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From the desk of the coordinator

Several events during 2007 reflect key aspects of the international network of Anthropos Institute.

I begin with the good news that ‘Anthropos do Brasil’ is being revived. Several SVDs of the first generation in Brazil were involved in more informal anthropological studies of indigenous peoples and then a branch of Anthropos Institute was formally established in the sixties by José Vincente César. This initiative declined with his death in the eighties. Three years ago, a group of SVDs acknowledged and reaffirmed the importance of studying and understanding the culture of others for dialogue and SVD work in general. ‘Anthropos do Brasil’ was revived under the directorship of Fr. José Luis Cazarotto (BRC) and in collaboration with Fr. Djalma da Silva (BRN), Br. Carl Arenz (BRA), Fr. Norbert Foerster (BRC), Fr. Joachim Andrade (BRS) and Fr. Hugo Scheer (BRN). Cazarotto describes this as a humble beginning and he identifies these initial goals: 1) making anthropological study part of SVD formation, 2) providing lecturers on anthropological issues to the broader Brazilian church, and 3) possibly starting an anthropological study center in the SVD College of Juiz de Fora (BRC). [More details under “Reports about Corporate Members”] This development in Brazil represents the local and national efforts of Anthropos Institute around the world, which are reflected so well in the individual and corporate reports in this issue of Interlink.

Other events are important for the organization, publication and communication aspects of Anthropos Institute. To begin with, Superior General Antonio Pernia with the consent of his council on August 3, 2007, approved the Revised Statutes of Anthropos Institute including the reformulated Section 5.2. We acknowledge the leadership of the former coordinator Fr. Ennio Mantovani and former councillors Frs. Jacek Jan Pawlik and S.M. Michael in overseeing the revision of the statutes through a long process of consultation and approval. We hope that the Revised Statutes help us, in the words of Fr. Pernia, “to continue the ‘Anthropos tradition’ in our Society” (August 3, 2007).

Several months later and after a consultative vote by the members of Anthropos Institute, the Superior General and his Council appointed Fr. Dariusz Piwowarczyk as the new Editor-in-Chief for the journal Anthropos. We echo their words of support for Fr. Piwowarczyk and their thanks to Fr. Othmar Gächter for his years of service in that position.

In order to promote the exchange of ideas among members of Anthropos Institute, the new coordinator and his council—Fr. Roger Schroeder and Frs. Ennio Mantovani and Alexander Rödlach—have initiated a listserv (list server) at Creighton University. Those who want to register their email addresses on this listserv can post messages and will receive messages from others on the list. A separate letter of invitation and instruction was sent out on March 8 and so far fourteen persons have registered. If you wish to add your name to this listserv of Anthropos Institute, 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.

Then just enter your e-mail address, choose a password, and submit both through the site. You will be automatically registered and will receive a notification of that registration. In case of any technical questions, contact Alexander Rödlach by email at <rodlach@creighton.edu>. On the listserv, for example, we initiated a discussion of an article by our colleague Philip Gibbs and Josepha Wailoni on “Sorcery among the Plains Arapesh,” which was published in the Anthropos journal (2008/1) and featured in Anthropology and Mission No. 36. This instrument can also be used for announcements, enquiries and collaborative efforts.

In closing, I wish to note the death of one of our members, Fr. S. Lourdusamy, at the age of sixty. Born in Tamil Nadu, India, he did his doctoral studies in anthropology in Vienna. He was the director of several institutes in India from 1989 until his death. Lourdusamy published many books on Bhil and Bhilala tribes in Central India. He was also actively engaged in promoting justice and peace for tribals and dalits.
The official publications of the Institute are entrusted to the Editorial Board at Anthropos Institute St. Augustin. Dariusz Piwowarczyk succeeds Othmar Gächter as Editor-in-Chief, Anton Quack is Reviews Editor, and Joachim Piepke is a member of the team.

The two volumes of Anthropos 2007 with 712 pages offer 24 articles, 14 reports and comments, and 100 book reviews. Editor-in-Chief Othmar Gächter reports that 53 manuscripts were submitted, of which 25 were accepted and 22 rejected. The following members of Anthropos Institute authored material for Anthropos 2007: O. Gächter, P. Gibbs, J. Pawlik, D. Piwowarczyk, A. Quack, and A. Rödlach.

The section of “Zeitschriftenschau” is a rich resource with 33 pages of the titles of articles from an impressive list of 103 journals specialized especially in the field of social and religious sciences. It is a great service made possible by our Institute’s library at St. Augustin which subscribes to these journals. Furthermore, the Geographical Index at the end of the second volume of Anthropos 2007 enables one to easily locate what is relevant for one’s geographic area.

The website for the journal (www.anthropos-journal.de) was significantly improved through the efforts of Joachim Piepke (Director of Anthropos Institute Sankt Augustin) and Ivan Lobo.

Anthropology & Mission No 35 (July 2007) contained 16 pages of reviews of relevant books and articles for missionaries in the field. The book reviews were prepared by O. Gächter and A. Quack, and the article reviews by J. Piepke and D. Piwowarczyk.

These reports include the material which has been published during 2007 and the lectures/conferences given during the same year. What is in press but without date will be mentioned when it appears. Members, however, report also about their work in progress and this is relevant because it helps to have an idea of what the Institute, i.e., the members, are working on. These reports reflect the great diversity and depth of the work of individual members.

Publications of the Institute

Ernst Brandewie

Brandewie’s English biography of Thomas Cardinal Tien was just published in the series Studia Institutii Missiologici SVD, with the title The Last Shall Be First: The Life of Thomas Tien Keng-hsin, China’s First Cardinal. With the various materials, bibliography, mini-biographies, and chronology of Tien’s life, it comes to 203 pages. Brandewie continues to do translation work from German into English for Anthropos. He also edits English materials for the journal like the summaries of articles that appear at the beginning. Brandewie retired in 1996 but continues to be active with publication and activities of Anthropos Institute.

Othmar Gächter


Gächter was also involved with the following conferences in 2007: Veranstaltungen der kath. deutschen Studentenverbindung Rheinland (WS 2006/07); „Einführung in den Islam“ Studientagung der Priesterstudenten von Rolduc, Phil.-Theol. Hochschule, Sankt Augustin; „Das Anthropos Institut und die Herausforderungen des kulturellen und religiösen Pluralismus,” Treffen der LeiterInnen der Katholischen Kulturzentren West- und Nordeuropas, Pontificium Consilium de Cultura, Città del Vaticano, and Centre Saint-Thomas d’Aquin, Strasbourg.

Patrick Gesch

Gesch spent half of the year at Divine Word University, Madang, in the position of Head of Department of PNG Studies. The Department has been adopted by Heidelberg University Anthropology Department, under the leadership of Dr Jürg Wassmann with Dr Verena Keck. They have a grant from the German government to get an Anthropology Department started with DWU. The first step in this process will be to mount courses of study in our Department, using young German scholars, directing us in the process of taking over these studies to form an independent department. We will be taking over the units taught for the future, and there will be an exchange of scholars from DWU to Heidelberg.

Gesch, along with Gibbs, took part in a collaborative effort between the national universities and the National Research Institute to do an Election Study for the PNG National Elections 2007. This study is due for publication in 2008. Gesch gave a presentation at the Catholic Missiologists Conference held in Pieniezno on the topic of the necessity for sustaining traditional religion in all its forms so that religious dialogue remains possible in the lives of Oceanic Christians. He taught a course in Religious Anthropology at Good Shepherd College Seminary in Banz. Gesch
continues the job of editing the ASPAMIR Conference held in Madang in October 2005 on the topic of “Mission and Violence.” The texts of this conference formed the basis for a day of reflection for religious for the Madang Archdiocese.


Günter Gessinger

Gessinger works in the library of the Anthropos Institute St. Augustin. His primary job has been digitalizing library files for entries before 2000 and assisting with the registration of new books and periodicals. He has also helped with shifting books as a result of the rearrangement of the library after the departure of the Monumenta Serica library from the ground floor and he has provided other occasional transport services. After Alex Rödlach’s return to the States, Gessinger was reelected to the Board of A. I. St. Augustin. He reports that, “I also do a good amount of pastoral work, especially on weekends. And since last spring I took over the Latin language courses in the program of our School of Theology.”

Philip Gibbs


Josef Glinka

Glinka has been retired since 1998, but he continues to help with activities in Airlangga University, Surabaya, East Java (Indonesia). He gave lectures and/or courses on “Man and Culture in Europe,” “Bioanthropology,” and “Human Environment” (for post-graduates in Medicine). At the Catholic University Widy Mandala, he gave a course in “Human Genetics” for students in Psychology. Glinka also was a member in six Doctoral examinations.

Stanislaw Grodż

Grodż is Lecturer at the Chair of History and Ethnology of Religion, Faculty of Theology, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. During the summer semester of 2006/2007, he lectured at the University on non-Christian religions and interreligious dialogue, African Christology in its cultural context, and general aspects of marriage and family in the Islamic world. During the winter semester of 2007/2008, he lectured on introduction to Islam (in English), the history of Islam, Christian-Muslim relations, non-Christian religions and interreligious dialogue, features of Christianity in non-European cultures, and general aspects of marriage and family in Africa.

Symposia Papers

Grodż presented papers at the following academic meetings. At the 1st Congress of Polish Africanists, organized by the Polish Africanist Association in Pieniężno, he delivered a paper, entitled “Metamorphosis of forms of the Ghanaians’ contacts with the supernatural world” (in Polish). At the 1st International Conference on Political Geography, organized by the Department of Economic Geography, Earth Sciences Institute, University of Maria Curie-Skłodowska, Lublin, he presented a paper, entitled “Self-sufficient enclosure or a piece in a jigsaw puzzle? Religious actors in dialogue” (in English). At the 10th Conference of Young Researchers, organized by the Institute of Regional and Global Studies, Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Warsaw, he delivered a paper, entitled “Prosperity requires supernatural intervention. West African ‘religious economy’” (in Polish). For the Michaelmas Term Seminars on “Christianity and Islam: Encounters and Tradition,” organized by the Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue at Heythrop College, University of London, he delivered two papers in English, entitled “‘We are all gradually moving towards the neo-Pentecostals’: The situation of Christianity in contemporary Ghana,” and “Islamization of Africa? Christian-Muslim Relations in Ghana.”
Hermann Hochegger

Hochegger has been busy as usual working on the material he has been collecting in Zaire. Nothing seems to slow him down.

Augustine Kanjamala

Kanjamala is the director of the Institute of Indian Culture, in Mumbai. He published the following in 2007: “Social Analysis of Migration in India” in Migration and Mission in India, (ed) L.Stanislaus. Pune, Ishvani Kendra and ISPCK, (Delhi); “Faith and Reason debate,” Pune, Ishvani Kendra and ISPCK, (Delhi); “Migration and Mission in India 2007: “Social Analysis of Migration in India” in Culture, in Mumbai. He published the following in Kanjamala is the director of the Institute of Indian

Jon Kirby

As was mentioned last year, Kirby had to leave Africa in October 2007 due to the immediate danger of skin cancer. He has been teaching this academic year at Boston University and plans to move in 2008 to a position at Washington Theological Union. (Please refer to TICCS under “Reports about Corporate Members” for additional information regarding Kirby.)

Peter Knecht

Knecht retired in July 2006 from Nanzan University, its Anthropological Institute, and the editorship of Asian Folklore Studies, which he edited for 26 years. A special double issue of Asian Folklore Studies (Vol. LXVI No. 1-2, 2007) was a Festschrift to honor him. He still is involved in part time teaching: One-year course on “Anthropology of Religion” at Aichi Gakuin University, Nissin City; One semester at the SSpS Novicante on “Japanese Folkreligion,” and an abbreviated version of it for the Sisters at the Convent; Course on “Folk religion and Shinto” for foreign Students at the NCC Center in Kyoto; One-day session on “Pilgrimage” at the Training Center of the Grand Shrine of Ise. He conducted a short period of fieldwork on shamans in Northeastern China, Harlan.


Zdzislaw Kupisiński

Kupisiński had his habilitation colloquium on December 10, 2007 in the Theology Department of Cardinal Wyszyński University in Warsaw. It was based on scientific achievements and book entitled Death as an Eschatological Experience (complete title under “Publications” below). He was granted the degree of dr. hab. in the area of theological sciences with specialization in Theology of Religion.


Symposia Papers: For a March conference in Lublin on “Signs of the Time,” he presented a paper on “Sects – Threat, Running Away or Self-realization?” He delivered a paper on “Death in Polish Folk Tradition” at a symposium of the Polish Ethnological Society. At the 9th National Thanatological Conference in Szklarska Poreba, he gave a paper, entitled “Phenomenon of Death in the Folk Tradition among the People of Opoczno and Radom Regions”.

Publications: Death as an Eschatological Experience. Funeral Customs, Rituals and Beliefs Together with Zaduski (Remembrance of the Dead), in the Opoczno and Radom Regions of Poland. University Press, Lublin 2007, 661 pp. Kupisiński wrote the following articles or chapters: “Śmierć w tradycji ludowej regionu opoçosńskiego i radomskiego.” [“Death in Folk Tradition of the Opoczno and Radom Regions”]. Roczniki Teologiczne 54, 2007, pp. 121-136; “Zjawisko śmierci w tradycji ludowej mieszkańców regionu opoçoskiego i radomskiego.” [“Phenomenon of Death in the Folk Tradition among the People of Opoczno and Radom Regions”]. In: Problemy...
Gregory Neonbasu


Ennio Mantovani

Mantovani is lecturing at the Yarra Theological Union on issues of culture, religion and Christianity. In 2007, he taught courses on ‘Phenomenology of Religion’ and on “Mission and Culture” and he is preparing to teach a new course on “Comparative Religion” for the academic year 2008. He has conducted the following short courses: “Culture in My Life,” i.e., the functions of culture in our daily life, including religious life; “Culture East and West. Implications for religious life in multicultural communities”; “Culture and Religious Life”; “Religious Life from the perspective of comparative religion.”


Mantovani is the chairperson of MER (Mission Education and Research) for the Australian province. The key issue has been the establishment of “The Janssen Centre for Inter-religious and Cross-cultural Relations” which was opened and dedicated on St. Arnold’s feast, January 15, 2008. The Centre, from the beginning, has been a joint venture with a very strong commitment by the SVD Australian Province and great lay participation. The SSpS have assigned a sister to live and work full time at the Centre together with a SVD and a lay couple. Mantovani describes its significance in this way: “The Centre is unique in its nature in Australia and responds to a need for deeper spirituality. It is not purely academic and intellectual; it does not primarily aim at action either; it is more in the line of dialogue of religious experience. In this sense it more a spirituality centre than anything else.” He will give input on “Revelation outside the Bible” and on “Divine Revelation and Human Response. A Phenomenological Approach.”

Jacek Jan Pawlik

On June 25, 2007, Pawlik had a successful „habilitation” examination on a thesis presented to qualify as professor. He also obtained the Reward of the Rector of the University for Scientific Achievements.

During the year, Pawlik lectured on these topics: Religiology and Intercultural Communication; Social Construction of Identity, and Marriage and Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective; Cultural Anthropology; Popular Culture in Africa.

**Symposia Papers:**

At a March conference in Lublin, he gave papers on “African Dance,” “Struggles of Ethnologist in Africa,” and “Drums in African Music.” At an April conference in Pienińczno, he presented a paper, entitled “Impregnation of Cultures: Anthropological Implications.” For a May conference in Olsztyn, he delivered a paper on “Lineage Leadership – between Kinship Bounds and Constraints of Tradition.” At a June conference in Warsaw, he spoke on “SVD Mission in Asia.” At the First African Congress in Poland in Pienińczno, he delivered a paper, entitled “Role of Art in the African Cult of Ancestors.” At an October conference in Torun, his paper was on “Iconography of Mami Wata as Example of the Cultural Encounter.” At an October Conference in Olsztyn, he gave a paper on “Cultural Efforts to Animate Things. Movement and Sound.” Finally at a conference in Warsaw in December, his paper was on “For the Culture Opened to the Others.”

**Published Articles:**

“Togolese National Symbols and Their Political

Joachim Piepke

Piepke is the director of Anthropos Institut St. Augustin and the Rector of the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule St. Augustin. He is member of the editorial team of the Institute and responsible (with Piwowarczyk) for the section on the articles in Anthropology & Mission. He prepared and looks after updating the website of the Institute. He also took part in the Symposium in Brazil in May, that reanimated and re-founded “Anthropos do Brasil.” Piepke had the following 2007 publications and symposia papers: (Editor) Kultur und Religion in der Begegnung mit dem Fremden. (Veröffentlichungen des Missionspriesterseminars St. Augustin 56). Nettetal: Steyler Verlag; “Igreja, Missão, Antropologia: um balanço do Instituto Anthropos (Alemanha).” Revista de Estudos da Religião (São Paulo) June 2007:108-127 (www.pucsp.br/rever/ry2_2007/i_piepke.pdf); Paper presented on “Christlicher Gottesglaube in der Welt von heute” for the Institut für Lehrerfortbildung Mülheim/Ruhr im Rahmen der 22. Jhrestagung „Juden, Christen, Muslime: Mit den monotheistischen Weltreligionen im Gespräch… über die Erfahrung Gottes.” (March); Paper presented on “The Role of the Ethnology of Religion and the Science of Religion in the SVD and in Germany Today” for the Symposium of the Catholic Pontifical University of São Paulo, Brazil (May 2007); Paper presented on “A Antropologia para a Missão: Uma tarefa básica da SVD” [“The Role of Anthropology and the Anthropos Institute in the History of the SVD”] for the Simpósio 1ª Semana doAnthropos do Brasil, Suzano/SP – Brazil (May); Lecture on “The Role of Anthropology in Missiology” at the Postgraduate Course of Missiology at the Instituto Teológico São Paulo, Brazil (May).

Dariusz Piwowarczyk


Antoon Potsma

Postma, who continues his work with the Mangyans on Mindoro, summarized his main activities for 2007 in his letter of February 22, 2008. “The publication of my latest book about the Mangyan script took certainly a great deal of my busy schedule. The book, to be published by the Ateneo University in Quezon-Dity, a Jesuit University, is actually a translation from its German original, by the authors Meyer, Schadenberg and Foy, that was published around 1894. It was dealing with Mangyan bamboo writings that had been gathered in Southern Mindoro, written in the traditional syllabic script….I was able to transcribe these writings and translate [the book] with the help of our Mangyan informants.” He was also involved in retrieving about 2000 pages of Spanish manuscripts, that are now being translated into English. He worked with a video-camera team to film Mangyan traditional presentations, which were later shown on television programs in Germany and Austria. Postma’s daughter, Anya, is director of an exhibit of Mangyan artifacts which is now on tour around the Philippines. Finally, he adds, “Often I am invited to lecture about the Copperplate Inscription, the oldest historical document (A.D. 900), that I had the honor of deeypering and translating.”
Anton Quack


Quack is a member of the Faculty of Phil.-Theol. Hochschule St. Augustin, and lectures on “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.”

Alexander Rödlach

Alexander Rödlach accepted a full-time tenure track position as assistant professor at Creighton University in Omaha, a Jesuit institution. He will mainly teach courses related to medical anthropology and Africa. Due to the strength of the medical sciences at Creighton, the university is discussing the possibility of expanding the anthropology program and possibly awarding specific degrees in medical anthropology. Throughout the year, he has presented papers on the AIDS epidemic in Africa at professional conferences. The most recent one was at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, DC, where he discussed gender inequality's association with sexual behavior that carries a high risk for becoming infected with HIV. Rödlach has been elected as a member of the steering committee of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group, which is an interest group under the American Anthropological Association and the Society for Medical Anthropology. His most recent publication is: “Apocalypse Now! - Interpretations of HIV/AIDS in an Urban Township in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. In: Luse, Agita and Imre Lázár (Eds.). *Cosmologies of Suffering: Post-communist Transformation, Sacral Communication, and Healing*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Pp. 206-229. The Accelerated Prevention E-Forum asked him to write the key article on the role of men in HIV and AIDS prevention. The Forum is hosted by UNAIDS and other organizations.

Roger Schroeder


Arnold Sprenger

Sprenger split his time between Beijing and Europe in 2007. In March, he participated in the International Conference of Sinology in Beijing, and in September he took part in a workshop in St. Ottilien (Germany) and in retreats for Chinese students (priests, sisters, seminarians and others) from various European countries. In his own words, “I was asked to be available for private talks and exchanges of ideas in Chinese. The workshop was organized by the China-Zentrum in Germany.” Sprenger wrote "Missionsgebetsleitungen" for "die Anregung" (St. Augustin) covering the months of 2008. Much of his time was spent preparing talks for "Joseph Freinademetz Centennial Celebrations" in Beijing and other places on the Mainland.
Johann Zgraggen:

After many challenges, Zgraggen is happy to report the publication of The Lady Daria and Mister Kamadonga by Crawford House Publishing, Belair, SA, Australia. He is currently gathering material for an article on the life and work of the late Frank Mihalic, SVD.

Henryk Zimoń

Zimoń is the head of the Department of History and Ethnology of Religion, the Faculty of Theology, the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and a member of many scientific societies, e.g., the Scientific Society of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, the Committee of Anthropological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Polish Ethnological Society, the Polish Society of African Studies, the Polish Society of Religious Studies, the Scientific Society of Lublin.

Lecturing:

In the winter term 2006/2007 and summer term 2007 he had weekly courses, master’s seminar and doctoral seminar at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. Fr. Kazimierz Szymczycha, SVD (the Democratic Republic of the Congo) obtained the doctor degree. In the summer term 2007 Zimoń taught the course on: “Introduction to the anthropology of religion” in the SVD Major Seminary at Pieniężno (Poland).

Symposia Papers and Lectures:

At an April symposium on: “Human Being as the revelation of numinosum. Anthropology as a meeting place of religions,” organized by the Theological Faculty of the Silesian University of Katowice (Poland), he gave a lecture on: “Religious concept of human being in the African tradition”;

For the 1st Polish Africanistic Congress organized by the Polish Society of African Studies in Pieniężno, at the plenary session he gave a lecture on: “Social dimension of the funeral rituals among the Konkomba people of northern Ghana”;

In October, he participated in the session of the Committee of the Anthropological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences and in the conference on: “Globalization in the anthropological perspective” organized by the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the University in Poznań (Poland); For the eleventh international conference on: “Problems of the contemporary thanatology. Medicine – cultural anthropology – human sciences” organized by the Scientific Society of Wrocław in Szklarska Poręba (Poland), Zimoń gave a lecture on: “Divinatory funeral rituals of the intermediary phase among the Konkomba of northern Ghana”;

For the international conference on: “Mircea Eliade – Philosopher, Scholar of Religions, Writer” organized by the University of Opole (Poland), he a lecture on: “Mircea Eliade’s importance in the religious studies of the XXth century”.

Publications:


Franco Zocca

Zocca gave a number of presentations at the Orientation Course conducted by the Melanesian Institute for Expatriate Church-workers (32 participants), and he led a workshop for church workers of the Archdiocese of Madang on “Sorcery and Christianity” (83 participants). In terms of research, Zocca supervised the activities of the Research Department of The Melanesian Institute, and he conducted field work on sorcery and Christianity among the Mekoes and the Roros in the Central Province. In the second half of 2007, Zocca was involved in the analysis of the transcripts and the drafting of the reports. In 2007, he published Melanesia and Its Churches: Past and Present, Point No. 31. Goroka, Melanesian Institute, 218 pp. This is the translation of his book in Italian which had been published in 2006 by EMI, Bologna.

Reports about Corporate Members

Anthropos Institute St. Augustin

Much of their work has already been described earlier under “Publications of the Institute.” In his annual report of September 26, 2007, the Director Fr. Joachim Piepke covered areas such as personnel, publications, library, reorganization of basement
As announced on the first page of *Anthropos do Brasil,* it may be interesting to note that the following number of requests during 2007 for the materials from the past three issues of *Anthropology and Mission* (A&M): A&M 33 (1 book and 3 articles), A&M 34 (6 books and 6 articles), and A&M 35 (6 books and 7 articles). The proceedings of the international symposium, which was sponsored by the Anthropos Institute St. Augustin and the Phil.-Theol. Hochschul SVD in 2006 to mark the 100th anniversary of the journal *Anthropos,* were published as: J. Piepke (Ed.). *Kultur und Religion in der Begegnung mit dem Fremden.* (Veröffentlichungen des Missionspriesterseminars St. Augustin 56). Nettelat: Steyler Verlag, 2007. 207 pp. Members of the Institute are very active in the Hochschule both in administration and lecturing.

**NOTE OF CLARIFICATION:**

At the moment the official Statutes recognize only full corporate association and the work of other institutions dedicated to the study of cultures and religions where our confreres are working is ignored. While admitting that they are not full corporate members as yet we certainly want to include the important efforts of the following institutions in carrying out the Anthropos Institute tradition of our Society.

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**Anthropos do Brasil**

As announced on the first page of *Interlink* under “From the desk of the coordinator,” “Anthropos do Brasil” has been revived. Joachim Piepke provides the following report on the Symposium held to reanimate this institute. The Symposium took place in the SVD-Center of Suzano (May 14-18, 2007), ca. 30 miles southeast of São Paulo. Thirty SVD-members from all Brazilian provinces participated in the encounter. The first two days were reserved for an overview of the history and importance of anthropology by Prof. Velho of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. On the third day, they discussed the history and role of anthropology in the SVD, as introduced by Piepke’s paper on „The Anthropology and the Anthropos Institute in the History of the SVD“. The fourth day was filled with discussion about the possibilities of the re-foundation of the Institute „Anthropos do Brasil“. They agreed to the following: (1) The Institute „Anthropos do Brasil“ will become part of the Faculty of Philosophy of the SVD-University at Juiz de Fora; (2) 4 SVD-members will join the Institute in the beginning (José Luiz Casarotto, Djalma Antônio da Silva, Joaquim Andrade and Karl-Heinz Arenz); (3) the Brazilian Provinces will finance the Institute; (4) the starting point will be August 2007. The re-foundation took place at Juiz de Fora. Hugo Scheer SVD has been appointed treasurer of the Institute.

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**Institute of Indian Culture**

The following report was submitted its Director, Fr. Augustine Kanjamala. The Institute held its Annual Day on January 28th 2007, on which occasion two papers were presented on the topic 'Secularization and Humanism'. Dr. B. Pfug, from Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, spoke on ‘Western Humanism and its impact on Modern India’, while Mr. Kaj Tougaard, from Denmark, presented a paper on, 'The Impact of Hinduism on Modern Western Thought and Life'. About one hundred people participated in the seminar and discussion. On this occasion the book, *Cultural History of Ancient India: Diversity, Syncretism, Synthesis* by Dr. Leela D’Souza, a faculty member of the Institute, was released by Prof. M.D. David (Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2007, xi + 395 pp.). The research was funded by Missio, Aachen, Germany. Fr. Alex Dung Dung SVD successfully defended his M.A. Thesis (by research) through the Institute and he was awarded a degree by the University of Mumbai. This thesis was titled, “Tribes in Transition: A Study of Changing Kharia Culture” (230 pp.). The Institute of Indian Culture newsletter Vol.57, No.1 & No.2, was published in January and July 2007. Fr. M.T. Joseph SVD who was doing his Ph.D. Research in Delhi University joined the staff of the Institute as programme coordinator in July 2007. He hopes to submit his thesis by April 2008.

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**Manse Nsae Research Centre**

Anthropos Institute member Fr. Gregory Neonbasu, the Director of this Research Centre in Timore, Indonesia, provided the following brief update. Over the past year, Neonbasu arranged with Jakarta to get an ISSN (1978-8142) for the new Journal of the Manse Nsae Research Centre. It is called *Jurnal LIA DADOLIN* and it began with a January 2008 issue. Also Jakarta will now allow the Centre to make proposals for conducting research on culture and religion. However, for the moment Neonbasu faces other serious problems regarding publishing books and getting necessary office equipment. (Refer to the Neonbasu’s individual report above for more information on the activity of the centre.)

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**The Melanesian Institute**

Rev. Hermann Springler of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is the new director. Anthropos Institute member Fr. Franco Zeca is the Head of Research Department. Br. Martin Trines, SVD, is a member of that department, and Anthropos Institute member Fr. Philip Gibbs is a resource person. The Melanesian Institute offers a Cultural Orientation Course for expatriate missionaries and church workers, workshops on Melanesian culture and social change, an annual workshop for national church workers, and research seminars. The primary focus of the Institute’s research is on “Witchcraft and Sorcery.” (Refer to the individual reports for Zoca and Gibbs above for some additional information on the activity of the
Nanzan Anthropological Institute

Fr. Peter Knecht retired at the end of 2006 as the Director of the Nanzan Institute and the editor of its journal, Asian Folklore Studies. The special 2007 double issue of the journal (285 pp.) was a Festschrift to honor Knecht. The journal has passed into the hands of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture. As of 2008, the name of the journal has been changed to Asian Ethnology, under its new Editor, Benjamin Dorman. Anthropos Institute member James Heisig explains: “There will be no change in the scope of the journal, but it was felt that since the founding of the journal 66 years ago, the field of ‘folklore’ has become more narrow and specialized while the journal itself has become broader in scope.” For further information, see http://www.nanzan-u.ac.jp/SHUBUNKEN/AsianEthnology

Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies

The bulk of the information for this report is drawn from TICCS Newsletter No. 35 (July 2007) from their very informative website (www.ticcs.com). Anthropos Institute Member Fr. Jon Kirby, the founder and director of the Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS), had to return to the United States in October 2007 due to skin cancer. Also Anthrpos Institute Associate Member Kofi Ronald Lange also left TICCS in 2007 after eleven years at the institute. Kirby plans to return to teach block courses at TICCS and Akrofi-Christaller Institute, as he continues his work in culture-drama and peacebuilding. Lange will be a guest lecturer at TICCS in the future. During 2007, TICCS ran programs such as: New York University students on semester abroad programme; two orientation programs for new missionaries; mini-cultural safari program; DKA study tour; and a seminarians course.

Events

Birthdays

In 2008 we celebrate the 75th birthday of Günther Gessinger; the 70th of Andrzej Bronk, the 65th of Guus Cremers, Joachim Piepke, and Franco Zooca, and the 50th of Mario Aguilar and Dariusz Piwowarczyk. *Ad multos annos* to all of you.

Jubilees

Congratulations to Klaus Weiland for his golden jubilee of religious profession, to Jon Kirby and Anton Quack for 40 years in vows, and to Gregory Neobasu for 25 years in vows. Congratulations to Ennio Mantovani and Arnold Sprenger for their golden jubilee of ordination and Franco Zocca for his forty years in the priesthood. God’s blessing to your ministry as SVDs and priests.

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