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## Editorial

The Fifth Quadrennial International Congress on Calvin Research met in Grand Rapids at the end of August sponsored by Calvin Theological Seminary. The Congress was a time of rich interaction among Calvin scholars from around the world.

Major papers were presented by James B. Torrance of Aberdeen, Scotland; Wilhelm Neuser of Münster, Germany; Paul Rorem of Chicago; Heiko Oberman of Tuscon, Arizona; Richard Hörceik of Hungary; and Cornelis Augustijn of Amsterdam, among others.

The major presentations were interspersed with

stimulating seminars which included all of the 100 invited participants.

It was announced that the 1994 Congress will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland and we are already looking forward to that meeting!

Another highlight of the late summer, early fall was the republication of H. Henry Meeter's *Basic Ideas of Calvinism*. This standard work which is in its 6th ed. has been revised by Paul Marshall of Canada and the bibliography updated by Peter De Klerk. It is one of the most useful texts available for college students and we want to encourage our readers to consider it for their classes.

## Recent Publications

### BOOKS

H. Henry Meeter. *The Basic Ideas of Calvinism*. 6th ed. revised by Paul Marshall (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1990)

S. K. Chung. *Bibliography on Calvin and Calvinism* (Seoul, Korea: Institute for Calvinistic Studies in Korea, 1989)

Alister McGrath. *A Life of John Calvin; a Study in the Shaping of Western Culture* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1990)

Susan Schreiner. *Theater of His Glory: Nature and the Natural Order in the Thought of John Calvin* (Durham, NC: Labyrinth Press, 1990)

Paul C. Böttger. *Calvins Institutio als Erbauungsbuch* (Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 1990)

W. De Greef. *Johannes Calvijn. zijn werk en geschriften* (Kampen: Uitgeverij De Groot Goudriaan, 1989)

E. A. de Boer. *Loflied Hekeldicht; De geschiedenis van Calvijn's enige gedicht, Het Epinicion Christo cantatum van 1 januari 1541* (Haarlem, The Netherlands: AcaMedia, 1990)

S. Scheld. *Media salutis; zur Heilsvermittlung bei Calvin* (Stuttgart: Steiner Wiesbaden, 1989)

Stephen Strehle. *Calvinism, Federalism and Scholasticism; a study of the Reformed Doctrine of Covenant* (Bern: Peter Lang, 1988)

*An International Directory of Renaissance and Reformation Associations and Institutes* (Toronto, Canada: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies at the University of Toronto, 1990)

W. Robert Godfrey's "Calvin and Theonomy" chapter 13 in *Theonomy: a Reformed Critique* Eds. William S. Barker & W. Robert Godfrey (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1990)

### ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

Randal C. Zachman, "Jesus Christ as the Image of God in Calvin's Theology" *The Calvin Theological Journal* 25 (1990) 45-62.

Raymond A. Mentzer, "Documents et Melanges; le consistoire et la pacification du monde rural" *Bulletin de la Societe de l'histoire du Protestantisme français*, 135 (1989) 373-389.

Peter J. Leithart, "That Eminent Pagan: Calvin's Use of Cicero in Institutes 1.1-5" *The Westminster Theological Journal*, 52 (1990) 1-12.

Diana Butler, "God's Visible Glory: The Beauty of Nature in the Thought of John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards" *The Westminster Theological Journal*, 52 (1990) 13-26.

Review of William J. Bouwsma's *John Calvin: A Sixteenth Century Portrait* by Wilhelm Neuser in *Historische Zeitschrift*, 250 (1990) 152-154.

Review of F. Whitfield Barton's *Calvin and the Duchess* by Joel E. Kok in *The Calvin Theological Journal*, 25 (1990) 126-129.

Reviews of Jeannine E. Olson's *Calvin and Social Welfare: Deacons and the Bourse française* by Raymond A. Mentzer in *The Calvin Theological Journal*, 25 (1990) 135-137 and by Robert W. Henderson in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 21 (1990) 309-310.

Review of Richard A. Muller's *Christ and the Decree* by Michael Jenkins in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 43 (1990) 127-129.

Review of Stephen Strehle's *Calvinism, Federalism, and Scholasticism* by Lyle Bierma in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 21 (1990) 269-271.

Review of Ronald S. Wallace's *Calvin, Geneva, and the Reformation* by W. Fred Graham in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 21 (1990) 320-321.

Review of Mary Potter Engel's *John Calvin's Perspectival Anthropology* by Jill Raitt in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 21 (1990) 324-325.

# Works in Progress

## BOOKS

Joel R. Beeke is finalizing a revised version of his dissertation, *Assurance of Faith: Calvin, English Puritanism, and the Dutch Second Reformation*, scheduled for print by Peter Lang in the spring of 1991.

## ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

Thomas F. Torrance, "Calvin's Doctrine of the Trinity" forthcoming in *The Calvin Theological Journal*.

Richard A. Muller, "*Fides and Cognitio in Relation to the Problem of Intellect and Will in the Theology of John Calvin*" forthcoming in *The Calvin Theological Journal*.

Peter De Klerk, "Calvin Bibliography: 1990" forthcoming in *The Calvin Theological Journal*.

Review of Elsie McKee's *Elders and the Plural Ministry: The Role of Exegetical History in Illuminating John Calvin's Theology* by I. John Hesselink forthcoming in the Winter (1990) *Renaissance Quarterly*.

## Dissertations Recently Completed or in Progress

Benjamin J. Boerkoel, Sr., "Uniqueness within the Calvinist Tradition—William Ames (1576-1633) Primogenitor of the 'Theologia Pietatis' in English-Dutch Puritanism" (ThM 1990 Calvin Theological Seminary)

Peter Wilcox, "The Function of the Word of God in Calvin's Theology" (MA in progress, St. John's College, University of Durham)

Paul Sanders, "Henri Bullinger et l'invention (1546-1551) avec Jean Calvin de la théologie réformée de la Cène. La gestion de l'héritage Zwinglien lors de l'élaboration du *Consensus Tigurinus* (1549) et de la rédaction des *Décades* (1551)" (PhD 1990 Université Paris-IV [Paris-Sorbonne])

David Jonathan Wegener, "John Calvin on Scripture and Science" (MA 1990 University of Wisconsin—Madison)

## Conferences and Events

October 3, 1990 - The H. H. Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and the Calvin College History Dept. sponsored a lecture by Professor Dr. C. Augustijn from the Free University of Amsterdam on "Luther and Erasmus: Whether Luther's *On the Bondage of the Will* meant a break with humanism."

October 29 - November 15, 1990 - Brian A. Gerrish will deliver the Cunningham Lectures on "Gift and Gratitude: The Eucharist in the Theology of Calvin" at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland.

November 15, 1990 - Susan E. Schreiner will deliver a lecture entitled "Suffering, Perception and Providence in Calvin's

Sermons on Job" at the Duke University Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Durham, NC.

March 25-26, 1991 - The Rutherford House Calvin Group, Edinburgh, Scotland.

May 9-12, 1991 - 26th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

## Fellowships and Awards

The Miriam U. Chrisman Travel Fellowship, 1991

The Society for Reformation Research offers the Chrisman travel grant of \$1500 every other year to graduate students who need to travel abroad to do research on their doctoral dissertations. The award competition is open to all students of European history, 1450 to 1650, whose topics deal with religious history in some way. Applications are due by Jan. 1, 1991. Contact Person - Professor H. C. Erik Midelfort

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Meeter Center Fellowships are offered to scholars having faculty status at their institutions for summer study at the Center. The appointment carries a stipend of \$2,000 and the use of a study room in the Center. There are student fellowships as well in a lesser amount. The Emo F.J. Van Halsema Fellowship is offered to ministers in the Reformed tradition to support research in Calvin and Calvinism. Applications for these fellowships are available from the Meeter Center and must be returned by January 1 for fellowships the following summer.

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