

to Review at the 20th Anniversary



1997

September

1st Seminar on "Chinese Traditional Ethics and Global Ethics" co-organized by Renmin University of China and ISCS at Tantuo Temple, Beijing.

1998

July

2nd Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Theology took place at Sabah, Malaysia.



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二十週年誌慶

1995 - 2015

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2001

November

Then Archbishop Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church visited ISCS with Mr. Dmitry Petrovsky and Fr. Pozdnyaev Diionisy. In 2009 Kirill became Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia.



2002

November to December

ISCS visited universities and seminaries in Japan, comparing Sino-Christian theology with Japanese theology.



2003 August
ISCS participated in the Conference of Christian Studies in Helsinki, Finland.



2004 December
ISCS Academic Committee held in Beijing.



2007 November
ISCS visited Prof. CHEN Zemin at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary for discussing Sino-Christian theology.



2008 December
A seminar for Textbook for U was held in Bei



2010 March
4th Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies took place at Suzhou.



2012 May
ISCS visited Presbyterian University and Seminary in Seoul.



2013 August
ISCS participated in the conference for Confucian-Christian dialogue in Oxford.



2005 September
3rd Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies took place at Fuxian Lake, Yunnan.



2006 August
L'Institut Catholique de Paris visited ISCS.



for "Biblical Studies Universities in China" in Beijing.



2009 May
Prof. Thomas ZHANG, ISCS Research Fellow in Mainland visited ISCS. He later passed away on 28 Nov 2011.



2011 November
ISCS visited the Chicago headquarter of the Assyrian Church of the East and discussed with then Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV for future cooperation.



2014 October
ISCS organized an Experts Seminar in Beijing for conducting a dialogue with Prof. Jürgen Moltmann.



2015 November
6th Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies and the celebration of ISCS 20th anniversary took place in Shenzhen.

Academic Activities



Organized by ISCS

11th International Summer Institute of “Theology and the Human Sciences”



During 6-9 July, 2015, the 11th International Summer Institute of “Theology and the Human Sciences” was organized by the School of Liberal Arts and the Institute for the Studies of Christian Culture, Renmin University of China with the aid of ISCS, United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia and Anyang Institute of Technology. Prof. Jason Lam participated in the event as one of the keynote speakers on behalf of ISCS.

The theme for this year was “Confronting Contemporary Crises”. Prof. Antony Oliver Davies from King’s College London, Prof. George Newlands from University of Glasgow, Prof. Chloë Starr from Yale University, Prof. Jon Whitman from Hebrew University, Prof. James Douglas Orton from National Defense University, Prof. Kari O’Grady from Loyola University in Maryland, Prof. Chin Ken-Pa from Fujen Catholic University, Prof. Xue Yu from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof. Jason Lam from ISCS, and Prof. YANG Huilin from Renmin University of China were keynote speakers. There were more than 40 young lecturers from 29 higher institutes participating in the event. They had dialogue on issues including cultural conflicts, moral crisis, etc. 10 lectures, 9 forums took place, and 51 papers were presented.

The summer institute started in 2004 and more than 50 established scholars were invited to deliver lectures in 9 cities. More than 500 young scholars from more than 40 higher institutes joined the event. ISCS has taken part in this great event for many years. The results of this interdisciplinary, cross-cultural forum have proved significant in such different realms as religious studies, comparative literature and sinology.

Visits and Meetings in North America



During 22-24 Oct., 2015, Director Daniel Yeung attended the international conference on “21st Century Christianity and China” organized by Emmanuel College, University of Toronto and presented a paper titled “Modernity, Social Change and Sino-Christian Theology”. Topics at the conference ranged from Christian theology in China, church and state relationship, the church and its contexts, Christianity and public affairs. According to Dr. Mark G. Toulouse, Dean of Emanuel College and host of the conference, this broad range of topics was rare for a church and academic conference in Canada, and could perhaps be a model for future conferences.

In mid Oct, Daniel Yeung took a side trip to Harvard University to visit Prof. Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, academic advisor of our Chinese Academic Library of Christian Thought, and Prof. Francis X. Clooney of the Center for the Study of World Religions, to discuss cooperation in the future.



While in Boston, Daniel Yeung visited Dr. WANG Zhongxin of the Chinese Christian Scholars Association in North America, which was established approximately the same time as ISCS. They sincerely wished that the two organizations, which have cooperated for over 20 years, would work even more closely together for greater success.



Daniel Yeung then travelled to the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton University and discussed with the Center Director Dr. William Storrar, and the Director of Research Prof. Robin Lovin, to explore future co-operation.



While in New York, Daniel Yeung paid a visit to the St. Vladimir's Seminary and had a meeting with the CEO, Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, and the Dean Rev. Dr. John Behr. Daniel Yeung shared his view on how the studies of the Orthodox tradition could relate to Chinese academia. Both sides expressed the wish to enhance cooperation.



International Conference on the “Bible and Literary Interpretation”

The Conference on the “Bible and Literary Interpretation” was held 22-24 Oct., 2015, in Beijing. This international event was hosted by the Capital Normal University and co-hosted by the Institute of Biblical Literature of Henan University, the School of Literature of Nankai University, the Northeastern Normal University, Chung Chi Divinity School of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and ISCS.



The study of the Bible in Mainland China has been from the outset closely associated with the study of literature. The first Conference on the Bible and Literary Interpretation was held in 2002, and has since then been carried out at various locations until this 5th conference at the Capital Normal University. ISCS has been an active player in promoting biblical studies as part of Sino-Christian studies and has a long history of working with Prof. LIN Jinhua, the coordinator of this conference. ISCS was closely involved in the conference by providing advice, including suggesting participants for the conference. This conference was a phenomenal event with more than 70 participants from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, and with some 40 papers presented. Prof. Jason Lam represented ISCS at this event and presented a paper entitled “An Existential Analysis on Being-in-Christ”. He also had the honor of presiding over the conference’s closing ceremony.

Studies of the Bible began relatively late among Christian studies in Mainland China, and the approach in the past had been narrowly focused on its literary influences. With increased efforts over the past 10 years, we have seen signs of development. Approximately one third of the papers of this conference engaged in serious biblical interpretation, another third related to the influences of Western literature, while the remaining papers involved interdisciplinary studies of the Bible. The new generation of scholars are also equipped with better professional training, which enables them to interact with their international counterparts. We anticipate and expect that the next stage of biblical studies in China will be derived from the Chinese context.