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## GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Dear APECSS colleagues in the fields of early Christian studies,

Welcome back to the *APECSS Newsletter* February 2017 edition.

I am particularly gratified to know the details of the next APECSS conference that will be held in September 2017. Our gathering will contribute to the fruitful professional exchanges among the Asia-Pacific New Testament and Late Antique researchers. It also will give us the opportunity of renewing our friendships and mutually recognising each other's activities and collaborative research. Please many of you come and meet together at the APECSS conference this spring–autumn in Melbourne.

This newsletter informs you the information of matters in the fields of both New Testament Studies and Patristic Studies in 2017 and 2018. Thank you so much for your enduring commitment to APECSS's activities. Please send all items of interest for inclusion in the newsletter to me. The next issue will be released by the end of July 2017.

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## 1 APECSS FUTURE EVENTS IN 2017 AND 2018

### 1.1 ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE

The eleventh annual conference of Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society (APECSS) will be held at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne VIC, Australia, from Friday, 22 to Sunday, 24, September 2017. The theme for the 2017 conference is 'Responses to Conflict in Early Christianity'.

Conflict was the norm in early Christianity, from its beginnings as a Jewish sect to its establishment as the only state-sanctioned Roman religion. Some scholars have suggested that disunity was so deeply rooted that it is more correct to speak of *Christianities* rather than Christianity. This conference focuses on responses to conflict in the early Christian centuries. These responses could be theological, involving the weeding out of heterodoxy or heresy by orthodox authorities, often self-acclaimed; material, as in the cases of the destruction of Arian churches and Jewish synagogues, and the use of churches as sanctuaries; or even spiritual, as the contest for authority between ecclesiastical and ascetic leaders demonstrates. One could argue that both asceticism and violence were different types of responses to conflict, as was negotiation. Conflict could be productive or divisive, depending on the parties involved and the issues at stake.

Invited speakers include:

Prof. Boris Repschinski, SJ, New Testament Studies, University of Innsbruck, author of *The Controversy Stories in the Gospel of Matthew: Their Redaction, Form and Relevance for the Relationship between the Matthean community and Formative Judaism* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2000).

Prof. Robin M. Jensen, The Patrick O'Brien Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame, author of *Living Water: The Art and Architecture of Ancient Christian Baptism* (Leiden: Brill, 2011).

Assoc. Prof. Jonathan P. Conant, History, Brown University, author of *Staying Roman: Conquest and Identity in Africa and the Mediterranean, 439–700* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012).

11th Annual Conference of Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society

### *Responses to Conflict in Early Christianity*

*22 - 24 September 2017*

*Australian Catholic University,  
Melbourne, Australia*

Keynote Speakers:

Dr Boris Repschinski, SJ  
Department of Biblical Study and Historical Theology  
University of Innsbruck, Austria

Professor Robin M. Jensen  
The Patrick O'Brien Professor of Theology  
University of Notre Dame, USA

Associate Professor Jonathan P. Conant  
Department of History  
Brown University, USA



APECSS welcomes all proposals that explore any theme relevant to the early Christian world from the New Testament to the end of Late Antiquity, and especially those that focus on this year's theme. **Please send a title and abstract of 200–300 words to <mailto:apecss.conference@acu.edu.au> until 30 March 2017.** It is our practice at this conference, in view of the various language backgrounds of speakers coming from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, for all presenters to bring sufficient copies of their paper in English (minus notes) for distribution to conference attendees to facilitate understanding, even if speakers wish to deliver their paper in a language other than English. Registration form will be available at ACU Centre's website. From the Society's website [http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/asiapacific\\_ecss.html](http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/asiapacific_ecss.html), you will be able to access the 'Accommodation' and 'Travel Information' of this 2017 Conference.

## 1.2 APECSS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

The XIIIth annual conference of APECSS will be held in Japan, in September 2018. Further information will be uploaded on the Society's website [http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/asiapacific\\_ecss.html](http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/asiapacific_ecss.html).

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## 2 REPORT ON THE 10TH APECSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### SAINT PETERSBURG IN 2016

The 10th APECSS conference was held at University for Aerospace Instrumentation in St Petersburg, Russia, from 9–11 September, 2016. The conference theme was 'Survival of Early Christian Traditions'. We were delighted to have Prof. Sergey Ivanov, from National Research University, Moscow, as a keynote speaker at the conference delivering his paper entitled 'The Survival of Extravagant Saintliness in the Mid-Byzantine Period'. Not only were the regular members of APECSS well represented among the presenters and participants at the conference, but it was wonderful to see several Belgian, Finnish, French, Greek, Hungarian, UK, and Japanese early career scholars join us as well.

The conference was a great success. Let us thank the organisers of our conference at St Petersburg, for their efforts in bringing us together for an enjoyable meeting, most especially Dr. Basil Lourie and Dr. Xenia Mitrenina. As well, the Society has to extend the gratitude to the Russian convenors, Dr. Julia Antokhina, Rector of SUAI, and Dr. Konstantin Losev, Vice-Rector for International Affairs of SUAI.

The conference will be memorable not only for the successful way in which the theme of the tradition of early Christian thinking and practice was explored and for the convivial atmosphere, but also, for the delicious conference dinner in a rather unusual place of Gregorian cuisine restaurant and the courtesy and hospitality of restaurant staffs, and for the cultural excursion at State Hermitage Museum. We were all fascinated by the innumerable masterpieces there.



More photos are available at <https://fotki.yandex.ru/users/hf-guap/album/243761/>.



### 3 FUTURE CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

#### 24–26 February 2017

19th Conference of Australian Association for Byzantine Studies will be held at Monash University on 24–26 February 2017. Further information is available at <http://www.aabs.org.au/conferences/19th/>.

#### 23–26 March 2017

The Society for Late Antiquity announces that the Twelfth Biennial Conference on Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity will be held at Yale University on the topic of 'The Fifth Century: Age of Transformation'. For further information, see <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1854599>.

#### 27–31 March 2017

The 2nd International Conference on Patristic Studies will be held March 27–31, 2017 in San Juan, Argentina. Further information is available at <http://www.congresodemanuscrito.com>.

#### 9–12 April 2017

The 2017 New Testament Society of Southern Africa Annual Meeting will take place 9–12 April 2017 at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. The theme is 'Pauline Perspectives, Then and Now'. The Society welcomes papers on early Christianity. For further information, see a pdf at [http://patristics.org/uploads/2016/10/The\\_New\\_Testament\\_Society\\_of\\_Southern\\_Africa\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers.pdf](http://patristics.org/uploads/2016/10/The_New_Testament_Society_of_Southern_Africa_Call_for_Papers.pdf). Proposals may be sent to the Chair of the NTSSA directly: Chris de Wet (<mailto:dwetcl@unisa.ac.za>). Closing date for proposals: **13 February 2017**.

#### 26–29 April 2017

The Annual Conference of the Classical Association, in association with the University of Kent and the Open University will be held in Canterbury, UK. For further information, go to the webpage <http://www.classicalassociation.org/events.html>.

#### 21–22 April 2017

The Twelfth Conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association, 'Receptions', will be held at Australian National University, Canberra. Abstracts of 250–300 words for 20-minute papers should be submitted via email <mailto:conference@aema.net.au> by **20 February 2017**. Further information is available at <http://www.aema.net.au/conference.html>.

#### 11–14 May 2017

The 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies takes place 11–14 May 2017 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo: <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/>

#### 15 May 2017

The Center for the Historiography of Linguistics of KU Leuven is organising an international workshop on Latin language manuals from Western Christianity, 350 to 750, to be held in Leuven on Monday, 15 May 2017. For further information, contact <mailto:Tim.Denecker@kuleuven.be>.

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#### 13 February 2017

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Proposals may be sent to the Chair of the NTSSA directly: Chris de Wet <mailto:dwetcl@unisa.ac.za>.

#### 15 February 2017

'The Art of Praise: Panegyric and Encomium in Late Antiquity' at the meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in Boston, Mass., 4–7 January 2018.

Abstracts for papers requiring a maximum of twenty minutes to deliver should be sent no later than February 15 to Paul Kimball at <mailto:pkimball@bilkent.edu.tr>.

#### 15 February 2017

The 11th Taiwan Association of Classical, Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies conference, 20–21 October 2017.

Your submission package to the Department of the Art History at <mailto:TACMRS.TNNUA@gmail.com> with a subject line stating 'Submission for the 11th TACMRS Conference'.

#### 20 February 2017

Australian Early Medieval Association, ANU, Canberra, 21–22 April 2017. Abstract 250–300 words

#### 22 February 2017

The SBL international meeting, Berlin, Germany, 7–11 August 2017

Proposals requirement at [https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses\\_Requirements.aspx?MeetingId=30](https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_Requirements.aspx?MeetingId=30).

#### 1 March 2017

Third International Congress 'Early Christian Mystagogy and the Body' in Utrecht, 30 August–1 September 2017. A 300 word summary of your proposal and a short biography

### 25–27 May 2017

The 2016 annual meeting of North American Patristic Society will be held on May 25–27 2017 in Chicago, USA. For further information, consult the website <http://patristics.org>.

### 27 May–2 June 2017

The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies will hold its annual meeting at Ryerson University, May 27–June 2, 2017 under the auspices of Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. For further information, see the website of CSPS: <http://www.ccsr.ca/csps/index.htm>.

### 25–29 June 2017

The next *Origeniana Duodecima* will take place at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus, on June 25–29, 2017. The theme of the conference will be: 'Origen's Legacy in the Holy Land—A Tale of Three Cities: Jerusalem, Caesarea and Bethlehem'. See the website at The Centre for the Study of Christianity of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem: <http://www.csc.org.il/template/default.aspx?PageId=120>.

### 3–6 July 2017

The twenty-fourth International Mediaeval Congress will take place in Leeds from 3–6 July 2017: [https://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2017\\_call.html](https://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2017_call.html).

### 7–11 August 2017

The SBL international meeting will be held in Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, from 7–11 August 2017. The Call for Papers will be closed **by 22 February 2017**. For further information, go to the webpage <https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Internationalmeeting.aspx>.

### 8–11 August 2017

The next general meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies will be held in Pretoria, South Africa, from 8–11 August 2017. For further information, go to the SNTS website at <http://snts.international/general-meetings/>.

### 29 August–1 September 2017

The Faculties of Theology and Philosophy of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, have hosted—every fourth year since 1977—a Patristic Seminar. The tenth meeting will be held from 29 August–1 September 2017. Papers (40 minutes long) and communications (20 minutes long) may be presented through title and abstract sent to the organisers **up to 15 March 2017**. Please contact directly to Prof. Samuel Fernández <mailto:sfernane@uc.cl>, Facultad de Teología and/or Prof. Manuel Correia [mcorreia@uc.cl](mailto:mcorreia@uc.cl), Facultad de Filosofía.

### 30 August–1 September 2017

The Third International Congress organized by the Netherlands Centre for Patristic Research, on the theme on 'Early Christian Mystagogy and the Body', will take place in Utrecht, 30 August–1 September 2017. See the Call for Papers at [http://ls0091.uvt.nl/wordpress5/?page\\_id=2](http://ls0091.uvt.nl/wordpress5/?page_id=2). The deadline for proposals is set to **March 1, 2017**. Please send a 300 word summary of your proposal and a short biography to <mailto:a.a.m.smeets@uvt.nl>.

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### 8 March 2017

The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 18–21 November 2016. Proposals requirement at [https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses\\_Requirements.aspx?MeetingId=31](https://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/Congresses_Requirements.aspx?MeetingId=31).

### 15 March 2017

The tenth meeting of Patristic Studies, 29 August–1 September 2017. Papers (40 minutes long) and communications (20 minutes long) may be presented through title and abstract sent to the organisers.

### 7 and 26 April 2017

The 2018 Society for Classical Studies annual meeting, 4–7 January 2018 in Boston. For the information of the Submission of each abstracts, go to <https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/2018-annual-meeting>.

### 30 May 2017

International Workshop 'Editing Late-antique and Early Medieval Texts', University of Lisbon, 23–24 November 2017. Abstract ca. 200 words

### 31 August 2017

The 25th International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 2–5 July 2018. Paper proposal deadline.

### 30 September 2017

The 25th International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 2–5 July 2018. Session proposal deadline.

### 30 September 2017

Gregory of Nyssa Conference, Paris, from 4 to 7 September 2018. Proposals (title and abstract; position and institution) are to be sent via email to <mailto:colloque2018@gregoryofnyssa.org>.

### 15 October 2017

The 25th International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 2–5 July 2018. Bursary application deadline.

### 5–8 October 2017

The 43rd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference will be held at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis from Thursday October 5–Sunday October 8, 2017. For further information, see the webpage <http://www.bsana.net/conference/index.html>.

### 20–21 October 2017

The 11th TACMRS (Taiwan Association of Classical, Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies) conference will be held from 20–21 October 2017. This year's conference theme is 'Imagination and Representation: Descriptions of Arcadia from Antiquity to Pre-Modernity.' Please send your submission package to the Department of the Art History at <mailto:TACMRS.TNNUA@gmail.com> with a subject line stating 'Submission for the 11th TACMRS Conference' by **15 February 2017**. For further information, go to the webpage <http://www.english.nptu.edu.tw/>.

### 26–29 October 2017

32nd Biennial Conference of the Classical Association of South Africa will be held in Pretoria from 26–29 October 2017. The Classical Association of South Africa (CASA) and the Classics Section of the Dept of Biblical & Ancient Studies, University of South Africa invite proposals for papers that focus on (but are not limited to) the conference theme 'Poverty and Wealth'.

### 18–21 November 2017

The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) annual Meeting will be held in Boston, MA, from 18–21 November 2017. The Call for Papers will be closed by **8 March 2017**. For further information, go to the webpage <http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/AnnualMeeting.aspx>.

### 23–24 November 2017

International Workshop 'Editing Late-antique and Early Medieval Texts: Problems and Challenges' will be held at University of Lisbon, 23–24 November 2017. An abstract of around 200 words, including the name, institution and email, should be sent **before May 30, 2017** to: <mailto:Lisbonworkshop17@letras.ulisboa.pt>. Acceptance of the papers will be communicated until June 30, 2017. For further information, <mailto:centro.classicos@fl.ul.pt> and <mailto:centro.classicos@letras.ulisboa.pt> and website: <http://www.tmp.letras.ulisboa.pt/cec/2623-editing-late-antique>.

### 4–7 January 2018

The 2018 Society for Classical Studies annual meeting will be held from 4–7 January 2018 in Boston. For further information, go to the webpage <https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/2018-annual-meeting>. **April 7 at 5pm eastern time** is the deadline for submission of: panel, workshop, seminar, and roundtable proposals for the 2018 meeting and **April 26 at 5pm eastern time** is the deadline for submission of all individual abstracts.

### 4–7 January 2018

At the meeting of the Society for Classical Studies in Boston, Massachusetts from 4–7 January 2018, the Society for Late Antiquity will sponsor a session to revisit the significance of the rhetoric of praise in late antiquity: 'The Art of Praise: Panegyric and Encomium in Late Antiquity'. Abstracts for papers requiring a maximum of twenty minutes to deliver should be sent **no later than February 15, 2017** by email attachment to Paul Kimball at <mailto:pkimball@billkent.edu.tr>. Please follow the SCS's instructions for the format of individual abstracts: <https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/guidelines-authors-abstracts>. Further information is available at <https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/2018/149/call-abstracts-art-praise-panegyric-and-encomium-late-antiquity>.

### 2–5 July 2018

The twenty-fifth International Medieval Congress will take place in Leeds, from 2–5 July 2018. The IMC chooses a specific thematic strand which—for 2018—is 'Memory.' The online proposals system will be available by 31 May 2017. For more information, visit the [http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2018\\_call.html](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/ims/imc/imc2018_call.html).

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### 30 September 2017

Gregory of Nyssa Conference, Paris, from 4 to 7 September 2018. Proposals (title and abstract; position and institution) are to be sent via email to <mailto:colloque2018@gregoryofnyssa.org>.

### 31 December 2017

PhD Workshop of Gregory of Nyssa Conference, Paris, from 4 to 7 September 2018. Workshop proposals (title and abstract of 1 or 2 pages) along with a brief CV and a letter from the student's supervisor should be sent to <mailto:phdworkshop@gregoryofnyssa.org>.



## 4–7 September 2018

The next Gregory of Nyssa Conference, to be held at Collège des Bernardins, Paris, from 4 to 7 September 2018. The deadline for this call for papers is **September 30, 2017**: the deadline for a call for a PhD workshop at the conference is **December 31, 2017**. For more information on the conference website, which will be gradually expanded and updated at <http://www.gregoryofnyssa.org>. Do not hesitate to contact us at the conference address <mailto:colloque2018@gregoryofnyssa.org>.

## 4 SCHOLARSHIP

### 4.1 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS 2017

The Australian Catholic University is offering scholarships for Australian or International PhD students to contribute to its 'Modes of Knowing' research project (see <http://irci.acu.edu.au/research/biblical-early-christian-studies/>).

Scholarships cover all fees, and provide a living allowance equivalent to \$ 31,300AUD pa (2016 rate). Students would be based at ACU Melbourne, and would have the opportunity to spend time at Durham University or KU Leuven. Additional funds are available to support travel and living expenses associated with such study at partner institutions. Funding supports projects for three years, with a flexible start date. The first students would start in July 2017. Applications will begin being considered immediately. For more information, see the website <https://irci.acu.edu.au/study-with-us/>.

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## 5 MISCELLANEA

### 5.1 RESEARCH GRANT AWARDED

Congratulations to researchers in the Centre for Early Christian Studies, Bronwen Neil, Pauline Allen, and Wendy Mayer, who with Chris de Wet (South Africa), have been awarded a prestigious ARC Discovery Project Grant for 2017–2019. This award in a highly-competitive grant program again recognises the team's long-running successful research at the forefront of Early Christian Studies.

The project is titled 'Memories of Utopia: Destroying the Past to Create the Future (200–650 CE)'. This project intends to examine the evidence for competing utopian ideologies in early Christian world, which was a prelude to the later clash with Islam from the seventh century onward. Evidence from pagan-Jewish-Christian conflicts in Late Antiquity from 300 to 650 CE shows that violent destruction of the past is not exclusive to fringe religious groups. These past conflicts are relevant for comprehending the conflict in the Middle East, precisely because analysis of the sources shows that, in intra-

### WEBSITE FOR THE ERC PROJECT 'JUDAISM AND ROME' OPENS.

The opening of the website for the ERC project 'Re-thinking Judaism's Encounter with the Roman Empire: Rome's Political and Religious Challenge to Israel and its Impact on Judaism (2nd century BCE–4th century CE)' (short title: 'Judaism and Rome'). To visit the website and learn about the project, please go to: [judaism-and-rome.cnrs.fr](http://judaism-and-rome.cnrs.fr).

The website gives access to ancient sources connected to the theme of Roman imperialism and its reception by the provincials, providing as much information as possible: original text, English translation, images ...

It also provides the reader with an original and detailed commentary on each source, a service that is very rarely offered on the web, and which makes this website comparable to a rich sourcebook in Open Access.

Finally, it seeks to promote interdisciplinary discussion between scholars working on Roman history, Jewish Studies, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Classics, Patristics, History of Christianity, and any related field.

Katell Berthelot, PI of the ERC project 'Judaism and Rome', together with the 'Judaism and Rome' team

and inter-religious conflicts in Late Antiquity in this same geographic region, violent destruction of the past was a propensity in mainstream religion.

### 5.2 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DAVID SIM ELECTED AS FAHA

Associate Professor David Sim, of the Faculty of Theology, has been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. This is a significant achievement for Associate Professor Sim and recognises the outstanding contribution that he has made towards his discipline of Biblical Studies.

Associate Professor Sim works in the area of early Christian history and Jewish-Christian relations in the first century, and is a leading international authority on the Gospel of Matthew. He commented that this was a major honour for himself and for the University. 'I feel very privileged to be elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Hu-

manities. The sole criterion for election to the Academy is acknowledged excellence in research, so I am very honoured that the Academy has chosen to recognise the quality of my research at the international level,' Professor Sim said.

### 5.3 WENDY MAYER ELECTED AS FAHA

Dr. Wendy Mayer has been elected to the Australian Academy of Humanities in recognition of her internationally-recognised research in Early Christian Studies. Dr. Mayer is a world-renowned expert on the prolific and influential bishop and preacher John Chrysostom, and on the field of early Christian studies more broadly. Her publications are internationally acclaimed and she is credited with having reshaped the field, with landmark studies that led to re-dating key works of the important figure of Chrysostom, churchman of Antioch and Bishop of Constantinople. Dr. Mayer also holds honorary positions as a Research Fellow in the Department of Biblical and Ancient Studies, University of South Africa and the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, Catholic University of America. She serves on the editorial boards of a number of international publications, including the series *Writings from the Greco-Roman World* and *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.

### 5.4 PROFESSOR PAULINE ALLEN ELECTED TO THE BRITISH ACADEMY

Congratulations to Professor Pauline Allen, who has been Elected as a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy. The British Academy was established in 1902 and is the United Kingdom's peak national body for the humanities and social sciences, having a role in funding and contributing to public policy debate. The more than 1,300 Fellows represent the most distinguished scholars in the relevant fields.

Professor Dermot Nestor, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, said: 'That such an honour should be bestowed upon Professor Allen, one of the University's most celebrated and decorated scholars, is both fitting and appropriate. Along with Professor Peter Bellwood, Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at ANU, Professor Allen was one of only two Australians honoured by election in 2016 in a total of 66 new Fellows. Professor Allen joins an elite group of a handful of other Australians who have been so honoured as corresponding fellows. I offer my sincere and heartfelt congratulations on this most notable and richly deserved achievement.'

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## SCRINIUM: JOURNAL OF PATROLOGY AND CRITICAL HAGIOGRAPHY



As has become usual, selected papers from the recent APECSS conference in St Petersburg are scheduled to be published in *Scrinium* ([brill.com/scri](http://brill.com/scri)) as the next 'Patrologia Pacifica' issue, now 'Patrologia Pacifica Quinta', edited by Kazuhiko Demura, Geoffrey Dunn, and Basil Lourié.

We would like to ask you to submit your contributions for peer-reviewing **before February 15**.

Starting this year, submissions must be made through the electronic system—this is a requirement of Brill. The address for submission is <http://www.editorialmanager.com/SCRIBRILL/default.aspx>. To be candid, it is still not working quite well, and, therefore, we would like to ask you for two things more: 1) do not submit before January, 2017; and 2) to send simultaneously your .doc (.docx) or .pdf documents to Basil Lourié (<mailto:hieromonk@gmail.com>) just to ensure we get it.

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Looking forward for your contributions,

The Editors



## 6 REMINDERS

2018

Seventh British Patristics conference will be held in Cardiff, UK, in 2018.

5–8 July 2019

The XVth FIEC (International Federation of the Societies of Classical Studies) International congress, incorporating the Classical Association Conference, will take place in London from 5–8 July 2019, with the help of the three British associations: Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, Classical Association, co-ordinated by the Institute of Classical Studies. For more information, see the FIEC webpage <http://www.fiecnet.org/congresses>.

2020

XIII Symposium Syriacum and XI Congress of Arabic-Christian Studies will take place in Paris in 2020.

2020

The XXII World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) will take place in 2020 in Dunedin, Aotearoa New Zealand. For further information, see the IAHR website <http://www.iahr.dk/index.php>.