

C O M I N G E V E N T S

THE LOCAL SCENE

July/August is conference season in the academic world of Southern Africa. For the benefit of our readers, we would like to pass on the following information regarding some of these events:

1 *ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA:
STELLENBOSCH JULY 21-23, 1981*

The annual meeting is scheduled for Stellenbosch this year where the focus will be on Romans. The Pauline group has prepared an interesting spread of papers, covering the most important aspects of this epistle. Prof Hendrikus Boers from Candler School of Theology (Emory University, Atlanta) will attend the meeting as visiting scholar. In the various sub-groups, current research will be discussed and planning for the coming year finalized. Further details are obtainable from

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2 *THE 24th ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA : STELLENBOSCH 12-14 AUGUST 1981*

Professor Herbert Donner of the University of Kiel will be the guest speaker at the 1981-meeting. The papers will concentrate on two main themes, viz Old Testament Historiography and the book of Jeremiah, although other contributions and shorter communications are also awaited. For more information, contact

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3 *SECOND CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN OUR CHANGING SOCIETY:
UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, 14-16 JULY 1981*

This conference is a follow-up of the first, which took place at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1980. (The main papers of the first conference were published in the *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*,

of December 1980 (No 33). The conference theme for 1981 will be:
 Religious Education in our Changing Society: Renewed RE for SA 2000.
 The subject will be looked at from all angles in papers, panel discussions and workshops and will include the following topics:

- S A in the year 2000
- R E in a multi-faith society
- The basic principles for RE in the new society
- The role of the Bible in RE
- The full implications of Christian faith
- The RE syllabus in international perspective
- Towards the 90's: the challenge to Christian leadership
- Approaches to teaching RE

Miss Jean Holm of Cambridge will be one of the guest speakers. More details regarding the program, registration and accommodation are available from:

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 Secretary, Local Conference Committee
 University of the Western Cape
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4 *INSTITUTE FOR THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, UNISA : SEMINAR ON "CHRISTIANITY AMIDST THE RELIGIONS", SEPTEMBER 9-10, 1981*

Since 1977 the Institute has become well-known for its annual seminar on topics of current interest and the way in which it succeeds in bringing together a wide variety of viewpoints on the specific subject. This year is no exception, when the theme "Christianity amidst the Religions" will be treated with customary frankness under the following headings:

- The dimensions of religion - a conceptual clarification (J S Krüger)
- The origins of Christianity - a religio-historic perspective (W S Vorster)
- A Vatican II-response to the religions (M Gaybba)
- Religious pluralism in Southern Africa (W Saayman)
- The essence of Christianity - a missiological perspective (C le Roux)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Our readers might be interested in information about three international meetings scheduled for later this year. South African scholars will participate in these meetings and we hope to have a report of their impressions in due course. The three are:

1 *THE COLLOQUIUM BIBLICUM LOVANIENSE*

A conference sponsored by the Catholic University of Louvain and which traditionally precedes the annual meeting of the SNTS. The theme this year is the sayings of Jesus in early Christian tradition and the conference is scheduled for August 19-21, 1981 under the chairmanship of Prof Dr J Delobel. From the preliminary program it is clear that Q will once again be at the centre of the discussion and in addition a number of interesting short papers will be read.

2 *THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE STUDIORUM NOVI TESTAMENTI SOCIETAS IN ROME, AUGUST 24 - 27, 1981*

The Rome-meeting of the prestigious SNTS will focus on aspects of early Christianity and on hermeneutics. Main papers will be delivered in plenary sessions by Professors C K Barret, E Jüngel, U Wilckens, B Corsani and R Penna. A number of short papers will be read and the customary seminar groups will meet to pursue specialized subjects. Special attention will be given to hermeneutics and an additional seminar group has been formed for this purpose.

3 *THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE IN SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 18-22, 1981*

The first meeting of the second century of the SBL will take place on the West Coast. For details of SBL-activities, please consult the previous article.