

ACEOT newsletter Nr. 50: ACEOT becomes ACOT, Video recording colloquy, Honorary Fellowship, Seminar 14 December



Last ACEOT newsletter: ACEOT becomes ACOT

This is the 50th and last ACEOT newsletter you will receive. The Amsterdam Centre for Eastern Orthodox Theology is being renamed The Amsterdam Centre for Orthodox Theology. In the five years since the start of ACEOT, the name “Eastern Orthodox” has been felt to be too restrictive and, most importantly, it excludes our so-called 'Oriental Orthodox' friends. Moreover, the acronym ACOT will also stand for the Dutch name “Amsterdams Centrum voor Orthodoxe Theologie.” The use of a Dutch name alongside the English one indicates that we want to focus more on the Dutch-speaking Orthodox.

These changes coincide with the decision of the Dutch Minister of Education to grant the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (the name now used internationally instead of VU University Amsterdam) special funding to educate Orthodox clergy. More news will follow later about, amongst others, the Orthodox version of the one-year Master of Spiritual Care which will start next September.

4 September 2015: Metropolitan Kallistos Ware and Fr John Behr and an honorary fellowship for Prof. Louth

On 4 September a colloquy was held to mark the launch of the book *Modern Orthodox Thinkers: From the Philokalia to the present*, which contains the lectures which the Very Reverend Professor Andrew Louth gave in Amsterdam during his last two years as VU Visiting Professor. Besides Fr Andrew, Metropolitan Kallistos Ware and the Very Reverend Professor John Behr were the main speakers. [Here](#) you can find a link to their lectures, of which the video recording has now become available. The Vice-Rector of the university and Dean of the Faculty of Theology Prof. Wim Janse opened the colloquy and announced that the Faculty of Theology has named Prof. Louth as its first Honorary Fellow.



14 December: Seminar Biblical Interpretation, Patristics and Systematic Theology

Please find attached the announcement for a seminar on 14 December 2015 (with apologies for cross-posting). The programme consists of the following items:

- PhD ceremony Rosa Hunt *The Self-Enclosing God. John Chrysostom and Ephrem Syrus on divine self-limitation as gift of love in Genesis 1-3*
- Lecture by Frances M. Young, 'Divine Discourse: Scripture in the Economy of Revelation'
- Panel discussion with representatives from various academic & denominational backgrounds

During the seminar Prof. Janse will hand Prof. Louth the official certificate accompanying his honorary fellowship.

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