The Meeter Center for Calvin Studies has just completed a busy summer and suddenly the new academic year is upon us. Our three visiting scholars, David Foxgrover, Bob Clouse, and Ray Mentzer brought to us differing research projects, each with unique goals. It was a pleasure having them among our ranks for a season.

As the academic year begins we look forward to forthcoming conferences especially the meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference and the Calvin Studies Society in Minneapolis in October and the Davidson Calvin Colloquium in January. Please notice the exact dates and contact persons in the body of the Newsletter. Mention should also be made of the forthcoming international Calvin Congress sponsored by Calvin Theological Seminary and to be held at the College and Seminary campus in August of 1990. We will be highlighting that Congress in a later Newsletter.

David Wright, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity at New College, Edinburgh, has asked us to mention to the readership of the Newsletter that there is currently a project sponsored by Erdmans Publishing here in the United States and Paternoster in Britain, to translate Calvin's Old Testament Commentaries. That series, which promises to be the very highest quality, is still looking for a few translators. If you may be interested in participating in that project, please contact David Wright, New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LX, SCOTLAND.

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Recent Publications

Books

Articles and Reviews

Works in Progress

Books
I. John Hesselingk, Jr., Calvin's Concept of the Law to be published soon by Pickwick Publications is a revision of his doctoral dissertation written in 1961 for the University of Basel.

Alistair E. McGrath is currently producing a work concentrating upon Calvin's social, economic and political thought, and its impact on modern western culture. It also includes a detailed re-examination of Calvin's Paris period on the basis of manuscript sources, which challenges the general belief that Calvin attended the Collège de la Marche, prior to the Collège de Montaigu.
Jean-François Gilmont of the Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve has received a grant from the Swiss National Scientific Research Fund for the preparation and publication of a bibliography of the works of John Calvin published in the sixteenth century. The work will be based on the documentation assembled by the late Professor R. Peter. The project, which will take two years starting in Oct. 1989, will be carried out in collaboration with the Institute for the History of the Reformation (Geneva).

Daniel Shute of Le College Presbytérien, Quebec is working on an annotated English translation of Antoine Jean Baumgartner's Calvin interprétant et interprétée de l'Ancien Testament originally published by Fischbacher in 1889.

Forthcoming Articles and Reviews


Dissertations Recently Completed or In Progress

Dennis E. Tambrurzio, "Christ and Mystical Union: a comparative study of the Theologies of Bernard of Clairvaux and John Calvin" (PhD in progress, University of Chicago).

Guenther Haas, "The Concept of Equity in Calvin's Ethics" (ThD 1989 Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto).


Conferences and Events

September 21, 1989 — The H. H. Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and Calvin College depts. of History and Religion and Theology sponsored a special lecture "Linearity in Calvin's Thought" given by Dr. Francis Higman, director of the Institut D'Histoire de la Reformation, Geneva, Switzerland.

October 6-9, 1989 — The Second Asian Congress of Calvin Studies will be held in Seoul, Korea. Contact: Nobuo Watanabe & Han Chul-Ha.

October 26-29, 1989 — The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference and the Calvin Studies Society will meet at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Contact: W. Fred Graham & Robert V. Schnuckeer.

December 27-30, 1989 — The American Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.

January 20-21, 1990 — Calvin Colloquium at Davidson College, Davidson, NC. Contact: John H. Leith & Charles Raynal.

August 20-23, 1990 — The Fifth Quadrennial International Calvin Congress on Calvin Research will be held in Grand Rapids, MI at Calvin Theological Seminary. Contact: James A. De Jong.

Announcements

The Directors of Teyler's Stichting and the members of Teyler's Godgeesed Genootschap present the following prize-question to be answered before 1 May 1990: An investigation is requested into an episode or aspect of the encounters between Christianity and Christians with one or more other religions and their adherents. More information may be obtained by writing to the Directors of Teyler's Stichting, Damstraat 21, 2011 AH Haarlem, The Netherlands.

The Religious Sciences Section of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne,...is a place where research in the history of religions can be pursued and a Diplôme de l'école des Hautes Etudes or a Diplôme d'Études Approfondies can eventually be prepared. This gives access to a Doctorate of the State. Matriculation in the school confers the status of a University student and opens the possibility of access to the diverse Parisian libraries.

During the 1988-90 year, Bernard Roussel, Director of Studies, will give lectures on the following subjects: (1.) Knowledge and interpretation of Judaism by the Christians at the end of the 16th century (1580-1600), (2.) The ritual and doctrinal choices of Reformed Christianity according to the decisions of the National Synods of the Reformed Churches in the Kingdom of France between 1571 and 1598.

Professor Bernd Moeller of the University of Göttingen has been invited as Director of Foreign Associated Studies. For information please contact Bernard Roussel, Sorbonne, 45 rue des Ecoles, 75005 Paris, FRANCE.