

S
I S S R
S
R

Société Internationale de Sociologie des Religions
International Society for the Sociology of Religion

Network 20

Réseau

March 2003

Published by: Karel Dobbelaere

The 27th ISSR-Conference Issue

See you in Turin July 21 - 25 !

For the programme, see:
ISSR/ SISR Web Site: www.sisr.org

For practical questions, see also
Local Committee Web Site: www.sisr-turin.2003.it

Contents : Letter from the president

Conference fees

The pre-registration forms for the Conference (deadline June 15, 2003)

Conference information from the Local Committee:

- How to get to Turin and City links
- Turin: Practical information
- Wednesday excursions
- Pre- and post conference tours
- Booking form for the Local Committee

Reminders: vote on the statutes, membership fees and candidates for Council

Conferences and Annual Meetings

Membership applications and renewals

Letter from the President

I am delighted to report that the arrangements for our conference in Turin are well advanced. When Karel Dobbelaere and I visited the city in January we were very impressed by the plans made by the Local Committee under Franco Garelli's leadership. The ISSR is immensely grateful for their initiatives and hard work.

The sessions will take place mainly in university premises and partly in an extremely comfortable, air conditioned cinema. It takes only two minutes to walk from one site to the other. And there are many cafés, shops and restaurants in the neighbourhood, which is close to the historic centre of Turin. The opportunities for tourism are excellent in Turin with its rich heritage of architecture and fine art.

If you consult the Programme on our website you will see that there is an exciting array of Plenary sessions on the theme of "Religion and Generations" and a large number of smaller sessions on all kinds of topics. Karel Dobbelaere and his team in Leuven have worked wonders to put all the elements of the programme together in such an elegant way.

As this will be my last "Letter from the President", let me say that it has been a privilege to serve the ISSR's members and to work with so many gifted colleagues. Numerous people have helped me in many ways, but I want to pay a special debt of gratitude to the Past President, Liliane Voyé, the Vice-President, Enzo Pace, and to Véronique Altglas who co-ordinates the New Researchers Network. It has been a special pleasure to work with Karel Dobbelaere and Jean-Pierre Hiernaux for the last two years. We are all indebted to them and to Madame Van Meerbeeck and the Leuven team for helping to make the ISSR bigger and stronger. My thanks go to all the other members of the ISSR for their contributions towards its success.

Now it only remains for me to invite you to follow the instructions for registering for the conference and for the tours organised by the Local Committee. I look forward to seeing many of you in Turin in July.

Jim Beckford, President of the ISSR

Neither the ISSR/SISR nor the Local Committee can be held responsible for any accidents that may occur to conference participants and their property on the way to and from the conference venue or during the conference. The ISSR/SISR strongly advises all participants to purchase their own travel insurance.

The 27th Conference

Presenters of papers are asked to spend two minutes giving the main points of their paper in the other official language of the conference: if the paper is in English then a short presentation should be given in French and vice versa

Conference fees

Payment can ONLY be made in euros

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Paying before June 15th</i>	<i>Paying on site</i>
Members: <i>Full members</i>	75 € (*)	95 €
<i>Members with reduced fees</i> (**)	40 €	50 €
Non-members (***):	95 €	115 €
Students non-members (****)	15 €	25 €

(*) The level of fees has changed since 2001 only in line with the inflation rate.

(**) This category of fees is available to members from countries with non-convertible currency, students, retired colleagues and partners of full members.

(***) This category of fees is available only for persons not presenting papers.

(****) This category of fees is available only for students not presenting papers

PLEASE do pre-register, it is less expensive for you, the secretaries can come well prepared to the conference and, consequently, registration at the conference desk will be faster

To pre-register: please use the forms on the next two pages, which should arrive in Belgium before June 15, 2003

PRE-REGISTRATION for the 27th ISSR conference in Turin (July 21 - 25 2003)

Download this Form and complete it in print or CAPITAL LETTERS, and send it before June 15th 2003, with your payment to :

Jean-Pierre Hiernaux, Treasurer of the ISSR
32 rue des Rabots
B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium

Family name:.....

First name:.....

Institutional affiliation:.....

Address:

City:State:

Zip Code:.....Country:

Telephone:.....

Email:

Pre-registration (the level of fees has changed since 2001 only in line with the inflation rate. **However, if you register on site in Turin, you will have to pay more**, see information in Network 20)

Please tick one box

- Full member: 75 euros**
- Reduced fees for members: 40 euros** (This category of fees is available to members from countries with non-convertible currency, students, retired colleagues and partners of full members)
- Non-members: 95 euros** (category available only for persons not presenting papers)
- Student non-member: 15 euros** (category available only for students not presenting papers)

Payment can ONLY be made in euros by one of the following three methods (Please tick the appropriate box):

- by International Money Order made out in Euros to: J.-P. Hiernaux, address above, **no bank cheques!**
- by transferring the fees in Euros to the SISR bank account: 777-5953575-82 at BACOB, Chaussée de Charleroi 227, B-6220 Fleurus, Belgique. Swiftcode: BACBBEBB
- by creditcard in Euros, (only VISA or EUROCARD/MASTERCARD are accepted), Credit card users must also complete the form on next page.

PAYMENT BY VISA CARD OR EUROCARD/MASTERCARD

Please type or print in CAPITAL LETTERS very carefully:

1. Credit Card Number: | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |

2. Exp. Date: |__|__| Visa: Eurocard/Mastercard:

3. Name and initials of card holder, exactly as they appear on the Credit Card:
.....
.....

4. If the card holder is not the member for whom the payment is being made, please write the member's name here:.....

5. Amount: Please tick one box:

75 euros full member

40 euros member from country with non-convertible currency
 student member
 retired member
 partner of full member, named:.....

95 euros non-member, not presenting a paper at the conference

15 euros student non-member, not presenting a paper at the conference

6. Signature: Date:

7. **Your guarantee:** Only the Treasurer of the ISSR receives your credit card information. Technically he can only debit your account for the ISSR, and for the amount guaranteed by your signature.

8. **For security reasons, we do not accept registrations by Internet.** Please download the forms, complete them in **print** or **CAPITAL LETTERS**, and send them correctly filled in by air/regular mail, **as soon as possible, and certainly to arrive in Belgium before June 15, 2003 to:**

Jean-Pierre Hiernaux
Treasurer of the ISSR
32 rue des Rabots
B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium

Conference Information from the Local Committee

GETTING TO TURIN

I.- IF YOU'RE ARRIVING BY AIR

The nearest airports are:

Turin airport

European and Domestic flights.

Turin is connected to main European cities and of course other Italian cities (eg 6 flights /day from Rome, 4 flights/day from Naples etc). The Turin – Rome flight takes about 1 hour. (Ryan Air – a low fare airline flies into Turin)

Milan airports:

1 Malpensa: Intercontinental, European and Domestic flights.

Terminal 1 - national airlines

Terminal 2 - charter flights

This is the North of Italy's largest and busiest airport. It is about 120kms from Turin – for links see below.

2 Linate: European and Domestic flights.

Linate is very near Milan city centre on the east side of the city.

For links with Turin see below.

GETTING TO TURIN CITY CENTRE

A) From Turin airport

Turin Airport at Caselle is about 15 kms North of the city centre and can easily be reached by bus or taxi. (The rail link does not go right into the centre of town yet and so is not advisable.)

By Bus.

Airport Terminal: Ground floor (just in front of the domestic /EU flight exit)

City Terminal: Porta Nuova Railway Station (corner Via Sacchi and Via Assietta) – the bus

also stops at Porta Susa Railway Station.

Timetable- Airport to City: Every 30/40 minutes from 6.30 am to 11.30 pm.
Timetable - City to Airport: Every 30/40 minutes from 5.15 am to 10.30 pm.
Journey Time: Approximately 40 minutes
Fare: Tickets can be bought on the bus and cost 5 € single.
Company operating service: SADEM

By Taxi.

Taxis are for hire outside the Passenger Terminal in front of the Domestic/EU arrivals exit.
Journey time: Approximately 30 minutes.
Fare: Taxis can cost between 30 € and 40 €

B) From Malpensa airport, Milan

Malpensa Airport is about 120 kms North-East of Turin and there is an airport bus service linking it directly to Turin centre. However, if the timetable isn't suitable for your flights we suggest taking the airport bus to Novara railway station (50 minutes) and then catching the train to Turin (60 minutes), and so avoiding Milan city centre. (Novara is a small city half way between Turin and Milan, directly south of Malpensa airport.)

By Bus

Malpensa Airport Terminal: Terminal One - Arrivals level, Bus-stop n°18.
Turin City Terminal: Main Bus Station – Corso Castelfidardo
The bus stops at Porta Susa Station
Malpensa to Turin: 11.30 am -- 3.30 pm -- 8.30 pm
Turin to Malpensa: 7.00 am -- 9.00 am -- 3.00 pm
Journey Time: Approximately 2 hours.
Fare: Tickets can be bought on the bus and cost 16.50 € single
Company operating service: SADEM

By Bus to Novara and Train to Turin.

Malpensa Airport Terminal: Terminal One – Arrivals level, Bus-stop n° 14
Novara Bus- stop: At Novara Railway Station
Timetable:Malpensa to Novara Station: 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 0.10 pm, 2.45 pm, 5.00 pm, 8.00 pm
Timetable:Novara Station to Malpensa: 6.35 am, 9.05 am, 11.05 am, 1.35 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.20 pm
Journey Time: 60 minutes
Fare: Tickets can be bought on the bus and cost 6.70 € single.
Company operating service: STN

Trains run between Novara and Turin, stopping at Porta Nuova station and Porta Susa station, nearly every hour and the airport bus is timetabled to connect with the train times. Journey time is about 60 minutes and the second class single fare ranges from 4 € to 6 € depending on the category of train.

C) From Linate airport, Milan.

Linate Airport is only about 8 kms to the East of the very centre of Milan. If you arrive at Linate the best way to get to Turin is to catch a bus to Milan Central Station and then take the train to Turin. There is an airport bus service – STARFLY - providing buses every 30 minutes to and from the airport and the station which costs 2 € single. At Linate the stop is just outside the exit from Arrivals and the first bus leaves at 6.05 am and the last at 11.35pm. At Milan Central Station the bus-stop is on your left as you leave the station, and the first bus leaves for Linate at 5.40 am and the last at 9.35pm. Trains run between Turin and Milan every hour, the journey time is about 1 hour 30 minutes and the cost is between 8 € and 12 € depending on train category.

II. IF YOU ARE ARRIVING BY TRAIN

There are two stations in Turin, “Porta Nuova” – the main station - and “Porta Susa.” Most trains stop at Porta Susa before going on to Porta Nuova but it’s necessary to double check. However, the stations are not very far apart so either is fairly central in the city. If you are travelling by train to/from other cities the approximate travelling times are:

- from Milan 1h 30
- from Venice 4h 30
- from Florence 5h
- from Rome 6h 30
- from Lyon 4h 30
- from Geneva 6h

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

As you will see when you arrive, the streets and avenues of Turin form a regular grid and as the central part of the city is not that big many places are within walking distance of each other. However, the conference area is about 2kms from both Porta Nuova and Porta Susa (the railway stations and where to get off the airport buses) and to reach it you can take a taxi or public transport -- bus or tram.

The conference will be held right next to Turin’s most famous landmark – **the Mole Antonelliana** – so in case you get lost it is a perfect point of reference! The address is the **corner of Via Montebello and Via Verdi.**

From **Porta Nuova** - bus n° **68** from outside main exit from station on Corso Vittorio Emanuele – **ask for the stop nearest to the Mole Antonelliana**

From **Porta Susa** - tram **13** or bus **56** from stop in front of station – **ask for the stop nearest to the Mole Antonelliana**

Bus and tram tickets cannot be bought on the bus, but in tobacconists, bars or news-stands.

Note. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Local Committee at **info@sirs-turin.2003.it**

TURIN, ITALY - PRACTICAL INFORMATION

We hope this information will help to make your stay here easier and so more enjoyable!

TIME. Italy is on Central European Time (GMT + 2.00 in the summer)

CLIMATE. Average daytime temperatures in July in Turin are around 25°C (77°F) with high humidity and there are occasional thunderstorms. However, evenings, especially outside the city, can be cool.

VISAS AND PASSPORTS. Citizens from some non-EU countries may need a Visa to enter Italy. We suggest you contact the Italian Consulate or Embassy in your country to check or visit www.esteri.it/eng/foreignpol/italstra/index.htm.

HEALTH AND EMERGENCIES. As always the SISR recommends that participants take out their own insurance to cover any travel or health problems. EU citizens are entitled to reciprocal health care in Italy's National Health Service on presentation of an E111 form.

BANKING HOURS. Banks are open Mondays to Fridays from 8.35 am to 1.35 pm and from 2.50 pm to 4.20 pm.

POST OFFICES. Post Offices are open Monday – Saturday from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. The main branch in Via Alfieri 10 is also open in the afternoons (Mon-Fri).

SHOPS. Shops are generally open from 8.30/9.00 am - 0.30 pm and again from 3.00/4.00 pm - 7.30 pm from Tuesdays – Saturdays (many shops are closed on Monday mornings). Supermarkets and big department stores stay open throughout the whole day.

MUSEUMS. Opening hours may vary but they are generally open from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm on Tuesdays – Sundays and closed all day Monday. EU citizens under 18 and over 65 should get free admission to State museums. See below Turin special offers.

GETTING AROUND. Turin has a good public transport service of buses and trams. There is a flat fare of 0.90 €, and the ticket lasts 70 minutes regardless of number of stops travelled or if you change buses or trams. Tickets cannot be bought on the buses or trams but in tobacconists, newspaper kiosks or bars. Once on the bus you must punch your ticket in a machine placed just inside the front or rear doors. (The Local Committee will have tickets on sale at their registration desk in the conference area).

HIRING A CAR. All the major rental companies have offices in Turin airport as well as in the city. At the moment diesel costs about 0.90 €/litre and unleaded petrol about 1.10 €/litre. Motorway tolls work out at about 5€ / 100kms.

PHONING. If you want to call Italy from abroad the international code is 0039. Telephone cards (including those specifically for international calls) for public phones can be bought from tobacconists and newsagents.

(The Local Committee will have some on sale at their registration desk at the conference).

ELECTRICITY. Electric appliances will work in Italy if you adapt and convert them to run on 220 AC with two round prongs on the plug.

INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS. Many news-stands in the city centre keep foreign papers and magazines - eg. in Piazza Castello (outside tourist office), Via Po on the corner with Via Sant'Ottavio (near the conference centre), and in Via Roma .

RESTAURANT PRICES. There is of course a wide range of restaurants in Turin, and on your arrival you'll receive a detailed guide. There are many really good cafés, snack-bars and self-service restaurants etc. around the conference area and a light lunch costs about 8/10 €. A good three course meal with wine in a simple restaurant costs about 20/25 €.

TOURIST OFFICE. The Turin Tourist Office, Piazza Castello 161, (tel. 011.535181) is open Mon – Sat 9.30 am – 7.00 pm and Sun. 9.30am – 3.00 pm and you can find lots of information at www.turismotorino.org/

TURIN SPECIAL OFFERS. The “Torino Card” is a pass which offers free travel on urban public transport, free entry to 120 museums etc. in Turin and Piedmont, various free trips in the city and many other reductions:

Card valid for 48 hours costs 15€

Card valid for 72 hours costs 17€

Available from the Tourist Office in Piazza Castello, 161.

PHOTOCOPYING. Commercial photocopying facilities are available in the vicinity of the conference site.

E-MAIL. Facilities for using e-mail will be available at the conference site.

MESSAGES. A message board for the purpose of making contact with conference participants will be available at the conference site.

Note. If you need any further information please contact the Local Committee at info@sizr-turin.2003.it

AFTERNOON EXCURSIONS - WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2003

The following 4 excursions have been organized for the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd. July. We feel they offer the chance to experience a special cultural and historical aspect of Piedmont, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the unique characteristics of the different areas. As numbers are limited to some destinations we suggest you book early, and we'll also ask you to indicate a second choice on the booking form.

Excursion N° 1: WALDENSIAN VALLEYS

The tour will include a visit in Torre Pellice and the Angrogna Valley, 50 km from Turin in the West of Piedmont. The little town of Torre Pellice, now the main centre of the Waldensian Valleys, only assumed this role of "little capital" in the 19th century. Until the Edict of King Charles Albert in 1848, the Waldensian people had been forced to live in the mountains. At this point the "Waldensian area" was created - the area containing the main buildings of the Church including the main Waldensian Church, the Casa Valdese (administrative building), the Waldensian College and the Cultural Centre, formerly a Boarding School, with its two museums. The Angrogna Valley is a valley at right angles to the Pellice Valley and was the stage for many of the fundamental events of Waldensian history. In this valley there are many monuments and buildings of great importance.

Schedule: 2.30 pm - 11 pm (leaving Turin at 2.30 pm and getting back by 11.00 pm)

Price per person: 40 €

Price includes: bus, dinner (traditional local dishes), tourist guide speaking English/French

Excursion N° 2: DAMANHUR

Community situated 40km from Turin, in the North of Piedmont

Damanhur (www.damanhur.org) is a new spiritual community established in 1976 in the Valchiusella valley. With more than 500 resident "citizens" it is the largest of its kind in the world. It has attracted considerable scholarly interest, not only in Italy, for its New Age lifestyle, esoteric worldview, and peculiar art. Particularly, its underground temple (kept secret for several years and "discovered" only in 1992), literally built within a mountain, offers a truly unique experience; entering it is like entering into a fairy tale. For social scientists, Damanhur is more than a work of art and interacting with the "citizens" engaged in this social experiment, visiting the underground temple and other facilities, will offer ample opportunities for those interested in communal groups, alternative lifestyles, and New Age-esoteric movements. Tour includes transportation, visit to Damanhur including the underground temple, meeting members of the movement and dinner within the community.

Schedule: 2.30 pm - 11 pm (leaving Turin at 2.30 pm and getting back by 11.00 pm)

Price per person : 60 €

Price includes: bus, dinner (traditional local dishes), tourist guide speaking English/French

Excursion N° 3: TOUR OF THE LANGHE REGION -

Situated about 60kms from Turin in the South of Piedmont, the Langhe is a beautiful area of rolling hills covered almost entirely with vineyards not only famous for its natural beauty and wine cellars, but, also for its ancient towns and historical buildings. Tour includes:

- **Visit of Alba, capital of the Langhe area and city of a “hundred towers”.** Nestling in vine-covered hills, the city of Alba has developed around a fascinating medieval centre which is characterized by numerous towers and Romanesque-Gothic monuments, such as the imposing cathedral, the Baroque San Giovanni and the Gothic church of San Domenico.

- **Visit to the Fontanafredda Wine Cellars.** Situated in Serralunga d’Alba in the land of Barolo wine, this is one of the most important and oldest wine producers in Piedmont. There are more than 70 hectares of vineyards specializing in growing grapes to produce important wines such as Nebbiolo, Barolo, Barbera, Dolcetto, Pinot Nero, Freisa, Moscato e Chardonnay. The estate, given by King Vittorio Emanuele II to his morganatic wife, Rosa Vercellana in 1878, has belonged to the Monte dei Paschi di Siena Group since 1931.

- Buffet dinner in the historic villa “**La bela Rosin**”, inside the Fontanafredda Estate.

Schedule: 2.30 pm - 11 pm (leaving Turin at 2.30 pm and getting back by 11.00 pm)

Price per person: 50 €

Price includes: bus, dinner (traditional local dishes), tourist guide speaking English/French

Excursion N°4: TURIN HISTORIC CENTRE - GUIDED WALKING TOUR

One of the best ways to really get the “feel” of a city is to walk around it. This is a guided tour from the very heart of the historic centre which traces the cultural and social developments of the city through the centuries. Starting from the principal square, Piazza Castello, the tour will take in the historical landmarks which look onto the square such as the Royal Palace, the Holy Shroud Chapel, San Lorenzo Church, and Palazzo Madama.

Moving away from Piazza Castello it will be possible to wander through elegant squares, such as Piazza Carignano, as well as admire some of the lesser known buildings with their magnificent entrances and courtyards.

The tour will include optional visits inside the Royal Palace and the Galleria Sabauda.

Schedule: 3.00 pm - 6.00pm

Price per person: 6 € (for a group of 20) + **optional museum** admission charges of 6 € each.

Note. If you need any further information please contact the Local Committee at
info@sisr-turin.2003.it

TOURS BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE

The following four tours have been organized for all those who would like to spend a little more time here, especially in our local area. For all the tours prices are based on a minimum of between 25 and 30 participants, transport is by private coach, all guided tours will be in English/French as required, and all admission charges to museums etc and meals are included unless specifically indicated. All other details will be put on www.sisr-turin.2003.it/ at a later date.

TOUR A - THE AOSTA VALLEY: EUROPE'S ROOFTOP **Saturday and Sunday 19 – 20 July 2003**

The Aosta Valley is one of the most spectacular regions of Italy as it is rimmed by the highest mountains in Europe – Mont Blanc (4810m), the Matterhorn (4478m) and Monte Rosa (4633m). It is also famous for its Roman remains and medieval castles.

Day 1. The day is mostly dedicated to visiting one of the tributary valleys of the main Aosta Valley -- Valtournenche -- which winds up towards the Matterhorn. At the end of the valley at the resort of Breuil-Cervinia a cable car ride up to Plateau Rosa provides the opportunity to enjoy the Alps at their best. Dinner and the overnight stay in a 3 star hotel will be in Aosta, an Italian cross-roads town between France and Switzerland, where there will be time for a guided tour of its charming Roman centre.

Day 2. The second day offers the opportunity to experience one of the most thrilling and unforgettable trips – a series of cable car rides which takes you across Mont Blanc starting at Courmayeur with various stops on the way - at Punta Helbronner (3462m) you can admire the impressive glaciers, or at the Pavillion du Mont Frety visit an Alpine botanical garden. It will be possible to reach the French side at Chamonix (a bus will bring you back into Italy) or stay at the 'glacier terrace' and visit Courmayeur.

Max 30 participants.

Price: 200 € per person in a double room (20 € supplement for single room).

The price includes: bus, accommodation in a 3-star hotel with b&b, dinner in a typical restaurant, one packed-lunch and one typical alpine lunch, cable car transport to Mont Cervino and Mont Blanc, English/French-speaking tourist guide.

Supplement for cable car from Punta Helbronner to Chamonix and return by bus: about 50 €.

Notes.

1. Even in the summer temperatures at such high altitudes can be very cold so we recommend adequate clothing ie. a warm jacket, suitable shoes for walking, sun-glasses etc.
2. In the unlikely case of bad weather the programme will be changed and concentrate on visiting the beautiful villages and magnificent castles of the Valley.

TOUR B - ROMANESQUE PIEDMONT: THE ABBEYS

Saturday and Sunday 26-27 July 2003

These two days will be spent visiting some of the beautiful Romanesque abbeys that are situated in Piedmont not far from Turin, and in fact the tour is organized so that participants return for the night to their hotel in Turin. It is also possible to book for one of the days only. Some of the abbeys are still active and mark the continuity between religious traditions a thousand years old and the search for spirituality today.

Day 1. In the morning the visit will be to the Abbey of S. Maria di Staffarda dating back to the 12th century, and after lunch the 12th century abbey of S. Antonio di Ranverso and the imposing Sacra di S.Michele (11th century).

Day 2. In the morning the visit will be to the abbey of Vezzolano (11th century) perhaps the finest Romanesque building in Piedmont. Lunch will be in the Community of Bose, where in the afternoon an inter-religious discussion will be held with the monks of the community.

Max 30 participants

Prices: Tour of 2 days: 90 € per person

The price includes: bus, one lunch in a typical restaurant (on Saturday), one lunch in the Community of Bose (on Sunday), English-speaking tourist guide.

Only Saturday Tour: 60 €

Only Sunday Tour: 50 €

TOUR C – AROUND VINEYARDS AND CASTLES: TOUR OF THE LANGHE

Saturday and Sunday 26-27 July 2003

The ‘Langhe’ is one of the most beautiful and peaceful wine- producing areas of Italy, and the two day tour will give you the opportunity to relax and enjoy the history, the wine and the food of Piedmont.

Day 1. The “Barolo Trail”- in other words a tour of the world famous Barolo wine-producing area which is impressive for the extension of vineyards and the natural beauty of area. After lunch it will be possible to visit the medieval city of Alba and then visit a wine cellar and sample the different wines. Dinner will provide the opportunity to taste the specialities of the area.

Day 2. A visit to the Grinzane Cavour Castle, one of the many castles of the area, will be followed by lunch and the to visit Cherasco, a small town famous for its beauty as well as its gastronomic speciality – snails. However, it’s also famous for its cakes and sweets which will be offered.

Max 30 participants.

Price: 140 € per person in a double room (wine extra at lunch and dinner)

The price includes: bus, accommodation and dinner in a farmhouse hotel, one typical lunch, wine-tasting, English-speaking tourist guide.

TOUR D - VENICE AND THE VENETO ART TREASURES

Saturday to Tuesday 26 – 29 July 2003 (inclusive)

This short tour of four days and three nights in the Veneto region concentrates on four of the North-East's most famous and beautiful Italian cities. The three nights will be spent in Vicenza in a 4 star hotel.

Day 1. Arriving in **Padua** from Turin by coach (about 365 kms) lunch will be followed by a guided visit of the city- Basilica di Sant'Antonio, Palazzo della Ragione, Piazza delle Erbe e della Frutta, Cappella degli Scrovegni. Dinner and hotel in Vicenza (35 kms from Padua).

Day 2. The day is spent in and around **Vicenza** – “the city of Palladio”, the sixteenth century architect who designed so many of the fine buildings - Basilica, Loggia del Capitanato and the Teatro Olimpico. The afternoon is dedicated to visiting the Palladian Villas, decorated by Tiepolo. Dinner and hotel in Vicenza.

Day 3. A complete day in **Venice** (70km from Vicenza). The best introduction to Venice, a water-bus (vaporetto) will take you down the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square where the morning guided tour will start. The afternoon will be free so you can enjoy the unique experience of wandering in the maze of Venetian alley-ways. After dinner in Venice and the return trip up the Grand Canal, the coach will return to the hotel in Vicenza.

Day 4. Leaving Vicenza for **Verona** (50kms), the morning, lunch and early afternoon can be dedicated to visiting this magnificent city of Romeo and Juliet – Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe, l'Arena. The coach will then return to Turin

Max 30 participants.

Price: 500 € per person in a double room (115 € supplement for single room).

The price includes: bus, accommodation in a 4-star hotel in a double-room with half-board, English/French-speaking tourist guide, vaporetto in Venice, insurance.

Note. If you need any further information please contact the Local Committee at info@sir-turin.2003.it

BOOKING FORM FOR THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

- Accommodation in residences
- Excursions on Wednesday afternoon July 23.
- Tours before and after the conference
- Special needs

Please fill in this form and send it back to the Local Committee, **NO LATER THAN 30 MAY 2003**, the address is:

SISR - TURIN 2003

Prof. Franco GARELLI

Local Committee

- via e-mail (without signature) : info@sizr-turin2003.it
- via fax (with signature) : 0039-011-6702612
- via post (with signature) : Social Sciences Dept.

Via S. Ottavio, 50
10124 Torino – ITALY

FIRST NAME FAMILY NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

.....

E-MAIL

TEL./FAX.....

A) Accommodation in Residences

Please note that all reservations for hotels must be made by participants directly to the hotels.

ONLY these two residences can be booked with this form through the Local Committee. The two residences **VILLA SAN GIUSEPPE** and **SALESIAN VALDOCCO** are described on the Accommodation page (www.sizr-turin2003.it/). Credit card details are requested to confirm your bookings.

Villa San Giuseppe

Please bookroom(s) fornights at the price of 15 € / night.

Total Cost€.

Dates of nights to be booked.....

Salesian Valdocco

Please bookroom(s) for nights at the price of 25 € / night.

Total Cost€.

Dates of nights to be booked.....

B) Excursions on Wednesday afternoon 23 July (for details see Excursions page www.sisr.turin2003.it)

excursion	n° 1) Waldensian Valleys	40 €) To be
excursion	n° 2) Damanhur	60 €) paid
excursion	n° 3) The Langhe	50 €) in advance
excursion (payable in Turin) charges	n° 4) Turin Walking Tour	6 € + museum admission

1st Choice

Please book excursion n°forperson(s) for a total cost of€

2nd Choice

Please book excursion n°forperson(s) for a total cost of€

C) Tours before and after the conference (for all details see Tours page www.sisr-turin2003.it)

Please book the following tours for the number of people indicated:

Tour A The Aosta Valley: Europe's Rooftop (19-20 July)

200 € forperson(s) for a total cost of€

Tour B Romanesque Piedmont: The Abbeys (26-27 July)

both days (90 €) for..... person(s) for a total cost of€

only day 1 (60€) for.....person(s) for a total cost of€

only day 2 (50 €) for.....person(s) for a total cost of€

Tour C A Tour of The Langhe (26-27 July)

140 € forperson(s) for a total cost of€

Tour D Venezia and the Veneto Art Treasures (26- 29 July)

500 € for.....person(s) for a total cost of€

D) Special needs

- If you have any special needs please specify the details.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

- If you already know the date, time and flight details of your arrival please fill them in to help us with our organization. Thank you.

- Date and place of arrival.....
- Time of arrival.....
- Flight details.....
- Number of people.....

Note: If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Local Committee and we'll be only too pleased to help. **info@sisr-turin.2003.it**

PAYMENT

Payment for the services organised by Local Committee can be made either by a bank transfer (by 30 May 2003) or by credit card (in this case, send the form back by 30 May 2003: the Local Committee will make the debit).

In the event of cancellation before 30 June, the Local Committee will refund the total amount paid after deducting the bank charges and reservation costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations made after this date.

1. Bank transfer

Participants must remit payment in Euro funds drawn on a International bank. All transfer fees, including any other costs relating to the transfer, are payable by the participant.

Details of our bank account for bank transfer direct to our account are below:

Account Name: APSOR (Associazione Piemontese di Sociologia della Religione)

Bank Name: San Paolo IMI – S.P.A

Bank Address: San Paolo IMI – S.P.A
Torino – Succursale 13,
Corso S. Maurizio, 35
10121 Torino
Italy

Domestic Transfer

Account Number: 1000/60204

ABI: 01025

CAB: 01013

International Transfer

IBAN: IT91 M 010 2501 0131 0000 0060 204

BIC: IBSPITTM

2. Payment by credit card

Please complete the form on the next page and send it back to the Local Committee, **NO LATER THAN 30 MAY 2003**, the address is:

SISR - TURIN 2003
Prof. Franco GARELLI
Local Committee

- via e-mail (without signature) : info@sisr-turin2003.it
- via fax (with signature) : 0039 – 011 – 6702612
- via post (with signature) : Social Sciences Dept.
Via S. Ottavio, 50
10124 Torino – ITALY

Only the Committe Local of the SISR receives your credit card information.

HOW TO CONTACT US?

Jim Beckford, President
Department of Sociology
University of Warwick
Coventry, CV4 7AL
United Kingdom
Tel. Office: + 44-2476-523156
Fax. + 44-2476-523497
Residence: + 44-1926-851252
e-mail: J.A.Beckford@warwick.ac.uk

Karel Dobbelaere, General Secretary
Department of Sociology
Catholic University Leuven
Van Evenstraat 2B
B-3000 Leuven, Belgium
+ 32-16-323203
+ 32-16-323365
+ 32-85-235129 (phone + fax.)
Karel.Dobbelaere@soc.kuleuven.ac.be

Jean Pierre Hiernaux, Treasurer of the ISSR
32 rue des Rabots
B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium
hiernaux@anso.ucl.ac.be

For administrative matters:

Call, fax or e-mail:

Mrs. **Hilde Van Meerbeeck - Cravillon**
Tel.: + 32-16-230398
Fax.: + 32-16-323365
sisr@soc.kuleuven.ac.be
sisr@pandora.be

LOCAL COMMITTEE IN TURIN:

Franco GARELLI, Chair

SISR – TURIN 2003
Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali
Via S. Ottavio, 50
I-10124 Torino – ITALY
e-mail: info@sisr-turin2003.it
fax: +39-11-6702612

Important Reminders:

**Persons presenting papers at the 27th Conference
in Thematic Sessions, Miscellaneous Paper Sessions, New
Researchers Forum and Author meets Critics**

should be members of the ISSR

The last three pages of this Network contain the forms which enable you to pay your membership dues without complications. Do not forget to complete the Who's Who questionnaire and submit it.

**Appeal for candidates
for the following vacancies on the ISSR-Council:**

Netherlands
Spain
South Asia

**Who is going to be invited to vote next May:
for Council members; Changes in Membership Fees;
and Changes in the Statutes?**

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

Consequently, ballots will be sent only to members who have paid their membership dues in 2002 and 2003 before April 15th.

**CONSEQUENTLY, WE CALL UPON MEMBERS TO PAY
THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The last three pages of this Network contain the forms which enable you to pay your membership dues without complications.

**Do so in time so that your payment arrives in Belgium
before April 15, 2003.**

and

Do not forget to complete the Who's Who questionnaire and submit it.

CONFERENCES and ANNUAL MEETINGS

American Sociological Association: 98th Annual Meeting, **Atlanta, Georgia, 16-19 August 2003.** **Section 34: Sociology of Religion** will organise two regular sessions -- “Religious Cultures and the ‘Propensity’ toward Violence” and “Religion and the Life Course Transitions” – and Roundtables (one-hour). Submissions are due January 15th, 2003. For up-to-date information: www.asanet.org.

Association for the Sociology of Religion: Annual Meeting 2003 in **Atlanta, Georgia, 15-17 August 2003.** “The Sociology of Religion: Constructing an Agenda”. Web site: www.sociologyofreligion.com. Contact Program Chair Lina Molokotos-Liederman, email: liederman5@aol.com. Deadlines: January 15, 2003 for session proposals; February 15, 2003 for abstracts

British Sociological Association (BSA): Sociology of Religion Study Group will have its Annual Conference in Oxford (Plater College) on 9-12 April, 2003. The theme is "Texts and Religious Contexts". The deadline for proposals is 31st January, 2003 (proposals should be sent to the Convener). Enquiries to the Convener, Dr Elisabeth Arweck (Elisabeth.arweck@warwick.ac.uk) or to the Conference Officer, Dr Peter Collins (p.j.Collins@durnam.ac.uk). Details are also on the Study Group web site: <http://www.socrel.org.uk>

Religious Research Association: Annual Meeting 2003 in Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, Virginia-**October 23-26, 2003.** “Religion and Contemporary Culture: Exploring the Intersections of Religious Research”. Send proposals to: Lori G. Beaman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University, J. W. McConnell Building, Room LB 681, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd West, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1M8 Canada. Submissions by email are encouraged: (temporary) beamlg@uleth.ca and copy all email correspondence to nason-cla@unb.ca. Include email address on all correspondence. Deadlines: January 15, 2003: Session proposals; March 15, 2003: Paper Abstracts.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: Annual Meeting 2003 in Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, Norfolk, Virginia. **October 23-26, 2003:** “Religion in Motion”. Send proposals to: James Cavendish, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Ave., CPR 107, Tampa, FL 33620, USA. email: jcavendi@luna.cas.usf.edu. Please include email address on all correspondence. Deadlines: January 15, 2003 Session proposals; March 15, 2003 Paper Proposals; September 30, 2003 Completed Papers. Web site: www.ssrweb.org.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS, 2002 and 2003

Download the Form below, and complete in print or CAPITAL LETTERS, and send it as soon as possible, with your payment to :

Jean-Pierre Hiernaux
Treasurer of the ISSR
32 rue des Rabots
B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium

Family name:.....

First name:.....

Institutional affiliation:.....

Address:
.....

City:State:

Zip Code:.....Country:

Telephone:.....

Email:

Membership fees for 2002 and 2003 (the level of fees has not changed, but from now on fees are due for a two year period, as decided by the General Assembly in 2001):

Please tick one box

- Full member: 106 euros** (this includes subscription to Social Compass)
- Reduced fees: 54 euros** (this does not include subscription to Social Compass)
(This category of fees is available to members from countries with non-convertible currency, students, retired colleagues and partners of full members)

Payment can ONLY be made in euros by one of the following three methods:

Please tick the appropriate box:

- by International Money Order made out in Euros to: J.-P. Hiernaux, address above, **no bank cheques!**
- by transferring my fees in Euros to the SISR bank account: 777-5953575-82 at BACOB, Chaussée de Charleroi 227, B-6220 Fleurus, Belgique. Swiftcode: BACBBEBB
- by creditcard in Euros, (only VISA or EUROCARD/MASTERCARD are accepted), Credit card users must also complete the form on the next page.

PAYMENT BY VISA CARD OR EUROCARD/MASTERCARD

Please type or print very carefully:

2. Credit Card Number: | ____ | ____ | ____ | ____ |

2. Exp. Date: |__|__| Visa: Eurocard/Mastercard:

6. Name and initials of card holder, exactly as they appear on the Credit Card:

.....

7. If the card holder is not the member for whom the payment is being made, please write the member's name here:.....

8. Amount: Please tick one box:

106 euros full member

54 euros member from country with non-convertible currency
 student
 retired
 partner of full member, named:.....

6. Signature: Date:

7. **Your guarantee:** Only the Treasurer of the ISSR receives your credit card information. Technically he can only debit your account for the ISSR, and for the amount guaranteed by your signature.

8. **For security reasons, we do not accept** applications or renewals **by Internet**. Please download the forms, complete them in **print** or **CAPITAL LETTERS**, and send them correctly filled in by air/regular mail, **as soon as possible**, to:

Jean-Pierre Hiernaux
Treasurer of the ISSR
32 rue des Rabots
B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium

