

**Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society**  
**10th Annual Conference**  
**State University for Aerospace Instrumentation, St Petersburg, Russia**  
**Thursday, 8 September – Sunday, 11 September, 2016**

**Call for Papers**

The Asia-Pacific early Christian Studies Society invites proposals for papers to be delivered at its tenth annual conference to be held at State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI), St Petersburg, Russia, from Friday morning, 9 September to Sunday afternoon, 11 September, 2016, convened by Basil Lourié. Papers are 30 minutes in duration (20 minutes delivery and 10 minutes for discussion). The Society welcomes all proposals that explore any theme relevant to the early Christian world from the New Testament to the end of Late Antiquity, and especially those that focus on this year's theme: **Survival of Early Christian Traditions**.

Sources for the study of early Christianity are often limited to documents datable to the first five or six centuries of the Christian era (even if preserved in later copies). Nevertheless, in addition, there are a number of early Christian scriptural, theological, historical, hagiographical, canonical, and liturgical texts and traditions that are preserved (sometimes exclusively so) within much later documents, often contaminated with later material as quotations and the like, but still distinguishable. Recovering the early Christian content from such medieval material requires tracing the whole line of transmission, requiring interdisciplinary skill of specialists in medieval and early Christianity. Where such work has been done it contributes immeasurably to our appreciation and understanding of the earlier periods.

A 100-word abstract should be sent by 30 April, 2016 to Dr. Geoffrey D. Dunn ([geoffrey.dunn@acu.edu.au](mailto:geoffrey.dunn@acu.edu.au)). Further questions can be addressed to him. Other proposals besides the conference theme are most welcome. Papers are presented in English (or other languages as appropriate). Our practice is that conference presenters distribute copies of their papers (minus notes) **in English** to participants to minimise language difficulties. Presenters need to bring their own copies for distribution. Registration forms and further details will be available soon on the Society's website at [www.cecs.acu.edu.au/apecss.htm](http://www.cecs.acu.edu.au/apecss.htm). There will be an opportunity for some cultural event in St Petersburg on Thursday afternoon, such as a tour of the world-class Hermitage Museum. A conference dinner will be held on Saturday, 10 September.