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Att. Professors Donald Wiebe and James DiCenso

Copenhagen, February 19, 2006

Dear Professors Donald Wiebe and James DiCenso,

First of all, I want to thank you and all the associations, institutions, and persons in support of the proposal as of January 26, 2006 to host the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress. Those who have taken the initiative and those who have put their time, energy and skills into the proposal.

The IAHR Executive Committee has carefully studied the proposal from the NAASR, the CSSR, the SQER and the CSR to (with the kind and generous support of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Office of the Provost, and the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion) host the IAHR XXth Quinquennial World Congress.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be in the position to tell you that the IAHR Executive Committee unanimously has agreed to accept the proposal, -- with gratitude. The Executive Committee finds the proposal very solid, very well prepared and very well structured, and it leaves no doubt about the seriousness, responsibility, commitment, and skills of the associations, persons, and institutions in question.

The Executive Committee, consequently, is confident that the involved associations, institutions and individuals have the experience and expertise needed to make sure that the preparation and carrying out of the Congress function effectively. Likewise, it is the opinion of the IAHR Executive Committee that a regional and not just a national sponsorship of an IAHR World Congress makes very good sense.

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Considering also the many advantages in having the University of Toronto provide the site for the congress, as well as the inherent qualities of Toronto and environs for hosting such an event, the IAHR Executive Committee looks forward to the event, -- and to years of fruitful cooperation with the associations, institutions and persons in support of and responsible for the proposal.

In regard to the work ahead, including the first steps to be taken, the setting of the dates for the Congress as well as the establishment of the organizational structures *et al*, please do not hesitate to contact me and the IAHR Executive Committee any time.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Jensen, General Secretary, IAHR

Cc: The representatives of NAASR (Russell McCutcheon), CSSR (Leona Anderson), SQER (Patrice Brodeur), and the IAHR Executive Committee