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From the desk of the coordinator

The most significant development within the network of Anthropos Institute (AI) during 2010 revolved around our engagement in the preparation process for the **2012 SVD General Chapter**, with the theme “From Every Nation, People and Language: Sharing Intercultural Life and Mission.” While attending a conference in the Philippines of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists (IACM) in July-August, four AI members met twice to begin discussions of how AI could contribute to Chapter preparations. They were Pio Estepa (CUR), Philip Gibbs (PNG), S.M. Michael (INM) and Roger Schroeder (USC). After consulting with the generalate and the Coordinating Council, I as the Coordinator circulated a letter of inquiry and collated the fine feedback of twelve AI members. This report was submitted to the Generalate and the First Preparatory Commission for the General Chapter, which met in Rome in December. Five of the ten members of that international commission were AI members: Estepa (CUR), M.T. Joseph (INM), Robert Kisala (CUR), Daruiusz Piwowarczyk (GER), and Schroeder (USC). These five AI members also met separately during that time to discuss issues of particular concern for AI. The AI made a significant contribution to the Chapter preparations, and it appears that this opportunity (and responsibility) will continue in the next steps leading up to the Chapter, and hopefully during and afterward as well.

Another 2010 event was the election of the **Coordinating Council** for the new term. I, Roger Schroeder, was reappointed as the Coordinator, along with two new members of the Coordinating Council—Philip Gibbs and S.M. Michael. Gibbs of New Zealand earned a post-graduate diploma in anthropology from the University of Sydney and a doctorate in theology (S.T.D.) from the Gregorian University. He has worked in Papua New Guinea for most of his SVD life since 1973. Starting in 2011, he will divide his time between setting up a Social Concerns Commission for the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of PNG/SI, and conducting social-cultural research in PNG for Caritas Australia. S.M. Michael of India earned an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Pune, a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Mumbai, and

conducted post-doctoral studies at Anthropos Institute Sankt Augustin in 1990. Michael is officially retiring from his faculty position of professor in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Mumbai, but will continue with lecturing and writing at the Institute of Indian Culture and other institutions. I look forward to working with Philip Gibbs and S.M. Michael—two fine SVD scholars and confreres. I wish to sincerely thank Ennio Mantovani (AUS) and Alexander Rödlach (USC) for their excellent service on the Council during the past term.

News regarding new members and those who have died comes from India. First of all, Joseph Mundananikkal (M.T.), SVD, was admitted to AI membership. He completed his Ph.D. in Sociology in 2009 from the University of Dehli, with the dissertation topic of “A Sociological Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of Buddhism: Ambedkarites of Maharashtra.” He is a full-time lecturer of Sociology at St. Andrews College in Mumbai. In 2009, he was appointed Director of the Institute of Indian Culture in Mumbai, India.

Professor John Vincent Ferreira, an Associate AI member since 1984, died in June at the age of 88. He received his doctorate in anthropology from the University of Vienna under the guidance of Dr. Wilhelm Koppers, SVD, and had a long career teaching and writing at the University of Bombay. Dr. Ferreira was an Honorary Professor at the Institute of Indian Culture (Mumbai, India), where he worked very closely with other AI members over the years in various capacities. It can also be noted that Thomas Vellappallil, SVD, died in January 2011. Although he was not an AI member, he had been the Director of the Sanskriti Centre for Applied Cultural Anthropology in Indore, India.

The **homepage** of Anthropos Institute on the SVD Curia website (<http://www.svdcuria.org>) is a resource of basic information. The Anthropos Institute **list server**, established at Creighton University, USA, continues to offer an avenue for the exchange of information and ideas among members of Anthropos Institute. Presently, nineteen people are registered on the list server. If you wish to add your name to this list server, go to the site by either clicking on the URL below or by copying and pasting it into your web browser:

<http://lists.creighton.edu/mailman/listinfo/anthropos>. You will receive a notification of that registration. Direct any technical questions to Alexander Rödlach at AlexanderRodlach@creighton.edu .

I also encourage AI members to submit articles for publication and offer to write book reviews for *Anthropos*. If interested, contact editor Fr. Dariusz Piwowarczyk at anthropos@steyler.de .

In addition to the AI member mentioned in the opening paragraph, I also was able to meet in person in 2010 with AI members Jon Kirby and Alexander Rödlach (both of USC). Of course, I had electronic or mail communication with many more members. Feel free to contact me, Roger Schroeder, regarding any business related to the international network of Anthropos Institute at rschroeder@ctu.edu

Best wishes for 2011!

Roger Schroeder, SVD
Coordinator

Publications of the Institute

The **official publications of the Institute** are entrusted to the Editorial Board at Anthropos Institute St. Augustin. Fr. Dariusz Piwowarczyk serves as Editor-in-Chief, and Frs. Othmar Gächter and Joachim Piepke as members of the editorial team. The two volumes of *Anthropos* 2010 with 756 pages offer 25 articles, 13 reports and comments, 127 book reviews, and two reports under "Miszellen" ("Miscellanea"). The ca. 160 authors represent twenty-six countries of birth. The following six members of Anthropos Institute contributed articles and/or book reviews for *Anthropos* 2010: Andrzej Bronk, José Luiz Cazarotto, Othmar Gächter, Peter Knecht, Darius Piwowarczyk, and Alexander Rödlach. The section of "Zeitschriftenschau" is a rich resource with 36 pages of the titles of articles from an impressive list of over 100 journals specialized especially in the field of social and religious sciences. It is a great service made possible through our Institute's library at St. Augustin. You can consult the website of the journal (www.anthropos-journal.de) for further information.

Anthropology & Mission No 41 (July 2010) and No 42 (December 2010) each contained 16 pages of reviews of relevant books and articles for missionaries in the field. The book reviews for No 41 were prepared by Gächter and Ivan Lobo, SVD, and for No 42 by Harald Grauer. The article reviews from both 2010 issues were prepared by Piepke and Piwowarczyk. **NOTE: The publications of Anthropos Institute member are featured in both issues of *Anthropos & Mission*.** Issue No 41 contains an article review of Roger Munsi Vanzila, "Kakure Kirishitan in the New Urbanized Context of Kurosaki." And issue No 42 contains the following book reviews: Henryk Zimón, *African Traditional Religions in the Perspective of Comparative Studies and Interreligious Dialogue* (2010); Jacek Pawlik, ed.

Iciin Takaldau. Les contes bassar (2010); Ernest Brandewie, *The Last Shall be First. The Life of Thomas Tien Keng-hsin, China's First Cardinal* (2007); Henryk Zimón, et.al. (eds.), *Badania nad religiami Afryki oraz religinością Polski I Ukrainy* (2009). For issue no 41, there was a request for six articles and two books. Remember that you can find current and **back issues of *Anthropology & Mission*** on the *Anthropos* webpage of the generalate website <http://svdcuria.org> .

No new monographs in the series of *Studia* or *Collectanea Instituti Anthropos* appeared in 2010.

Reports by Individual Members

These reports include publications, conference papers, teaching and other activities/events during 2010. Material in press will be mentioned when it appears. Members, however, sometimes also report on their works in progress to communicate what they are currently working on. These reports reflect the great diversity and depth of the work of the members of Anthropos Institute.

Andrzej Bronk

Bronk is the first SVD elected to the prestigious Polish Academy of Science and Arts. **[Congratulations!]** Also in 2010 he was elected for the fourth time a member of the Central Qualification Commission for Academic Staff affiliated with the Chairman of the Council of Minister in Warszawa (<http://www.ck.gov.pl/>).

Publications:

Paper: Humanistyka polska po Maksie Weberze, „Nauka” 2010 nr 3 s. 1-6; Entry: z S. Majdańskim, Opis naukowy – Słownik Naukoznawczy, red. J. Herbut, P. Kawalec, Lublin 2010; Review: Jenkins, Philip, *God's Continent. Christianity, Islam, and Europe's Religious Crisis*, Oxford University Press 2007 p. 340, „Anthropos” 105.2010.2. S. 653-655; Paper: Religia jako pojęcie i przedmiot badań (uwagi metodologiczne), „Przegl'd religioznawczy” 2008 nr 3 (229) s. 3-21; Paper: razem z Stanisław Majdański, Metodologia nauk: jej zadania i potrzeby wczoraj i dziś, w: Monika Walczak (red.), Metodologia: tradycja i perspektywy, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010 s. 9-20; Paper: Poznawcza rola tradycji, w: Monika Walczak (red.), Metodologia: tradycja i perspektywy, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010 s. 2-34; Bibliografia prac Andrzeja Bronka, w: Monika Walczak (red.), Metodologia: tradycja i perspektywy, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010 s. 265-280; Thomas Banchoff (ed.), *Religious Pluralism, Globalization, and World Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2008, „Anthropos” 2010 nr 105 s. 259-262; Entry: z S. Majdańskim, Opis, w: *Encyklopedia Katolicka*, t. 14 s. 662-666; Paper: z Agnieszka Salamucha, Dialog jako droga do prawdy o człowieku, „Paedagogia Christiana” 1/25 (2010) s. 11-32; Review: Hugh McLeod, *The Religious Crisis of the 1960s*, Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press 2007, stron 290, „Nomos” 2010 (in print).

Symposia/Conference Papers:

Czwarte Seminarium Historyków Filozofii Polskiej KUL, 16-17 września 2010, Lublin –

Światopoglądowe odniesienia filozofii polskiej; Homo interpretatus. 2. Hermeneutisches Colloquium an der A-M-Univ. Poznań, 14-16.Okt. 2010, paper: Die Würde des Menschen im Lichte der Hermeneutik; „Prawosławnyj swjato-tichonowskij humanistyczny uniwersitet” Moskwa 18-22.11.2010 – XXI Ежегодная богословская конференция ПСТГУ Осенняя сессия, 19–23 ноября 2010 года -- Проблема метода в религиоведении -- А. Бронк (зав. кафедрой методологии науки Католического университета Люблин, Польша): Почему невозможно беспредпосыльное и в этом смысле объективное изучение религии? – Paper 1: Why is a presuppositionless and in this sense objective study of religion impossible?; Paper 2: How Philipp Jenkins' sees the Contemporary Situation and the Future of Christendom and of Christianity (at Lomonosov-University, Moscow).

José Luiz Cazarotto

Cazarotto is Director of “Anthropos do Brasil” and Director and Teacher at St. Paul Theological Institute in São Paulo. In 2010, he was working with a group of researchers studying certain isolated (pre-modern) Brazilian communities to understand their economic, political and social situation.

Pio Estepa

Estepa is the Mission Secretary in the Generalate. In the sphere of the social sciences he runs workshop modules given in Nemi (English and Spanish renewal courses) and in zonal gatherings. During the December Renewal Course, he worked with the participants to formulate their personal mission statements and 'action plan' as they return to their respective ministries back home. He also led a workshop for SEDOS (Service of Documentation and Study for Global Mission) on “Postmodern Youth and Narrative Evangelization.” Estepa is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture.

Othmar Gächter

Gächter, as a member of the Editorial Board of *Anthropos*, is one of the peer-reviewers of manuscripts submitted to the journal. He was co-editor (with Ivan Lobo) of the “Review of Books” section of *Anthropology & Mission: A&M* no. 41 (2010), 8 pp. His publications: „Die Gemeinschaft der Sikhs und ihre Riten. Einführung in die Lebensphasen.“ *Religionen unterwegs* (Vienna) 16.2010/4: 10-16; „Sikhism. An Indian Religion in Addition to Hinduism and Islam.“ *Anthropos* 105.2010: 213–222.

His research project was on “Hindu and Christian Themes in Kalamkari Art.” Some precious original Kalamkari paintings are in the museum at St. Augustine. He collected and studied the literature on Kalamkari art, which is primarily an art of the pen and it is the freehand line drawn with the *kalam* (pen) that forms the base of Kalamkari design. Gächter spent research leave in Andhra Pradesh (India) in order to study this Indian textile tradition for four weeks. As each scene has a caption written in Telugu, it took some time to get the texts translated into English. He met the internationally renowned Hindu artists J. Gurappa Chetty and

Niranjan, who introduced him to their art during a full week in Sri Kalahasti. So far the preparatory work for a book on this Christian art, being full of Hindu symbolism and probably fully recognized in Hindu tradition, is completed.

Patrick Gesch

Gesch in 2010 became the Administrator of St. Benedict's Campus in Wewak, Papua New Guinea, an extension of Divine Word University. The Wewak campus, which had been a teachers' college, has about 500 students studying to be primary teachers for the whole country. He is involved with a research project of the Health Department Staff at Divine Word University in Madang to study the question of whether traditional circumcision involved in initiation rites would be a form of defense against contracting the HIV/AIDS. Gesch is working with a team to gather initiation cultural material which can be put to the test in relation to contracting HIV/AIDS. This research will continue into 2011. He also will be an observer and researcher of the upcoming national elections.

Günter Gessinger

Gessinger came to the Anthropos Institute for library work in 2003. He described his work: “I have cut open thousands of older volumes, have registered at the computer thousands of volumes, collaborate in the registration of all periodicals, have put in order the Professor-Bernhard-Section of our library, have checked thousands of books we have received in recent years from Bonn, Fribourg and St. Gabrieles.” He has put order into the three series of ethnological and linguistic publications of the late Fr. Hermann Hochegger SVD, that are the auspices of the Ceiba-Institute, originally in Bandundu, Democratic Republic of Congo. Gessinger has put in alphabetical order the library duplicates of both books and periodicals. He serves as interpreter and guide for English and French speaking visitors and translate texts both for the Institute and other customers. From 2004, he has collaborated with the German liturgical review “Die Anregung.” Alongside he teaches Latin and does pastoral work. He published some articles (in French) in the years between 1980 and 1982. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priesthood in December 2009. He added the following to his annual report: “I hope and pray that God may grant me to still serve the Anthropos-Institute for a number of years.”

Philip Gibbs

For Gibbs, 2010 has been a year of learning and teaching. In January, as chaplain for a month in Antarctica, he researched climate change and global warming. In April he began a sabbatical, starting in the Enga Province, PNG. Later he spent a week at the Micronesian Seminar in Pohnpei, Micronesia before teaching a course on “The Churches and Emerging Theologies in Oceania” at the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila. In July he attended the meeting of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists at Tagaytay. During the “fall” semester he taught a course on “Liberation and Revelation” and team-taught another on “Religious Experience in Context” at Catholic Theological

Union (CTU) in Chicago. In October he presented the Luzbetak Lecture at CTU, entitled, "Mission and Culture: the SVD Connection." He was appointed by the Generalate to the Coordinating Council of the Anthropos Institute. He published the following: *Sik Nogut o Nomol Sik: A study into the Socio-cultural Factors Contributing to Sexual Health in the Southern Highlands and Simbu Provinces, Papua New Guinea*. Sydney: Caritas Australia, 2010; "Witch Killing and Engendered Violence in Simbu," *Catalyst* 40.1: 20-52.

Josef Glinka

Glinka lives in Surabaya, on Java, Indonesia. He has been officially retired for eight years but continues to serve as a consular examiner for PhD candidates, and he gave lectures on human genetics and the environment.

Gnanaprakasam, Lazar

Gnanaprakasam teaches in six pontifical colleges in India, and published these articles: "Philosophical view of Human Person in Islam", in *Satya Nilayam* (Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy), No. 17, Feb. 2010; "Anthropological Understanding of Ritual Purification in Islam" in *Salaam*, (Quarterly to Promote Understanding), Vol. 31, April 2010, No. 2; "Anthropological discussion of Sufism" and "Islamic World-View Today" in *Indian Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, No. 1, Vol. 1 (2010); "Basic Principles of Islam" in IGNOU, Indira Gandhi National Open University for Philosophy and Distant Learning, October, 2010; " Issues of Modern Islam" in IGNOU, Indira Gandhi National Open University for Philosophy and Distant Learning, for Innovations in Knowledge Infusion" October, 2010. His book, *Priesthood in Shaivism* (Satprakashan Sanchar Kendra, Indore, 2008), came out with a second edition/printing in 2010.

He presented the following papers: "Hermeneutical Study of Hindu Identity in India: A way toward dialogue" for ASPAMIR, Indonesia, September-October 2010; "Ecology and Social Justice in World Religions;" for Visthar, an NGO of Indo-American University in Bangalore, November 2010, and, "Mysticism Beyond Bounds" for International Seminar on Mysticism in Dharmaram College, Bangalore.

Stanisław Grodż

Grodż is Reader at the Chair of the History and Ethnology of Religion, Faculty of Theology, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. He has lectured on the following topics: Christian-Muslim relations, Non-Christian religions and interreligious dialogue, Aspects of Islamic doctrine and culture, African Christology in its cultural context, General aspects of marriage and family in Africa, and Christianity in non-European cultural contexts at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin; "Ethical Systems in Religious Perspective (Islam)" at the Theological Faculty of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań; "Christianity as a 'non-European' religion? Interaction between traditional religions and Christianity in Africa" at the Oriental Faculty of Warsaw University. He also supervised 3 M.A. dissertations and in a member of

the Steering Committee of the Workgroup *Journées d'Arras* (Network of Christians engaged with Muslims) and Eurislam (European network building an internet bibliographical database on Islam and Muslims in Europe, <http://www.eurislam.info>).

Symposia Papers:

Paper on "African Independent Churches – hybrid creation in a hybrid world." (in Polish) at conference on "Geertz and the hybrid version of interpretative anthropology" by the Department of the Sociology of Ethnic Groups and Social Anthropology, KUL and Institute of Sociology, Lublin; paper on „Disappearance Or 'Christianisation' of African Independent Churches in Ghana?" (in Polish) at the Second Congress of the Polish Africanists on "The Past and Present of Africa.;" Paper on „Roman Catholic Church in Poland in encounter with other believers" (in English) at an international conference organized by the Institute of Fundamental Theology, KUL in cooperation with the Dominican Study Centre for Theology and Society in Nijmegen and the Department of the Dutch Literature and Language, KUL. Lublin; Paper on „Research on Christianity in Africa." (in Polish) at a conference of the Study of Religion(s) in Poland. Organised by the Department of History and Ethnology of Religion, KUL. Lublin; Paper on „Christian-Muslim contacts in contemporary Europe. Religious aspect." (in Polish) at a conference on "Muslims in Europe. Richness of diversity or source of conflicts?" Organised by the Department of European Islam, Oriental Faculty, University of Warsaw. Warszawa.,

Publications:

Co-edited with Z. Kupisiński. *Pluralizm kulturowy i religijny współczesnego świata. Księga pamiątkowa dedykowana Księdomu Profesorowi Henrykowi Zimoniowi SVD w 70. Rocznicy urodzin.* [Cultural and Religious Pluralism of the Contemporary World. Festschrift dedicated to Prof. Henryk Zimoni on his 70th Birthday] Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010, 736pp.; [with Agata S. Nalborczyk] "Poland". In: J. S. Nielsen, S. Akgönül, A. Alibašić, B. Maréchal, Ch. Moe /eds./. *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*. Volume 2. Leiden-Boston: E.J. Brill 2010, 401-411; "Christian-Muslim Experiences in Poland," *Exchange*, vol. 39, 2010, No. 3, pp. 270-284; "Kiedy Ghańczycy sięgają po idiom czarownictwa" [When do the Ghanaians Employ the Idiom of Witchcraft]. IN: Z. Kupisiński, S. Grodż /eds./. *Pluralizm kulturowy i religijny współczesnego świata*. Lublin 2010, pp. 541-553; "Przyjmij twój sukces!". Atrakcyjność neopentekostalnego chrześcijaństwa w Ghanie. [„Receive Your Success!"] Atractiveness of Neopentecostal Christianity in Ghana]. *Roczniki Teologii Fundamentalnej i Religiologii* vol. 2(57), 2010, pp. 121-136; A short entry on the cult of fire in world religions. IN: *Encyklopedia Katolicka*. Vol. 14. Lublin: TN KUL; Migracje muzułmanów w perspektywie europejskiej i zachodnioafrykańskiej. [Migrations of Muslims in the European and West African Perspective]. "NOMOS" Nos. 69-70, 2010.

Augustine Kanjamala

Kanjamala of the Institute of Indian Culture in Mumbai, India, gave thirty lectures for Master of

Theology (MTh – Missiology) students at the Pontifical Athenaeum (Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth), Pune, India. He also completed the first draft of the book to be titled “Future of the Christian Mission in India”.

Peter Knecht

In his retirement Knecht was quite active. He taught a weekly class in “Anthropology of Religion” at Aichi Gakuin University, Nisshin City; and five double lectures on “Shinto and Folk Religion” at the NCC Center for Religious Studies, Kyoto. He delivered the following conference papers: Paper: ‘Mulien’s Japanese Transformation’ at the ISFNR Belief Narrative Network Conference 2010, St. Petersburg, Russia; Paper: “Who is the *Itako* Performing a *Kuchiyose*?” at the Annual Meeting of the Folklore Society of Japan, Sendai; Paper: “The *Itako*, a Bridge Between this and the Other World” at the International Symposium on “Shamanic Chants and Symbolic Representation” Academia Sinica, Institute of Ethnology, Taipei, Taiwan. Knecht published the following: ‘Foreword’ in Noriko T. Reider, *Japanese Demon Lore: Oni from Ancient Times to the Present*, xi-xv. Logan: Utah State University Press, 2010; ‘Initiation Rituals of Shamans and Folk Healers in Hulunbeir, Inner Mongolia: Similarities and Dissimilarities.’ *Shaman* 18, 2010, 87-98. He also did research in Hailar, Inner Mongolia, July 30-August 17.

Zdzisław Kupisiński

Kupisiński, professor at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), lectured in the following subjects: Folk Tanatology, Religious Studies, Folk Religiosity, New Religious Movements, Religiology, and Ethnology of Religion (Seminar). He supervised three MA theses and reviewed four others.

Publications:

He co-edited, with Grodż SVD, *Pluralizm kulturowy i religijny współczesnego świata* (*Cultural and religious pluralism of the modern world*). Festschrift for Prof. Henryk Zimoń SVD on his 70th birthday. Lublin: KUL 2010, and he had the following articles in this volume: Kult św. Marcina w tradycji ludowej (*Veneration of Saint Martin in folk tradition*), pp. 391-402; Życiorys i działalność naukowa Księźca profesora Henryka Zimonia SVD (*CV and scholarly activiteis of prof. Henryk Zimoń SVD*), pp. 21-45; and Słowo o Księźcu pamiątkowej (*A word about the Honorary Book*), co-authored with S. Grodż SVD, p. 5. He published the following articles: Fenomen polskiej religijności ludowej (*The phenomenon of Polish folk religiosity*). „Ateneum Kapłańskie” 155:2010, (609) pp. 216-227; Adwentowi święci: Katarzyna i Andrzej w tradycji ludowej (*Saints of the Advent season: Saint Catharine and Saint Andrew in folk tradition*). „Roczniki Teologiczne” 57:2010, pp. 137-152; Cierpienie w świadomości mieszkańców regionu opoczyńskiego i radomskiego (*Suffering in consciousness of the people of Opoczno and Radom regions*). In: J. Kolbuszewski (ed.). Problemy współczesnej tanatologii. Medycyna – antropologia kultury – humanistyka (*Problems of the present-day tanatology. Medicine – cultural anthropology –*

humanities) Vol. 14. Wrocław 2010, pp. 123-128; “Nowy Rok. III. w folklorze” (New Year in folklore), and “W obrzędowości polskiej” (New Year in the Polish rites). In: *The Catholic Encyclopedia* Vol. 14. Lublin 2010, p. 93-95. Book Review: „Obrzędowość rodzinna z obszaru województwa lubelskiego – tradycja i współczesność” (*Family ceremonies in Lublin region: past and present*) by M. Tymochowicz.

Symposia Papers:

Paper on "Religijny wymiar obrzędowości ludowej dnia wigilijnego Bożego Narodzenia w regionie opoczyńskim. Tradycja a współczesność" (Religious dimension of the Christmas Eve in folk tradition of Opoczno Region. Past and present) at 12th European Conference of Folk Culture entitled Folk culture as a source of national symbols in the age of globalization; paper on „Badania nad doroczną religijnością ludową w Polsce” (Research on the annual religious rites in the Polish folk tradition), and Laudacje o Jubilacie (Eulogy about Jubilate) at a Symposium entitled: „Badania religiologiczne w Polsce” (Religious Research in Poland), organized by the Department of History and Ethnology KUL to commemorate 70th Birthday of prof. Henryk Zimoń SVD; paper on “Cierpienie w świadomości mieszkańców regionu opoczyńskiego i radomskiego” (Suffering in consciousness of the people of Opoczno and Radom regions) at 14th National TANATOS Conference, organized by Wrocławskie Towarzystwo Naukowe.

Jose Kuzhikkattuthazhe

K. Jose is director of Sanskriti, Institute of Culture and Religion in Northeast India (cf. institute report). He was invited by the Directorate of Assam Institute of Research For Tribals and Scheduled Castes, Government of Assam, North East India to interact with a team of 20 professors and scholars who gathered for two days consultation on “Health Care System among the Tribal People of Assam”. As director of the institute, he organised a National Seminar on the “Concept of God and Religion: Traditional Thought and Contemporary Society” in November, 2010. Twenty Seven (27) research papers were presented and discussed at some length. K. Jose is in the process of jointly editing these seminar papers together with other collaborators, namely Prof. Birinchi K. Medhi (Department of Anthropology, Guwahati University), Dr. R. P. Athparia (Anthropological Survey of India) and Dr. Gautam Kumar Bera (Anthropologist from Census Operations, Kolkata, India).

Ennio Mantovani

Mantovani officially retired from regular teaching at the end of 2009 and is appointed to an SVD parish in Melbourne. He published “Dema as Religious Symbol in Papua New Guinea,” in *Religion and Retributive Logic. Essays in Honour of Professor Garry W. Trompf*. Carol M Cusack and Christopher Hartney (eds) (Leiden - Boston: Brill, 2010). He completed manuscripts for two books, which are now in the hands of the editors. The subject in both works is historical from the perspective of inculturation: *Mission: Collision or Dialogical Encounter?* and *Sent to Baptize or What?* In 2010,

he was officially conferred the status of *Lector Emeritus* by the President of the Yarra Theological Union. He continues his involvement in the Ongoing Formation Programme of the Australia Province. He gave a course of one week for the SSpS preparing for perpetual vows on the topic of "Culture in my Life," and in December he started a four-week Orientation Course for new SVD who have been in Australia for six months. Mantovani is still MER Coordinator with the role of supporting the mission of the province using his academic skills. The Provincial provides MER with the topics to be dealt with.

Michael, S. M.

S.M. Michael participated in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican in November 2010. He also officially retired as a Professor of Cultural Anthropology from the University of Mumbai on 30th September 2010. He has been appointed as one of the Council Members of Anthrops International. The best seller of Sage Publications "*Dalits in Modern India: Vision and Values*" edited by Fr. S.M. Michael is now being translated in 15 Indian languages. Marathi and Hindi translations of the book came out this year. On October 17, 2010 on Mission Sunday, his book "*Dalits Encounter with Christianity: A Case Study of Mahars in Maharashtra*" was released at Ishvani Kendra, Pune. Michael also published the following: "Socio-Cultural Challenges for Vocation Promotion Today", in *Asian Journal of Vocation and Formation*. NVSC: Pune, 2010:14-32. (Ruby Jubilee Special); "Anthropology in India: Contributions of SVD scholars" in *Ethno-Social Mobility in North East India*. Eds. Gautam Kumar Bera and K. Jose SVD. Delhi: Abhijeet Publications, 2010, pp.16-31.

Joseph Mundananikkal (M.T.)

Mundananikkal continues as a full time lecturer at St. Andrew's College, Bandra, Mumbai, and in 2010 was appointed Assistant Professor at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Both are undergraduate colleges affiliated to the University of Mumbai. He was a member of the Preparatory Commission for the 17th General Chapter, which met in Rome. He presented the following papers: Paper on "A Sociological Understanding of Violence in Contemporary India" at the Annual Staff-student Seminar at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth (Papal Athenaeum), Pune, India; Paper on "The Role of Christianity in the Dalit Movement: The Maharashtra experience" at the National Seminar on "Dalit movements in Maharashtra: Issues, Challenges and Vision for the future", organised by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Polices, at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; Paper on "Projects of Empowerment: Identity Formation and the Civic Sphere" at the National Seminar "Understanding Marginalized Groups in India: Exploring Perspectives, Approaches and Methodologies" organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai.

Roger Munsi Vanzila

Munsi Vanzila was appointed to Nanzan

Anthropological Institute as a Research Associate at Nanzan University. He taught Contemporary Cultural Anthropology, French Diplomacy, Francophony, Introduction to Christianity and Studies in Religion. He gave the following conference papers: "Christian Shrines in Japan" at the Nanzan Anthropological Institute and later at the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture; "The Interface between Languages and Congolese Nation" at Nanzan University. He published a book review of Gregory Delaplace's book *L'invention des morts* [The invention of the Dead] in *Asian Ethnology*, 69-2 (December, 2010): 365-370. He refined his research focus within the broader theme of "Religious Activities of Kakure Kirishitan (Hidden Christians) and Related Social Aspects," particularly on "Christian Shrines (Kirishitan Jinja) in Japan." In Congo-Kinshasa, his field research focused on two themes: "The Social organization and Ethnic Religion of the Sakata" and "Traditional Medicine and Shamanism in the Sakata Lands." Regarding the latter, he is working with Japanese scholar Prof. Aoyama Masahide, and Munsi states: "Our research productivity continues its upward trend and reflects various research focus areas in which we have opted to accelerate our research impact through high-quality research. Our local research assistants are also actively improving their vertical and horizontal qualifications and participating in, as well as leading, several community-based research projects." He is completing some articles and ethnographic reports which stem from the above research topics.

Jacek Jan Pawlik

Pawlik taught the following courses: Religiology and Marriage, and Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective at UWM in Olsztyn; Cultural Anthropology at DW Seminary, Pieniężno and sociology students at UWM in Olsztyn; Reading Group on Body in Culture, at UWM in Olsztyn.

Symposia Papers in 2010:

Paper on "African House as Sacred Space. Case study from North Togo." Symposium: 7. Triennale Sztuki Sacrum "Dom - droga istnienia" Miejska Galeria Sztuki, Częstochowa; paper on "Bible as Object of Anthropological Studies." Symposium: Biblia a misje. Sympozjum misjologiczne, DWS, Pieniężno; paper on "Poverty of Urban Population in West Africa." Symposium: Problem bogactwa i biedy we współczesnej Afryce, UMW in Olsztyn; paper on "Economy of Occult Powers as Guarantee of Success. Traditional Religions face to African Postmodernity." Symposium: "Czynnik religijny w stosunkach międzynarodowych" (Symposium organized by DWS Pieniężno and Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw in SVD House in Nysa); paper on "Pagne Clothes as Cultural Heritage." Symposium: Congress of Polish Africanists, by OMI Fathers, Obra; keynote paper on "What contains ritual?" at UMW Olsztyn at a two-day Interdisciplinary Conference on "Ritual: from Ecology to Theology," which Pawlik organized; paper on "From Fetish to Work of Art. Decontextualization of Ritual Object." Symposium: Sztuka Afryki w kolekcjach i badaniach polskich, Muzeum Narodowe, Szczecin.

Publications:

Iciin takaldau. Les contes bassar, [Bassari Tales] Wyd. Wydziału Teologii UWM, Olsztyn, 314 ss.; *Przestrzeń życia jako przestrzeń sakralna na przykładzie ludu Konkomba z Północnego Togo*, [Space of life as sacred space by the Konkomba from North Togo] w: A. Żukowski (red.), *Przestrzeń i granice we współczesnej Afryce*, INP UWM, Olsztyn (Forum Politologiczne 10), s. 29-48; *Taniec jako scenografia życia. Walka dobra ze złem w widowiskach kulturowych*, [Dance as scenography of Life] "Studia Chorologica", XI, s. 117-144; *Afrykański dom jako przestrzeń święta. Studium etnologiczne z Północnego Togo*, [African House as Sacred Space] "Konteksty. Polska Sztuka Ludowa" 64/2-3, s. 95-106; *Hybrydyczne formy dyskursu w afrykańskiej ponowoczesności*, [Hybrid Forms of Discourse in African Postmodernity] w: Z. Kupisiński, S. Grodż (red.), *Pluralizm kulturowy i religijny współczesnego świata. Księga pamiątkowa dedykowana Księżemu Profesorowi Henrykowi Zimoniowi SVD w 70. rocznicę urodzin*, Wyd. KUL, Lublin, s. 555-568.

Joachim Piepke

Piepke is the director of Anthropos Institute St. Augustin and he is a member of the editorial team of the institute and responsible (with Piwowarczyk) for the section on the articles in *Anthropology & Mission*. He published "Opferrituale als Grundbefindlichkeit des Menschseins," in: Zdzisław Kupisiński and Stanisław Grodż, *Pluralizm kulturowy i religijny współczesnego świata*. Wydawnictwo KUL: Lublin, 2010: 659-672. He gave a lecture at the Symposium "The Pluralistic Theology of Religion and Mission" at the Faculty of St. Augustin (October, 2010). In 2010, Piepke was able to conclude the process of accreditation of the new curriculum „Magister Theologiae,” which substitutes the actual curriculum of the “Diploma”. The new curriculum follows a modular system during 10 semesters, in which the studies are consecutively structured. Parallel to this process, another process of profiling has been running, involving the staff and the students of the Faculty. The aim of this process is to get a sharp profile of theology characterized by anthropology, science of religion, and missiology.

Dariusz Piwowarczyk

Piwowarczyk, as Editor-in-Chief of the *Anthropos* journal, edited Volume 105 (1): 2010 of *Anthropos* (including editorial work on 18 articles and 49 book reviews, and Volume 105 (2): 2010 of *Anthropos* (including editorial work on 20 articles and 68 book reviews). He published the articles: "Contemplating James Cook's Colonial Gaze: Exhibit at Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle in Bonn, Germany." *Anthropos* 105 (1): 320f.; "Localizing Hegemony: The Discourse of Political and Religious Leaders of the Aché in Paraguay in the Late 1980s." IN: Z. Kupisiński, S. Grodż (eds.). *Pluralizm religijny współczesnego świata. Księga pamiątkowa dedykowana Księżemu Profesorowi Henrykowi Zimoniowi SVD w 70. rocznicę urodzin*. Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010 s. 673-690; "Begegnung und Dialog statt Bekehrung zu „Kirche und Kultur“:

Indianermission in Paraguay in Wandel, 1910-2010." *Steyler Missionschronik* 2011: pp. 122-126. He wrote the following book reviews: *Christliche mission im paraguayischen Chaco*, by Cristina Bohnert. *Bibliografia Missionaria* 73(2009): 494-495; *La fascinación del mal. Historia de la vida de un shamán secoya*, by Susana Cipolletti and F. Payaguaje. *Anthropos* 105 (2): 619f.

Piwowarczyk taught a course, entitled "Precontact Indigenous Cultures of Mezoamerica and South America," at Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland in the spring semester. He also gave the inaugural lecture entitled: „Kolonisierung durch Modernisierung. Die Steylermission bei den Indianern Paraguays, 1910-2010,“ at Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule in Sankt Augustin, Germany, and a lecture entitled "Colonization through Modernization" at Institut der Altamerikanistik of the University of Bonn.

Antoon Postma

Postma, a Dutch anthropologist and former missionary, has lived with the Hanunoo-Mangyan people of Mindoro for over fifty years and he celebrated his 80th birthday in 2009. In a handwritten letter, he wrote about his four children and he described the following activity: "We organized a meeting of the various settlements around, and all agreed that more should be done for reforestation, to prevent further collapse of the sloping soil."

Alexander Rödlach

Rödlach is in his fourth year as assistant professor in anthropology and psychiatry at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He taught the following topics in 2010: *Introduction to Anthropology*, *Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences*, *Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa*, *Medical Anthropology*, and *Healthcare, Society, and Culture* at Creighton University; and *Qualitative Methods* (with Dr. Willems from the University of Leuven) at the University in Bonn. He gave various guest lectures for colleagues on campus, such as a lecture on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights at the School of Law. During the year, he worked with colleagues on developing a new graduate program in medical anthropology. He was accepted as a Fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology., and is a member of the steering committee of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group. He delivered a paper on child-witches in Central Africa at an annual conference on sorcery and witchcraft, organized by a network of mainly German historians, in Weingarten. With Dr. Dilly, he organized the annual symposium on Religion, Health, and Healing at Creighton University, and they will be the guest-editors of the follow-up journal issue. Rödlach is working with Dr. Travers-Gustafson, an anthropologist and nurse at Creighton University, with an Omaha non-profit organization providing services for refugees in the city, for which they designed a qualitative study assessing the long-term effect of their services on refugees. In collaboration with campus ministry, he writes spiritual reflections for their website, and he notes that his reflections are inspired by the *Anthropos*

tradition of the SVD.

Publications:

He wrote two book reviews for *Anthropos* and was asked to review article manuscripts submitted to the following journals: *African Journal of AIDS Research*, *Current Anthropology*, *Human Organization*, and *Omertaa*. He reviewed two ethnographic films on health issues in Africa published by Bullfrog Films. With Dr. Frank from Indiana University, he is preparing a manuscript on cultural implications of antiretroviral therapy in southern Africa, based on a comparison of fieldwork in Zimbabwe and Zambia. He has been working on analyzing the cognitive anthropology methods' data as well as interview and observational data that he collected in the previous year in Zimbabwe and writing up the findings. Along with two professors from other universities, he completed the internal review of contributions to a guest-edited issue of the *NAPA Bulletin on Anthropological Approaches to Confronting HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa*.

Roger Schroeder

Schroeder is chair of the Intercultural Studies and Ministry department at Catholic Theological Union at Chicago (CTU). While on sabbatical in South Africa, he served for two months as resource person for Lumko Institute, the Missiological and Pastoral Institute of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, and he taught a seminar on *Constants in Context* for the University of Pretoria and the University of South Africa (UNISA). After sabbatical, he taught "Constants in Context" and (with Phil Gibbs) "Foundations: Religions Experience in Context" at CTU. Schroeder published, with Stephen Bevans: *Teologia Per La Missione Oggi. Biblioteca di Teologia Contemporanea* 148. Trans. Giorgio Volpe. Brescia, Italy: Editrice Queriniana [Italian translation of *Constants in Context* (2004)]. He published the following CD series (with study guide) of eighteen 25-minute lectures: *The Mission of the Church: Theory and Practice*. Washington, D.C.: NowYouKnowMedia. Roger published the following book reviews: Franco Zocca, ed., *Sanguma in Pardise: Sorcery, Witchcraft and Christianity in Papua New Guinea*, Point No. 33, in *Catalyst* 40, 1 (2010), 147-149; Lamin Sanneh, *Translating the Message: The Missionary Impact on Culture*, revised and expanded edition, in *New Theology Review* 23, 3 (August 2010), 83-84.; William Kenny Longgar, *Kaugu Gunan Ma Kaugu Pia My Village and My Land: The Theological Significance of Land in the New Guinea Islands of Papua New Guinea*, in *Missiology: An International Review* 38, 4 (October 2010), 486

Conference Lectures and Workshops:

"Missionary by Its Very Nature" and "Table Fellowship and Mission," papers delivered at conference sponsored by the University of Pretoria, South Africa; "Mission as Prophetic Dialogue," keynote address at conference, entitled "Mission as Prophetic Dialogue?" sponsored by the University of South Africa (UNISA); "Mission: Thinking and Acting with the Church," address at the annual meeting and conference of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Chicago; "Preaching

in Another Context: Entering Someone Else's Garden," and "Advanced Contextual Analysis: Particular Theological, Pastoral, Social and Personal Issues" for the *To Preach the Good Word Well: Preaching Across Cultures* program at CTU, Chicago; "Three Models of Mission Theology Today" and "Prophetic Dialogue and the Components of Mission" as an in-service for SVD district of South Africa, in Benoni, South Africa; "Three Models of Mission Theology Today" and "Prophetic Dialogue and the Components of Mission" for one-day workshop for priests of the Polokwane Diocese in Mokopane, South Africa; "From Ransoming 'Pagan' Babies to Mission on Six Continents," public lecture in Johannesburg at St. John Vianney Major Seminary and at St. Augustine College of South Africa; "Intercultural Living in Religious Life," a one-day workshop, conducted with Maria Hong Nguyen, OSB, for Sister-Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration in St. Louis, MO; Plenary presentation on "Mission as Table Fellowship in the *Areopagus* of Today's World" at the fourth conference of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists (IACM), in Tagaytay City, Philippines; Presentation on "Sexuality, Gender Roles, and Culture" at the Cultural Orientation Workshop for SVD and SSpS at Techny, IL; Presentation on "Sexuality and Culture" at the Institute for Sexuality Studies, CTU.

Arnold Sprenger

Sprenger was honored with a symposium at Fu Jen University to celebrate his 50th anniversary of priesthood ordination. The symposium consisted of three parts: 1) presentation of some of Springer's articles, 2) academic discussion of some articles, and 3) articles of students recalling situations in the classroom and the students' reactions to his teaching approaches. A handbook (123 pages in Chinese), including an interview with Fr. Sprenger was distributed to all participants of the symposium. In collaboration with several university administrators, Fr. Wesolowski, SVD, is currently coordinating a project for translating (from German and English into Chinese) and publishing a number of Sprenger's articles. Students are involved with the translation project and discussing his articles in groups. This is a reflection of Sprenger's life work of mentoring students in their personal and educational development.

Joseph Franz Thiel

Thiel, who had served as Director of AI Sankt Augustin and editor of *Anthropos* journal, left the SVD in 1974. After years of university teaching in Germany and directing the Ethnological Museum in Frankfurt, he retired about ten years ago. During ten years as a missionary in Congo, he recorded 500 hours of interviews with about 100 individuals of the (Ba)Yansi people. During 2010, he was classifying, transcribing and translating this material, with the hopes of publishing it as a monograph or perhaps giving it to the Frobenius Institute in Frankfurt. He wrote the following: "Anthropos Institute remains the love of my youth.... From time to time, I visit Sankt Augustin to visit my colleagues and friends who are in the

cemetery" (translated from French).

Z'graggen, John

Z'graggen published: *The Lady Daria and Mister Kamadonga*. Australia: Crawford House Publishing Aust. (14 Dryandra Drive, PO Box 50, Belair, SA5052 Australia; Tel: + 61 8 8370 3555, Fax: + 61 8 8370 3566; www.crawfordhouse.com.au). The summary on the back cover begins in this way: "Daria, an outstanding woman who is widely known from oral tradition in northeastern New Guinea, gains life through our reading about her deeds in 31 variants. These were collected by various scholars and the author, who developed a structural analysis. John Z'graggen, a linguist with a profound interest in religious thinking, presents a fascinating view of Daria's personality." John adds that all 31 available variants are presented for further use and evaluation, the structure of the narration based on semantic features is revealed, and the techniques of tagmemics is taken from linguistics and used for comparison.

Henryk Zimoń

Zimoń since 1985 is head of the Chair of History and Ethnology of Religion and since 2008 Director of the Institute of Fundamental Theology, Faculty of Theology, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and member of the Committee of Anthropological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He taught a four-hours weekly course and a master's and doctoral seminar at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. On 25 October, 2010 he received Studies in Honour of Fr. Henryk Zimoń, SVD on his 70th Birthday entitled *Cultural and Religious Pluralism of Contemporary World*, Festschrift edited by Frs. Zdzisław Kupisiński, SVD and Stanisław Grodź, SVD, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010, pp. 736. [Congratulations!]

Lectures and Symposia Papers

"Sacredness of the Earth in West Africa" for the Missiological Department of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University of Warsaw, Poland; "Interpretation of the Selected Rituals among the Konkomba People of Northern Ghana", paper delivered at conference entitled "Geertz and hybrid version of interpretative anthropology" organized by the Chair of Sociology of Ethnic Groups and Social Anthropology at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin"; "Evil or Sorcery among the Konkomba People of Northern Ghana", paper delivered in plenary session of the Second Congress of Polish Africanists at the Major Seminary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Obra; "Occasional Address delivered by Fr. Henryk Zimoń, SVD after having received Studies in Honour on his 70th Birthday entitled *Cultural and Religious Pluralism of Contemporary World* at the John Paul Catholic University of Lublin".

Publications:

African Traditional Religions in the Perspective of Comparative Studies and Interreligious Dialogue, Lublin: Wydawnictwo KUL 2010, pp. 311, a book published in English by the Publishing House of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin; "Nauki religiologiczne i religioznawcze" ["Religiological and Religious Sciences"], "Collectanea Theologica"

80 (2010) No. 1, pp. 180-203, in Polish; "Social and Religious Meaning of Double Funeral Rituals among the Konkomba People of Northern Ghana", in: Mód László, Simon András (eds.), *Olvasó. Studies in Honour of Gábor Barna on His 60th Birthday*, Szeged 2010, pp. 753-760, in English; "Numinosum", in: E. Gigilewicz (ed.), *Encyclopedie katolicka*, vol. 14, Lublin: Lubelskie Towarzystwo Naukowe 2010, columns 118-119, in Polish; (co-author Janina Petera), "Obrzędy" ["Rituals"], ibidem, columns 249-255, in Polish.

Franco Zocca

Zocca, the Head of Research Department of the Melanesian Institute in Papua New Guinea (PNG) gave the following courses and presentations in 2010: Various presentations during the 3-week Cultural Orientation Course for new missionaries; Workshop on PNG Traditional leadership and Christian leadership for SVD district members in Porgera, Enga Province, PNG; Dissemination of the research results on Sorcery and Christianity in PNG for church workers in Enga Province; Short Orientation Course for expatriates in Gusaweta Kiriwina Island; Block Course on Cultural Anthropology for SVD candidates in Mount Hagen; Input on Melanesian culture to CARE group from Australia; Workshop on Sorcery and Witchcraft with Catholic church workers of the diocese of Daru-Kiunga; Workshop on culture related violence in PNG to the Horizon 3000 Volunteers at Alexishafen Conference Centre, Madang; Presentation on the theme of Cross-Cultural Mission in Oceania, at the ASPAMIR Symposium in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Zocca's primary research is on the attitude of the Evangelical and Pentecostal Churches towards the AIDS epidemic in PNG. During the first seven months of 2010, he did field research in Port Moresby, Western Province, and on Kiriwina Island in the Trobriands. In the rest of the year, he transcribed the interviews and analyzed the data. His other activities included his attendance of three meetings of the Research Advisory Committee of the National AIDS Council Secretariat in Port Moresby, and a meeting of the Church Agencies Consortium in Aachen, Germany.

Reports about Corporate Members

Anthropos Institute St. Augustin

Much of their work has already been described above (p. 2) under "Publications of the Institute." In his report of September 30, 2010, Director Joachim Piepke gave a twelve-month report of Anthropos Institute St. Augustin, covering areas such as personnel, publications, library, and archives. He was pleased to announce that Marcin Karwot, SVD, who had been in Kenya for six years, had joined the institute and began his German language studies. Consult the homepage (www.anthropos.eu) for further information. Members of the institute are also active in the Hochschule both in administration and lecturing. Consult the individual reports (above) of Gächter, Gessinger, Piepke, and Piwowarczyk., the AI members who work in

Anthropos Institute St. Augustin.

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NOTE OF CLARIFICATION:

At the moment the official Statutes of Anthropos Institute recognize only full corporate association. However, I also acknowledge and include here the important efforts in 2010 of the following institutions dedicated to the study of culture and religion which carry out the Anthropos tradition of our Society, even though they are not full corporate members as of yet. Each of these institutes have some SVD affiliation, though several are presently not officially recognized by the Generalate. One or more SVD are working in each of these centers, of whom some are currently members of Anthropos Institute.

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Aditya Wacana Centre

Missiologist Fr. Raymundus Sudhiarsa, SVD, is Director of Aditya Wacana Centre for Studies of Religion and Culture, Malang, Indonesia (IDJ). The centre hosted the Fourth SVD ASPAMIR (Asia-Pacific Association of Mission Researchers) symposium over September 27-October 2, 2010, on the theme of "Cross Cultural Mission: Problems and Prospects." The symposium, organized by its former President, Raymundus Sudhiarsa, included 13 research articles for the 25 participants. Two new confreres joined the staff of the center: Fr Peter Bruno Sarbini (Islamologist) and Fr Yohanes Wayan Marianta (sociologist). Both of them have been presented as lecturers by the SVD Java Provincial Superior to *Widya Sasana School of Philosophy and Theology*, located next door to the centre. It is expected that they will energize the activities of the centre, both in research, publication, and in making its journal (*Perspektif, Jurnal Agama dan Kebudayaan – Perspective, Journal for Religions and Cultures*) alive.

The two long-standing members of the centre, Donatus Sermada and Raymundus Sudhiarsa, are keeping their research and publications going on. Sermada in 2010 published his *Filsafat Asia*, a translation of John M. Koller's *Asian Philosophies* (690 pages) and several academic articles. In collaboration with other SVD confreres, Don Sermada presented a research paper titled "Cross-Cultural Mission of Indonesian SVD-Missionaries in Foreign Countries" in the ASPAMIR symposium mentioned above. In 2010, Sudhiarsa edited a book, *Romo, Aku Cinta Kamu. Pelayanan Imam di Desa-Desa dan Kota-Kota Jawa Timur – Father, We Love You. Priestly Ministry in Urban and Rural Areas of East Java*, and he published a number of book chapters and articles, including: *Pastoral Budaya: Memaknai Lagi Identitas Gereja Indonesia – Cultural Ministry: Identity of the Church in Indonesia Made Significant* (ed. Eddy Kristiyanto, 2010:275-299); *Murid-Murid Kristus dalam Era Digital: Misi, Bermisi, Menjadi Misionaris – Christians in the Digital Era: Mission, Doing Mission, and Being Missionaries* (eds. R. Wijanarko & Adi Saptowidodo, 2010: 115-131); *Kristus Misionaris Lintas Batas: Pesan Soteriologis Kristus dalam Masyarakat Hindu – Christ, the Cross*

Cultural Missionary: Christ's Soteriological Message within a Hindu Society (ed. Eddy Kristiyanto, 2010:335-353).

Institute of Indian Culture

Anthropos Institute member Joseph M.T., SVD (INM), is the Director of the Institute of Indian Culture (IIC). The Annual Day celebrations of the Institute were held in January 2010. The highlight was a day-long workshop organized by the Institute in collaboration with the *Centre for the Study of Society and Secularism*. As 2010 marked the 60th Anniversary of the Indian Republic the theme of the workshop was "Cultural Diversity and Nation Building". The Institute and the Centre also jointly organized a round table discussion on the "Prospects and Challenges of the Ayodhya Verdict for the Nation" in October for sixty participants. The Institute published two issues of Volume 59 of the *Institute of Indian Culture Newsletter*, with a total of forty-four pages with editorials, announcements, book reviews, and articles by Anthropos Institute members M.T. Joseph and S.M. Michael and others. In the course of the year 2010, three PhD Research Scholars at the Institute of Indian Culture have completed their studies successfully. One of them, Sr. Maria Goretti Amaladass has already been awarded the PhD degree by the University of Mumbai for her work titled "The Empowerment of Women through Education: A Comparative Study of High School Educated Women and Women Dropouts at Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu". Two other scholars have submitted their dissertations and are waiting for their *viva* to be scheduled. In this issue of *Interlink*, also consult the reports of A. Kanjamala, S.M. Michael, and Mundananikkal (M.T.), to see the individual accomplishments of the AI members of this Institute. Also, recall the death in 2010 of Associate AI member, Prof. J.V. Ferreira (cf. p. 1 above), of the Institute of Indian Culture.

Melanesian Institute

The Melanesian Institute (MI) in Goroka, Papua New Guinea (PNG) celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2010. The governing council elected Rev. Jack Urame of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG as the new Director and Br. Martin Tnines, SVD, as Assistant Director. Following the recommendation of an external evaluation of the Institute, AI member Franco Zocca (cf. his individual report above) stated that "certain structural changes have to be made [and the] MI will open itself up and scale up its research capacity and establish links with other academic institutions and universities..." [WORD/PNG NO 359 (August 2010), 5]. The MI continues to publish an annual issue of *Point Series* and two annual issues of *Catalyst*. Other activities include running the Cultural Orientation Course, National Church Workers' Workshop, research seminars and other workshops. More information on the MI can be found on its website www.mi.org.pg.

Sanskriti -- North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion

AI member Jose Kuzhikkattuthazhe (cf. individual report above) is the Director of *Sanskriti*—North

Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion in Guwahati, India (ING). He submitted a comprehensive report of this young institute. Since 2007, they conduct an annual national workshop and two publications of the proceedings from the 2010 workshop were published: *Ethno-Social Mobility in North East India*, and *Social Unrest and Peace Initiatives: Perspectives from North East India*. They also released a booklet titled “The Riang of Tripura” which was written by Gutam K. Bera and published by *Sanskriti*, Guwahati. The institute sponsors an annual memorial lecture series in honour of Dr. Stephen Fuchs, SVD, and the series in 2010 featured Prof. Joy Thomas, SVD, of *Ishvani Kendra*. SVDs Manoj Anthony and John Bosco of the ING Region also assist in organizing national seminars and conferences. AI members Augustine Kanjamala and S.M. Michael have been involved in various ways with these initial developments of these SVD anthropological initiatives in North East India. Bishop Lumen Monteiro CSC of Agartala diocese, Tripura, is also extremely supportive of these efforts. They are preparing the next three-day national seminar to be held in November 2011, with a working title “Anthropological Researches in India: Retrospect and Prospect.” The sub-themes of the seminar are: Anthropological Researches in India: Theoretical Perspectives; Re-thinking Anthropological Researches in India: Issues and Possibilities; Anthropology and Social Responsibility; Recent Trends in Doctoral Studies and Pathways to Rejuvenate Researches in India; Ethnographic Studies: Lessons from N.E. India; Prospects of Anthropological Research in North East India

Sanskriti – Centre for Applied Cultural Anthropology

Missiologist Thomas Vellappalil, SVD, who was the Director of Sanskriti (Centre for Applied Cultural Anthropology) in Indore, India (INC), died in January 2011 (cf. p. 1 above). This institute had been founded by AI member S. Lourdusamy, SVD, who died in 2007.

Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies

Missiologist Marek Kowalik, SVD, as the Director of the Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) in Ghana, submitted a detailed report on the institute’s activities. Bro. Jan Urban, SVD, is responsible for general and financial administration,

and the teaching staff in 2010 consisted of two full-time teaching staff, two part-time lecturers / researchers, and six visiting resource persons. The main residential programs included the following: three groups for TICCS Study Tours (4 weeks per tour) with total of 35 participants, a one-week Cross-Cultural Orientation Course for missionaries with 16 participants; a four week Cross-Cultural Introduction Course for missionaries with five participants, a two-month Dagbani language course for five participants, and a ten-week Hausa language course for one person. Non-residential courses run by TICCS in 2010 included: four-day course for the SVD pastoral year seminarians, four-day course in language learning methodology (for Dagbani) for SVD Postulants, and four-day course on cultural sensitivity for the German Technical Cooperation Staff for 64 participants in Accra. TICCS was grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the formation process of SVD seminarians and postulants. The courses will be extended to one week each in 2011. TICCS also conducted a research project on ‘Dagbani Proverbs and the Gospels’. The teaching staff of TICCS and 8 TICCS’ helpers were trying to apply the local proverbs to Sunday Gospel readings (year A, B and C). The results of the research will be published in 2011 as pastoral/teaching tool of the local prayer leaders/catechists. Further information can be found on their website (www.ticcs.com).

Events

Birthdays

In 2011 we celebrate the 80th birthday of Ernest Brandewie, the 75th of Willi Müller, the 70th of Othmar Gächter, and the 60th of Pio Estepa and Roger Schroeder. *Ad multos annos* to all of you.

Jubilies

Congratulations to Josef Glinka who is celebrating in 2011 his 60th anniversary in vows. And blessings to the following who are celebrating ordination anniversaries: 50th of John Z’graggen and the 40th of Jon Kirby and Ron Lange.

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