FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PATRISTIC STUDIES at the University of Oxford

Monday, 6 August to Saturday, 11 August 2007
The 15th International Conference on Patristic Studies will meet in Oxford from Monday 6 August to Saturday 11 August 2007. The Directors are Professor Averil Cameron (Chair), Dr Jane Baun, Professor Gillian Clark, Dr Mark Edwards, Professor Judith Lieu, Professor Andrew Louth, Dr Morvenna Ludlow, Dr David Taylor and Professor Markus Vinzent with the presidents of NAPS and AIEP. The Conference is sponsored by the Faculty of Theology in the University of Oxford. For further information please consult Oxford Conference Management either at, 27 Ditchley Road, Charlbury, Oxford OX7 3QS UK.

or by email to info@oxconf.co.uk

Opening Events. The Conference will open with a Garden Party from 3.30 - 5.00pm on Monday 6 August in The Masters’ Garden, Christ Church. The Inaugural Lecture will be given by the Most Revd Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury at 8.30pm on the same day in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin.

General Programme

Monday

Registration in Examination Schools and Garden Party, Christ Church, from 10.00am.

Tuesday to Friday

MORNINGS: Short communications (12-15 minutes, with brief discussion), 9.00am - 1.00pm, with lectures at 10.25 - 11.15am.

AFTERNOONS: Seminars and Workshops, 3.30pm - 6.00pm. See below.

Dinner for those resident in Colleges at 7.15pm.

EVENINGS: Tuesday: free for private arrangements

Wednesday: three simultaneous lectures in the Examination Schools.

Thursday: Organ recital at 8.30pm in Christ Church Cathedral, followed by a Reception.

Friday: closing lecture.

Saturday

Departure after Breakfast for those in Colleges.
Papers

The Directors welcome short communications on subjects of Patristic interest from all participants in the Conference. These should be original, concise and to the point. They will be read at sessions in the Examination Schools, arranged according to subject, on mornings from Tuesday to Friday. These papers should take 12-15 minutes to deliver as the time allotted for each presentation (including questions) is strictly 18 minutes.

Seminar papers and workshops

In the afternoons the Directors invite individuals, groups and organizations to offer papers of about 45 minutes in length for seminars, or else to arrange a workshop, lasting about two and a half hours, in which two or more papers will be given on a particular topic. It is requested that at least thirty minutes should be allowed for discussion of all papers at the end of the workshop, and that participants in the workshop will be present for the whole session. It is further requested that speakers should be drawn from at least two different countries (one’s country is understood to be one’s present place of academic residence; the United Kingdom is counted as one country).

It may not be possible to accommodate all offers of papers, and the Directors will have the final decision on the viability of a proposed workshop.

Book Display

It is hoped that there will be a display of publications on patristic subjects in the Examination Schools, and that representatives of publishers will attend.

Publication of the Proceedings

The Proceedings of the Conference will again be published by Peeters of Leuven. Those wishing to have their papers considered for publication are asked to follow the guidelines which will be sent out nearer the time of the conference.

Registration

The registration fee (payable by 15 September 2006, or 15 December at the latest), covers access to all academic events, an invitation to the Garden Party on Monday afternoon, and entrance to the Organ recital and reception at Christ Church on Thursday evening. Registration for full members is £120 (US$220).

Please note that the maximum attendance is 750, and in the past many late applicants have been turned away.
Reaching Oxford

Oxford is easily accessible by bus from Heathrow, Stansted and Gatwick airports, and there is never any need to go through London. Heathrow is by far the most convenient of the three; the bus runs every 30 minutes, and the journey takes something over an hour.

Car parking

There is NO chance of parking your car in Oxford. Short-term parking is rare and expensive, and will in any case be already taken up; the Colleges of residence are unable to provide space.