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Letter from the President

This issue of Network includes links to the list of 57 Thematic (STS) and 9 Working Group (WGT), 3 New Researchers Forum sessions, and 9 Author Meets Critics session that have been proposed and accepted for the 33rd conference of the ISSR to be held in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium next July 2-5. The general theme of the conference will be “Sensing Religion”. A large number of the thematic and working group sessions have been proposed with this theme in mind, and together we anticipate that, with the plenary sessions, they will give us a nicely focused conference in which a wide range of possible approaches will be explored and generate fruitful discussion and interchange among researchers.

We are grateful to the many members who have proposed these sessions, and now it is the turn of others to propose specific papers for them. We therefore invite you to peruse the lists in order to find the best place (Thematic Session, New Researchers Forum, or Miscellaneous Papers) to submit your paper, and then to submit your paper proposal using the online facility available here: <http://sisr-issr.org/program>. Your proposal will be automatically sent to the principal organizer of the session you have chosen for possible inclusion in that session. If you are unsure as to where your paper might fit, please contact the session organizers or the program chair (2015program_chair@sisr-issr.org), if this is not possible. While the sessions provide the bulk of the structure for the program, it is up to all the rest of us to make sure the various sessions are filled with interesting and competent papers that report our latest research efforts and share them with our colleagues.

The organized sessions do not, of course, present the only possibilities for participation in the conference. If it is appropriate, you are alternatively invited to propose papers under the category of a miscellaneous paper which, if accepted, will be organized into separate sessions under this title.

Three technical matters are of particular importance. First, please submit your proposal via the web site link given above. Using this facility will ensure that your proposal gets to the right place and conforms to the guidelines for proposals. In this context, it is important that you also submit a shorter abstract of your paper in the other official language of the ISSR, the one in which you will not be delivering your paper: for most readers of this version of Network, this will be French. Third, each participant may only present ONE paper at the conference. This measure is simply meant to keep the conference within manageable proportions and to allow maximum participation.

You will note that the deadline for all paper proposals, of whatever kind, is 15 December 2014. Also, please be reminded that presenters and session organizers must be members in good standing of the ISSR. If, for whatever reason, you cannot pay your 2014-2015 membership dues before you submit your paper proposal, or at latest when notices of acceptance of papers are sent out in February 2015, please contact the program chair.

Finally, for those who wish to seek financial support to make participation in the conference possible, please see the instructions as to eligibility and application procedure below, toward the end of the newsletter. The application deadline for such assistance is also the 31 December 2014.

PETER BEYER, President

The 33rd ISSR Conference

Sensing Religion

Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), 2nd-5th July, 2015.

Proposed and accepted Thematic Sessions (TST) are listed in a separate document. We invite ISSR members to submit their individual paper proposals to any of the TSTs, or as a miscellaneous paper. Please use the online submission system on the website at: <http://www.sisr-issr.org/Program/>.

Each participant may only submit / present ONE paper at the conference.

Please be reminded that in order to present a paper or be on the program for the 2015 conference, you must have paid your 2014-2015 membership dues. In order to have your paper accepted for the program, YOU MUST BE a member in good standing of the ISSR. All information regarding membership dues is available on the ISSR website www.sisr-issr.org/English/Join/Join.htm

DEADLINES

- > Papers proposals - 15 December 2014
- > Acceptance letters sent by the Program Chair – 15 February 2015
- > Registration - 1 May 2015

Financial assistance

The Council has set aside limited funds to assist participants in ISSR conferences coming from countries with non-convertible currencies. Those who wish to request financial assistance from the ISSR are asked to submit their application to the General Secretary (general_secretary@sisr-issr.org).

Such support can only be offered if the following conditions are met in full:

- > The quality of the proposed paper must be good. A paper that has already been published in French or English will not be accepted.
- > The applicant must agree to give a paper at the Conference and remain in residence for the duration of the conference.
- > The deadline for submitting an application for financial assistance is December 31st, 2014. An Abstract of about 3 pages should accompany each application.
- > The application must also contain a short curriculum vitae.
- > The inability of the applicant to pay for participation in the Conference must be demonstrated.
- > The application must be accompanied by

a letter from the head of the applicant's academic department or research centre certifying that financial assistance cannot be obtained from the applicant's department, research centre or from national and international foundations.

- > Other things being equal, priority will be given to those who have never received financial assistance to participate in an ISSR conference.
- > Applicants who are informed that their application has been approved in principle must submit the full text of their paper in English or French (between 5,000 and 6,000 words) to the General Secretary no later than April 15th, 2015.
- > Successful applicants must become members of the ISSR/SISR and must submit their papers for consideration by the Editorial Committee for publication in Social Compass.
- > Payment of financial assistance will be made only when the applicant sends the remaining part of the original ticket (not a photocopy) to the Treasurer (olivier.servais@uclouvain.be) after the

conference.

Only those applicants who meet these conditions in full will be eligible for financial support from the ISSR. Applicants are also reminded that requests for funding cannot be met in full.

Final decisions rest with the Programme Committee.

Call for nomination for ISSR Officers and Council members

In 2015, the term for some of our ISSR Officers and Council members will expire. According to the ISSR Constitution (Article 17), Council members (formally: directors) are eligible for consecutive re-election only once, unless they assume the function of President, Vice-President, General Secretary, or Treasurer. Nominations are open for all Council and Executive positions listed in the table below, irrespective of whether the incumbent (listed) is eligible for re-election or not.

	Current member	End of the term	Eligible for re-election
Vice President	Jörg Stolz	2015	No
Country/Region Members :			
Benelux	Anne-Marie Vuilleminot	2015	Yes
Canada	Pauline Coté	2015	No
Eastern Europe*	Fatma Sundal	2015	Yes
Central Europe**	Vacant		
Italy	Roberto Cipriani	2015	No
Switzerland	Irene Becci	2015	Yes
East Asia and Japan	Yoshido Sakurai	2015	Yes
Nordic Countries	Kati Niemelä	2015	No
Australasia and Southeast Asia	Gary Bouma	2015	No
USA	Jim Spickard	2015	No

* (Russia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Turkey, Lebanon, and Israel)

** (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, FYR Macedonia, Albania, and Bosnia-Herzegovina)

We encourage ISSR members from respective countries/regions to think about their candidates and to encourage them to be nominated.

Elections will be held in April 2015. All nominations must be sent to the General Secretary no later than 15th March 2015 (general_secretary@sirr-issr.org).

For the position of Vice-President, candidates must:

- > Submit their Curriculum Vitae of up to 500 words in both languages
- > Submit 2 letters of support from ISSR members in good standing

For the position of Council member candidates must:

- > At the time of election, reside/work in the country or region that they are to represent
- > Submit their Curriculum Vitae of up to 300 words in both languages
- > Submit 2 letters of support from ISSR members in good standing from the respective country/region

Call for ISSR workshop proposal

PURPOSE

In light of its mission to foster international exchange in the sociology of religion, the ISSR invites proposals for international workshops on innovative research topics in the field to be held in 2015. ISSR will provide co-funding to a maximum of EUR15,000-.

ELIGIBILITY

- > Proposals may be submitted by a group of a minimum of three ISSR members in good standing, who come from at least

three different countries;

- > Proposals should include confirmed and significant co-funding from at least one other source (e.g. universities, research institutes);

APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS

Proposals shall consist of

- > a concise explanation of the scientific purpose and potential publication plans (three pages maximum);
- > a list of potential participants to be invited and/or to be addressed through an open Call for Papers;
- > a detailed budget plan and timeline of organization;
- > confirmation letter(s) from co-funding source(s).

DEADLINE

Proposals should be sent in electronic format to the Chair of the ISSR Workshop Committee, Roberto Motta (rmcmotta@uol.com.br) by November 1, 2014.

Practical information

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