

Dear Colleagues,

This is a call for new editors for the bibliographical journal *Science of Religion*.

The arrangements for the publication of *Science of Religion* are covered by an agreement between the publisher (Roots and Branches) and the IAHR. The editors are expected to select and present bibliographical materials in a manner which represents and supports the long-term interests of the IAHR as stated in its statutes. Incoming editors will be selected and appointed by the Executive Committee of the IAHR.

This work is regarded as a service for the academic community and is honorary (unpaid). Suitable persons are sought for the following positions:

Executive Editors:

General Editor (from 2005)

Associate Editor (as soon as possible)

Tasks:

- maintainance of computerised journals list
- maintainance of external relations with the editors and publishers of source journals
- preparation of copy from select journals when difficulties arise

Coordinating Editor (as soon as possible)

Tasks:

- integration of text received from specialist editors, see below
- preparation of indexes
- finalisation of copy for dispatch to publisher

Internet Editor (as soon as possible)

Task:

- preparation of selected contents for internet use by agreement with the publisher

The joint task of the **Executive Editors** is to prepare camera-ready copy for publication. The functions of Associate Editor, Coordinating Editor and Internet Editor may be carried out by one or two persons if appropriate. All the work is carried out by means of the bibliographical software: Endnote.

Specialised Editors:

The Specialised Editors will take responsibility for drawing materials from specific groups of journals. The details of assignments are the responsibility of the **Associate Editor**. Currently a need is seen for eleven **Specialist Editors**, but the number may be varied for pragmatic reasons.

- 1) Journals and bulletins of the IAHR and its affiliated associations (i.e. *Numen* and others)
- 2) Other journals specialising in the study of religions
- 3) Journals specialising in the religions of specific regions or fields
- 4) Journals specialising in specific religious traditions: Buddhism
- 5) Journals specialising in specific religious traditions: Judaism
- 6) Journals specialising in specific religious traditions: Christianity

- 7) Journals specialising in specific religious traditions: Islam
- 8) Journals specialising in specific religious traditions: various others
- 9) Journals on various religious issues including religions in dialogue and debate
- 10) Journals on cultural studies in various parts of the world
- 11) Various journals located in a particular location (for example Marburg, see below)

A detailed list of journals may be found in any recent issue of *Science of Religion* except that group 10 has not been listed in detail for some time, due to its increasing length. The production of *Science of Religion* is carried out by means of the bibliographical software: Endnote. However, "importable" copy in other forms is acceptable. In general the work of *Science of Religion* is based on library holdings, to which the Specialist Editors are expected to have.

The work of the current **General Editor** (Michael Pye, Marburg) will be completed with publication of Volume 30 in 2005. By that time it is expected that the number of articles abstracted will have reached almost 20,000 items. A new **General Editor** will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the IAHR in 2005 in order to prepare the copy for 2006. It is hoped that one of the various editors appointed in the meantime might be able to take up the task of **General Editor** at that time. In the meantime it is hoped that the various tasks indicated above will be transferred *progressively* to the newly appointed editors, so that a new editorial *team* will be created.

The **Associate Editor** should have a wide range of linguistic competence, especially in modern languages. The **Coordinating Editor**, being responsible for the final "copy", should have native or near-native knowledge of English. However there is much more than language work in the fascinating task of compiling *Science of Religion*. It is hoped that the editors will be drawn from various parts of the world and so bring a wide range of cultural and academic expertise to the common enterprise of the study of religions.

Colleagues who are interested in taking up any of the responsibilities mentioned above are requested to reply by e-mail to Geertz@teologi.au.dk with a copy to pye@staff.uni-marburg.de. Further information may also be requested from either of us in accordance with our functions. A curriculum vita may then be requested from suitable persons before appointments are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Pye (General Editor, SOR)