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I. ORGANIZATION

MISSION

UCSIA wants to continue the Jesuit tradition of involvement in university education, research and community service in the Flemish and Antwerp region.

The main objective of UCSIA, inspired by a Christian belief and in a spirit of openness and tolerance, sustained by the members of the Society of Jesus and of the Antwerp University, is to provide for an international and interdisciplinary platform that supports and stimulates academic research, higher education and community service regarding themes that express the Christian ideology thus serving the faith and contributing to a more just society.

Article 3 - Articles of Association

UCSIA's mission ties in with Ignatian spirituality. The 34th General Congregation of the Jesuit Order, which took place in 1995, singled out three main themes: faith and justice, faith and culture, and interfaith dialogue.

In 2004, a working committee consisting of members of the General Council and the Academic Council drafted a more precise definition of the Christian identity of UCSIA, within the contours of the statutes. The administrative bodies discussed the report presented by the working committee and, on 16 December 2004, the General Council subscribed to the proposed focal points, including:

- for the areas where UCSIA - as an international multidisciplinary forum of high standing - supports academic reflection, training and services, UCSIA must devote attention to the singularity of Christianity in the largely secularised and pluralistic society of the West and the specific contribution of the Ignatian tradition.
- UCSIA's activities must complement those of the University of Antwerp. This entails that a Christian-inspired approach should be given sufficient room within the actively pluralist University of Antwerp. UCSIA must develop an intricate network with the various faculties of the University of Antwerp, the university community in general and external organisations such as the SPES Forum or the monthly review *Streven*. Further, cooperation with the Netherlands is also important.
- About international networking, UCSIA must give priority to cooperation within Europe and with newly acceded EU Member States in particular (Scribani Network of SJ institutions in Central and Eastern Europe...).

OBJECTIVES

UCSIA is active in supporting and initiating scholarly work, education and community service by:

- offering scholarships and research facilities for international scholars on sabbatical leave in Antwerp
- offering scholarships to postgraduates and doctoral students who want to spend a period of study in Antwerp
- offering an UCSIA Professorship at the University of Antwerp
- promoting teaching and research with a cultural, religious, philosophical, ethical or spiritual dimension
- organising interdisciplinary summer programmes, lecture series, conferences and symposia
- stimulating publications

TARGET GROUPS

UCSIA describes the specific target groups for its activities as follows:

- an international and interdisciplinary academic public.
- the University of Antwerp (complementarily)
- the Flemish educational fields
- Flemish policymakers and the broad socio-economic and socio-cultural civil society (e.g. employers, trade unions, health insurance funds, socio-cultural organisations such as cultural funds, ...)
- the Church Community.

STRATEGY

On 9 December 2003, the General Council of UCSIA approved a strategy, which it subsequently carried out in 2004. It defines a common vision for the various projects and sets priorities, so UCSIA can assess own projects and projects of third parties before inclusion in the UCSIA programme. All projects should tie in with one or more of the important themes that are put forward by the Society of Jesus: faith and justice, faith and culture, and interfaith dialogue.

UCSIA centres all projects on a single theme that is explored for a two-year period. The leading bodies have described this theme as “The building of a European community: achieving identity from unity in diversity”. A memorandum works out the various aspects and historical background of this theme. It may serve as a source of inspiration for project proposals.

The emphasis is on international academic projects that tie in with the UCSIA mission and that provide support for education, research and services offered by the University of Antwerp. These front-line projects give impulses to other projects aimed at interested groups in the Flemish region, particularly Church communities, the Flemish educational field, Flemish policymakers and the broad field of socio-economic and socio-cultural actors in civil society. UCSIA must intensively and meaningfully involve University of Antwerp in these projects too. There remains enough room for project ideas that do not tie in directly with the biennial theme, as long as they fit into the general mission of UCSIA and meet certain quality needs.

APPROACH

During 2004, UCSIA streamlined the project approach:

- it defined some clear criteria with which own projects and third-party project proposals should comply;
- it will assess projects under a fixed decision procedure: preparation by collaborators, assessment by the Executive Committee, recommendation from the Academic Council, decision by the Board of Directors, ex-post evaluation.
- Throughout this procedure, the project must be documented with a decision form and compulsory annexes.

The decision procedure is systematically documented and followed up on.

GOVERNING BODIES

UCSIA is an incorporated non-profit organisation under Belgian law. The General Assembly consists of a maximum of thirty members: one third are mandated members of the Society of Jesus, one third are co-opted representatives of the University of Antwerp and one third are external members from civil society (Church, education, press, employees, employers, NGOs, etc.).

The *UCSIA-team* runs the daily business. The *General Council* is responsible for the general strategy of the Centre and it supervises the Board of Directors. The Centre's main management body is the *Board of Directors*, which is chaired by an Academic Director. An advisory body namely the *Academic Council* ensures that initiatives are of the highest academic quality.

GENERAL COUNCIL

For the Society of Jesus:

- Luc Bouckaert, Professor Emeritus of Ethics, Catholic University of Leuven (K.U. Leuven)
- Loïc de Cannière, Managing Director, INCOFIN
- Jacques Haers SJ, Professor of Theology, Catholic University of Leuven (K.U. Leuven)
- Jan Koenot SJ, Provincial of the Flemish Jesuits
- Jan Peters SJ, Honorary Vice-Chairman of Radboud University in Nijmegen
- Hugo Roeffaers SJ, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Antwerp (University of Antwerp)
- Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials of the Society of Jesus
- Michel Scheuer SJ, Rector, Notre-Dame de La Paix University in Namur (FUNDP)
- Guy Vanheeswijck, Professor of Philosophy, University of Antwerp (University of Antwerp)

For University of Antwerp:

- Bea Cantillon, Professor of Sociology & Vice-Rector, University of Antwerp
- Pierre Delsaerd, Assistant Chief Librarian, University of Antwerp
- Helma Desmedt, Professor of History, University of Antwerp
- Jeroen Puttevils, Student, University of Antwerp
- Carl Reyns, Professor of Accounting & Pro Rector of UFSIA, University of Antwerp
- Johan Vanhoutte SJ, Pastoral Care, University of Antwerp
- Jean Van Houtte, Professor of Sociology & Pro Rector of UFSIA, University of Antwerp,
Chairperson of the General Council
- Gerlinde Verbist, Assistant Professor, University of Antwerp

External members:

- Bert Claerhout, Editor-in-Chief of Tertio
- Frans Crols, Managing Director & Editor-in-Chief of Trends/Roularta
- Canon André De Wolf, Honorary General Director of the Flemish Board of Catholic Education
- Frank Lambert, Managing Director, Association of Christian Employers (VKW)
- Father Paul Lansu, CEO Pax Christi International
- Philippe Michiels, Chairperson of Lessius Hogeschool, Antwerp
- Jan Peters SJ, Vice President, Radboud University Nijmegen
- Theo Rombouts, Former Chairperson of the Christian Workers' Movement (ACW)
- Frank Swaelen, Minister of State & Chairperson of Karel-de-Grote Hogeschool, Antwerp
- Monseigneur Paul Van den Berghe, Bishop of the Diocese of Antwerp
- Mieke Van Hecke, Director-General of VSKO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors leads the Centre. It consists of:

- Walter Nonneman, Professor of Economics and Managing Director of UCSIA
- Carl Reyns, Professor of Accounting & Pro Rector of UFSIA, University of Antwerp
- Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials of the Society of Jesus
- Christiane Timmerman, Academic Director
- Geert Vanhaverbeke, Administrative Manager

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Academic Council advises the General Council and the Executive Committee on all academic matters. Its members are:

- Christiane Timmerman, Director of Academic Affairs, **Chairperson of the Academic Council**
- Luc Braeckmans, Professor of Philosophy, **Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council**
- Stephan Claes, Professor and psychiatrist (KULeuven)
- Daniël Cuypers, Professor of Law (University of Antwerp – until November 2004)
- Will Derkse, Catholic University of Nijmegen
- Mark Desmet SJ, Doctor of Medicine
- Pierre Devos SJ, Professor of Biology (FUNDP)
- Guido Dierickx SJ, Professor of Political Science (University of Antwerp)
- Marie-Claire Foblets, Jurist and Professor of Anthropology (KULeuven)
- Louis Ferrant, Doctor of Medicine, Centre for GP Medicine (University of Antwerp)
- Tim Heysse, Professor of Political Philosophy (KUBrussel)
- An Jorissen, Professor of Accounting (University of Antwerp)
- Jan Koenot SJ, Doctor of Philosophy, Provincial of the Flemish Jesuits
- Henk Opdebeeck, Professor of Ethics (University of Antwerp)
- Nicolas Standaert SJ, Professor of Sinology (KULeuven)
- Dirk Van Dyck, Professor of Physics (University of Antwerp)
- Walter Van Herck, Professor of Philosophy (University of Antwerp)
- Dirk Vanheule (from November 2004), Professor of Law (University of Antwerp)
- André Van Poeck, Professor of Economics (University of Antwerp)
- Amaryllis Verhoeven, Doctor of Law (KULeuven)
- Johan Verstraeten, Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics (KULeuven)
- Frank Willaert, Professor of Literature (University of Antwerp)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive Committee, by consensus, prepares the meetings of the Board of Directors. Its members are:

- Christiane Timmerman, Academic Director & **Chairperson of the Executive Committee**
- Luc Braeckmans, Academic Vice-Director & **Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee**
- Barbara Segaert, Scientific Coordinator
- Geert Vanhaverbeke, Administrative Coordinator
- Johan Vanhoutte, SJ

TEAM/ CONTACT

Prof. Walter Nonneman, Managing Director and Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Prof. Christiane Timmerman, Academic Director

- Chairperson of the Academic Council and the Board of Directors
- Spokesperson of UCSIA and contact for all project proposals, press, etc.
- In charge of national and international projects

Prof. Luc Braeckmans, Academic Vice-Director

- Vice-chairperson of the Academic Council and the Executive Committee
- Coordinator of national projects

B. Segaert, Scientific Coordinator

- Content-related coordination and organisation of projects for own account
- Content-related supervision and steering of externally managed projects
- Prospecting

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- Supervision of the organization of projects
- Stakeholder management (with Managing Director)

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II. PROJECTS

2003: OFF THE MARK

During its first year –which in effect ran from September until the end of 2003- UCSIA reached 1,500 people through six projects:

- a summer course on interfaith and intercultural dialogue, with the participation of young doctoral students and authoritative lecturers from all over the world;
- five evening lectures on various aspects of interfaith dialogue for a broader audience;
- “Underway”: a colloquium on the life and work of Jef Van Gerwen† SJ;
- “Dialogue Trilogy I-1”: a lecture and expert seminar by Prof. Y. Haddad on the dialogue between Christians and Muslims in the US;
- a two-day conference on religious education as a school subject;
- the first meeting of the new Scribani network of European research institutions and centres for social action that are affiliated with the Jesuit community.

SUMMER SEMINAR AND LECTURE SERIES

SUMMER SEMINAR

The International Summer Seminar under the title “Christianity, Islam and Judaism: How to Conquer the Barriers to Intercultural Dialogue?” took place at the Elzenveld Conference Centre in Antwerp from 15 to 26 September 2003.

UCSIA selected 30 course participants out of 120 applicants. The selected audience made up a young and international group of postdoctoral researchers who had already won their spurs in diverse academic fields. With lectures and workshops, thirty international speakers – all internationally renowned experts – provided them with insight into a broad range of topics covering interreligious dialogue, peace and conflict, gender, human rights, nationalism and ethnicity, religious minorities, religious identity, Islam and globalisation. Appendix 2 contains a list of the guest speakers. The Summer Seminar offered participants and guest speakers an international and interdisciplinary forum for reflection and exchange of ideas. UCSIA has contributed to the emergence of an international network of academics and serves a vital role within it.

The participants and guest speakers assessed the Summer Seminar positively, not only because of the relevant content and the revolutionary approach, but also because it encourages international professional networking.

UCSIA made sure that its approach was complementary to that of the University of Antwerp, among other through the joint organisation of an evening lecture in collaboration with the

Department of Postcolonial Literature of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, a lunchtime seminar in cooperation with IOB, and a debate in association with the Centre for Equal Opportunities Policy.

However, the ex-post assessment also showed the UCSIA Summer Seminar should focus more closely on specific subtopics, and that it should be made shorter and more interactive.

A praiseworthy initiative that bears witness to the intense intellectual and personal exchanges that took place during the seminar is the Antwerp Declaration, which the participants composed and issued spontaneously. In it, they assert that Islam, Christianity and Judaism should continue to play a positive role in shaping a diverse European and global culture. With outspoken references to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, these young academics pledged to commit their intellectual abilities to achieve a peaceful political dialogue between peoples of different creeds and cultures.

UCSIA asked prof. Christiane Timmerman of the OASeS Research Unit of the University of Antwerp to organize the seminar and to act as the promoter. Barbara Segaeert took care of the organization. As spin-off from the Seminar, P.I.E. Lang published an English-language academic publication in 2005.

OPENING SESSION

The official opening of the Summer Seminar 2003 took place on Monday evening 15 September at the Antwerp City Hall. The Antwerp Alderman for Cultural Affairs Eric Anthonis welcomed the prominent figures, guest speakers and roughly 180 other people present. Rev. Fr. Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials, explained the mission and objectives of UCSIA and Prof. dr. Christiane Timmerman, project leader, provided further information about the academic Summer Seminar.

Mgr. Cardinal Godfried Danneels, Rabbi Norman Solomon (Oxford University) and Dr. Tariq Ramadan (University of Freiburg - Switzerland) all stressed that an open and constructive interreligious and intercultural dialogue is essential not only to recognising one's own roots but also to respecting other cultures and religions so as not to stray on to the path of relativism or indifference.

DEBATE ON "WOMAN, WAR AND PEACE"

On Tuesday evening 16 September, nearly 120 participants attended a round-table debate in collaboration with the Policy Research Centre for Equal Opportunities (University of Antwerp) on "Woman, War and Peace". Simone Susskind chaired the debate. In 1989, in Brussels, she launched the first public dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian women. The meeting in Brussels resulted in a co-operation agreement in Jerusalem, "The Jerusalem Link - A Women's Joint Venture for Peace", and eventually provided inspiration for UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

Prof. Dr. Naomi Chazan, a former member of the Knesset and lecturer in Hebrew at Jerusalem University, and Dr. Zahira Kamal, the Director-General of the "Directorate for Gender Planning and Development" of the Palestinian National Authority, testified about their common struggle for basic women's rights, human rights and peace. The women's movements of Palestine and Israel have, for example, protested jointly against the construction of the wall that is cutting off Palestinian territories from the outside world.

TURKEY AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

The debate held on Friday evening 19 September about Turkey and the European Union chose a socio-economic perspective. UCSIA organized it in collaboration with the Antwerp Port Authority. The host Jan Blomme, head of the Study Department of the Port, launched the key topic for debate: "Is Turkey, economically and culturally speaking, 'modern' enough to be able to join the European Union?" Dr. Chris Coeck analysed the economic criteria for Turkey's accession to the EU and noted that 4 mln. tonnes of goods are shipped to Turkey yearly from Antwerp, which represents over 3 per cent of the port's overall exports. Clearly, then, Turkey is an important trading partner for this Flemish seaport.

Mr Oguz Demiralp, Turkey's Permanent Representative to the European Union, asserted that Turkey's accession to the European Union is in the natural course of history. The Ambassador highlighted that Turkey has been seeking to join the European Union since 1963. He is hopeful about the outcome of the accession procedure.

Prof. Dr. Em. Jan Kerkhofs SJ of the Catholic University of Leuven (KULeuven) inferred from the European Value Study that Turkish youngsters are tolerant and permissive when it comes to ethical issues so, in the longer term, their cultural profile should allow them to connect with the European Union. Drs. Meryem Kanmaz of the University of Ghent assumes from her academic research the Turkish community in Belgium shows strong internal cohesion and keeps close ties with the homeland. As a result, this community is unfortunately not taking part in the debate on the multicultural society.

Finally, Prof. Dr. Dirk Rochtus of the Lessius School made a frank assessment of some of the issues that are hampering the accession of Turkey to the European Union. He decided the main stumbling block is not Islam but adhesion to the Turkish nation state.

MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT

On Wednesday 24 September, UCSIA, in association with Prof. Dr. Kathleen Gyssels (University of Antwerp) and Prof. Dr. Bénédicte Ledent (University of Liège), welcomed the British-American author Caryl Phillips. Dr. Phillips is a lecturer at the University of Columbia in New York and he is the author of novels and essays on migration and displacement.

In his address, Dr. Phillips drew the audience's attention to the manner in which the US government and the American people have been dealing with migration after the attacks of 9/11/2001. Although he painted a sharp and bitter picture, the author concluded on a positive note, asserting that poets and writers would help the American people and migrants to the US to regain the dignity their political leaders deprive them off.

ISLAM AND GLOBALISATION

A double lecture on Islam and Globalisation, held at the Antwerp Province House before an audience of around 200 listeners, finished the series with two eminent speakers: Prof. Dr. Em. Mohammed Arkoun of the Sorbonne in Paris and Prof. Dr. John Esposito who lectures at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Prof. Arkoun examined Islamic thought after the attacks of September 11, 2001. He argued for a critical academic reflection on Islam in its plurality of meanings and asserted that Islam itself is no

longer engaging in such reflection from the inside. The speaker expects that Europe will manifest itself increasingly strongly in the debate on 9/11 and its outcomes because, as a part of the Mediterranean world, it is more familiar with Islamic thought than the US, which is driven only by considerations of power politics. Europe offers space for a citizenship that also creates a prospective for countries such as Turkey or Morocco.

Prof. Esposito analysed the causes and the dynamics of the globalisation of Jihad, which in the second half of the 20th century emerged as the common denominator of many wars of liberation. According to him, the Western approach to the war in Afghanistan increased the globalisation of Jihad. US and European support for certain authoritarian regimes in the Arab world are causing latent anti-Western sentiment to turn into hate towards America. Prof. Esposito asserts that this radicalisation is occurring across the world. He also notes the West, in its efforts to explain Muslim attitudes, falls back on simplisms. Prof. Esposito therefore calls for responsible action and for a genuine exploration of the connections between religion and culture.

“UNDERWAY”: COLLOQUIUM ON A JESUS BOOK BY J. VAN GERWEN SJ

More than 400 people attended the UCSIA colloquium organised on the occasion of the publication of “Onderweg”, the posthumous book by Prof. J. Van Gerwen SJ about “following Christ in the 21st century”. Prof. J. Taels and Cyril Lansink adapted the manuscript and Lannoo published it. The book provides a socio-historical overview of various images of Jesus in a broad societal context. In the second part, Prof. Van Gerwen SJ develops his personal views on the following of Jesus today. He describes four paths: ethics, art, mysticism and the ars moriendi.

Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials, and Honorary Rector Professor Carl Reyns welcomed the audience to the colloquium. Prof. Peter Schmidt (KULeuven) presented a lecture on how Jesus Christ lives in images made by people. In a lecture entitled “humilitas and discretio”, Prof. Will Derkse (KU Nijmegen) studied the parallels and differences between Benedictine and Ignatian Christocentric spirituality. Johan Vanhoutte SJ outlined the life and significance of Jef Van Gerwen, while Jacques Haers SJ (KULeuven) commented on the content of the book in relation to the personality of the author.

“De Vleugel”, conducted by Edwig Abrath; a choir of which Jef Van Gerwen used to be a dedicated member, closed the colloquium with some religious songs.

Finally, Prof. Johan Taels, who prepared the colloquium with administrative and logistic support from Ms. Livia Verbrugge, announced the texts of the various lectures would be published in an issue of the monthly Streven. The colloquium and publication will thus make up a fitting tribute to the work of a pre-eminent University of Antwerp academic who himself inspired the international and interdisciplinary approach taken by UCSIA.

SYMPOSIUM ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

On 13 and 14 November, some 350 teachers of religious instruction, pedagogical supervisors, theologians and Church dignitaries attended a symposium on the position of religious teaching at school. UCSIA organized the symposium in cooperation with the Flemish education vicars and the umbrella organisation of Flemish Catholic Secondary School (VVKSO).

In present-day society and culture, teaching the subject of religion is a serious challenge for all those concerned with education. Can the various perspectives be brought in line with one another? Is an exchange of perspectives possible? What is the value-added of the knowledge that is passed on during these classes? What is the impact of such a classroom subject?

Three academics approached the topic:

- Prof. Dr. Lieven Boeve (KULeuven) considered the cultural and theological aspects;
- Prof. Dr. Didier Pollefeyt (KULeuven) took a religious-pedagogical approach;
- Drs. Joke Maex (KULeuven) put religious instruction to an empirical test.

A video of conversations with secondary school pupils, compiled by school inspector Ronald Sledsens, offered a cheerful but frank account of how youngsters experience religious instruction today.

Msgr. Paul Van den Berghe, bishop of Antwerp, outlined his personal outlook on modern religious instruction. This provided enough material for debate with and between the audience, all of whom followed proceedings attentively and, by taking part in this colloquium, saw an opportunity to fulfil their need for professional support, contemplation and exchange of ideas with colleagues.

Prof. Dr. Luc Braeckmans (University of Antwerp) was the promoter of the project and he was able to rely on administrative support provided by Ms. An Plasmans. The symposium offered a large academic input to the debate on religious instruction as a morality subject. It created a link between the activities of UCSIA and Flanders' educational circles and, through the topic chosen, also did a service to the Church community.

Guest author Jos Vranckx attended the seminar with the purpose of preparing a publication "Tussen uittocht, zingeving en utopie. Beschouwingen bij het schoolvak godsdienst", published by Lannoo Publishers in 2005 (in Dutch).

DIALOGUE TRILOGY I – YVONNE HADDAD

Building on the topic and the success of the evening lectures of the 2003 Summer Seminar, UCSIA presented a three-part series of lectures for a broader public. International (English-speaking) academics delivered the lectures, focusing on different aspects of interreligious and intercultural dialogue between Christians, Jews and Muslims. A lunchtime debate or expert seminar for professionals followed each lecture.

The series kicked off on 20 November 2003 with a lecture by Yvonne Haddad, an expert on Islam with the Centre for Muslim-Christian Relations at Georgetown University in Washington DC. On 4 March 2004, Rabbi Professor Jonathan of the Leo Baeck College in London presented a lecture on "Jewish Attitudes to Interfaith Dialogue". The series continued in 2004 with a Christian perspective.

LECTURE BY YVONNE HADDAD

The guest speaker described how, in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, an irrational fear took hold of American citizens; a fear that continues to result in physical attacks on individuals with an Arabic or non-Western appearance. Muslim men disappeared from public life for fear of becoming the target of aggression or arbitrary arrest on the basis of the Patriot Act, while Muslim women were forced to step forward as their community's spokespersons. They now stress more strongly their Muslim identity and play a formally significant role within the structures of the Muslim Community.

In this climate of distrust, interreligious dialogue does not stand a chance. Besides, the government is cutting financial support for structures where dialogue could be held, such as the National Council of Churches. The only instance still involved in real and active dialogue with the Muslim community is the Catholic Church.

Prof. Haddad paints a disconcerting picture of a US government policy that claims to adhere to the principles of freedom and democracy, but flouts the most elementary values and human rights. The administration speaks of a war on terror but would appear to be engaged in a war on Islam. Prof. Haddad rests her hope on the Europeans and their governments to turn around this policy and its catastrophic consequences for the world.

THE SCRIBANI NETWORK OF EUROPEAN SJ-INSTITUTIONS

On 6 and 7 December 2003, UCSIA, on the initiative of Father Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials, organised a two-day meeting of representatives of 12 European Jesuit centres from 9 different countries. The participating centres and institutions share Ignatian spirituality as a common source of inspiration. As academic institutions or organisations for education and/or social action, they are committed to accomplishing the goals put forward by the 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus: faith and justice, culture and interfaith dialogue.

As academic research institutions, these bodies stimulate the (policy) debate on such societal issues as migration, they form such professionals as journalists, or undertake social action, like providing support for the poor or for refugees. The institutions involved met one another in Antwerp and got to know each other's objectives, activities, research networks and publications.

The meeting closed with three concrete agreements:

- the participating centres will, under the name "Scribani Network", form a permanent network that, from its Christian or Ignatian inspiration, expresses a vision on strategically significant European societal issues;

Carolus Scribani (°1561- +1629) was born in Brussels, the son of an Italian noble, priest and theologian. He was the first rector of the Jesuit College in Antwerp (1598) and the first Provincial of the Flemish Jesuit Province (1612);

- In September 2004, a three-day conference will be held in Antwerp under the name “Coping with Diversity in tomorrow’s Europe. A Christian Contribution”. Authoritative European policymakers from the political, cultural and economic fields will, with academics, provide lectures in a multidisciplinary framework. The results of the meeting will be collected in an international publication and introduced into the debate on a European constitution;
- The network will also prepare a research proposal on the same topic, which will be presented to the European Commission with a request for co-funding.

Two eminent speakers stimulated an exchange of ideas in an outstanding contribution: Thomas Jansen, the Secretary General of the European Economic and Social Committee and strategic adviser to the European Commission, and Dr. Ernst Hirsch-Ballin, a Dutch jurist, former minister and co-author of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Convention.

THOMAS JANSEN LECTURE

Thomas Jansen outlined the history and the multiple significance of the EU:

- as an ethical project in which such values as conciliation and peace, solidarity, justice, freedom, sustainability and subsidiarity are institutionally embedded. The expansion of the European Union has resulted in a debate about these values and the manner in which they are implemented (e.g. in agreements over asylum and human rights);
- as a political union of nation states and as a union of peoples and citizens;
- as a common market and monetary union;
- as a newly woven societal fabric of people and organisations.

E.M.H. BALLIN LECTURE

On the eve of the (unsuccessful) European summit in Brussels, Dr. Ernst Hirsch-Ballin criticised the discourse of national politicians who have little connection with the European project and yet decide over its future. Nevertheless, European unification is an unavoidable process: it is becoming increasingly broad (more policy domains), deep (greater impact on national legislation) and expansive (more member states). The model of a Europe based on nation states has been superseded. The European institutions and the member states already constitute an interdependent network. European citizenship complements national citizenship. The development of a European Constitution has prompted the European Convention to outline the basic values on which the fundamental rules of law should be founded.

According to Hirsch-Ballin, respect for human dignity is the central European value. Also, it is of central importance to the Judeo-Christian tradition. If respect for universal human dignity is a key item of European citizenship, the question of whether an individual is physically residing within the EU becomes secondary. This insight sheds new light on the debate on migration and Turkey’s accession to the EU.

Against this background, Ernst Hirsch-Ballin notices three important tasks for the Scribani network:

- to explain to the citizens of Europe the significance of respect for human dignity and tolerance;
- to support interfaith dialogue through an academic debate and exchange of ideas, so that religion and reason would remain balanced and no room is left for religious fundamentalism or relativism;
- to inspire the politicians of Europe to develop a long-term perspective by providing them with academic insights based on values and convictions.

2004: CRUISING SPEED

In 2004, the activities of UCSIA got up to cruising speed. UCSIA executed no less than 12 projects the University of Antwerp filled in the teaching chair. Around 1,300 participants took part in these activities.

RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR ON YOUTH PASTORAL CARE

On 15 and 16 January 2004, a two-day seminar took place in Ostend on the role of pastoral care within the Flemish universities and institutions of higher education. Fifty heads and staff of pastoral care services joined in this event. They are united in the network of pastoral care providers at Flemish universities and institutions of higher education, known as VUHP.

The participants agreed unanimously that networking and exchanges of professional experiences should continue to be priorities in the coming years. The Pastoral Care service of the University of Antwerp committed itself, at the request of UCSIA, to organising an annual meeting of the network. The increasingly professional approach to youth pastoral care at universities and institutions of higher education will thus become a regular focal point of UCSIA, which in this manner also forms a network with the University of Antwerp and other universities and higher educational institutions in Flanders.

The pastors at higher educational institutions, universities and interdiocesan youth services face a tough assignment. Their mission needs not only professional competence, but also personal religious commitment. At an informal level, they already used to exchange knowledge and experiences. But this seminar brought them closer together and strengthened their commitment, not in the least because of the workshop on “saying goodbye”, led by artist Claire vanden Abbeele.

Prof. Dr. Bert Roebben, a theologian with the University of Tilburg, offered in-depth and up-to-date insights into pastoral theology. At the end of the seminar, he underlined the pastor fulfils an important receptive and comforting role. Management expert Paul D’Aubioul, for his part, presented some practical skills for an efficient and successful project leadership that can improve youngsters’ social commitment and awareness. Father Johan Vanhoutte SJ (Pastoral Service University of Antwerp) is the promoter of this series of seminars and he is able to rely on the support provided by Mr. Gert Van Langendonck.

DIALOGUE TRILOGY I - JONATHAN MAGONET

On 4 March 2004, Rabbi Prof. Jonathan Magonet, at the invitation of UCSIA and the Institute for Jewish Studies, presented a lecture on “Jewish Attitudes to Interfaith Dialogue”. Rabbi Magonet is the Principal of the Leo Baeck College in London.

He argued that, from a Jewish perspective, interfaith dialogue is all but self-evident, given the historical relationship with Christianity and Islam: it is a history of conflict but also of symbiosis. Jews struggle with questions about their ethnic and national identity on the one hand and their

religious identity on the other. The political conflict in the Middle East and the oppositions and stereotypes that have emerged or have been strengthened since 9/11/2001, prevent members of each of these three faiths to receive backing from their own religious communities for entering dialogue with the others. Prof. Magonet also referred to the current debate on the film “The Passion of Christ”, arguing that it stirs up anti-Semitism, strengthens the Jewish perception of an external threat and danger, and puts pressure on the dialogue between the three faiths.

Despite orthodox reservations, Jewish theological circles have taken steps towards interfaith dialogue with Christians, not in the least because the Catholic Church has, since Vaticanum II, thoroughly reviewed its position opposite the Jewish faith. Examples of this evolution are the policy declaration “Dabru Emet”, which was signed by 170 rabbis in September 2000, and the book entitled “The Dignity of Difference” by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Theologically speaking, ties with Islam are much closer, but the Palestinian-Israeli conflict continues to weigh heavily on any attempt at dialogue.

Rabbi Magonet provided an outline of the broad spectrum of Jewish attitudes towards interfaith dialogue: from distrust to indifference to active commitment. This commitment assumes a fixed shape in the “grass-roots” dialogue between members of the three religious communities. According to Rabbi Magonet, dialogue will lead to mutual respect and trust in one another’s values, but also to a stronger attachment to one’s own traditions. The guest speaker argued that interfaith dialogue should go hand in hand with intrafaith dialogue that bridges the gulf between liberal or progressive approaches and more conservative or traditional viewpoints within a religious community.

Professor Magonet himself is a great champion of dialogue and exchange: he has, for over three decades now, organised the annual “Conference of Jews, Christians and Muslims in Europe”. This project is one of a series of initiatives that also includes “The Interfaith Foundation”, “The Maimonides Foundation” and “The Three Faiths Forum”. He is also the author of “Talking to the Other: Jewish Interfaith Dialogue with Christians and Muslims” (ib Taurus & Co. 2003).

DIALOGUE TRILOGY I MICHAEL BARNES SJ

On 22 April, Prof. Michael Barnes SJ spoke on the topic of interfaith dialogue from a Christian perspective. Prof. Barnes lectures at the Institute for Jewish-Christian Relations of Heythrop College in London. He is a Catholic theologian who has studied Buddhism and he also teaches Christianity at a Muslim college in London that trains Imams.

According to Michael Barnes SJ, religions are more than exchangeable metaphysical notions. He argues the purpose of interfaith dialogue is not to prove that one’s own answers to fundamental questions are better than those put forward by “the other”. The encyclical *Nostra Aetate* (1965) states the Church must acknowledge preserve and promote the spiritual and moral values in other religions. The document was originally intended to mend Jewish-Christian relations, but it became a statement on the relations between Christianity and non-Christian religions, including not only Judaism, but also Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. *Nostra Aetate* sums up the important religious points that Christians and Muslims have in common. Islam has a single ancient source of faith and wisdom, that is the Koran. That this source is intrinsically linked with such sources as the Torah and the Gospel may lead to a positive dialogue.

Barnes concludes the three Abrahamic faiths have much in common. The contradiction between honouring the law (in Judaism and Islam) and loving (in Christianity) is merely a seeming

contradiction. Christians, Jews and Muslims are only at the start of a dialogue, but now they recognise the possibility that God may be speaking to them through the voice of “the other”.

**WOMEN AND THE FEMININE PRINCIPLE IN BUDDHISM AND ISLAM –
CONFERENCE**

The Tibetan Institute, in association with UCSIA, the Centre for Intercultural Management and International Communication (CIMIC) and Antwerp Book Capital (ABC 2004), organised a colloquium on ‘Women and the Feminine Principle in Buddhism and Islam’.

The colloquium took place on Saturday 29 May 2004. Prof. Judith Simmer-Brown (Professor of Religious Studies, Naropa University, Boulder, Colorado) and Prof. Durre Sameen Ahmed (Professor of Psychology and Communication, The National College of Arts, Pakistan) presented lectures on the feminine principle in respectively Buddhism and Islam.

SOLIDARITY IN EUROPE – A SCRIBANI NETWORK CONFERENCE

From 23 to 25 September, the first Scribani Network Conference took place. UCSIA established the network in 2003, on the initiative of Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials. It represents 15 social centres and research institutions from 11 European countries.

The theme of the first international conference was “Solidarity in Europe: Are Migration and Enlargement Real Challenges?” The conference encompassed public lectures, round-table debates and a closing session involving the partners of the network. Over 200 individuals took part in the meetings and working groups.

Scholars of the University of Antwerp entered actively in the public lectures and round-tables. UCSIA could also rely on the cooperation of the Province of Antwerp (Deputy Ludo Helsen) and the City of Antwerp (Mayor Patrick Janssens).

The objective of the Scribani Conferences is twofold:

- to organise meetings between members of organisations belonging to the network, experts and opinion makers in order to reflect on justice and on the future of Europe from a religious perspective;
- to work out perspectives and proposals about national and international social, cultural and economic policies.

Cardinal Godfried Danneels clarified the unique character of Europe and European culture. He underlined the significance of a European Islam. Another prominent speaker was the Mayor of Antwerp, Patrick Janssens. He put forward the idea of a “European citizenship”. One should imagine it not as formalism but as a commitment towards fundamental values. It should encompass a minimum of rights and duties. To award this citizenship should, also, find expression in rituals.

Other speakers too gave lectures:

- Prof. Philippe van Parijs, UCL: Multilingual Democracy and the Future of Solidarity;
- Prof. Robert Picht, College of Europe: Poverty and Social Cohesion as Challenges for an Enlarged European Union;
- Prof. Bea Cantillon, University of Antwerp: European Solidarity vs. American Federalism: Is Europe in need of a Common Social Policy?;
- Rudi Delarue, Representative of the European Commission: The Social Dimension of Globalisation and the EU Economic and Social Model and F. Lutz: The European Social Model Challenged by Migration.

The round-table debates covered the following topics:

- ethics and faith
- EU enlargement and the meeting of East and West
- legal and illegal migration
- citizenship
- regular and irregular labour
- civil society
- poverty and social exclusion
- tolerance, xenophobia and nationalism

During the public evening lectures, former Dutch Justice Minister and Professor of International Law with the University of Tilburg, Ernst Hirsch Ballin, asserted that under Europe's new Constitution, the emphasis is not so much on economic forces as on the well-being of society as a whole. He considers sharing ideals and responsibilities to be a test for the correct implementation of such a constitution.

On the road to unification, Europe faces a threefold challenge: the recovery of strong Christian communities; the struggle against any form of exclusion, discrimination and xenophobia; and openness to the needs of people in Europe and the rest of the world. This is how Mark Rotsaert, President of the Conference of European Provincials, summarised the activities.

SEMINAR ON THE GRIEVING PROCESS AMONG YOUNGSTERS

On Saturday 23 October 2004, UCSIA, in association with the Pastoral Care dept. of the University of Antwerp, organised a seminar on the grieving process among youngsters.

The publication of a "working folder" by the Network of Pastoral Care for Youngsters, a cooperative structure of pastoral care providers and deans of various youth movements and youth organisations, provided the inspiration for this initiative. The folder contains materials and approaches for working with youngsters on the topic of grieving. It deals with different age categories and different situations. The working folder was realised with a subsidy from the Levenslijn Children's Fund, which is part of the King Baudouin Foundation.

Prof. Luc Braeckmans, Academic Vice-Director of UCSIA, welcomed the almost 200 participants. Mr Wim Selderslaghs, the National Dean of the Chiro movement, explained how the working folder had come about.

Prof. Manu Keirse presented an academic introduction. He is a senior lecturer with the Faculty of Medicine of KULeuven and General Director-Administrator of a hospital in Leuven. Prof. Keirse asserted that children and youngsters are rarely confronted with grief or loss within the youth movement itself. However, the chances are that they will encounter such situations sometime during their life as a child or adolescent, certainly if one considers loss through divorce or long-term illness. The youth movement can then provide an environment of warmth and security where these children are able to talk about their loss or grief. It can provide some of the peace and reassurance that has gone missing from their shattered home.

Joy and sadness, loving and grieving, are closely related. To come to terms with a loss requires a large psychological and physical effort from children as well. Leaders of youth movements often feel insecure in such situations and or “at a loss for words”. But in fact, the most important of all is to give the other an opportunity to talk about his or her loss.

Youth leaders can help children in overcoming four important steps in the grieving:

- acceptance of the fact that the loss is real; not to deny the loss. Manu Keirse underlined how important it is the griever should be allowed to see the body of the deceased loved one, even if he or she has been mutilated in an accident. One participant testified that laying the deceased in state at home can help;
- allowing the pain of the loss to be expressed. The youth movement should give children and parents an opportunity to talk about their loss. Keeping silent is not helpful at all. Allow youngsters to talk about their feelings of guilt, but tell them very clearly that they bear none;
- adapting oneself to the world without the other. It is normal that the feeling of loss resurfaces at important “crossroads” in life. One should give people an opportunity to talk about this and help them come to terms with the fact the loss is irreversible;
- learning to love people and life again. People sometimes hesitate to recommit themselves because they are afraid to suffer a new loss. However, “coming to terms” is not the same as “forgetting”.

After this impressive lecture, the group of participants was divided into 8 workshops in which the content of the work folder was unfolded per age category. The seminar was concluded with a reception.

DIALOGUE TRILOGY II – RENÉ RÉMOND

The second series in the Dialogue Trilogy takes place in the 2004-2005 academic year and is devoted to Christianity in Europe. The inaugural lecture by Prof. René Rémond dealt with religion and secularised society. Rector F. Van Loon and Prof. G. Dierickx (University of Antwerp) welcomed the guest speaker, who presented an analysis at a European level. He asserted that the relationship between faith and society invokes the same kinds of questions for all churches and religions in Europe. Like other areas of life and society, religion is undergoing a process of globalisation, as Europe is no longer the exclusive sphere of Christianity, but now also undergoes influences of Islam, Asian religions and American sects.

Prof. Rémond made a clear distinction between a number of concepts:

- dechurchification: the decline in faith and religious practice at a personal level;
- laicisation: a well-considered striving to reduce the influence of religion on society and to reduce religion to a purely private and individual matter;

- secularisation: a more spontaneous evolution whereby the ties between religion and society become less tight.

During the Ancien Régime, there was a close symbiosis between religion and society. The church regulated personal and collective behaviour by means of laws and codes. The call for personal freedom of conscience was the first step towards secularisation. Subsequently, the dominance of the Church over education and in the social sphere was reduced. Now the question arises: what future for Christianity? However, Prof. Rémond notes that the question is pressing only in a European context, as Christianity is still a growing religion in other continents.

Not all signs point in the same direction. Today, religion is also denied a voice in important life questions about contraception, abortion and gay marriage. Moreover, argues Rémond, an anti-Christian ideology has developed that artificially erases the historical role of Christianity, as is apparent in the debate on references in the European constitution to Europe's Christian roots. Communism has eradicated religiosity in many newly acceded EU Member States. However, a new "religious fact" has unexpectedly come to the fore in the public debate and on the political agenda: the rise of Islam has prompted European politicians to adopt a stance and to take decisions on religious symbols, such as the headscarf. In a country such as France, where a law from 1906 prescribes the separation of Church and the State, the government is now making efforts to establish closer ties with the bishops and to create an official voice of Islam... Thus, many question marks still surround the future of religion in Europe.

KVHU LECTURE

On 20 December, the KVHU (Katholieke Vlaamse Hogeschooluitbreiding – a socio-cultural movement of university students in Flanders), in association with UCSIA, organised a theological lecture at the University of Antwerp for a broad audience of intellectuals. The lecture was presented by Prof. Peter Schmidt (KULeuven) and dealt with "The Christmas Tales in the Gospel".

2005: BROADER AND DEEPER

PASTORAL SEMINAR 2005 – A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

On 13 and 14 January 2005, the pastoral staff of the Flemish institutions of higher education and universities met during a residential seminar entitled “A new Heaven and a New Earth”. It was a happy reunion for those who had taken part in the 2004 seminar. For the newcomers too, it was an opportunity to discover a forum for exchanging experiences with colleagues and for recharging one’s professional batteries.

Three academically accomplished speakers and a word artist provided intellectual sustenance: Roger De Bruyn (Emeritus Professor, University of Antwerp) led an inspiring working session on creative thinking. The Dutch theologian Gerard Groener talked about his experience as a mentor to many generations of parish pastors at the University of Utrecht. He explored the heart of the student pastor and the pastoral playing field and provided stimuli for a creative and contemporary interpretation of pastoral work. “Godallemachtig” by Tine Ruyschaert was a surprising collection of classical and contemporary texts on the quest for and struggle with God, from Augustine to Rilke, and from Sinatra to Reve.

Prof. Mark Williams, a clinical psychologist with the University of Oxford and an Anglican Priest, familiarised the participants with the practice and theoretical basis of “mindfulness”. Mindfulness is a simple meditative technique that is related to those applied in Buddhism. Clinical tests have shown it to be successful in preventing successive depressions. It is not a new psychiatric wonder cure, but very efficient when combined with cognitive therapy and medication. For pastoral workers, mindfulness provides indispensable tranquillity and rest. Dr. Williams keeps his pastoral work strictly separated from his work as a psychiatrist, but by exception he testified that mindfulness had opened up to him a totally new and rich layer of meaning in Biblical texts.

MINDFULNESS

On Friday 14 January 2005, UCSIA, in association with Prof. Stephan Claes (University of Antwerp), organised a lecture by Prof. Mark Williams on “Mindfulness”. Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) is a combination of classic psychotherapy (cognitive therapy) and meditation techniques (mindfulness). MBCT was originally developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn for relieving patients who suffer from hard-to-treat pain. The therapy was adapted for the prevention of depression. It has proven helpful to patients who have a history of depression. One of the pioneers of the new therapy is Dr. Mark Williams, professor of clinical psychology with the Warneford Hospital at Oxford University.

Dr. Stephan Claes, Psychiatrist, Faculty of Medicine of University of Antwerp, introduced the speaker. Dr. Edel Maex, Psychiatrist, Hospital Network Antwerp, Middelheim Hospital, elucidated the relationship with Buddhist meditative techniques. The lecture was interesting for experts (psychiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists...) as well as the broad public. It attracted an audience of around 200.

BOOK PRESENTATION

“HOW TO CONQUER THE BARRIERS TO INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE”

UCSIA compiled the academic contributions to the international summer seminar on “Christianity, Islam and Judaism: How to Conquer the Barriers to Intercultural Dialogue?” (September 2003) into a high-quality academic volume, published in 2005 by P.I.E-Peter Lang. The book contains contributions by internationally renowned academics such as Cathérine Cornille, John Esposito, Ernst M. H. Hirsch Ballin, François Houtart, Chia Longman, Jonathan Magonet, Emilio Platti, Norman Solomon, Tariq Ramadan, Dirk Rohtus, Eugeen Roosens, Abdulkader Tayob and Jacques Waardenburg.

The book provided ample material for an interesting debate on 27 January 2005, attended by an audience of around 80. Jean-Pierre Rondas (radio producer with Klara) moderated the discussion with theologian Cathérine Cornille (Boston College, USA), philosopher Ludo Abicht (University of Antwerp) and islamologist Emilio Platti (KULeuven).

WORKSHOP ON CHOICE AND FATIGUE: UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION

On 19 February 2005, UCSIA organised a study day at the University of Antwerp on the topics of autonomy, depression and fatigue within a broad societal context, with special focus on health care, education, corporate and family life, and faith. Two hundred people participated intensively in this event.

It is undoubtedly so that people can more readily make independent choices in their relationships, professional lives and faith than they used to be, and thankfully so. Yet many individuals suffer from stress, burnout, chronic fatigue syndrome, and depression. People are apparently exhausted by the fact that they must choose and decide for themselves. At least, that is the argument that the French sociologist Alain Ehrenberg puts forward in his book *La fatigue d'être soi. Dépression et société*.

Marc Desmet, a Jesuit and physician, adapted this provocative diagnosis and made it more recognisable in the context of contemporary life. Ria Grommen, a psychologist with an interest in religion and life views, set out in search of perspectives within which personal autonomy is less exhausting. Subsequently, the participants contributed to six animated workshops: they gave their opinions on this diagnosis and perspectives in relation to such sectors as education, corporate life, relationships, family life, health care and faith.

Two hundred people participated in six workshops that were guided by the speakers mentioned above and by Francis Loyens (pedagogue, Katholieke Hogeschool Limburg), Ilse Dielen (Chairwoman of the Socio-Economic Council of Flanders), Eric Boydens (general practitioner and member of the Centre for GP Medicine of the University of Antwerp), Guido Vanheeswijck (philosopher, University of Antwerp and KULeuven).

Inspired by the workshops' success, Marc Desmet and Ria Grommen lent their cooperation to a book “*Moe van het moeten kiezen*”, published by Lannoo Publishers.

WORKSHOP ON PEACE-BUILDING LEADERSHIP

From 21 to 25 February 2005, an international workshop took place at Elzenveld in Antwerp, which UCSIA organised in cooperation with Prof. Jacques Haers SJ (Centre for Liberation Theology, KULeuven and member of the General Council of UCSIA). The topic was leadership in conflict situations and peace-building.

The group of participants consisted of 25 Belgian and foreign professionals: academics, policymakers and grass-roots workers. The debates on real cases and the exchanging of experiences resulted in a workable model of leadership in situations such as ethnically-motivated war, labour conflicts, and issues of urban living. Attention was paid to the potential role of religion and faith in the transformation of conflicts into forms of sustainable peace.

The workshop was prepared in association with the Master's Degree in Conflict and Sustainable Peace, KULeuven (Eliaz Lopez), the Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studies, KULeuven (Anton Stellamans), the International Peace Information Service (An Vranckx), the Institute for Development Policy, University of Antwerp (Philippe Nauwelaerts) and Pax Christi Flanders (Bart Horemans).

The international workshop on peace-building was concluded on 25 February with a public session at Infopunt Europa, an information centre of the Province of Antwerp. A number of participants testified about their experiences and shared insights. Subsequently, experts from policy circles, non-governmental organisations and the "field" exchanged ideas about the issues at hand. Among other people, former MEP Annemie Neyts participated in the animated debate as well as prof. Luc Reyckler of KULeuven (on whose academic work the workshop was based) and Javier Niño Pérez (DG External Relations, Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management Unit, European Commission).

DE VLEUGEL

On 4 March 2005, UCSIA, in association with the liturgical community De Vleugel, organised a lecture and debate for an audience of approximately 200. The topics, "Speaking out on things you truly believe in" and "Transcendence with or without God", were explored by Raf Mertens, doctor of medicine, and Guido Vanheeswijck, doctor of philosophy.

THEOLOGISING WITH YOUNGSTERS

On 8 March 2005, the second UCSIA colloquium on religious education took place under the title "Theologising with Youngsters". The colloquium was attended by some 140 teachers of religious education, heads and staff of school pastoral care, school principals and policymakers, including the leadership of the Flemish Secretariat of Catholic Schools (VSKO).

The central topic was: how can youngsters, in these secularised times, be made authentically aware of a religious dimension in their search for meaning? Prof. Bert Roebben (University of

Tilburg, The Netherlands) outlined problems and perspectives in relation to theologising with youngsters at school in pastoral work. Ronald Sledsens (Inspector-Advisor on Religious Education) presented a video in which seven teachers from various branches and degrees of secondary education testified about the way in which they fulfil their tasks as teachers of religious education and how their personal religious commitment fits in to this.

During a panel conversation and debate with the public, these testimonies were further elaborated on. The panel members were: Prof. Luc Braeckmans (UA and UCSIA), Marianne Geuens (teacher of religious education), Jacques Michielsens (VSKO, Pedagogical Bureau), Prof. Bert Roebben, Ronald Sledsens and Mgr. Luc Van Looy (Bishop of Ghent – responsible for education).

The DVD with testimonies and the book that reports on the previous conference can be ordered from UCSIA. For further information, please consult the section on “Publications”.

MARRIAGE AND THE CHURCH: A GREAT DIVORCE?

On Friday 15 April, Dr. Jack Dominian presented a lecture entitled “Marriage and the Church: A Great Divorce?” Dr. Dominian has some 50 years’ experience as a psychiatrist and marriage counsellor and is considered an expert on marriage, spirituality and the theology of marriage. The Second Vatican Council introduced a new and a rich perspective on marriage as a sustainable communion of love and life. Until then, the Church had seen marriage only as a place for procreation and child rearing. But although the Bible provides many starting points, the Church failed to further develop this theology of marriage and it narrowed its focus to the use of contraceptives. Formally, marriage is a sacrament, but in practice it only has a secondary significance as a place for daily liturgy.

UCSIA organised this lecture in association with INTAMS (the International Academy for Marital Spirituality). This is an independent organisation dedicated to the study of the values, conditions and social circumstances of marriage and the family, based on international, ecumenical and interdisciplinary dialogue.

DIALOGUE TRILOGY II - MYROSLAV MARYNOVYCH

On Thursday evening, 21 April 2005, an audience of about 40 attended an analysis of the tense relationships between the Christian Churches of Ukraine by Prof. Dr. Myroslav Marynovych, Vice-Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University. During his public lecture and the following expert seminar, he confronted the audience with the complex and historically deeply rooted structures of the Orthodox Church community. Ukraine is at a crossroads of atheism and religion, of Christianity and Islam, of Catholicism, Protestantism and Orthodoxy (of Byzantine or Muscovite belonging).

Marynovych puts forward the idea of setting up a single Church of Kiev, under one Patriarchate, and in which all churches of Byzantine tradition could reunite with active support and participation of Rome, Moscow and Constantinople.

**RELIGIOUS RADICALISM: CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM AND JUDAISM BETWEEN
CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVISM AND DESTRUCTIVE FANATICISM**

From 14 to 24 September 2005, the second edition of the biennial Summer Seminar took place. The team of participants consisted of 12 internationally renowned academic experts-supervisors and 30 international doctoral students. Sara Mels, of the OASeS research unit at the University of Antwerp, prepared the Summer Seminar, with Prof. Christiane Timmerman acting as the promoter.

The programme consisted on the one hand of lectures by international academics with a response lecture by a local professor (mostly from the University of Antwerp), followed by an intense debate involving all participants. On the other hand, the postdoctoral students were given an opportunity to present their own dissertations, again followed by a discussion with all students and visiting professors.

Both the positive and the negative outcomes of religious radicalism were explored from a broad range of societal and academic perspectives. Constructive radicalism was less prevalent, though, in the dissertations. The broad range of academic disciplines and geographic origins of the participants did however result in a very qualified and varied outline of the phenomenon and reflection on the research methods applied. The programme consisted of three parts, each supervised by a Flemish academic expert:

- a general introductory and theological hermeneutic part (Prof. Walter Van Herck, University of Antwerp),
- a psychological analysis at the individual level (Prof. Dirk Hutsebaut, KULeuven),
- a social analysis of the collective aspects (Prof. Christiane Timmerman and Prof. Walter Nonneman of University of Antwerp/UCSIA).

In association with these four project supervisors, UCSIA is preparing an international publication presenting the contributions of speakers and students.

In the margins of the Summer Seminar, UCSIA organised three more events, each of which were attended by over 100 participants:

- an opening lecture with Prof. Scott Appleby (Professor of History with the University of Notre Dame and Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies) and Prof. Christopher Rowland (Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture, Queen's College, Oxford).
- a lecture on religion and emotion, organised in association with the research unit on 'Philosophy of Religion' of the University of Antwerp, by Prof. Fraser Watts (Professor of Theology and Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge)
- a panel debate on religion and terrorism, moderated by VRT journalist Guy Poppe and with participation from a.o. Dr. Anne Speckhard (Georgetown Medical School) and Dr. Ahmad Moussalli (American University of Beirut).

DIALOGUE TRILOGY III - KARL-JOSEF KUSCHEL

On 13 October 2005, Prof. Karl-Josef Kuschel (Catholic Theological Faculty at the University of Tübingen and Stiftung Weltethos) presented the first lecture in this year's edition of the Dialogue Trilogy. This third series of lectures is devoted to "The Catholic Church in Dialogue with Islam and Judaism".

Prof. Kuschel's lecture on his new theological approach to interfaith dialogue between the three Abrahamic religions was well-received. During the following expert seminar, he explained how the Second Vatican Council offers room for such an approach. Prof. Kuschel has devoted his entire academic career to developing a theological foundation for interfaith dialogue from a catholic perspective and based on a deep belief in humankind.

TRIALOGUE

UCSIA helped in the launch, on 27 October 2005, of the book "Trialog". Lannoo Publishers asked Jan de Volder of the St Egidius Community in Antwerp to write down his conversations with a priest, an imam and a rabbi. This resulted in a book entitled "*Trialog, Gesprekken tussen priester Hendrik Hoet, rabbijn Aharon Malinsky en imam Jamal Maftoub?*".

As the content of this publication ties in closely with the mission and the projects of UCSIA, it backed its editing and presentation. The presentation at Antwerp City Hall attracted much attention from the media and the public (160 attendants).

THE PARISH: A BORDERCASE!

On 3 and 4 November 2005, UCSIA organised a residential seminar for church dignitaries on the provision of pastoral care. To this end, UCSIA called on the Pastoral Care Service within the University of Antwerp and worked in close collaboration with the Flemish Dioceses. On Friday evening 4 November, the Austrian theologian P. Zulehner, Dean of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Vienna and author of a great many books on church community building, presented a public lecture.

The Church firstly organises pastoral care based on territorial structures, including in Flanders and Brussels (parishes within a diocese). The sharp decline in church attendance and the decreasing number of pastors are compromising this territorial organisation of pastoral care from the inside, especially in urban areas. Thus, new organisational approaches are emerging spontaneously at grass-roots level. This issue is not restricted to Flanders: similar trends are unfolding in other European countries, including the Netherlands, France, Germany and Austria.

During the seminar, several individuals involved in pastoral care in each of the dioceses explored this evolution, in a context of academic reflection. The seminar considered the possibilities and limits of territorial pastoral care and the consequences for training church community builders. It also went into several important indirect implications towards public law and church law (organisation of church councils, ordinations, etc.)

60 church community builders, from all Flemish dioceses and Brussels, took part in the daytime seminar. They were appreciative of the initiative, as this was the first time they had met to discuss an issue all dioceses confront, although in different ways. Roughly 120 people from across Flanders attended the evening lecture.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE “AFRICAN PRESENCE IN EUROPE”

From 14 to 18 November 2005, UCSIA organised a 5-day international academic workshop on the African presence in Europe. 18 foreign doctoral students and 5 guest lecturers took part in this event. The working party was promoted by Prof. Kathleen Gyssels of the University of Antwerp and Prof. Bénédicte Ledent (ULG), who together form the “Postcolonial Literatures” research group.

The postdoctoral students were chiefly studying literature. However, their diverse geographic origins (Nigeria, Benin, Cameroon, Algeria, Tunisia, Europe and the USA) and their broad perspective (literature as a vehicle for reflection on Diaspora, identity, intercultural relations ...) resulted in diverse societal and socio-political analysis.

Among the guest speakers were some leading academics and authors: Caryl Phillips (United States and Caribbean), Chika Unigwe (Belgium and Nigeria) and Jean-Louis Dalembert (Haiti and France). Academics from other fields also contributed to the exchange, including anthropologist Jean Muteba Rahier (USA and Belgium) and historian James Walvin (United Kingdom). The programme consisted of lectures and presentations of dissertations by students.

Cultural and social events complemented the academic programme. UCSIA provided an academic platform to the local African community to express its views and concerns. This resulted in a lecture on the representation of Africa in the history of film (60 participants), a debate with representatives of African organisations (100 participants) and a literary evening (100 participants).

THE TEACHER AS A WORLD-VIEW EDUCATOR

From 24 to 26 November 2005, the third edition took place of the colloquium on religious teaching in Catholic secondary education.

Previous colloquia had explored the Christian world-view course and the pupil. The present edition focused on “the teacher as a world-view educator”. Six academics representing divergent fields explored the “authority and competency” of the teacher from various perspectives. They were Maurice van Stiphout (legal), Ulrich Libbrecht (religious philosophical), Hans Van Crombrugge (educational), Annemie Dillen (pastoral care), Jacques Haers (theological) and Peter Knapen (approach based on commentated film excerpts).

The daily plenary sessions, averaging 120 participants, were stimulated by a panel of privileged witnesses (parent, pupil, school inspector, school head, teacher and educational supervisor).

COLLOQUIUM “CONDEMNED TO DEMOCRACY?”

On 8 and 9 December 2005, on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the French historian, sociologist and philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville, UCSIA organised a two-day colloquium, in association with the political philosopher Prof. Peter De Graeve (University of Antwerp) and Prof. Tim Heysse (KU Brussels). This colloquium demonstrated the ideas of this prominent “theoretician of democracy” are still relevant today. Seven internationally renowned experts from France and the USA, including the prominent academic Prof. Larry Siedentop, enlightened various aspects of Tocqueville’s oeuvre and gave it a present-day interpretation. A group of Belgian experts reacted to these analyses in response lectures. The audience consisted of about fifty participants, mainly students and professors of political philosophy.

A panel of academics (Prof. Maurice Weyembergh, VUB and Paul Cliteur, University of Leiden) and participants from the world of religion (Monsignor Paul Van den Berghe) and that of politics (Herman Van Rompuy) explored the relationship between these two worlds during a well-attended public session (over 200 participants).

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

On 10 December 2005, UCSIA organised an inaugural event of the 2006 Jubilee Year of the Society of Jesus at Carolus Borromeus Church in Antwerp. Rev. Fr. Mark Rotsaert SJ, President of the Conference of European Provincials, welcomed over 400 guests to the event. He clarified the historical significance of the Jubilee and discussed the present role of the Society of Jesus. Prof. Herman Van Goethem (University of Antwerp) presented a lecture on the Jesuit presence in Antwerp. Prof. Chris Timmerman introduced a series of four double lectures on Prominent Jesuits from the Low Countries. These lectures, which shall take place during 2006, shall focus on the life and work of Ferdinand Verbiest SJ, Petrus Canisius SJ, Leonard Lessius SJ and Robert Regout SJ.

The acclaimed choir ‘Schola Cantorum Cantate Domino’ from Aalst then gave a well-received performance of Domenico Zipoli’s ‘Vespers of St Ignacio’.

ACADEMIC CHAIR UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP

UCSIA finances a teaching chair at the University of Antwerp which fulfils the objectives of UCSIA and at the same time respects the principle of academic freedom.

The chair is offered to foreign scholars of international renown specialising in topics that deepen the ideological or philosophical discourse and increase societal commitment. The University of Antwerp selects the candidates and appoints them. The guest lecturers teach optional courses in the Bachelor's and Master's programmes, and they can also take part in scientific research. In this manner, UCSIA contributes to the education and research at the University of Antwerp.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2003-2004: SADIK AL-AZM

During the second semester of the 2003-2004 academic year, the chair was held by the Syrian professor, Dr. Sadik Al-Azm (°1934, Damascus). He holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Yale and is an Emeritus Professor of Modern European Philosophy with the University of Damascus. He has taught as a visiting professor at various Arab, European and American universities (incl. Beirut, Kile, Harvard, Princeton) and is an expert on (Islamic) fundamentalism and the relationship between the West and the Arab world. During his stay in Antwerp, he was granted the prestigious Leopold Lucas Award (Tübingen) and the Erasmus Award (The Netherlands).

Prof. Al-Azm is considered to be one of the most self-critical voices within the Arabic world. He does not shy away from controversy. After the Six-Day War (1967), he wrote a remarkable book in which he criticised the then Arab leaders. Shortly after, he published a criticism of the obscurantism of Islamic traditionalism. He was accused of incitement, but was eventually acquitted, probably in part thanks to his noble birth (Al-Azm belongs to an old and respected Syrian family). As a result, he gradually gained the status of an independent critic - which uniquely enabled him, as an Arab Intellectual, to publicly defend Salman Rushdie.

Prof. Al-Azm teaches an introductory course on "Islam in the 20th Century" and an advanced course on "Issues in Contemporary Arab Social and Political Thought". On 28 April 2004, he presented an inaugural address entitled "Two Years After 9/11: Some Stocktaking". On the occasion of the granting of the Leopold Lucas Award by the University of Tübingen, the renowned German Islamologist Prof. Josef Van Ess presented an introduction to this lecture that dealt with secularism and interfaith dialogue in the Middle East.

During his stay in Antwerp, Prof. Al-Azm also presented about a dozen lectures at University of Antwerp, VUB, KULeuven and RUG. He was a frequent guest speaker at various events and was extensively interviewed by the media (Tertio, Knack, Klara, ...).

ACADEMIC YEAR 2004-2005: RENE REMOND

During the second semester of the 2004-2005 academic year, the UCSIA chair at University of Antwerp was held by Prof. René Rémond (°1918), a leading French historian who is regarded as an authority on modern religious and political history. He is the author of, among other texts, “*Réligion et société en Europe aux XIX^{ème} et XXI^{ème} siècles. Essai sur la sécularisation* » (Le Seuil, 1998), « *Le Christianisme en accusation* » (Desclée de Brouwer, 2000), « *De mur de Berlin aux tours de New York : douze années pour changer de siècle* » (together with François Azouvi, Bayard, 2002) and « *La république souveraine* » (Fayard, 2002).

He is the former President of the University of Nanterre, Chairman of the « Centre catholique des intellectuels français », a member of the Académie Française, member of the High Council of the Magistrates and a political commentator in the French media.

René Rémond taught two courses from February till May 2005. Bachelors resp. masters gained insight in the relation between religion and society. He defined the contents of his courses as follows: « *Mes enseignements aux deux niveaux, candidature et licence, traiteront du même sujet défini par l'intitulé : Religion et société en Europe aux XIX^è et XX^è siècles. Ils porteront essentiellement sur les relations entre ces deux termes. On s'attachera largement à définir le premier : qu'est-ce que la religion? S'agit-il d'un phénomène spécifique ? Peut-on l'étudier objectivement? Comment en apprécier l'importance ? On s'intéressera à la société civile autant qu'à la société politique. C'est dire que l'objet d'étude sera beaucoup plus large que l'histoire traditionnelle des rapports de pouvoir entre les Églises et les États.* »

Free-lance reporter Wouter Meeus transcribed the course notes into a booklet that will shortly be published by the Tertio weekly magazine.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

RELIGION, GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY: TRAINING PROGRAMME

From the start of the academic year 2004-2005, UCSIA, in association with the International Institute Canon Triest, offers a two-year academic training programme that outlines a theoretical framework of the pluralistic, multireligious and multicultural society. The lectures are presented by a broad range of experts, including quite a few professors with Flemish and foreign universities.

The programme is intended for higher-educated (Master's level) adults who are confronted professionally with aspects of the multireligious and multicultural society. The target group consists mainly of civil servants, administrators of educational institutions, politicians, intercultural mediators, trade union professionals, magistrates, etc.

The programme provides knowledge about and insight into the manner in which government and policy actors address issues pertaining to various areas of the multicultural and multireligious society, including education, health care and the labour market, through regulation and societal policy.

It offers a transparent and topical overview of the present legal and institutional context in which solutions must be sought for issues that multicultural society raises. It also deals in greater detail with several religious pressure points: experts in various faiths find out whether existing regulation provides a satisfactory answer to the questions that arise.

The programme is spread over four semesters, during each of which a separate dimension of the issue at hand is explored:

- the societal-historical context
- the legal-institutional context
- the areas of tension that exist in various sectors of society, including education, health care, labour market, ...
- intercultural and interfaith mediation

The programme is organised alternately at the University of Antwerp (City Campus) and the International Institute Canon Triest in Ghent. It started at University of Antwerp on 7 October 2004 with an academic opening session. The speakers were:

- Dr. Piet Raes, Lecturer in Philosophy: "The Legator Shall also be an Heir. On the Role of Ideology in the Construction of Society";
- Dr. Bob Cools, former Mayor of the City of Antwerp and President of the Social Housing Company 'Onze Woning'; "Considerations on the Management of Diversity".

Lectures by prof. Jan De Groof, University of Antwerp and University of Hasselt, and senator Wouter Beke, CD&V, opened the second academic year. Some 150 people attended this lecture on 13th October 2005.

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- Angelus Silesius House, Wroclaw, Poland
www.silesius.org.pl
- Catholic European Study and Information Centre, Brussels, Belgium
www.ocipe.org
- Centre for Bio-Ethics, Institute of Philosophy and Theology of the Society of Jesus, Zagreb, Croatia
www.bioetika.ftidi.hr
- Center Of Spirituality East-West of Michal Lacko, Košice, Slovakia
www.vychod-zapad.com
- European Centre of Communication and Culture, Pontifical Faculty of Theology “Bobolanum”, Warsaw, Poland
www.eccc.pl
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
www.unigre.it/pug/facolta/scienze sociali/framesociali.htm
- Institute for the Study of Religions and Cultures, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
www.unigre.it/pug/isrc/Isrc.htm
- Heythrop Institute for Religion, Ethics and Public Life, University of London, UK
www.heythrop.ac.uk
- Institute for Social and Development Studies, Munich School of Philosophy, Munich, Germany
www.hfph.mwn.de/igp
- Institute of European Studies, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
www.iee.deusto.es
- Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, Dublin, Ireland
www.cfj.ie
- Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, Brussels, Belgium
www.jrseurope.org
- Newman Institute for Catholic Studies, Uppsala, Sweden
www.newman.se
- "Pedro Arrupe" Institute for Political Formation, Palermo, Italy
www.gesuiti.it/csarrupe/english/en_home.html
- University Centre St-Ignatius Antwerp, Belgium
www.ucsia.org
- University Institute of Migration Studies, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid, Spain
www.upco.es/iem
- Calvez Jean-Yves, individual member

ANNEX 2. ACADEMIC LECTURERS AT UCSIA-EVENTS 2003 - 2005

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Prof. dr. N. Chazan	Hebrew Jerusalem University
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Prof. dr. C. Cornille	Boston College
Mgr. G. Danneels	Archbishop Malines-Brussels
Prof. dr. K. Dobbelaere	KULeuven
Prof. dr. J. Esposito	Georgetown University Centre for Muslim-Christian understanding
Prof. dr. M.-C. Foblets	KULeuven
Prof. dr. E.M.H. Hirsch Ballin	Tilburg University Department of European and international public law
Prof. dr. F. Houtart	Centre Tricontinental
Drs. M. Kanmaz	University of Ghent
Prof. dr. J. Kerkhofs	KULeuven
Prof. dr. B. Khader	UCL
Prof. dr. B. Ledent	University of Liège

Prof. dr. I. Linden	University of London School of Oriental and African Studies
Prof. dr. A. Margalit	Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Languages
Prof. dr. J. P. Monferrer Sala	University of Córdoba Faculty of Arts
Prof. dr. R. Peters	University of Amsterdam Arabic Chair, Faculty of Humanities
Prof. dr. Phillips	University of Colombia New York
Prof. dr. E. Platti	KULeuven
Prof. dr. T. Ramadan	University of Freiburg-Switzerland
Prof. dr. D. Rochtus	University of Antwerp
Prof. dr. E. Roosens	KUL, UCL
Prof. dr. N. Solomon	The Oriental Institute University of Oxford
Dr. S. Susskind	
Prof. dr. A. Tayob	Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World
Prof. dr. H. Teule	University of Nijmegen Institute of Eastern Christian Studies
Prof. dr. Van Herck	University of Antwerp Dept. of Religious studies
Prof. dr. C. Van Nispen	
Prof. dr. C. Vander Stichele	University of Amsterdam, Institute for Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities
Prof. Dr. W. Vanheule	University of Antwerp
Dr. A. Van Overbeek	University of Antwerp
Prof. Dr. J. Waardenburg	University of Lausanne, Faculty of Theology

SUMMER COURSE 2005

Em. Prof. dr. Ludo Abicht	University of Antwerp
Prof. dr. Scott R. Appleby	Professor of History, Notre Dame University, USA.
Rabbi Dr. Naftali Brawer	Research fellow and lecturer, London school of Jewish Studies
Prof. dr. Mario Ferrero	Professor of Political Economy, University of Eastern Piedmont, Italia
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Prof. dr. Shahin Gerami	Professor of Sociology, Southwest Missouri State University, US
Prof. dr. Dirk Hutsebaut	Professor of Psychology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
Prof. dr. Michiel Leezenberg	Professor of Philosophy of Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Dr. Chia Longman	Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer in Comparative Sciences of Culture, University Ghent, Belgium
Prof. dr. Ahmad Moussalli	Department of Political Studies and Public Administration, American University of Beirut
Prof. dr. Cas Mudde	Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp
Prof. dr. Walter Nonneman	University of Antwerp
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Prof. dr. Fraser Watts	Starbridge Lecturer in Theology and Natural Science, University of Cambridge, UK
Prof. dr. Walter Weyns	University of Antwerp

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Rabbi Jonathan Magonet	Leo Baeck Centre for Jewish Education, London.

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Michel SJ	Curia Generalis of the Society of Jesus, Rome

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Cécile Barbier	European Social Observatory
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Patrick Taran	International Labor Organisation, Geneva
Johan Wets	HIVA, KULeuven
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MARRIAGE AND THE CHURCH: A GREAT DIVORCE?

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FEMALE PRINCIPLE IN BUDDHISM AND ISLAM

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Dialogue Series III, Religion in Post-Communist Europe, Ina Merdjanova, Rota Vavilova & Myroslav Marynovych, 2005, 50 pp.

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