



IAMS MATTERS APRIL-JUNE 2018

Dear IAMS Members,

There isn't much new from IAMS to report at this time, but I wanted to send out a newsletter anyways in order to make sure you do not miss the deadlines for some upcoming conferences and a few job opportunities that might be of interest to you. There will be more information regarding IAMS and the assembly in 2020 in the next issue of IAMS Matters.

If you have any information that you think might be of interest to IAMS members please email me at iams@missionstudies.org.

For those who have not yet found time to pay their membership fees, you can easily do so here: <http://missionstudies.org/index.php/payments/>

Finally, if you haven't yet done so, sign up on our Facebook page in order to get updates on what happens within IAMS <https://www.facebook.com/International-Association-for-Mission-Studies-IAMS-345324249216792/>

I hope you will enjoy this issue of IAMS Matters.

Sincerely,

Aron Engberg

IAMS Secretary



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

The European Pentecostal Charismatic Research Association is organizing a conference in collaboration with the Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg and the Oxford Centre of Mission Studies.

It will take place from September 10 to 13, 2018 at the “Missionsakademie” in Hamburg, Germany.

We have solicited a number of excellent speakers that will focus on how Pentecostalism and charismatic Christianity are facing the multi-religious and secular situation in our societies. A special emphasis will be given to the role migrants play. Please have a look at our website www.epcra.ch. Under the header “Next Conference” you will find further information and the list of international speakers that will present papers.

You might be interested in attending personally and/or you may know of someone that is interested in doing so. The number of participants is, however, limited to about 50. Registrations can be made directly online.

For further inquiries you are welcome to contact Jean-Daniel Plüss jdpluss@gmail.com

JAPAN MISSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Japan Missiological Society will meet June 30, at Kwansai Gakuin University, Uegahara, Nishinomiya, Hyogo, JAPAN.

The theme for this year’s annual meeting is Challenges of Refugees and Immigrants as Issues of Mission.

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VACANCIES

CHAIR IN WORLD CHRISTIANITY, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Closing date: **30th April 2018**

Applicants are invited to submit their application online to us, via www.hr.bham.ac.uk/jobs

More information: <http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/BII737/chair-in-world-christianity/>

We wish to appoint an outstanding individual who will strengthen and augment the Department’s existing profile in this area. The field is well-respected internationally and has been occupied by some of the leading scholars in the field, (including Walter Hollenweger). It is regarded as one of the pre-eminent Chairs in the field of World Christianity. We are particularly keen to appoint a candidate who



is working in World Christianity and/or Missiology and/or Pentecostal Studies. Sub-disciplines might include contextual or intercultural theology, historical approaches, sociology or anthropology of religion.

Informal Enquiries – Please contact Dr David Cheetham, email: d.cheetham@bham.ac.uk or Dr Katherine Brown, k.e.brown@bham.ac.uk

The interview panel is planned for Thursday, 14th June 2018.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY
(1 year with the possibility of extending it for another year)

Scope of Research: The Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, announces *one* postdoctoral research fellowship in Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology. The research focus is related to the mission and public witness of the global church in the decades-long crisis of the Palestinians.

Requirements:

- A doctorate in Systematic Theology or Theological Ethics (obtained within the last 6 years)
- Excellent empirical research skills
- Proven academic experience/expertise/interest in the Israel Palestine conflict
- Preference will be given to candidates who are from a Reformed Theological Tradition.

Duties:

- Managing of an international project and the development and production of high quality research outputs that relate to the theme of Zionism and Christianity on a transnational level
- Participation in the public activities of the Faculty associated with Theological Ethics and Public Theology
- Work with the discipline group of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology and the Beyers Naude Centre for Public Theology.

Commencement of duties: 1 May 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter

Closing date: 12 April 2018

Send a letter of application, a comprehensive curriculum vitae, the names and contact details of at least two referees, as well as an article based upon your dissertation or a short summary (2-3 pages) regarding the nature and purpose of your dissertation to:

Dr. Dion Forster, Faculty of Theology, 171 Dorp Street, Stellenbosch, 7600 or dionforster@sun.ac.za. (before or on 12 April 2018).

Inquiries: Dr. Dion Forster, tel: 021 808 3250, email: dionforster@sun.ac.za



DIRECTOR OF COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM, WCC

The WCC is looking for its Director of Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, to lead, inspire and direct the work of Mission and Evangelism, sustaining and developing close relationship with CWME and promoting programmatic work conducted within the framework of the World Council of Churches towards the visible unity of church. Deadline for applications : 30 April 2018.

For detail information, see:

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/job-openings/vacancy-director-of-commission-on-world-mission-and-evangelism/view>