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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Posters

The tradition of the “posters session” is now well established at IMSSS symposia. Anyone wishing to present their current research on preaching or sermon studies is strongly encouraged to prepare a poster. During the Symposium, the posters will be presented and discussed with all participants.

Presenters should send a written proposal to the organizers of the Symposium, included as part of the registration form. Please include a title and summary proposal of no more than 50 words.

- Some tips for poster presenters:
 - *Size of the poster*: rectangle whose surface is at least equivalent to that of 8 pieces of A4 (letter paper format) or 4 A3 sheets, juxtaposed.
 - *Design*: font size, colours, texts and images may vary. Please make sure that the poster is easily readable and well organized. Priority should be given to a specific idea(s), or an issue or question your research has raised. Where possible, it should also include an outline of the approach or method used. And ideally it should be designed to spark dialogue and discussion with and among conference participants.
 - The poster should include the name of the researcher along with his or her contact information.

Places of the Symposium

“Foyer Franciscain” of Saint-Maurice (rue Antoine de Quartéry 1, CH - 1890 St-Maurice, Switzerland; phone: +41/(0)24 486 11 11; fax: +41/(0)24 486 11 69)

Saint-Maurice is easily accessible by train from Geneva and Zurich airports (1.5hrs from Geneva and 3hrs from Zurich).

From the Geneva airport, the station is left out of the main hall. There are many trains leaving from the airport and all stop at the Central Station in Geneva (Gare de Cornavin). It is possible to buy a ticket for Saint-Maurice at the airport's ticket office or directly on the train.

The Swiss train schedule is available on the WEB at <http://www.sbb.ch/en/>

ATTENTION: type "St.-Maurice," and NOT "Saint-Maurice", otherwise you get the schedules to Bourg Saint-Maurice which is located in France.

Accommodation

The "Foyer Franciscain" is a modern and welcoming building. Except for one session at the Abbey of Saint-Maurice, all conference sessions will be held at the "Foyer Franciscain". We strongly recommended the "Foyer Franciscain" for your accommodations, and it is by far the most economical.



For those who wish to stay at the hotel, there is the Hotel de la Dent du Midi (<http://www.torrente.ch/cms/>). Price: Single room: Fr 85 .-; double room: Fr 140 .- If you want to stay in the hotel, it is important to book early because the hotel has only 33 beds.

Recording and Home

- Please complete and send the attached conference registration form by April 25, 2008.
- The final program, along with other practical information, and documents for the workshop (under the responsibility of Laura GAFFURI) will be sent to participants later, around late May / early June 2008.
- For additional information about the symposium, please contact the organizers: Franco Morenzoni or Bernard Hodel. You can also consult the IMSSS website for additional information <<http://imsss.net/>>.
- A host team will guide participants on their arrival at the station of Saint-Maurice. A welcome desk will be available for participants in the "Foyer Franciscain".

Fees

The **fees** for the Symposium are: SFR 50 per person (SFR 30 for undergraduate and graduate students).

Full board and lodging at the “Foyer Franciscain” (lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast) costs 86 SFR per day or approx. SFR 265 (EUR 166 / USD 245) for the entire stay from Friday to Tuesday.

For those not on the meal plan, individual meals will cost:

- Breakfast: 6 SFR
- Lunch: 26 SFR
- Dinner: 22 SFR

Excursion

- The excursion will be held in Sion and at the Hospice of the Great St. Bernard on Sunday (<http://www.gsbernard.ch/>; archives: <http://www.aasm.ch/agsb/intro4.html>).
- During the stay, we visit the Abbey of Saint-Maurice, (<http://www.abbaye-stmaurice.ch/>), which has a rich treasure and very ancient archives ongoing digitization and already partially available on the WEB (<http://www.aasm.ch/>)

***BURSARY FUNDS AVAILABLE**

IMSSS has modest funding available for those in need of financial assistance in order to attend the Saint-Maurice Symposium, July 18-22, 2008. The final decision on the division of the IMSSS funds will be made after the applications are received. The Society wants to help post-graduate students, scholars without full-time employment, and others in need to attend the Symposium. Priority will be given to those making presentations during the Symposium without other funding and to those from geographical regions sparsely represented among Society Members.

To apply for funding, please write a letter, no more than two pages in length, indicating your financial need and outlining the ways in which your work relates to sermon studies in general and to the Symposium topic in particular. Please include a proposed budget. If you are not already scheduled to give a paper, please indicate if you would be willing to present a poster of your work. Please send your application via post or e-mail to Martine De Reu, Treasurer, Visserij 161A, B-9000 Gent, BELGIUM <Martine.DeReu@UGent.be>, or to Ronald J. Stansbury, Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Dr., Rochester, NY 14624, USA <Stansbury_ronald@roberts.edu>. Applications must be postmarked (or e-mailed) by April 1, 2008. Applications will be assessed by the Councillors of the Society. Notification of awards will be made by May 1, 2008.