

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PATRISTIC STUDIES

The present work is a report on the different activities of the International Association of Patristic Studies for the Academic year 2010-2011 in Democratic Republic of Congo. The activities are based on seminars and colloquia, publications, theses, web-site, different news and projects of the Association.

Efforts are made to increase the Association members. Actually, we have 23 members. Contacts to increase members are being pursued, in spite communication problems we faced to reach backward members.

1) Seminars and Colloquia

- Seminar of the *Kinshasa Theological Week*, held in February 2011 : Peace in early church
- International colloquium on *Spiritual and temporal citizenship in the early church* in collaboration with Center for Early African Christianity USA, held in Ghana in February 2011.

2) Publications

The main publication has been:

History of Christianity in Africa. Evangelization and Encounter of Cultures, published in *The Journal of African Theology*, Catholic University of Congo, 2010. Interesting works on Christian Antiquity are found therein.

3) Theses (in preparation)

- One thesis on Clement of Alexandria, *Christ the Teacher*.
- Another thesis on *Christmas Homely from Saint Augustine's School: 5th – 6th Centuries after Christ*.

Most of the Association Members are licence students who work on Fathers of the Church. They need more supports to pursue doctoral studies in this field.

4) Web-side

Up to now, the Association still uses Professor's Michel Libambu's Web-site, which can easily be drawn from Google. In this web-site, however, we have a partial publication of African Bibliography on *Fathers of the Church*, as well as different publications of the Catholic University of Congo:

- *Journal of African Theology*
- Collection of Books, *African Church in Dialogue*
- *Journal of African Religions*

- *Philosophical Journal of Kinshasa*
- *Journal of Canonic Law*
- *Journal of Social Communications*
- *Journal of Economics and Development.*

Seminars for Licence and DEA students have been essentially on *Augustinian Interpretation of Gn 1, 1-2.*

5) News

The Association has the regret to announce the death of one of his members, Professor Jovit Faustin Mapwar, on March 2011, in Kinshasa. He has just been replaced by Professor Melchior Mombili, actually Secretary of the ACEAC.

6) Projects

The Association is going to publish two books in the near future. The first will be in memory of the late Professor Joseph Ntedika Konde, one of the first African patrologue who died in 2009. The title of the book is "Death and the Next World in Fathers of the Church: Actuality and Theological Perspectives"

The second book will be in memory of the late Professor Jovit Faustin Mapwar on "Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Promoter of the Church of Africa. Historico-Theological Perspectives for a New Ecclesiology". The acts the two books are expected by March 2012. Therefore, those who may be interested in the projects are invited to send their paper in the following languages: French, English, German, Italian, Spanish (10 pages maximum).

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