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**IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress 2010 to be held in Toronto, Canada -
and other IAHR news**

**1. IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress 2010: Toronto, Canada, August 15-
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According to the decisions taken at the XIXth IAHR Quinquennial World Congress in Tokyo, the IAHR Executive Committee issued a call for bids for hosting the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress in 2010. The call was issued on the 14th of June, 2006, with a January 31st, 2006, deadline for submissions.

Though quite a few member associations signaled a possible interest in hosting the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress in 2010, the Executive Committee received but one formal bid, namely from a group of member associations and related institutions. Headed and signed by the professors James Di Censo and Donald Wiebe, Trinity College, University of Toronto, The North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR), The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR), The Société québécoise de la religion (SQER), The Department and Centre for the Study of Religion (CSR), University of Toronto, and The Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Toronto most kindly, by way of e-mail and ordinary mail, dated January 26, 2006, in a very solid, detailed and well structured proposal invited the IAHR to hold its XXth Quinquennial World Congress in 2010 in Toronto, Canada.

Having carefully studied the bid, the IAHR Executive Committee unanimously agreed to gratefully accept the bid. Consequently, it is my pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the IAHR Executive Committee, to announce that the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress will take place in Toronto, Canada, August the 15th to August the 21st. i.e. with arrivals and opening on the 15th, and General Assembly and closing on the 21st.

The Executive Committee once again wants to express its gratitude to the hosts, and we are looking forward not only to the event but also to the coming years of cooperation and planning. We strongly recommend all the member associations to announce the chosen time and location for the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress as soon as possible, directing the attention also to the IAHR website at <http://www.iahr.dk> where you can find this and future information posted together with a copy of the letter of acceptance mailed to the hosts. We are looking forward to meeting you all in Toronto in 2010.

2. Up-Coming IAHR special and regional conferences 2006-2007

Following a consultative meeting in the IAHR Executive Committee in November 2006 in Philadelphia and further deliberations with various member associations, the Executive Committee has agreed upon the following revised plan on IAHR special and regional conferences 2006-2007.

* Thessaloniki Greece, June 2-5, 2006. The Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion (GSSCR): ³Society in Transition. The Interdisciplinary Study of Religion in Modern Reality². An IAHR special conference.

* Bucharest Romania, September 20-23, 2006. The Romanian Association for the History of Religions (RAHR): "Religious History of Europe and Asia". An IAHR special conference.

* Stockholm-Sweden, April 19-22, 2007. The Swedish Association for the Study of Comparative Religion (SSRF): "Borders and Boundaries: New challenges in the academic study of religion". An IAHR special conference.

* Bangkok-Thailand, May 24 - 27, 2007. The South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR): ²Syncretism in South and South East Asia: Adoption and Adaptation". An IAHR regional conference.

* Ankara-Turkey, October xx-xx, 2007. The Turkish Association for the History of Religions (TAHR): Title and exact dates still to be agreed upon, theme, however, will relate to secularism, secularization and religion. An IAHR special conference.

Please visit the IAHR website for more information on the conferences.

3. IAHR related publications

Tokyo Proceedings and Publications: The Proceedings will include factual data on the conference as it took place including the planning and organisational process, venue, schedule, list of delegates and countries/associations represented. Academic papers and abstracts will not be reproduced in the Proceedings (keynote lectures are being published separately as an Adjunct Proceedings, edited by Gerrie ter Haar and Yoshio Tsuruoka) but there will be an overview of issues addressed in the panels and sessions, and a summary and reports of the cultural programme, as well as information about ensuing publications. It is anticipated that the Proceedings will be made available in the first instance on the web, and a print version produced if IAHR finances allow. The aim is to produce the web version by summer 2006.

Please do remember to notify the IAHR, att. the Publications Officer, Brian Bocking (bb@soas.ac.uk), and the General Secretary, Tim Jensen (t.jensen@ifpr.sdu.dk) about any other plans for other Adjunct Proceedings and spin-off volumes, and please cf. the IAHR rules in regard to such publications.

As for the other IAHR related publications, NUMEN, NUMEN BOOK SERIES, AND SOR, please see <http://www.iahr.dk/publications.htm> and further announcements of new issues at the IAHR and Brill websites.

NB: Please remember to report changes related to officeholders, e-mail and other addresses. Please report to the General Secretary, Tim Jensen (t.jensen@ifpr.sdu.dk), as well as to the Membership Secretary, Abraham H.

Khan (khanah@chass.utoronto.ca).

sincerely

Tim Jensen, IAHR General Secretary, Copenhagen, April 2, 2006.