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To: The International Association of Mission Studies
From: Church of Scotland Board of World Mission and
Edinburgh University School of Divinity

Dear colleagues,

The International Association of Mission Studies and the Centenary of Edinburgh 1910

We write to invite IAMS to hold a Congress in Edinburgh in the year 2010. We envisage that this might form part of a wider series of events but we believe that an IAMS Congress would bring range and depth to the marking of the centenary and would add significantly to its capacity to be creative and forward-looking.

Being based in Edinburgh we are conscious of our responsibilities as the centenary of the Edinburgh 1910 World Missionary Conference approaches. Modest beginnings have been made in recognising the centenary and in using it as a springboard for fresh mission thinking at the start of the 21st century - see www.towards2010.org.uk Responses from a variety of colleagues and associates in many different parts of the world have made us aware that there might be much to be gained for Christian mission worldwide if a suitably large-scale event could be organised to mark the centenary itself.

Clearly there are many matters of detail to be considered in regard to an invitation like this one. We would be more than happy to enter into a process of discussion and negotiation with a view to assisting the process of decision-making. However, as the International Association of Mission Studies prepares to gather in Port Dickson for its Quadrennial Congress we believe it is important that this invitation be laid on the table. We would want IAMS members to be aware that we hold their Association in high esteem and would want to see it play a leading role in the celebration of the Edinburgh centenary with all that we hope it might mean for charting the direction and forming the shape of Christian mission in the 21st century.

Please be assured that we remain at your service in regard to any inquiries which you would like to pursue regarding this invitation.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

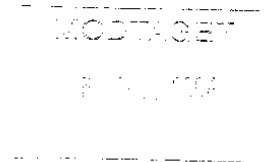
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Dear Birger,

Please find attached a letter of invitation to IAMS from the Church of Scotland and the University of Edinburgh.

I will send you also a hard copy by mail.

I hope we may have opportunity to discuss this invitation in Malaysia.

With best wishes for all your work on the conference preparations.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth R Ross
General Secretary