to Professor Kuçuradi’s continued generosity and consideration – by mail from Ankara to member societies’ official addresses (such as we have them in our files, which we try to update constantly) during the coming summer. But the website version, which has the enormous advantages of being (1) constantly revisable and (2) instantly accessible to any individual member of our member societies who has Internet access, has now acquired increasing, perhaps even predominant, importance. Its flexibility is such that our newsletters can now be constructed in segments, rather than all at once, and I intend to take advantage of this feature from now on.

The increasing predominance of the website and of electronic correspondence in general also makes it possible to achieve far greater reciprocity between member societies and FISP as an organization than was possible, say, ten years ago. “FISP as an organization” sounds, I think, rather more grand than the reality: there is a small number of officers, those listed under the heading of “administrative bodies” on this website, and there is a supporting “Steering Committee” of approximately thirty philosophers which meets annually as a whole, and virtually all other FISP activities, such as sub-committee meetings, the planning of regional meetings, and the planning of the next World Congress, take place within the confines of this group. But if the organization of FISP is comparatively small, and if it still functions, as it has from its inception, without any permanent organizational headquarters and without the kind of funding that would make such a headquarters possible, its potential mandate is, by contrast, quite extensive. Philosophy worldwide has no other comparable vehicle for facilitating exchange of information, projects, proposals – in short, ideas and ideals, to both of which the practice of philosophy is supposed to be dedicated above all. All of us who are currently involved with FISP share the hope that we can become increasingly effective, in the coming years, in living up to this mandate.

In order to try to do this, of course, we need to take advantage of the greater reciprocity to which I have referred. In other words, we welcome, really **welcome**, suggestions from both officers and members of all our member societies. As Secretary General, I will be delighted to receive them and to try either to act on them myself or, no doubt more frequently, to bring them to the attention of colleagues who will try to

implement whatever seems worthwhile and feasible among the proposals that you submit. My address, once again, is: wmcbride@purdue.edu .

Peter Kemp's Presidential message in this newsletter touches on FISP activities since the highly successful World Congress in Istanbul, at the General Assembly of which he was elected President along with the election of new members of the Steering Committee. There would be no point to my repeating here what he has covered. At the Steering Committee meeting the day after the close of the Congress, I had the honor of being elected Secretary General for a five year term. Since there was little time for conducting much other business on that day, and since some of the newly-elected Steering Committee members could not attend this meeting because of prior travel arrangements, it was decided to hold the next meeting relatively soon, that is, in spring 2004. This was done in Copenhagen in late March. During the intervening period, I considered my most pressing responsibility to be to transfer our website and to try to familiarize myself with some of the technical aspects of this medium. Meanwhile, as officers of member societies know, news and other information were solicited from them and sent on to me through the good offices of Ms. Hannah Mia Hendriksen, Peter Kemp's secretary in Copenhagen, who, thanks to the marvelous possibilities of instant transoceanic electronic communication, will continue to assist me, as well as Peter Kemp himself, with FISP business. We are now in a position to move forward with FISP activities, the single most important of which, of course, is preparation for the next World Congress in Seoul.

I have focused in this message on matters of information, explanation, and "exhortation" (to dialogue with those who are reading this) rather than matters of philosophy *per se*. In future messages in future newsletters, there will probably be some opportunity for me to raise more philosophical issues within the context of my role as Secretary General. But I did not wish to make this message too long, and I thought it most useful on this occasion to concentrate on what English idiom calls "nuts-and-bolts issues." Nevertheless, I am certain that there are a number of "nuts-and-bolts" questions about FISP, in various of its aspects, that remain unanswered in the minds of many of you who are reading this – questions of the sort that I myself had before I was first elected to the Steering Committee in 1998; I invite you to send any such questions to me, so that I can attempt to answer them. I shall conclude this message by considering one such possible question, that of "official languages."

This is a thorny question, which is constantly being reconsidered as the global language situation evolves. The first World Congress was held in Paris in 1900, and since its birth, under the auspices of the International Academy of Philosophy and ultimately of UNESCO (see Evandro Agazzi's excellent short history of FISP for details), though this actually took place in Amsterdam, FISP has always had particularly close ties with France and other Francophone countries. Hence, it is not surprising that French was established from the outset as one of the two official languages of our organization, English having been the other by virtue of its already highly international status. Since then, as it would be difficult to deny, the relative importance of English has grown and that of French has declined, even though both Peter Kemp and I, along with many other Steering Committee members, have done some of our philosophical work in French and are fluent in it. These bilingual roots of FISP are reflected both in this newsletter and on the website: for example, the alphabetical listing of national member societies follows the French names for countries, whereas other documents are in both English and French and still others in English only. Meanwhile, three other languages – German, Spanish, and Russian – are considered "official" for papers read at World Congresses (along with the language of the host country, if it is not one of these five), there is strong sentiment for adding

Spanish to the list of some other FISP-sponsored activities (such as the Philosophy Olympiads for students), and the Steering Committee has agreed to add Chinese (Mandarin, or Putonghua) to the list of acceptable languages for the Seoul Congress. There are, then, both centrifugal and centripetal tendencies, and arguments in favor of promoting both. For example, by adding Chinese to our list for the Seoul Congress, we hope to encourage greater attendance than in the past by colleagues from nearby China, the most populous country in the world, where knowledge of foreign languages on the part of a majority of academic philosophers is a relatively recent development; but on the other hand if there are many sessions at which all or most papers are read in Chinese (or, some would even say, any language except English – much as dislike this trend of thinking!), then the purpose of holding a genuinely international gathering, with real philosophical dialogue, will be partially defeated.

The parameters within which this problem of language is considered may shift, but it is unlikely to disappear as a problem in the foreseeable future, particularly as it is ultimately connected with global political and cultural questions, questions of relative hegemony. I was only partly joking when I “predicted” to some FISP colleagues during our Copenhagen Steering Committee meetings that in forty years or so there might still be two official languages, but that they would be English and Chinese. (As it happens, I am writing this message in an office in Hong Kong, having just attended a Kant conference, conducted in English, in Beijing.) Who knows whether my “joke” will prove to have any serious significance? What matters to us at FISP, as I think it should matter to all philosophers who are interested in anything more than narrow technical questions within a single philosophical tradition, is that the global discussion of philosophical issues be as inclusive as possible, reaching out to everyone who cares to reflect deeply and systematically on our world, and bringing every such person into the discussion to the extent to which he or she wishes to be brought in. The question of the optimal linguistic means of achieving this goal is a question of instrumentality, of facilitation -- which also describes, at least as far as I am concerned, FISP's own *raison d'être*.

William L. McBride,
Secretary General

MESSAGE DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Ceci est le premier Bulletin de la FISP à apparaître depuis le 21^{ème} Congrès Mondial de Philosophie qui a eu lieu à Istanbul en août 2003. Il réfléchit des renseignements obtenus des sociétés-membres en hiver 2003-04, tandis que son apparition est plus tardive que je n'aurais voulu. J'ai l'intention de faire publier en automne un deuxième numéro, qui réfléchira des renseignements obtenus en été 2004, et de continuer la publication de ce Bulletin deux fois par an par la suite.

Dans les dernières années, le mot de "publication" a acquiert une signification assez différente de celle qu'il a eue dans le passé. De plus en plus, ceux qui s'intéressent aux activités des organisations professionnelles se sont habitués à avoir accès à leurs bulletins et, parfois, à d'autres publications au moyen de leurs websites. Le website de la FISP, anciennement maintenu sous la direction du Professeur Ioanna Kuçuradi à Ankara sous le titre de "fisp.org.tr", a déjà, depuis quelque temps, inclu les Bulletins de la FISP, et ces numéros continuent à être accessibles sur le website actuel, "fisp.org", auquel on les a transférés. Mais certains parmi nous, y compris moi-même, ont continué jusqu'à récemment à regarder la version imprimée comme étant plus définitive que la version électronique. Dans un certain sens, cela reste vrai, et des copies de la version imprimée de ce Bulletin-ci seront envoyées d'Ankara par poste – grâce à la générosité et aux soins du Professeur Kuçuradi, qui continue – aux adresses des sociétés-membres (tels que nous les avons dans nos dossiers, que nous essayons constamment de tenir au courant) pendant l'été prochain. Mais la version du website, qui a les avantages considérables d'être (1) capable de se réviser constamment et (2) accessible instantanément à n'importe quel membre de nos sociétés-membres qui a accès à l'Internet, est maintenant dans une situation d'avoir une importance toujours croissante, sinon prédominante. Telle est sa flexibilité que nos Bulletins peuvent maintenant se construire par morceaux, au lieu de se construire toute à la fois, et je compte profiter de ce caractère dès maintenant.

D'ailleurs, la dominance croissante du website et de la communication électronique en général rend possible la réalisation d'une réciprocité entre les sociétés-membres et la FISP en tant qu'organisation qui est beaucoup plus considérable que ce qui était possible il y a dix ans, par exemple. "La FISP en tant qu'organisation" a l'air de signifier quelque chose d'un peu plus grandiose, à mon avis, que la réalité même: il y a, comme on peut trouver sur le website sous l'étiquette d' "Administrative Members", quelques officiers, qui font partie d'un "Comité Directeur" avec plus ou moins trente autres philosophes qui soutiennent les officiers. Le Comité Directeur se réunit une fois par an; presque toutes les autres activités de la FISP, telles que les réunions des sous-comités, l'organisation des réunions régionales, et l'organisation du Congrès Mondial prochain, ont lieu dans le cadre de ce même groupe. Mais si la structure de la FISP est assez petite d'un point de vue comparatif, et si elle fonctionne toujours, comme elle a fonctionné depuis ses débuts, sans bureau central permanent et sans l'espèce de soutien financier qui rendrait possible un tel bureau central, néanmoins le mandat qu'elle a, au moins en principe, est assez large. Car la philosophie mondiale n'a pas d'autre instrument comparable pour faciliter l'échange des renseignements, des projets, des propositions – bref, des idées et des idéaux – auxquels la pratique qui s'appelle "philosophie" est censée être dédiée. Chacun de nous qui s'occupe actuellement de la FISP partage l'espoir que nous pourrions devenir de plus en plus efficaces en réalisant ce mandat dans les années à venir.

Afin d'accomplir ce but nous devons profiter, bien sûr, de cette réciprocité élargie à laquelle j'ai fait référence. En d'autres termes, nous accueillons, **accueillons vraiment**, des suggestions de la part des officiers aussi bien que des membres de nos

sociétés-membres. En tant que Secrétaire Général, je serai content de les recevoir et, ou bien d'agir moi-même dans leur esprit, ou bien, sans doute dans la plupart des cas, de les communiquer à des collègues qui essaieront de réaliser ce qui semblera valable et faisable parmi les propositions que vous ferez. Mon adresse, encore une fois, est: wmcbride@purdue.edu.

Le message présidentiel de Peter Kemp dans ce même numéro touche sur les activités de la FISP qui ont eu lieu depuis la grande réussite qui fut le Congrès Mondial d'Istanbul, à l'Assemblée Général duquel on a vu son élection comme Président aussi bien que les élections de nouveaux membres du Comité Directeur. Je n'ai aucune raison de répéter ici ce qu'il a déjà raconté. À la reunion du Comité Directeur qui a eu lieu la journée après la clôture du Congrès, j'ai eu l'honneur d'être élu Secrétaire Général pour une période de cinq ans. Étant donné le peu de temps que nous avons eu pour discuter davantage ce jour-là, avec la circonstance supplémentaire que plusieurs nouveaux membres du Comité Directeur ne pouvaient pas y assister à cause de leurs projets de voyage déjà arrangés, nous avons décidé de tenir notre prochaine réunion sur une date assez proche, c'est-à-dire au printemps 2004. Cette réunion a eu lieu à Copenhague vers la fin de mars. Dans l'intervalle, je regardais comme mes responsabilités les plus urgentes le transfert du website et un apprentissage dans certains aspects techniques de ce médium. Entretemps, comme les officiers de nos sociétés-membres le savent, ils ont été invités à nous envoyer leurs nouvelles et d'autres renseignements par les soins de Mme. Hannah Mia Hendriksen, secrétaire à Peter Kemp, qui, grâce aux possibilités merveilleuses de la communication électronique transocéanique instantanée, continuera à m'aider, aussi bien qu'à Peter Kemp lui-même, dans les affaires de la FISP. Nous sommes prêts maintenant à poursuivre les activités futures de la FISP, parmi lesquelles celle qui est d'une importance unique est la préparation du prochain Congrès Mondial à Séoul.

Dans ce message-ci, j'ai souligné des questions de renseignement, d'explication, et de "prière" (prière d'entrer en dialogue avec ceux qui lisent ces mots) plutôt que des questions philosophiques en tant que telles. Dans les messages à venir, j'aurai probablement la possibilité de poser certaines questions plus philosophiques dans le cadre de mon rôle de Secrétaire Général. Mais je n'ai pas voulu trop prolonger ce message, et j'ai calculé que la chose la plus utile pour cette occasion-ci serait de revenir, pour ainsi dire, à nos moutons, c'est-à-dire à des questions de base. Cependant, je suis sûr qu'il y a pas mal des questions de base à propos de la FISP, dans plusieurs de ses aspects, qui restent sans réponse dans les esprits de beaucoup parmi vous qui lisez ce message – des questions telles que j'avais moi-même avant d'être élu membre du Comité Directeur en 1998; je vous invite à me poser n'importe quelles questions de ce genre, afin que je puisse essayer d'y répondre. Je terminerai mon message en réfléchissant sur une telle question possible, celle des "langues officielles".

En effet, il s'agit d'une question épineuse, qui est toujours en train d'être reconsidérée à la lumière de l'évolution de la situation linguistique mondiale. Le premier Congrès Mondial a eu lieu à Paris en 1900, et depuis sa naissance, sous l'égide de l'Institut International de Philosophie et en fin de compte de l'UNESCO (voir la brève histoire excellente de la FISP, écrite par Evandro Agazzi, pour des détails), tandis qu'elle a eu lieu beaucoup plus tard à Amsterdam, la FISP a toujours gardé des relations étroites avec la France et les pays francophones. Ce n'est donc pas surprenant que le français a été choisi dès le début comme une des deux langues officielles de notre organisation, l'autre ayant été l'anglais à cause de son rang déjà très haut du point de vue international. Depuis, comme il serait difficile à nier, l'importance relative de l'anglais s'est accrue et celle du français s'est réduite, même si Peter Kemp et moi, aussi bien que plusieurs autres membres du Comité Directeur, avons fait des travaux en

français et le parlons couramment. Les racines bilingues de la FISP se réfléchissent dans ce Bulletin et sur le website: par exemple, la liste des sociétés-membres nationales suit l’alphabétisation française, tandis que d’autres documents se trouvent écrits en anglais et en français et d’autres en anglais seulement. En même temps, trois autres langues – l’allemand, l’espagnol, et le russe – sont regardées comme “officielles” pour les communications données aux Congrès Mondiaux (avec, en supplément, la langue du pays où le Congrès a lieu, si elle ne compte pas parmi ces cinq langues); un sentiment fort existe pour ajouter l’espagnol aux langues officielles de certaines autres activités de la FISP (par exemple, les Olympiades Philosophiques tenus pour étudiants); et le Comité Directeur a approuvé l’usage “officiel” du chinois (mandarin, ou putonghua) au Congrès de Séoul. Il y a donc des tendances à la fois centrifuges et centripètes, et de bons arguments peuvent être avancés pour tous les deux. Par exemple, en ajoutant le chinois à la liste des langues officielles pour le Congrès de Séoul, nous espérons encourager une participation plus élargie que dans le passé de la part de nos collègues de la Chine, le pays le plus peuplé du monde, proche du Corée, où la connaissance des langues étrangères possédée par la plupart des philosophes est un phénomène encore assez récent; mais si, par contre, il y a beaucoup de séances dans lesquelles toute les communications ou la plupart d’entre elles se donnent en chinois, alors le but principal de tenir une réunion vraiment internationale, avec un dialogue philosophique réel, sera en partie perdu.

Les frontières à l’intérieur desquelles ce problème du langage sera considéré peuvent changer, mais on doit douter qu’il va disparaître dans l’avenir proche, surtout parce qu’il est lié en fin de compte avec des questions politiques et culturelles mondiales, des questions d’hégémonie relative. Ce n’était qu’en partie que je blaguais quand j’ai “prédit” à quelques collègues à Copenhague que dans quarante ans il y aurait peut-être encore deux langues officielles, mais qu’elles seraient l’anglais et le chinois. (Il arrive que j’écris ce message dans un bureau à Hong Kong, étant venu d’une conférence sur Kant, où tout le monde donnait sa communication en anglais, qui a eu lieu à Pékin.) Qui sait si ma “blague” se trouvera douée d’une signification sérieuse ? Ce qui importe pour nous de la FISP, comme il faudrait, à mon avis, pour tous les gens qui s’intéressent, dans une manière quelconque, à ce qui va au-delà des questions étroitement techniques qui se posent au sein d’une seule tradition philosophique, c’est que la discussion mondiale des thèmes philosophiques soit aussi compréhensive que possible, en s’étendant à tous ceux qui ont intérêt à une réflexion profonde et systématique sur notre monde, et que chaque personne qui a un tel intérêt soit intégrée dans cette discussion dans la mesure où il ou elle veut l’être. La question du moyen linguistique optimal pour arriver à ce but est une question instrumentale, facultative – ce qui décrit aussi, au moins selon ma propre perspective, la raison d’être de la FISP même. – William L. McBride, Secrétaire Général

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On February 2, the Kant-Gesellschaft, the Department of Philosophy of the University of Mainz, and the Kant Research Center held a commemoration of the bicentennial of Immanuel Kant's death.

On February 12, a bicentenary commemoration organized by Dr. Vladimir Bryuschinkin and supported by the Kant-Gesellschaft was held in Kaliningrad, Russia.

In April, the Kant-Gesellschaft, in cooperation with the Kant Research Center, held an international conference on "Kant et la France/Kant und Frankreich" at the Université de Bourgogne in Dijon (April 19-21), the Université de Luxembourg (April 21-22), and the Johannes Gutenberg-University in Mainz (April 22-25). Other supporting organizations were the Société d'études kantienne de langue française, the Centre Bachelard, the Société bourgignonne de philosophie, the Maison de France in Mainz,

and Erbacher Hof (Akademie des Bistums Mainz). Visit <http://www.uni-mainz.de/~kant/kfs/Welcome.html> for information on this and further activities and conferences related to the bicentennial.

With support from the Kant-Gesellschaft, the Nietzsche Society will hold a conference from August 26-30 in Naumburg an der Saale on the topic "Vernunft, Leben, Existenz – Kant und Nietzsche im Widerstreit." For further information, please contact info@nietzsche-gesellschaft.de or visit www.nietzsche-gesellschaft.de

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INFORME DE LA SOCIEDAD ARGENTINA DE FILOSOFÍA SOBRE "DÍA INTERNACIONAL DE LA FILOSOFÍA" - 20 DE NOVIEMBRE 2003

La Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía y sus instituciones asociadas, Sociedad Argentina Germana de Filosofía, Instituto Argentino Germano de Filosofía y Humanidades y Editorial Alejandro Korn han asumido con entusiasmo y responsabilidad el desafío de festejar El Día de la Filosofía en Argentina, como lo hicieron el año pasado el 21 de noviembre de 2002. Estimamos que esta es la ocasión para recordar a los hombres todos que la filosofía es un quehacer que atañe a todo hombre y que, la reflexión crítica es un deber ineludible para poder perfeccionar un mundo más justo, libre y solidario. Es por ello que hemos desplegado nuestro accionar proponiendo, de una forma u otra, por prensa, diarios y radios, por mail, notas o encuentros filosóficos, Pre Congreso y Congreso Internacional nuestra mejor disposición. El presente informe y el material enviado dan fe de la tarea desarrollada para cumplir con tan grato compromiso.

1- Nota enviada a por la SAF a socios, instituciones y profesores amigos en Argentina y resto del mundo. (Octubre de 2003)

"A INSTITUCIONES , ACADÉMICOS Y AMANTES DE LA FILOSOFÍA.

La Sociedad Argentina de filosofía e Instituciones Asociadas, Sociedad Argentino Germana de filosofía , Instituto Argentino Germano de filosofía y Humanidades y Editorial Alejandro Korn, invitan con entusiasmo a festejar el 20 de noviembre el **Día Internacional de la Filosofía**, que , por vez primera se festejó el 21 de noviembre del año pasado 2002 de acuerdo a común decisión de la UNESCO y de la FISP. "No hay hombre sin filosofía , no hay filosofía sin hombre", en razón de ello esta convocatoria es extensiva a todos los hombres sin diferencias de sexo, edad, o nacionalidad puesto que a todos compete, como seres racionales y libres, la posibilidad y hasta la obligación de la reflexión crítica, ponderada y responsable. La SAF organiza del 26 al 29 de noviembre el **Congreso Internacional "La idea**

del Ser humano en el siglo XXI" en cuyo marco se realizarán simposios sobre: I- *La Ética en la crisis del Nuevo Siglo*; II- *Filosofía y Ciencia ,su relación y complementación* (en homenaje póstumo a Ilya Prigogine fallecido en el mes de mayo); III- *Pensamiento latinoamericano y argentino* (en homenaje póstumo a Arturo Ardao, recientemente fallecido, y en memoria de Eugenio Fatone en el centenario de su nacimiento); IV- *Pensamiento oriental* . Este encuentro representará el más elocuente festejo del Día de la Filosofía y se inscribe en los objetivos que la UNESCO preconiza, esto es, promover la reflexión filosófica en todas las latitudes y desde todas las perspectivas, con el afán de iluminar el discernimiento de la humanidad y sus gobiernos en la toma de decisiones cruciales, siempre proclives al error cuando no van acompañadas de un esclarecimiento filosófico previo."

2- Artículo aparecido en el Diario "Nueva Provincia" (Bahía Blanca, Pcia. de Buenos Aires, Argentina, de fecha 16 de noviembre de 2003, Sección Ideas e Imágenes, pág. 41)

"Semblanza y homenaje a Don Manuel Trías" titula Sara Bereilh, Vice-Presidente de la Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía, a su comentario sobre la vida de este insigne miembro de la SAF que dejara su huella perenne en la historia de la filosofía argentina, como aquel maestro que supo entretener los más elevados mandatos filosóficos con su propia vida. "De las profesiones liberales -advierde Sara Bereilh- Trías eligió la que más libera y a la par más compromete: la Filosofía, y ejerció su profesión con sagrado respeto por la verdad, única autoridad a la que se sometía y a la que identificaba con Dios". En su obra, *Nacionalidad y destino. Reflexiones sobre la Argentinidad*, editado por la SAF, leemos esta apretada síntesis de su pensamiento: "Para los individuos como para las naciones es conveniente detenerse, sacar el resto fuera del mar oscuro de la rutina y la inconsciencia y renovar la visión del fin, del sentido de la propia existencia. Autoconciencia, libertad, responsabilidad, seriedad son actitudes que brotan de la misma raíz". Basten estas pocas líneas que no pretenden agotar la riquísima semblanza de Sara Bereilh sobre este filósofo excepcional que fue Manuel Trías.

3- Artículo del Profesor Víctor Massuh aparecido en el Diario "La Nación" (Buenos Aires, Argentina, de fecha 26 de noviembre de 2003, Sección Notas, pág. 21)

Bajo el sugestivo título "La filosofía y el incierto futuro", Víctor Massuh nos advierte sobre la acuciante crisis del intelectualismo que afecta a nuestras sociedades, pues las ideas -afirma- escasamente guían el carro de la historia. "El futuro es incierto y resultan poco confiables los temibles diagnósticos de la razón que siempre contemplan el horizonte y apuestan por metas lejanas." Pero el futuro son los niños y con ellos nace todo acto creador, todo embrión filosófico. Tomando una alegoría de Marion Hansel, dice Massuh que vivimos empeñados en sacar provecho al "tiempo que pasa", pero con ello quizás estamos debilitando la tensión del "tiempo de la espera", la llegada de la buena nueva, el tiempo del alumbramiento. "Me refiero - concluye Massuh - a ese instante en que la contemplación más quieta se confunde con la atención más viva de una voluntad que quiere que el futuro exista".

4- Pre-Congreso Internacional de Filosofía "La idea del ser humano en el siglo XXI" (24 y 25 de noviembre de 2003, Córdoba, Argentina)

En la sede de la Biblioteca Córdoba, sede de la Dirección de Letras y Promoción del Pensamiento del Gobierno de la Provincia de Córdoba, disertaron los Profesores Franco Volpi de Italia y Carlos Díaz de España, con la acogida de numeroso público. Franco Volpi, uno de los máximos referentes europeos en el pensamiento de Martin Heidegger, quien se refirió a la "Vigencia del pensamiento de Heidegger" en una rigurosa y amena disertación en la que se mostró la asombrosa actualidad de la palabra de un pensador como el autor de "Ser y tiempo", que sin lugar a dudas se adelantó a su propio tiempo mostrando crudamente nuestra realidad humana y planetaria, pero también abriendo la posibilidad de un nuevo pensar comprometido que comience por hacerse cargo de ella. A continuación, Carlos Díaz, uno de los más prolíficos pensadores españoles del momento, expuso sobre "La crisis de la educación y sus vías de superación" en una apasionada y descarnada crítica al estado actual de la humanidad, a la pobreza global, a su crisis de valores y consecuente corrupción moral y espiritual, instando a reencauzar la educación por la vía del valor supremo que es la persona, en toda su dignidad, menesterosidad y necesidad de amor.

Asimismo, el día 25 Embajador argentino en España y brillante el escritor Abel Posse presentó su nuevo y suscitante libro "**El eclipse argentino**" en la Biblioteca Córdoba,

oportunidad en que Posse entabló un diálogo con el ex diplomático argentino y reconocido ensayista Víctor Massuh, mostrando ambos dos perspectivas diferentes pero conciliables, dos rostros de la Argentina actual dispuesta a emerger con dignidad y señorío, luego de la mayor crisis histórica que haya vivido nuestro país en los últimos tiempos. Por otra parte, el mismo día 25, la SAF junto con Cadena 3 y la Universidad Siglo XXI, concretaron una conferencia del ciclo Cátedra Abierta, a cargo del español Carlos Díaz quien pronunció para un público masivo su propuesta titulada "Diez claves para educar en valores", haciendo extensivo al hombre común su mensaje de renovación humana y educativa a partir de la clave de valores y actitudes.

5- Congreso Internacional de Filosofía "La idea del ser humano en el siglo XXI" y Simposio "La ética en la crisis en el nuevo siglo" (26 al 29 de noviembre de 2003)

Este importante encuentro auspiciado por la UNESCO y co-organizado por la Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía y la Sociedad Argentino-Germana de Filosofía, tuvo su día inaugural en la ciudad de Córdoba -Teatro Libertador San Martín -, desarrollándose los días subsiguientes en la localidad de La Cumbre, Hotel Cruz Chica. Fue éste un Congreso excepcional, rico en planteos reflexivos, exultante en propuestas en la que se advierte la pujanza de un pensar crítico. En titánico esfuerzo, los pensadores convocados pusieron en evidencia la dramática lucha de una cosmovisión que está dando sus últimos estertores y de una nueva que no será remedo de la que se va pero, que, sin duda, conservará de aquélla lo que habrá de pervivir a través de los tiempos. No todo es resaca, pero tampoco es todo permanente. Sin ser programado, se dio una valiosísima polémica entre la filosofía como episteme y la filosofía como pensar salvífico. Cada una puso en evidencia las justas razones que justifican su existencia. Franco Volpi, por un lado, y Carlos Díaz, por el suyo, encarnaron esta magnífica polémica. Una atenta a los valores eternos de la sabiduría rigurosamente fundada y esforzadamente adquirida, la otra, crítica también y atenta al espíritu de los tiempos, reclamando la atención debida al hombre que vive, sufre, ama y muere...y sugiriendo el mismo Carlos Díaz la necesidad de tener en cuenta, para una nueva visión filosófica, códigos de extracción latinoamericana. Ambas suscitantes, provenientes de estudiosos relevantes de la cultura, parecieron dividir a los participantes al congreso en posiciones encontradas y diversas.

Pero la magistral propuesta de Jérôme Bindé, Director de la Sección de Prospectiva Filosófica y de Ciencias Humanas de la UNESCO, en su comunicación "Humain, encore, humain", desde una personal postura original y versada, atenta al saber como episteme y también al espíritu de los tiempos, parece proponer, sin violentar ambas posiciones y subrayando el papel fundamental de la educación, una conclusión en la que coincidiremos casi todos: "Le XIX Siècle, aux yeux de Nietzsche était trop humain, le XX Siècle fut celui du post-humain, gageons au XXI siècle nous serons...humains -- , encore humains". Jérôme Bindé logra convocar a través de su comunicación a pensadores en general, filósofos, psicoanalistas, economistas, científicos..., en una virtual mesa redonda sobre el humanismo, en la que cada cual tiene su palabra. Nietzsche, Heidegger, Foucault compartirían en ella sus reflexiones, con Francis Fukuyama, Peter Sloterdijk, Bernard Stiegler, Charles Melman, Michel Serres..., pensadores todos que contribuyen a dar a esta conferencia una personal visión polifacética y magistralmente lograda. Cabe destacar en este mismo orden de cosas "Lo humano en perspectivas" de Víctor Massuh, brillante conferencia inaugural del congreso la que, conjuntamente con el discurso de Abel Posse, y la minuciosa y precisa intervención de Pedro J Frías, marcaron el excelente nivel del Encuentro.

Merecen renglón aparte la sabia propuesta de Fernando Tola y Carmen Dragonetti quienes, desde la visión hindú, trajeron un mensaje de tolerancia, respeto y versada perspectiva, postura casi no considerada hasta ahora en encuentros filosóficos argentinos. Una importante representación de la Universidad Adventista marcó la intención de la SAF de no hacer exclusiones en el banquete filosófico del nuevo siglo. Silvio Maresca y el panel nietzscheano, jóvenes pensadores argentinos y los que peinan canas, admiraron por sus rigurosos planteos que justifican un sano orgullo en nuestras posibilidades culturales. No podemos dejar de mencionar a los filósofos Niels Offenberger, de Alemania, y a los chilenos Giuseppina Grammatico, Mirko Skarica y Alfredo Prádenas, quienes marcaron un alto nivel de profesionalidad filosófica.

En otro orden de cosas, en el marco del congreso y en adhesión al Día de la Filosofía, cabe mencionar el *Premio Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía 2003* entregado por la Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía al Diario Nueva Provincia de Bahía Blanca por su profesionalidad,

excelente nivel académico, brillante trayectoria más que centenaria, en defensa de la verdad, la libertad y la justicia.

Merece renglón aparte, la inclusión de los niños en este congreso. Ellos participan de un programa que la SAF ha puesto en marcha con la valiosa colaboración de Profesores del Conservatorio Provincial de Música de Córdoba y que se denomina : "De la Música a la Filosofía". Gracias a él pudimos incorporar a los niños al Congreso y ellos fueron los que dieron la primera palabra en el Acto Inaugural del mismo y lo hicieron, siguiendo su propio estilo, jugando, mostrando su capacidad de admiración y asombro, su pureza e ingenuidad, poniendo en evidencia la alegría del encuentro y su disposición a la solidaridad.

Incorporamos a continuación el programa completo del Congreso, que evidencia el excelente nivel académico, la diversidad de temáticas y la pluralidad de posturas que en él se conjugaron.

Congreso Internacional de Filosofía

"La idea del ser humano en el siglo XXI"

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PROGRAMA

Día 26 de Noviembre (Teatro Libertador San Martín - Ciudad de Córdoba)

Sesión de Apertura

Judith Botti, Presidente SAF. "Sentido y significación del Congreso y de la temática propuesta".

10, 30 hs. Conferencias Inaugurales:

-"Lo humano en perspectivas". Víctor Massuh, Presidente Honorario del Congreso.

-"La nueva Argentina que urge refundar". Abel Posse. (Argentina)

13 hs. Vino de Honor

16,30 hs. Conferencia: "El desarrollo y sus alternativas". Pedro J. Frías (Argentina)

17,30 hs. Conferencia: "La Idea del Hombre en la época de la Globalización" Franco Volpi (Italia)

18,30 hs. **Mesa redonda sobre "La idea del Ser Humano en el Siglo XXI"**. Será integrada por Abel Posse, Víctor Massuh, Carlos Diaz, Franco Volpi, Silvio Maresca, Fernando Tola. Coordinación: Judith Botti.

Día 27 de Noviembre (Hotel Cruz Chica- La Cumbre)

11,00 hs. Conferencia: "Para una biografía filosófica del porvenir". Carlos Andrés Marcos. (España)

12,00 hs. Conferencia: "Hesíodo, profeta de la crisis de la Edad de Hierro" Giuseppina Grammatico. (Chile)

13,00 hs. Almuerzo

15,30 hs. Acreditaciones

Trabajo de Comisiones. Lectura de Ponencias.

Comisión "A": Antropología, identidad, alma

presidida por Carlos Díaz. (España)

- "¿Existe el alma mala?". Cristina Simeone. (Buenos Aires)
- "Mismidad e ipseidad: dos modelos de identidad". Juan Blanco Ilari. (Buenos Aires)
- "En la búsqueda de sí mismo. Conversión, salvación y filosofía". Inés Riego de Moine. (Córdoba)
- "La experiencia del silencio en la construcción de la identidad". Esteban Bobadilla Muñoz. (Córdoba)
- "El alma y la sombra". Blanca Parfait. (Buenos Aires)

16,00 a
18,15 hs.

Comisión "B": Política y saber práctico

presidida por Mirko Skarica (Chile)

- "Democracia, saber práctico y etnocentrismo". Osvaldo Allione. (Córdoba)
- "Libertad y orden político". Cristian Tavitian. (Córdoba)
- "Más allá del giro lingüístico. Oferta pragmatista de una cultura poetizada". Ana María Monfrini.

18,30 hs. Conferencia: " Posibilidades del pensar en una nueva era del mundo". Arturo García Astrada (Córdoba)

19,30 hs. **Homenaje póstumo nacional a Ilya Prigogine** a cargo de Víctor Massuh (Buenos Aires), con la participación de Alberto Maiztegui, Presidente de la Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Córdoba. (Plenario)

21 hs. Cena

Día 28 de noviembre (Hotel Cruz Chica – La Cumbre)

Trabajo de Comisiones. Lectura de ponencias.

Comisión "B": Pensamiento de Nietzsche presidida por Laura Laiseca.(Bahía Blanca)

- "El sujeto moderno en el pensar de Heidegger y Nietzsche". Marina Silenzi. (Bahía Blanca)
- "La química de las representaciones". Adriana Fernández Vecchi.(Buenos Aires)
- "Técnica, desacralización y nihilismo". María Cristina Vilariño. (Bahía Blanca)
- "Kledon". Rosa Coll. (Buenos Aires)

08,30 a
10,15 hs.

Comisión "B": Lógica y Filosofía de las Ciencias presidida por Niels Offenberger(Alemania)

- "La versión de Gödel del argumento ontológico". Jorge Roetti. (Bahía Blanca)
- "Explicación y pragmática de los términos en torno del problema mente – cerebro". Jorge Mux.
- "La función de la metafísica en los programas de investigación de Lakatos". Juan Ernesto Calderón.(Mendoza)

- "Ex falso sequitur quod libet". Niels Offenberger. (Alemania)

Mesa Redonda sobre el pensamiento de Nietzsche. (Plenario)

Participan: Silvio Maresca, Laura Laiseca, Mónica Virasoro.

- "La gélida verdad de la genealogía". Mónica Virasoro. (Buenos Aires)
- "Iluminismo y positivismo en el pensamiento de Nietzsche". Silvio Maresca. (Buenos Aires)
- "La cuestión del eterno retorno y de la nada en Nietzsche y Heidegger". Laura Laiseca. (Bahía Blanca)

10,30 hs.

12,00 hs. Conferencia: "Nosotros los sin patria. Heidegger y la «Heimatlosigkeit» del hombre moderno". Franco Volpi (Italia)

13 hs. Almuerzo

Simposio "La Ética en la crisis del nuevo siglo" (Plenario) presidido por Jérôme Bindé (Francia), Director de la Sección Prospectiva de la Filosofía y las Ciencias Humanas de la UNESCO.

- "El ocaso de los dioses. Acerca de una ética para el siglo XXI". Narda Chercasky. (Córdoba)
- "El dualismo antropológico como obstáculo de la ética". René Smith. (Entre Ríos)
- "Aspectos metaéticos y normativos de la crítica no liberal a la filosofía política de John Rawls". Fernando Aranda Fraga. (Entre Ríos)
- "Una ética de la identidad personal en la diferencia absoluta: De Kierkegaard a Lévinas". María José Binetti. (Buenos Aires)
- "La hospitalidad: una clave renovadora de la ética contemporánea". María Gabriela Rebok. (Buenos Aires)
- "Acerca de la toma de decisiones en la asignación de órganos: centralización vs. discrecionalidad". María Juliana Vaquero. (Bahía Blanca)
- "Genoma, medicina y ética". Silvina Damiani. (Bahía Blanca)
- "La depresión: ¿enfermedad del siglo XXI?" Ricardo Aranovich. (Buenos Aires)
- "El papel del lenguaje en las ciencias médicas". Zulma Mateos (Bahía Blanca)

16,00 a 18,45 hs

19,00 hs. Conferencia: "La bioética ante los experimentos límites para la vida". Alfredo Pradenas Mera (Presidente de la Sociedad Chilena de Bioética)

19,45 hs. Conferencia Magistral del Profesor Jérôme Bindé (Francia)

21 hs. Cena de celebración del Encuentro.

Día 29 de Noviembre (Hotel Cruz Chica- La Cumbre)

08,30 a 10,30 hs. Trabajo de Comisiones. Lectura de ponencias.
Comisión "A": Filosofía oriental, metafísica y mística presidida por Arturo García Astrada (Córdoba)

- "Juan de Eckart: un filosofar desde la mística". Daniel López Salort. (Córdoba)
- "Logos, verdad y Dios en Aristóteles". María Beatriz Abrego. (Bahía Blanca)
- "Aportes desde la Filosofía de la India I: Multilateralidad, Perspectivismo, Tolerancia". Carmen Dragonetti. (Buenos Aires)
- "Aportes desde la Filosofía de la India II: Inclusivismo, carencia de fundamento de todo Etnocentrismo". Fernando Tola. (Buenos Aires)

Comisión "B": Antropología y racionalidad

presidida por Víctor Massuh (Buenos Aires)

- "La comprensión de la razón a comienzos del siglo XXI". Raúl Kerbs. (Entre Ríos)
- "Coincidencias contemporáneas del planteo psicológico, filosófico y pedagógico acerca de la racionalidad". Marisa Villalba de Tablón. (Mendoza)
- "Ser humano y razón en el siglo XXI". Eduardo Shore. (Buenos Aires)
- "Del sujeto dominante al sujeto sujetado. Necesidad de un nuevo encuadre antropológico". María J. Regnasco. (Buenos Aires)

10,30 hs. Conferencia: "Persona, sujeto, yo". Carlos Diaz. (España)

Mesa Redonda sobre Heidegger (Plenario) con la participación de Franco Volpi (Italia), Arturo García Astrada (Argentina), Luis Porrini (Argentina), Mirko Skarica. (Chile)

- 11,30 hs.
- "Francisco Suárez en la crítica heideggeriana a la metafísica". Silvana Filippi. (Rosario)
 - "Kairós y tiempo auténtico en Heidegger". Guillermo Porrini. (Rosario)
 - "Filosofar pragmático: ¿filosofar para la praxis o filosofar desde la praxis?" Mirko Skarica. (Chile)

13,00 hs. Almuerzo

Trabajo de Comisiones. Lectura de Ponencias.

Comisión "A": Antropología, axiología, diferencia presidida por Franco Volpi (Italia):

- 16,00 a 17,30 hs.
- "El problema del otro: hacia una reorganización teórica a partir de una racionalidad hebraica". Marcelo Falconier. (Entre Ríos)
 - "Persona, Acción humana, Valor y Fin. Enfoque fenomenológico axiológico de Von Hildebrand". Elizabeth Da Dalt de Mangione. (Mendoza)
 - "El siglo XXI: al hombre ¿qué le cabe esperar? Alicia Píccari. (Córdoba)
 - "Hat die Wissenschaft ihren Lebensnerv verloren? Wissenschaft und Bildung als Grundfragen des Menschen in der Spätphilosophie von Karl Jaspers". MIRKO WISCHKE. (ALEMANIA)

Comisión "B": Sección Pensamiento Argentino presidida por Sara del Río de Bereilh (Bahía Blanca)

- "La opinión pública en el pensamiento de Carlos Cossio". Dolores Cossio. (Tucumán)
- "Relecturas de la eutopía americana en siglo XXI: de Antonio León Pinelo a Juan Larrea". Graciela Maturo. (Buenos Aires)
- "Juan Terán: Historia y sentido". Lucía Piossek. (Tucumán)

17,45 hs. **Homenaje a Vicente Fatone** a cargo de Víctor Massuh (Buenos Aires), Sara del Río de Bereilh (Bahía Blanca), y Francisco Leocatta (Buenos Aires).

18,30 hs. **Mesa Redonda sobre Pensamiento Argentino** (Plenario) coordinada por Lucía Piossek (Tucumán), con la participación de los anteriores disertantes.

19,30 hs. **Panel de Conclusiones** (Plenario) con la participación de Jérôme Bindé, Franco Volpi, Carlos Diaz, Víctor Massuh y Judith Botti

20,30 hs. Cierre y entrega de Diplomas a los participantes.

6-Publicaciones:

Por último, en celebración también del Día Internacional de la Filosofía, nuestra Editorial Alejandro Korn, con gran satisfacción, pudo presentar en el curso del encuentro dos publicaciones surgidas en medio del fragor de este Congreso: un nuevo número de la **Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Filosofía** N° 12, Año XII-XIII, y un nuevo título de la Colección América : **América y La Idea de la Nueva Humanidad**, que incluye la mayoría de los trabajos presentados al citado Congreso Internacional 2003, obras que adjuntamos. ---

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June 2003 – Skopje, Macedonia – International seminar on "Philosophy and Education"

June 2003 – Zagreb, Croatia – Creation of international society for philosophical problems of bioethics
July 2003 – Sofia – Participation of Prof. Ivan Kaltchev in the Third International Academic Congress of KACEES.
August 2003 – Istanbul – Participation of 12 Bulgarian philosophers in the 21st World Congress of Philosophy
August 2003 – Ohrid, Macedonia – Participation of Prof. Ivan Kaltchev by special invitation of H. E. Boris Traikovski, President of the R. of Macedonia, in the regional forum, “Dialogue among Civilizations,” organized by the Secretary General of UNESCO
October 2003 – New York – Participation of Prof. Ivan Kaltchev in the creation of the Interreligious and International Peace Council at the United Nations
November 2003 – Sofia – National seminar on “Philosophy of Love,” Sofia University
November 2003 – Sofia – National seminar on “Philosophy of Vocation: Between Structure and Phenomenon”
November 2003 – Sofia – Meeting and discussion in connection with International Philosophy Day, November 20
November 2003 – Paris – Participation of Prof. Ivan Kaltchev in Round Table panel, organized by UNESCO and FISP, on International Philosophy Day
November 2003 – Moscow – Participation of Prof. Ivan Kaltchev in international seminar on “The Unity of the Sciences and Religion”
May 2004 – Tehran – Participation of 3 Bulgarians in the 2nd World Congress on Transcendental Philosophy
June 2004 – Varna – XXIIIrd Varna Philosophical School, “Philosophy and Values”
June 2004 – Zagreb – Participation of 5 Bulgarians in International Seminar for Bioethics
September 2004 (projected) – Tirana, Albania – International Philosophical Conference on “Balkan Aspects of European Values”

Publications:

Proceedings of the XXIIInd Varna Philosophical School, Sofia 2002
Proceedings of the International Philosophical Conference held in Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro, 2002
Vassil Prodanov: “Violence in the Present Century”
Ivan Kaltchev: “On the New Cultural Idea of the Balkans”

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Congress, May 29-June 1, 2003, at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
Publication of *Dialogue*, our quarterly review

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September 2003 – Meeting on comparative philosophy between China and the West
November 2003 – Meeting on business ethics
April 2004 – Meeting on trends of thought in the history of the Chinese Academy
June 2004 – Meeting on comparative philosophy
June 2004 – Colloquium on cultural heritage and social progress
October 2004 – Meetings on religions, comparing China and Germany

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Activités:

Participation de la part de plusieurs membres dans le symposium sur l'éducation et Eugenio María de Hostos à Santo Domingo, République Dominicaine, organisé par des universités dominicaines et portoricaines, 25-28 mars 2003

Workshop sur la bioéthique, avec le Comité pour la Bioéthique de l'Université de la Habana et l'École Latinoaméricaine de Médecine, 10-11 avril 2003

Conférence entre philosophes cubains et américains, organisée par la SCIF avec l'Université de la Habana et l'Institut de Philosophie, 23-27 juin 2003

Réunion méthodologique sur l'enseignement de la philosophie à Manzanillo, Granma, avec la participation d'une délégation de cette province, 1-2 juillet 2003

Workshop, "Bioéthique, environnement et culture politique," à l'Université de la Habana, 13-15 novembre 2003

Workshop, "Nouvelle Science Politique?" à l'Université de la Habana, 19-21 novembre

Célébration de la Journée Internationale de Philosophie à l'Hôtel Habana Libre Trip: Conférences du Dr. Armando Hart sur José Martí, des Professeurs Larry Hickman et Michael Eldridge sur la pensée de Dewey, et de la Présidente de la SCIF, Thalia Fung, sur la signification de la Journée Internationale de Philosophie dans les conditions actuelles.

Publications:

On a publié les Bulletins "Problemas filosóficos" 1 et 2 pour 2003, sur la bioéthique et sur la philosophie politique et la science politique; ils ont été digitalisés

Les versions électroniques des quatre numéros de ce Bulletin sont sorties régulièrement

"Las políticas públicas de la vivienda," livre édité par la SCIF avec une université mexicaine, a été publié au Mexique, chez Casa Tabasco

Amelia Acosta, membre étrangère de notre société, est en train de rédiger “Nouvelle Science Politique?”

La SCIF félicite la FISP, et particulièrement la Dra. Ioanna Kuçuradi, pour les magnifiques résultats du XXIème Congrès Mondial de Philosophie, ainsi le Dr. Peter Kemp, le Docteur William McBride, et tous les élus au Comité Directeur de la Fédération, en particulier le Docteur Yersu Kim. Nous, les membres de la SCIF, sommes très heureux que la philosophie augmente son rôle communicatif entre tous les hommes. Soit bienvenu le XXIIème Congrès à Séoul, 2008.

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

April 24 – Kai Aalbæk-Nielsen, Copenhagen, “What Is Love?”

April 29 – Howard S. Becker, USA, “Jazz Places” (together with Copenhagen JazzHouse)

May 5 – Lars Fredrik Händler Svendsen, Norway, “What Is Art?”

May 22 – panel discussion: Christian Coff, Helle Brønnum Carlsen, and Søren Wedderkopp, Copenhagen, “The Ethics and Esthetics of Food” (together with *Information*)

June 3 – David Rasmussen, USA, “John Rawls and the Theory of Justice”

October 7 – Ole Thyssen, Copenhagen, “Esthetic Management”

October 22 – Rasmus Willig, Copenhagen, “Axel Honneth and the Dialectic of Recognition”

October 29 – Niels Åkerstrøm, Copenhagen, “The Making of Contracts with Citizens”

November 3 – Per Aage Brandt, Århus, “About Jazz Music and the Form of Meaning” (together with Copenhagen JazzHouse)

November 12 – Manni Crone, Copenhagen, “Leo Strauss: The Philosophy behind the Neo-Conservatives?”

Activities and projects for 2004 will be published later. We will continue to cooperate with Copenhagen JazzHouse and the daily newspaper *Information*.

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

Central Division meeting in Cleveland, April 2003
Eastern Division meeting in Washington, December 2003
Board of Officers meeting, November 2003

Publications:

Proceedings and Addresses, Volume 76, Issue 5, and Volume 77, Issues 1-3
Newsletters, fall 2003
Jobs for Philosophers, Volumes 158-161

Projects:

The APA has just formed a new committee. Quoting from the announcement: “The APA Board of Officers is pleased to announce the formation of a new committee for public philosophy, to be called the APA Committee on Public Philosophy. On the belief that the broader presence of philosophy in public life is important both to our society and to our profession, the basic charge of the committee will be to find and create opportunities to demonstrate the personal value and social usefulness of philosophy.”

We have also established a new prize. Quoting from the announcement: “The APA Board of Officers and Committee on Hispanics are pleased to announce the new, annual ‘APA Prize in Latin American Thought.’ The purpose of this prize is to encourage fruitful work in Latin American thought. Eligible essays must contain original arguments and broach philosophical topics clearly related to the specific experiences of Hispanic Americans and Latinos.” The prize includes a \$500 monetary award.

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April – SAAP session at the annual meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Cleveland, Ohio

July – SAAP Summer Institute, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

August – two SAAP panels at the World Congress of Philosophy, Istanbul, Turkey

August – SAAP representation at the International Day of Philosophy, Havana, Cuba

October – Midwest Pragmatist Study Group, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

October – Pacific Northwest American Philosophy Reading Group, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

November – SAAP session at the annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston, Massachusetts

November – SAAP session at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Houston, Texas

December – two SAAP sessions at the annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, DC

Publications since April 1, 2003:

The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter #95, June; #96, Oct.

The Journal of Speculative Philosophy: The Journal of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 17, #3, summer 2003; 17, #4, fall 2003; 18, #1, winter 2004. (This new arrangement between the Society and the *Journal* became effective in March 2003.)

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Activities April – January 2004:

Four meetings in Helsinki (April, September, October, November) with a visiting lecture.

July 31 – August 2 – International symposium, “Philosophy of the Self in Ancient Thought,” Helsinki

October 16 – A symposium in honor of Doctor Emeritus S. Albert Kivinen

January 8 – 9 – a national colloquium, KIELTO

Publications:

Arto Haapala and Oiva Kuisma, eds., *Aesthetic Experience and the Ethical Dimension: Essays on Moral Problems in Aesthetics (Acta Philosophica Fennica 72)*

The yearbook *Ajatus*, vol. 60

Further projects for 2004:

Seven regular meetings with a visiting lecture.

May 13 –15 – XV Internordic Philosophical Symposium: Science – A Challenge to Philosophy?”

Autumn – A symposium in commemoration of Prof. Georg Henrik von Wright

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Activités depuis le 1er avril 2003:

2003: Publication des 4 *Bulletins* annuels

2004: 3 conférences + Colloque (à l'Institut de France, 27 mars 2004, célébrant le bicentenaire de la mort de Kant)

Poursuite de la préparation des *Recueils* des grandes conférences du XXe siècle à la Société française de philosophie

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Activités:

16 octobre 2003 – Yiannis Pottakis, Docteur en philosophie, ancien Ministre, “Sagesse populaire et psychanalyse”

6 novembre 2003 – Charalambos Kokinos, Docteur de l'Université Nationale Technique d'Athènes, "Considérations critiques sur le phénomène technologique"

20 novembre 2003 – Phanouris Voros, Conseiller honoraire de l'Institut Pédagogique, "La notion de qualité dans l'enseignement"

27 novembre 2003 – Eleni Tatla, Architecte, Docteur en Philosophie, Enseignant à l'Université Technique d'Athènes, "L'architecture dans l'espace du *Timée* platonicien: Derrida contre Gadamer"

4 décembre 2003 – Theodossios Tassios, Professeur honoraire à l'Université Technique d'Athènes, "La technologie dans les religions"

8 janvier 2004 – Georgios Tsiantis, Docteur en philosophie, "À l'intersection de l'ontologie et de la technologie: en dessinant les fondements d'une politique démocratique pour la technologie"

22 janvier 2004 – Anastasios Bougas, Professeur honoraire à l'Université d'Athènes, "Aux sources de l'irrationalisme contemporain: Hölderlin et Heidegger"

5 février 2004 – Dimitrios Malakasis, Docteur en philosophie, Procureur à la Cour d'Appel, "Le penchant de Cavafis pour la philosophie et le lyrisme de Palamas"

19 février 2004 – Eleni Leontsini, Docteur en philosophie, "La dispute entre les libéraux et les partisans de la communauté dans la philosophie politique contemporaine"

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Activities:

A major international conference on “Indian Philosophy, Science, and Culture” was held from March 29 to April 1, 2003; approximately 250 participants from all over the world participated.

The Council sent a 7-member delegation to participate in the 21st World Congress of Philosophy in Istanbul, Turkey, in August 2003. The leader of the delegation was Dr. Karan Singh. The delegation participated in different sessions by way of either presenting papers or chairing. In addition, a Round Table on the philosophy of Sri Aurobindo was held, and a souvenir volume entitled “Philosophy of Super Mind and Contemporary Crisis” was published.

The Council organized approximately 27 seminars during the academic year 2003-04.

Under the Annual National Lecture Programme of the Council, there were two National Lectures, and three International Scholars delivered lectures at different universities and other institutions in the country.

In November, under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme, Cultural Exchange Programme and Academic Linkages, one scholar was deputed to Paris.

At the invitation of UNESCO, International Philosophy Day was held on November 20, 2003. A message about it was circulated to all the philosophy departments in the country.

The Council organized an Essay Competition-cum-Young Scholars Seminar on the theme, “The Message of the *Upanishads*,” in February 2004.

The Council published 5 books and 2 issues of the journal *JICPR* by December, with many more planned by the spring of 2004.

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Activities:

May 2003 – International conference on relativism, Dublin

November 2003 – International Day of Philosophy:

In 2002 the philosophers of Ireland received too little notice to prepare adequately for the International Day of Philosophy. But in 2003 we were well alert to the forthcoming significance of November 20 and took steps accordingly.

One major event was a day-long symposium in Galway on the philosophy of Wittgenstein. This was in fact the last in a series of three such days which started in Dublin on November 18 and was followed in Limerick the next day. On each occasion there were two talks on Wittgenstein's philosophy – Peter Kügler (Innsbruck) on Wittgenstein's Anti-Mysticism, and Dawn Phillips (Cork and Southampton) on his Say/Show Distinction – and thirdly an account by John Hayes (Limerick) of Wittgenstein's long-standing friendship with the Irishman Maurice O'Connor Drury. Each of these very instructive and pleasant occasions was generously supported by the Royal Irish Academy's National Committee for Philosophy, the Austrian Embassy, and Anglo-Irish Bank.

A second celebration of the Day of Philosophy took place in Belfast, when Mary Taylor organised a day of philosophy for children. The core activity was to distribute bookmarks, incorporating interesting quotations from philosophers, to shoppers in two busy sections of Belfast city centre. 15 teenage school children prepared for this event over two days, selecting the quotations and designing the book marks. November 20 was a busy shopping day in Belfast; and the material distributed by the children attracted a considerable amount of interest and comment.
– *David Evans*

Projects for 2004:

International Philosophy Conference in November, and also symposia in Austrian philosophy.

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Lectures on classical philosophers: April 2, 2003 – R. Descartes, *Discours de la méthode*, Prof. M. Pasini; April 10, 2003 – L. Wittgenstein, *Tractatus logico-philosophicus*, Prof. C. Penco

May 7, 2003 – “Le geometrie non-euclidee,” Prof. I. Toth

May 8, 2003 – “Essere ebrei dopo l’Olocausto,” Prof. I. Toth

Lectures on classical philosophers: March 11, 2004 – Aristoteles, *Metaphysica*, Prof. E. Cattanei; March 18, 2004 – Pascal, *Pensées*, Prof. L. Mauro; March 25, 2004 – Nietzsche, *Menschliches, allzu menschliches*, Prof. D. Venturelli

Lectures on “Philosophy and Literature”: April 15, 2004 – Euripides, *Hecuba*, Prof. W. Lapini; April 22, 2004 – B. Castiglione, *Il cortegiano*, Prof. M. Pasini; April 29, 2004 – F. Dostoevskij, Prof. C. Angelino

May 6-8, 2004 – International Congress on “Kant e l’idea di Europa”

October 26-28, 2004 – International Congress on “Genesi, sviluppo e prospettive dei diritti umani in Europa e nel Mediterraneo”

Publications (forthcoming):

M. Marsonet, ed., “L’idea di utopia,” Il melangolo, Genova

M. Marsonet, ed., “Logic and Metaphysics,” Name, Genova

M. Marsonet, ed., “Forme della comunicazione,” Comune di Camogli, Camogli

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Activities:

March 2003 – Conference on “Philosophy of Art and Musical Aesthetics,” Firenze

2004 – Conference on “Onth! ology of Art and Aesthetics”

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

March 31 – April 4 – Pasquale Sabbatino (Università di Napoli Federico II), “Giordano Bruno e il Rinascimento”

April 7 – 11 – Marino Niola (Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa), “Il Teatro dei Re: Mitologie del corpo sovrano”

April 14 – 17 – Jolanda Capriglione (Università di Napoli Federico II), “La storia dell’idea di bellezza nel mondo greco”

April 22 – 24 – Aniello Montano (Università di Salerno), “Il riformismo illuministico di Gaetano Falangieri”

April 28 – May 2 – Paolo Becchi (Università di Genova), “Introduzione al pensiero di Hans Jonas”

May 5 – 8 – Manfred Riedel (Martin-Luther Universität, Halle-Wittenberg), “Zwischen Dichtung und Philosophie: Rainer Maria Rilke und die Moderne”

May 5 – 9 – Giuseppe E. Sansone (Università di Roma Tre), “Dal verso al testo: Poesia e filologia”

May 12 – 16 – Imre Toth (Universität Regensburg), “La consapevolezza dell’idea della libertà e i fondamenti della geometria in Aristotele”

May 19 – 22 – Lea Ritter Santini (Universität Münster), “La repubblica delle lettere 1775-1832”

May 19 – 23 – Alberto Burgio (Università di Bologna), “Per un lessico critico del contrattualismo moderno”

June 3 – 6 – Otto Pöggeler (Ruhr Universität, Bochum), “Korrekturen in der hermeneutischen Philosophie”

June 3 – 7 – Emanuele Severino (Università di Venezia), “Intorno al senso della necessità”

June 9 – 12 – Marcello Sánchez Sorondo (Pontifica Academia Scientiarum), “Tommaso d’Aquino nella confutazione dell’Averroismo”

June 16 – 20 – Umberto Curi (Università di Padova), “Cinema e filosofia”

June 23 – 26 – Giuseppe Di Marco (Università di Napoli Federico II), “Decisionismo e ‘ordinamento concreto’ in Carl Schmitt”

June 30 – July 4 – Remo Bodei (Università di Pisa), “Pensare il futuro, paradossi e proiezioni della temporalità”

July 7 – 11 – Domenico Losurdo (Università di Urbino), “Che cos’è il liberalismo? Per una contrastoria”

September 15 – 18 – Antonio Gargano (Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici), “Filosofie della storia, 1774-1838”

September 22 – 26 – Elio Matassi (Università di Roma Tre), “Le ‘Vorlesungen-Nachschriften’ hegeliane di filosofia del diritto

September 29 – October 3 – Jan Sperna Weiland (Università di Rotterdam), “Maestri dell’antropologia filosofica”

October 6 – 10 – Arrigo Colombo (Università di Lecce), “L’utopia, il grande progetto umano”

October 6 – 10 – Kevin Mulligan (Università di Ginevra), “Ontologia e metafisica”

October 20 – 23 – Paolo Vinci (Università di Roma “La Sapienza”), “Heidegger e Hegel: la morte e il tempo”

October 27 – 31 – Emilio Del Giudice (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare, Milano), “Le rivoluzioni scientifiche del Novecento”

October 27 – 31 – Dante Della Terza (Università Harvard), “La vicenda umana e le scelte operative dei personaggi musulmani nella Gerusalemme liberata del Tasso”

November 3 – 7 – Maurizio Ferraris (Università di Torino), “Storia dell’ontologia”

November 3 – 7 – Luigi Zanzi (Università di Pavia), “La storicizzazione della natura: principi e metodi”

November 10 – 13 – János Kelemen (Università di Budapest), “Poetica e filosofia in Dante”

November 10 – 13 – Nicolao Merker (Università di Roma “La Sapienza”) “Modernità della filosofia tedesca tra Settecento e Ottocento”

November 15 – December 15 -- Ricardo Maisano (Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”), “Libri e lettori nella chiesa cristiana delle origini” (In collaborazione con il Dipartimento di Studi dell’Europa Orientale dell’Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”)

November 17 – 21 – Claudia Melica (Università di Trento), “Franz Hemsterhuis e la sua ricezione nell’età di Goethe”

November 24 – 27 – Geminello Preterossi (Università di Salerno), “Leggittimità e crisi dell’universalismo giuridico europeo”

December 9 – 12 – Alberto Postigliola (Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”), “I Lumi come categoria storico-filosofica”

December 15 – 18 – Bruno Moroncini (Università di Salerno), “Etica della tragedia e crisi della modernità”

January 7 – 9, 2004 – Ernesto Paolozzi (Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa), “Libertà – democrazia – totalitarismo”

January 12 – 16 – Patrizia Castelli (Università di Pisa), “La possessione diabolica tra medioevo ed età moderna: il dibattito tra filosofi, teologi e medici”

January 12 – 16 – Vincenzo Vitiello (Università di Salerno), “Hegel e il linguaggio”

January 19 – 23 – Armando Savignano (Università di Trieste), “Filosofia e poesia in Maria Zambrano”

January 19 – 23 – Giovanni Stelli (Università della Basilicata) e Piergiorgio Sensi (SSIS – Università di Perugia), “Lo spazio della filosofia: Considerazioni inattuali sull’insegnamento della filosofia”

January 20 – February 27 – Riccardo Maisano (Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”), “Le versioni italiana della Bibbia” (In collaborazione col Dipartimento di Studi dell’Europa Orientale dell’Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”)

January 26 – 30 – Livio Rossetti (Università di Perugia), “L’universo dei dialoghi socratici”

January 26 – 30 – Maurizio Viroli (Università di Princeton), “La riforma religiosa e morale dell’Italia (1500-1945)”

February 2 – 5 – Girolamo Cotroneo (Università di Messina), “Teoria e storia dei diritti umani”

February 2 – 6 – Eugenio Canone (Istituto del Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia delle Idee – CNR), “L’ermetismo e l’idea di magia nell’opera di Giordano Bruno e nella filosofia del Rinascimento”

February 9 – 12 – Piero Coda (Pontificia Università Lateranense), “Fenomenologia e Cristologia”

February 16 – 19 – Michele Cataudella (Università di Salerno), “Il teatro tragico del Rinascimento italiano: Dal canone aristotelico alla ‘maniera’”

February 16 – 19 – Nestor-Luis Cordero (Université de Rennes I), “Platone contro Platone: L’insegnamento della critica del *Parmenide* e delle novità del *Sofista*”

February 16 – 20 – Tiziando Dorandi (CNRS, Paris), “Nel segreto degli autori antichi pratiche della scrittura dei testi letterari nel mondo greco-romano”

March 1 – 3 – Giuseppe E. Sansone (Università di Roma Tre), “Verso e testo tra poetica ed ecdotica”

March 1 – 5 – Gustavo Costa (Università di Berkeley), “La teologia eterodossa di Malebranche”

March 8 – 12 – Mario Agrimi (Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”), “Croce e Labriola”

March 15 – 18 – Vittorio Hösle (Notre Dame University, Indiana), “Interpretare Platone”

March 22 – 25 – Marino Niola (Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa), “Il purgatorio a Napoli: Un caso di antropologia mediterranea”

March 22 – 26 – Cesare Vasoli (Università di Firenze), “Il Rinascimento, dal mito alla storia”

March 29 – April 1 – Aldo Masullo (Università di Napoli “Federico II”), “L’indiscreto fascino dello sguardo e il disagio della filosofia”

March 29 – April 1 – Antonio Pieretti (Università di Perugia), “L’esito linguistico del trascendentale kantiano”

April 5 – 8 – Massimiliano Biscuso (Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici), “Hegel e l’antico scetticismo”

April 14 – 17 – Félix Duque (Università di Madrid), “Il deserto nel bosco: Introduzione alla logica hegeliana”

April 19 – 23 – Enrica Lisciani Petrini (Università di Salerno), “Lutto, maschera e artificio: La svolta musicale del primo Novecento a Parigi”

April 26 – 29 – Jean Ehrard (Université de Clermont-Ferrand), “Les lumières françaises et l’esclavage colonial”

April 26 – 30 – Adriaan T. Peperzak (Loyola University, Chicago), “Libertà moderna: Hegel e la filosofia politica”

May 3 – 6 – Jean Pettitot, Luca Scarantino (École Polytechnique, CREA, Parigi), “La portata europea del razionalismo italiano”

May 10 – 13 – Biagio de Giovanni (Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”), “Hegel: Filosofia della storia”

May 10 – 13 – Lea Ritter Santini (Universität Münster), “Translatio domestica: tradurre l’Europa (1786-1848)”

May 10 – 14 – Imre Toth (Universität Regensburg), “L’addomesticamento dell’infinito: gli argomenti di Zenone e il loro posto nello sviluppo del pensiero filosofico e matematico”

May 17 – 20 – Manfred Riedel (Martin-Luther Universität, Halle-Wittenberg), “Fra poesia e filosofia: Hegel, Schelling, Hölderlin”

May 24 – 28 – Miguel Angel Granada (Università di Barcellona), “Aristotele, Copernico, Keplero, Bruno: Centralità, principio del movimento ed estensione dell’universo”

June 1 – 4 – Massimo Verdicchio (Università di Alberta, Edmonton), “La retorica del paradiso”

June 7 – 9 – Aniello Montano (Università di Salerno), “Albert Camus: Religione e filosofia”

June 14 – 17 – Marcello Sánchez Sorondo (Pontificia Academia Scientiarum), “Globalizzazione, etica e giustizia”

June 14 – 18 – Domenico Jervolino (Università di Napoli “Federico II”), “Il dono delle lingue e il paradigma della traduzione per un’ermeneutica della condizione umana”

June 21 – 25 – Alberto Burgio (Università di Bologna), “Marx in Italia”

June 21 – 25 – Umberto Curi (Università di Padova), “Cinema e filosofia”

June 28 – July 2 – Remo Bodei (Università di Pisa), “Vite reali e vite immaginate”

July 5 – 9 – Domenico Losurdo (Università di Urbino), “Marx e la guerra fredda: Categorie filosofiche e lotta politica in un’epoca di conflitti”

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

SFI National Conference 2003, Ancona, April 25-27, “Philosophy of science and
technology”

XI Olimpiade di Filosofia, April 2003

SFI National Conference 2003, Rome, November 27-29, “Teaching philosophy in
Italy”

SFI National XXXV Congress 2004, Bari, April 29-May 2, “Philosophy as opportunity
for dialogue among cultures”

Publication of still unpublished *Proceedings* of previous SFI national conferences

Regular publication of our journal, *Bollettino della Società filosofica Italiana*
2003: numbers 178-179-180; 2004: numbers 181-182-183

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The Japan National Committee for Philosophy is composed of the following 6
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The Philosophical Association of Japan
The Japanese Society for Ethics
The Sinological Society of Japan
The Japanese Association for Indian and Buddhist Studies

The Japanese Association for Religious Studies
The Japanese Society for Aesthetics

Activities:

Main conferences:

The Philosophical Association of Japan, May 17-18, 2003, in Tokyo
The Japanese Society for Ethics, October 11-12, 2003, in Shizuoka
The Sinological Society of Japan, October 4-5, 2003, in Tsukuba
The Japanese Association for Indian and Buddhist Studies, September 6-7, 2003, at
Bukkyo University, Kyoto
The Japanese Association for Religious Studies, September 3-5, 2003, in Tokyo
The Japanese Society for Aesthetics, October 11-13, in Kyoto

The Thirteenth Joint Symposium of the Japan National Committee for Philosophy took place on December 9, 2003, in Tokyo; its main theme was “Human Beings and Desires”

Publications:

Tetsugaku (Philosophy, annual review), no.54
Rinrigaku-Nenpo (Annals of Ethics), no. 53
Nihon-Chugokugakkai-Ho (Bulletin of the Sinological Society of Japan), no. 55
Indogaku-Bukkyogaku-Kenkyu (Journal of Indian and Buddhist Studies), vol. 52, nos. 1 and 2
Shukyo-Kenkyu (Journal of Religious Studies), nos. 336, 337, 338, 339
Bigaku (Aesthetics), nos. 213, 214, 215, 216

Conferences in 2004:

The Philosophical Association of Japan, May 22-23, in Nagoya
The Society for Ethics, October 9-10, in Tokyo
The Sinological Society of Japan, October 9-10, in Tokyo
The Association for Indian and Buddhist Studies, July 24-25, in Tokyo
The Association for Religious Studies, September, in Tokyo
The Society for Aesthetics, October 9-11, in Kyoto

The Fourteenth Joint Symposium of the Japan National Committee for Philosophy will take place in winter 2004-05 in Tokyo, theme to be determined.

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

International conference, "The Role of Oral History in Shaping Cultural and Personal Identity," May 1-3

International interdisciplinary conference, "Existence and Communication: Soren Kierkegaard – 190," May 5-6. Papers: "Thought and Being: Hegel versus Kierkegaard"; "Narrative and Critique of Metaphysics"; "Secrecy and Communication"; "Kierkegaard and Ontology"; "Was Kierkegaard a Nihilist?"; *et. al.*

Seminar, "Communicative Environment: Latvia and Europe," October 27

International conference in Memory of T. Adorno, *The Dialectic of Enlightenment*, November 5-6, organized by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, the Nordic Council of Ministers, and the Goethe-Institut. Papers: "Adorno – Philosoph, Wissenschaftler und Künstler im Zeitalter der Extreme"; T. Adorno: Ereignis und (un)möglicher Abschied von der Metaphysik"; "'Moderne Monade': Kommentare zu 'Minima Moralia'"; "Overcoming the Stigma of the Inauthentic: Adorno's Critique of Genuineness"; *et. al.*

Conference on "Philosophy at the University of Latvia, in Latvia and in the World" (Days of Philosophy), November 20-21

Seminar, "The Process of Integration in Europe in the Context of Globalization," December 5. Papers: "Globalization and Philosophy"; "Religion and Globalization"; "Religion in the Modern Cultural Environment"; *et. al.*

Publications:

I. Šuvajevs, *The Case of Freud: Psychoanalytic Culture, Language and Texts*
M. Kūle, *Phenomenology and Culture; Existence and Communication: Soren Kierkegaard – 190; Religious-Philosophical Works. VIII; Greek-Latvian Lexicon of Proper Names; Erich Diehl – Scholar of Byzantine Antiquity in Latvia; Byzantine Investigations in Latvia – Eduard Kurtz; The Prevalence of Drug Abuse in Latvia; History, Culture, and Society through Life Stories*

Projects for 2004:

International seminar, "Personal and Cross-Cultural Identities in Everyday Life Stories: the Role of Society, Environment, and Culture in Changing Identity," May

Conference on "The Idea of Enlightenment in Latvia: J.G. Herder and Contemporaneity," September

International conferences on "Violence and Metaphysics" and "Problems of Judgment," October

Conference on "National Minorities: Demands for Respect for Identity"

POLOGNE

POLISH PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Polish Philosophical Society and the 200th Anniversary of the Death of Immanuel Kant

On the 12th of February 2004, the University of Warsaw hosted a celebration of the foundation of the Polish Philosophical Society (PPhS). A Plenary Session, lasting the entire day, took place in the Senate's Golden Chamber at Kazimierzowski Palace. The President of Poland, Aleksander Kwaśniewski, accepted the patronage of the celebration. The Minister of Education and Sport, Krystyna Łybacka, was also among the invited guests. Many representatives of the local divisions of the Polish Philosophical Society came, as well as Fellows of the Institute of Philosophy of Warsaw University and students.

The Ceremony was opened by the President of PPhS, Prof. Władysław Stróżewski. Subsequently other guests gave their speeches. The Chancellor of Warsaw University Piotr Węgleński, the host of the ceremony, stressed the high quality of Polish philosophy and its usefulness in the context of the rapid progress of science. Particularly important questions arise from genetic research, which are going to change our way of perceiving many problems concerning human nature and morality.

President Kwaśniewski, although he could not be present personally, addressed a letter to the participants in the celebration. The letter was read by the President's Adviser, Mirosław Głogowski. Aleksander Kwaśniewski underlined the remarkable quality of Polish philosophy and the role which pluralism and antidogmatism play in building democracy. Deputy Minister of Education and Sport Franciszek Potulski gave his best wishes to the Society in the name of Minister Łybacka.

After this introduction all the guests were invited to a small reception. During all the intervening periods it was possible to buy books published by PPhS. An exhibition on the Polish Philosophical Society, organised by the director of the library, Janusz Siek, was held in the Institute of Philosophy.

At the first session, chaired by Prof. Tadeusz Gadacz, Prof. Barbara Skarga made the first speech. She spoke about her memories of the Philosophical Circle in Wilno. Prof. Jan Hartman read a letter from Prof. Jan Woleński, who could not be present. Prof. Woleński concentrated in his letter on Prof. Twardowski's contribution to philosophy in Poland and to the creation of the Society. Next was Prof. Władysław Stóżewski, who emphasized the importance of Kant's critique, of which Kazimierz Twardowski had spoken in his excellent inaugural speech to the Polish Philosophical Society in Lwów. Prof. Juliusz Domański stressed that in principle he is a historian – not a philosopher – and thus an observer. And as an observer he expressed his worries about a great danger of ideology in Polish philosophy. Apparently he meant the great communication problems between the various schools and the domination of analytic philosophy. Prof. Karol Bal highlighted the importance of solid philosophizing and an antidogmatic, critical attitude. Prof. Marek Siemek presented the history of Kant's reception in Poland in the last century. The morning session then adjourned.

The first afternoon session was chaired by Prof. Ulrich Schrade. It opened with Prof. Jerzy Pelc, who shared the memories of his youth with the participants. Prof. Jacek Jadacki defended the idea of philosophy as science – a postulate which was contained in the speech of Kazimierz Twardowski as well as in the charter of the PPhS.

He sharply criticized certain philosophical schools, such as postmodernism and phenomenology, calling them „gibberish”. The next lecture was given by the Director of the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw, Prof. Dobrochna Dembińska-Siury. She began her reflections with the classical relation between truth and goodness and the fate of this relation in modern philosophy. Today the choice between truth and falsehood has become questionable. Prof. Jan Krokos highlighted the role which philosophy can and should play in society. Next there was a discussion and a longer adjournment for lunch.

The last session, which was dedicated to young philosophers (however relative this term is), was chaired by Prof. Barbara Markiewicz. The speech by Dr. Agata Bielik-Robson was a critical analysis of the state of Polish philosophy and, beyond that, philosophical community. She mentioned these features: unnecessary formalism and bureaucracy, a notable lack of intellectual courage and originality, lack of actual discussion, harsh critique, and substantial reviews. Prof. Jan Hartman made what he called a critique of Twardowski’s critical remarks, attributing them to his studies of Kant. Next was Dr. Sebastian Kołodziejczyk, who spoke about the explanatory power of philosophy. Before the meeting was brought to a conclusion, the last speech was given by the author of this text. I spoke about the advantages of cooperation among philosophers, that is about the common good of philosophers and about the tasks which lay before philosophers in the near future. The session finished with a discussion.

Prof. Barbara Markiewicz ended the celebration by emphasizing that the debate in which we had participated had not ended but remained open.

-- Written by Michał Rozynek

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

International conference, “Ideas, Representations, Mental Contents – Current Themes in the Cognitive Sciences,” Bucharest University, May 15-18, 2003

Symposium, “Philosophy and Theology Confronting the Challenges of the Contemporary World,” Bucharest, Romanian Academy, May 27, 2003

Symposium, “The Centenary of Dumitru Staniloaie,” Bucharest, Romanian Academy, November 13

National Conference of Aesthetics, "The Mystery of Art and Aesthetic Experience,"
Bacau, International Centre of Culture and Art "George Apostu", November 18

Publications:

Rivista de Filosofie, 4 issues
Revue Roumaine de Philosophie, 1 issue
Studies of World Philosophy, No. XI, 2003

Projects for 2004:

Symposium, "Kant and Our Times" (200th anniversary of Kant's death), Bucharest,
Romanian Academy, June
International Symposium of the Association of Philosophers from South-Eastern
Europe, "Value, Culture, and Communication in the Present South-Eastern European
Region," Pitesti, State University, July 7-10
Symposium, "Centenary of Athanase Joja," Bucharest, Romanian Academy

RUSSIE

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Activities since April 1, 2003 and Projects for 2004:

International symposium on "Truth and Falsehood: A Dialogue of World Views,"
Nizhny Novgorod, June 3-4

International conference on "Philosophy and Business Ethics: Education, Theory,
Practice," Moscow, June 28-July 2, organized by the Russian Philosophical Society, the
International University in Moscow, and the Association Internationale des Professeurs
de Philosophie. Sections:

1. Business problems in the philosophical and ethical thought of the world.
2. Business and cultural traditions.
3. Ethical aspects of business in the context of globalization.
4. Educational role of business ethics.
5. Ethical aspects of interaction between business and politics.
6. Specific character of business ethics in the post-modern epoch.

Round Table: "Problems of education in Russia"

Third Frolov Readings, Moscow, November 18

Second UNESCO Philosophy Day, Moscow, November 20

Russian National Conference of Chairs of Humanities and Socioeconomic Departments, Moscow, November 20-21

Conference on Philosophy and Science, organized by the Moscow Philosophical Society, November 28

Russian National Workshop on Interdisciplinarity in Contemporary Science, St. Petersburg, January 27-28, 2004

Third Kuzbass Philosophical Readings: "Social Aggressiveness," a national-level conference, Kemerovo, May 27-29

Third International Conference on the Human in Contemporary Philosophical Thought, Volgograd, September 14-17

The Program of RPhS conferences for 2004 lists approximately 100 conferences, seminars, and round tables scheduled for 2004. It is published in the *Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society* No. 4 (28), 2003. Website: www.logic.ru/~phil-soc

Publications:

Bulletin of the Russian Philosophical Society. Editor-in-chief: Professor A.N. Chumakov. Executive secretary: Professor N.Z. Yaroschuk. The *Bulletin's* subscription index in the Rospechat Catalogue is 70643. Website: see above.

The International Global Studies Encyclopedia. This unprecedented publication was prepared for the 21st World Congress of Philosophy, "Philosophy Facing Global Problems," published simultaneously in two languages, Russian and English, and presented at the World Congress in Istanbul. The *Encyclopedia* is composed of articles written by 445 notable figures in the worlds of philosophy, science, and politics, representing 28 countries.

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Activities:

Conference, September 18-19, 2003, FF UKF Nitra. Principal theme: Values Aspects of the Contemporary World”

Publication of the conference proceedings, *Value Aspects of the Contemporary World*, ed. S. Gálik, Bratislava, IRIS 2003, 526 pp.

Projects for 2004:

Philosophical Olympiad, March 23

Conference, September 16-18, FF PU. Theme: Life of Philosophy, Philosophy in Life”

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Activities in 2003:

Zahlreiche Veranstaltungen der lokalen Sektionen
Generalversammlung am 17. mai in Luzern

Publication:

Studia philosophica 62/2003: *Der Körper in der Philosophie – Le corps dans la philosophie*, hrsg. Von Emil Angehrn und Bernard Baertschi, Bern: Haupt, 2003

2004:

Symposium 7./8. Mai zum Thema “Globale Gerechtigkeit und Ordnungspolitik”

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Activities from April 1st to December 31, 2003

At the National Level:

1) A seminar on “Problems in Writing a History of Philosophy”, held in Istanbul on November 14-15, 2003. Papers were presented by Ioanna Kuçuradi (inaugural paper), Betül Çotuksöken (“History of Philosophy as a Discourse”), Abdullah Kaygı (“Philosophy and the History of Philosophy”), Zeynep Davran (“History of Philosophy and Historiography of Philosophy”), Arslan Kaynardağ (“Histories of Philosophy in Turkey: 1901-2002”), Mustafa Günay (“Objectives and Methods in Teaching History of Philosophy”), Sevgi İyi (“On the History of Philosophy and on Teaching History of Philosophy”), Taşkın Ketenci (“Two Concepts of Reason: Descartes and Locke”), Halil Turan (“Ignoring and Overestimating the History of Philosophy”), Kaan H. Öktem (“The Problem of Mathesis in Philosophy: Heidegger Reading Aristotle”). The sessions were chaired by Harun Tepe and Kurtuluş Dinçer.

2) Organization, in collaboration with Hacettepe University (Ankara) and with Maltepe University (Istanbul), of round-tables, as well as a *café philosophique* with the philosophy clubs in Istanbul, for celebrating the Day of Philosophy on November 20, 2003.

3) Organization, by the Section of Philosophy for Children of the Society, of seminars on “The Question of Limits” in various areas of human endeavour, for pupils of the high school, in October, November and December 2003.

4) Organization, in collaboration with Maltepe University (Istanbul), of a series of “Philosophical *Entretiens*” on Ethics, open to the broad public, in April and May 2003.

5) Two TV programmes of one hour each, for the public television cultural channel, with the participation of the President of the Division of Philosophy for Children and high-school pupils, on the benefit of taking part in the activities of the philosophy clubs.

At the International Level:

The XXIst World Congress of Philosophy, held on August 10-17, 2003 in Istanbul. The Congress was inaugurated by H.E. the President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer. Speeches were pronounced by the representative of the Director General of UNESCO, Ms Moufida Goucha, the Minister of the State Professor Beşir Atalay, the Governor of Istanbul Mr. Muammer Güler and the President of FISP and the Congress, Ioanna Kuçuradi. A piano recital by Ferhan and Ferzan Önder preceded these speeches.

Papers were presented in the plenary sessions by Jürgen Habermas (“Dispute on the Past and Future of International Law. Transition from a National to a Postnational Constellation.”), Gianni Vattimo (“The End of Philosophy in the Age of Democracy”), Kwasi Wiredu (“The Role of Philosophy in Intercultural Dialogue. An African Perspective”), Don Ihde (“Imaging Technologies: A Technoscience Revolution”), Gürol

Irzik (“Science and its Disconnects”), Anne Fagot-Largeault (“Problèmes philosophiques posés par les biotechnologies: l’exemple de la recherche sur les cellules souches”), Adamatia Pollis, In-Suk Cha (“Globalization, Cultural Identity and the Development of the Self”), Yusuf Örnek (“Globalization and Cultural Identity”), Iris Young (“Modest Reflections on Hegemony and Global Democracy”), Michael Pendlebury (“Toward Global Democracy”), Peter Singer (“Human Rights, the State and International Order”); in the symposia by R. Balasubramanian (“Gandhi on Violence, War, and Peace: A Socio-Philosophical Approach”), A. Guseinov (“Can Violence be Morally Justified?”), M. Markovic (“On War and Peace”), Robert Bernasconi (“The Philosophy of Poverty and the Poverty of Philosophy”), Agnes Heller (“The Two Pillars of Modern Ethics”), Thomas Pogge, Seyla Benhabib (“The Crisis of the Nation-State and the Boundaries of the Demos”), Victoria Camps, Uluğ Nutku (“Does Democracy Have a Future?”), Osvaldo Guariglia (“Enforcing Economic and Social Human Rights”), Alan Gewirth (“An Alternative Conception of Rights”), Stelios Virvidakis, (“Arda Denkel’s Philosophical Vision”), Myrto Dragona-Monachou (“Ioanna Kuçuradi: Glimpses at her Views of Ethics and Human Rights”), Betül Çotuksöken (“Philosophical Culture During the Republican Era in Turkey”), Harun Tepe (“Development of Ethics in Turkey”), Zeynep Davran (“The Development of Ideas During the Republican Era in Turkey”) and Ali Karatay (“Development of Logic and of the Philosophy of Science in Turkey”). Three endowed lectures were delivered by Evandro Agazzi (“Philosophy and Human Understanding”), Otfried Höffe (“Anthropology and Human Rights: On the Political Project of Modernity”) and Heiko Schulz.

In the closing session of the Congress on “Philosophy Facing Social and Global Injustice”, organized in cooperation with UNESCO and chaired by Mr. Pierre Sané, Deputy Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, papers were presented by Alan Gewirth (“Justice: Its Conditions and Contents”), Ioanna Kuçuradi (“Justice: Social and Global”) and Peter Singer. During the closing ceremony held with the participation of the Minister of Education of Turkey, Professor Hüseyin Çelik, the winner of the Macit Gökberk Philosophy Prize – an international essay competition for young philosophers organized by the Philosophical Society of Turkey on the occasion of the Congress –, Ms Ana-Maria Pascal (Romania) was presented to the Congress participants.

During the 13 parallel sessions held during the eight days of the Congress, 1.052 papers were read in the sections for contributed papers and 47 papers in the invited sessions. 68 round-tables, 3 university student sessions and 2 sessions for high school pupils were organized. A session on Sri Aurobindo was held on August 15, date of Sri Aurobindo’s birth and the National Day of India; and in another session organized by the Russian Philosophical Society the *Global Studies Encyclopedia*, prepared on the occasion of the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy, was presented to the world philosophical community. In the special session on “Philosophy and Politics”, held on August 16, papers were presented by H.E. the former President of the Republic of Bulgaria Professor J. Jelev, H.E. the former President of the Republic of Turkey Mr. Süleyman Demirel, and Dr. Karan Singh, former governor of Kashmir. 18 international philosophical societies, members and non-members of FISP, were provided with space and held their academic and administrative meetings.

According to the records of the Congress Secretariat, approximately 2700 people from 90 countries participated in the Congress.

During the Congress UNESCO held two meetings to discuss, with a number of philosophers, its strategies on poverty and on philosophy, which are under preparation.

Projects for Activities in 2004:

- Organization of the VIIIth National Philosophy Olympiad in eight centers all over Turkey.
- Celebration of the XXXth anniversary of the establishment of the Society by a seminar on “Teaching Philosophy in Turkey in the Beginning of the XXIst Century” and other activities.
- Preparation for publication of the *Proceedings of the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy*.
- Publication of the Turkish version of the papers presented in the plenary sessions and the symposia of the Congress.
- A seminar on “Reading Kant at the Beginning of the XXIst Century”.
- The traditional Istanbul Seminar held every year in late fall.

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Activités du 1er avril 2003 au 31 décembre 2003:

Colloque intermédiaire de l'ASPLF du 25 au 28 septembre 2003, organisé par la
société d'études kantienne de langue française au titre de son 6ème congrès à

Luxembourg sur le thème “Les sources de la philosophie kantienne aux 17ème et 18ème siècles”. Quarante communications, quatre conférences plénières, dix nationalités représentées. Les *Actes* paraîtront à la librairie VRIN (Paris) dans le courant de l’année 2004.

Les sociétés affiliées ont organisé durant cette période nombre de conférences et de réunions philosophiques.

Projets pour l’année 2004:

Colloque intermédiaire de l’ASPLF organisé par la Société d’études kantiennes de langue française du 19 au 25 avril 2004 dont les travaux se sont déroulés successivement à Dijon, à Luxembourg et à Mayence sur le thème: “Kant et la France”. Information: kant@mail.univ-mainz.de

XXXème congrès international de l’ASPLF du 24 au 28 août 2004 à Nantes, France, sur le thème: “L’homme et la réflexion”. Informations et programme: <http://www.congres-scientifique.com/asplf04>

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Activities:

The Association, a new member of FISP, is composed of a number of national societies as well as individual members. It has held the following conferences since its founding:
2001 – Varna Symposium – “Ethnic Tolerance in the Balkans”
2002 – Novi Sad Conference – “Political Conflicts in the Balkans”

2003 – Skopje Seminar – “Philosophy and Education in the Balkan Countries”
2004 – Pitesti, Romania Symposium – “Values, Culture, and Communications in the Balkans”

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Activities in 2003:

Undoubtedly the major event of this past year for the RVP has been its general conference in Istanbul. This brought together representatives of the philosophical teams from all parts of the world in dynamic interchange. This drew upon all cultures in confronting the urgent philosophical challenges of these newly global times. It marked the dramatic inversion of philosophy from a deductive process of reasoning from above, to a bottom-up process propelled by the philosophic insight and reflection of all peoples. It was the coordinating centerpiece of the following broad range of cooperative efforts.

With professors from all parts of the world, The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy has organized, or co-sponsored:

(1) colloquia:

- “Cultural Heritage and Dialogue between Civilizations,” Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Jan. 6-8
- “The Problem of Identity in the Intercultural Network Today,” Jakarta and Bangdong, Indonesia, Jan. 10-12
- “Indian Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Life: Philosophical Foundations for the Quality of Life,” New Delhi, India, Jan. 14-16
- “God in Multicultural Society: Religion and Politics and Religion and Globalization,” Beirut, Lebanon, Jan. 18-21
- “Eastern European Countries and the Challenge of Globalization,” Poznan, Poland, Jan. 23-25
- “Dialogue among Civilizations: East-West,” Moscow, Russia, April 15-17

- “Hermeneutics and Relations between Religions: Islam and Christianity,” Salzburg, Austria, April 29-30
- “Human Rights and Dialogue of Civilizations: Theoretical Foundations,” Qom, Iran , May 16-18
- “The Dialogue of Cultural Traditions: A Global Perspective,” Istanbul, Turkey, Aug. 8-9
- “Italic Identities and Pluralistic Contexts Toward the Development of Intercultural Competencies,” Oct. 23-24, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

(2) *Quinquennial meeting in Istanbul, August 8-9, 2003:*

120 professors from some 20 countries came together at Istanbul Kultur University for a two day conference, sponsored by RVP, the Philosophy Department of Istanbul University, ISM and WUCPS, to discuss “The Dialogue of Cultural Traditions: A Global Perspective”. The conference immediately preceded the XXIst World Congress of Philosophy.

This provided as well the opportunity to advance the regional structures of the RVP, including the formation of a number of research teams and the development of regional unions for Africa, Asia, etc.

The conference proceedings will be published soon; for detailed information see www.crvp.org.

(3) *10 week seminar in Washington, D.C., Sept. 8-Nov. 6, 2003:*

10 professors from Austria, China, Congo, Hungary, Indonesia, Lithuania, Nigeria, Russia, Thailand and the U.S.A. joined together to discuss the issue of hermeneutics and cultural communication between civilizations and religions in this global age.

(4) *Publications:*

The Council has published some 25 titles in 2003 (see attached list and website: <http://www.crvp.org/book/New%20Publications/titles.htm>)

(5) *Philosophical Calendar:*

Beginning with November, 2003, the Council has been appointed as the editor of the Philosophical Calendar (http://www.crvp.org/Philosophical_Calendar/), which lists philosophical conferences and over the years, this has provided the content for the announcements of The International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP). Those interested in posting philosophical activities, especially conferences, meetings, colloquia, etc., are invited to send the details to cua-rvp@cua.edu for posting on the web so that professors around the world can share your efforts and take part where possible.

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Looking ahead in the new year, the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) plans to continue its:

(1) *colloquia*

- “Human Person and Human Rights,” New Delhi, India, Jan. 11-13
- “Person as Culture: From Personal Interests to Cultural Traditions,” Chandigarh, India, Jan. 14-16

- "Person and Peoples in Global Times," Pune, India, Jan. 17-20
- "Metaphysical Reconstruction of Person," Hyderabad, India, Jan. 21-23
- "The Changing Face of Religion in the Third Millennium" and "Post-modern Culture and the Contemporary World," Chennai, India, Jan. 24-28
- "Person and the Challenges of Modernity: Indian Context ," Visva-Bharati, India, Feb. 2-5
- "Cooperation between Cultures in a Global Age:East-West," Milan,Italy, June 5-6
- "Global Horizons: Interculturality, Interspirituality and Identity," Bucharest, Romania, June 9-10
- "Persons and Peoples in a Global Age," Tehran, Iran, June 12-16
- "The Meeting of Cultures and Civilizations," Almaty, Kazakhstan, June 20-25
- "Cultural Heritage and Social Progress," Shanghai, China, June 28-July 1
- "Religions - Cultures - Globalisation: Living Together in a Global Age," Salzburg, Austria, July 28-Aug. 1
- "Asian Heritage and the Global Society," AACCP/Asian Union, August
- "Relations between Peoples in Global Times," Hanoi, Vietnam, December
- "Interfaith Dialogue in an Era of Globalization," Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January, 2005

(3) *10 week seminar in Washington, D.C., Sept. 15-Nov. 15, 2004*

The 2004 theme will be on the role of faith and reason in the dialogue of civilizations. Professors interested in taking part are invited to check the website (www.crvp.org) for details and contact the RVP in February, 2004. Publication of the proceedings is foreseen.

(4) *Publications:* The Council will continue its effort to promote research by teams of philosophers and to disseminate their work across the world. It encourages research on issues of concern to particular peoples and regions, as well as to their global interaction. The Council will edit, print and distribute their works to some 350 university libraries across the world, as well as through the usual book channels. This constitutes a unique interchange of in-depth philosophical research regarding present problems in search of the path ahead in these global times.

Publications in 2003:

Series I. Culture and Values

Vol. I 30 George F. McLean, *Hermeneutics, Tradition and Contemporary Change: Lectures in Chennai/Madras, India*

Vol. I. 31 Richard Feist and William Sweet, eds., *Husserl and Stein*

Series II. Africa

Kwame Gyekye, *Beyond Cultures: Perceiving a Common Humanity: Ghanaian Philosophical Studies, III*

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Series IVA. Central and Eastern Europe

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Vol. VII. 4 George F. McLean and John A. Kronkowski, eds., *Moral Imagination and Character Development, Volume I, The Imagination*

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Vol. VII. 6 George F. McLean and John K. White, eds., *Moral Imagination and Character Development, Volume III, Imagination in Religion and Social Life*

Vol. VII. 7 George F. McLean, Antonio Gallo, Robert Magliola, eds., *Hermeneutics and Inculturation*

Vol. VII. 8 Antonio Gallo and Robert Magliola, eds., *Culture, Evangelization, and Dialogue*

Vol. VII. 11 Robert Magliola and John Farrelly, eds., *Freedom and Choice in a Democracy, Volume I: Meanings of Freedom*

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Vol. VII. 14 George F. McLean and Robert Magliola, eds., *Democracy, Culture, and Values, Volume I, Democracy: In the Throes of Liberalism and Totalitarianism*

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

From April 7 through May 26, the IAGP organized and held the 15th International Philosophy Seminar in Plato's Academy and Pnyx, Athens, Greece, with the topic "Contemporary Issues in Ecological Philosophy." About 400 people took part in the Seminar, which was open to the public. There were many contributed papers and the following keynote speakers: Professor K. Boudouris, Professor John O'Neil (UK), Dr. G. Tsiantis, Prof. Robin Attfield (UK), Professor Keekok Lee (UK), Asst. Prof. E. Maraggianou, Professor Stephen Clark (UK), Dr. Panayota Vassilopoulou, Professor Gordon Graham (UK), Asst. Professor K. Katsimanis, Dr. Constantinos

Athanasopoulos, and Dr. Alex Zistakis. The sub-topics of the seminar were: (a) “Representing people, representing nature, representing the world;” (b) “Sustainable development revisited;” (c) “Immigration of plants, animals, and men;” (d) “Genetic engineering and environmental ethics;” (e) “What is natural and what is artificial?”

From August 1st through 7th, the IAGP organized and held the 15th International Conference on Greek Philosophy in Stagira-Ouranopolis, Greece. The topic of the Conference was “Conceptions of Philosophy: From the Pre-Socratics to Contemporary Philosophy.” About 70 papers were read, and more than 300 participants took part from the Americas, Africa, Europe, Russia, Korea, India, Japan, and other parts of the world.

Publications:

The IAGP published (in cooperation with Ionia Publications) the following volumes in December, 2003:

In English: K. Boudouris, ed., *Polis and Cosmopolis: Problems of a Global Era* (Athens: Ionia Publications), Vols. I (272 pages) and II (272 pages).

In Greek: *Polis, Cosmopolis and Globalization* (Athens: Ionia Publications), 360 pages.

Projects for 2004:

From June 27 through July 5 the IAGP is organizing and will hold the First World Olympic Congress of Philosophy in Athens-Spetses, Greece. Topic: “Philosophy, Competition and the Good Life.”

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In May 2003, the IAPh Board Meeting was held in Göteborg. Moreover, during a one-day mini-conference on "Gender and Philosophy", held in conjunction with the Board Meeting, members of the Board had the opportunity to introduce their current philosophical work to a lively Swedish audience.

IAPh Meeting at the World Congress of Philosophy (FISP), Istanbul 2003

In August 2003, a group of IAPh members and some members of the IAPh Board participated in the 21st World Congress of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) in Istanbul. At the FISP General Assembly, IAPh was able to support the successful election of Alison M. Jaggar, Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, to the FISP Steering Committee. We congratulate her, and thank her for her future support as a member of the FISP Committee. We also thank Jules Sturm, doctoral candidate at the University of Vienna, who agreed to serve as IAPh's official representative at the General Assembly.

On August 15, 2003 the meeting of the IAPh took place as planned. The IAPh meeting was organized by Brigitte Weishaupt and Silvia Stoller and structured as a congress section with four papers on the theme of "Body Mind Gender". The following papers were presented: Ute Gahlings (Darmstadt): *Sex, Gender and the "gendered lived body"*, Bettina Schmitz (Würzburg): *Inter Pares. Bodily Recognition, Semiotic Mediation and Intersubjectivity*, Silvia Stoller (Vienna): *The Asymmetrical Gender – Phenomenological Reflections on Sexual Difference*, and Jules Sturm (Vienna):

Commentary on Silvia Stoller. Other sessions of feminist interest were devoted to the issue of “Philosophy and Gender” (Chair: Herta Nagl-Docekal) and “Feminism and Global Capitalism” (Chair: Nancy Holmstrom for the Radical Philosophers Association). We hope that the feminist dialogue will continue just as successfully at the next World Congress in Seoul, South Korea.

Moreover, IAPh took part in meeting of the General Assembly of FISP which took place on August 13. With regard to the election of the new FISP Board IAPh agreed to nominate Alison M. Jaggar, Professor of Philosophy and Women’s Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder. It is our great pleasure to inform you that Professor Jaggar was elected to the FISP Board. In future, she will support both women’s issues in philosophy and the specific concerns of IAPh. For this reason, we thank her warmly for her commitment and wish her success in her work with FISP. We also thank Jules Sturm, doctoral candidate at the University of Vienna, who agreed to serve as IAPh’s official representative at the FISP General Assembly

2004:

For the first time in the history of the Association, an international IAPh conference is taking place in a Scandinavian country: in the Swedish city of Göteborg, from June 17-19, 2004. This XXIth IAPh symposium has as its theme “Human Good – Dignity, Equality, and Diversity.” It has attracted numerous philosophers from all over the world. You are invited to visit the Congress website: <http://iaph2004.com>

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Conference News

The 13th International Conference on Chinese Philosophy was held in the picturesque city of Västerås, Sweden, August 16-19, 2003. The theme of the conference was “Chinese Philosophy and the Sources of Human Consciousness in the Modern Globalized World.” The conference was co-sponsored by the Department of Chinese Studies, Stockholm University, and the Department of Humanities, Mälardalen University of Sweden. Nearly 70 participants from 10 countries and regions, including about 30 scholars from mainland China, attended the conference. Mr. Mats Svegfors, governor of Vastmanland province, attended the opening ceremony and delivered a congratulatory speech. Chung-ying Chen, Honorary President of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, was the keynote speaker. The conference held concurrent panels in English and in Chinese.

The size of this conference was smaller than those in the recent past. But there were some interesting high-quality presentations. In his keynote speech “Global Ethics and the Confucian Model,” Professor Cheng Chung-ying discussed cultural or national ethics in the context of the formation of a global ethics. He argued that there are currently three centers of national or cultural ethics, namely the European center, the American center, and the Chinese center. The Chinese center mainly refers to the Confucian ethics model. Cheng maintained that Confucian ethics has an important role to play in the upcoming formation of a global ethics. Professor Fang Keli presented his new interpretation of the classic Chinese ideal of “*tian ren he yi*” (Heaven-Earth in Oneness)” and argued that its primary meaning is about the relation between humanity and nature. Fang stressed the contemporary significance of the Chinese ideal in improving humans’ relationship with nature. Many of the presentations covered a wide range. Professor Zhou Qin presented a contextual interpretation of the Confucian concept of *li*. Professor Shi Yanping considered Chinese humanistic philosophy (*ren wen zhe xue*) from a Chinese-Western comparative approach. Professor Qingjie Wang used rich historic and textual evidence to show how Heidegger was deeply influenced by Daoist thinkers. Outside the formal presentations, there was a great deal of interaction among the participants.

The bi-annual International Conference on Chinese Philosophy is the official conference of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy. On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Society’s Executive Director Vincent Shen, Secretary Chenyang Li, and Treasurer Xinyan Jiang presented a bi-annual work report of the organization. The general assembly unanimously accepted the Executive Committee’s nomination of Professor Karyn Lai, of the University of New South Wales (Australia), as candidate for President (2004-2006) and the nomination of Professor Guo Qiyong, of Wuhan University (China), as candidate for Vice President (2004-2006). Both nominations will be voted on through a formal vote by the general membership. At the closing ceremony, participants also expressed their deep gratitude toward Professor Torbjorn Loden, President of the Society, and his assistant Dr. Youqin Shen for their diligent work organizing the conference.

The next conference will be held at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, from 16-21 July 2005. The conference theme is “Chinese Philosophy and Human Development in the 21st Century.” For more information concerning the conference, please see <http://www.cwu.edu/~iscp/>. (Chenyang Li)

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Activity in 2003:

Publication of a special issue of *Perspectives on Science*, entitled “Contexts of Philosophy of Science,” consisting of papers from the HOPOS 2002 meeting at Concordia University in Montreal.

2004:

Fifth International Congress of HOPOS in San Francisco, California, June 24-27, at the University of San Francisco, in cooperation with Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. For further information, visit the website: <http://www.umkc.edu/scistud/hopos/>

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Activities in 2003:

Annual conference, July 17-19, at Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. Theme: "War and Terrorism". Keynote speakers: Ted Honderich and Virginia Held. Annual book award winner: Paul Weithman

As usual, NASSP sponsored sessions at all three divisional conferences of the American Philosophical Association: Eastern, Central, and Pacific.

Publications:

Vol. 18 of the Social Philosophy Today book series, *Truth and Objectivity in Social Ethics*, edited by Cheryl Hughes (from the 2001 NASSP conference) was published by the Philosophy Documentation Center

The Journal of Social Philosophy, edited by Peter French, continued its quarterly publication.

2004:

Annual conference, July 29-31, at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Theme: "Human Rights, Democracy, and Religion". Keynote speakers: Frank Cunningham and Iris Young. Annual Book Award winner: Susan L. Campbell.

Vol. 19, *Environmental Philosophy as Social Philosophy*, with Andrew Light as Guest Co-editor, and Vol. 20, *War and Terrorism*, with John Rowan as principal editor, of the Social Philosophy Today series are in preparation.

In January 2005, Carol Gould will assume the editorship of the *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

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Activities since April 1, 2003:

In cooperation with the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (CRVP), organized a 2-day mini-conference on “The Dialogue of Cultural Traditions: A Global Perspective,” at Istanbul Kultur University, August 8-9.

At the World Congress of Philosophy in Istanbul, organized a Round Table on “Rights, Responsibilities, and Traditions,” August 11, and participated in a Round Table on “Philosophy Facing Society in the World Context: Identity in Crisis,” August 13.

Publications since April 1, 2003:

Vol. 2, *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions: A Journal of the World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies*. Theme: “Body and Spirit” See <http://iago.stfx.ca/arpa/WUCPS-Journal.html>

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Projects for 2004:

Publication of *Bulletin*

Publication of Vol. 3 of *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*; theme: “Rights and Responsibilities”

Participation in regional conferences

June 28-July 1 (with CRVP) – meeting with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

July 30-August 1 (with CRVP) – conference in Salzburg, Austria; theme: “Religions – Cultures – Globalization: Living Together in a Global Age”

August 18-20 – conference in Bangkok, Thailand, of the Asian Association of Catholic Philosophers, in cooperation with Assumption University