



IAMS matters October - December 2013

Dear colleagues,

In this number of IAMS Matters, there are several quite lengthy contributions, so this time there will be a table of contents so that you will not miss anything in the bulk of data.

Until now, IAMS Matters has included news only from the study groups. In the next two IAMS Matters, this opportunity will be opened to the whole membership but limited to the following information: forthcoming conferences, books published (not articles), nominations (to chairs, leadership in mission studies related societies), retirements and major prizes. I also welcome obituaries of our members that have recently passed away. Send the contributions to mika.vahakangas@teol.lu.se. The subject field has to contain the words IAMS Matters, otherwise I will not find them when needed.

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News from the Executive Committee

Planning visit to Korea

The president, Mika Vähäkangas, and the assistant to the general secretary, Anne Henriksen, will visit Korea 13th -17th October to meet with the hosting committee and to select the venue as well as deepen the cooperation between the executive and the hosting committee that is being formed under the initiative of Steve Sang-Cheol Moon. The societies involved in the hosting committee are now Korean Missiological Society, Korean Evangelical Missiological Society and Korean Missiological Forum. The executive and the hosting committee are working very hard to ensure that the hosting committee becomes as representative of the Korean church as possible.

Senior Advisory Group

SAG was introduced at the Toronto Assembly. SAG is under construction, and it will consist initially of two working groups: constitution revision and fundraising. The task of the group working on the constitution is not to make any major changes in the contents of the constitution but rather to streamline it so that it becomes clearer and easier to understand and follow. Additionally, the IAMS general secretariat's location in the UK requires some additional information on the functioning of the society that was not needed in USA. The proposed streamlined constitution will be sent to the members in good time before the 2016 assembly in order to facilitate the best possible result in terms of accessibility, functionality and acceptance.

The constitution revision group consists of Gerard H. Anderson (moderating), Philomena Mwaura, Wilbert Shenk, Jon Bonk and John Roxborough.

News from Biblical Studies and Mission (BISAM)

Several BISAM members have recently published (2012-13) notable monographs. Kudos to the following BISAM authors:

Sarita D. Gallagher. *Abrahamic Blessing: A Missiological Narrative of Revival in Papua New Guinea*. American Society of Missiology Scholarly Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Mercedes L. Garcia Bachmann. *Women at Work in the Deuteronomistic History*. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013.

vanThanh Nguyen, SVD. *Peter and Cornelius: A Story of Conversion and Mission*. American Society of Missiology Scholarly Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2012.

_____. *Stories of Early Christianity: Creative Retellings of Faith and History*. Liguori, MO: Liguori, 2013.

Kari Storstein Haug. *Interpreting Proverbs 11:18-31, Psalm 73, and Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 in Light of, and as a Response to Thai Buddhist Interpretations. A Contribution to Christian-Buddhist Dialogue*. Studies in Systematic Theology. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2012.

In-depth resources for teaching mission studies

Following on from the Edinburgh 2010 project, Regnum Books International has been publishing the Edinburgh 1910 Centenary Series. Sixteen volumes have now been appeared, including the conference volumes. They reflect the diverse range of views and positions across different regions, churches and denominations that came together in an unprecedented way for the project. Titles include: *Mission in the Roman Catholic Tradition* (ed. Steve Bevens), *Mission and Reconciliation* (ed. Robert Schreiter & Knud Jorgensen), *Orthodox Perspectives on Mission* (ed. Petros Vassiliadis), *Foundations for Mission* (ed. Emma Wild-Wood & Peniel Rajkumar), *Life-Widening Mission* (ed. Cathy Ross), and *Witnessing to Christ in a Pluralistic World* (ed. Lalsangkima Pachuau & Knud Jorgensen). Series editors are Knud Jorgensen, Kirsteen Kim, Wonsuk Ma and Tony Gray and volumes are endorsed by Dana Robert, Andrew Walls, and other leading missiologists. Together they provide a global snapshot of the current status and direction of mission studies and are invaluable in-depth resources for researching and teaching. Order your copies online from Amazon, Book Depository, etc. or directly from Regnum at <http://www.ocms.ac.uk/regnum/>.

30 years of *Mission Studies*

To mark 30 years of *Mission Studies*, Brill has made 11 classic articles from *Mission Studies* free to download for a limited period (until 30th December). They are available at <http://www.brill.com/mission-studies>. Follow the text in the centre column and click the *More* hotlink.

If this is of interest, you can also receive our journal, *Mission Studies*, twice a year, if you have paid your yearly IAMS membership fee.

MISSION AND MONEY - Mission in the context of global inequalities International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS), European Conference provisional program

Time: April 3.-6. 2014

Location: Ecumenical Conference Center Sofia Kallvikinniementie 35, Helsinki, Finland. For more information, see: <http://www.sofia.fi/>

Organizers: NIME, faculty of theology/University of Helsinki and Centre for Theology and Religious Studies/Lund University

Conference website for program, abstract uploads and registration:

<http://www.teol.lu.se/forskning/konferenser-och-symposier/2014-mission-and-money/>

Call for papers (paper abstract deadline 1st December 2013): <http://www.missionsresearch.org/> (under "Nordic conferences in mission studies")

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM:

Thu April 3rd

- 14.00-18.00 Registration
- 14.30 Coffee/ tea
- 15.00-17.45 Paper workshops for Ph.D. Candidates
- 18.00 Opening the Conference
- 19.00 Dinner
- 19.30 -21.00 Separate saunas for women and men; swimming

Fri April 4th

- 7.30-8.45 Breakfast
- 8.30 Possibility to join the orthodox morning devotion
- 9.00 Paper workshops/Panels
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Plenary presentations:
Open
- Ethics and Global Economics**
Felix Wilfred: **Global Inequalities in a Postcolonial Perspective**
- 15.30 Coffee/ tea
- 16.00 Response Group discussions on the subject
- 18.00 Plenary presentation:
Jon Bonk: **Ethics of Mission and Economics**
Concluding remarks: Mika Vähäkangas
- 19.00 Dinner
- 19.30-21.00 Saunas and swimming

Sat April 5th

- 7.30-8.45 Breakfast
- 8.30 Possibility to join the orthodox morning devotion

- 9.00 Keynote speakers:
 Isabel A. Phiri: **Responsibility of the Church and Gender**
 Evi Voulgaraki-Pissina: **The Mission of the Church amidst Social and Economic Crises**
 Response
 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Paper workshops
- 15.45 Coffee and tea
- 16.15 Plenary presentation:
 Magne Suppehellen: **Prosperity and Gospel**
 Response
- 18.00 **Evening for narrations**
- 19.00 Dinner
- 19.30-21.00 Saunas and swimming

Sun April 6th

- 7.30-8.45 Breakfast
- 8.30 Possibility for morning devotion
- 9.00 Plenary presentations:
 Ulrich Duchrow: **Interreligious Liberation Theologies, Money and Just Relations**
 Gerrie Ter Haar: **The Role of Churches and Development**
 Response
 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **Mission and Money in changing Landscapes**
 Panel discussion on the new WCC mission document.
 Chair: Jonas A. Jørgensen
- 15.00 **Closing**
- 15.30 Leaving for Helsinki guided tour
- 15.30 Possibility to take bus to the Helsinki-Vantaa airport

General Information

Please make sure to keep your contact details up-to-date in order to receive the journal *Mission Studies* and to be kept updated with the IAMS Matters Newsletter.

Tribute to Dr. Ross Langmead

Dr Ross Oliver Langmead (13 Aug 1949 – 29 June 2013) was a distinguished Australian missiologist and activist. As a child, Ross spent his early years in Hong Kong, where his parents were stationed as Salvation Army officers. Ross married Alison Wright in 1973, and was proud father to Ben (born 1978) and Kia (born 1980), and joy-filled grandfather to Zara (3) and step-grandfather to Sage (13).

As a local urban missionary, Ross wrote *The Western Suburbs Conference Report* (1978) and was a founding member of the Westgate Baptist Community and on its pastoral team 1980-1992. As a teacher, he started as Whitley College's first lecturer in mission studies in 1993 and Professor from 1998, and was also director of the School of World Mission 2000-2006 and Dean of the Theological School 2009-2012. As a scholar, Ross specialized in multicultural ministry, ecotheology, reconciliation, incarnational mission including *The Word Made Flesh* (2004) based on his doctoral studies, and contextual mission including editing *Re-imagining God and Mission* (2007).

As a missionary statesman, he was founding secretary of the Australian Association of Mission Studies (AAMS) and convened the Melbourne Mission Studies Network. As a prophetic advocate, Ross was actively engaged in reconciliation with Indigenous Australians and supporting refugees especially Karen and Chin from Burma. As a musician, Ross wrote and sang dozens of songs on themes that were most close to his heart – radical discipleship, social justice, care for creation, inclusive community, authentic spirituality, and enjoying and sharing the grace and goodness of God.

Ross' teaching and his songs reflect an empathy for the world in need and an awareness of the complexity of a life of faith, as with "We are not alone" that opened his funeral service:

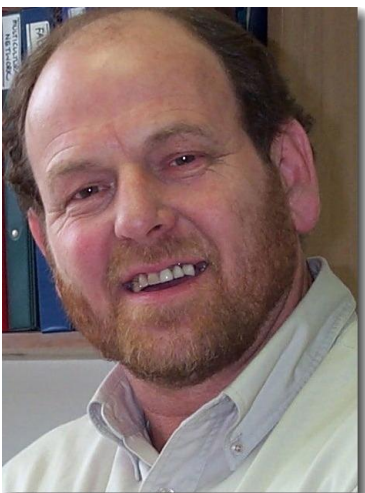
We are not alone in suffering,
Jesus goes before us.
We are not alone.
He knows our sorrows,
He will turn our tears to joy.

Who will believe what the prophet said:
God stands in suffering relieved.
Who will begin on this journey – and be healed?
Questions remain, it is mystery.
But, searching for justice and peace,
Wholeness begins both between and within:
It is not in vain.

(This and other songs are accessible at www.rosslangmead.com, and may be used freely for non-commercial purposes.)

Ross' imagination was captured by following Jesus and cooperating with the mission of God. He was respected as someone who was warmly attentive to God, to the world around him, and to any person who walked in through his door. Ross is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his family, colleagues, students, and Baptist, multicultural and mission studies networks.

(Darren Cronshaw, Baptist Union of Victoria and one of Ross' doctoral students 2005-2009)



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